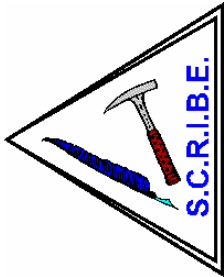


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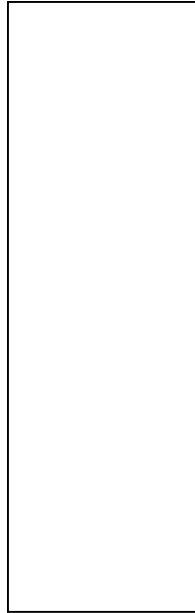
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NEWSLETTER OF VICTOR VALLEY
GEM AND MINERAL CLUB
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MARCH 2008



TAILGATE 2008

Yes, folks, Tailgate 2008 is nearly here. Clear your calendars for March 7th, 8th and 9th. We're going to have a lapidary event that promises to be fun and interesting for everyone. This is our 32nd annual tailgate and we have lots of activities planned. There will be a field trip, camping, food and drinks available to buy and vendors will be offering a range of stones, (both rough and finished), equipment, books and jewelry for sale. Look for more details on pages 4 and 5 of this issue for times, activities and a detailed map with easy directions.

YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2008

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 Kosik, Lloyd Guillian, Kate Waterman, Cyndy Mandell, Pat Estes
 and Chuck Forsyth. **Club Website—fosse.schema-root.org/vqmc/**

Tri-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip

May 21 – 26, 2008

Texas Springs, Nevada

The Northwest, Rocky Mountain and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies are hosting a Tri-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip to Texas Springs, NV, over Memorial Day Weekend 2008 and all AFMS members are invited. The Texas Springs area is well known for spectacular pink agate limb casts, as well as, other agate and petrified wood. Texas Springs Canyon is located approximately 25 miles southeast of the town of Jackpot in the northeast corner of Nevada. In addition to the collecting trips we will have potluck dinners, happy hours, speakers, evening campfires, tailgate displays, map exchange, and a great rockhound get-together.

Directions: The Texas Springs area is located about half way between Wells, NV and Twin Falls, ID, south of Jackpot, NV, and east of Hwy 93. From the south, take I-80 to Wells and go north on Hwy 93. From the north take Hwy 93 south out of Twin Falls. About 2.5 miles south of Jackpot turn east on to the California National Historic Trail and follow the orange plates to camp.

Camp: Our camp will be located about 6 miles from Hwy 93 on Trout Creek. Roads to campgrounds and collecting sites are typical desert roads. OK for motorhomes and trailers to campgrounds. This is a dry camping area: no services, no hook-ups. We will set up camp starting Tuesday afternoon, May 20th. Please try not to arrive before Wednesday, May 21st; this is due to our BLM camp permit.

Schedule:

Wednesday, May 21	Arrive at camp.
Thursday, May 22	Daily Field Trips Welcome potluck dinner and get together
Friday, May 23	Daily Field Trips Tailgate displays
Saturday, May 24	Daily Field Trips Tailgate displays All Rendezvous Potluck Dinner
Sunday, May 25	Daily Field Trips
Monday, May 26	Break camp to head for home or other adventures

Plan on several potluck dinners, and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some good material.

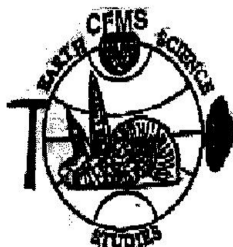
Please notify your respective Federation leader early, but no later than May 16, if you plan to attend. E-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over the west to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share.

Come join us for a great Tri-Federation Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.

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THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

DEDICATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT
AND ENJOYMENT OF THE EARTH SCIENCES



We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar to be held at Soda Springs (Zzyzx) located approximately 50 miles Northeast of Barstow. CA Off I-15 at Zzyzx Rd. The facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed, mattress & desk. Cleaning responsibilities lie with the occupants. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag, and any creature comforts you may desire, i.e. lamp, throw rug, ice chest. R.V. parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the center, and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are located in separate buildings at the center, and are communal. The Earth Science Committee retains the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as Desert Studies Center, consequently: **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED** A limited number of reservation are available and early applications is recommended. Subject to change these classes will be offered.

