

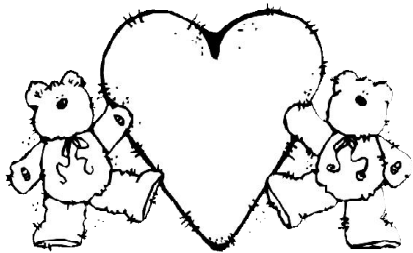


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December 14, 2013 Christmas Party



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Your Officers for 2014

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Instructors

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

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

General meeting minutes
December 24, 2013
(no general meeting)

**Open-Back Bezel for
Cabochons
Taught by Candee Parades
Tuesday, February 18th at our
7:00 p.m. Education Night**



Materials needed for this tutorial:

Fire line or Nymo beading thread
#10 or #12 beading needle(s)
Sharp scissors
Bead Mat
1 cabochon of your choice
(About 20 – 50 mm is a good size)
11/0 Delica beads or other good seed beads
15/0 Delica beads or other good seed beads

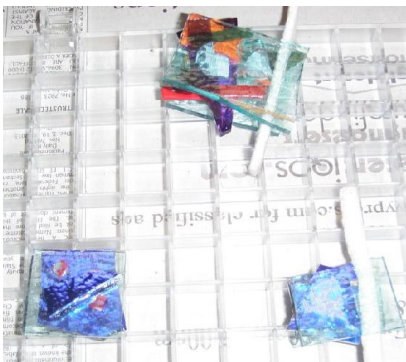
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Board Meeting Minutes December 3, 2013

CFMS presentation - Both Pat and Burl LaRue gave a presentation to the board on the benefits of being a CFMS member. There is a members only section on the website. We can also advertise our tailgate show through CFMS, send our bulletin in for judging and we can also get help in putting together our newsletter, attend the Earth Science Study programs, rent DVD's from their library, choose from a list of people who would come to our club to give a presentation for a modest fee, utilize the Junior program with Diamond Dan and future rock hound badge program. McDaniels provides us with insurance for our club. \$8 goes to CFMS for each of our members, \$6 is for liability insurance. \$1.25 goes to CFMS for dues and .75 goes to AFMS for dues. Jim Fosse stated 105 members for 2014 so far. Terry Booth thinks we should invite the new people to a special day for them to learn something, he feels this would motivate members to participate. John Hill mentioned the need to purchase the polishing cups for the sphere machine for three more grits. Corey Beck will call Don Pomeranke to see if he plans to purchase these. We now have a cleaning company called PACE and they'll come after our general meeting. Lois Papner reported that Intuit is refunding us \$230.34 for the QuickBooks program Janet Flecher purchased. For a future meeting we need to talk about our fees. Pat LaRue's club charges \$7 for shop and \$40 for family membership. Carole McMichael will write up some information on our financial status for the next meeting. Kaman is not really covering our expenses.



Glass Fusing Class
By Cyndy Mandell
December 19, 2013
Attending: Lia Hamilton,
Sherry Williams, Diane and
Cherrie



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, 7th Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call (760) 243-2330.

Meeting Dates

Our January general meeting will be held on the 28th. Our February general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 25th with our potluck beginning at 6:30 pm and our meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

Education Night Upcoming Date

By Barbara Pedrow

Education Nights are held the third Tuesday of the month.

Feb. 18th – Candee Parades – Beaded Bezels

March. 18th – Steve Hendrix – How to Make Molds

April 15th - Terry Booth will show us how to make spheres.

May 20th – a demonstration of how to use the ignot mold and rolling mill.



“Air Chasing Bracelet Class”

by Cyndy Mandell

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014
from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This is a great technique that anyone can do, I promise, it is also inexpensive and requires very few tools, a chasing hammer, bastard file, and some tools you can make yourself. It will also require some annealing methods that I will teach. This is so fun you will not want to miss it. I learned this at William Holland Lapidary School this past summer. Sign-ups are limited and a sign-up sheet is on display at the clubhouse.

Questions?

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or

call me at 760.508.1080.



Opal Mt. Field Trip 12/20/13



Opal Mt. Field Trip 12/20/13
Members scattered on the hill



Opal Mt. Field Trip 12/20/13
Parking area



Candee and Bob Paredes
show off their finds.



Cherie Hallack and Jenna Lamore



Marie Von Raskel displays her opal



Patti Deer found
a big rock with
many opals and
common local
minerals in it.

Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Gayland Graves, John Hill (wagon master), Cherie Hallack, Jenna LaMore, Bryn Hellickson, Cashia Jones, Eric and Marie VanRoekel, Candee and Bob Paredes. Howard and Doretta Kegel, Patti Deer and Frank Dunkin.

Wishing all of our members this month a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of **February** is: Amethyst
Cheryl Beck, Kent Berryman, Lisa Bloom, Edward Deren, John Hill, Jenna Lamore, Shay Lawral, Kerry Molineux, Theresa Owen, Mark Stephens, Judy Witte

- Petrified Pups Schedule
- Feb 1-Earth Resources
 - Feb 15-Field Trip Blacksmith Shop Barstow
 - Mar 1-Gemstones Lore & Legends
 - Mar 7, 8, 9-VVGMS Tailgate
 - Mar 15-Workshop
 - 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 LA Museum and Tar Pitts
 - 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

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
General Meeting and Potluck
Feb. 25, 2014, 6:30 PM

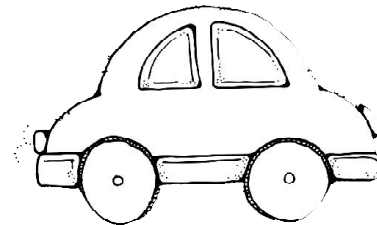
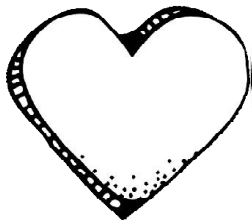
Potluck Theme
Fun Finger Foods
Please bring any item that you can pick up with your fingers.
NO UTENSILS NEEDED





This is a very large single piece of Tiger Eye seen at Desert Gardens in Quartzsite, Arizona on January 4, 2014 near the Australians booth. Lots of people were having their pictures taken next to it. Desert Gardens will be open until the end of February and is a very nice place to see and buy a lot of nice lapidary material. It is located in Quartzsite along side Interstate 10.

February



Field Trip Coordinator Needed

The field trip coordinator position is an important position in our club. Many members want to explore our desert in a group setting with a leader who has explored the area and knows the sites where some good collecting can be done. This is a much appreciated service to our club and as with other positions it is not a paid job however, there is a compensation for mileage. The wagon master mileage is based on an average of 17 miles per gallon divided by the number of actual miles traveled, equals the number of gallons of gas used. That number of gallons then is multiplied times the average cost of gas in our area. For example....Let's say the wagon master travels 170 miles round trip. Those miles, divided by 17 miles per gallon would equal 10 gallons of gas. Then we take that 10 gallons of gas and multiply that times the cost of gas at \$3.65 per gallon. The person would receive \$36.50 in payment for the gas only.

The VVGMC budget has allotted \$300.00 for the trips to be taken this year. In the past, that has been a sufficient amount to cover the mileage of the wagon master. Some Wagon Masters have not taken advantage of this compensation preferring, instead to volunteer their time and gas. This has been a welcomed gift to the club. Many feel that they want to share their expertise and knowledge of the area and are repaid by the company and collecting that they do. The money is there and available for those who would be interested in taking on this excellent opportunity to learn and share where to collect in our surrounding area. Please let any board member know if you are interested in accepting this position.

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