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Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

THE BULLETIN

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THE ROCK OF THE MONTH

March's rock of the month will be Jasper Agate from the Cady Mountains. The rocks have been kindly donated by Cyndy Mandell and Lois Papner for everyone's enjoyment.



The Petrified Pups will be giving out samples of this Rock at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.



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**CALIFORNIA CHAPTER - WOMEN IN MINING
FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR WAS HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 AT
VICTOR VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB**



Our Instructors

Terry Booth, Ed Deren, Steve Hendrix, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomerence, John Printz, Frank Dunkin, and Ed Skidmore. Instructors in training: Juan Amaya, Joe Collins, and Jeremy Berg.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Marc Smith

Laura & Emily Sedgwick

Tim & Autumn Mosier

Robert Gonzalez & Dana Knowles

Mary-Ann & Vernon Johns

Greg & Pam Godson

Gary & Jean Osburn

Margarita Mendoza

Linda Porter

Chuck Higley

Reed Winslow

Mura Jose

Denise Dedmon

NEW PETRIFIED PUPS

Shawn Smith

Kaitlyn Godson



LAST MONTH'S NEW MEMBERS

Happy Birthday



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Ruben Martinez
Faith La Bau
Linda Britt
Kathleen Boyd
Gayland Graves
Dorothy Oberg
Emilynn Ramsey
Sam Marie White



Ed Berresford
Greg Wagner
Trenton Bray
Lois Papner
Sandy Skidmore
Kaitlyn Godson
Ed Lechner
Dale Lorz

Ceci made strawberry cupcakes for all to enjoy last month. Thank you Ceci!!!

If you are celebrating your birthday in the month of March and your name does not appear above, please contact Debbie Berresford at (760) 388-4229 so we can

WANTED

RETIRED SENIOR LADY AND CLUB MEMBER WANTS TO RENT OR SHARE HOUSE. HAS SMALL PETS. PLEASE CALL LIA @ 760-780-7937 OR 760-240-3967

THE BEAD BUNCH

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

Marina Shoupe donated two of her DVD's to our club. On Education Night, we had the wonderful opportunity to view Beginning Cabochon Cutting.

THANKS MARINA FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB!!

Marina had given me the following info about her products:

New VVGMC member Marina Shoupe produces a series of lapidary tutorials. A couple of them are available for viewing at the club house. If you want to pick up your own copy, she will be at the tailgate Friday and Saturday. You may also check them out on her "under construction" website,

<http://www.marzeetutorials.com>

A portion of proceeds from any DVD purchased by VVGMC members will be kicked back to the club.

The titles are:

Beginning Cabochon Cutting \$20.00

Lapidary Drilling \$20.00

Slow Wood Lap \$20.00

The Flat Lap \$20.00

Carving a Jade Bangle \$25.00

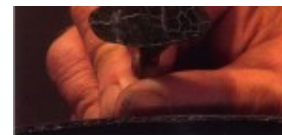
Carving a Jade Mobius Ribbon \$25.00

Beginning Faceting, (2 disks) \$40.00



*Lapidary Drilling
Tutorial*

Featuring Jim Barzee



*The
Flat Lap*

Featuring Tim Barzee & Tim Kelly



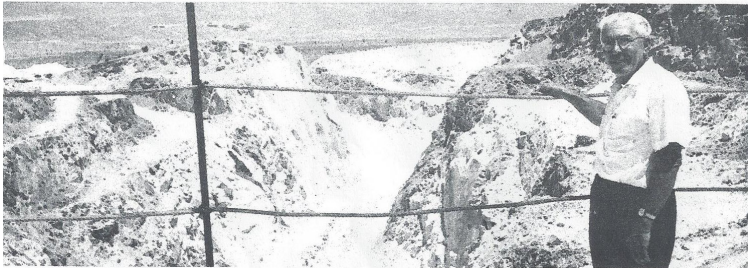
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ELMER PIERCY

**ONE OF VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB'S
FOUNDING FATHERS
PART -2-**

Elmer Piercy, Director of Minerals Operations — Western Region, stands above quarry which has supplied Victorville plant with rock since 1944. Mr. Piercy, a native of Illinois, has been in charge of operations since 1946.



Elmer was very successful. According to Elmer's wife, "He saw things that he developed and made successful, misused, mismanaged and success faded." Elmer decided it was time to leave. He had given a lot to his work, which included looking at claims all over California, Nevada, and the Western United States. He covered sales, bought equipment and enjoyed his work and was very happy with the people of the Williams Company.

