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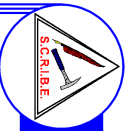
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Our Instructors

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

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Good of the Order from 03/24 - Issues have been addressed.

Last field trip - Blaine and Judy and Jake's family were the only people on the field trip. Jake Brauwer suggested a sign-up sheet for field trips. A poll was taken of members present: Action passed unanimously, a sign-up sheet for field trips will be posted by the door.

Used stamps are still being collected for CFMS Easter Seals who provide education, advocacy for autism spectrum and other disabilities. Tina will take what is collected with her to the CFMS show in June.

Ed Skidmore said someone had an idea about instructors being able to sell a punch card to members for their shop fees. This will be discussed at the Board Meeting and brought back to general membership.

New Business:

New Business items were addressed in reports.

Birthdays; Sandy read all the names of this month's birthdays and gave those present a cupcake. We all sang Happy Birthday.

There are new tags (and old tags) to put on the machines until repairs are complete.

Bureau of Land Management - West Mojave Route Network Project: A comparison of plan alterations. Terry suggested members visit their website for more information.

Auction will be held after the meeting.

Rock of the Month: Tina shared about Rose Quartz. Corey, Faith, and Caleb passed out specimens. **Shawn Smith** brought a really nice piece of Rose Quartz to share with members.



Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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Petrified Pups - **Tina La Bau** - Tina reported that the pups have worked hard and have 12 projects to enter in the San Bernardino County Fair competition for 12 years and up. Display will be from May 23 - May 31, 2015. Tina invited members to go by the Doris Davies Kids Komplex to see the pups entries.

Maintenance - **Ted McCully** - Absent

Librarian - **Lia Hamilton** - Lia stated that she is in the process of putting moth balls in the library to get rid of the silverfish. Library is temporarily out of commission, nothing new going in to it.

Newsletter - **Debbie Berresford** - Newsletter is here and will be emailed by 04/29. The newsletter will no longer be mailed unless \$10 mailing fee is paid.

Sunshine - **Marilyn Pomeranke** - Don said that if anyone knows of someone who is sick, etc., to let Marilyn know.

Displays - **Don Pomeranke** - Don asked for a volunteer to display in May.

Raffles - **Cyndy Mandell** has resigned the position. **Marc Smith** volunteered for the position.

Photography - **Terry Booth** - Nothing to report.

Hospitality/Kitchen - Sandy and Chieko helped Ceci with the kitchen tonight. Thanks to all of them for their help.

Webmaster - **Jim Fosse** - Nothing to report, everything is running smoothly.

IT Director - **Michael Fosse** - Nothing to report

Tailgate - **Brett Ward** - Absent

Instructor Introduction - Terry Booth, Don Pomeranke, Ed Deren, Charles Toles, John Printz, Steve Hendrix, Ed Skidmore, Frank Dunkin, Tina La Bau, Morris O'Brien all stood and were thanked for their time and service to the club. It was announced that Morris is going on vacation until November.

Unfinished Business:

Gem Show—Nothing further to report until after the Gem Show Committee Meeting.

Newsletter Mailing - There is a \$10 charge for mailing the bulletin out to members except for lifetime members. Debbie states that there is nothing in the by-laws, minutes or other documents that states lifetime members get the newsletter mailed to them.

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TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

JOEL & CHRISTINE TUREAUD

JACOB & DANIELA GRIEGO

STEVEN PUGH

DALE BOLGER

MARY ANN CHRISTY

NEW PETRIFIED PUPS

SAGE BOLGER



JAEDEN CHOATE

JAMIE MCWILLIAMS

KAMRYN CHOATE



Krista Beach
Fernando Pena
Ron Kauffman
Rita Hatheway
Gregg Knapp
Robert Arias
Clayton Davis
Yohontus (Yo) Simpson
Mary Ann Christy
Marilyn Pomeranke
Morris O'Brien



Juan Amaya
Laura Sedgwick
Abram Meister
Jesse Saldana
Megan Miller
Sage Bolger
JoAnn Beall

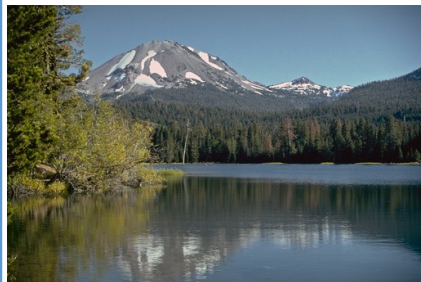


JUNE'S EDUCATION NIGHT



Alicia Borchmann (a student of Dr. Buchanan's) will share her Geology of California research power points on Lassen Volcanic National Park and Burney Falls State Park. Although Alicia has never visited **Lassen Volcanic National Park** or **Burney Falls State Park** personally, she and her family now plan to go camping and hiking in northern California after learning about this area in Dr. Buchanan's Geology of California

class. Alicia just graduated from San Bernardino Valley College, and will be attending Cal Poly Pomona in the fall of 2015 majoring in Geography and Geographic Information Sciences (GIS).