Lapidry - Tom Burchard
Silver Fabrication - Mary Ann
Anderson and Patti Tostenson

Soft Stone Carving - Margaret Kolaczyk
Wire Art - Sale Nichols; Field Trips -
Francis Pedneau; Enameling - Betty Egger

The fee for the week is \$300.00 per
Person, includes: Quarters, or R.V.
Space, three meals per day and Classes.
Additional charges may be assessed for
material furnished by Instructors.

DEADLINE - MARCH 1; 2008. No cancellations after this date, **UNLESS A REPLACEMENT IS PROVIDED.** A \$25.00 Administration Fee will be assessed for cancellations prior to this date.

Please complete the Registration form and Mail with full payment, payable to: CFMS. **MAIL TO:**

For Information Only Call:
Marion Roberts
(209) 538-0197
Please use block printing.

MARCH 23-30 2008

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REGISTRATION FORM - DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2008

Applications Received after this Date will be placed on a stand-by list and considered only when a vacancy exists.

Mr. Mrs. Ms _____ Phone _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____ Email _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLE APPLICANTS ONLY. R.V. _____ DORM _____

ARE YOU AN EARLY RISER OR A NIGHT OWL: _____

ROOM REQUEST FOR MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS. PLEASE DESCRIBE. _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____ DIABETIC _____ OTHER _____ EXPLAIN _____

Please fill in classes desired ...

First Choise _____ Second Choise _____ Third Choise _____

A _____

B _____

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 February meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th at 6:30p.m. and the March general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 25th.

SHOP TIMES CHANGES

Winter is always a slow time for club members working on the machines and so it was decided to delete the 1st and 5th Tuesdays as shop days from our club calendar. These changes will take place immediately and we apologize for an inconvenience this might incur.

NEW MEMBERS

Marhal Upson, Benjamin Wieden, William Lane and Michael Fosse all became new members at our January general meeting.

NEW COMMITTEES



Two new committees have been formed. We have a by-laws committee with members, Kerry Molineux, Gloria Guillian, Cyndy Mandell, Gil Gilbert and Charles Toles. They will meet to go over our existing by-laws to see if the member's interests are being served and to make amendments where necessary.

The other is the Finance Advisory Committee. When the Budget committee completed its duties, the name was changed and a new directive was assumed. This committee looks into financial matters concerning the club and reports and makes recommendations to the board to make their job a little easier. Carole McMichael, Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Gil Gilbert and Alan Molineux. Janet Flecher attends in a support and advisory capacity.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Maybe this should have been titled "Better Late Than Never"..... Life membership was awarded to Wayne and Nancy Flanners and also to Bob and Faith Harper. This was passed at the January Board meeting.



Cyndy Mandell and Pat Estes were also made instructors at that meeting. Congratulations to everyone. It is always a good thing when the club recognizes years of service and in the case of new instructors, the wealth of talent they bring to the club.



Mark your calendar.....

**The 32nd annual
Stoddard Wells**

ROCK HOUND

"Tailgate"

Victorville, CA

March 7th, 8th and 9th

9 - 5:00 p.m. daily

FREE Event ! - Everyone Welcome ! - Public Invited !

All Vendor spaces are FREE on a first come basis
(absolutely **NO** Holding of Spaces for a friend or Competing with Club's
Fundraising Food and Drink Booth)

**Findings, Books, Jewelry, Slabs, Cabs, Equipment and
literally TONS of Rough Material.**

Saturday FAMILY Field Trip: 9am-1pm for famous marble varieties.

**Restrooms, Drycamping, Food, Snacks & Drinks, Prizes and best of all
Rocks - Rocks & More Rocks**

Directions: From I-15 Northbound towards Barstow:

Hwy 15 North **THRU** Victorville! - EXIT Rt. At **2nd** Stoddard Wells Rd
at **BELL Mtn.** EXIT (open desert). Turn **Left/East** at Ramp **STOP** Sign.
STAY On Stoddard Wells Road 5 mi. until next STOP sign at Dale
Evans Pkwy... "Tailgate" signs on power pole. **Check Odometer** here!
Continue Straight On Stoddard Wells Rd. 7 miles to "Tailgate". Road
becomes a graded dirt road about 2/10 mi. from the Dale Evans Pkwy.
intersection. Proceed East/NE past "Grange" fork to "Tailgate" site.
Cars & RVs can make it w/ease & care. "Tailgate" signs along route.

DIRECTIONS FROM SURROUNDING AREA: See Map on **Reverse.**

See You THERE! Rain or Shine We'll be There!

