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Morris O'Brien smiles as he delivers lunches to vendors at our March Tailgate.

# THE BULLETIN

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## Your Officers for 2014

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

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### Instructors

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

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

### General Meeting Minutes February 25, 2014

Jim Fosse reported we have 21 new members since November, 172 paid members and a total of 546 members on the roster. Corey Beck gave the treasurer's report of \$13,597 in checking, \$121,000 in savings. All bills have been paid. Cyndy Mandell informed the members of field trips coming up that are sponsored by CFMS. One is Topaz in Utah. The second one is Virgin Valley, Nevada. John Hill is looking forward to getting the polishing cups. Terry Booth will show Don Pomerence what we need to buy. Terry Booth is thinking possibly to close shop on Thursday's He'll take this suggestion to the board. We bought some saw blades that nobody can bend. We're looking at a new idea on saving oil. Lois Papner has added three new books to the library. One is on the use of minerals and two new books on meteorites. Cyndy Mandell will talk to the board meeting about mailing too many newsletters. Michael Fosse is our new IT director. He gave a presentation on what he'll be doing with the club. He upgraded the computer in the back by the kitchen. We have a new cloud server that you can access from anywhere. Corey Beck clarified the CFMS insurance and dues. We didn't need to move anything in the budget and we had it all accounted for. Jennifer Monter came to the last Board Meeting to talk with us about what they expect from us. We want to do this again but we are looking for someone to take charge of this. The fair has a lapidary entry with nine categories. They want us to encourage all of you to enter in the judging for the fair.

### Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2014

The hedges at Kaman need to be taken care of. Terry Booth made a motion to rip them out and plant something else, Jim Fosse seconded. Discussion ensued. Cyndy Mandell added that we should ask Gary Swank to remove the plants. Terry Booth revised his motion that we hire Gary Swank to cut them out and we plant Rosemary. Motion carried. Corey Beck will let Kaman know tomorrow. Kaman Lease – Cyndy Mandell read Carole McMichael's comments that Carole McMichael and Brett Ward are working on this and will present it to the board. Please do not talk with any of the staff at Kaman. Corey Beck will send the current lease to the board members to review. Cyndy Mandell suggested we do not participate this year in the fair. We are limited to time, members and leadership and Cyndy Mandell is not doing it after seven years. Corey Beck will call Jennifer Monter and let her know we will pass this year. Rock Sale at Cyndy Mandell's house – Cyndy Mandell wants the club members to come to her house and organize this event and sell the club rocks that have been donated to our club. Advertise the date as April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Cyndy Mandell is not running it so the club members will need to do the work. We need a scale and someone needs to take the money.

Tailgate 2014 a Team Effort-Success & Thanks!  
By Brett Ward

By far, this year's Tailgate was one for the books. Operationally and financially because just enough club members continue to fill in the gaps of service necessary for our visiting vendors and in welcoming the public at all times. God willing, I'll stick it out another year.

Our best estimate is a net of \$ 700.00. Currently, this is the club's only income from show source, and yes, we have fresh ideas for on site operation changes and boosting the net income next year to offset the increases in clubhouse upkeep.

I would like to thank Carole McMichael for stepping up as treasurer this year and helping me to balance the expenses and income.

As to my gratitude list of volunteers, well here's my perspective for this often delicate subject. The only thing in this world that matters is conducting a relationship as if it will be one's final exchange before a bolt of lightning takes one out. So my thanks and praise have already been made to these individuals. To each of those who helped this year when I thanked you in the presence of others or alone, a handshake or hug given it was truly from my heart and soul. I can't do it all and we can't do this annual event without each others help and devotion to be of service to each other and for the club to thrive. Those who gave up their time and expended energy beyond their average day made this year a success. These folks don't need public forum pats on the back, they know their worth and aren't dependent upon a public display of being on a thank you list.

So, I'm may embarrass these folks and probably miss others. When I see a member whom I forgot that helped on the Tailgate outside my narrow busy purview, I will thank you and make you blush with as may people to overhear me as possible. Deal ?

