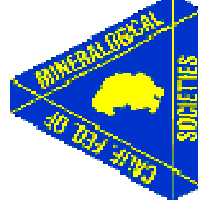
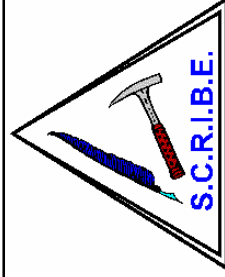


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APRIL ROCK OF THE MONTH

Tiger's eye by Gayland Graves.

Tiger's Eye is the Planetary stone for Gemini (May 21-Jun. 20) and the accepted gem for the ninth wedding anniversary.

Tiger's eye (tigers eye, tiger eye, tiger iron) is a member of the quartz group of. It is one of the chatoyant gemstones. Chatoyancy exhibits a changeable silky luster as light is reflected within the thin parallel fibrous bands. This effect is due to the fibrous structure of the material.

Tiger iron is composed of tiger's eye, red jasper and black hematite. The rippled wavy bands of color often resemble a scenic view. Marra Mamba is a form of tiger iron found in one area of Australia near Mount Brockman. It is a very rare type of tiger iron that contains shades of red, green, yellow, and blue. This area has been mined out for many years so very little of the "true" marra mamba is available today.

An exceptional looking piece of marra mamba tiger's iron rough from Australia looks like the evening sun setting behind a mountain range. It has a greenish cast with shades of brown, golden yellow, red and blue veining.

Because the minerals in this stone are of varying hardness, it is difficult to polish without under cutting.

Tiger's eye is mined in Western Australia, South Africa, USA, Canada, India, Namibia, and Burma.

Folklore, Legend, and Healing Properties:

Many legends about quartz say that wearing tiger's eye (which is a form of quartz) is beneficial for health and spiritual well being. Legend also says it is a psychic protector, great for business, and an aid to achieving clarity.

Name	Moh's	Specific Gravity	Structure	Cleavage
Tiger's Eye	7	2.64-2.71	Hexagonal	None

Refractive Index	Double	Disp.	Pleochro	Fluorescence
1.544-1.553	+0.009	0.013	None	None

(President's Message cont. from p.5)

Our five-year plan committee has presented a request to obtain an appraisal on our buildings and property in order to proceed with plans. The Board motioned and passed their approval at the March 2, board meeting and we are hoping that the general membership will also give their approval at tonight's meeting. The finance committee will be meeting soon to consider proposals from the maintenance group to who are requesting purchases in their areas of saws, silver room, all-u-needs, and grinders.

Lois Papner, third vice president and gem show chairperson has obtained an application and made a deposit for the fairgrounds and our November Gem Show.

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Antiques,
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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 March meeting was held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30p.m.

THANKS FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS

I would like to thank Jim Fosse for the aerial photograph of the Tailgate which I used for the front cover. I would also like to thank Cyndy Mandell for the use of some of the photographs she took at our recent Tailgate.

Thank you to everyone who contributes articles and photographs to the Bulletin. It makes my job easier and it makes the newsletter more "club friendly"Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS WEST COAST SHOW MOVES TO FAIRPLEX AT POMONA

The West Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, at Fairplex Buildings 7 and 9, will include demonstrations, speakers, door prizes, special exhibits and much more to see. The May 2010 show will include about 80 retail dealers and 15 wholesale dealers. Speakers will include Rock Currier and Marty Zinn. There will be a \$5/adult admission charge and one free admission is offered with each parking receipt. Parking is \$9/day. For more information, visit www.mzexpos.com/westcoast_spring.htm.

Mark your calendar NOW
And plan to visit the show
May 14-16, and Nov. 12-14, 2010.

GOODBYE TO A PAPER *BULLETIN*.

Next month (the May issue) is the last month 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

TAILGATE 2010—OUR 34TH!



There were a lot of vendors here this year! Mary Lou is selling her wares.



It really tok on the appearance of a little village. The men are putting up the food tent.



Ewald Jaskolski made some fine lamps. They were certainly eye catching. I hear they looked great when he turned them on each evening.