Sponsored by the Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Call (760) 243-2330 for more info OR check online at
<http://fosse.schema-root.org/vvgmc>

GLENDORA CLASSES

The Glendora GEMS is in the process of moving one of the largest
Lapidary/Geoscience programs in the country from Glendora High
School to bigger and better facilities in Pomona. Not only will the nov-
ice to expert student be able to cut and polish stones; they will learn
mineral identification techniques, as well. The classes will be
sponsored by the Pomona Unified School District in what is known
as "The Tower" located on 1425 E. Holt, less than a block west of
Indian Hill. The hours are Tuesday 5pm-9pm. You are welcome to
come and see what is happening! For more information call Bonnie at
(626) 963-4638 or online at: ybidwell2@aol.com
Information e-mailed to me by club member, Doug Arnold.

COMBINED Arrowhead/Rock Show Mar. 28, 29 + 30

LEARN THE ANCIENT ART OF CHIPPING ARROWHEADS



*Vendor
Welcome*

Making arrowheads today is called "FLINTKNAPPING". Gary Pickett of Bakersfield is a
flintknapper and a demonstrator of the art of chipping stone. He is also president of the
Bakersfield Archeology Society. Gary has 20 years, plus, experience in making arrowheads,
knives and stone tools.

He demonstrates at schools, Pow Wows, and for the Boy Scouts. Gary demonstrates at Hart
Park, every first Sunday of the month, in Bakersfield from 10 to 4.

Gary will be demonstrating at the Pow Wow in Ridgecrest on October 20 and 21.

He will also be demonstrating on *MAR. 27, 28, and 29* in Johannesburg at 27400
Highway 395. That is a residence across the street from the Rand Community building.

A gathering of flintknappers is called a K NAP-IN.

The gathering in Johannesburg will be a K NAP-IN AND ROCK SHOW.

Demonstrations are **free** to all ages. Tools can be purchased from Gary to continue your
hobby.



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH

Andrew Turner and Natalie Sheppard were married in Victorville on Saturday, February 2nd 2008. Andrew has been a member of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club since 2004. Andrew works on a club committee which issues scholarships to students majoring in geology. a

SUNSHINE REPORT

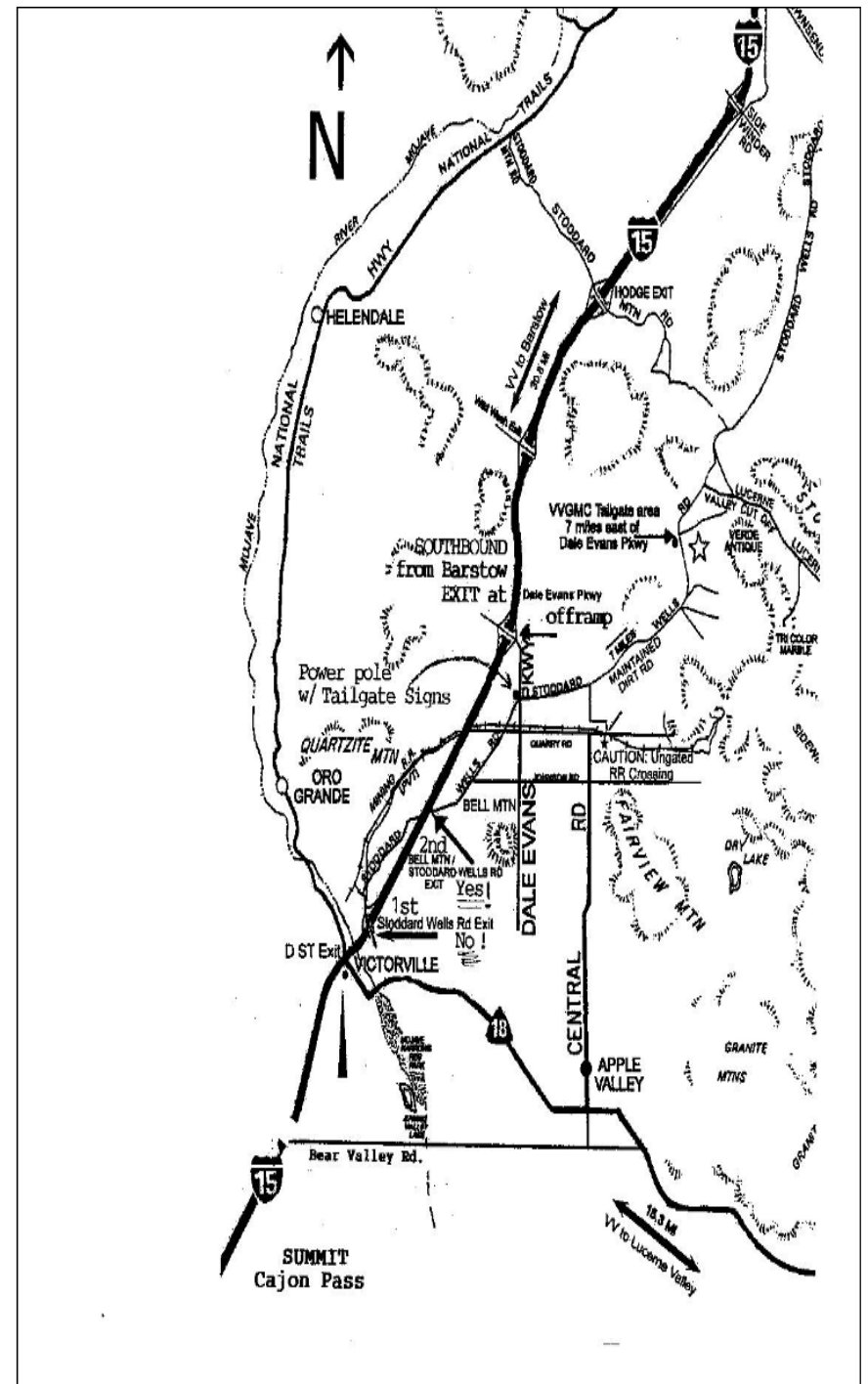
Carol Laszlo is our Sunshine Lady and she reports that everyone is enjoying good health at the moment...however, if you know of any member who is ill or in need of cheering up then let Carol know and she will be happy to send them a card. Call her at 247.5369.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

