

THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF VICTOR VALLEY
GEM & MINERAL CLUB
JULY 2006.



EVERYONE IN THE ROOM IS SMITH



The silver smithing and fabrication class was a real hit with club members. Former president, Gil Gilbert headed the class, sharing his knowledge with members as they made beautiful bracelets and pendants. By the time the flux has settled, each member would have made a bracelet, pendant and ring. Gil graciously allowed me to walk around the class talking to members and taking pictures here and there. The concentration in the room was palpable and each member proudly showed me what they had achieved so far. Seen above is Chuck Forsythe using a torch in the fabrication room.

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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 Sat. June 17th and she told me the William Fabrizio has been in St. Mary's hospital

having tests done since last Tuesday. Please put William in your thoughts and prayers for the coming week. If you know of anyone who is ailing and needs a card then let Marie know on (760) 245-3775.

GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Gary Bradt, Judy Qualm, and Richard Evens—new members for June.

MARK YOUR TOOLS

The club has excellent facilities located at



7 t h Street, Victorville. We have long workshop hours

overseen by friendly and capable instructors. Many members use the club's machinery for a variety of jobs. Right now, many have signed up for the silversmithing class and can be seen in there at every opportunity, working on their projects.

Most of our club members are the soul of generosity and will lend the shirt off their backs. Unfortunately there's the rub. Many of the have's lend out tools to workmates who have not. Not all tools are returned and I won't put too fine a point on it - but it's a shame.

What to do? Well, there is nothing for it but to say..."Mark your tools." It will make for easy recovery and those who are generous to a fault will not get burned.....Ed

DID YOU KNOW?

The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races: the men who borrow, and the men who lend.
Charles Lamb.

V.V.G.M.C SILVER FABRICATING CLASS



The class instructor, Gil Gilbert works one on one with Mary Prothero.



Ed Skidmore clearly has a look of deep concentration about him!



Virgil Melton shows off his new twisted silver bracelet.



Sara Arnold is busy on her anvil getting the ends of her bracelet "just right."



Kate Waterman takes a moment's rest from working on her pendant.



Chuck Forsythe is heating the ends of his bracelet to get it just so.

DESERTS

Whenever we think of deserts, we usually picture a really hot place where the sun is blazing down and there is no water. In reality, there are four different kinds of deserts ranging from the blazing hot Sahara to the frozen wasteland of Antarctica. Deserts are found on every continent. The only thing they have in common is that they receive less than ten inches of rain a year.

Four factors influence the formation of deserts. The most important one is high pressure. This type of desert is usually found between 15 degrees and 30 degrees latitude. Back at the equator, the air is heated and rises. Then it cools, condenses and rains before it sinks back down toward the earth. Because the air mass has already lost its moisture, no clouds form and no rain falls. The Sahara is an example of a high-pressure desert. Another high-pressure desert but very different from the Sahara is found at the South Pole. Antarctica is the driest place in the world. It is even drier than the Sahara. It is so cold there that the air is unable to hold any moisture.

Cold, up welling ocean currents along the western coasts of continents cause the second type of desert. Here the air is so cool that it won't hold much moisture and no rain reaches the land.








The third cause of a desert is the rain shadow effect. The Mojave and Death Valley are the rain shadow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. As the air tries to rise and get over the mountains, it cools, condenses and rains on the western side of the mountain. By the time the air gets over, no moisture is left.

The fourth and last type desert is found in the middle of continents. By the time the air mass reaches here, most of its moisture has already been lost so a desert forms. The Gobi desert in China and the Australian deserts form this way.

Wind and water are the main forces that sculpt the deserts. During the few storms that do occur in deserts, water, moving with great force, carries soil, rocks and other debris and dumps it in cone shaped alluvial fans. This is a great place to go rock hunting.

Wind is responsible for the beautiful sand dunes found in most deserts. Bryce Canyon in Utah was formed from huge dunes piled up by the wind 200 million years ago. Wind has since eroded the sandstone layers into dramatic forms. Many of our beautiful land formations out west were formed this way.