Normally, we have the abridged minutes of the monthly board meeting and general meetings displayed in the Bulletin—however this month we will forgo that as we will be hoding 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	10:11:24 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	

FIELD TRIPS

With Blaine Witte



Sorry I missed you all at the General Meeting. I had all the good intentions of being there but was stricken by an episode of premature 'Old-timers disease.' Anyway, at least I still remember where to find the rocks. As for that a group of us braved it out on Saturday (Feb. 20) to North Edward's. Guess what! The weather was actually pretty good most of the day. Just a few clouds at the end of the day. We made it out to the onyx claim. We didn't have a lot of luck excavating on our own but there was a lot of smaller high quality material that others had passed over from their diggings that we were able to scavenge. Then we went out to an area near Castle Butte to find agate and jaspers in float. There was an abundance of material there but you had to be selective. On the way back out we picked another site in the hills south of Castle Butte. There we found banded agate and opalite, agate nodules, wonderstone also in great abundance and then even a little petrified wood. After this some of the folks that

(Recent Field Trips—Continued)

Since, it was on the way home we went there too. At the end everyone seemed to feel they had the most fun they'd had in a while.

Next month will be Tail Gate, so of course that will take the place the field trip. Our next field trip in the making for April will be a trip to the Hector Mine. The club was there just a few years ago but we have a lot of newer members including myself that haven't gone. I understand that was really enjoyed by those that went. I'm really looking forward to that one. Maybe by May we'll be ready to go out to Lead Mountain for the copper minerals.

If anyone has ideas for future trips or wants to help lead one let me know. Also if your interested in scouting out trips let me know.

Have fun and be safe,
Blaine Witte

(I recently received this e-mail from Blaine and so I'm passing it on to the members.)

Patricia is still working on scheduling our trip out to the Hector mine. We are looking at Sat. April 17. We don't have a time yet. The meeting place will probably be the rest stop just before the Hector exit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH, 2010

I have a dilemma this month in expressing a thank you to all who helped make the Tailgate a success. I would like to list all the people who helped by volunteering, however I'm afraid I might leave someone out if I start naming names. There were so many people that deserve to be mentioned for their hard work I would feel bad if I left anyone out. I will therefore apologize first as I attempt to make a list and give thanks to all who helped.

First of all, I would like to thank Michael Fosse who worked all day Saturday and Sunday as a cashier in our food tent his assistance was invaluable. Also Lloyd Gilliam, Lynn Hallack, Gayland Graves, Pat Estes, and me. A big thanks goes out to everyone who brought deserts to sell. Helping to load rocks, tables, chairs, the tent, food items, etc. at the club were: Ed Deren, Jim Fosse, Don Pomereke, Brett Ward, Ewald Jaskolsky. A big thanks to Ed Deren, Gayland Graves, and Charles Toles for establishing a sales table for the club rocks and Ty McMichael for helping to load 100's of pounds of rocks from our outside storage area to members trucks to be taken to the Tailgate site. Buckets of rocks from the shop were put up for sale and were high graded on sight allowing for us to clean out our storage area and establish an organized space for donations. John Printz has led a few of us in establishing labeled shelving for separating rock donations in the future to keep a neat and defined space for storage. Gayland Graves also set up a membership booth to promote our club and obtained quite a few applications. Thank you also to Jim Fosse for once again leading the Saturday field trip to the Tri-Colored Marble and Verde Antique area near the Tailgate site. A thank you to Lois Papner who obtained donations from the vendors for the porta potties and a list of names and addresses of all who were in attendance. She will send them a thank you and an invitation to our gem show.

Of course, we are extremely grateful to Brett Ward for bringing everything together as he has been doing for years. He puts up the signs, has flyers printed, gets advertising in the local papers, inventories and purchases all the kitchen supplies for the events, cooks, arranges for port-a-potties (an essential), and gives up several days of paid work to insure the success of this event. (Continued on page 11.)

April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	2	3 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
4 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	5	6 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Monthly Board Meeting 7p.m.	7 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	8 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	9	10 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
11 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	12	13	14 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	15 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	16	17 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
18 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	19	20 Education Night 7p.m.	21 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	22 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	23	24 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Club clean up day— 9a.m.
25 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	26	27 Monthly Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.	28 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	29 Workshop 1p.m.—9p.m.	30	

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