Work thou for pleasure--paint or sing or carve The thing thou lovest,
though the body starve-- Who works for glory misses oft the goal;
Who works for money coins his very soul. Work for the work's sake,
then, and it may be That these things shall be added unto thee.....

Kenyon Cox

(World of Quotes.com)



MARCH 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Workshop 2 12noon— 5p.m.	Instructor's 3 Meeting 7p.m.	Board Mtg. 9 7.p.m	Workshop 5 1-9p.m.	Wagon Master's 6 Mtg. 7p.m.	7	8
Workshop 9 12noon— 5p.m.	10	Workshop 11 6—9p.m.	Workshop 12 1-9p.m.	Workshop 13 1-9p.m.	14	15
Workshop 16 12noon— 5p.m.	17	Education 18 Night 7p.m.	Workshop 19 1-9p.m.	Workshop 20 1-9p.m.	21	22
Workshop 23 12noon— 5p.m.	24	Pot Luck 6:30 25 Monthly Mtg. 7pm	Workshop 26 1-9p.m.	Workshop 27 1-9p.m.	28	29
Workshop 30 12noon— 5p.m.	31					

Deadline for the April issue of the *Bulletin* is Monday, March 17th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Materials & Equipment.

Call Charles Toles.

Home (760) 242-9240

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.



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GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH?

Supplied for you by the club:

Grinding room

Template selection	Aluminum marking pencil	Large flat lap
Dop pot	Dop wax	Sphere maker
Aprons	Safety goggles	Cleaning rags
Degreaser	Hot and cold water	Paper towels
Corundum wheels	3 Genie cabochon makers	
4 All -U-Need flat laps	Foredom	

Saw room

Oil for saws	Selection of saws	Tools for tightening
Rubber mats for safety	Safety glasses	Wood blocks for shims
Aprons	Degreaser	Saw Blades
Mop	Mop bucket	
	Steam Cleaner	
Hot and Cold water	Cleaning rags	

Silver room

Buffer	Pickle
Buffing compound	Pickle Pot
Buffing wheels	Wax for casting
Gloves	Centrifuge
Drill press	Flasks
Tripod	Vacuum casting
Torches	Bracelet & ring mandrell
Acetylene	ViceSteam Cleaner
Oxygen	Anvil
Fire bricks	Safety glasses
Aprons	Draw bar
Scales	Strikers
Burn Out oven	Sand Blaster
Maintenance &	Instruction Staff

And.....

