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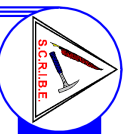
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## 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### Our Instructors

Terry Booth, Ed Deren, Charles Toles, 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.

## VVGMC MARCH 3, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting Called to Order

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – Debbie Berresford – Debbie reported that the membership now has 184 members since Monday that are mostly new. She also suggested that the board should decide what to do about bringing old members back to the club and hopefully reactivate their membership. After a great deal of discussion, post cards with a “We Miss You” and general information about the club/activities would be mailed out. A motion was made to send post cards to previous members. The motion was approved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** - Lia reported that the first education night was held and that 10 people showed. Don Buchanan will be at the next Education Night to speak about Fossils at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet.

**Recording Secretary** - Dwayna stated that a By-laws committee meeting needs to be scheduled, the last one had to be cancelled due to her mother's illness and her work schedule.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Craig provided the budget along with January and February's profit and loss statements indicating that everything is current and balances. Cyndy requested a budget for guests She was provided with a copy. Cyndy asked about the amount of money spent to date for the newsletter. Debbie stated that she personally paid for the expense of January's mailing out of her own pocket.

**Old Business:** None at this time

### New Business:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Vacancy** — Frank moved to open nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Gem Show: Debbie nominated Cyndy Mandell. Cyndy asked for 100% full board approval before she would accept. The nomination was seconded by Frank. Ruben nominated Ed Skidmore. Cyndy yielded her nomination to Ed Skidmore. Terry called for a vote/Motion Approved for Ed Skidmore as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Gem Show. Ed was asked to join the board at the table. Terry called for a vote/Motion Approved.

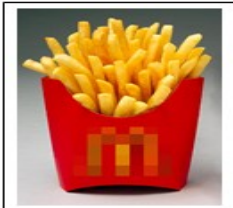
**Security Moving Camera** — purchase of items for moving the cameras would be about \$120 for better coverage in the club. All the rooms with cameras will stay the same, except in the large area. One will go in the tool room and adjustment of the other cameras will be made. Steve/Ruben/Approved

**Parliamentarian** – Tina had someone come forward who said that we should have a club parliamentarian. The issue is currently with the By-laws Committee. Val said we used to have one. They will help keep order and should be a non-voting board member. A motion was made to send the issue to the By-laws committee to create the position. Tina/Frank/Approved

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
General Meeting and Potluck  
April 28th - 6:30PM

Potluck Theme  
**Comfort Foods**

Please bring a dish that gives you distinctive pleasure or makes you feel better when you're low.



**APRIL'S FIELD TRIP**

April 11, 2015—LONE BUTT - We're going to meet at the north end of the Stater Brothers parking lot in Adelanto, corner of the (Palmdale Rd.) Hwy 18 & 395, in front of Little Caesar's Pizza at 8 am. For our Barstow people, we will be meeting at the Burger King at Kramer Junction at 8:45—9:00 am. We will be looking for petrified reed and wood.



**THE PETRIFIED PUPS**

The pups are meeting on April 4th and April 18th. Both days will be open shop. The kids will be working on projects to enter into a youth competition at the San Bernardino County Fair. The pups are also invited to attend the club field trip to North Edwards on April 11th.



**New Members:**

- Tim & Patrice Copeland
- Jake & Susan Brouwer
- Adriada Senra
- Nancy Bird

- Abram Meister
- Cindy Rhoads
- Larry Holder
- Jeri Plager

**New Pups:**

- Calob Hancock
- Tanner Lorz
- Alaina Boyd



New Members from Last Month's Potluck



## Letter from the editor

At the January 27, 2015 General Meeting, membership voted to charge members **\$10.00 annually** for those who wish to have their newsletter snail mailed to them. I have tried to get sponsors who would pay for a months mailing. What I was looking for is a company willing to put up \$50.00 a month in exchange for advertisement in the Bulletin. I thought that having a sponsor would be a good solution for the problem we have with the cost of mailing. I have not given up on finding monthly sponsors, but I have no other alternative at this time other than to publish what membership has voted on. Please know that I will continue to work to find a solution. If you wish to continue receiving the Bulletin, you can either pick up a copy at the club or send \$10 to: **Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Attention: Debbie 15056 – B Seventh Street, Victorville, CA 92395-3811**

## CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CLUB WILL BE ON



**April 25 2015 FROM 9:00 AM—NOON**

**PLEASE COME AND HELP YOUR CLUB !!!**

### 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.



## AUCTION NOTICE APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING



Tool box not up for auction

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

**“Any fool can criticize, complain, and condemn—and most fools do. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.” - Dale Carnegie**

**VVGMC FEBRUARY 3, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Terry Booth called the meeting to order.

**Old Business:**

Randy will be fixing the fence.

Craig suggested the cleaning company be fired. It was suggested that we start clean up day again. Val said she will use the phone tree to help to get members in to assist in club clean up. Sandy, Cyndy and Tina will be coming for February's clean up.

Dwanya offered to donate a white board to the club that can be put on an easel to post events/needs, etc. on .

