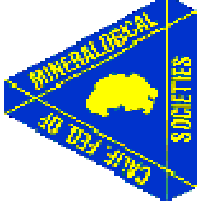
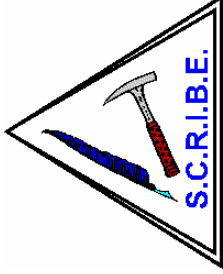


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 Guillian

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

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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.



There's one more lapidary event I couldn't fit on the events page.....

April 25 - 26 2009, Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

Corner of Center St. & Church

Hours: 10-5 daily

Don Welder (408) 353-2675

Email: wdeanweder@yahoo.com

Website: www.scmgs.org/newsite/shows/index.html

ROCK OF THE MONTH

Obsidian

By Gayland Graves.

Obsidian is a glassy rock, it is volcanic glass and its name is said to come from a Roman who brought it from Lake Shalla in Ethiopia, the name of this Roman was Obsidian. Obsidian has the same minerals as granite, but cooled too quickly to crystallize. Obsidian has no crystalline structure, but it may contain rare tiny crystals of quartz, feldspar's, pyroxene and magnetite.

Being a siliceous glass it breaks with conchoidal fracture producing sharp slivers and should be handled with care. Obsidian has been used throughout ancient civilizations from jewelry to knives, arrow heads and mirrors. They find dark nodules in Mexico, Arizona and New Mexico that are called Apache tears. There are many different types of obsidian, Snow flake, Mahogany, Sheen and Rain Bow, which all work well in the lapidary industry.

Specific gravity 2.3 - 2.60
Cleavage None
Hardness 5.5 - 7.0
Refractive Index 1.48 - 1.53

EDUCATION NIGHT

By Valeria Costello.

Gil Gilbert was our speaker on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM. The subject was on safety and the proper use of equipment and other tools required for silver-smithing.

Classes will be available at a later date as it takes time to purchase and prepare kits for the silver-smithing classes. Those of you that are interested in taking the class will need to sign up so we know how much material needs to be purchased to accommodate those members interested. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on the left side as you enter the club door. If you already have materials and tools to work with and want to get your certification ask the instructor on duty when the next silver-smithing certified instructor will be available.

APRIL

The month of April—our spring month has a birthstone of a Diamond and the flower for this month is the Sweet Pea.



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

The March meeting was held on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30p.m. and the April meeting and pot luck will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, 28th at 6:30p.m.

SUNSHINE LADY

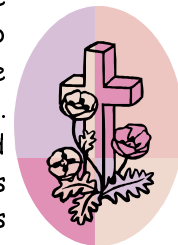
Marie Gramata is our Sunshine Lady and she phones members and their families who have illness, are be-

reaved, or are about to or have had an operation. If you know of any member who would like a card from Marie then please contact her on (760) 245-3775.



IN MEMORIAM

Bob Harper recently passed away. Bob was a lifetime member of the club and worked as the club photographer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Faith and his family. He will be sorely missed.



TAILGATE 2009

My wife, Kerry, and I went to the Tailgate on Saturday, March 14th. Kerry worked in the Food Tent and I strolled around the event talking to folks and taking photographs for the *Bulletin*.

I was gladdened to see so many members there. Club members were there selling their wares, some were enjoying the event, and others still were volunteering the many capacities an event like this offers.

I don't doubt that our club president will thank everyone who worked at the event in due course but I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in, volunteered for and whose presence helped to make this event a success. I know it's dangerous to single out one person and not mention others but I must say I was amazed at the time and energy Brett Ward put in to the event. Once again—thank you to everyone!

FACES OF TAILGATE 2009



FROM THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING.

Val Costello is working on the lighting of the club showcases.

John Printz thanked all the kitchen helpers.

Pat Estes urged members to read one of the many CFMS Bulletins around the clubhouse to find out about CFMS field trips.

Virgil Melton and Dwayna Barron audited the books and found everything basically ok.

Val Costello gave the sunshine report—Bob Harper—heart attack, Joe Kosik - gout, Francis Gramata broke his hip, as did Betty Egges of Zyzyx and Tamara Cole is laid low with a bug.

Sign up sheet for help with the Tailgate on bulletin board.

Suggestion box—only Gil Gilbert has a key and it suggestions will be addressed at each board meeting.

John Printz, the Hospitality chairperson will buy all club provisions and supplies.

Ellen Gilbert will take over the club raffle from Charles Toles as of the March monthly meeting.

Gayland Graves and Bob Menelly recently cleaned the workshop. Gayland reminded everyone that it is a shared responsibility.

Gayland Graves noted there were 65 people at the February general meeting.

FROM THE MARCH BOARD MEETING.

Because of the size of our CD, officers need \$100,000 bond per person instead of our current \$2,500. Policies will be changed to accommodate this.

