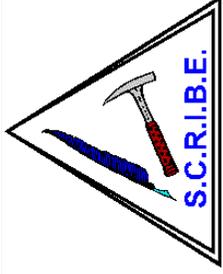


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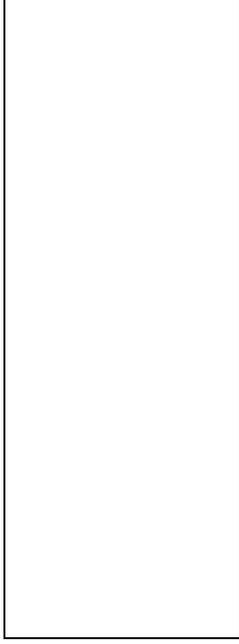
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Upcoming club Gem Shows

October 1st & 2nd: Oroville, CA
Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society.
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
1200 Meyers Street
Hours: Sat: 10—5p.m. Sun. 10—4p.m
Lori Millard (530) 533-2968
riverotter@ips.net

October 2nd: Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado Street, Suite B
Hours: 10—4p.m.
Janice Bricker (760) 728-1130
fgms@sbcglobal.net
www.fgms.org

October 8th and 9th: Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30—5p.m.
Sun: 7:30—4p.m.
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild
(760) 372-5356 slgms@iwvisp.com
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October 8th and 9th: Vista, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 10—5p.m daily
Lois Harr (760) 724-0395
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570

October 8th and 9th: Grass Valley CA.
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society. Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 Mc Courtney Road
Hours: 10—5p.m. daily.
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
kmoore160@comcast.net
<http://www.ncgms.org>

October 15th: West Hills, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10—5p.m.
Mary Beth Pio
info@rockchippers.org

October 15th and 16th: Whittier, CA.
Whittier Gem and Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Boulevard
Hours: 10—5p.m. Daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Joemar1@verizon.net

October 15th and 16th: Santa Rosa, CA.
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veteran's Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10—6p.m. Sun. 10—5p.m.
Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651
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www.srmgs.org

Upcoming Club Equipment Auctions

We will auction off (2) saws—a (12") saw and a (16") saw. They will both be sold at open auction on September 27th. The minimum bid for the (12") saw is \$225 and the minimum bid for the (16") saw is \$500.

Some repair to each of them is recommended.

The (12") saw needs the rock carriage rebuilt.
The motor and the blade need to be put back on.
All else is minor repair.

The (16") saw needs the rock carriage rebuilt.
There needs a cover over the saw arbor.
The motor needs to be put back on. **(This is a Reminder)**

September Field Trip - Gem Hill

Our next field trip was on September 24th. We went out to Gem Hill near Rosamond. We met at the club at 8AM and headed out on Hwy 18 to the Hwy 138. We met up with some of our members at Charlie Browns in Little Rock on the way.

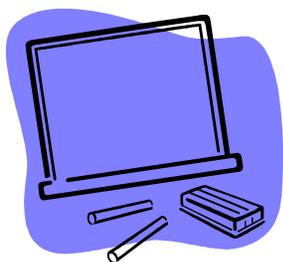
Many materials were found there were a variety of agates, jaspers, petrified wood and green opal. There was a lot of float material for easy pickings but the banded blue agate and green opal were found in veins and had to be worked with gads and hammers to get the nicer pieces. There were blue agate nodules that are in basalt that also needed to be chiseled out.

We brought our bags, hammers, spay bottles and heavier equipment. We also brought plenty of water and food. We brought our sunscreen as well.

If you are interested in a preview look at the Gem Hill video on YouTube. It shows what to expect if you go after the green opal.

What's New?

Look on and around the notice board inside the club for extra copies of the Bulletin, CFMS Newsletters and many other things that may interest lapidarists.



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 64 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 General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 23rd at 7:30p.m. and the October General Meeting will be on Tuesday the 25th.

Education Night

This issue of the Bulletin was going to print before the General Meeting. It is my hope that what I print actually comes to pass. Eric Scott, a paleontologist at the San Bernardino Museum was our guest speaker at the September Education Night. Remember, as I've posted on the calendar, the Education Night starts at 7p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. 3



On the Front Cover

It's the time of year for our annual barbeque/picnic—a time for us all to get together, eat, chat and make merry! It's an opportunity to enjoy each other's company outside the club house. These events don't happen by themselves and many of the officers and other club members are putting in a lot of time and effort—especially our Hospitality Manager— Mike Stafford and his wife Marilyn. See the article on page 9 to learn more about this social gathering.

So Long!

Andrew Turner and his wife Natalie and family are relocating to Utah! They will certainly be missed.