**Treasurers Report:**

There is no Treasurer's Report.

**Gem Show:**

Cyndy has offered to help with vendors. She and Lois attended the Friends of the Museum meeting. They now have a marketing person to assist with getting groups and people into the museum and feels they are struggling and would accept any reasonable offer we would make. The problem we had at the last Gem Show was that we had no idea what the "per person" cost would be. Cyndy proposed that we offer the museum \$800. The Gem Show date has changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of November.

Val suggested that we establish a committee to take on the particulars of the Gem Show. The board members agreed that a committee was a great idea and Terry asked Debbie to establish the committee to handle the particulars of the Gem Show such as the food, vendor space/cost.

Jim made a motion to accept Cyndy's proposal of offering the museum \$800 for the Gem Show and to send them a letter of intent.

Jim/Val/Approved

**New Business:**

Cyndy bought an "All You Need" at Quartzsite. She suggested we dispense with the 6" we now have. Discussion ensued: The board determined that the Petrified Pups should get the 6" lap and allow them to fund-raise to replace the discs. A motion was made to give the 6" laps to the Petrified Pups and keep the 8" lap for the adult members. Debbie/Don/Approved

Craig mentioned that the tapes from the register are not matching and suggested the instructors be re-trained. The #6 key was added to the register for the Newsletter mailing payment.

Dwanya requested a key to the club so she could bring in minutes and review documents at her discretion; the key was given to Val for them to share.

# THE ROCK OF THE MONTH

The rock of the month will be Rose Quartz. Rose Quartz is opaque to translucent macrocrystalline quartz of pink to rose-red color. The color of rose quartz is still not completely understood. It has been said to be due to a number of minor impurities present in the rose quartz including titanium, manganese and even colloidal gold. Moh's Hardness: 7 Rose quartz is found in Madagascar, India, Germany, Brazil and several localities in the USA, most notably in South Dakota. According to legend, Eros brought rose quartz to the earth in the hope that its beautiful color would arouse love and desire among people. Metaphysical Properties: Rose quartz symbolizes trust and brotherly love. It is very helpful in affairs of the heart.



**Education Night**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2015 @ 7:00 pm**  
**DR. DON BUCHANAN**  
**TOPIC: FOSSILS AT DIAMOND LAKE**




Professor Don Buchanan from the Geology Department of San Bernardino Valley College will share a power point presentation on Diamond Valley Lake fossils, an exposure to over 300,000 Ice Age fossils collected from 1993 to 2000 during the lake's construction. Dr. Buchanan has taken numerous students from Cal State San Bernardino and Valley College to tour the Western Science Center there in Hemet, CA during the last decade. He has created a colorful slide show to walk you through the exhibits to prepare you for a possible VVGMC field trip to this site sometime later this year. He will illustrate examples of the exhibits with Sabre tooth cat photos and a model he will pass around the room. Three different slough species coexisted in this region along with both a Columbian Mammoth and Mastodon, shown by magnificent displays of their skeletal structures. He will compare this fossil discovery site with the famous La Brea Tar Pits as well as Barstonian fossils from Rainbow Basin and several others in southern California to open up a dialogue about fossils in California.

# TAILGATE ZONE

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VENDORS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEARS TAILGATE. YOU HELPED MAKE THE TAILGATE A SUCCESS!!!!**

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**Thank You**

**BREAKING NEWS**



The Draft Amendment Plan for the West Mojave Route Network Project (WMRNP) was released on March 6th, with a **90-day comment period now open through June 4, 2015.**

The Plan covers 3 million acres of public lands in San Bernardino, Inyo, Kern, Riverside and Los Angeles counties. Three alternative action plans are proposed, with the Preferred Alternative Plan aimed at consolidating camping and staging areas for recreational activities in the California desert. Road access to collecting areas may be subject to closure or restrictions.

- 1.) Attend any of the four BLM meetings scheduled in the next month --**Tue, Mar 31** in Ridgecrest, **Thu, Apr 2**, in Victorville, **Thu, Apr 7**, in Lone Pine, and **Wed, Apr 15**, in Yucca Valley;
- 2.) Write a comment letter (email to: [cawemopa@blm.gov](mailto:cawemopa@blm.gov)).

Tell the BLM which roads and camping and staging areas need to stay open. To be effective, comments should list specific place names, roads or geographic markers. Cogent comments that stick to facts and cite specifics will be more productive for advocating rockhounding interests than general remarks about keeping the whole desert open or criticizing the values of other groups.

BLM has to weigh competing interests, so it can only help to stress that permitting collecting and the way responsible rockhounds go about it is consistent with/not contrary to the ethical standards for preserving the natural environment.

