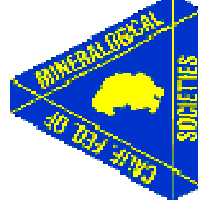
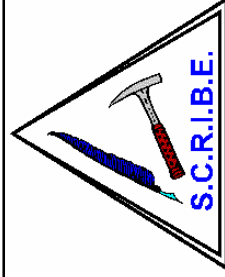


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 Pat Estes, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence and
 Lloyd Guillian

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

ANNUAL CLUB BBQ AND PICNIC



There was enough food for everyone. Members had time to chat with each other.



Pat Estes, Doug and Sara Arnold. Virgil Melton and Don Pomerence.



Brenda and Andrea pose for the camera. Ed Deren, his wife, Taeko and Chieko Printz enjoyed the meal and had time to stop and talk. There were about 30 people at the picnic—and those who came had a great time, eating and talking with each other—about what—well, lapidary was one of the topics but they enjoyed visiting with each other too!

CLUB NEWS

This seems a little redundant—after all this is a club newsletter—but as I was given so much “club news” this month I felt compelled to create a special section for it.

Club Support/Work Day

Sep. 2009—John Printz.

We had a great work day. We had two to three times as many people show up as usual. We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported their club. We got a lot of work accomplished.

Ron Midlikowski and John Printz cleaned saw #7.

Don Pomerence cleaned saws # 3 & 4. (I was there to take pictures of the members working to clean up the club and the bottom of those saws was about 10" deep in a thick brown goo!)

Chris Koch and Sheryl Grennell cleaned the Grinding Room.

Everyone helped clean up the parking lot.

Adelina Elizalde, Pat Estes and Marie Gramata brought in hundreds of grab bags for the Gem Show.

Lloyd Guillian used the pressure washer to clean all of the saws (that were cleaned.)

Ed Deren supervised and helped in all of the areas.

Val Costello cleaned up the kitchen area.

Kerry Molineux completed an inventory of equipment currently

(Work Day Sept. 2009 continued.)

not in use.

Alan Molineux took pictures for the Bulletin.

If I missed anyone, I am sorry, I am getting old and forgetful.

We had pizza for lunch. We got a lot done and had a great time.

October work day will be on 10/31

November work day will be on 11/21

December work day will be on 12/19.

John Printz and Ed Deren.

SIGN UP SHEETS

We now have an upcoming event and/or class board. We need your support. You can sign up for more than one shift and for more than one day. You can also sign up to bring more than one food for the pot lucks.

John Printz.

RAGS

Ron Midlikoski brought in a big bunch of rags. Thank you Ron. If you have any old rags or material (cotton or knit) such as: towels, washcloths, T-Shirts, etc, we can use them at the club for rags. Thanks.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.

G. Donald Gale—World of quotes.com

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, 22nd at 6:30p.m. and the October general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 27th.

Remember, this is your club. Volunteer to keep it running smoothly. Help out where you can. Come in to the club often. Remember, a club member does more than just pay dues.

Sign up for events and meetings whenever you can. Those who are organizing events need to know how many to expect.

Remember, board members and club officers hold these positions because they know a job needs to be done—and they love lapidary. If you want to make a difference, then volunteer too!

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009



On Tuesday, the 15th of December at TASTE BUFFETT on Bear Valley Road and the corner of 7th Street (in the Food for Less Center). As you know (or may not know, all restaurants have raised their prices.) Therefore, this year the buffet (including all you can drink and tax) will be \$11.00 per person.

There is a sign up sheet on the EVENTS bulletin board at the club. If you can't make it in to sign up, call the club during normal shop hours and ask an instructor to sign you up.

We need your name and how many people are coming with you. We will be using the money from last year's auction to offset the price of the meal(s). This is only for those who sign up early. You must sign up by December 1st to get this discount. On December 2nd we will count up how many people have signed up and divide that amount into the Christmas Fund and pay that amount to the buffet so all of the early sign ups will only have to pay the difference of their \$11.00 meal. No, I won't know how much of a discount there will be until we know how many people are going to come.

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

John Printz.

THE AMERICAN OPAL SOCIETY

42ND ANNUAL OPAL & GEM SHOW

- November 7th & 8th 2009.
- Saturday 10a.m.—6p.m. and Sunday 10a.m.—5p.m.
- Admission \$3.00 and children under 15 are FREE.
- Plenty of Free Parking

New Location!

White House/West Wing Event Center
128 S. Beach Boulevard, Anaheim CA 92804.

