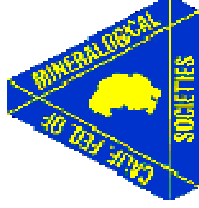
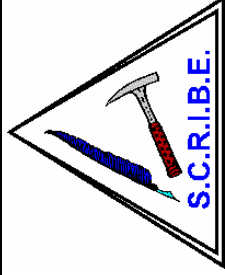


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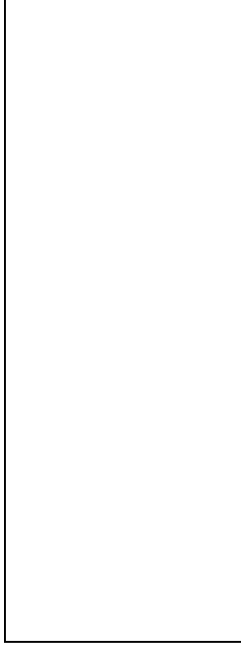
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## YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2010

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Ed Deren, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Joe Kosik, Pat Estes,  
 Virgil Melton, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles,  
 Cyndy Mandell and Lloyd Guillian, John Printz, and Ed Skidmore.

## Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc

### Application for Membership

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members of this organization certify that the above applicant is personally known to us, and would in our judgment, be a valuable member. We hereby recommend this applicant be accepted as a member with all privileges conferred by the club by-laws.

All candidates for membership must attend three scheduled club functions, i.e. general membership meeting, field trip, education night, clean up, etc. This application is kept in the clubhouse and it will be your responsibility to have the membership chairperson or an officer record your (three) required meetings.

1<sup>st</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ initial: \_\_\_\_\_

The intent of the club is to disseminate knowledge of the earth sciences and to encourage the study of these subjects through participation. This club is owned and operated by our members, therefore we need to know any skills, or knowledge you have, so in the future, we can call upon you to help run the Club. As a member you will be expected to participate in the operation of the club. You may/will be asked to serve on a committee.

Please answer these questions below

What kind of jobs, or profession have you held in the past?

What kind of schooling have you had?

What are your hobbies?

Is there anything else special about yourself that you would like to tell us?

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## **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 an active role 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 April meeting will be on Tuesday the 27th, and the May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30p.m.

### **GOODBYE TO A PAPER *BULLETIN*.**

This month's issue is the last time a print version of the Bulletin will be automatically sent to all our members. It will be put on the club website, but if you still require a "hard" copy, then contact our Bulletin Editor—Alan Molineux at (760) 951-7064.

**Club Website—[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)**

## **MINERAL KITS**

On Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be helping the Women In Mining group put together their mineral kits for school teachers. This will be our first joint effort with this mutual interest club in a new venture of helping each other with the education aspects of our two clubs. I hope our members will turn out for this evening event to get to know some of our mining neighbors and help with the kits. A time will be announced later.

### **ON THE FRONT COVER**

Carole Mc Michael and Cyndy Mandell recently gave a presentation to the public on lapidary and the club activities at the Apple Valley Town Library. Our front cover shows a photograph taken there.

### **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR**

The San Bernardino County Fair is being held in it's regular location between May 15th and the 22nd. We need volunteers to man our booth. Sign up for available times at the clubhouse.



## AROUND THE CLUB



Carole lecturing at A.V Library.



A recent club clean up day.



This is the club board and officers. January Education night.



Pat Estes' Silver class.



Don Pomerence helps Lea Hamilton.

## USED INVENTORY

We will be holding an auction at the club on June 5th to sell off surplus inventory—listed below. If you have any questions then ask on of our board members listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

LOCATION	TIME	#	ITEM	MIN BID
TOOL ROOM	2/15/2011 11:24 AM	1	1ST DOP POT	\$ 2.00
		2	2ND DOP POT	\$ 2.00
		3	SPHERE GRABBER (SPRUNG)	\$ 10.00
		4	SMALL TUMBLER (BLUE METAL)	\$ 5.00
		5	VIBRATING LAP	\$ 10.00
		6	SMALL GRAVES MOTOR FOR TUMBLER	\$ 2.00
		7	SMALL MOVIE SCREEN	\$ 1.00
		8	LARGE MOVIE SCREEN	\$ 2.00
		9	GREY GHOST (LARGE HOMEMADE SAW)	\$ 50.00
		10	BROWN TUMBLER	\$ 5.00
		11	BOX BUFF PLATES	\$ 10.00
		12	WISE BASE	\$ 2.00
OUTSIDE SIDE YARD		13	METAL TV STAND ON WHEELS (KEEP SAW)	
		14	BAKERS RACK WROUGHT IRON	\$ 10.00
		15	GRINDER SEARS & ROEBUCK ON WOODEN CHEST	\$ 25.00
		16	GRINDER WITH 3 WHEELS	\$ 25.00
		17	SMALL ROCK SAW	\$ 10.00
		18	3 SHELF UNIT	\$ 10.00
		19	1 LARGE CENTRIFUGE (GREEN WOODEN)	\$ 25.00
		20	METAL SHELF (4)	\$ 5.00
		21	METAL SHELF (5)	\$ 10.00
STORAGE CONTAINER		22	3 WOOD BOXES ELECTROPLATING	\$ 25.00
		23	CANNON PRINTER	\$ 5.00
		24	BOX FAN	\$ 2.00
		25	BOX FAN	\$ 2.00
		26	BURN OUT FURNACE	\$ 5.00
			BOARD APPROVAL TO GET RID OF GREY GHOST LINE ITEM #9	
			BOARD APPROVAL FOR ABOVE LISTED ITEMS	
			DETERMINE TYPE AND DATE OF AUCTION	
			DETERMINATION ON LEFT OVER ITEMS FROM AUCTION AFTER AUCTION IS FINISHED	
			RECOMMEND ALL ROCK MATERIAL GOES INTO ROCKS TO BE AUCTIONED FROM NOW ON	

