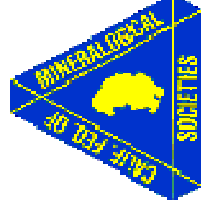
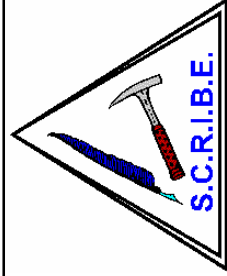


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Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE FAIR



The public saw some minerals glow in the dark.



We had some beautiful displays



Well displayed minerals.



A lot of work went into this display.



The public got to see a display of the cubes and spheres from local stone.



This display shows many of the pieces our members make.

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE FAIR



Mary Lou Flecher answers questions from the public about her craft.



Mary Lou works at the booth as Don Pomerence watches on.



John and Chieko Printz take their turn demonstrating their craft at the County Fair while members of the public look on admiringly.



Cyndy Mandell works on an All-you-Need at the club's booth.



Barbara Minard works at wire-wrapping some of her cabs.

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 May meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th at 6:30p.m. and the June general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 23rd.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the board and the members of V.V.G & M.C, I would like to welcome our latest members. Frank Gerny of Corona, Jonathan Vanderloop of Victorville, John Muesnsterman of Wrightwood and Laura Witte of Phelan.

I look forward to seeing you all around the club and working on your favorite pieces. If I take a photograph of you, smile—you may be in the next issue of the *Bulletin*....Ed

ROCK OF THE MONTH

ROSE QUARTZ

Rose quartz that beautiful pinkish color that so many woman love, Rose quartz is invariably massive or lump form, transparent to translucent and is of a rose pink color, due to manganese titanium or iron. In the darker colors there is a slight dichroism. The mineral is often opalescent and may show asterism. Asterism can only be seen when light shone through the stone.

Most rose quartz is cut as a cabochon or as unfaceted beads. Most quartz including rose quartz are very abundant which takes away from their monetary value, but of all the different types of quartz, rose quartz is the most popular. Most rose quartz is found in the cores of pegmatites, Rose quartz crystal are the rarest to find and only been found in Minas Gerais south east of Brazil, care must be taken, because it is heat sensitive and can fade to gray with prolonged exposure to sunlight or air.

When purchasing rose quartz, be aware that pale specimens are sometimes dyed to bring out a vivid and darker pink color.

Refractive Index	1.5
Specific Gravity	2.65
Hardness	7
Crystal Group	Hexagonal
Luster	Glassy to Vitreous



Ben Weiden, an instructor for Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club passed away recently. He will be missed.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR

By Cyndy Mandell

On Saturday, May 9th the San Bernardino County Fair opened for its nine day run. The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club was given a large booth at the front of the building to display and demonstrate our hobby. We were able to assemble and set up eight display cases and four demonstration tables with various equipment from the club. The cases were filled with displays from: Virgil Melton, Cyndy Mandell, Janet Flecher, Jim Fosse, Marilyn and Don Pomerence, Gil Gilbert, Doug and Sara Arnold, and Carol McMichael. Marilyn Pomerence helped organize and set up the several of the displays and table making for some beautiful arrangements.

Three flat laps, one genie, a four inch water trim saw, and a dop pot were set up on the front table allowing volunteers to demonstrate making cabachons. Volunteers also demonstrated wire wrapping, beading, glass beads, and chain mail. Volunteers representing the club and discussing their hobby with the public included: Virgil Melton, Chuck Forsyth, Doug and Sara Arnold, Dwaynna Barron, Kent Berryman, Pat Estes, Wayne and Nancy Flanders, Janet and Mary Lou Flecher, John Vanderloop, Gil and Ellen Gilbert, Patti Deer, Katie Boyd, Sheryl & Rheiane Grenell, Lloyd Guillian, Ewald Jaskolsky, Barbara Minard, Kerry Molineux, Don and Marilyn Pomerence, John and Chieko Printz, Michael and Trudi Roser, Patti Deer, Andrew and Natalie Turner.

