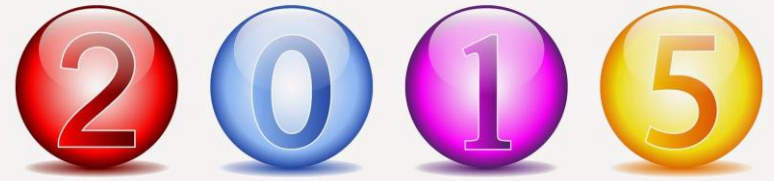


# January 2015



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

2015 Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Clubs Board



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## 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

## THE MINERAL OF THE MONTH

**Grossular Garnets** can be collected in Lucerne Valley, CA. Grossularite (or grossular) garnet is a calcium-aluminum garnet. Grossularite varies in hardness from 6.5 to 7.5 on the Mohs hardness scale. The best specimens of grossularite can easily be confused with the more expensive demantoid garnet. An everyday use of this mineral is in sandpaper as an abrasive. Garnets are January's birthstone.



The Petrified Pups will be giving out samples of this garnet at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.



## MINING SUPPLIES AND TREASURES

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Wed – Sat 10 am – 4 pm



## NEW MEMBERS

Juan Amaya  
Fanny Moreno  
Stephen & Debbie Jones  
Raymond & Sarah Ashe  
Jeremy & Melanie Berg  
Chris & Suzi Bray  
Dale & Fran Lorz  
Ted & Rebecca McCully  
Gail Mosher  
Jeffrey Owen  
Robert & Amy Swenson  
Jeff Watson & Diana Enslow

Andrew Gasaway  
Pamela Golightly  
Jared Ashe  
Krista Beach  
Lucas King  
Joe Collins  
William Cox  
Jessica Einboden  
Didi Naples  
Deborah Saulpaugh  
C. T. Yu

## NEW PETRIFIED PUPS

Adrian Amaya  
Trenton Bray  
Mason Lorz  
Dillon McCully  
Nathan McCully  
Kyle Saulpaugh

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of a New Year and a New Board. What this New Year will bring only time will tell. For me it is the year to volunteer. How will I do as president? Again, only time will tell. My question to you is, "Will you volunteer?" If you have an idea, bring it to the Board. Everybody on the Board is what? A \_\_\_\_\_, you got it a volunteer!

At this time, I plan to have a letter from the president in every Bulletin. Now this is your club, so have fun. We will be having Education Night again, it will start on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We have a Wagon Master again for our field trips. Our first one this year will be on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. So please join in. Go to Education Night, go on a Field Trip or come in on one of workshop days at the club.

Do you know that we have a total of eleven saws? Come in and count them. We also have four genies, four all-you-needs, four arbor systems (3 with expanding drums, one with a carbide wheels), a Foredom drill, two drill presses, a metal punch system, need I go on. Oh, we also have all the things in the silver room. But wait there's more, there is our library, of which we need to give a give thanks to Lois Papner for being Librarian! How many Rock Clubs do you know of that offers what ours does. I know of one club that is close to Victorville that is open to its members only one day a month! So come in and make use of what is yours.

Terry

## WAGON MASTER REPORT

Our next field trip will be to Hubart Road, Acton on Saturday, January 10 at 8 am. We will be meeting at Phelan Road and Baldy Mesa catty corner to the Shell Station. Material: Moss Agate, Sagenite, Waterline Agate, Fortification Agate. We might have time to swing by Tick Canyon area for Howlite.



Moss Agate



Waterline  
Agate



Sagenite Agate



## VVGMO DECEMBER 2, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Carole McMichael** talked about renewing the magazines we have been receiving, it was decided to renew the magazines. She also talked fixing the error made on our CD account. Jim Quinn made a journal entry to correct this. Our chart of accounts is extensive and we need to clean these accounts up at the beginning of January.

**Lois Papner** motioned to have the \$800 profit from the 2014 Gem Show be put into our savings account. Passed.

**Cyndy Madell** said the Visalia CFMS Meeting was interesting. CFMS would like our club to save stamps from envelopes to send to Easter Seals.

**2015 Budget** – The budget was adjusted for adding the scholarship of \$1000 to the budget.

**Gem Show** – Cyndy Mandell handed over two books she created with all the information on the Gem Show to Terry Booth. Cyndy will volunteer to obtain vendors next year. She also read a draft letter addressed to the Museum as to having the show again next year. The will be addressed next year.



## THE ALWAYS FAITHFUL FEW By Fran Henderon

When the meetings called to order  
And you look around the room,  
You're sure to see some faces  
That from out the shadows loom.

They are always at the meeting  
They stay until it's through -  
The ones that I would mention  
Are the always faithful few.

They fill the many offices  
And are always on the spot  
No matter what the weather  
Though it may be awful hot.

It may be dark and rainy  
But they are tried and true  
The ones that you rely on  
Are the always faithful few.

There are lots of worthy members  
Who will come when in the mood  
When everything's convenient  
They can do a little good.

They're a factor in the meeting  
And are necessary, too,  
But the ones who never fail us  
They surely would be failures  
If we lacked the faithful few.

