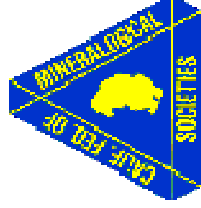
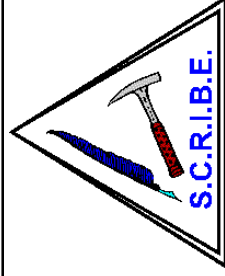


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CLUB FEATURES



We have slabs for sale available at the club that new members can work on.



Our club has been operating since 1947 and periodically we have to buy new equipment. Recently—due to the heavy workload as many members used the equipment, it was decided to buy new lapidary machinery. Our instructors and maintenance people spent an inordinate amount of time working on our old equipment to try and keep it running. I guess, in a nutshell, buying new equipment is the price of success!

Pictured here are new carborundum wheels, new saws and new grinding wheels for the genies. There is much more new equipment in the silver and casting room and members need only look around the club itself to see where the money goes.

We want to keep the equipment functional and available to all to use. Everything is done for a reason and the next time you come in to the club to work on one of your projects, think of those who buy, clean and maintain the equipment you use—remember, they are members—just like you!

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Antiques, Collectibles, Tools & Clean Outs 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 Joe!
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.



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 July meeting was on Tuesday the 27th, and the August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:30p.m.

CONCERNING THE ONCE—PAPER BULLETIN.

The first time we printed our Bulletin electronically we had (as I expected) some hiccups. Hopefully, now, everyone is getting the Bulletin in the format they require. Remember we are trying to be as "green" as possible. We realize that some folks don't have a working online connection and so if you still require a "hard" copy, then contact our Bulletin Editor—Alan Molineux at (760) 951-7064.

ON THE FRONT COVER

I took this photograph when I was at Quartzite, AZ. I know it's a geode and that's about all I can tell you. I'm sorry I can't be more descriptive!

CLUB FIELD TRIPS

As Blaine Witte, our Wagon Master explained at the recent general meeting. Summer is upon us and consequently, field trips will be put on hiatus for a month or two. It's going to be too hot to go out and look for and haul back rocks. Summer is traditionally a time when members go on vacation anyway and so attendance at the club drops appreciatively. If members have their own cutting and polishing equipment at home then they prefer to work in the cool of their own home rather than come out to the club.

I'm working on this Bulletin in advance because my wife and I are going off to Washington in July. I heard last night at the general meeting that instructor, Ed Skidmore wants to lead a field trip out to Rosemon, past Lancaster to harvest the area's rocks and minerals. I hear he wants to go out on July 10th.

EDUCATION NIGHT

Mr. Austin Marshall of the local Mitsubishi plant at Cushenberry will be our Educational speaker in July.



AROUND THE CLUB



This is the club, the night of the monthly meeting. The parking lot is always full.



The Bulletin board has important information. This A/V equipment is used a lot on educational nights!



The office in the club is really small! You can't see the club computer or printer—they are behind the door. Nevertheless, board members and instructors use this space to work in (when necessary) and pick up their mail.

CHILDREN WRITING ABOUT THE OCEAN...

If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island.
If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent.

(Alex, age 7)

My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and pots and comes back with crabs.

(Millie, age 6)

Some fish are dangerous. Jelly fish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves into chargers.

(Christopher, age 7)

The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know.

(Bobby, age 6)

My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean.. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom.

(James, age 7)

Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more.

(Kylie, age 6) These are part of an e-mail sent to me by my friend, Susan Birrell.



Friday, May 21st was Serendipity Day at Topaz School. Virgil Melton and Cyndy Mandell helped over 100 students make a copper spiral cage pendant. The students were able to select a polished stone of their choice to insert into the cage and then wear it around their necks. Virgil also shared sample pieces of turquoise of various colors and sizes and explained how it was formed.

V.V.G & M.C GENERAL MEETING - JUNE

Gayland Graves stood in for Cyndy Mandell as club president. Pat Estes said VVG&MC did well with their exhibit at the CFMS show in La Habra/Whittier. She thanked everyone involved for their hard work. Blaine Witte (Wagon Master) said about 20 people went on the Hector Mine field trip. Due to the hot weather, field trips will be curtailed now for a month or two. Our recent auction of used equipment was very successful and the proceeds will be added to those of the next auction to possibly buy a new piece of club equipment. Club Scholarship checks have been sent out and thank yous returned. Pat Estes spoke about raffling a seat at the upcoming Zyzyx jewelry camp. Unfortunately it is full but we will be raffling a seat at the Zyzyx camp or Camp Paradise in the north for next year.

V.V.G & M.C BOARD MEETING - JULY

There will be no board meeting minutes in July as most of the Board will be out of town on vacation. However, there was an Instructor's meeting at the usual time of 6p.m.

THANK YOU GAYLAND!

Thank you so much for running the monthly meeting in late June—you did a great job. The meeting ran well and everyone was happy. You followed the agenda and everyone enjoyed the meeting. Kerry and I won't be in town for the August meeting as we'll be out of town. Sheryl Grinnell will be doing my duties for me—thank you Sheryl!



AROUND THE CLUB—CONTINUED



The club is full on general meeting nights. We love to eat!



Here's just a part of the spread!

Our club always has a raffle.



Club merchandize is available for sale - See Pat Estes—she can always help you out!



August 2010



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1 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	2	3 Instructor's Meeting at 6p.m. Board Meeting at 7p.m.	4 Workshop 1-9p.m.	5 Workshop 1-9p.m.	6	7 Workshop 12noon–5p.m.
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15 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	16	17 Education Night 7p.m.	18 Workshop 1-9p.m.	19 Workshop 1-9p.m.	20	21 Workshop 12noon–5p.m.
22 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	23	24 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.	25 Workshop 1-9p.m.	26 Workshop 1-9p.m.	27	28 Workshop 12noon–5p.m. Club Clean up 9a.m.
29 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	30	31				

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