Petrified Pups

I couldn't fit everything I wanted on page 4. I would like to thank Nancy Flanders, Jonathan Vanderloop and John Printz for all of their help that day and I would also like to thank Cyndy Mandell for taking and sending me the photographs...Ed



Putting together the V.V. G & M.C Roster.

While I think of it, I would like to thank Jim Fosse and Lois Papner for going to all the trouble of compiling, checking and printing up a new membership roster for our club. Thanks for your efforts!

Our younger members



These pictures were taken on August 20th and show Nancy Flanders helping the Petrified Pups pan for gold.



Here, the Petrified pups are shown busily concentrating around the panning station. John Printz demonstrates and attentive parents look on.



The Pups are working outside.

Parents look on under the umbrella.

Annual club Barbeque/Picnic

This is a chance for you to get together with your fellow club mates—outside of a club setting. Just sit, talk and enjoy the company and good food.

Where—Doris Davies Park (formerly known as Pebble Beach Park) - 16305 Hughes Road, Victorville.

When—Saturday, October 22nd from 10a.m to 4p.m.

The club will supply soft drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs and buns and condiments.

Remember to bring a plate, and some flatware—a napkin would be a good idea too! Bring a side dish—enough for yourself and your significant other and at least one other person. We want to enjoy your good cooking too!

There'll be tables and chairs but you might want to bring folding chairs too—I know you have some!

If you eat or drink anything special or different than most folks, you might want to bring it along so as to avoid disappointment!



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August General Meeting Minutes

Lois Papner went through the book check out procedures for the club library. She also added that there is a box for all book returns.

Eric Scott a paleontologist at the San Bernardino Museum will be our guest speaker at the September Education Night.

Blaine Witte (the club Wagonmaster) spoke of recent and upcoming field trips.

There is a rock carving class in Whittier this Sunday morning. Jonathan Vanderloop will lead members there.

We spoke about fortifying the hillside behind the clubhouse.

We recently had another water pipe break. It is soon to be repaired.

(8) chairs were sold off at auction to various members at a cost of \$10 each.

Gayland Graves successfully bid on the rock tumbler for \$80.

Andrew Turner donated (4) buckets of rough to the club for auction. They brought in a total of \$87.

Andrew Turner thanked the members for a get well card recently sent to his wife, Natalie.

Virgil Melton was made a Lifetime member by the membership present.

September Board Minutes

Cyndy Mandell reported of a recent Insurance claim and showed off a check she received on behalf of the club.

John Printz wanted to get (2) hardness kits and a specific gravity kit for the Petrified Pups.

Gary Swank's company successfully bid to drain the hillside at the rear of the clubhouse.

John Printz is looking around for a metal 2-door locker for the Petrified Pups.

Jim Fosse and Lois Papner are printing a new club roster.

The board voted to buy a new Intarsia machine.

Cyndy Mandell ordered (2) wireless microphones.

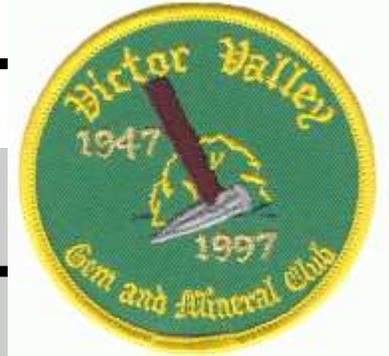
We need committee leaders for the Petrified Pups and the Clean Up committees.

The board voted to accept (4) new membership applications.

Jim Fosse asked that instructors should be allowed to cut rocks on their duty days during non-shop hours.

John Printz said we need a sprayer in the grinding room and the silver room.

October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Workshop 1—9p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
2 Workshop 1-5 p.m.	3	4 Instructor's Mtg. 6p.m. Board Mtg. 7p.m.	5 Workshop 1—9p.m.	6 Workshop 1—9p.m.	7	8 Workshop 1—9p.m.
9 Workshop 1-5 p.m.	10	11	12 Workshop 1—9p.m.	13 Workshop 1—9p.m.	14	15 Workshop 1—9p.m.
16 Workshop 1-5 p.m.	17	18 Education/Demo. Night—7p.m.	19 Workshop 1—9p.m.	20 Workshop 1—9p.m.	21	22 Workshop 1—9p.m.
23 Workshop 1-5 p.m.	24	25 Pot Luck at 6:30p.m. Monthly Genl.Mtg at 7:30pm	26 Workshop 1—9p.m.	27 Workshop 1—9p.m.	28	29 Workshop 1—9p.m.
30 Workshop 1-5 p.m.	31					

Deadline for the November issue of the Bulletin is Monday, Oct.,17th. Ph.(760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com