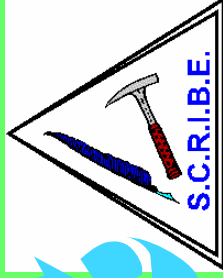


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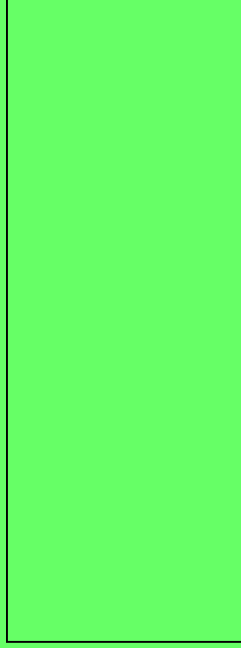
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Everyone who attended, enjoyed the annual barbeque and picnic. Members are lining up to enjoy the lovely spread.

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 September meeting was held on Tuesday, 23rd at 6:30p.m. and the October general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 28th.

ON THE FRONT COVER

Every now and then, I come to the club and take photos for the Bulletin. Everyone is gracious and I usually snap a lot of photos. It also gives me an opportunity to stop and chat with the members and catch up on the latest gossip. Last month I featured Ben Weiden working in the shop. This month I'm showing some of his lapidary work on the front cover.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

(This was so popular last issue, I thought I'd finish it off this time.)

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, 'It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights.'

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, 'I'm not sure.' 'Look in your underwear, Grandpa,' he advised. 'mine says I'm four to six.'

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, 'Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today.' The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. 'That's interesting,' she said, 'how do you make babies?' 'It's simple,' replied the girl. 'You just change y' to 'i' and add 'es'.'

An E-Mail from my son, Damian.

ANNUAL CLUB BARBEQUE AND PICNIC



Tom Laszlo was the cook.



Lining up for the food.



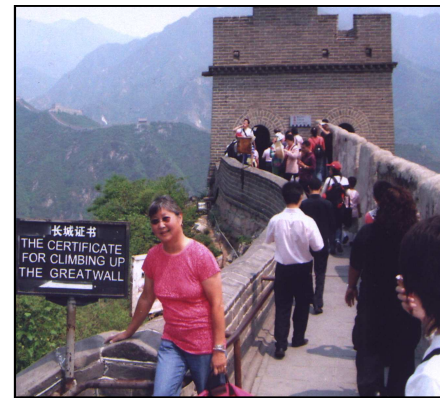
Jack Sneed is enjoying his meal.



Time to eat, chat and relax.



Carole and Ty Mc Michael pose for the camera. We had a rock and slab swap after we ate. The club picnic was held at the TXI park at Oro Grande on Sunday, September 7th. Thank you to all who made the day a success. We had a good turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time.



Pat Estes stopped to have these photos taken on the Great Wall of China during her recent trip.



Andrew Turner, who is now in charge of displays, updated our display cases and you can now view "Garnets from around the World."



Gena and Oliver and Patti Deer of Women in Mining recently gave a lecture to the members at the last Education Night on Tuesday, September 16th. The members did a variety of activities and everyone really enjoyed the presentation.

FROM THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

We welcome our latest members—Ewald and Zelma Jablonski, Bill Buehler and Katie Boyd, Bill Blongett and Katie Hallock..

Tony Malone talked about alternative energy at our recent Educational night.

We are still looking for a Wagon Master, Historian and Legislative Representative.

We will be raffling off a space for a club member to attend the Zzyzx Jewelry camp.

Janet Flecher will lead a cooperative field trip with the CFMS to Lavic Siding and Hector Hill in October.

The CFMS would like to do a cooperative field trip with us once a year.

Carol Laszlo and Oscar Delgado's wife both went in for surgery in September.

Andrew Turner and Virgil Melton met with Dr. Buchanan about notifying more colleges of our yearly scholarships.

We have an election committee who is looking for candidates to fill upcoming vacant board and committee positions.

Alan Molineux brought up the idea of having a rock and slab swap at the clubhouse four times a year.

Joe Kosik reminded everyone working at the workshops to check in and out with the instructor on duty.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Because there were so many absences at this board meeting, those that attended decided there wasn't enough for a quorum and although ideas and procedures could be *suggested*, no motions or seconds could be forwarded.

The Fire Inspector passed our club. We had a fire extinguisher in need of charging and a ceiling tile that needed to be replaced.

Some unauthorized members are emptying the cashbox to give it to the treasurer. Although well meaning, this is against procedure.

The Finance committee will prepare a budget for 2009. This should be ready by the November Board meeting.

Janet Flecher suggested we get the Kaman building and our club house professionally appraised by a realtor. Those present suggested we have our first rock swap on October 28th at a general meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Charles Toles who has been voted as our latest Instructor.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the club membership, I would like to thank John Prinz who coordinated our club picnic and all those who helped out in many different capacities and also thank you to all those who came and enjoyed the event.

AROUND THE CLUB



Virgil Melton makes a bracelet. Jack Sneed's collection of slabs.

SILVER FABRICATION CLASSES

By Cyndy Mandell

Instructors Cyndy Mandell and Janet Flecher will be offering on-going beginning classes at the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club starting September 24, 2008. The classes will be offered on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will offer a variety of projects that students may choose from to make. The classes will be limited to five students to allow individual attention by the instructors and access to the silver room.

Instruction will be given in techniques and theory of silver smithing along with demonstrations. Projects available will include pendants, rings, bracelets and some creative pieces. The project prices will reflect only the cost of the raw materials plus shipping. Individuals can make as many projects as they desire during the class.

Wednesday are also open to those members who wish to work on their own projects whether in the silver, saw, or grinding room. An instructor will be available to assist in those areas also.

This promises to be a fun class and follows in the footsteps of Gil Gilbert's beginning fabrication class where some basis techniques were learned and the participants gain knowledge and skills. This class have been well attended and the participants have enjoyed working together so much they have requested that we continue offering silver classes. Many have said that they look forward to Wednesday nights more than any other evening of the week because they know they are going to have fun, make something, and gain confidence in the craft.

October 2008

Silver Smithing
with Cyndy Mandell
Every Wednesday at 7p.m.

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<p>National Stamp Collecting Month.</p> 	<p>Computer Learning Month</p> 	<p>Diversity Awareness Month</p> 	<p>1 Workshop 1- 9:00p.m.</p>	<p>2 Workshop 1- 9:00p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Sputnik anniversary 1957.</p> 
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<p>12 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.</p>	<p>13 Instructor's Meeting—7:00p.m.</p> 	<p>14 Monthly Board Meeting 7:00p.m.</p> 	<p>15 Workshop 1- 9:00p.m.</p>	<p>16 Workshop 1- 9:00p.m.</p>	<p>17 U.S population reaches 300 million in 2006.</p> 	<p>18 Red Ribbon week starts.</p> 
<p>19 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Education Night 7:00p.m.</p> 	<p>22 Workshop 1- 9:00p.m.</p>	<p>23 Workshop 1- 9:00p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 
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