

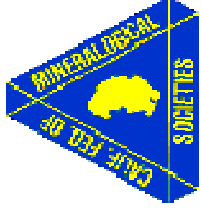
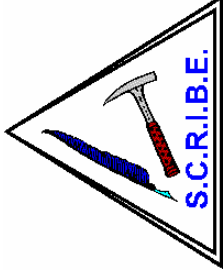
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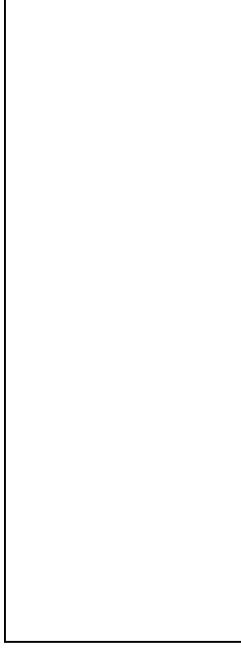


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 Tom Laszlo, Virgil Melton, Joe Kosik, Pat Estes, Charles Toles

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

WANTED—ROCKS, LAPIDARY, MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT.

CALL CHARLES TOLES.

HOME (760) 951-0372

CELL (760) 220-6748.



Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

Buy slabs, cabs & rough from Joel
 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 & Jasper for tumbling
 at \$1.00 per pound. Call Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894.



Place your ad here.

If you are interested in advertising in the Bulletin.

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 advertising vehicle for

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club.

Call me—Alan Molineux (Editor)

On (760) 951-7064 or e-mail me at amolineux@gmail.com

FROM THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

We're looking forward to a speaker from the Barstow Museum for November's Education Night.

Gil Gilbert said although elections were supposed to be held in October—he sought to have them in November.

Nominations for club officers were—Gil Gilbert (President), Gaylan Greaves (1st V.P), Virgil Melton (3rd V.P), Alan Molineux (Secretary), Carol Mc Michael (Treasurer), Lloyd Guillian, John Printz and Don Pomerence as Board candidates, and Pat Estes was nominated as CFMS Rep.

Carole Mc Michael reported on CFMS trips to Afton Canyon, Wylie Wells over Thanksgiving and Calico on December 13th. Ed Skidmore will do a club display for November.

There will be more advertising for this year's scholarships. See P.4 for this year's Christmas Party.

Gil Gilbert is looking into a new kiln for the club.

Attendance at club clean up was very light.

Kerry Molineux volunteered to run a Sunday afternoon wire wrap class.

Carole Mc Michael is have a slab sale at her house.

FROM THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Carole Mc Michael said the CFMS meeting was on November 7th & 8th at Visalia. The board allocated funding for she and her husband to attend.

It was considered that the floor cleaner was doing an unsatisfactory job. We are investigating other contractors.

Club officers will be given a key to the storeroom door.

Alan Molineux said he didn't need one. Instructors will be given a key to the front office door.

The board is looking into internal security cameras.

Gil Gilbert is looking into the cost of acquiring a vibrating tumbler for the club. The purchase was tabled for the present.

The board would contact Ed Deren before they hung the projector unit screen.

Kerry Molineux spoke about her upcoming wire wrapping class and asked if members could donate old tools.

The board allocated funding for silver wire for Kerry Molineux's wire class.

THE VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 61 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 further information, call (760) 243-2330.

MEETING DATES

Our November meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th at 6:30p.m. and the Club Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 16th (See p.4)

CLUB ELECTIONS

While you are reading this newsletter, the 2008 club officers will be preparing for the election of officers for the coming year.

This club—like all others relies on volunteers to support it and carry it through the coming year. Those who are current officers are there because they love lapidary and believe they can give something to the club. If you feel this way too, we'd love you to come on board in 2009.

A CALL FOR TOOLS!!!

