



January 2014

WELCOME IN THE  
**NEW YEAR!**



Don Pomeranke entered this display of cabochons in the Barstow Gem Show on December 7th and 8<sup>th</sup>.

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# THE BULLETIN

Newsletter of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

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## Your Officers for 2014

### 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Past President	John Printz	951.255-9158
CFMS Representative	Vacant	

**All numbers are area code (760) unless otherwise indicated.**

### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Wagon Master	John Hill	508-6726
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Training Coordinator	Vacant	

### Instructors

Terry Booth, Steve Hendrix, John Hill, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomerence, John Printz, Barbara Pedrow.

**Club Website—[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)**

### General meeting minutes

**November 26, 2013**

We had 16 new members join since October. 252 paid members for 2013. 545 total members on our roster. 54 paid members for 2014 and we have 204 that need to pay yet. Janet Flecher explained the insurance policies of CFMS and what the policies cover. We do programs that aren't at the club, i.e. field trips, fairgrounds, pups, tailgates, other events off of the club's property. \$6.50 of our dues goes to pay the insurance policy. \$1.50 goes to the AFMS and CFMS. If we operated without the insurance everything would be at risk if an accident were to happen. Lois Papner read the treasurer's report prepared by Carole McMichael. Corey Beck explained the accounting of the raffle to the members. Cyndy Mandell stated if you donate something to the raffle you get a free ticket. The Petrified Pups are making a collection of minerals and how we use these minerals everyday. Tina LaBau used the display at Faith LaBau's class. Steve Hendrix came in to the class to show them how jewelry is made. Tina LaBau is still looking for Trona and Halite minerals. Corey Beck stated the budget committee met and have a proposed budget for the board meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the Board approves it, it will be proposed to the general membership for approval at the January general meeting. Corey Beck feels we might need to look at raising our dues. Cyndy Mandell commented that 1/3 of our budget goes to insurance and taxes. Lia Hamilton donated a wooden "Bear bank". We'll use the bear to start up our monthly collections for birthdays.

### Board Meeting Minutes

**December 3, 2013**

Lois Papner gave an extensive treasurer's report that was prepared by Carole McMichael. Item #5 is regarding the receipt for Quick books Pro program. Janet Flecher claims she put the receipt in the envelope. It was the consensus of the Board for Lois Papner to return the program and try to get the money back without the original receipt and then we'll discuss this again as to billing her for the program. It was decided that beginning with January that we will pay our Wagon Master mileage according to our policy. The Board approved the proposed 2014 budget. It was decided to pay the yearly dues for Quick Books online through Carole McMichael's credit card and then reimburse Carole. Janet Flecher resigned as CFMS rep. effectively immediately. Corey Beck will appoint someone to this position. The pups want to host a bingo night in January on a Friday night and have the kids sell sodas and candy. Rocks will be used as prizes. January 10<sup>th</sup> Friday evening will be Bingo night. Jim Fosse will go back to 2012 and 2013 members on the roster and send a postcard to them reminding them to pay their dues for 2014. Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell have hundreds of buckets of donated rocks and would like to have a rock sale at their house. Jim Fosse wants us to record what we do as we collect the money. We'll do this in the spring.

## December Field Trip Opal Mountain

December 21, 2013

The spot we're going to has opal and opal in rhyolite in abundance. No tools other than a rock hammer are necessary as the material is lying in float. Do bring buckets

We will meet in Lenwood at the Love's gas station. Take the Lenwood Road exit from the I-15 freeway and cross over the bridge toward Lenwood. The Loves's is just past the first light on the left. We will meet at 7 am. And leave promptly at 7:30 am.

It is suggested that only high clearance vehicles make this trip. Autos will not be allowed as the trail can be quite rough. Please make arrangements with each other for rides. As wagon master, I will not be responsible for creating ride shares.

There is a lot of good material here, and once we arrive, it is very easily accessible. It will be great fun. Don't forget a lunch or snacks and also water.

John Hill's cell is 760.508.6726

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
General Meeting and Potluck  
Jan. 28, 2014, 6:30 PM



Potluck Theme

**Breakfast for Dinner**

Please bring any item that you would normally serve for breakfast

**CELEBRATE!**

## 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 67 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. Meeting are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B, 7<sup>th</sup> Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call (760) 243-2330.