**Draft EIS and related resources at:**

**<http://goo.gl/4k1HQp>**

**PDF version of the Draft Plan Amendment at:**

**<http://goo.gl/SpGTwp>**

**Comment period Deadline: June 4, 2015**

**Email: [cawemopa@blm.gov](mailto:cawemopa@blm.gov)**

**By post:**

**Bureau of Land Management California Desert**

**District Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment**

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CLUB



# WORK DAY



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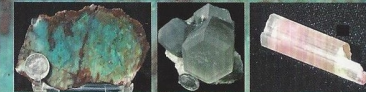
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# TAILGATE ZONE


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**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped to make this Tailgate the **BEST EVER!!!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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 Debbie Berresford  
 Margaret McBride  
 Valerie Finstad  
 Ronald Midlikoski  
 John Quinn  
 Deborah Saulpaugh  
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If you are celebrating your birthday in the month of April and your name does not appear above, please contact Debbie Berresford at (760) 388-4229 so we can see what the problem is.



## VVGM FEBRUARY 24, 2015 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### Treasurer's Report:

Craig came late and presented the Treasurers report. He stated that there was \$21,000 in expenses with \$3,500 income and that he had to pull money from savings to cover those expenses (due to the January plumbing issues). Gil asked if there was a formalized statement to put in the books. Cyndy asked if he had a check detail and profit and loss to put with the minutes of the meeting to which he indicated there would be once he made some corrections in the program. A motion was made to approve the report as read. Gil/Frank/ Approved

**Wagon Master – Blaine Witte** - Went out last Sat to Gem Hill, 28 people signed up and Mark located the pit that had Green Opal. Petrified wood and other materials were found including Riolite with interesting banding. Attendees expressed gratitude for the trip. The next trip will be for tri-colored marble with Jim at the Tailgate. The next trip after that will be at Lone Butte near Gem Hill to collect petrified reed.

**Petrified Pups – Tina LaBau – CFMS** – Tina read the CFMS newsletter naming Cody Poppert Junior Rock Hound of the Year and presented him with the newsletter article. The official award will be sent in June. She is also collecting cancelled stamps – CFMS sells the stamps to collectors for Easter Seals.

**Historian – Debbie Berresford** – Still working on the history, Jim showed her how to get on website and will be adding pictures as she goes. Terry suggested some of the pages go into the library and she's looking at ways to display the pages.

**Maintenance – Terry Booth** – no longer doing maintenance in saw room. 3 individuals have volunteered to assist. Jeff Owen offered to help, George Kawasaki might, Morris, Frank and Cyndy.

**Librarian** – Vacant Terry asked for a volunteer to take up the mantle. Lia said she would take it on along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

**Raffles – Cyndy Mandell** – Cyndy reported that the money from the raffle goes back to the club to buy things the club doesn't ordinarily purchase such as fire starters, hats, t-shirts, trays and a seen on TV knife, rocks, etc.

### Old Business:

Plumbing Issue Resolved

Gem Show/Gem Show Committee - Debbie stated that the last Tuesday in March will be a committee meeting to start making decisions regarding the gem show help with food, and general things, set-up/breakdown, etc. She asked for volunteers for different areas to make it easier on everyone. This year we will donate \$800 and they agreed to the donation. Cyndy asked everyone to participate, many new members are here tonight as a result of last years Gem Show. The show dates are November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Vendors wanted same date as last year according to Cyndy.

Cyndy thanked Women in Mining and Ceci who cooked for them. The women enjoyed the meeting; 25 were present. They help our club, particularly the petrified pups.

Adjourn

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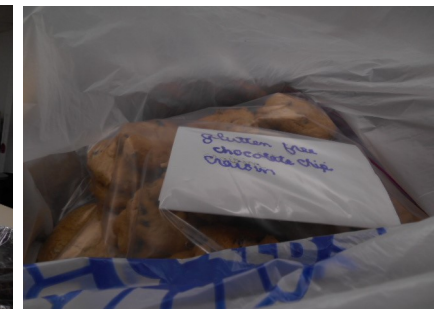
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A Big Thank You goes out to Barbara Pedrow, Val Costello, and all the other member who helped with donations for the silent auction. You helped to make it a success!!!



Another Big Thank You to all the members who brought in bake goods!!!



# April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>Workshop</b> 1 12 – 7 pm 	<b>Workshop</b> 2 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	3	<b>PETRIFIED PUPS</b> 4 9 AM – NOON <b>Workshop</b> 12 – 5 pm
<b>EASTER</b> 5 	6	<b>Wagonmaster</b> 7 <b>Committee Meeting</b> 5 pm <b>Instructor's Meeting</b> —6 pm <b>Board Meeting</b> —7 pm	<b>Workshop</b> 8 12 – 7 pm	<b>Workshop</b> 9 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	10	<b>Workshop</b> 11 12 – 5 pm <b>Field Trip</b> Lone Butt—See Page 18 for more info
<b>Workshop</b> 12 12 – 5 pm	13	14	<b>Workshop</b> 15 12 – 7 pm	<b>Workshop</b> 16 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	17	<b>PETRIFIED PUPS</b> 18 9 AM – NOON <b>Workshop</b> 12 – 5 pm
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<b>Workshop</b> 26 12 – 5 pm	27	<b>POTLUCK COMFORT FOODS</b> 28 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>Workshop</b> 29 12 – 7 pm	<b>Workshop</b> 30 12 – 7 pm <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	