## V.V.G&M.C GENERAL MEETING – MARCH..

Club clean up day is on the last Saturday of each month.

Slick and Mariliyn Pierson are converting our library VHS tapes to DVD format. This will save a lot of room.

Mike Stafford is our Hospitality person and Jonathan Vanderloop is our club historian.

Pat Estes reminded us that we have a booth at the annual CFMS show in La Habra—June 18th—22nd. It will be a turquoise display.

The May issue of the Bulletin is the last time it will automatically be sent to all members. In June it is going electronic.

Ed Skidmore spoke about the programs now available on Saturdays.

The San Bernardino County Fair is on May 15th—22nd. We need volunteers to sign up to man our booth.

Cyndy Mandell—(our club president) acknowledged all those who helped with the running of the recent Tailgate.

Pat Estes is holding a Beginning Silver class on Wednesdays, March 31st and April 7th & 14th (7-9pm). Gayland Graves will teach Intarsia on Wednesdays.

## V.V.G&M.C BOARD MEETING – APRIL

Mr. Eric M. from CSUSB will talk at the April Education night about Copper Silicates.

Lois Papner is looking for volunteers to help with the organization of the upcoming Gem & Mineral show.

Don & Marilyn Pomerence are helping Pat Estes establish her display of turquoise stones for the upcoming CFMS annual show in La Habra.

Brett Ward is being sent a letter of thanks for his work with the recent Tailgate.

Traveller's Insurance have reinstated our insurance policy.

Women in Mining are working at our club to put together Mineral Kits.

We will possibly review the policy on not buying used equipment.

We are looking for a perpetual plaque—which we have somewhere in the clubhouse—for lifetime members.

Board members will help new volunteers ease into their positions.

Carole McMichael and Cyndy Mandell gave a lecture on lapidary and the club activities at the Apple Valley Public Library on Tuesday 03-30-'10.

A copy of the Application for Membership form is now appearing in the *Bulletin*.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL, 2010

The Fair is coming and we have been invited to have our display booth in the community building once again. The fair runs from May 15th to May 22nd and is open Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 10:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to sit and demonstrate at the booth in three to four shifts. Equipment from the club will be available for volunteers to work on. Free passes for entrance and parking will be given to those who volunteer. There is a sign up sheet available at the club.

Our first silver smithing class of the year is coming to a close with a second one soon to follow. Pat Estes led a very successful class with several of our members making nice cabachons.

A new beading class will be offered at the end of May and will be taught by myself, Cyndy Mandell, and Marilyn Pomerence. A sign up sheet is available at the club.

The wire wrapping class is continuing on Sundays with Kerry Molineux. Please join Kerry for three free lessons.

Also coming up is Serendipity Day at Topaz School on Thursday, May 20th. This is a fun day for the students featuring hands-on workshops presented by community groups. Virgil Melton and myself have been presenting wire wrapping for the last four years. The children love to make these pendants and wear them around their necks as they leave the class. All materials are provided by us and anyone can volunteer to assist the students in making their jewelry. We really need more people to help with this activity. A sign-up sheet is available at the club.

Progress is also being made on the clean-up of the side yard at the club with John Printz and many others contributing lots of time building shelving to store our sample rocks. Lots of time has been spent sorting the rocks that were stored in buckets and boxes and now they will be labeled and placed on shelves.

Please remember to bring your own dishware to the general meetings for our potlucks. Also, remember that in June we will be going "green" with our *Bulletin* and only sending paper copies to those that request it. This will greatly cut down on the cost of mailings. Those with access to the Internet may view the newsletter in color on our web site at [www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org).

# May 2010



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
2 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	3	4 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Board Meeting 7p.m.	5 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	6 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	7	8 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
9 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	10	11	12 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	13 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	14	15 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
16 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	17	18 Education Night 7p.m.	19 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	20 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	21	22 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
23 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	24	25 Pot Luck 6:30pm Monthly General Meeting 7:30pm	26 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	27 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	28	29 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Club Clean up 9a.m.
30 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	31					