Via Rockwood Rockhound News, Via The Gemrock 12/98
Via The Glacial Drifter 9/01

 		<h1>JULY</h1>	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2	 3	 4	 5
Workshop begins at 12 noon	Instructor's Meeting 7p.m.	Independence Day Board Mtg. 7p.m.	Work 1- 9p
9	10	11	12
Workshop begins at 12 noon		Workshop 6-9p.m.	Work 1- 9p
16	17	 18	19
Workshop begins at 12 noon		Education Night 7p.m.	Work 1- 9p
 23	24	 25	 26
Parents Day Workshop 12noon		Potluck 6:30p.m. General mtg. 7:30	Work 1- 9p
30	31		
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 Canada Day
	6	7	8
shop p.m.	Workshop 1- 9p.m.		
2	 13 Wagon Masters mtg 7p.m Workshop 1-9p.m	14	15
shop p.m.			
9	20	21	22
shop p.m.	Workshop 1- 9p.m.		
6	27	28	29
shop p.m.	Workshop 1- 9p.m.		



I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM...

and I see friends who will stop what they're doing to chat. I love to talk...I love to listen and I have not met a member that would not stop to say, "Hello." or stop for a chat or pose for a photo. Because that's what I do. I'm Alan Molineux the editor of the Bulletin and it's my privilege to work with and be around the friendly people that make up the VVGMC membership.

Like many of us, I have been a member of many clubs and I must say I enjoy this club and its members. I get a kick out of visiting the clubhouse and seeing a "sea of smiles." If you are not a club member but have picked up this newsletter or have been given it by a friend, then come on down to our clubhouse and see what we're all about. Both we and you will be glad you did....Ed

QUOTES TO REMEMBER

Neither a borrower or a lender be:
for loan oft loses both itself and
friend, and borrowing dulls the
edge of husbandry.

William Shakespeare.

If a man does not keep pace with
his companions, perhaps it is be-
cause he hears a different drum-
mer. Let him step to the music
which he hears, however measured
or far away.

Henry David Thoreau

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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ALL ABOUT MEN

Men have higher body temperatures than women. If your heating goes out in winter, I recommend sleeping next to a man. Men are like portable heaters that snore.

All men hate to hear "We need to talk about our relationship." These seven words strike fear in the heart of even General Schwarzkopf.

If a man says, "I'll call you," and he doesn't, he didn't forget...he didn't lose your number...he didn't die. He just didn't want to call you.

When a woman tries on clothing from her closet that feels tight, she will assume she has gained weight. When a man tries on clothing from his closet that feels tight, he will assume that the clothes have shrunk.

Male menopause is a lot more fun than female menopause. With female menopause you gain weight and get hot flashes. Male menopause - you get to date young girls and drive motorcycles.

Men would like monogamy better if it sounded less like monotony.

Rita Rudner.

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.



The editor of this newsletter is a member of the S.C.R.I.B.E organization which is a congress of bulletin editors.

It's time to buy a faceted stone! Tourmaline, Garnet, Chrysoberl, Topaz and others.

Wholesale

prices!!

Call Carl Hollister
(760) 240-1582.



EDUCATION NIGHT



Glen Perry was the speaker for June's education night on Tuesday, June 20th. Glen is a member of a Desert Team—one of twenty six search and rescue units under the direction of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Division. Glen's unit is based in the Victor Valley.

Glen spoke to members about desert survival and gave us a quiz that showed a survival scenario. Members were prompted to make choices about what items to use and we were asked to rank their importance. Glen brought several packs he used on search and rescue missions and he explained the uses of each item he carried. However, his underlying theme was one of preparation and notification. He stressed we tell someone exactly where we go and what time we're expected to return. He also suggested going out with a partner, and carrying water and appropriate

(Search and Rescue cont.)

survival gear. As we move into summer, Glen's talk was both timely and informative. He spoke for about an hour and was applauded by the membership.

Mary Lou has a video with the title, "Grand Canyon—History in Stone" slated for next month's education night on Tuesday, July 18th at 7p.m.

CLUB RAFFLE



Francis Gramata runs the club raffle—which is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Francis is always looking out for prizes. If you have something to donate, then give him a call at (760) 245- 3775. Francis mentioned he would like to thank Donn Buhr for the beaded eagle picture, Carl Hollister for his donation of amber and Kerry Molineux for donation slabs to the raffle.

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and "imported" rocks and slabs.
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Janet Flecher (760) 949-0796.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Korean War cease fire was signed on July 27th, 1953.

Surfing the calendar.com

AROUND THE SHOP



Joe Kosik is seen here grinding pieces of agate.



Here's Joe's finished product. This would look good on anyone's belt.



Margie Mendoza uses the small saw to cut some green Jasper.



Oscar Delgado works on a men's silver ring with a green Jade stone.



Sitting next to Tom Laszlo is Don Burr (working on the grinder).



Don's getting the cab to look just the way he wants it.

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