Dear Members, many of you may have tools laying around in your shop or toolbox that are neglected, because like any hobby, we fall prey to the siren call of the newer, brighter, shinier and dare I say, more expensive higher quality tools. Maybe you have won spare tools in raffles or been given extra sets as presents by well-meaning family members? If you would like to lighten the load in your tool box and do a nice thing for the new members of the club would you please consider donating some of your old, unused tools to the club for the wire wrap tutorial? I will make sure each is engraved with VVGMC on them so they won't "walk away" accidentally and can be a wonderful resource for the future members of the club. I need virtually all types of small pliers. Flat nose, needle nose, round chain and step pliers, nylon coated jaw, bent nose etc. I also need wire cutters, extra polishing cloths and seamstress measuring tapes (flexible plastic or cloth) If anyone can think of anything else I am sure we could use it. Thanks so much for your generosity!--Kerry Molineux

VVGMC invites you to

the Christmas Party 08

Tuesday, December 16th 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

This year we will be having our party at the

Golden Star Buffet

in Hesperia (corner of "I" Ave. & Main Street in the
Von's shopping center – plenty of parking

A complete Festive menu of all you can eat
including:



Sea food (crab, shrimp, salmon
etc.)

Veggies, salads, hot dishes &

Excellent American and Oriental Cuisine

This year, we will dine in the open restaurant individually then meet
in the banquet room for fun and activities 6:30 to 8:30

Cost: Can you believe?.....only \$8.39 per person

Again please bring.... Only one item to be auctioned off to the highest bidder in a fun and zany auction. (items such as findings, magazines, books, rocks, buffing wheels, tools, cabs, jewelry or anything lapidary or rock-hound related) *Proceeds to go to next year's Christmas Party fund for a free or nearly free party in 09!*

Many Door Prizes – Grand Prize – Zany Auction Installation of New Officers and MORE FUN SURPRISES

Sign up now on signup sheet at the club or call Carole at 961-7659 for reservations

ATTENTION ALL ROCK HOUNDS!!

From John Martin, our Federation watch dog, protecting our Public Lands.
John writes,

"NEW ENDANGERED SPECIES... The Rockhound"

"The habitat of the rockhound is diminishing at an astounding rate. More and more of its free roaming areas are being gobbled up each every day by the changing environment. Soon the range of the Rockhound and its offspring the Pebble Pup will become so diminished that extinction will be imminent. As the environment changes, the ecosystem of the reockhound is slowly being replaced by the ecosystem known as "Wilderness", which is a poisonous dead zone for the Rockhound and Pebble Pup."

John encourages us to write, professional, concerned letters (Not irate comments) to our Congressmen and Senators. Below are Bills and their authors with links to the websites where full information on the legislation and their status can be obtained.

S.493: California Will Heritage Act of 2007

Introduced by Hilda Solis (D-CA)

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.spd?bill=s110-493>

H.R. 860: California Wild Heritage Act of 2007

Introduced by Hilda Solis (D-CA)

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.epd?bill=h11--860>

S. 3069: Easter Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act

Introduced by B. Boxer (D-CA)

<http://www.govtrack.us./congress/bill.xpd?bill=s110-3069>

H.R. 6156: Eastern Sierra and Nthn San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act

Introduced by Howard McKeon (R-CA)

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6156>

H.R. 554: Paleontological Resources Preservation Act

Introduced by James McGovern (D-MA)

<http://www.govtrack.us.congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-554>

Also see the attempt by the Marine Corps to close the Johnson Valley area - check out the website and a sample of letters that may be written to the representatives <http://www.pirate4x4.com/letters>

Take just an hour of your time to research these websites, view the proposed legislation and then write your representatives about your desire to see areas open to rockhounds.

Write: Congressman, Jerry Lewis P.O. Box 247, Redlands, CA 92373 or check out his email on the web <http://www.jerrylewisforcongress.com>

WIRE WRAPPING?

Interested in learning how to wire wrap? Wire wrapping is one of the oldest documented forms of jewelry making. Archaeologists have found examples of it in some of the earliest tombs they excavated, so don't think it is just a fad. Kerry Molineux has volunteered to be at the club on Sundays from 12:00-3:00pm to be available to teach the basics of wire wrapping in a one to one setting. The nice thing about this is that with the help of the club, Kerry has purchased a quantity of sterling silver wire that you may purchase by the inch for your tutorial so in that way you can try it a few times, (up to three,) and see if it is your "cup of tea" before investing money in wire and tools. Kerry will also provide you with a step by step print out of how she does a basic wrap so that you can have it for future reference. So, if you have a nice cabochon you have made and would love to do something with, bring it and just show up Sunday with about \$5 if you need to purchase wire. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis--no sign ups necessary!
See you on Sunday!

There will be no Wire Wrapping class on December 21st or the 28th.

