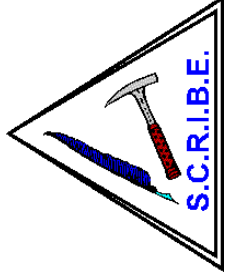


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Rachel Woll from Desert Reptile Info.
Collective shows the Pet. Pups a Gopher Snake.

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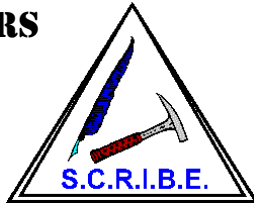
Minutes of the June 25th General Meeting

John Printz gave awards for the pups and announced the ice cream social. Tina LaBau spoke about the facebook page for the pups. Corey Beck introduced new members Toni and Kenneth Meali. Ed Berresford asked for a volunteer for treasurer. Cyndy Mandell announced Ellen Gilbert's internment and celebration of life dates. Anyone attending the celebration of life should RSVP to Cyndy Mandell. Janet Flecher stated the state is trying to drop clubs' non-profit status so we have to reapply so the state can get another \$800. Ed Berresford asked for a volunteer to take over the Wagon Master position. Debbie Berresford spoke of the hall of fame page on the web she's working on. Terry Booth stated pictures of recent events have been given to Cyndy Mandell and she'll forward them to Jim Fosse. Marilyn Pomeranke stated she is sending out cards when she is aware of our members being ill. She received one illness notice tonight and will send a card tomorrow. Don Pomeranke needs someone to take the display case for July. Corey Beck volunteered. Jim Fosase rewrote the web page. Cyndy Mandell, Tina LaBau, and Debbie Berresford are helping. Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, and Dinah Shumway were invited to Monrovia Rock Club from the Women in Mining group. We shared what the activities are that Women in Mining group does in the classrooms and then we talked about our rock club. Ed Berresford applied for the raffle permit and it will take 2-4 weeks. Motion carried to permanently expel Debbie Savacool from the VVGMC.

Minutes of the July 2nd Board Meeting

Ed Berresford will be on vacation 7/3-8/13. Corey Beck will take over the general meeting in July and Board meeting in August. Corey and Ed will be the two members on the nominating committee. Lois Papner read the proposed letter to be sent to Debbie Savacool regarding her expulsion. Everyone was in agreement with the wording so the letter will be sent. Steve Hendrix mentioned we didn't have all of the names of the volunteers or not all of the pictures were in the newsletter from the fair. Debbie Berresford spoke about the web to add people who do extra work at the club. Cyndy Mandell will thank those members who helped at the fair in the next newsletter. Tina LaBau suggested we add a column to the newsletter for thanking members. Ed Berresford spoke about Janet Flecher wanting to host CFMS and our board already voted to not do this. Don Pomeranke said it takes a minimum of three years to plan this event and it's a lot of work. He also felt the clubs that would co-host with us are too far spread out and we don't have any place to actually hold the event. We need to make it clear to Janet that our club isn't interested in doing this at this time. Cyndy Mandell suggested that if no one takes the job of Wagon Master that maybe each instructor could take a month and put on the field trip. Terry Booth is trying to get someone to volunteer to help him with re-pointing the wall. Barbara Pedrow was accepted to become an instructor. John Printz announced Aug 3rd, 2013 from 1-4 pm would be an open-house, checker tournament and ice cream social. John Printz motioned to auction the donated items off and keep the genie type equipment. Motion carried. Auction will be held September 24th general meeting and pictures of the auction items will be put in the newsletter and on the web prior to the auction.

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Meeting Dates

Our July general meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23rd at 7:30pm. and the August general meeting will be on Tuesday the 27th at 7:30pm.



Rosy Boa from the Pet. Pups presentation

Two Positions Available

The board is looking for two volunteers to fill these recently vacated positions: Treasurer and Wagon Master. If you are possibly interested in either position please contact Ed Berresford.

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Wishing all of our members this month a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of July is: Ruby
Michael Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Tina La-Bau, Craig Lawral, David McClure, Curtis Pierson, Barbara Sausser, Bridget Sergel-Smith, Mark Smith,



Diana Shumway, Lois Papner, and Cyndy Mandell attended the Monrovia Gem and Mineral Club General Meeting to discuss mining and share information about the our club. Unfortunately this club does not have a club house. They do not sponsor field trips, but they have a great Gem Show every year.

Lapidary Swap Shop

There is a group on Facebook called Lapidary Swap Shop that features lapidary equipment, rocks, tools, findings, fossils, gems, rough material, minerals, crystals, or anything else used in the lapidary hobby that may be swapped or sold. This is a place to swap and exchange with anyone from around the world. The cost is just postage. Log into Facebook and type in lapidary swap shop to join.



