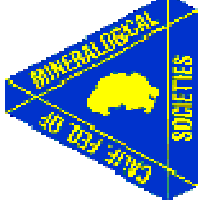
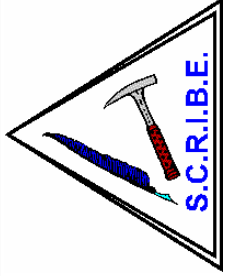


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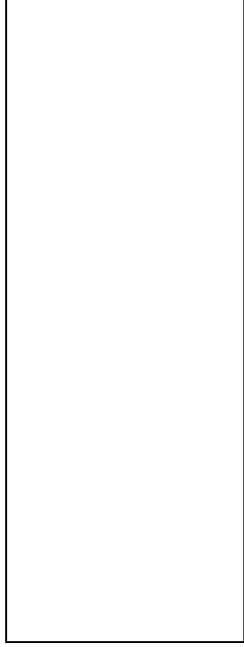
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YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2009

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Virgil Melton.....		948-2849
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Charles Toles.....		951-0372
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Ed Deren, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Virgil Melton, Joe Kosik, Pat Estes, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles, Cyndy Mandell and Lloyd Guillian

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

AROUND THE SHOP



Cleaning the saws is a messy business!



Lloyd Guillian uses a pressure washer.



Our new look notice board.



Any member can display their lapidary.



We have club merchandize for sale.



There are plenty of fittings available too!

The club is open during the posted hours with an instructor on duty to help you with technique or questions on lapidary or club procedures. Members attend the club to work on their projects, to clean and improve the club or just to hang out and talk with other members. Come on down and see what we have. We are a full service club and we are many things to many people—we are there for you too!

CLUB SUPPORT AND WORK DAY

October 2009.

We had an OK work day. We only had (6) people show up and they were Ed Deren, Lloyd Guillian, Gil Gilbert, John Printz, Don Pomerence and Blane Witte.

We actually got a lot done for the small crew that we had. We got two saws cleaned and one repaired on Saturday.

Ed Deren and Bob Menelly fixed at least (4) saws during the last month.

We also got the refrigerator cleaned out and boy, did it need it! We had left over Polish Sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs from the club picnic.

November workday will be on November 21st.

December workday will be on December 19th.

On the November work day we need people for both light and heavy jobs. We need more of you to come for the work days!

John Printz and Ed Deren.

UPCOMING SHOWS

December 5th & 6th. Barstow—CA. Mojave Gem and Mineralogical Soc. Community Center.

841 Barstow Road.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5p.m. daily.

Contact Gene Haines —

(760)256-0595.

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mdgms.org

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP

Our next field trip will be December 19th out to the Lavic Siding area. This area will most probably be off limits to rock collecting soon. Hopefully it won't be closed before we can get there. We will be after the famous Lavic jaspers and jasper-agates. These are some of the most colorful jaspers you can find. We will be meeting at near Hector (on the way to Ludlow) at 8 AM. To get there, go to Barstow and take the 40 freeway east about 32.5 miles. Take the 33/Hector exit. Turn right and soon you will come to Highway 66. We will meet along the south side of the 66. The collecting areas are all near by. We will go to two sites just off of the highway first. Most vehicles should be able to make these. After these, if time allows, those with 4 wheel drive may go to 1 or 2 other sites including Jasper Hill. If we go to Jasper Hill there will be some hiking involved (about a half mile or so). Bring your rock hammer, spray bottle and bag. There could be an opportunity for heavy tools at Jasper Hill but carrying them there might be hard. Bring plenty of water and food for snacking.

Blane Witte (Wagon Master)

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, 24th at 6:30p.m. and the December general meeting will be our Christmas dinner, Tuesday the 15th of December.

FRONT COVER

We held the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Show in the Building #2 of the San Bernardino County Fair Grounds on Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th. Admission was free and I believe the show was enjoyed by all who attended, vendors, club members and the general public. You may have seen me at the Hi Desert Gold Panning Booth. I worked there all weekend with Ed Deren. I would also like to thank Jim Chandler, Ann Chapman and Les Taylor and Mike Ball for helping out at the booth....Ed

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009



We will be having our Christmas Party on the 15th of December from 5—9p.m. at the Taste Buffet on Bear Valley Road. (It's on the corner of Bear Valley Road and 7th Street in Victorville in the Food For Less Center.) The price is \$11.00 per person (including drinks and tax.) The club will be paying the tip for the group. Also, if you sign up on the sign up sheet in the clubhouse by December 1st, you will be getting a discount. (I don't know how much of a discount yet—I am expecting between \$3 and \$4 per person.)

