

# THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF VICTOR VALLEY  
GEM & MINERAL CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 2006.



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## ...HAS A NICE RING TO IT



Perhaps it's me, but I never cease to be amazed that someone can take a piece of rock from the desert and see the potential of that rock. They envisage what it can be—the center piece of a ring, a bracelet or it might become a pendant.

The top photo shows two turquoise and silver rings expertly fashioned by Chuck South and in the bottom picture, Oscar Delgado shows a silver ring with a black onyx stone that he has just finished. These gentlemen are very proud of their work—and rightly so! If you would like to do work of this quality, drop by the clubhouse—they'd be glad to help you.

## YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2006

### 2006 executive Committee

President.....	Nick Beall .....	246-7117
1st V.P (Membership)..	Tom Laszlo.....	247-5369
2nd V.P (Education).....	Mary Lou Flecher .....	949-9347
Recording Secretary...	Pattie Deer.....	553-6550
Treasurer.....	Loren Beebe.....	242-8584

### Board Members

	John Printz.....	252-5699
	JoAnn Beall.....	217-2628
	Virgil Melton .....	948-2849
	Janet Flecher .....	949-9347
Past President.....	Gil Gilbert .....	868-6900
CFMS Representative...	Bob Harper .....	947-6383

### Standing Committee Chairmen

Wagon Master .....	Janet Flecher.....	949-9347
Historian .....	Faith Harper .....	947-6383
Maintenance .....	Tom Laszlo .....	247-5369
Librarian .....	Ralph Powers.....	951-2937
Newsletter Editor.....	Alan Molineux .....	951-7064
Sunshine Lady.....	Marie Gramata .....	245-3775
Displays .....	Nancy Flanders .....	868-2148
Raffles.....	Francis Gramata .....	245-3775
Scholarship .....	Andrew Turner .....	962-0095
Legislative Rep.....	Mary Lou Flecher .....	949-9347
Photography .....	Bob Harper .....	947-6383
Hospitality .....	JoAnn Beall .....	246-7117
Parliamentarian.....	Dennis Harbison .....	247-5559

### Instructors

Nick Beall, Janet Flecher, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Dennis Harbison, Tom Laszlo, Virgil Melton, Oscar Delgado, Joe Kosik, and Chuck Forsyth.

## THE VICTOR VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB

was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 59 years. The club takes active roles in various civic activities. Membership is open to all persons interested in the gem and mineral hobby and lapidary arts. Meetings are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B 7th Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (760) 243-2330.

## SUNSHINE CLUB



There will be a memorial get together For Carmen Menelly who passed away on Monday 8/13/06.

It will be held at the Club House on September 3, 2006 Sunday from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. Bob's son will be catering the food. Carmen was a sweet lady who will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband, Bob. Marie Gramata is our Sunshine Lady. If you know of anyone who is ailing and needs a card then let Marie know on (760) 245-3775.

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any articles, poems, pictures or photos (preferably digital), please let me know— Alan Molineux (760) 951-7064. Or you can also e-mail me at amolineux@gmail.com



## NEW MEMBERS

Lloyd Sr. and Gloria Guilliam, Beverly Ann Glenn, Norman Kzaz and Linda Louise Teague—all of Victorville. Richard Evens of Hesperia. We welcome you all to the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. We hope you will spend many happy hours furthering your hobby and availing yourselves of our facilities. Please don't feel shy because of a lack of experience, there are many at the club who are only too happy to assist you in lapidary.

## FOR SALE

This could be your ad. Buy, sell or trade any lapidary products, tools or novelties. Call me for attractive yearly rates in this monthly newsletter.

Alan Molineux  
amolineux@gmail.  
Com or phone me  
at (760)951-7064.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The club will be holding its annual picnic and pot luck on Sunday, September 10th from 11a.m. to 5p.m. It will be held at the TXI Park in Oro Grande.

The club will supply the barbeques and hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments. As this is a potluck, everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish.

This is an opportunity to relax in a pleasant atmosphere and reacquaint yourself with friends you haven't seen for some time. We can catch up on the news, and gossip while at the



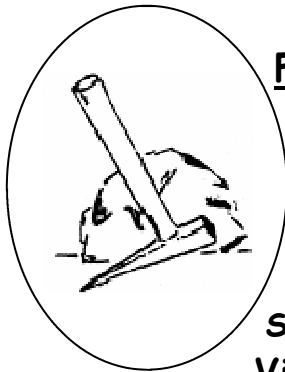
same time enjoying good food. I'll look forward to seeing you all there.



## VICTORVILLE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Saturday, November 18th 2006; 9am—5pm.

Sunday, November 19th, 2006; 9am—5pm.



### **Free admission and parking**

San Bernardino County Fairgrounds  
14800 Seventh Street, Victorville

Dealers \* Displays \* Demonstrations  
Fossils \* Refreshments

**Special things for children**  
**Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year at our Gem Show, Faith Harper is in charge of the "Grab Bag" and what we call the "DooDad Wheel".

Faith has been doing this job at least the sixteen years that Wayne and I have been members; our grandchildren, who are all grown up now, always wanted to see the nice lady at the " G r a b B a g s " .

Faith has always had help from the membership. Last year Maria Gramata made lots of Grab Bags. We need contributions for Grab Bags and Do Dads. So far, Carole McMichael has donated both the idea and the copper wire and gem stone beads for some pretty little rings. We have made over one hundred so far, also through Carole, we have received a donation of polished pebbles to use for "Doodad Critters" from a non member Kay Ardenski. Other contributors are the Menellys, Anna Cervantes, Virgil Melton, Bill & Ellen Gilbert. Ellen, Carole and I will be making "doodads" on Wednesday afternoons until Faith says enough!

