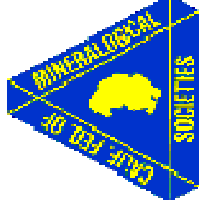
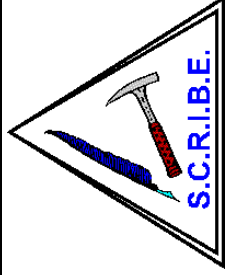


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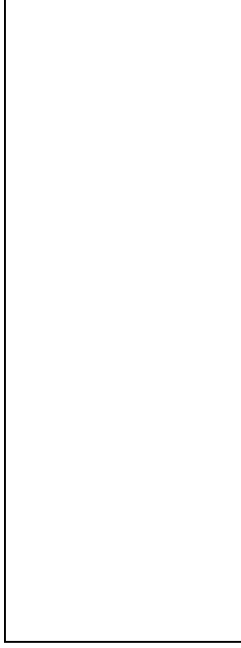
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Club Website—www.vvqmc.org

Minutes of May Board Meeting

Terry Booth mentioned that Joyce Fitzgerald of Women in Mining will speak at the May Education Night on the formation of local rocks.

Jonathan Van DerLoop brought (5) sites for the Fall Tailgate before the board.

The board voted to accept changes in the wording of Article 4 (2b) on membership and also to rewrite the wording of Article 5 Section 3 on membership.

A committee is to be formed to ascertain the actual year a member joined the club. This will help with Lifetime Membership.

The board is looking into replacing the inkjet printer with a laser printer.

Shelving for our storage container has been tabled.

Corey Beck suggested we get several competing bids for our internet service and business phone in order to reduce costs.

There will be efforts made to see if local youth has a rock club and then maybe they can speak at our education night.

Parking lot stencils will be made next month there use will let the public who will be able to park in particular spaces.

Tickets will be provided for monthly club clean up volunteers giving them a free shop day.

Minutes of the April General Meeting

Cyndy Mandell mentioned that silver fabricating classes will finish soon. She mentioned that she is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Serendipity Days on May 17th at Topaz Middle School in Hesperia.

Club Historian, Jonathan Van DerLoop is looking for pictures and articles on Joe Kosik—"Bolo Joe".

Lois Papner who has recently taken over the scholarships job will donate \$1,000 to the CFMS scholarship fund.

Jim Fosse—our club webmaster asks all members to let him know of personal e-mail changes.

Scott LaFond gave out awards to some Petrified Pups and mentioned that the Pups donated a book to the club library.

The membership voted to update several articles and club policies as they looked at the club bylaws.

Not all club articles passed—some were referred back to the board for rewording. After vigorous discussion the meeting ended late and was eventually adjourned after 9:30p.m.

Fly The Flag

On the 3rd Saturday in May—Armed Forces Day.

The last Monday in May—Memorial Day and

June 14th—Flag Day.

Upcoming Lapidary Events

May 26th, 27th & 28th:

Junction City, CA

Trinity Gem & Mineral Society

North Fork Grange

131 Dutch Creek Road

Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10—5p.m.

Mon. 10—4p.m.

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June 1—3: Woodland Hills, CA

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Soc.

Pierce College Farm

20800 Victory Boulevard.

Hours: 10—5p.m. daily.

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rockhound@rockatomics.com

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June 9 & 10: La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society.

La Habra Community Center.

Hours: 10—5p.m. daily

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June 16 & 17: Glendora, CA

Glendora Gem & Mineral Society

Goddard Middle School

859 East Sierra Madre

Hours: Sat. 10—5p.m.

Sun. 10—4p.m.

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June 30th & July 1st

Culver City, CA

Culver City rock & Mineral Club

Culver City Veteran's Memorial

Auditorium.

4117 Overland Avenue

Hours: Sat. 10a.m—6p.m.

Sun. 10a.m—5p.m.

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July 13, 14 & 15th Riverside, CA

Hosted by Valley Prospectors

CFMS Show & Convention

Riverside Municipal Auditorium

3485 Mission Inn Avenue

Hours: Fri. & Sat 10—5p.m.

Sun. 10—4p.m.

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www.cfmsinc.org Shows

I know that last event is a ways down the road but it is for the CFMS and so I am including it so that you can put it on your calendar.

When someone steps away from a club duty we try and get someone to take it over—thus giving continuity to the position and also to the club. At the end of the year I will finish my tenure as editor of this newsletter. I've been working on it since March of 2006 and at the end of the year I'll be passing the reins to Debbie Savacool.....Ed

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 65 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 May general meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd at 7:00p.m. and the June general meeting will be on Tuesday the 26th.

On The Front Cover

Many thanks go out to all those who cut blocks of Travertine to be made into prizes for the Women in Mining's annual golf tournament which was held on Monday, April 24th.

This photograph was taken by Cyndy Mandell.

Editorial

I can always tell how things are going at the club by the variety of articles and photographs I get from the membership. I would like to thank Cyndy Mandell for her articles and photographic contributions.....Ed

History Lesson 101

When the white man discovered this country, Indians were running it...there were no taxes. No debts, and the women did most of the work. All the Indian men did was hunt and fish as much as they wanted, whenever they wanted!

