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Another
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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 |
| Treasurer | Carole McMichael | 961-7659 |
| Corresponding Sec. | Candee Parades | 247-2953 |
| Board Members | Terry Booth | 909.223-1386 |
| | 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 Pomeranke | 868-5264 |
| Displays | Don Pomeranke | 868-5264 |
| Raffles | Cyndy Mandell | 244-7169 |
| Photography | Terry Booth | 909.223-1386 |
| Hospitality | Ceci Kawasaki | 247-4121 |
| 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 Pomeranke, John Printz.

General Meeting Minutes April 22, 2014

Jim Fosse is filling in for our President Corey Beck. Jim Fosse stated that our Education Chair has had to resign due to health reasons. Candee Paredes is working on sending thank you letters to our tailgate vendors. Cyndy Mandell mentioned the CFMS show is in Pomona May 30-June 1. Lois Papner shared some new books with the members. Ceci Kawasaki spoke of next month potluck theme is May foods. Bring anything that starts with 'M' 'A' or 'Y'. Cyndy Mandell stated this will be the last time of mailing newsletters. We want people to come to the club and pick up their newsletter here. The Fall Gem Show – Cyndy Mandell is waiting for a reply from Rhonda. It's moving slow and we haven't had a committee meeting yet. Rock Sale – The sale is this weekend Sat and Sun from 9-3. The saw blades will be sold at the rock sale.

Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2014

Corey Beck acknowledged our guest Yo Simpson. She has accepted the Education position. Brett Ward presented the rent increase that he and Carole McMichael worked on. They proposed several options to increase approximately 8%, 10%, 12% or 15%. Terry Booth motioned to have a 10% increase to \$2550 for two and three years, Jim Fosse seconded. Motion carried. Jim Fosse motioned to keep the existing lease for now, and that we could further review Calif. Standards and see if we need to make adjustments and not try to implement this by our schedule. Terry Booth seconded. Motion carried. A great deal of discussion ensued because the actual lease wording was not presented to the Board as was expected. Corey Beck resigned as President at 8:20 pm. Cyndy Mandell asked Jim Fosse to step up to President. By default Jim Fosse 1st VP is now in charge of the meeting. Jim Fosse asked Yo Simpson to step up to 1st VP. Yo Simpson will get with Jim Fosse to discuss 1st VP duties. Jim Fosse will accept President Pro tem.

Plant
&
Garden

Top Signs You Are a Mineral Collector

- *Your Yahoo password is wulfenite, your gmail password is malachite and your Facebook password is corundum.
- *You know the chemical formula for cavansite.
- *Words like “dodecahedral” and “jolly balance” actually make sense.
- *“Matrix” is not a movie title to you.
- *Your room is so full of specimens that you have to move your clothes in the garage.
- *Your garage is so full of specimens you have to move your clothes to the shed.
- *Your shed is so full of specimens . . . well, you get the idea.
- *You can find places like Tucson, Tsumeb and D’alnegorsk on a world map.
- *You will pay \$100 for a wulfenite specimen but you won’t pay \$25 for lunch.
- *Your vacation is a waste of time if you don’t come home with at least one specimen.
- *Your girlfriend is named Crystal or
- *Your boyfriend is named Rocky.
- *You hope to get amethyst, apatite, and pyrite when you go out trick-or-treating.
- *You know more than 10 mineral dealers by name . . . and they know your name, too.
- *You are disappointed to discover “The Phantom of the Opera” is not about crystals.



Our Rock Yard Sale held April 26 and 27th Brought in an income of over \$1200. Terry Booth took charge of this project and weighed and sold many buckets at a \$1.00 a pound. On Sunday the price was \$1.00 a bucket and all the buckets were sold. He would like to thank all who helped make this project a success.

Victor Valley Gem Show

By Cyndy Mandell, chairperson
Treasurers of the Victor Valley

WHEN: November 15th and 16th, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sat
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sun

WHERE: Victor Valley Museum

PRICE: To be determined

FOOD: Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

BBQ, sandwiches, baked potato, desserts

MUSEUM: Admission to the Gem Show and museum is free to all



Front of Museum



Museum Colonnade

Serendipity Day 2014

These fourth graders are participating in Serendipity Day at Topaz Preparatory School in Hesperia. They are making a spiral pendant from copper wire in which they will place a polished rock in and wear around their necks.

Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell represented the VVGMC on this day. This is one of the most popular activities offered every year during this event. The children love making and wearing their creations.





The Petrified Pups made petrography pictures using paints made from rocks on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Under the guidance of Instructor John Printz and Tina LaBau the Petrified Pups are learning various rock and mineral techniques. assisted with the paintings on this Saturday.

The cover picture was made by Sarah Guiday, the daughter of Mristen and Steve. Megan Miller also made pictures; she and her mother Michelle are long time Petrified Pup members.

They used metal alloys to make paint similar to what was used in cave paintings of the past. Both Megan and Sarah were completing this project as part of earning their stone-age tools and art badge.



Wishing all of our members this month a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of June is: Pearl
Robert Arias, Joann Beall,
Linda Ingle Calloway, Pat
Estes, Darla Johnston, Denise
Millar, Megan Miller, Marilyn
Pomeranke, Jesse Sr. Saldana,
Yonontus Simpson, Maurine
White

Petrified Pups Schedule

Jun 7-Gold Panning and Prospecting
Jun 21-Field Trip Gold Panning
Jul 12-Stone Age Tools and Art
Jul 19-Workshop
Aug 2-Fossils
Aug 16-Field Trip Jurupa Cultural
Center 8:00 a.m. No Charge open to
all club members
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

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.

Newsletter Mailings

The board has decided that the newsletters will no longer be mailed to members because of the cost. We will continue to mail them to lifetime members. If you still desire to have your newsletter mailed to you please provide stamps for the number of newsletters you would like delivered. The newsletter with your name on it will be available at the clubhouse for you to pick up at your leisure. We would really like to see you at our monthly general meeting/potluck on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The newsletters are always available at this time for those who do not have email.

Paid Advertisement
 Blaine K. Witte, MA, LMFT
 Lic. MFC32868
 Individual and Relationship Therapy
 In the High Desert since 2005
 760.985.9633

Paid Advertisement

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

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Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
 General Meeting and Potluck
 June 24th -- 6:30 PM

Potluck Theme

Summer Picnic Fun

Please bring a dish that you would take to a picnic



Serendipity Day 2014
 These fifth graders made some very creative rock animals during the Topaz Preparatory Serendipity Day. Lois Papner and Cyndy Mandell represented the club at this event. Using pipe cleaners, googly eyes, beads, feathers, etc. the students came up with some very funny animals.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| 1 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm | 2 | 3 Instructor's Mtg. @ 6 pm Board Mtg. @ 7 pm | 4 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm | 5 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading & Chain Maille | 6 | 7 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm Pet. Pups 9:00 a.m. to noon |
| 8 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm | 9 | 10 | 11 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm | 12 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading & Chain Maille | 13 | 14 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm |
| 15 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm | 16 | 17 Education Night @ 7 pm | 18 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm | 19 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading & Chain Maille | 20 | 21 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm Pet. Pups 9:00 a.m. to noon |
| 22 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm | 23 | 24 General Mtg. & Potluck 6:30 p.m. | 25 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm | 26 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading & Chain Maille | 27 | 28 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm |
| 29 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm | 30 | | | | | |

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.