### Meeting Dates

Our December general meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> as our Christmas Party. Our January general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> with our potluck beginning at 6:30 pm and our meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.



### Education Night January 21, 2014

Our new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Barbara Pedrow, has been very busy putting together a calendar of educational events for this coming year. She is combining lectures with hands-on activities and has come up with an excellent list of events. Our first event will be a lecture by Tina Tuttle on Evaporites complete with samples. This is mostly focused on the so-called "decanting" sequence from mono lake down to ancient Lake Manly. This presentation will include graphics, great photographs from the Minette collection (boron/US borax), and is geared to a lay audience. The focus is why you have some rocks at boron (ulexite, colemanite, borax), and trona, hanksite, etc. at Trona. Talks about Owens lake and what is found there as well.



Wishing all of our members this  
month a very  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of  
**January** is: Garnet

Bill Buehler, Barbara Burbeck,  
Judy Eiboden, Harold Gue, David  
Hershman, Caschia Jones, James  
Jones, Argentinier Moore, Mike  
Munch, Barbara Pedrow, John  
Printz, Hiedi Rushforth, Andrea  
Skidmore, Greg Wagner.





Steve Hendrix's display at the December 7, 2013 Barstow Gem show



## Editorial by Cyndy M. Mandell, editor

I would like to encourage all members to become more active and supportive in our club. I know all of us work within limited time constraints and we have many obligations to attend to in our daily lives so I am only asking that you think about attending some of the activities that our offered. Come to one of our education nights and learn a new skill or listen to a speaker our new 2nd Vice President, Barbara Pedrow, is working very hard to put together some interesting programs for this coming year and we need you to attend in support. Come to a potluck/general meeting and share in the camaraderie and news of upcoming events. Ceci Kawasaki is working to put together theme nights for the potlucks and we all enjoy seeing our members on these nights. Attend some of the classes being offered or offer to teach a class, you don't have to be an expert, they are fun and inexpensive and you get to know each other on a different level working together. As editor of the newsletter I am requesting any pictures or articles you think are suitable for publishing, I would love to have some input from you as a member. If you are short on time just come around and visit when the club is open and let us know what is going on in your lives we want you to feel appreciated and valued as a member.

# Family Bingo Night

Presented by The Petrified Pups



The Petrified Pups will be selling refreshments at the event. Any questions please call Tina 760-686-6840.

Slider cards will be provided, no doblers needed.

### Women In Mining Meeting



On January 27<sup>th</sup> VVGMC will be hosting the Women In Mining group at our clubhouse. The WIM will hold their monthly meeting at the clubhouse where a tour will be given and this creative piece of jewelry will be made by all WIM members. VVGMC members are invited to participate for a minimum cost of materials. We have invited the club to meet at our clubhouse in an effort to further our common goals towards education and mining. Our mutual goals make us partners in educating our community regarding rocks and minerals and their value in our everyday lives. Several members of our club are also members of WIM and have been actively participating in presenting programs at schools to further interest in geology, mineralogy, mining, rock hounding, collecting, and promoting our lapidary hobby. A dinner will be served to all WIM members VVGMC members are also invited to eat, however a minimum fee will be charged to cover costs.

Out with the old...  
In with the NEW!

**Rocks & Equipment  
Bought and Sold**



**Clean Ups & Clean Outs  
Handyman Work Done.  
See Charles Toles (760) 220-6748**



Arthur (John) Printz's display at the December 7, 2013 Barstow Gem Show





# JANUARY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>2</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm
<b>5</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Instructor's Mtg. @ 6pm Board Mtg. @ 7pm	<b>8</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>9</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>10</b> Petrified Pups sponsored Bingo Night 6:00pm	<b>11</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm Petrified Pups 9-noon
<b>12</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>16</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm Petrified Pups 9-noon
<b>19</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Education Night @ 7pm	<b>22</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>23</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm
<b>26</b> Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	<b>27</b> WIM Mtg @ 5:00pm	<b>28</b> Potluck Breakfast for Dinner @ 6:30pm General Mtg @ 7:30pm	<b>29</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>30</b> Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	<b>31</b>	

Deadline for the February issue of the BULLETIN is Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>. Phone 760.508.1080 or email [editor@vvgmc.org](mailto:editor@vvgmc.org)