

SEPTEMBER  
2014



The Petrified Pups made copper bracelets from plumbing pipe with the assistance of Cyndy Mandell, bulletin editor and CFMS board member on Saturday August 2, 2014. A special thank you goes out to leaders John Printz and Tina LaBau and to the parents and guardians of these young people.

# THE BULLETIN

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## Your Officers for 2014

### 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Wagon Master	Vacant	
Petrified Pups	John Printz	951.255-9158
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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 Pomeranke, John Printz, Charles Toles, Ed Deren.



Wishing all of our members this  
month a very  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of  
September is: Sapphire

Jonathan Jr. Conant, Kennith  
Gates, Francis Gramata, Zelma  
Jaskolsky, Ceci Kawasaki, Gail  
Luevano, Toni Melie, Bob  
Menelly, Michelle Miller, Alan  
Molineux, Gena Oliver, Ernie  
Seidel



Member Bob Paredes donated his time to install two peg boards in the club house. This one is in the tool room and certainly helps to tidy up the place. The second one was installed in the grinding room giving us an area to hang our safety masks. Thank you to Bob who also helped install the new Ever-clean Filter Cart. This cart is now being used to clean the oil in the saws.

If you are able to help out at the club please donate your services, anything from emptying trash cans to sweeping is appreciated.

**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

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your next adventure

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4pm  
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Hours  
Wed - Sat 10am -  
Sunday 10am -



**Saturday, August 23rd,  
10:00AM-6:00PM**

**Sunday, August 24th,  
10:00AM-4:00PM**

**2014**

**Mother Lode Fairgrounds  
220 Southgate Dr.  
Sonora, California**

**\$5 admission  
10 and under free with adult  
Children must be accompanied by an adult**

## **Vendor Application**

### **Festival Celebrates Old West Tradition**

Grab your sense of adventure and your gold pans and head for the Gold and Outdoor Festival at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23 – 24. Presented by the Delta Gold Diggers and sponsored by Gold Prospectors Association of America, Minelab and Infinite Detecting Solutions. Bring the family for an old-fashioned good time and the chance to bring home gold and prizes, such as a trip to Nome, Alaska. Events will include panning for real gold, equipment demonstrations, claim jumper detecting hunt, prospecting seminars, a chance to win \$3,000 in buried treasure and \$10,000 in door prizes.

There will be vendors, information on how and where to go gold mining and plenty of family fun.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults; children 10 and under are free.

For more information: Go to [www.deltagolddiggers.com](http://www.deltagolddiggers.com) or [www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)

#### **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.

Treasurer Alerts.... by Carole McMichael

The Treasurer never has anything good to report...right? Well, in this case, yes and no. The good news is Kaman's headquarters back East is willing to lease our building for the next couple of years with a slight increase in rent. The bad news is that regardless of the rental income, we need to increase our club income to pay for the rising cost of daily operations.

**We're trying....** The board and instructors have been careful with spending and doing as much as they can themselves to save money when possible.

- Corey Beck and others have done work at club and at Kaman to keep the cost of repairs low.
- Terry Booth, Frank Dunkin, and Bob Paredes have been fixing equipment and not sending things out for repair.
- The Instructors make sure the oil is recycled to save money on saw oil and supervise the grinding room, etc. to keep equipment in good repair.
- I purchase receipt books at Walmart or yard sales instead of our local office supply, to save money. I print as little as possible for Board meetings and try to use both sides of the paper unless there's a rush. We use recycled folders for the files and donated note pads and pens etc.
- Don Pomerence, Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Jim Fosse and others, run errands, work on the web site, pick up supplies, etc. at no cost to the club.
- **We are all doing our best. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?**

**We need your help too!** 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. By the way – ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR TREASURER? I'm done in December ... REALLY!**





Instructor Ed Deren works on the lockers donated by member Carol Papner. These will be made available for members to rent on a monthly or yearly basis. The rental fee will be discussed at the August general meeting. Ed installed hasps members will supply their own locks.



Candee Paredes teaches beading on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00. Chieko Printz is receiving directions on a bead stitch. This class is open to all members.

### General Meeting Minutes July 22, 2014

Terry Booth informed the members that the oil filter for the saw room is on a slow boat from China and we should have it here in several weeks. The Sphere cups are just now being created. Please do not prop the silver room door open. This door has an automatic closer on it per fire codes. Our historian, Debbie Berresford is now working on 1957 restoring the scrapbooks. She hopes to put some of the pages on the web. Librarian, Lois Papner added new book that was donated to the library by Sam White. Collecting rocks, gems and minerals, Identification, values and uses. John Printz stated 2nd Tues in Sept and Oct. the pups will need help to make doodads and put together grab bags for the upcoming Gem Show. If anyone has copper pipe they would like to donate for the kids to make bracelets for the Gem Show, it would be appreciated. Tina LaBau announced her trip to Lytle Creek with the pups and Bob Fredlund showed them how to gold pan. Then they went to Gems of Plenty rock shop and they all had a good time. Jim Fosse announced we have not received any notice from Kaman yet.

The Fence/Block wall needs repair – All American Fence bid of \$425 and Accent fence bid of \$250 just to fix the chain link fence that has been repaired several times. To extend the block wall by Randy Geiger would be \$1,750. For Randy Geiger to repair the planter in front of Kaman is \$550 and \$150 for plant removal. Motion carried for Randy to do all of this work. Jim Fosse stated that a nominating committee is needed. The committee consists of three general members and two Board members. Bill Williams, Lia Hamilton, George Kawasaki, Terry Booth.

### Board Meeting Minutes August 5, 2014

Michael Fosse and Jim Fosse rewrote the membership program so the VP can enter things at home. They have some bugs in it. Right now access works but they need to get a license for each computer. Carole McMichael presented the treasurer's report. Kaman said they wanted to lease the building again for \$2550 per month but want to know if the building is ADA compliant. Carole McMichael took pictures of the handicap parking and ramp and will send them to Kaman. Carole will meet with the Accountant this month. We have until October to file. Who is on the finance committee? John Hill, Steve Hendrix. Cyndy Mandell stated the CFMS has no sponsor for their yearly show next year. So CFMS is taking on the show themselves and asking for volunteers. Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell have volunteered to help set up. The dates of the show are June 12-14, 2015 in Lodi. Let Margaret Kolaczyk know if you can volunteer to help. Debbie Berresford is interviewing the old-timer club members as part of historian. Information will be shared in the newsletter. Debbie Berresford would like any scrapbook items donated to her to redo the old scrapbooks. Lockers were donated by Carol Papner for members to store their items in. A proposed rental fee of \$40 a year or \$5 a month was voted on by the board. A rental contract will be developed and the club assumes no liability for lost items. Cyndy Mandell bought another jump ring maker after returning the other one that didn't work and received the money for the return and put it back in the raffle money.



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 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

and  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://vvgmc.org/gem-show) web site. All  
information is available at this site.

**PAID ADVERTISEMENT**

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White Moss Agate, Dendritic  
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and Fluorite.

Cyndy Mandell 760.508.1080.

### Petrified Pups Schedule

Sep 6-Rocking on the Computer  
Sep 20-Workshop  
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



Candee Paredes and Chieko enjoying the beading class on Thursdays.



Ed Deren working on lockers



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

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.