To Ceci and George who without I would have dropped from exhaustion and pain. The Kawasaki dynamic duo showed up to WORK the club's booth all three early mornings and until closing time. Ceci's baked goods and her onsite cooking along with our member's donations of goods SOLD OUT this year at menu pricing with no leftovers ! George and Michael Fosse handled most all the public transactions during the entire event. Without uncle Jim Fosse, we wouldn't have our website, our new IT guy, nephew, Michael and a chauffeur for Michael to make it to the Tailgate to serve at our booth. Invaluable were recent new members Bob and Candee Paredes who were ALWAYS right there, right then when needed for anything and everything. From literal heaving lifting to great selling/dealing, these two made this year flow smoothly and kept me from having a coronary and "losing it" more than usual. The other 5% who keep showing up to help despite my lack of polished people skills. Don Pomereke, how do you do all of this? We all need to pray his FORD truck lives as long as he does, which better be a very long time!

For this year's most valuable "new" player award from my perspective was Morris "Mo" O'Brien, who faithfully serviced the public facilities and parked nearby to start his morning at least as early as 4:00 am by getting the coffee, chaffing pans steaming and whatever was necessary for us who arrived thereafter to get the vendors fed each morning. Mo just did what needed doing and he did it.

Our club's auction and disposition of items for sale by Charles Toles and Ed Deren netted the club \$180.00. Yes, we have to make their job easier and more efficient. Your plans and suggestions are in the works guys ! Thank you !

This years vendor relations/request for donations were performed by our president Corey Beck, Lois Papner, Cyndy Mandell and Candee Paredes. Many members played the role as club ambassadors every day this year and feedback from the vendors and visiting public was fantastic!

A shout out also goes to Blane Witte, who when called up to serve as our Field Trip leader at the very last minute, showed up and did his best under such circumstances. Approximately 15 vehicles "truck pooled" to get folks out to the tri-colored marble locations on Saturday.

And to John Printz a past president and the person instrumental in creating our club's junior "Petrified Pups" program (one of the state's best), you've proven how it's done and we adults have a year to motivate the youth for a better turnout.

So now I've laid myself out there again, surely missed many who got both of the not so EZ up 10'x20' canopies set up, hauled out all the equipment on Wednesday and took it down to return to clubhouse late Sunday afternoon and so much more. To all those who helped our club's Tailgate event be another success in ways not seen by myself or others, but whose hearts are in line with goodness and serving others and our club, I thank you.

## The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 67 years. The club takes active roles in various civic activities. Membership is open to all persons interested in the gem and mineral hobby and lapidary arts. Meeting are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B, 7<sup>th</sup> Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call (760) 243-2330.

### Meeting Dates

Our April general meeting will be held on the 22nd. Our May general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 27th with our potluck beginning at 6:30 pm and our general meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

### Education Night Upcoming Dates

By Barbara Pedrow

Education Nights are held the third Tuesday of the month.

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Terry Booth will show us how to make spheres. Terry Booth will be showing you the process of making a sphere. If we have time he will show you the jigs that the club has purchased to hold rocks while cutting. These jigs help you cut your rock with very little waste. Please come join us for this demonstration.

Last months cancellation of education night was unforeseen and was unexpected. Please always check your emails prior to coming to the club for cancellations of our classes. I will always let you know what to expect. If I can get a back up instructor I will let you know that too.

May 20<sup>th</sup> - a demonstration of how to use the ingot mold and rolling mill.

## Topaz Mt. North West of Delta Utah

Courtesy of the sponsoring club, the Roseville Rock Rollers. Open to all affiliate clubs May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Collection materials:  
Topaz Crystals, Red Beryl, Pseudobrookite Crystals, Hematite crystals  
Jim Hutchins  
530.367.5108, cell:  
916.995.7380

[jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:jhutchings22@hotmail.com)

## Virgin Valley, Nevada Memorial Day Weekend May 23 – May 26<sup>th</sup>

The Roseville Rock Rollers is sponsoring this trip. Materials are: Opals, Preserved Petrified Wood, Selenite, and Opalite. Apache Tears, Carnelian, and colorful Agates and Jaspers are found in the region nearby.

Yea!  
We're going on  
a  
FIELD TRIP!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the many members who helped make the 2014 Tailgate possible. Without these volunteers helping to set up the food tent, cook in the kitchen, take down the food tent, sell and auction rocks, take care of the Pota-Potties, collect donations and the many other hundreds of things that go into making this event a success we could not possibly sponsor the Tailgate.

Please forgive me if I leave any names out. Of course, our Tailgate Leader for many, many years Bret Ward, Ceci and George Kawasaki, Jim Fosse, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles, Ed Deren, Michael Fosse, Bob and Candee Parades, Morris O'Brien, Lois Papner, Cyndy Mandell, Corey Beck, Frank Dunkin, Carol Papner, Blaine Witte Neil and Clyton Davis.