Allen Quality Maintenance will start soon and will strip and wax the floors on commencement. Accessories will be bought to get out video projector ceiling mounted.

We have certification books and a certification page will be put in each new member's folder.

Virgil Melton will give a small deposit for Building #2 at the fairgrounds to reserve a spot for our fair booth in November.

Tailgate is on March 13th—15th. Set up Wednesday, 11th, Food stocking Thursday 12th, and start up on Friday, 13th.

Space at the Zyzyx camp is limited so we will draw a member's name on 03/04/'09 to attend.

Pat Estes spoke to the CFMS show coming up soon in San Jose. Expense limit of just \$200 without board approval. Beyond that it must be voted on.

UPCOMING LAPIDARY EVENTS

March 28-29 2009,

Torrance CA

South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society. Torrance Recreational Center 3341 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA.

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4

Roger Mills (310) 377-6226

Email: roger_mills@acm.org

Website: [http://](http://www.palosverdes.com/sblap/)

www.palosverdes.com/sblap/

March 28-29:

Angels Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Soc.

Calaveras Frog Town USA

Fairgds, Hwy 49 in Angels Camp

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4 Tak
Iwata (209) 928-5579

Website: [Calaverasgemandmin-
eral.org](http://Calaverasgemandmineral.org)

March 28-29: Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers

Placer County Fairgrounds 800

All America City Blvd., Roseville

Hours: Sat.10-5; Sun.10-4 Jim
Barton (916) 847-7321 E-mail:

geologist1@surewest.net

Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 3-5 2009 Bakersfield, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary
Society

Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142

South P. Street - Corner S. P &

Belle Terrace Hours: 9-5 Daily

Contact: Lew Helfrich (661)

323-2663 cell (661) 378-4450

Email: lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

April 3-5 2009, Vista, CA

San Diego Co. Council of G&M Societies

The Tractor Museum

2040 N. Santa Fe Ave. & Museum Way-

Hours: Fri. Noon-5; Sat. & Sun. 9-5 Con-

tact: Ray Pearce (760) 7570

Email: raysrocks@cox.net

April 4-5: Maraposa, CA

Maraposa Gem & Mineral Club

Maraposa County Fairgrounds Hwy 49 (S.
of Historic Mariposa)

Hours: Sat.10-6; Sun.10-4

Diane Vereschagin

Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

Website:

[www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/
events.html](http://www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/events.html)

April 11-12 2009, Paradise, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral club

Paradise Elks Lodge, 6309 Clark Road-

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Carol Eggleston (530) 343-0894;

Cell (530) 321-6941

Email: cjeggy@chico.com

Website: www.goldnuggetwebs.com/PGMC

April 17, 18, 19, 2009, San Jose, CA

54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's

Showcase Hosted by the Santa Clara

Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

334 Tully Road, Hours: 10-5 Daily

Email: info@scvgms.org

Website: www.scvgms.org

April 18 - 19 2009, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral club

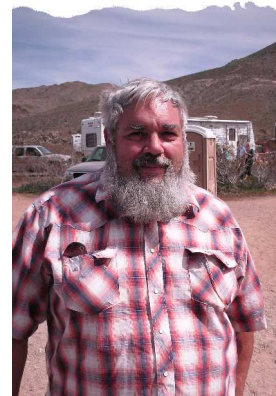
Lancaster High School

44701-32nd St. West. Hours: 9-5 daily-

Vivian Watts (760) 373-1309



















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These are just a few of the folks I saw at the 2009 Tailgate. So many people were there—volunteers, customers and browsers. Vendors, couples and families. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have a good time. There was just so much to do. Things to look at and buy, people to say "Hi!" to and I believe a good time was had by all

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Kite Month 	Financial Literacy Month 	California Earthquake Preparedness Month 	1 Workshop 1—9p.m.	2 Workshop 1—9p.m.	3	4  National Square root day.
5 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	6	7  Instructor's Mtg—6p.m. Board Mtg—7p.m. 7p.m.	8 Workshop 1—9p.m.	9 Workshop 1—9p.m.	10  Safety pin Patented in 1848.	11  Spain cedes Gibraltar to Britain in 1713
12 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	13  Jefferson's Birthday in 1743.	14	15 Workshop 1—9p.m.	16 Workshop 1—9p.m.	17	18  Paul Revere's mid- night ride 1745
19 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	20  National Play- ground safety week starts	21  Education Night 7p.m.	22 Workshop 1—9p.m.	23 Workshop 1—9p.m.	24  Arbor Day	25  Hubble Telescope Launched in 1990. Workshop
26 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	27  International Astronomy week starts	28  Pot Luck 6:30p.m. General Mtg. 7p.m. 	29 Workshop 1—9p.m.	30 Workshop 1—9p.m.	National Zoo and Aquarium Month. 	National Humor Month 

Deadline for the May issue of the *Bulletin* is Monday, May 18th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com