We need more volunteers. Please help!  
Nancy Flanders.

### Select Rocks & Slabs for Sale!

A huge selection of both local and "imported" rocks and slabs.

Call for details—

Janet  
Flecher  
(760)  
949-0796.



## GROWIN' OLD AIN'T SO BAD!

**When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.**

**You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.**

**I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.**

**One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.**

**Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.**

**Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.**

**If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.**

**First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper.**

**Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft..**

**Today, it's called golf**

*A recent E-Mail from my friend, Micky.*

## QUOTE FOR THE DAY

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Samuel Ullman. (World of Quotes.com)



# September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Great fire of London 1666.
<b>3</b> Memorial at shop for Carmen Menelly 2-5p.m.	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	 <b>5</b> Board Meeting 7p.m.	<b>6</b> Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>7</b> Partial Lunar Eclipse Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
 <b>10</b> Club picnic 11—5p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Workshop 6-9p.m	<b>13</b> Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>14</b> Wagon Master's Meeting 7p.m. Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>15</b> Shop Clean up starts at 9 a.m.	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	 <b>19</b> Education Night 7p.m.	<b>20</b> Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>21</b> Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>22</b> Annual Solar Eclipse	<b>23</b> Autumn begins
 <b>24</b> Daylight Saving ends. Workshop begins at 12 noon.	<b>25</b>	 <b>26</b>  Pot Luck 6:30p.m. General Meeting 7:30p.m.	<b>27</b> Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>28</b> Workshop 1-9p.m	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Woodland Hills

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**Woodland Hills  
Rock Chippers, Inc.**  
EIGHTH ANNUAL

Rock Chippers

### Gem & Mineral Show

Saturday, 10:00 am—5:00 pm **First United Methodist Church**  
October 14th, 2006. 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91303

Gems \* Minerals \* Rocks \* Fossils \* Jewelry

Dealers \* Displays \* Demonstrations \*

Hands on activities throughout the day.

For information, E-Mail

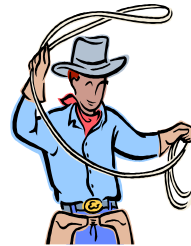
**Free Admission**

## ROCK AND GEM ROUNDUP

Hosted by the El Cajon Gem and Mineral Society

Saturday  
October 7th, 2006  
10a.m—5p.m

Sunday  
October 8th, 2006  
10 a.m—5p.m



**Lakeside Rodeo Grounds**  
12584 Mapleview, Lakeside, CA

\* Members & Guests Displays \* Gems \* Minerals \* Fossils \* Lapidary \*  
Working Demonstrations

\* Faceting \*Cabbing \*Jewelery Making \*Wire Wrapping \*  
Retail Dealers and Crafters

JEWELRY GEMSTONES FINDINGS BEADS ARTS CRAFTS ETC  
Raffle Prizes Kid's Games

Snack Bar

Free Parking

Free Admission



## Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

Buy slabs, cabs and rough from Joe! Brazilian, Moss Agate, Wood, Jasper, and Obsidian.

There is a sale on bolo cords.

Club members, (any club) 20% off at my house or 10% off at gem shows. I sell crushed Agate, Wood, and Jasper for tumbling at 75 cents per pound. Call Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE O N CLUB DUES

November is fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of the Holidays will soon be upon us. As your Membership Chairperson, this is a reminder that your membership dues for 2007 will be due at the General Meeting in November. You can pay early, treat yourself to an early Christmas Gift and pay your membership renewals before the November General meeting. Dues are Couples are \$30.00 / Singles are \$20.00 per year.

When it comes to renewal notices, some people like them early ( that's why I'm putting this information in the September Newsletter) then there are those who like the personal touch ( a phone call ) which will also be done in September (just before General Meeting), and then there are those of us who are just as busy as bees and need lots of reminders before we act and in October I will send a written notice by mail . The Board has voted and approved a \$5.00 late fee if dues are paid after the deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup> ( 30 day grace period) at General Meeting. The Treasurer has stated that he is going to close the books on 2006 on December 31, 2006

You can contact me at the meetings and the Club house on Thursday afternoons from 4 PM until 9 PM and then on Sunday from Noon until 5 PM or you can mail your check made out to the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club to my address: c/o Thomas Laszlo, 13912 Osage Rd., Apple Valley, CA 92307-7311 or you can mail it to the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club, 15056 B 7<sup>th</sup> St. , Victorville, CA 92395-3811



## AROUND THE SHOP



Angie Cruces is seen here grinding an attractive Labradorite cab.



Kerry Molineux is getting a hand with her pendant from Tom Laszlo.



Ralph Powers, Chuck South and Oscar Delgado are having a chat.



Tom Laszlo is discussing one of the saws with Lloyd Guilliam



Bob Menelly is discussing intarsia with Kerry Molineux.



Here is a splendid collection of Bob Menelly's Dichroic Glass.

## EDUCATION NIGHT

Mary Lou Flecher offered up a DVD on Precious metal clay. The next Education night is on Tuesday, September 19th at 7p.m.



### WHY, WHY, WHY!

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee for "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

(Why, why, why cont....)

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

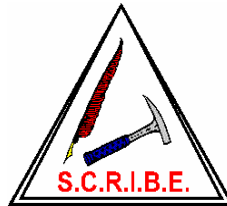
Why won't plastic bags open from the end you're holding on the first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

Recent E-Mail from my friend Bob Michalski

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