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Buckets of donated  
treasures ready for the  
rock sale.

# THE BULLETIN

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## Your Officers for 2014

### 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Corey Beck	221-5738
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Treasurer	Carole McMichael	961-7659
Corresponding Sec.	Candee Paredes	247-2953
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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
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Displays	Don Pomerence	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

### Instructors

Terry Booth, Steve Hendrix, John Hill, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomerence, John Printz.

**Club Website—[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)**

### General Meeting Minutes

**March 25, 2014**

Jim Fosse reported that we have 176 paid members. Corey Beck gave the treasurer's report of \$8,393 in checking, \$130,000 in savings. All bills are paid and deposits made. Corey Beck announced that Candee Paredes has volunteered to fill the corresponding secretary position and this will be brought to the board next week for approval. Terry Booth stated we got the sphere cups for the finer grit. Some cups are still on back order. Ceci Kawasaki thanked Carol Papner who has helped her every potluck. Don Pomerence needs someone for April display, Cyndy Mandell will put in the display. We will not participate in the fair because we don't have the volunteers to take charge of it. Saturday we went to Barstow to tour the Diamond Pacific business. It was a good tour that thirteen members took part. On Sunday we went on another trip to the Victor Valley Museum. We met with them to see if we could put on our Gem Show at the museum. On Thursday's Candee Paredes will be doing Beading and Cyndy Mandell, air chasing. The board approved the purchase of a new oil cleaning machine. The filter cart cost about \$1200.00 and this will come out of the saw budget and we may not need to buy as much oil. Marilyn Pomerence motioned for us to purchase this filter system, Terry Booth seconded. Motion carried. Please read and mark your calendar about the **rock sale** at Cyndy Mandell's house April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to weigh and take money. See Terry Booth if you can help.

### Board Meeting Minutes

**April 1, 2014**

Bob Fredlund is with the Gold club and spoke to us about getting involved with our Gem Show if we have it at the Museum. He would set up a prospecting booth and try to encourage members to join the Gold club. Michael Fosse gave a presentation. The Board can now upload and download files. You can upload files to this site. Once it's loaded any board members can download what was uploaded by others. CFMS show is in Pomona Fairgrounds Building 5 May 30-June 1. Cyndy Mandell asked if a silver class is coming up? Steve will work on setting one up and post it on the board. Brett Ward gave a handout to the board with all the income and expenses of the tailgate. The tailgate made a net profit of \$959.31. The bushes were removed in front of Kaman's building. Brett Ward will put the current lease with Kaman in a word doc. and send it to all the Board Members. The proposal will be on the May Board meeting. We will stop mailing newsletters to members except for lifetime members. It was decided to take the extra saw blades to the rock sale and allow our members to buy them if they want and offer the blades at 20% discount as an incentive to buy them from us. Then take them to the Gem show and list them on rock web sites.

CFMS Show  
2014  
California's Gem & Mineral Bounty  
Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society  
May 30 – June 1  
Friday & Sat. 10:00 – 5:00  
Sunday 10:00 – 4:00  
Pomona, California  
Fairplex Building #5  
1101 McKinley Avenue  
Contact information:  
Marcia Goetz 626.260.7239  
Joemar1verizon.net  
www.cfms2014.com

### FIELD TRIP

Topaz Mt. – Northwest of Delta, Utah  
May 2 - 4 2014  
Open to all rockhounds  
Topaz crystals, bixbite (red Beryl),  
Pseudobrookite crystals,  
and Hematite crystals.  
Contact ahead of time: Jim Hutchings: 530.367.5108, cell:  
916.9957380. email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com



April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>  
DON'T MISS IT!!  
Rock Yard Sale  
14625 Cashew ST.  
cross Maple Hesperia  
9:00 – 3:00  
Lots of material for .50  
to \$1.00 a pound.  
Onyx, pet wood,  
jaspers, palm wood,  
obsidian, lots of sizes  
and colors bring your  
own bags please.

