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Expressly for

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
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	Steve Hendrix	714.323-0323
	Frank Dunkin	909.522-0056
	John Hill	508-6726
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	John Printz	951.255-9158
Historian	Debbie Berresford	388-4229
Maintenance	Terry Booth	909.223-1386
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, John Hill, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, 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
 October is: Opal

Pamela Birge, Daniel Cavinder,
 Faith Harper, Chris Koch,
 Thomas Lazlo, Marilyn
 Pierson, Diane Quinn, Thomas
 Rector, Tom Ryan, Garrett
 Shepherd, Dinah Shumway

Bulletin Editor Needed

The club is looking for someone interested in many positions including hospitality, treasurer, building maintenance, wagon master, public relations, gem show chair for next year, and librarian. There are many positions at the club that you might want to consider filling, some take very little work and some take a lot, but all are important to keep the club functioning.

I have been the newsletter editor for the past two years and will be leaving this position at the end of this year. I am willing to work with someone who will take over so that we will continue to reach out to the community. Carole McMichael has been our treasurer several times and will need someone to take over after December. She will help train the new person. Please consider these positions.

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



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 -



Silver I Class at William Holland School
In Georgia



William Holland Lapidary School Front Porch

Dues Increase Proposal

We need your help! You need to participate in the club. Volunteers save the club money. Whatever your trade or skill, you can use it to help the club by volunteering. Let us know what your skill is and what you are willing to do for the club (at cost or a sizeable discount at least). Members are not just USERS of our club but should be SUPPORTERS and VOLUNTEERS. People (members) are who kept our club existing these 67 years. Our dues have been less than \$1.66 a month for the last 17 years. That's right...17 years ago was our last dues increase. *Do you remember what you lived on 17 years ago? Try living on that now.* We have no choice folks, we must raise the dues. **The proposed dues increase will be voted on at the OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING. You are now duly notified.** The Board and Finance Committee have shuffled this around for over 6 months trying to come up with the right numbers. The following is our best proposal to help off-set costs. **NOTE: Lifetime members do not have to pay dues nor pay for their bulletin.**

PROPOSED \$ INCREASES:

- \$ Dues per single \$60.00 per year / \$10.00 discount if you get newsletter by email
- \$ Dues per couple \$85.00 per year / \$10.00 discount if you get newsletter by email
- \$ Dues for Juniors Petrified Pups \$10.00 per year
- \$ Shop fees \$5.00
- \$ Slab fee \$1.00 per cut
- \$ Golden Key Membership \$1,000 – for the rest of your life

Folks, that is only \$5.00 per month. What else can you get for \$5.00 a month? Slab fees are charged in every club in California, most charge by the square inch. It helps with the high cost of maintenance.



Opal Class



Silver Filigree Class



BASKETWEAVING

General Meeting Minutes August 25, 2014

We only have 22 members and we need 24 for a quorum. Therefore we won't approve minutes or treasurers report this meeting. Candee Paredes will be teaching how to make a beaded Victorian style ornament Thur. Sept 11th from 1-5 pm. The CFMS show is in Lodi next year. The CFMS will be putting this show on themselves because no clubs have come forward. They need volunteers to help with the show. The dates are June 12-14, 2015. We now have a signed lease from Kaman. We need to sign it and send it back to them and we'll have a contract for the next three years. Please sign up to bring a potluck dish for the Friday night dinner for the vendors at the Gem Show in November. Block Wall – Last meeting we approved the repair. We now need to revisit this because the city will not approve any new chain link fence construction. Block wall can go up 7 feet and then it has to be wrought iron. The board will discuss this at the next meeting. Gem Show – We have almost 20 vendors and nearly \$1400. We need volunteers to help us. We need someone to take on the raffle. Francis Gramata talked about the raffle tickets and the members need to sell the ticket. Michael Fosse is trying to modernize things for the club. He gave a presentation on the overhead. He talked about the sign in sheet and auto dialing system. He demonstrated how to use the cameras and search the security videos if you have an incident occur. We now have the lockers ready for use. The fee will be \$5 a month or \$40 a year. Please ask an instructor to assign you a locker. You must supply your own lock.

Board Meeting Minutes September 2, 2014

Carole McMichael presented the finance committee meeting summary to the board. The potential wagon master budget will be \$400, and let them have a tip bucket in which the money is credited to the wagon master's account. This is just a thought. The finance committee proposes a \$5/month cost to rent a locker in which the person puts their own lock on it and signs a waiver. The dues and budget will be discussed. Tina LaBau says the pups are preparing for the gem show, and they are making small things during the upcoming education night. Jim Fosse says that the city won't allow us to place new chain-link fence on our planned brick wall, so we must pursue another material. A plan will have to be drawn up. Discussion about Adam Hoskins and his membership status begins (there are no details about this as the person writing the minutes was in charge of something else). Jim Fosse points out that the bylaws require that the general membership have a say in this. The motion to recommend his expulsion to the membership has carried. Steve Hendrix talks about donations received by a gentleman, including a saw, buckets of rocks, and old magazines. Also, a lady wants to give us a trailer full of rocks, but because another one of her relatives wants it and the club doesn't have room to store it, we will be denying the offer. The items we have will be put up for a silent auction. Terry motioned that Michael Fosse is allowed to purchase the device for accepting credit card payments with a money cap of \$250. Steve Hendrix seconded, and the motion carried.



The Victor Valley Gem
and Mineral Club

Treasures of the Victor
Valley Gem Show

Will be held at
The Victor Valley Museum
Saturday, November 15th
from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

and
Sunday, November 16th
From 10:00 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 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

Oct 4-Field Trips
Oct 11, 12-Trona, Searles Lake
Oct 18-Field Trip Lucerne Valley
Garnets
Nov 1-Workshop
Nov 22-Workshop
Dec 13-Conglomerate



Relaxing in rockers on the porch outside the dorm rooms

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

The deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month. Please send any dates, time, classes, articles, or other information to the VVGMC Newsletter editor at cynmandell@me.com or drop off information in my name at the clubhouse.