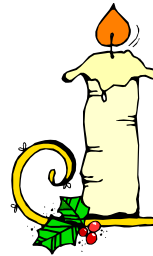


DECEMBER  
2014

# Christmas Party Time

December 13, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
Potluck  
Installation of New Officers for 2015



\$\$ Dues are Due! \$\$  
\$ 20.00 Individuals  
\$ 30.00 couple  
\$5.00 17 years and younger

Pay your dues before December 31, to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Also increases are being explored and purposed by the board to be implemented sometime this coming year; pay now and be grandfathered in.

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## Your Officers for 2014

### 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Jim Fosse	245-8644
1st V.P (Mbrshp)	Yo Simpson	247-2213
2nd V.P (Education)	Vacant	
Recording Secretary	Lois Papner	244-7169
Treasurer	Carole McMichael	961-7659
Corresponding Sec.	Candee Paredes	247-2953
Board Members	Terry Booth	909.223-1386
	Steve Hendrix	714.323-0323
	Frank Dunkin	909.522-0056
	Vacant	
Past President	Vacant	
CFMS Representative	Cyndy Mandell	244-7169

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

### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Wagon Master	Vacant	
Petrified Pups	Tina LaBau	686-6840
Historian	Debbie Berresford	388-4229
Maintenance	Vacant	
Librarian	Lois Papner	244-7169
Newsletter	Cyndy Mandell	244-7169
Sunshine	Don & Marilyn Pomerence	868-5264
Displays	Don Pomerence	868-5264
Raffles	Cyndy Mandell	244-7169
Photography	Terry Booth	909.223-1386
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Webmaster	Jim Fosse	245-8644
Tailgate	Brett Ward	948-1232
Training Coordinator	Cyndy Mandell	244-7169
IT Director	Michael Fosse	245-8644
Gem Show	Cyndy Mandell	244-7169

### Instructors

Terry Booth, Steve Hendrix, Jessie LaBau, Tina LaBau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomerence, John Printz, Charles Toles, Ed Deren.

Wishing all of our members this  
month a very  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of  
December is: Blue Topaz

Oscar Delgado, Jacob Griego,  
Frank Harris, Steve Hendrix,  
Ewald Jaskolsky, Steve  
Kauffman, Dave Kill, Gladys  
Lechner, Cyndy Mandell, Barbra  
Miropol, Clyde Moore, Candee  
Paredes, Pat Tyler, Connie  
Weinberg, William Verno White

### Grab Bag Material

Morris O'Brien's wife Mary Jo O'Brien has offered to begin sewing more grab bags for the club for next year. She is in need of remnant material and string for the drawstring on the bags. If any of you have scrap material lying around that you'd like to donate please bring it to the club. If you don't have material and would like to buy a few yards and/or some string for the drawstring the club would appreciate your donation as well. Please bring everything to the club and we'll make sure it gets to Mary Jo. Thank you Mary Jo for your



**For sale:** Beginning kit for the enthusiast who wants to start a hobby in enameling and clay. Kit and paints are a couple years old but in excellent condition. The enamel colors are by "Colores" and come in 2 oz. jars. The sale consists of:

1. Epoxy Resin Components Kit. Includes the following supplies: 8 oz. clear 1000 epoxy resin, 8 oz. thick hardener, 1 oz. #30 additive (thickening agent), 50 measuring cups, 50 1 oz. plastic bottles with 25 lids, 60 blunt-end needles, 15 each of four sizes: 18-gauge, 20-gauge, 21-gauge, 22-gauge, 49 mixing sticks

• **note 16oz thin hardener is missing. Can be purchased for about \$24.00 online**

2. set of 6 opalized colors
3. set of 6 bright opaque colors
4. set of 7 gem-tone transparent colors
5. set of 8 classic colors
6. set of 5 neutral colors
7. book on enameling titled First Steps In Enameling. Author is Jinks McGrath
8. 21 variety colors of Sculpey clays. Asking \$205.00 for everything. If interested and want more details of colors, etc., please contact me. Debbie Burbeck, VVGMC member in 2014, cell# 951-315-6108  
email: [ddcabin@msn.com](mailto:ddcabin@msn.com)



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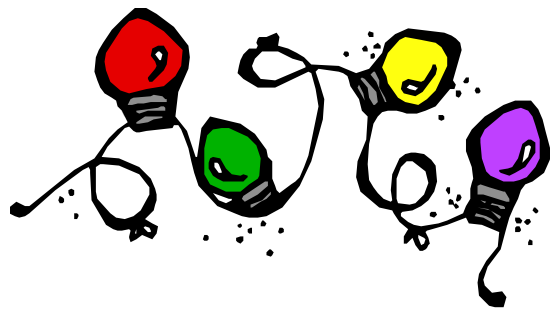
A Few Words About our First Annual Gem Show  
By Cyndy Mandell & Lois Papner

Lois and I enjoyed the privilege of being the first hostess's of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Show at the Victor Valley Museum. Many of you rolled up your sleeves and really accomplished a lot of great work to make this event successful.

Since April when our board bravely made a decision to sponsor the show it has been a work of love to make it happen. I say bravely because though we had not budgeted this event the board trusted all of us to use our skills to produce it. From the beginning I thought we would surely end up with a deficit; I was proved wrong by the diligence of all who volunteered. In the end we actually made a profit, gained a few new members, educated the public, collected next year's dues from current members, gained the respect of all the vendors who appreciated every thing we did. I couldn't be prouder of our club! I believe we can make much more money, take in many more vendors, have a lot of fun, and do more education at our next show in 2015.