This equipment was given to the club by Kathleen Owens of Apple Valley it includes a 6 inch gemstone diamond & corundum wheels; 8" buffer with motor; 8" corundum wheels with buffer; 12" saw with stand and 16" buffer with motor. These items will be auctioned at the general meeting in September and are on display now at the club. All motors are in good running order this equipment needs some good loving care and clean up. Thank you to George Kawasaki, John Printz, Don Pomerence, and Ed Skidmore for picking up and delivering this donation to the club house.



Petrified Pups receive their awards at the June General Meeting.

Petrified Pups Get a Desert Wildlife Presentation

The Petrified Pups enjoyed a presentation on Saturday, July 6th of reptiles and desert wildlife given by The Desert Wildlife Reptile Information Collective. Rachael Woll and Phillip Clevinger presented a Rosy Boa, King, Gopher, Night, Lyre, and a Mojave Green Rattle Snakes. Also included were a Hairy Desert Scorpion, Tarantula, Chuckwalla, and a desert Tortoise. The youth group enjoyed learning about these animals from Rachael and Phillip and even got to hold and pet a few of them. The program was intended to inform and prepare our youth group for their field experiences in the desert.



Rachael and Phillip

To see more pictures please go to our Facebook or Web page.

San Bernardino Co. Fair Volunteers

By Cyndy M. Mandell

I need to apologize for an oversight in the June newsletter. I failed to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, break down, and demonstrate at our fair booth. I'm sorry for this oversight it was in no way meant to slight the appreciation we feel for those who worked so hard to make the event a success.

I want to thank on behalf of myself and the board: Jim Fosse, Terry Booth, Ceci and George Kawasaki, Lois Papner, Nancy Flanders, Ed Berresford, Jessie, Michael, Faith and Tina LaBau, John and Chieko Printz, Linda Ingle and George Caloway, Barbara Minard, Curtis and Marilyn Pierson, Anne Mazzarella, Patti Deer, Don and Marilyn Pomerence, Ruben Martinez, Amanda McDonald, Steve Hendrix, Barbara Sausser, Heidi Rushforth, Doretta and Howard Kegel, Wendy and Ben Phan, Cathy Johnson.

I would also like to thank those who set up displays to be enjoyed by the fair attendees: Steve Hendrix, Cyndy Mandell, Don and Marilyn Pomerence, Nancy Flanders, John & Chieko Printz, and Cody Poppert.

I hope I have included everyone please forgive me if I left anyone unmentioned. This is probably the most interesting and best attended demonstration booth in the Community Building and we have been attending the fair for a very long time. We always receive positive comments and we promote our club in a very positive manner, so I thank all who have helped over the years that I have been in charge of this event.



Havard Rd. Field Trip

Blaine Witte has served as wagon master for a long time and has recently retired. Thank you Blaine for all the service you have given to our club.



Petrified Pups Awards

By Cyndy M. Mandell

The members of the Petrified Pups recently received awards at the June 25, general meeting. The awards were given in several categories which included Specialty, Cabs, Jewelry, and Intarsia.

These awards were based on a display booth of their work at the San Bernardino County Fair in May. The display booth featuring their work was voted on by the attendees all items submitted by the youth were numbered in the display cases and the public was asked to vote on their favorites.

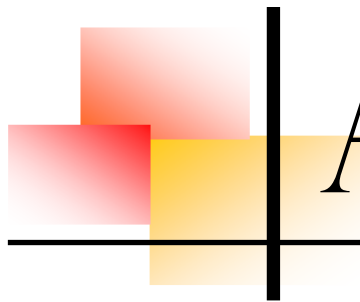
In the Specialty category from first place to sixth place were: Julianna, Landon, Kira, Clayton, Cody, and Faith.

In the cabachon category from first place to seventh were: Kira, Landon, Faith, Cody, Clayton, Michael, and Julianna.

In the Jewelry division from first place to sixth place were: Clayton, Michael, Cody, Julianna, Landon, and Faith.

In the Intarsia division: First place went to Cody.

We want to thank our participants and their parents and volunteers who helped with this project. Having these items on display, we were able to show the young attendees the products our Petrified Pups can produce at our club.



AUGUST 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	2	3 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm Petrified Pups 8-noon Ice Cream Social 1-4 pm
4 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	5	6 Instructor Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Board Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	7 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	8 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	9	10 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
11 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	12	13	14 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	15 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	16	17 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm Petrified Pups 8-noon
18 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	19	20 Education Night 7:00 p.m.	21 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	22 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	23	24 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
25 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	26	27 Potluck @ 6:30 p.m. General Membership Mtg. @ 7:30	28 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	29	30	31

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