From Solano Chieftain, 4/85  
via Trinity Tailings and  
Golden Spike News

# Happy Birthday



Louise Acherson  
Sue Sutton  
John Printz  
Barbara Burbeck  
Dave Burbeck  
Barbara Pedrow  
Dottie Kauffman  
Kemp Root  
Argentina Moore  
Heidi Rushforth  
Judy Einboden

Jim Kelly

John Huesler  
David Hershman  
Mike Munch  
Kyle Saulpaugh  
James Jones  
Caschia Jones  
Harold Gue  
Charles Messler  
Janet Gould  
David Schoue  
Jeff Watson



Connie Weinberg celebrating her 103 Birthday at our Christmas Party

## Christmas Party 2014



Lots of good food



Cody and Connie



Dwayna and Marie



Tina scaring Francis



Cyndy, John, Nancy & Gil waiting for food



Terry and Chieko



Dorothy



George



Guests enjoying themselves



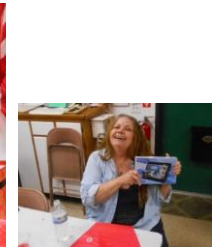
Ed being given an award



Nancy's New  
Pup Vest



Connie



Our Raffle  
Winner

**THE PETRIFIED PUPS** finished off a great year with a field trip to collect Garnets in Lucerne Valley. During their last meeting at the club they made etched copper pendants and popcorn balls to help better understand how conglomerate rocks are formed. We welcomed several new pups to our group in December and we look forward to learning along with them this coming year. In January we will be meeting on the 3rd and the 17th from 9-noon at the club. On the 3rd we will be reviewing workshop safety and have a day of shop time to work on any of our ongoing projects. On January 17th we have a special project planned. We will be making beads with Polymer Clay to donate to an organization that helps boost the morale of children who are suffering from cancer. The program is called Beads of Courage and can be found at [www.beadsofcourage.org](http://www.beadsofcourage.org). This program gives beads to every participating child for every treatment they have to undergo. The children collect the beads on a necklace and then have a tangible way to show all the courage they had by undergoing so many procedures. This is a great program to donate to and the pups are looking forward to helping support it. If you'd like to add to our donation with either polymer clay or lamp work glass beads please bring them by the club by the 17th so they can be included with our shipment. Also, if you have any tools to work with polymer clay that you'd be willing to allow the kids to use or have any experience working with it, feel free to come by during our meeting on the 17th to help our kiddo's create some beautiful masterpieces.

### Every Bead Tells a Story of Strength, Honor and Hope.

Every year, Beads of Courage provides assistance to more than 60,000 sick children coping with serious and life-threatening illnesses, and their families—in over 250 children's hospitals throughout the United States, and in six additional countries.



## 10 New Year's Resolutions for Rockhounds

1. Collect interesting specimens, including the brown unknown ones, just in case they might turn out to be something special.
2. Look for signs on the side of the road says "Falling Rock" and pull over to wait for them to fall.
3. Treasure ancient, fossilized animal dung even the kind I find in my own backyard.
4. Color co-ordinate clothes and shoes to match gemstone pendants.
5. Chant "Them rocks, them rocks, they really rock."
6. Lick better rocks.
7. Move the rock garden into the house.
8. Cut and polish more rocks.
9. Volunteer at the club more.
10. **SHARE THE LOVE OF ROCKHOUDING WITH OTHERS**

## PETRIFIED PUPS GETTING READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



John and the pups popping corn



Spraying them down with PAM



Making popcorn balls



Ooh!!!!

## AUCTION NOTICE FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING



All these items should be up for auction at our February's General Meeting. The auction will be explained in detail in the next newsletter.

## Dues Increase

At the October 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting, the membership voted down the dues increase proposed by the finance committee and passed by the board. Yo Simpson made a proposal of raising the dues across the board \$5 for everyone, except the pups, and shop fee be increased to \$5. It was decided that this proposal be sent out to all members. This will be posted for two months in the bulletin and then a vote will be taken.

**THE VOTE ON THIS INCREASE WILL BE HELD AT OUR  
JANUARY, 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 GENERAL MEETING**



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR  
OUR  
THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STODDARD WELLS  
ROCK HOUND "TAILGATE"  
VICTORVILLE, CA  
MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
9 – 5:00 P.M. DAILY**



Sign- up at the Club House

## DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues were due on or before December 31, 2014. If you have not paid your dues don't delay another day. You don't want to miss out on being part of the best gem and mineral club ever. Remember if you don't pay your dues, you won't be able to receive any more copies of the wonderful Bulletin.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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(YOURSELF)

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(SPOUSE)

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## **ELMER PIERCY VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB'S FOUNDING FATHERS**



Linda Piercy



Rick Piercy



Chris Piercy

We were very lucky to have two of the Piercy grandchildren here representing one of our founding fathers' Elmer Piercy. Linda Piercy pictured with the lovely stone her father had made called our club asking for help in making it into a necklace for her sister. Her name rang a bell for me and I asked her if she was any relation to Elmer Piercy. We she told me that it was her husband grandfather and I couldn't have been more excited. I invited them to our Christmas Party and they told us some wonderful stories about Elmer.

