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MUSEUM*

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# THE BULLETIN

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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 |
| Hospitality          | Vacant                  |              |
| 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 November is: Citrine  
Howard Brown, Antan Ebanks,  
Nancy Flanders, Gordon Harton,  
Jessie LaBau, Patricia Lansdown,  
Mike Roser, Alan Unangst, Brett  
Ward, William 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 help.



**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)



### MINING SUPPLIES AND TREASURES

Offering the equipment needed for  
your next adventure

9565 C Ave. suite K  
Hesperia, CA 92345  
8pm  
(760) 244-9842  
4pm  
(760) 244-9439

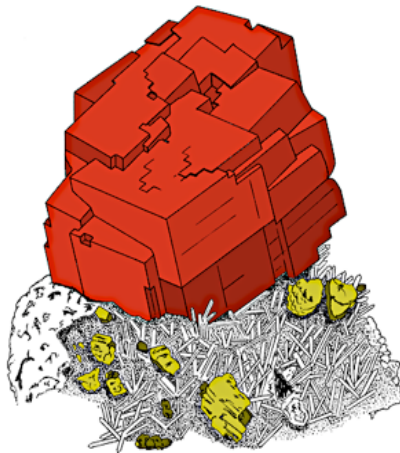
Hours  
Wed - Sat 10am -  
Sunday 10am -



Carole McMichael is hard at work paying the clubs bills. She has been doing this job for a long time for our club among other things. She has retired and come back to help out after the club could not find someone to do the job. This will be her last year and she says she is willing to train someone to take over and she will help them as needed, but she will not continue as our treasurer.

Carole has not only kept our books but she has prepared monthly reports for our board and general meetings, she has met with our auditor, made sure the taxes are paid on time, organized all our files, worked on every budget committee and finance committee, worked on the by-laws and policies and procedures, she and her husband, Don have volunteered hundreds of hours to our club and now they plan to travel more and work on staying healthy.

We wish her the best and we will miss her.



Rhodochrosite

## BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A budget committee meeting will be held Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at the club. The committee consists of Carole McMichael, Steve Hendrix, and Lois Papner. They will be reviewing the budget for the quarter, doing a quick audit check of the books and beginning to formulate the budget for the 2015 year. If any of the members have input they'd like to give please send it to the treasurer at [treasurer@vvgmc.org](mailto:treasurer@vvgmc.org), or let your concerns be known to any of the department heads that will be submitting their budget needs to the committee. Members are always welcome to come to any meetings of the club however your comments at the meeting may be limited due to time constraints of the committee conducting the business for which the meeting was intended.

## CFMS REPORT

By Cyndy Mandell, CFMS Director

## FALL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2015 Officers will be held November 7-9, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 in Visalia. I will be attending and giving a follow-up review later.

## CAMP ZZZZX

This is a fabulous chance to learn more lapidary skills in a week long camping environment. I have attended several times and for the money you can't beat the classes being taught. This camp is sponsored by CFMS and is located off the 15 FWY on ZZZZX road. The fee for the week is \$390.00 per person and includes quarters or RV space, three meals per day, and classes. Classes include beading, lapidary, silver fabrication, soft some carving & Scrimshaw, Faceting, wire art, precious metal clay, alternative casting, and field trips. Additional charges may be assessed for material furnished by instructors. Registration forms are available at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org). Get yours in fast as spaces go quickly.

## CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

June 12, 13, & 14, 2015 in Lodi, CA. This Statewide Show and Convention will be hosted by CFMS at the Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fairgrounds, 413 East Lockeford St., Lodi, Calif. 35 miles south of Sacramento. Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Gems, minerals, jewelry, beads, fossils, petrified wood, gold, opal, amber, carvings, rough & finished stones, slabs and other Lapidary, supplies, kits, tools, and equipment. \$6.00 admission, children under 12 free.

## Try Triboluminescence

**This activity is really, really cool - and it works!**

What you need: Two clear quartz crystals. You don't want to use really nice, collector quality crystals. Get two average, "I don't care if I damage them" crystals because, well, you are going to damage them.

What to do: Hold the edge or termination of one crystal on the face of the second crystal.

Push the two crystals together as hard as you can. While still pushing them together, rub the first crystal across the face of the second crystal. You probably won't see anything with the lights on, so . . . now, turn the lights off in your room and repeat the steps. You will see a flash of yellow light on the outer edge of the quartz crystal!

What is happening here? This is a special property called "Triboluminescence." "Luminescence" means "light." this is light created by rubbing, in this case, one crystal against another. Scientists really don't know why this works. It could have something to do with Tribo- which means "to rub."

### More Fun with Triboluminescence

You can create a flash of light with a wintergreen Lifesaver™ candy. This only works for wintergreen, though. Put one in a plastic bag and squeeze it quickly with a pair of pliers. You will create a flash of light. This also works if you bite down on the candy really hard and fast with your mouth open, in the dark. But then, only your friends will see the light!



## General Meeting Minutes September 23, 2014

Tina LaBau mentioned that on October 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm all members are invited to get together to help put do-dads together for the Gem Show. Debbie Berresford told the club that we were actually formed in 1945 instead of 1947. We will be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. She also asked for any old scrapbooking supplies that members are no longer in need of to be donated so that she can finish some of the scrapbooks. Brett Ward will be bringing in more flyers to the club. He said that our show is already in Rock and Gem magazine. He also is requesting help for our November Show and suggested having a silent auction. IT Director, Michael Fosse explained some of the benefits of our new log in system. He showed some of the data that he can obtain from this program and how some of this data can help us determine other features for our club. He also presented a possible new way for us to collect dues in the near future by using pay pal. This will allow us to accept major credit card also for purchases too. Once the account is established Michael will explain more of the features to the club's members. The Dues/fees increase proposal was discussed at great length. A count was taken for those supporting the increase and there was an overwhelming no vote. Not one member supported the purposed increase.

## Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2014

Michael Fosse took the minutes at the September Board Meeting. Lois Papner briefly read the highlights. The Nov 7, 8, 9 will be the CFMS annual business meeting in Visalia. Cyndy Mandell will be attending and bring back a report. Steve Hendrix stated the donation committee needs to get the silent auction together for the donated items given to the club. John Hill resigned as instructor and board member. Jim Fosse read a four-page resignation letter to the board. Letter is attached to these minutes. Tina LaBau is now in charge of the pups and John Printz will be assisting. They will be doing a field trip on the day of the holiday parade in December. Trip to be announced. Carole McMichael will give a report at the next board meeting in regard to her phone calling she made to members who signed up and never participated in the club to find out why. Terry Booth stated we still need some positions filled for the election. Val Costello feels we need to send a personal letter to appeal to them to volunteer for these positions. Val Costello will write a letter and present it to Jim Fosse next week to be mailed out to our members. Terry Booth would like to have a Christmas Party. We'll ask at the general meeting in October. Blaine Witte and Chris Koch have agreed to take on the wagon master. Bob Paredes, George Kawasaki, and Gayland Graves will use their vehicle for Chris Koch to scout trips. Lifetime membership proposals were presented to the board. Connie Weinberg was approved as honorary and John Printz was approved as lifetime. These will be taken to the general meeting in October.





The Victor Valley Gem  
and Mineral Club

Treasures of the Victor  
Valley Gem Show

Will be held at  
The Victor Valley Museum  
Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

and  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vendors will be selling rocks,

jewelry, slabs, crystals, etc.  
Display cases will be set up in the  
museum and admission is free

Raffle tickets, silent auction, spin the  
wheel, and grab bags will be  
available for all.

Spaces are still available for vendors  
please obtain an application at our  
[vvgmc.org/gem-show](http://vvgmc.org/gem-show) web site. All  
information is available at this site.

#### PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Morphed Rocks Jewelry  
by Cyndy Mandell  
For sale rough "old stock".

Canadian River Plume, Albiate  
Flint, Angelite Blue, Aventurine,  
Blue Chalcedony Nodules,  
Mexican Sagenite, Green and  
White Moss Agate, Dendritic  
Agate, Parrot Wing, Amazonite  
and Fluorite.

Cyndy Mandell 760.508.1080.

#### Petrified Pups Schedule

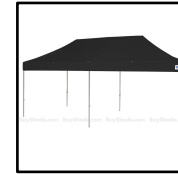
Nov 1-Workshop  
Nov 22-Workshop  
Dec 13-Conglomerate

A Big Thank You To:

Tina LaBau, Debbie Berresford,  
Morris O'Brien, Don and  
Marilyn Pomerence, Terry  
Booth, the Petrified Pups, Charles  
Toles, Barbara and Debbie  
Burbeck, and Barbara Sausser for  
heading up the different Gem and  
Mineral Show committees.  
Cyndy Mandell and Lois Papner  
co-chair of the show want to  
thank all of you who are helping  
to make this a success. Without  
you it would not be possible.

#### GEM SHOW UPDATE

As of October 23<sup>rd</sup> we now have 33 vendors with 44 spaces sold  
totally \$2,200. We have approximately four more vendors  
pending. There will be two club booths, Women in Mining (WIM)



and High Desert Gold Diggers. The Mining  
Supplies and Treasures Store will also have a booth.

There are seven indoor vendors, six vendors on the Colonnade and  
20 vendors positioned around the building in the parking lot.

We will have 14 display boxes set up within the lobby of the  
museum and in the two vending rooms inside.

The Petrified pups along with Tina LaBau have volunteered to  
operate the spinning wheel, grab bags, and a treasure chest prize  
game. This will help to offset our costs.

We will also have a raffle drawing and door prizes operated by  
Debbie Berresford. This is usually a big money maker.

A membership table will be set up with information for new  
prospective members. This table will be handled by Terry Booth.

Charles Toles will be handling the selling of donated rocks to our  
club as a fundraiser to offset costs.

Mo O'Brien is heading up the food booth with an excellent menu.  
We hope this will also bring in a little money as well.

Debbie Burbeck is organizing the Friday night potluck to feed our  
vendors.

Most of all we need our members to help with set-up and breaking  
down. Please plan to attend and support this first year event. Show  
support by advertising and inviting your friends and neighbors to  
enjoy our event and thanking our vendors for attending.

# NOVEMBER 2014



| Sun                               | Mon       | Tue  | Wed                               | Thu                               | Fri   | Sat  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
|                                   |           |  |                                   |                                   |   | <b>1</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm<br>Pet. Pups 9am-noon         |
| <b>2</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Instructor's Mtg @ 6pm<br>Board Mtg. @ 7pm | <b>5</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm  | <b>6</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm                               |
| <b>9</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm | <b>13</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm | <b>14</b><br>9:00 Meet at Gem Club<br>to pack up equipment<br>for the Gem Show. | <b>15</b><br><b>Gem Show</b>                                   |
| <b>16</b><br><b>Gem Show</b>      | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>Education Night @ 7pm                     | <b>19</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm | <b>20</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm<br>Petrified Pups 9a.m.-noon |
| <b>23</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>General Mtg. & Potluck<br>6:30pm          | <b>26</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm | <b>27</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-7pm | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>  |
| <b>30</b><br>Workshop 12 noon-5pm |           |  |                                   |                                   |   |  |

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.