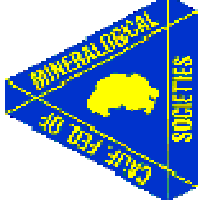
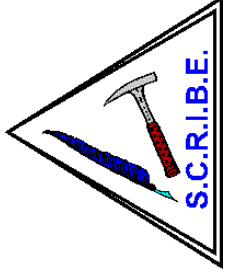


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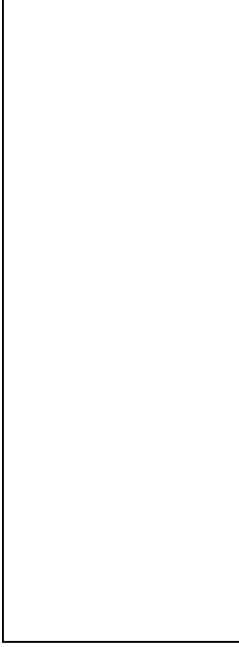
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I came to the tailgate and took pictures for the newsletter and Cyndy took some as well. I have not put captions in—as I usually do, in order to fit in as many photos as I could. I hope they capture the atmosphere of the tailgate. On one page, I wandered up and down between the booths and on this page I have tried to put in some vendors and some club members. I enjoyed myself thoroughly (as I knew I would) and that is a testament to the hard work of the legion of members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes....Ed

## The 33rd annual V.V.G.M.C rock hound Tailgate



We held the 33rd annual tailgate over the weekend, Friday, March 11th through Sunday, March 13th. The sun was shining and the weather was ....perfect. The vendors seemed happy, visitors seemed happy and club members pitched in and helped where they could. No doubt there will be a formal letter from our club president, Cyndy Mandell thanking all who helped in some of the many capacities that presented themselves.

## 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 March General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00p.m. and the April General Meeting will be on Tuesday the 26th .

### On The Front Cover

Cyndy Mandell is in her second term as club president and she has achieved a lot during her tenure. (See the list of accomplishments on p.10 of the February 2011 *Bulletin*.) She is shown on the front cover holding a certificate of appreciation after demonstrating the lapidary arts at West Creek Elementary School in February 2011.

### Club Clean up

We're mighty proud of our club but because it is open so much (for our members) it does need maintaining. We have a club clean up on the last Saturday of each month—check the *Bulletin* calendar for times. 3

## Petrified Pups —formerly the Pebble Pups.

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club's Youth Program. This available to anyone from 10 -18 years of age. Your parent or guardian must be a V.V.G & M.C member.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9a.m—noon.

The following is our monthly agenda from January to July.

January—Rock and Mineral I.D  
February—Lapidary Arts (Cabochons)  
March—Collecting and Field Trips.  
April—Earth in space.  
May—Stone age tools and art (knapping).

June—Rocking on the computer.

July—Gold panning and prospecting

There are (7) more topics in the CFMS program but the young people have not yet decided in which order they want to complete the other topics.

For more information about this and other issues, call the V.V. G.M.C at (760) 243-2330.

I kept this in from last month because I think it is so important!.....Ed

### Emergency Board Meeting

An emergency board meeting is being held at 6p.m on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6p.m.—just before the start of the general meeting.

It is concerning the club restoration. Club members are welcome to attend.

March Board  
Minutes

As John Jones was not our guest speaker for the February Education meeting, Lois Papner will try and secure him for March.

The Jonathan VanderLoop secured quotes for another storage locker.

Brett Ward talked more about the upcoming tailgate.

There will be a CFMS field trip in Oregon on the Memorial Day weekend.

It was agreed to go ahead with the fencing separating Del Taco from the club—to facilitate parking.

Lynne Hallock will draw up a spec sheet for painting the Kaman Bldg.

Jonathan VanDerLoop will look at the cost of re-roofing the club house.

We need two outside security cameras and a light pole.

We have bought a small storage container for the women's bathroom and now need one in the grinding room and one in the silver room.

We need demonstrators for education night.

We have had no reply from Burttec re damage to Kaman Bearing's power pole.

**Club members are welcome at the club board meetings and they usually run from 7p.m. to 9p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.**

February General Meeting  
minutes

Lynne Hallock sent letters to members who have not yet paid their dues.

