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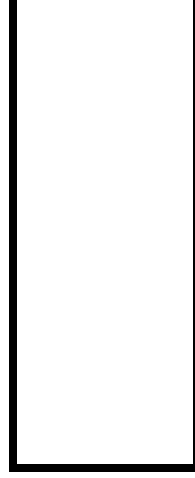
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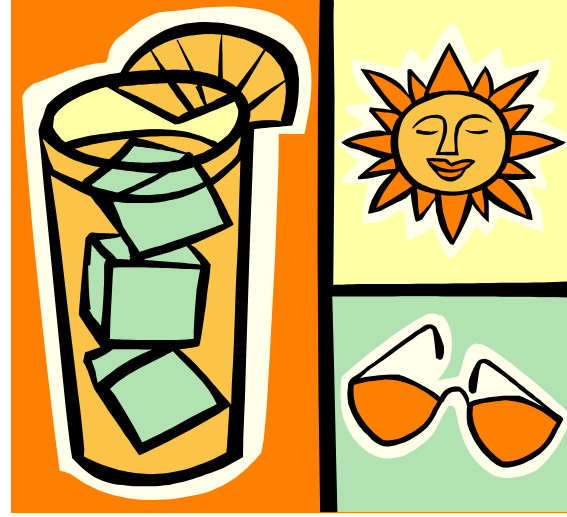


# THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF VICTOR VALLEY  
GEM & MINERAL CLUB  
AUGUST 2006.



## HEY! IT'S SUMMER



Remember all those rocks from all those field trips throughout the year? You know the ones, those that are becoming permanent fixtures in boxes or buckets in your garage. Or maybe they are garden ornaments that your wife is trying to get used to—your wife, (she's the non-lapidary person in your household) she casts her

eyes towards the heavens in a look of disbelief when you return home with another load of must have treasure in the trunk of your long suffering car. Well, right now, picking up a rock—no matter how interesting, would be like picking up a hot barbeque coal—so, go through those rocks you have around your house, and head for the Gem & Mineral clubhouse. We have workshops on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I know you have a lot of projects lined up and something special in store for those amazing pieces you found all those months ago.

We have a roster of instructors who are happy to help you on any project you have in mind. In fact Virgil Melton and Chuck Forsyth are our latest instructors. If you haven't been to the clubhouse in some time then come during these hot summer months. You'll be able to reacquaint yourself with friends you haven't seen in some time and you'll be able to work in air conditioned comfort. You're a club member, maybe now is the time to avail yourself of the club facilities. I pop in and out of the clubhouse and take photos of those working there. I'd like to take a photo of you the next time I'm there...Ed

## YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2006

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### Instructors

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

## EDUCATION NIGHT



Mary Lou Flecher showed a video titled, "Grand Canyon—History in Stone" for Education night on Tuesday, July 18th. Attendance was light. This was probably due to the heat and that many were on vacation. However, the film was interesting and was enjoyed by those present. Next month, Mary Lou is offering up a DVD on Precious metal clay. The next Education night is on Tuesday, August 15th at 7p.m.

## NEW INSTRUCTORS



Congratulations to both Virgil Melton and Chuck Forsyth. Virgil became an instructor a few months ago and Chuck was nominated last month. They both bring experience and expertise to the club.

## Y E A R L Y DUES.



Is it that time of year already? Well...not quite—but soon. They will be due at the general meeting in November. That is, November 28th. Dues are \$30.00/couple or \$20.00 a single.

## SHOP UPGRADES



Rubber floor mats have recently been installed in the saw room. This will not only reduce the possibility of slipping if something is spilled, but it is also hoped the mats will reduce fatigue for those working on the saws.

## HOW TRUE

I came across this quote while on the internet. It is too good to pass up...Ed

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.  
~Tenneva Jordan

## SILVER FABRICATING CLASS



Kerry Molineux is using a torch to work on her pendant.



Tom Laszlo gives advice to Barbara Pedrow who is also working on a pendant.



Bob Menelly is working on a deep green malachite pendant.



Marie Gramata is carefully working on her bracelet.



Ralph Powers is working on a ring. This was the last night of the class and folks were in the club house working on either a ring, pendant or bracelet. Past president, Gil Gilbert was the supervising instructor for the class. All in all it was very well attended. The projects I saw were very impressive.

THE VICTOR VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 53 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

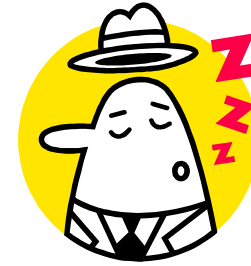


Marie Gramata is our Sunshine Lady. I called her on Tues. July 18th and she told me that everyone seems hale and hearty and fortunately, no-one needs her services. If you know of anyone who is ailing and needs a card then let Marie know on (760) 245-3775.

### GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

We do have new people ready to become members, however, due to vacations and other reasons, the recent board meeting did not have a quorum and no business could be worked on.

### WHERE IS EVERYONE?



Right now, the Victor Valley is in the grip of a long, hot summer and so many of our members are either trying to

beat the heat indoors or are on vacation somewhere else. With low attendance at the clubhouse right now, it's a good time to come in and catch up on those projects.

### SPEAKING OF LEAVING

Carl Hollister, formerly of Apple Valley, has moved up to Washington State. Last thing I heard was that the temperature up there was in the 70's. I spoke to Carl on the phone and he's settling in and hopes to be cutting and polishing rocks in his garage workshop soon. His address is 2003 130th Drive, N.E. Lake Stevens, WA 98258. We're glad the move went well and Carl good luck for the future.

### 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 [amolinux@gmail.com](mailto:amolinux@gmail.com)

## AROUND THE SHOP



Angie Cruces melts wax to affix her project onto a dop stick.



Philip Nelson with two new spheres—one of jasper and the other of obsidian.



Virgil Melton is a regular at the shop Here's one of his latest projects. It's a men's silver ring inlaid with turquoise.



Oscar Delgado is renowned for many things around the shop—not the least of these is his ring making ability. Here's a sample of his recent work.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

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

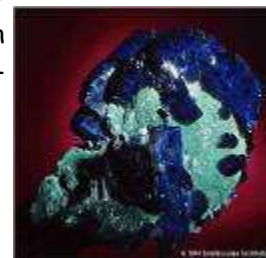
There is a sale on bolo cords.  
Club members, (any club) 20% off at my house or 10% off at gem shows. I sell crushed Agate, Wood, and Jasper for tumbling at 75 cents per pound. Call Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894.



### 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.

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at (760)951-7064.



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### Select Rocks and Slabs for Sale!

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

Call for details—  
Janet Flecher (760) 949-0796.



## ANNUAL V.V.G.M.C BARBEQUE AND PICNIC



The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club is holding it's annual picnic and barbeque on Sunday, September 10th from 11a.m. to 5p.m. The event will be held at the TXI park in Oro Grande.

The club will supply the barbeques, hamburgers, hotdogs and the buns. They will also supply condiments for them. This is a potluck and so everyone is asked to bring along a dish to add to the gathering.

Although this is some time in the future, make a note of it in your diary....Ed.

### AH YES! SONGS WE ALL REMEMBER—WELL SORT OF.

It was fun being a baby boomer - until now. Some of the artists of the 60s are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers. They include:

- Herman's Hermits -- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker.
- The Bee Gees -- How Can You Mend a Broken Hip.
- Bobby Darin --! Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.
- Ringo Starr -- I Get By With a Little Help From Depends.
- Roberta Flack --The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face
- Johnny Nash -- I Can't See Clearly Now.
- Paul Simon -- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
- The Commodores -- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.
- Marvin Gaye -- Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.
- Leo Sayer -- You Make Me Feel Like Napping.
- The Temptations -- Papa's Got a Kidney Stone.
- Abba -- Denture Queen.
- Tony Orlando -- Knock! 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall.
- Helen Reddy -- I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore.
- Willie Nelson -- On the Commode Again

A recent e-mail sent to me by my friend Bob.

## VOCABULARY SPIN

For those who love the philosophy of hypocrisy and ambiguity.

I went to the book store and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?

Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to get away from it all?

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to start speaking?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

Why do they put Braille on drive through bank machines?

One nice thing about egotists, they don't talk about other people.

If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?

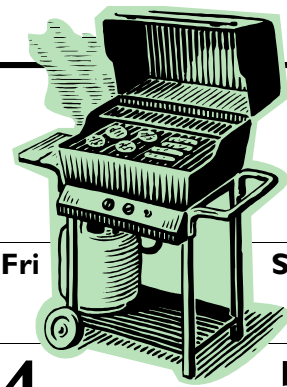
If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

A recent e-mail from my friend, Micky.



# August 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 <b>1</b> Board Meeting 7p.m.	<b>2</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>3</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Workshop begins at 12 noon.	 <b>7</b> Instructor's Mtg. 7p.m.	<b>8</b> Workshop 6-9p.m.	<b>9</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	 <b>10</b> Wagon Master's Mtg. 7p.m. Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Workshop begins at 12 noon.	<b>14</b>	 <b>15</b> Education Night 7p.m.	<b>16</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>17</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Workshop begins at 12 noon.	<b>21</b>	 <b>22</b> Pot Luck 6:30p.m. General Mtg. 7:30p.m.	<b>23</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>24</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>25</b>	 <b>26</b> Woman's Equality Day.
<b>27</b> Workshop begins at 12 noon.	 <b>28</b> "I have a dream.." 1963.	 <b>29</b> Hurricane Katrina 2005.	<b>30</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.	<b>31</b> Workshop 1-9p.m.		