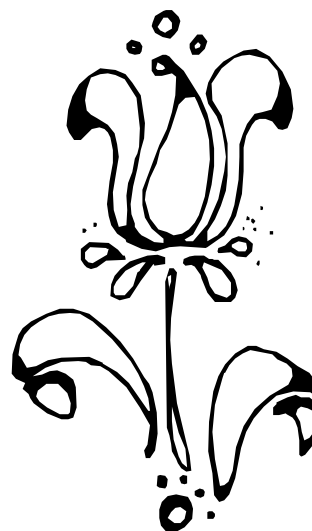
### Victor Valley Gem Show By Cyndy Mandell, chairperson

The club's last gem show was held at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds in 2009. The show was held yearly prior to that for many years. The shows used to gross approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 with \$4,000 to \$5,000 being paid to the fairgrounds for the rental of the building. It was never a big money raiser, however it was our only fundraiser. In 2010 the fairgrounds raised its rental fee and we could not recover our overhead from the vendors so we had to cancel the show. We have not had another show since that time due to a lack of facilities. Now we have had an offer from the Friends of the Victor Valley Museum to use their facility free of charge. The Museum is interested in drawing more attention to their beautiful facility and they thought we might bring in a good crowd.

I am working closely with the museum to make arrangements and will be reporting on all progress made in the newsletter and at the club meetings. We are hoping for a November show this year or maybe next.



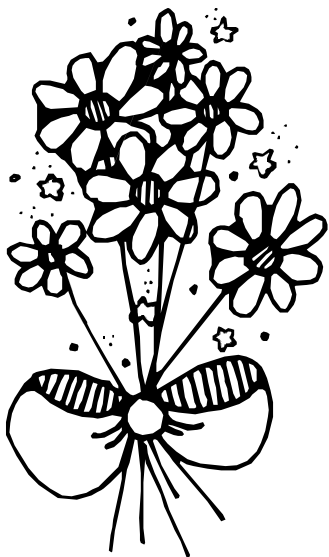
Front of Museum



Colonnade

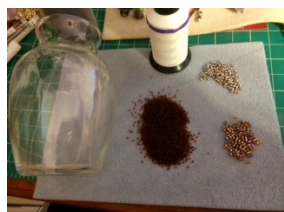


Gup, the grand dog-baby of Bob and Candee Parades recently visited the shop and was very interested in all that was going on.



**Open shop every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday!**

You are missing out if you are not coming in regularly to the clubhouse shop. Besides the silver room, saw room, and grinding room you also have the rest of the shop to come in to use to work on other projects. Thursdays has become a rather *crafty* day. Members are coming in to do chainmail, cold forging, and beading to name a few. Others are coming in to use the equipment, just like always. Most of all we are sharing ideas, getting to know each other, and having fun enjoying our hobby. New members, you need to come and join us. Learn new things, and share your expertise. Old members, ditto. If nothing else, come hang out. We are a diverse group with lots and lots of talents. Come share with us.



Wishing all of our members this  
month a very  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of  
May is:  
Emerald

Carl Abadie, Donald Buchanan,  
Leo Hinkel, Bobbie Kauffman,  
Mary Livingston, Jasmine  
Medosza, Robert Paredes, Gregory  
Seidel

**Petrified Pups Schedule**

May 3-Earth In Space  
May 17-Workshop  
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 life-time 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

April showers  
 bring May  
 flowers...

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  
 May 27th, 6:30 PM



Potluck Theme

**MAY FOODS**

Please bring a dish that begins with  
 "M" "A" or "Y"

M	A	Y
Macaroni	Apples	Yams
Meatballs	Au Gratin	Yogurt
Marshmallows	Arroz con pollo	Yeast bread
Muffins	Asparagus	Yellow Squash
Mustard greens	Avocado	Yellow Peppers
Minestrone	Ambrosia	Yorkshire Pudding



# MAY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 – 7:00 Beading	2	3 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm <b>Petrified Pups</b>
4 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	5	6 Instructors' Mtg. 6p.m. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	7 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	8 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading	9	10 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm
11 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	12	13 Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	14 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	15 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading	16	17 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm <b>Petrified Pups</b>
18 Workshop 12 noon – 5pm	19	20	21 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	22 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading	23	24 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm
25 Workshop 12 noon– 5pm	26	27 General Mtg. & Potluck 6:30 p.m.	28 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm	29 Workshop 12 noon– 7pm Classes 3:30 - 7:00 Beading	30	31 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.