Located within the Hobby Complex
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<http://opalsociety.org>

American Opal Society, Inc. P.O. Box 4875, Garden Grove, CA 92842

Contacts: Gene LeVan (562) 621-1805

Jay Carey (714) 525-7635

Dealer enquiries welcome.

(HOW TO) STABILIZE ROCKS.

1. You need two bottles (Costco nut mixes.)
2. Fill bottle (1) (about 1/3 full) with rocks.
3. Cover rocks with acetone.
4. Pour acetone from rocks into empty bottle (2).
5. Add resin (part a) from clear epoxy set (Harbor Freight item # 92665.)
6. Stir acetone resin completely.
7. Pour this mix back over the rocks.
8. Let stand a few days (stirring every day.)
9. Pour fluid back into second bottle.
10. Add hardener and mix completely.
11. Pour back over the rocks in the first bottle.
12. Let set one day.
13. Put rocks into the vacuum machine and pull 25 pounds of pressure for 2 minutes.
14. Remove rocks from liquid and place on plastic to dry.

OCTOBER BOARD MINUTES

Lynne Hallock, Kerry Molineux & Ed Deren were guests.

Val Costello reported we have a tentative guest speaker for October. This has to be confirmed.

Virgil Melton said that banners for the Gem & Mineral show will be ready by next week.

We could possibly give the police explorers a free booth at the show and so have free security.

We will be buying (6) waterproof aprons and a 48" aluminum step stool—per the suggestion box.

Gayland Graves is doing a survey to see if an increase in shop fees (a per inch fee) might offset machinery damage costs.

It was voted that Pacific Contracting resurface the parking lot.

Carole McMichael said that formal policies should be installed for club officers to be insured and secured so that they can safely sign on the club CD.

Used and surplus equipment is being inventoried for a future silent auction.

Tom Laszlo suggested we get two more Lauritone rock saws.

John Printz suggested we increase the amount spent on lunch for volunteers on club clean up day.

Alan Molineux suggested that all board members, and officers be dues free for the time of their tenure.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Gil read the minutes of a recent Special Board Meeting—see minutes folder.

Virgil Melton mentioned we are now at the break even point with the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show.

Pat Estes asked for members issues and concerns to bring up at the next CFMS meeting.

Tickets are available for a spot at Camp Paradise (CFMS camp) at \$5 each. Proceeds are going to the CFMS Endowment fund.

Ed Deren spoke of the club cleanup. (see p. 10 of this Bulletin.) Election committee—Carole McMichael, John Printz and Sheryl Grennell. We need volunteers for the position of 3rd V.P for the next Gem Show.

Cyndy Mandell talked about resurfacing the parking lot.

The membership voted to have security cameras installed both indoors and outside the club.

We have a new Bulletin Board.

A Glass Fusion class starts Oct. 15th (Thursday).

Silver classes will be held later.

Report all breakages to the instructor on duty.

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary,
Materials & Equipment.

Call Charles Toles.
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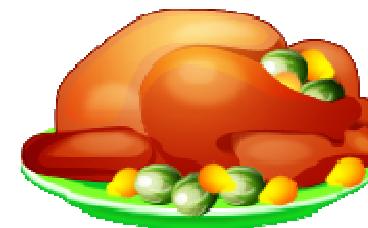
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November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving ends Workshop 12noon-5p.m. 	2 Daniel Boone's Birthday-1734 	3 Instructor's Meeting-6p.m. Board Meeting 7p.m. 	4 Workshop 1-9p.m.	5 Workshop 1-9p.m.	6 Lincoln Elected President in 1860 	7 Madame Curie's Birthday in 1867 
8 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	9 Fall Of the Berlin Wall-1989. 	10	11 Workshop 1-9p.m.	12 Workshop 1-9p.m.	13	14 Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Show
15 Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Show	16 National Tolerance Day 	17 Education Night-7p.m. 	18 Workshop 1-9p.m.	19 Workshop 1-9p.m.	20 First ISS Module launched by Russians in 1998	21 Club Clean-up Day 
22 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	23 Billy the Kid's birthday in 1859. 	24 Pot luck 6:30pm General Mtg. 7:30pm  	25 Workshop 1-9p.m.	26 Thanksgiving 	27 National Flossing Day 	28
29 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	30 Mark Twain's Birthday in 1835. 	American Indian Heritage Month 	National Aviation Month 			

Deadline for the December issue of the Bulletin is Monday, December, 15th. Ph.(760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com