Rick Piercy says, "My grandfather was more than a miner, he was one of the first HAM Radio operators, W6CID, he collected coins, stamps, miniature liquor bottles, matches, trays, magazines and most important political buttons." Elmer's collection was one of the largest in the country and he was the first member of the American Political Items Collectors and was inducted into the APIC Hall of Fame. His collection of George Washington political memorabilia was one of the largest and finest in the country at the time of his death. His collection was donated to the Smithsonian. He also loved wood carving and wood inlay pictures. He painted and had his own dark room for his photography hobby.

Rick speaks very highly of his grandfather. He, like his grandfather is very involved in the Victor Valley. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Elmer Piercy for becoming a member of our organization and helping to make Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club into the successful organization it is today. Our club has a strong future ahead thanks to the strength and determination of men like ELMER PIERCY!

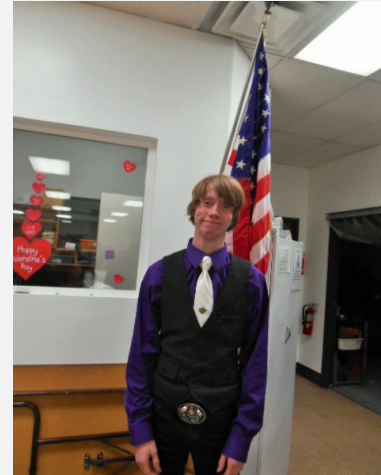
thank you!

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chair

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Society would like to nominate a

Junior Rockhound of the Year 2014



Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Society would like to nominate Cody Poppert as Junior Rockhound of the Year. He has always been an amazing help. Cody is very knowledgeable in everything lapidary related and his work is superb.

We are nominating him because when there is something that needs getting done, he will do it. At events, Cody is usually the first to show up to help and the last to leave. He arrives with a smile on his face and a willingness to work. He helps show our new members how to do things properly and inspires them to try new things. Cody will show off his work, and he inspires adults by telling them, "Hey, a kid did this, so you can too!" When Cody graduates he intends to go into a field of work that is lapidary related. He deserves this honor because of who he is and how he inspires people to try new things.

Tina LaBau, 2015 CFMS Representative

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am a little slow getting this out this month. Got over a case of pneumonia. A bit of sad news—I am no longer going to be doing the repairs in the saw room. There is a small crew of three or four that will be caring for the equipment in the saw room.

We are still getting new members from the Gem Show! We also had a very old member rejoin the other day. I am looking at the idea of more classes. If there is a class that you would like to see given, let me know.

The great crash of the sewer is over and all is working well (crossing my fingers). The shop is now open, come in on your favorite day.

Remember the upcoming Tailgate. We can always use help! Load out will be Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 at 8:00 am. We will also need help serving breakfast to our vendors on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Terry

Cookie Crites donated toaster oven for our kitchen.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

THE PETRIFIED PUPS

In March the Petrified Pups will be meeting on the 7th and 21st. On the 7th, Terry Booth and hopefully a few others will be coming in and showing the kids how knapping is done. The kids will only be observing this activity. After the demonstration, we will be preparing for the tailgate which is the 13th, 14th and 15th. On the 21st, we will have open shop for the kids to work on their own lapidary projects. Remember, the youth have to be over 8 years old to use any tools in the shop. Here are some pictures of the kids making the beads from last month.



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Cyndy Mandell-gave Terry a letter she drafted making a proposal to the museum for the 2015 Gem Show. After some discussion, a motion was made that VVGMC have the 2015 Gem Show at the museum again. Dwayna will redraft the letter and call or email it to the Board members for approval prior to sending back to Cyndy for mailing.

**CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CLUB WILL BE ON
MARCH 28, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM—NOON**

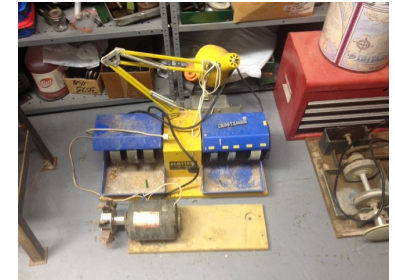


PLEASE COME AND HELP YOUR CLUB !!!

GEM SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

WE WILL BE FORMING A COMMITTEE TO HELP WITH OUR GEM AND MINERAL SHOW ON MARCH 31, 2015 @ 6:00 PM. WE ARE IN NEED OF MEMBERS WITH MANY DIFFERENT TALENTS. WE WILL BE FORMING SUB-COMMITTEES LIKE SECURITY, PUBLICITY, KITCHEN, RAFFLE, SET-UP, BREAK DOWN, PHOTOGRAPHY, SIGNS, ETC. THE MORE HELP WE HAVE, THE BETTER THE SHOW WILL BE.
COME AND BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!