Monthly Newsletter, Education Programs, Microscope, Full Kitchen, Field Trips, Monthly Pot luck meal, Christmas Party, Picnic, Tailgate, Library books and videos, First Aide kit, Gem Show, Restrooms, Board to take care of business & financial details, Committee to keep bylaws current, bulletin board, catalogues, Membership roster to help you contact other members, classes, and on and on the list goes.

NOT BAD FOR \$20.00 PER YEAR!

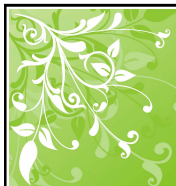
(Dues have not been raised in over 11 years)

What are you giving back to the club?

Are you serving in any area? Want to serve? Let your President know you can help. We all have talents and time we can share.

We have one of the best, nicest equipped Gem Clubs in the State - Maybe in the US? Others before us sacrificed to give it to us - let's take care of it.

WE NEED YOU to help make things run smoothly- please volunteer to make your club all she can be!



Orange Belt Mineralogical Society's

SPRING TAILGATE

When: Friday through Sunday,
March 14th, 15th & 16th.

Location: Little League Regional Ballpark
6707 Little League Drive
San Bernardino, CA

What: Two dozen (or more) tailgaters.
Open 9a.m., to dusk.
\$50 fee to tailgate.

Contact: Lyle Strayer, (909) 887-3394
Free Admission & free parking.



FEDERATION REPORT

by Carole McMichael

Tri-Federation Rendezvous Announcement

Northwest, Rocky Mountain & California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

When: May 21-26, 2008

Where: Texas Springs, Nevada half way between Wells, NV and Twin Falls, ID just south of Jackpot, NV

What: Beautiful pink limb casts, petrified wood, other agate

Fun: Pot luck dinners, daily happy hour, campfires and good collecting to be enjoyed by all.

See flyers on the counter near bulletin board for further details and contact information. If you plan now, you may be able to attend on Memorial Day Weekend.

Also coming up: Federation Gem and Mineral Show - Ventura, CA fairgrounds - June 27-29 - (See flyers on counter)

Aug. 31 - Sept 6 & Sept 7 - 13 (either week or both) - CAMP PARADISE near Oroville, CA - A week long series of classes and training in silver smithing, wire wrapping, carving, faceting, cab making, beading, casting, and more. (See flyers on counter for details and costs) Sponsored by CFMS - just for YOU! Sign up early - now is NOT too soon.

AROUND THE SHOP



Joe Kosik grinds a piece of jasper on the Genie.



Kerry Molineux is polishing a piece of turquoise in the "Silver room".



The new office is taking shape, thanks to Nick Beall and Tom Laszlo.



Pat Estes put together a great merchandise display case.



Here's Ben Wieden, Charles Toles and new instructor, Pat Estes are in the saw room doing some housekeeping.



Our club president, Tom Laszlo is showing some visitors around our facility. Here they are with Ben Wieden in our saw room.

TERMINOLOGY by Bob Menelly

Lapidary - The cutting, polishing and engraving of precious stones.

Mineralogy - The study of minerals.

Dop stick - A wooden or metal dowel approximately 5 inches in length used to hold a stone for grinding purposes.

Dop wax - A type of wax used especially for holding a stone to a dopstick. Green wax is used for most stones, a faceted stone may be held with a brown or red wax.

Pickle - An acid bath used for removing oxidation from metals (silver, copper etc.)

Pickle Pot - A crock pot used to heat the pickle mixture.

Wire terms - Half round, flat, round, triangle and square.

Rouge - A polishing compound used for polishing silver and other metals. Red Rouge is typically used as the final polish, while several others are used for pre-polish (Tripoli or Zam)

Slab - A slice of a larger rock, usually about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick.

Template - A plastic or metal sheet with various sizes and shapes outlined to make a cabochon.

Free-form - A shape of stone made without following a specific template, but rather following the lines of the stone itself.

Bezel - The metal edge formed around the stone to secure it in place.

Bale - The loop of metal used to allow a chain to pass through for a pendant.

Pavilion - The pointed portion of a faceted stone.

Girdle - The outside diameter of a cabochon or faceted stone.

Table - The top of a cabochon or faceted stone.

Lap - The metal, corundum or diamond wheel for grinding.



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Nick Beal and his friend who repaired our broken silver press
 Bob Menelly for making the All-U-Needs and tables like new again
 Charles Toles for faithful maintenance of our equipment
 To all the instructors who make workshops possible for all of us.