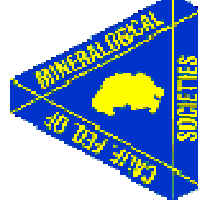
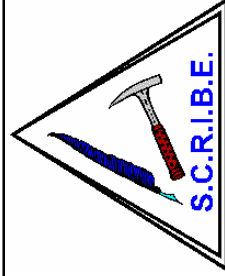


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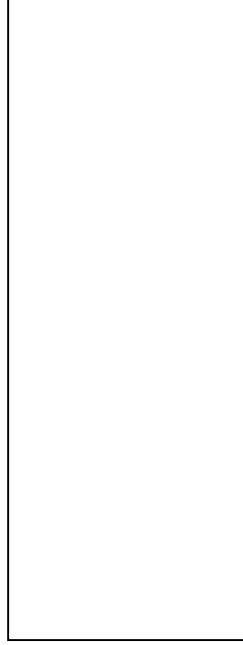
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GLASS FUSION CLASS PHOTOS—by Cyndy Mandell.



Dwayna Barron works in the Glass Fusion Class.

Barbara Minnard chats with Charles Toles.

GLASS FUSING CLASS

By Cyndy Mandell

On two consecutive Thursday evenings, July 30 and August 6 a glass fusing class was held at the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Attending the class were: Gil and Ellen Gilbert, John and Chico Printz, Dwayna Barron, Charles Toles, Sara Arnold, Barbara Minard, Johnathan Vanderloop, and Edalina Elizaide.

Class Fusing is the art of taking several layers of similar art glass and melting them together until they form one piece of glass. The patterns and colors of the class available are extensive and the participants enjoyed looking through all the available pieces for that special one they would make into a pendant. Many shapes and styles were artistically put together using the class, confetti, stringers, and frit to create some very unique pieces.



We are using our new Paragon Kiln to fire the glass with great results. Certification in the use of the kiln is now being conducted by Cyndy Mandell.

Future classes will be offered in November if our club members are interested in learning this wonderfully creative art.

Please contact Cyndy Mandell, 244.7169 if you are interested in participating.

AROUND THE SHOP



Rocks—before they become projects. Blaine Witte works at a *Genie*.



Frank Gerny is working on an all-you-need.



Instructor—on-duty, Tom Laszlo talks to Frank Gerny and Kerry Molineux.



Brett Ward patiently works on one of his projects.



Virgil Melton shows one of his pieces to Jonathan Van Der Loop.

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 August meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th at 6:30p.m. and the September general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22nd.

UPCOMING LAPIDARY EVENTS

August 22-23rd. Orangevale

Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Avenue,
Orangevale, CA 95662.

Hours: Sat. 10—6p.m. & Sun. 10—5p.m.

See David Moulder (916) 290-3193
www.treasuretroveofgems.com

Although not a club show, members of El Dorado & Stockton societies are participating, and the proceeds are supporting the non-profit Sierra Family Services.

ROCK OF THE MONTH

By Gayland Graves.

JASPER

Opaque, fine-grained or dense variety of the silica mineral chart that exhibits various colors, but chiefly brick red to brownish red. Long used for jewelry and ornamentation, it has a dull luster but takes a fine polish; its physical properties are those of quartz. Jasper is common and widely distributed, occurring in the Ural Mountains, North Africa, Sicily, Germany, and elsewhere. For thousands of years, black jasper was used to test gold-silver alloys for their gold content. Rubbing the alloys on the stone, called a touch-stone, produces a streak the color of which determines the gold content within 1 part in 100.

The name jasper is from the Greek, *iaspis*, of Semitic origin; in ancient writings the term was chiefly applied to translucent and brightly colored stones.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Happiness is like a butterfly, the more you chase it, the more it eludes you. But, if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and sits softly on your shoulder.

Anonymous.

Worldofquotes.com

LAPIDARY IN TENINO, WASHINGTON



Kerry shows her lapidary efforts. Hard at work grinding cabs on the Genies.



Looking over a member's shoulder. Table set up, they were working hard.



One of the members brought snacks from a box of projects that one of the members brought in.



Bob Blake, a member, selects a slab from a box of projects that one of the members brought in.

AUGUST BOARD MINUTES

Lease contract with Kaman Bearing would stay the same or now but we would reassess it after a year. Don Pomerence and his wife would speak at the September Education Night on the CFMS rules for displays.

Andrew Turner volunteered to help the Boy and Girl Scouts earn their Geology Merit badges at the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show. Pat Estes announced an upcoming CFMS show in Visalia in September.