Pat Estes (CFMS Rep) told of the CFMS annual conference on May 17th at Anderson, CA.

The jewelry camp at Zyzyx on Mar. 27th—April 3rd.

The Jewelry camp at Camp Paradise in September for 2 weeks and the CFMS field trip in Lompoc CA.

Pat gave out pins and hangars to the club officers.

Linda Engle will do the club display for March.

Lois Papner said the third computer to be ordered for the club library will be \$510.22.

Don Pomerence and Blaine Witte will be lecturing to the Petrified Pups.

Brett Ward spoke of the upcoming tailgate.

Cyndy Mandell spoke of the club flood and the clean up that ensued and thanked all members for their help.

Kerry Molineux thanked Cyndy Mandell for her help.

Cyndy Mandell was given a certificate of appreciation by West Creek Elementary school for lecturing to the student about lapidary.

We are working on a club phone tree.

Letters of the upcoming club scholarships have been sent to Geology and Earth Science University

4 department chairs.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE

(So enjoy this day while it lasts...)

Your Kids are becoming you...and you don't like them...but your grandchildren are *Perfect!*

Going Out is good.. Coming Home is better!

When People say "You Look Great"... They Add "For Your Age!"

When You needed the discount, you paid full Price. Now You get discounts on Everything—Movies, Hotels, flights, but you're too tired to use them.

You forget names .... But it's OK because other people forgot they Even knew you!!!

The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything .... Especially Golf.

Your spouse is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.

The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

Your husband sleeps better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than he does in bed. It's called his "pre-sleep".

Remember when your mother said, "Wear clean underwear in case you 'GET' in an accident"? Now you bring clean underwear in case you 'HAVE' an accident!

You used to say, "I hope my kids 'GET' married... Now, "I hope they 'STAY' married!"

You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

When GOOGLE, i-pod, email, modem .... Were unheard of, and a mouse was something that Made you climb on a table.

You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???

Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

Your husband has a night out with the guys, but he's home by 9:00p.m.

Next week it will be 8:30p.m.

You read 100 pages into a book before you realize you've already read it.

But Old is good in some things: Old songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Sent to me in an e-mail by Nick Beall—Thank you Nick!

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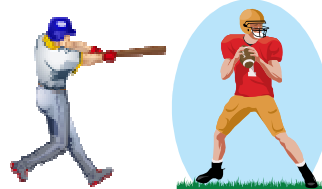
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## Lapidary Lecture at Victorville's Discovery School

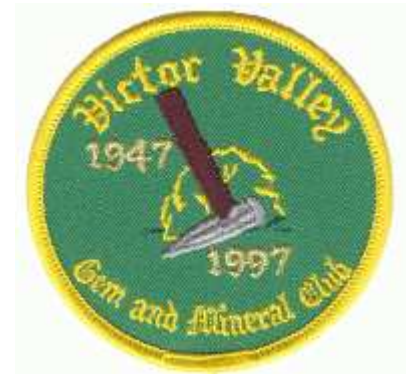


Cyndy Mandell visited Victorville's Discovery School on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 to give a presentation and demonstration to their second graders. Four groups of 60 second graders took part in the presentation made on behalf of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. The children got an overview of different kinds of rocks and where they came from and they participated in an abbreviated science lesson on the density of rocks. Each student was able to drop a rock in a bucket of water to see if it sank or floated and come up with a hypothesis: "All rocks sink". This was followed by dropping a large chunk of pumice into the bucket to disprove their hypothesis since the pumice did not sink. Each student got to select between a piece of opal from the Tiffany mine or a piece of agate to keep. The presentation was a reward to second graders who had met their Accelerated Reading Goals.

Tailgate, club, and Petrified Pups flyers were given out to the students and teachers.



# April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m Petrified Pups 9a.m.—12 noon
<b>3</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Instructor's Meeting— 6p.m. Board	<b>6</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>7</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Workshop 12 noon—5p.m
<b>10</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>14</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m Petrified Pups 9a.m.—12 noon
<b>17</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Education/ Demonstration Night 7p.m.	<b>20</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>21</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
<b>24</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly Genl. Mtg. 7:30pm	<b>27</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>28</b> Workshop 1p.m.-9p.m	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Workshop 12noon-5p.m Club Clean up 9a.m.—till it ends.

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