I would be remiss if I didn't say a few words about the Friends of the Museum who made us the offer to have our show on their grounds and about the museum staff. They were so gracious in assisting us to make our show happen. Since April we have been in communication with Rhonda Almager and her limited staff in making arrangements. She was wonderful to work with and we appreciate her in so many ways. On the days of the show her volunteers worked tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly by emptying trash, helping with emergencies, and doing nighttime security for free. Without them we couldn't have put on the show.

How do I thank all of the people? THANK YOU.



## Dues Increase

At the October 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting, the membership voted down the dues increase proposed by the finance committee and passed by the board. Yo Simpson made a proposal of raising the dues across the board \$5 for everyone, except the pups, and shop fee be increased to \$5. It was decided that this proposal be sent out to all members. This will be posted for two months in the bulletin and then a vote will be taken.

A special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

### **Connie Weinberg at 103 years young**

She was recently awarded honorarium and our club matriarch.

Congratulations!

### Enjoy Rockhound Field Trips?

Join Rockhound Field Trip Fanatics on-line group. This is a great group of people to collect rocks with. They are not a club no membership required, they are a group of people who just enjoy the hobby.

They just completed a six-day trip around our valley exploring and collecting Thulite, Christmas Tree Agate, Plume, Jasper, Chapenite, Chalcedony, and Tri-colored marble in Stoddard Wells. I joined them for five of the six days and found it to be very educational and enjoyable. I want to thank Chris Rowe (a show vendor), and Katerine Anema for sponsoring this web site and the field trip.

**Merry Christmas**



Dwayna Barron and Terry Booth at the membership booth. They did a fine job recruiting new members and accepting dues for next year.



The Petrified Pups enjoying the sunshine. Thank you leaders and parents for all that you do.



Thank you for coming Paul!

### General Meeting Minutes October 28, 2014

Carole McMichael stated that the treasurer's report is always in the book next to the cash register. Checking account balance is \$19,834 at the end of September. Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell will be going to the CFMS business meeting in Visalia. Blaine Witte announced a camping trip will be to the Cady Mtns. over Thanksgiving weekend. More information will be put on our website. First Saturday in December will be a field trip for the pups. Meet at Del Taco off of Hwy 18 and Navajo to look for garnets in Lucerne Valley. Terry Booth will lead the group. Lifetime members are Honorarium for Connie Weinberg and also would like to make her our Matriarch. John Printz is being presented for lifetime member. Officers for 2015 are Terry Booth for President, Debbie Berresford for 1<sup>st</sup> VP membership, Lia Hamilton for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Education, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP is vacant still, Craig Britt for Treasurer, Dwayna Barron for Rec. Secretary, Val Costello for Corresponding Secretary, Tina LaBau, for CFMS Director, Steve Hendrix, and Don Pomeranke, for Board Members. Dues increase proposal was stated as follows \$60 per year for singles, \$85 for couples, pups \$10 per year, \$5 shop fee, \$1 per slab fee, Golden Key membership \$1000 for life and reduce the dues by \$10 if you have the newsletter emailed to you. Discussion ensued. Motion failed.

### Board Meeting Minutes November 4, 2014

Carole McMichael gave everyone a copy of the report. She commented on some of the budget areas that we've gone over. We might be a little bit ahead on the Gem Show. Cyndy Mandell noted the income and expense total budget is not in balance. Carole McMichael will look into it and find what needs to be fixed. A finance meeting was held and a proposed budget was put together. The budget needs to be presented to the general membership in January. Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell will be going to the CFMS business meeting in Visalia. We will be putting in for reimbursement and our costs will be kept down because we will only ask for our camping expense rather than the normal hotel costs. We will also be volunteering with the 2015 Lodi show. CFMS would also like donations of prizes, grab bags, rocks, minerals, polished stones. Tina LaBau heard that the pups would not get to keep any of the funds raised by the pups at the gem show. All the money is going to the general fund. Carole McMichael mentioned that it was a donation of time to the club. Cyndy Mandell has talked to Tina LaBau at length about the misconception about the pups getting to keep the funds. Lois Papner motioned to have this gem show money be taken in as it has been in the past and all the money be put into the general fund and offset the expenses of the show. Cyndy Mandell seconded. Motion carried. Women In Mining will hold their meeting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at our clubhouse.



A vendor is relaxing in front of the museum on a beautiful day.



Brett Ward checking out Chris Rowe's booth



Vendors line up on the south side of the museum

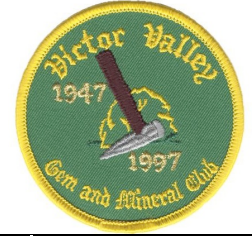


Frank Dunkin checks out a vendor's booth. Did you buy anything?



Auction items!  
Great job  
Debbie  
Berresford  
collecting  
items for  
the show.

# DECEMBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Instructor's Mtg @ 6pm Board Mtg. @ 7pm	3 Workshop 12 noon-7pm	4 Workshop 12 noon-7pm	5	6 Workshop 12 noon-5pm Pet. Pups Field Trip
7 Workshop 12 noon-5pm	8	9	10 Workshop 12 noon-7pm	11 Workshop 12 noon-7pm	12	13 Christmas Party 6:30pm at the club Bring potluck dish
14 Workshop 12 noon-5pm	15	16	17 Workshop 12 noon-7pm	18 Workshop 12 noon-7pm	19	20 Workshop 12 noon-5pm Petrified Pups 9a.m.-noon
21 Workshop 12 noon-5pm	22	23 No General Meeting	24 No Workshop	25 No Workshop	26	27 Workshop 12 noon-5pm
28 Workshop 12 noon-5pm	29	30	31			

The deadline for the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send any dates, time, classes, articles, or other information to the VVGMC Newsletter editor at [cynmandell@me.com](mailto:cynmandell@me.com) or drop off information in my name at the clubhouse.