### Wishing all of our members this month a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of April is Diamond  
Nick Beall, Corey Beck, Debbie Berresford, Lia Hamilton, Lori Harton, Cynthia Hinojosa, Ronald Midlikoski, David Ostlund, John Quinn, Eugene Thoms, Anita Vezina, Sandy Wagner,

### PAID ADVERTISEMENT

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

Canadian River Plume,  
Alibate Flint, Angelite Blue,  
Aventurine, Blue Chalcedony  
Nodules, Mexican Salenite,  
Green and White Moss Agate,  
Dendritic Agate, Parrot Wing,  
Amazonite and Flourite.

Cyndy Mandell 760.508.1080.

### Petrified Pups Schedule

Apr 5-Collecting  
Apr 19-Workshop  
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

General Meeting and Potluck  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
Potluck Theme

### The Last Meal

Please bring an item that  
begins with the  
FIRST letter of your LAST name  
**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO**  
**PQRSTUVWXYZ**  
EXAMPLES:

Ceci **K**awasaki can bring **K**ey Lime Pie  
Lois **P**apner can bring **P**otatoes AuGratin  
Corey **B**eck can bring **B**aked Beans  
John **P**rintz can bring **P**epperoni **P**izza

Victor Valley Rock and Gem Club  
Yard Rock Sale  
April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Sold by the pound .50 to \$1.00/pound

Bring you own buckets

Many rocks have been donated to the club over the years to be used as the club sees fit. We will be selling the hundreds of five-gallon buckets of opal, onyx, obsidian, jasper, wood, palm, travertine, palm root, chalcedony, and agate during this sale as a fund raiser. The sale will be held at 14625 Cashew St. in Hesperia. See the club's web page for more information.

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

cell# 951-315-6108

email: [ddcabin@msn.com](mailto:ddcabin@msn.com)

Field Trip April 12th and 13th 2014  
BORON and KRAMER JUNCTION

Limited to 50 people

I host this trip " DISCOVERING THE MOJAVE DESERT" Twice a year, One around Easter and another around Thanksgiving....

I will be hosting a field trip to Boron California and Kramer Junction CA This is open to every one. All you need to do is sign a letter of release responsibility. We will be going to at least 3 different localities.

Age Limit

My trips are designed for young and old as well as physically challenged I have had people as young as 9 days old and old as 94. So if you bring a young one or old one Please refrain from letting them run around the camp like Banches.

1) Material we will be looking for.

Jasper, Plume agate, seam agate, Travertine, Palm Root, Bog, Petrified wood, Chalcedony.

2) . Vehicle needed

A regular high profile car, truck or 4x4

Dirt Bikes and buggy's are authorized but please tone it down in camp and follow the D. F.G. and B.L.M. posts, White markers are OK. Red you can not use.

3) What do I need to Bring?

Bucket , water, snacks , hat, good hiking boots , god pair of pants, sleeping gear. Sun screen. are a must . Other things are what your needs are.

4) Age Limit

I have had people as young as 9 days old and old as 94. So if you bring a young one or old one Please refrain from letting them run around the camp like Banches.

5 ) CAMPING

NO OPEN FIRES

(DUE TO THE EXTREME DROUGHT THERE ARE NO FIRE PERMITS BEING ISSUED.)

We will be camping off of Gephart Road,

Motel. If you are interested in Motel accommodations there are 2 in Boron. If you need a motel please let me know and I will arrange for it, I get a discount MY RULES TO JOIN US.

1) Bring a good attitude. We are here to enjoy ourselves . So if you are grumpy Want to complain or have a chip on your shoulder leave it home or stay home.

2) If you leave our group, please let me know. The desert is a dangerous place to get lost and I do not want to be looking for you for hours while your sitting at home.3) Please take out more trash than you bring in.

We will be on a Tortoise Preserve. Please look at them, Take pictures of them but Please leave them alone. You handle a wild tortoise chances are you just killed it.

Snakes, lizards, tarantulas, horn toads, scorpions and the tortoises are out. Please be careful where you walk.

4) I prefer a alcohol free camp but if you must drink, please do it conservatively.

So if you are interested in a great adventure, fun time Please reserve your spot and if needed hotel accommodations as early as possible by e-mailing me at [lewsrocks@bak.rr.com](mailto:lewsrocks@bak.rr.com). More information will come to those of the 50 coming, as the trip nears

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

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.