Here's the real kicker. The white man was dumb enough to think that he could improve on a system like that!!!!

Via Golden Spike News 11/01

The Upcoming San Bernardino County Fair

The next issue of the *Bulletin* will be the County Fair Issue. The V.V.G & M.C will be having a booth there and we are looking for volunteers to man it. The Petrified pups will also be there and I will be making more issues of the Bulletin to be given to interested members of the public. The fair runs from May 26th to June 3rd.

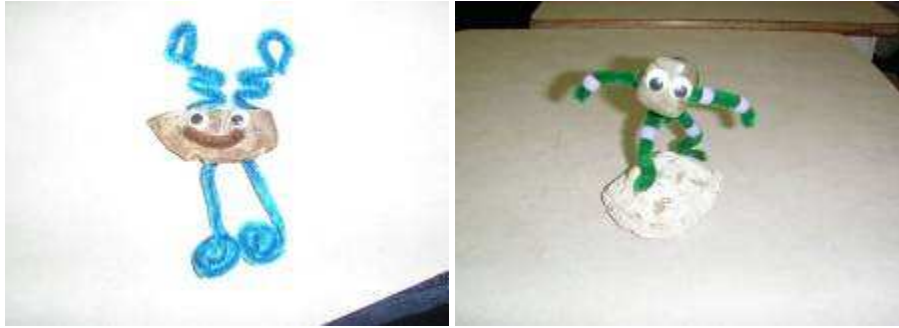
Hospitality

We are still looking for a couple to run the kitchen and to organize the potluck each month. If you have any questions please ask John Printz (our club president) who's phone number can be found on page two of every Bulletin.

Erratum

I've been doing the newsletter for quite a while now and even so I make at least one mistake in each issue. I apologize in advance—I'm sure there is at least one in this issue....Ed

Serendipity days at Topaz Preparatory
Academy, Thursday, May 17th.



Seen here are a couple of do dads the children made.



The children are hard at work making their project pieces.



The students had a lot of material to make their do dads with. Each of the students was able to make a project and they certainly had a lot to work with! These seventh and eighth graders had a ball making their own projects!

Metamorphosis Of A Female Rock hound
(A Magic Witch)

On meeting night she's a woman of fashion,
Her make-up's right; she is real dashin'
Each curl is set, each hair in place.
All dressed up in silk and lace.

She greets me with a familiar air—
I know I've met her, but when or where?
I look at her and I rack my brain
Till my mind's a-whirl with added strain.

My mind's a blank and my memory demolished
Until she says, "Did your rock get polished?"

Aha! I have it! The last field trip!
This must be the dame who looked like a drip!

Her hair was wind blown, her face was dirty.
Nothing about her would make you feel flirty.

Metamorphosis for sure! "Oh can this be
The gal who dug along side of me?"

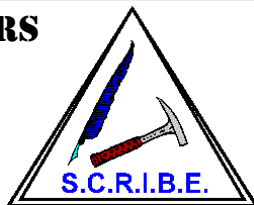
via Sooner Rockologist 1/97 & Shawinish Roktawk 4/97
QUARRY QUIPS 10/98
Via Beehive Buzzer 10/01

Summer Rockhound
By Cindy Lind

The 'Skeeter and the Rock hound both, went out to hunt one day.
The Rock hound wanted specimens, the 'Skeeter wanted prey!
The Rock hound found a likely spot, and settled with his gear.
He'd dug a short time when he heard, a buzzing in his ear.
The Rockhound swatted at the noise, and stood to look around.
He missed the Skeeter, but he saw, a great stone on the ground!
The Rock hound bent to lift the stone, his backside in the air.
The 'Skeeter took advantage then, and bit the Rock hound there.
The Rock hound jumped and squashed the bug, his bottom to defend.
The Rock hound and the Skeeter had, both got it in THE END!

(Submitted by La Von Logan, and published in ROCK-A -TEER, bulletin of Puyallup Valley
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More from Serendipity days at Topaz
Preparatory Academy.



The students had fun choosing their materials. Here we have some taking time out to pose for a photograph.



Here's some of the finished project pieces proudly displayed by the students that made them.

This is a day of fun for the students with activities sponsored by community groups, clubs and organizations. These end of the school year activities celebrate the hard work teachers and students have accomplished during the year. Debbie Savacool, Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell represented the club and treated three different classes of 7th and 8th graders with two activities. The first activity involved copper wire, a polished stone, and a length of string from these items they made a caged spiral pendant to encase a polished rock of their choice in. The second activity required rocks, goggle eyes, pipe cleaners, glitter, beads, and a variety of craft supplies for the student to create a Doo-Dad. Doo-Dads have been a long time favorite with our club and have been used in the past as prizes at our gem shows. As the pictures show the students really enjoyed being creative and had a lot of fun putting them together with the glue guns.

JUNE 2012



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

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