WE SELL WHAT WE MAKE

Trudi Roser sent me this photo she took of Joe Kosik selling his wares at the Harvest Fair in San Bernardino.



SUNSHINE CLUB

I phoned Carol Laszlo (our Sunshine Lady) today and she tells me that Faith Harper's health has been up and down lately. I'm sure that she would appreciate a phone call or a card if possible.

If you know of anyone who is ailing or could use a card, then give Carol a call and she'll be sure to take care of it.

Her number is (760) 247-5369.

GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our recent guests and new members—Ronald and Barbara Midlikoski, Eugene Thoms, Adelina Phizalde, Elisa Buchar, Steve and Bobby Kauffman, Tamara Cole, Dwayna Barron, Denise Warden, Denise Millar, Ruben Martinez and Ed Fry.

UPCOMING CFMS OUTING

WHERE: Wiley Wells

WHEN: November 24th - 30th. There will be folks camping all week.

Collecting trips: November 27th, 28th, and 29th Open to all CFMS affiliated clubs members and their guests. Each day we will leave camp at 8:00 am and return in the late afternoon except on Thanksgiving Day when we will be back in time for our feast at 2:00 pm. 27th - Pebble Terrace/Fire Agate. 28th - Paisley Agates, Black Agate and Nodules. 29th - Geode Beds.

4WD is not a "must" for this trip, but is highly recommended. No low clearance vehicles advised. 4WD "IS" necessary to get to the fire agate and Pebble Terrace. We will make arrangements for those without 4WD to ride with those who do. These sites are remote, so bring food, water, and all required supplies. The nearest stores are in Blythe, California.

DIRECTIONS: From the I-10 freeway, exit on Wiley Wells Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to the camp. Around a mile or so down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road. Stay straight in the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past the Fire Agate mine and Coon Hollow. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right hand side. We will have O.B.M.S. (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) field trip signs along the way to the campground. If you get lost call Adam Dean at (909) 489- 4899.

MATERIAL: Fire agate, geodes and a large variety of miscellaneous fossils, limestone, jasper, petrified wood, agates and very old stromatolites. Also, we will search for paisley agate, black agate and nodules.

TOOLS: Sturdy bags, hard rock mining tools, safety glasses and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask as the ash may irritate lungs.

CLOTHING: Wear clothing in layers as it can be very warm during the day and very cold at night. Bring extra blankets and jackets.

DINNER: Thanksgiving - 3:00 pm; O.B.M.S. and C.F.M.S. will host a potluck dinner for all those willing to contribute. Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chair. We welcome everyone. If you plan to join us for dinner, here are the guidelines to follow: If your last name begins with A, E, I, M, or Q - please bring a main dish. If it begins with B, F, J, N, R or V - please bring a starchy food. If it begins with C, G, K, O, S, W, or X - please bring a vegetable or salad. If it begins with D, H, L, P, T, Y or Z - please bring a desert
REMINDER: please help preserve our deserts and pack out what you pack in. Let's leave it clean for future Rock hounds. Please bring firewood if planning on campfires.

All those attending the collecting trips will be required to sign a Liability Waiver form.

For further information please contact Adam Dean@ 909-489-4899 or email at theagatehunter@verizon.net or Shep Koss @ 661-248-0411 or email at freudonetoo@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 2008



Sun


National
calendar
Awareness month


7
Workshop
12 noon—5p.m.


14
Workshop
12 noon—5p.m.

21
Workshop
12 noon—5p.m.

28
Workshop
12 noon—5p.m.

Mon

1 
Instructor's
Meeting—7p.m.


8 John
Lennon
Murdered
In 1980. 

15 
Bill of Rights
Day


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Tue

2 
Board
Meeting—7p.m.

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16 
Club Christmas
Party—6:30p.m.

23


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Wed

3
Workshop 1-9p.m.

10
Workshop 1-9p.m.

17
Workshop 1-9p.m.

24
Christmas
Eve 

31 
New Year's
Eve

Thu

4
Workshop 1-9p.m.

11
Workshop 1-9p.m.

18
Workshop 1-9p.m.

25 
Christmas
Day


Universal
Human rights
Month

Fri

5


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Indian Ocean
Tsunami in 2004.

Sat

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Geminids
Meteor Shower

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France transfers
Louisiana to U.S
in 1803

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