AUCTION NOTICE APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING



**All these items should be up for auction at our
April's General Meeting.**

FOR SALE

BATSWANA AGATE—\$15.00 A POUND

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ALSO LOOKING TO BUY ALL YOUR SILVER
(LARGE AND SMALL AMOUNTS)



TAILGATE ZONE

Tailgate Time!

Yes, fellow rockhounds, that favorite time of the year which brings back all the fond memories of my first encounter with our club is upon us. This will be my 19th Tailgate, with more or less the same amount of years of involvement in various ways. The crux of this article is to remind members that each can volunteer to help in some small way that yields a big result towards a successful and enjoyable event by vendors, members, visiting clubs, and the public.

A sign up sheet for 1-2 hour blocks of volunteer time will be at the Tailgate booth beginning Thursday, March 12, 2015. Like my first impressionable experience at the Tailgate in 1996, this is an opportunity for members to be an example of how others view our club and its members. Compliments have been going up and complaints are down, but only when enough members participate. Members who have helped over the years know the schedule: Meet at the clubhouse on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 8:00 am to load up everything needed at the Tailgate site. We should depart the club by 9:00 am.

Porta-potties will be delivered and set-up on Thursday around 10:00 am. Club Booth hours: coffee makers start at 5:30 am—close 5:00 pm. Tear down on Sunday, March 15 about 2:00 pm. We will need members with pick-ups and SUV's to check with staff at the booth to help haul everything back to the clubhouse.

For those members who are camping/selling at the Tailgate and early risers,

PLEASE visit the club booth on Thursday to volunteer for the 6:00 am—8:00 am shift Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to help with coffee, collecting sales and chat with our vendors who buy breakfast.

Finally, many members have suggested for several years the club needs to assess a fee for vendors. Our club like all savers in this county, are under the financial repression of the Central Bankers of the world (don't get me started). After reviewing retained donation slips from the vendors from past years during the January 6th, 2015 Board meeting, the average for the three days is \$20. This is going to be the proposed fee for all vendors at next years 2016 Tailgate and if approved, listed on the pending 2016 Tailgate flier at the print shop. This vendor fee will be

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VVGMC JANUARY 6, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Terry Booth called the meeting to order.

Debbie Berresford (Membership) Reported that we have thirty-seven (37) new members that will need to be certified.

Tina La Bau (CFMS Director) Reported that she received confirmation from Nancy Bird that three of our members were approved for Rockhound of the Year. The announcement will be made in the February CFMS Newsletter.

Michael Fosse (IT Director) PayPal is still having problem. Michael will be contacting them again tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

Fencing—Lia stated that her and her son are going to start patching the fence and they already have the materials.

Sewer—Rotor Rooter was called out at a cost of \$150. They found roots in the system. There are a couple of option, high pressured blast of water down the pipes or if pipes are broken the cost could be up to \$3000.

Three Members have been recommended for approval, two for training and one to be reinstated. Joe Collins, Juan Amaya for training and Ed Skidmore to be reinstated. Approved

Terry Booth—announced that he has asked Ruben Martinez to fill the vacant position of Board Member to which Ruben agreed. A motion was made that Ruben Martinez be accepted as a board member. Approved

The **\$1,000** scholarship was added back into the budget per our by-laws. There was discussion about how to use the money given the challenges in finding qualified students from the local area to apply. It was suggested that the money go towards community education and the schools. A motion was made to send the matter to the By-laws committee for review and recommendation.

Tina La Bau— reported that she did a demonstration for 60-80 kids with toothpaste kits and everyday uses of rocks and minerals. It was a big hit with the children and only cost \$25. The money for these events will come from the Education Budget.

A motion was made to send the issue of membership dues for spouses of lifetime members to the Bylaw committee for review and recommendation. Until such determination is made, the membership fees for partners of lifetime members will pay \$10.

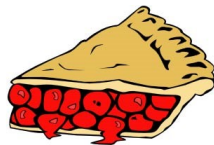
Debbie Berresford— stated that the AFMS convention in Quartzsite was coming up for the Scribes and Webmasters and that she would like the board to send her. After some discussion, Terry recommended that \$500 be moved from the saw room budget and into the bulletin budget to send Debbie to Quartzsite and cover a large deficit in her account.