Elmer was born February 14, 1904, in Canton, Ohio. He was one of eight children and his father worked in the underground coal mines. On the morning of November 6, 1918, Elmer life was changed when his father was killed in a mine roof fall. Elmer at the age of fourteen, became the breadwinner for the family. Elmer had played for his schools' basketball team, but had to quit so that he could work before and after school to help his mother. Elmer had a strong work ethic and finished high school in 1922. Elmer did not work in the coal mines but worked for the A & P Company warehouse for two years. In 1924 Elmer joined the Navy and was sent to radio school in Great Lake, Illinois. Upon finishing radio school and knowing he was going to be assigned to a ship, Elmer married his high school sweetheart Lurlan Ann Phillips in 1925.

Lurlan moved to Long Beach, California to be at Elmer's homeport. In 1928 Elmer was discharged from the Navy. This was the start of the Great Depression and work was hard to find. Lurlan was a nurse and found work at a well-baby clinic. Elmer worked several manual labor jobs, including ditch digger, during that time. (TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)

## **THE BEAD BUNCH**

This group gets together every Thursday afternoon from 1 pm – 3 pm to share their love of beading. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and festivities. All skill levels welcome to stitch, wire wrap, string. Teach, learn and share ideas. Visit with old friends and make new ones. Bring a project with you or get ideas at the workshop.



## **EDUCATION NIGHT**

We'll supply the **COCOA** and **COFFEE!!!!**



**YOU SUPPLY COOKIES**



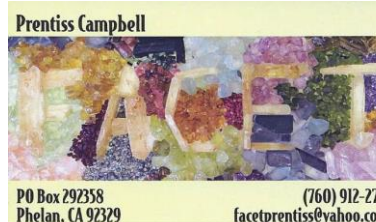
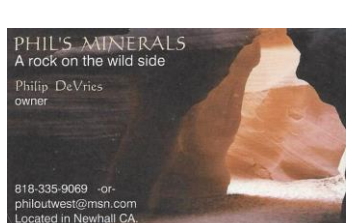
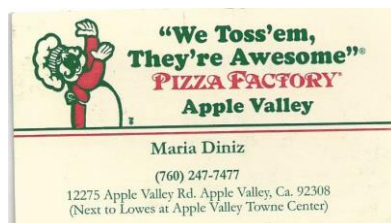
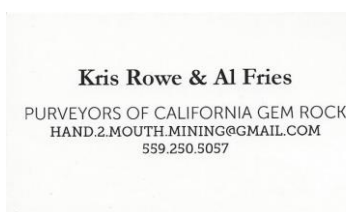
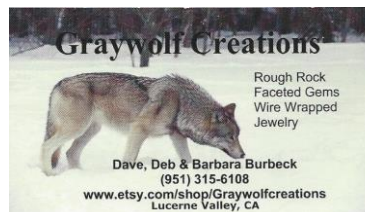
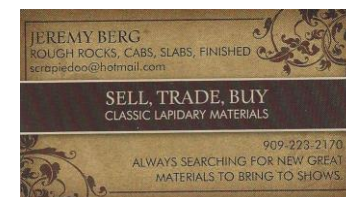
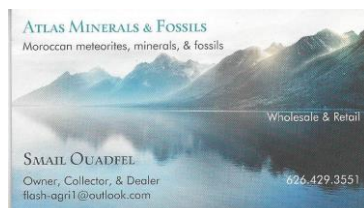
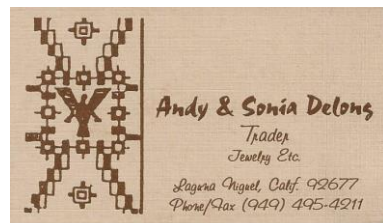
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# THANK YOU TO ALL THE VENDORS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR GEM SHOW RAFFLE



# thank you!

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>PETRIFIED PUPS</b> <b>9 AM – NOON</b> Workshop 12 – 5 pm
4 Workshop 12 – 5 pm	5	6 <b>Wagon Master Committee Meeting 4 pm</b> <b>Instructor's Meeting 6 pm</b> <b>Board Meeting 7 pm</b>	7 Workshop 12 – 7 pm	8 Workshop 12 – 7 pm  <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm See page 13 for details	9	10  <b>Hubart</b> <b>Road in Acton see page 3 for details</b> Club Workshop 12 – 5 pm
11 Workshop 12 – 5 pm	12	13 <b>Special Education Night 7 pm</b> <b>See page 13 for details</b>	14 Workshop 12 – 7 pm	15 Workshop 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	16	17 <b>PETRIFIED PUPS</b> <b>9 AM - NOON</b> Workshop 12 – 5 pm
18 Workshop 12 – 5 pm	19 Martin Luther King's Day	20	21 Workshop 12 – 7 pm	22 Workshop 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	23	24 Workshop 12 – 5 pm
25 Workshop 12 – 5 pm	26	27  6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	28 Workshop 12 – 7 pm	29 Workshop 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	30	31 Workshop 12 – 5 pm