Also helping with set up on Friday were Carol McMichael, Gil Gilbert, Jim Fosse, Virgil Melton, Don and Marilyn Pomerence, Pat Estes, and Ewald Jaskolsky.

Their efforts and support was appreciated by the thousands of people who enjoyed seeing our work, asking questions, and watching as we demonstrated our hobby. Without their assistance the club would not have been able to maintain a table and help with the promotion of our club through the education of the public.

SUNSHINE CLUB

Ben Weiden passed away recently due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Joe Kosik is convalescing at home after his recent illness and Francis Gramata is healing at home with his broken hip.

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Materials & Equipment.



Are you a club member, making and selling lapidary products?

You could advertise here

**See me, Alan Molineux,
the club editor (760) 951-7064**

**or e-mail me on amolineux@gmail.com
for very reasonable rates.**



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.



FROM THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Cyndy Mandell, filling in for Carole Mc Michael, spoke of a recent club audit.

Howard Brown of the Omnia Mine in Lucerne Valley is to be our April Education Night speaker.

We had a field trip out to the mine on Saturday 04/25 and our new Wagon master, Blaine Witte, helped out with the transportation.

The next field trip (Saturday 05/23) will be to a collecting area by Kramer Junction. Members will be notified by the phone committee.

This year's CFMS show was in San Jose—next year's will be in La Habra.

Doug Arnold did the club display for April.

The scholarships committee will go to the club board with their recommendations.

Cyndy Mandell mentioned the San Bernardino County Fair will be held from May 9th—17th. A list for volunteers will be passed around.

Tom Laszlo said that all saws are working at present.

Sunshine News—Val Costello said Ben Weiden was severely injured in an auto accident. Joe Kosik was convalescing and Francis Gramata was recovering from a broken hip.

Alan Molineux reminded members that the meeting minutes (both board and general) could be viewed in detail in the white binder.

FROM THE MAY BOARD MEETING

CFMS insurance for events out of our clubhouse make Traveller's insurance for the same event unnecessary.

We must pay our property taxes.

(2) Scholarship recipients were accepted by the board—James Worthington UCSB (Santa Barbara) and Megan Dirnnan of Cal State Sacramento.

CFMS rep., Pat Estes will put a club display in next year's CFMS show in La Habra.

Don & Marilyn Pomerence will take over from John Printz doing in house purchases.

Our club website will be paid up for another (2) years.

It was motioned that Alan Molineux be allowed \$400 to attend a SCRIBE convention in Quartzite, Az in January, 2010.

Pat Estes is collecting money for "silver kits" for the upcoming silver fabricating class. She will give the money to the club treasurer, Carole Mc Michael.

It was motioned that Kerry Molineux buy more silver wire for her silver wire wrapping class.

Kerry Molineux passed the hat around to help Bill Lane with monetary distress after Ben Weiden's passing.



June 2009



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Hurricane
preparedness
month.



1

Helen

Keller dies in
1968



2

Instructor's

Meeting 6p.m.
Board Meeting
7p.m.



3

Workshop
1—9p.m.

4

Workshop
1—9p.m.

5

Ben Franklin

flies a kite in
1752



6

D-Day 1944



7

Workshop
12noon—5p.m.

8

Transit of Venus



9

President

Nixon resigns in
1974.

10

Workshop
1—9p.m.

11

Workshop
1—9p.m.

12

Anne Frank's
birthday in 1929

13

14

Workshop
12noon—5p.m.

15

Panama canal
opens in 1914.

16

Education Night
7p.m.



17

Workshop
1—9p.m.

18

Workshop
1—9p.m.

19

20

World
Juggling Day



21

Workshop
12noon—5p.m.

22

Wimbledon 2009



23

Pot luck

6:30p.m.
General Mtg.
7:30pm



24

Workshop
1—9p.m.



25

Workshop
1—9p.m.

26

27

"Happy
Birthday" com-
posed in 1829



28

Workshop
12noon—5p.m.

29

30

Adopt a cat
from a
shelter
month



National
Fireworks
Safety
Month



National
cancer from
the sun
month