Tom Laszlo is fixing the casting machine. We need supplies for the silver room.

Carole Mc Michael & John Printz volunteered to be on the Election Committee. We will have another member on it from the upcoming General Meeting.

We have a lot of used equipment that needs to be catalogued for sale.

Club picnic will be coming up soon. Watch the Bulletin for details.

We are looking at resealing the parking lot and possibly re-striping it and outlining the fire lanes.

Carole Mc Michael volunteered to take notes at the club general meeting as our club secretary now has other commitments the night of board meetings,

JULY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Val Costello announced that the contest had been reestablished for cabochons in the beginner, intermediate and advanced categories.

Virgil Melton announced that rental spaces are selling well at the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show. We still need grab bags and volunteers to put them together.

Joe Kosik volunteered 20lbs of tumbled rock for the grab bags.

Pat Estes (our CFMS Rep.) mentioned that there will be no more CFMS field trips till September—due to the harsh weather.

Tickets are selling for \$5 each to provide a scholarship to Camp Paradise.

Pat Estes held (3) silver smithing sessions for 18 people. She will probably hold more in the fall.

Our club will be offering a field trip to the Katie Mountains on 09/19—see Blaine Witte for details.

Due to his improved health, Joe Kosik is returning to the Historian position as of this month.

Charles Toles will do the club displays in September.

The shop fees have been dropped for instructors.

Gil Gilbert said the election of officers will be mentioned at the August General Meeting.

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Materials
& Equipment.

Call Charles Toles.

Home (760) 951-0372

Cell (760) 220-6748.



**White Buffalo & other turquoise
From various states.**

Priced per piece

Contact Virgil Melton (760) 900-0507

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.



LAPIDARY IN WASHINGTON (CONT.)



Kerry showed the club members what she had made so far and they were fascinated by her wire-wrapping. Here is a trim saw and some templates ready for use.



A buffing wheel made by one of the members.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Marie Gramata reported that Claude Williams recently had surgery. If you know of a member who could use a card from Marie, call Marie Gramata on 245-3775.

While Kerry and I were on summer vacation in Washington state, we visited the Tenino Rock Cruisers Lapidary Club. It had been two years since we had been there and we were warmly received. We wore our name tags and tried to explain to the members where Victorville was.

The club meets in the ground floor of the Masonic Hall in the small town of Tenino, about fifteen miles from Washington's capital, Olympia.


















Kerry took her cabs and finished items with her and gave some of the members a quick class in wire wrapping. Meanwhile I circulated around the room taking photographs for our *Bulletin*.

Visiting other clubs I've come to understand that although everyone does things differently, they all share a love for the lapidary arts. Getting past the superficial differences, everyone chats with fellow members who have become close friends and is proud to show off work they have done.

We were well taken care of and the club members treated us very well. I'm very happy to have renewed our relationship with the Tenino Rock Cruisers and will continue to send them our Bulletin to show them that here in Victorville, we love lapidary tool.....Ed

September 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>National Honey Month </p> <p>6 Workshop 12noon–5p.m.</p> <p>13 Workshop 12noon–5p.m.</p> <p>20 Workshop 12noon–5p.m.</p> <p>27 Workshop 12noon–5p.m.</p>	<p>National School Success month </p> <p>7 Labor Day </p> <p>14</p> <p>21 Houdini premieres his great escape in 1912. </p> <p>28</p>	<p>1 Instructor's Meeting at 6p.m. Board Meeting At 7p.m. </p> <p>8 Northern Pacific Railroad Completed in 1883. </p> <p>15 Education Night 7p.m. </p> <p>22 Pot Luck At 6:30p.m. General Mtg. At 7:30p.m. </p> <p>29</p>	<p>2 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>9 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>16 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>23 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>30 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p>	<p>3 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>10 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>17 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>24 Workshop 1 - 9p.m.</p> <p>National Piano Month </p>	<p>4 Crocodile Hunter—Steve Irwin died in 2006. </p> <p>11 Patriot Day </p> <p>18 U.S Air force established in 1947. </p> <p>25 The first U.S newspaper in 1690. </p> <p>Library Card Sign-up Month </p>	<p>5</p> <p>12</p> <p>19 Rosh Hashanah </p> <p>26 Johnny Apple seed—John Chapman was born in 1774. </p> <p>National 5 a day Month </p>

Deadline for the October issue of the Bulletin is Monday, September, 14th. Ph.(760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com