Children under 10 years of age get a reduced price from the buffet. No Checks—cash, credit cards, and debit cards only.

You must be a member (or a junior member) and signed by December 1st to get our discount.

The buffet offers Asian food with fresh sushi, (made throughout the day), seafood, pizza, ribs and much more.

Don't forget to bring something for our auction—it can be rocks, slabs, cabs, a finished piece or something???

If you come without signing up by December 1st—you will have to pay the full price.

John Printz.

THE ANNUAL V.V.G & M.C GEM AND MINERAL FAIR



We put a pot-luck on Friday night to thank the vendors for coming.



All the vendors were getting their booths ready for Saturday.



The vendors had a lot of stock and so it took quite a lot of set up time.



There were tools for sale as well as rough, slabs, cabs and fine jewelry.



A vendor and a customer posed for the camera.



Club members volunteered to make the show a success. Grab bags were popular.

NOVEMBER BOARD MINUTES

Virgil Melton announced that we have (19) paid vendors and one deposit for the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show.

Pat Estes asked for funds to purchase a roll of (100) Rock Hound stickers. They will be available to the membership for 50cents each and \$1.50 for the club patches.

Many members seemed to think the club officers held paid positions—this of course is not true!

As Gayland Graves is absent, we are tabling his survey for a proposed workshop use fee.

It was voted to put a security light on the club outside facia.

The board will examine security camera placement both inside and outside of the club.

The parking lot should be resurfaced after the Gem and Mineral Show.

Three new memberships were accepted by the board.

Paper towel dispensers will be put in the grinding room and the silver room.

A paper cutter will be bought for office use.

Cyndy Mandell proposed gifts and presents be financed for the upcoming Christmas Party.

Don Pomerence will check on the price of step ladders for the club.

Gayland Graves wants to purchase (2) banners for the Gem Show.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Gil Gilbert, Carole Mc Michael and Val Costello were voted in as Life-time club members.

These people were elected to office.

Cyndy Mandell (President)

Gayland Graves (1st V.P Membership)

Val Costello (2nd VP Education)

Vacant—(3rd VP Show Chairman)

Recording Secretary—Alan Molineux

Corresponding Secretary—Lynne Hallock.

Treasurer—Kerry Molineux

CFMS Rep—Pat Estes

Board:

Ed Deren

Carole Mc Michael

Don Pomerence

Lloyd Guillian remains on the Board.

There were (2) saws running—now, thanks to Ed Deren, there are (5).

There is a sign up sheet for the Christmas Party on the notice board at the club.

Tom Laszlo and John Printz are cooking turkeys and Pat Estes is cooking a ham for the Club Christmas.

Blane Witte will be doing the club display for November.

Pat Estes will be attending the CFMS conference in Visalia on November 6th, 7th and 8th.

Raffle tickets are still available for Camp Paradise to be held next Spring.

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary,
Materials & Equipment.

Call Charles Toles.
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Cell (760) 220-6748.



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states. Priced per piece
Contact Virgil Melton (760) 900-0507**



Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

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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.



ANNUAL V.V.G. & M.C GEM AND MINERAL CLUB FAIR (CONTINUED)



Virgil Melton organized the whole
show—he was the go-to guy!



Val Costello is seen here working
at her booth.



Gayland Graves and Ty Mc Michael
pose for the camera—Thanks guys!



Dwayna Barron pauses a moment
for me to take a photo—Hi Bob!

















Here I am at the Hi Desert Gold
Diggers booth .



One of our vendors who I spoke to
a lot stops for the camera.

December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
International Calendar awareness month 	International Human Rights month 	1 Instructor's Meeting 6pm Board Meeting 7pm 	2 Club Workshop 1—9pm	3 Club Workshop 1—9pm	4	5 Nobel Week
6 Workshop 12noon—5pm.	7 Attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. 	8 John Lennon murdered. 	9 Club Workshop 1—9pm	10 Club Workshop 1—9pm	11	12
13 Workshop 12noon—5pm.	14	15 Christmas party—see <i>Bulletin</i> For details. 	16 Club Workshop 1—9pm	17 Club Workshop 1—9pm	18 13th Amendment abolishes slavery in 1865. 	19 Club Clean up Day 
20 Workshop 12noon—5pm.	21 Winter begins 	22 Hanukah starts. 	23 Club Workshop 1—9pm	24 No workshop Christmas Eve.	25 Christmas Day 	26 Indian Ocean Earthquake and tsunami in 2004. 
27 Workshop 12noon—5pm.	28 Endangered Species act enabled	29	30 Club Workshop 1—9pm	31 No workshop New Years Eve. 	HAPPY NEW YEAR 	

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