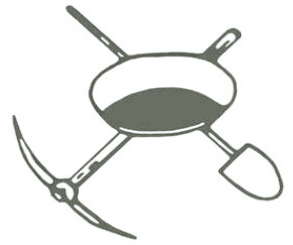




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CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ELECTION OF 2006 OFFICERS

By Debbie Lyons

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club had its Christmas Party on December 20, 2005. After dining at Home Town Buffet, members went to the club to find it beautifully decorated by JoAnn McPurdy, Nick Beall and Joe Kosik. Coffee, punch and goodies awaited us and after the installation of officers, Mary Punchedard put on her last but fantastic raffle in which many of us walked out with neat prizes. The poinsettias were raffled off as well and we all enjoyed the Christmas singing. Many thank yous go out to Mary who has conducted the raffle for years and put so much hard work into it.

Our newly elected officials and board members from the above picture, left to right are:

Nick Beall - President; Tom Laszlo - First Vice President & Membership; John Prince - Board Member; Mary Lou Flecher - Education & Second Vice President; Janet Flecher - Board Member; Pattie Deer - Secretary & Corresponding Secretary; JoAnn McPurdy - Board Member; Loren Beebe – Treasurer; Gil Gilbert - Past President and Virgil Melton - Board Member.

The clean up crew on December 17 consisted of: Nancy Flanders, Angie Cruz, JoAnn McPurdy, Pattie Deer, Donald Buhr and Tom Laszlo. Special thanks to Nancy Flanders who not only made it to help clean up the club and attended the field trip the same day, also helped to make the little candy trains that decorated the tables.

December Calendar Errors - ☹

By Debbie Lyons

My apologies for omitting the potluck and putting the Education Night on the wrong night. One good thing did come out of the errors is that we realize how many do read the calendar!!! I also need help **but preferably some kind soul to take over the newsletter** as I am now employed full time and also going back to school so the busier I get, the shorter the newsletter is going to become. Soon, it may only be a calendar—hopefully minus errors!

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Field Trip Sheep Springs

Date: January 21, 2006

Time: 8 AM

Meeting Location: Maverick Stadium Parking Lot (close to Bravo Burgers) off rt 395 in Adelanto.

Wagon Masters: Janet Flecher

For additional information contact Janet at 760-949-0796

This trip is for Black and white Moss Agate and Wood. There are high quantities of this material present at on the surface and in the float. Access is on desert roads that are not graded. A high clearance vehicle is required and a 4x4 vehicle is recommended. Long wheel base vehicles are OK for this trip. . The distance to this meeting site is approximately 8 miles from the club. Distance from the meeting site to the collection site is approximately 100 miles. Total off road mileage is approximately 20 miles both ways. Conditions at the site are for moderate hiking and limited material is available within 100 yards of the vehicles. Physical dangers include snakes and other normal desert conditions. There are huge quantities of material available a considerable distance from the parking area. This area was scouted in 11/2004 and conditions could have changed since that time. There is an age limit of 8 for this trip. All children are expected to be under constant supervision by parents or guardians at all times.

The trip leaders recommend that you bring gloves, spray bottle (water), rock pick, lunch, safety glasses, and adequate drinking water.

PLEASE DO NOT PICK UP OR DISTURB ANY DESERT TORTESSES FOUND IN THIS AREA OR IN THE DESERT AT ANY TIME.

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on this trip.

Rocks, Rocks, Rock

Buy slabs, cabs and rough from Joe!

Brazillian, Moss Agate, Jasper, Wood and Obsidian

There is also a sale on Bolo Cords!

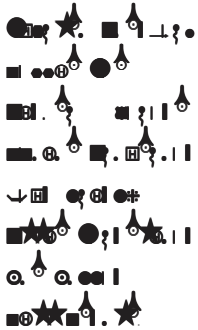
Club members (any club) 20% off at my house.

10% off at gem shows.

I sell crushed Agate, Jasper and Wood for tumbling at 75cents per lb.

Call Joe: 760-241-0894

Happy Birthday To:
To:



Happy Anniversary



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS
Dennis Harbison -- Hospitalized
Marie Gramata – In the loss of her Sister

WOVEN WIRE BRACELET



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
1 PM

This woven wire bracelet is actually fairly easy to make. No soldering is required. A few basic tools are needed. The weaving is something I learned at Camp Paradise and the rest of the bracelet is from a book called "Woven Wire Jewelry" by Linda L. Chandler and Christine R. Ritchey. **If you are interested, let me know. You can reach me at Mary Lou Flecher, 760-949-0796.** Here is a list of supplies that you will need to have:

Materials:

22 or 20-gauge round dead soft silver wire for the woven part. I used 20 gauge. You will need approx 120 inches for a bracelet 6-6 1/2 inches for an average woman's wrist so figure more if you want it larger or want extra width or just extra just in case!

12-gauge half-round, half-hard silver wire for the frame. Figure a minimum of 20-25 inches.

16-gauge half-round, half-hard silver wire for the wraps.

Optional....12-gauge double half round silver for the clasp... I didn't get the right gauge and made do with some of the 12-gauge that I used for the frame.

If you desire to purchase materials off of me, the cost will be \$35.00 for the entire project. Also, I will need payment before January 15, 2006.

Tools:

Wire cutters, Jeweler's saw, Rawhide mallet, Masking tape, Ruler, Hobby vise (available at Harbor Freight) or vise with padding to protect work, Wire wrapping pliers such as needle-nose, flat-nose, round-nose, stepped, nylon-jaw pliers
Note: if you wish to simply learn the weaving, practicing with copper wire is fine, 16 gauge or finer.

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Visitors Are Always Welcome!

2006 Executive Committee

President	Nick Beall	246-7117
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2 nd V. President/Education	Mary Lou Flecher	949-9347
Recording Secretary	Pattie Deer	952-2019
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	JoAnn McPurdy	217-2628
	Virgil Melton	948-2849
	Janet Flecher	949-9347
Past President	Gil Gilbert	868-6900
CFMS Representative	Bob Harper	947-6383

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Historian	Patty Deer	952-2019
Maintenance	Tom Laszlo	247-5369
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Photography	Bob Harper	947-6383
Hospitality	Jo Anne McPurdy	246-7117
Parliamentarian	Dennis Harbison	247-5559
Gem Show and Tail Gate Committee		

Monthly Schedule

First Monday	7:00 p.m.	Instructors Meeting
First Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board and Executive Meeting
Third Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Education Night
Fourth Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Potluck Dinner
	7:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting

Workshop Schedule

Sunday	12 – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	1-5 & 6-9 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Field Trip	(as announced)

Instructors: Nick Beall, Janet Flecher, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert,
Dennis Harbison, Tom Laszlo, Yo Simpson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
1 Happy New Year!!	2 Instructor's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4 Workshop 1-6 Jim Fosse 6-9 Joe Kosik	5 Workshop 1-5 Janet Fletcher 5-9 Tom Laszlo	6	7
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22 Workshop 12-5 Tom Laszlo 1:00 p.m. Silver Wire Bracelet— Mary Lou Flecher	23	24 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:30 Business Meeting	25 Workshop 1-6 Jim Fosse 6-9 Joe Kosik	26 Workshop 1-5 Janet Fletcher 5-9 Tom Laszlo	27	28
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