Treasurer's Report—Craig Britt presented the budget. The board agreed to send the matter of Debbie's transportation and hotel cost to the finance committee to rearrange numbers prior to presenting at the General Meeting. A motion was made to send the issue of moving \$500 from the Saw Room Budget category to the Bulletin category to the finance committee for changes. Continued to page 18



WE NEED BAKED GOODS FOR THE TAILGATE

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS FOR OUR TAILGATE!! CECI WAS INJURED THIS LAST YEAR AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE ALL THE ITEMS SHE MADE FOR LAST YEAR'S TAILGATE, WE ARE DEPENDING ON OUR MEMBERS TO HELP MAKE OUR FOOD TENT A SUCCESS. PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS BY THE CLUB THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH FROM 2:00 PM UNTIL 5:00 PM OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE FOOD TENT AT THE TAILGATE. WE ARE IN NEED OF COOKIES, CINNAMON ROLLS, PIES OR ANY FRESH BAKED DESERT ITEM. IF YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE DIABETIC BAKED GOODS PLEASE BRING THEM IN WITH A LABEL LETTING US KNOW THAT THEY ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DIABETIC.



TAILGATE ZONE

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discussed at the General Membership meeting on February 24th, 2015 and I look forward to member comments about the proposed Tailgate vendor fee.

So when you arrive at the Tailgate, remember, your first stop (after porta-potties) is the **CLUB BOOTH** where **YOU** can choose the area where you can help Help **HELP** to make our 39th annual Tailgate the best ever!

Thank you, Brett Ward, Chair



WE NEED SLAB, ROCK OR MINERAL DONATIONS FOR THE TAILGATE

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF DONATED SLABS, ROCKS OR MINERALS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION. WE HAVE NONE AT THIS POINT. THERE IS A LARGE ORANGE CONTAINER AT THE CLUB FOR YOU TO DONATE GOOD QUALITY SLABS AND ROCKS FOR OUR AUCTION.

PLEASE HELP

MARCH'S FIELD TRIP

FAMILY FIELD TRIP—SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MEETING AT STODDARD WELLS ROAD AND TAILGATE TURNOFF. LOOK FOR THE SIGNS AND ALL THE VEHICLES. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE HUNTING FOR TRI-COLORED MARBLE AND VERDE ANTIQUE. JIM FOSSE WILL BE LEADING THE TRIP.



Education Night

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

DR. DON BUCHANAN



TOPIC: FOSSILS AT DIAMOND LAKE

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT EL MIRAGE SCHOOL



PICTURES FROM THE FIELD TRIP TO GEM HILL FEBRUARY 21, 2015



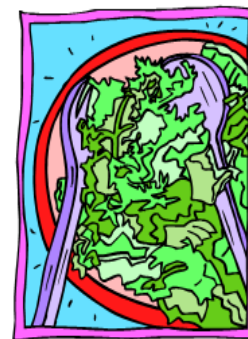
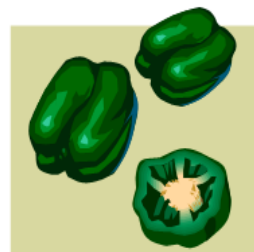
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
General Meeting and Potluck
March 24th, 6:30 PM

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Potluck Theme

Going Green

Please bring a dish that contains something "green"





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	Instructor's Meeting 3 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm	Workshop 4 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 5 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	6	PETRIFIED PUPS 7 9 AM – NOON Workshop 12 – 5 pm
Workshop 8 12 – 5 pm 	9	10	TAILGATE SET-UP 11 8:00 AM @ Club-house (members with pick-ups and SUV's needed)	12 BAKE GOOD DROP OFF FROM 2:00 PM UNTIL 5:00 PM	TAILGATE 13 9 - 5:00 pm	TAILGATE 14 9 - 5:00 pm FIELD TRIP AT TAILGATE FROM 9AM-1PM
TAILGATE 15 9 - 5:00 pm Breakdown starts @ 2:00 pm (members with pick-ups and SUV's needed)	16	Education Night 17 7:00 pm Dr. Don Buchanan will be our speaker	Workshop 18 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 19 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	20	PETRIFIED PUPS 21 9 AM – NOON Workshop 12 – 5 pm
Workshop 22 12 – 5 pm	23	POTLUCK GOING GREEN 24 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	Workshop 25 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 26 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	27	Workshop 28 12 – 5 pm CLEAN-UP 9:00 AM—NOON
Workshop 29 12 – 5 pm	30	GEM SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING 31 6 pm				