VVGM April 28, 2015 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order

Introduction of new Parliamentarian **Marc Smith**

Roll Call of Officers:

President, **Terry Booth**

1st Vice President - Membership - **Debbie Berresford** - Debbie reported that we have 3 new members

2nd Vice President - Education - **Lia Hamilton** - She has moth balls

3rd Vice President - **Ed Skidmore** - The Gem Show Committee Meeting will be after pups meeting and we need volunteers.

Recording Secretary - **Dwayna Barron** - By-law Committee Meeting on 05/03/2015 @ 1:00 pm.

Treasurer - **Craig Britt** - Finance Committee Meeting will be 05/13/2015 @ 7:00 pm. \$800 from last years Gem Show was transferred from checking to savings account. Corey signed the release forms to the safety deposit box.

Corresponding Secretary - **Val Costello** - Val stated that she sent a thank you letter to John Muensterman. His donation was received at the tailgate; it is believed that it was inadvertently sold in error in the silent auction.

CFMS Representative - **Tina La Bau** - Tina reported that she is going to the CFMS meeting in Lodi in June. She will be attending a round table discussion focused on how to handle common club problems. Looking for contributions to their spin the wheel/silent auction.

Board Members - **Frank Dunkin, Steve Hendrix, Ruben Martinez, and Don Pomerence** - Nothing to report.

Introduction of Guests - There were no guests tonight.

Reading of the Minutes - The minutes were posted in the book and in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Craig already provided Treasurer's report above.

Committee Reports:

Wagon Master - **Blaine Witte** - The field trip will be to the Cady Mountain on 05/09/15. The group will be looking for plume flame agate.

Historian - **Debbie Berresford** - Nothing to report

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TOOLS NEEDED FOR WIRE WRAPPING

Ruler
 Pocket Knife (optional)
 Flat Nose Pliers
 Round Nose Pliers
 Sharpie Marker
 Jump Ring Mandrels (optional)
 Rat Tail String
 Flush Cutter
 Masking Tape
 Container to keep scrap silver in to salvage later
 Beading mat/felt (optional)

***All tools should be smooth with no gripping grids that will mark your silver when you use the tools.

21/22 gauge Sterling Silver Square ½ hard wire
 21/22 gauge Sterling Silver Half Round ½ hard wire

You can buy wire from Rio Grande by the inch, foot, or Troy ounce. They also have gold and gold-fill for sale the same way



Beginning Wire Wrapping Class

By Yohontus (Yo) Simpson

Classes will be held off and on every other Sunday

May 31, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, September 6,
 September 20, October 4, and October 18, 2015

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

These dates are subject to change. If you are attending these classes, please give us your name, phone number, and email address so that we can let you know if there is a change.

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Yo suggests you get your wire from Rio Grande as soon as possible

THE PETRIFIED PUPS

In May, the Pups enjoyed some shop time on the first meeting this month. On the second meeting we went over the use of the club equipment with the pups. Next month, we will be meeting on June 6th and June 20th. June 6th we will be having shop time and going over the field trip we will be taking on June 20th to Diamond Lake/ Western Science Center.



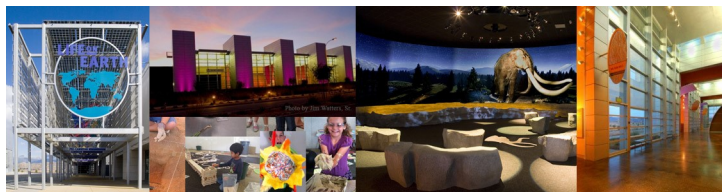
Field Trip!

Our first field trip this month will be on Saturday June 13th, 2015 to Lavić Siding. We will be meeting at the club at 6:30 am the morning of the trip and driving out to Ludlow (Dairy Queen) to pick up the other group. We should be in Ludlow at approximately 8:00 am. Members can meet us in either location. We will be leaving the club promptly at 6:30 am. This trip **requires a 4 wheel drive vehicle**. We will be looking for Jasper/Agate.



WESTERN SCIENCE CENTER/DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE

2345 Searl Pkwy, Hemet, CA 92543



We will be **meeting** and **leaving** the club at 7 am on Saturday, June 20th. We will also be meeting at the Wal-Mart on Washington/Mt. Vernon (Exit 39) off the 215 in Colton at 8:15 am. From there we will be proceeding to the Western Science Center and arrive at about 9:00am.

Admission:

\$5.00 per person (museum tour only) **OR**

\$15.00 per person (museum tour and the behind the scenes tour)

Debbie Berresford will be collecting the admission fees prior to the trip. Debbie will have a sign-up sheet with her at the clubhouse so that you can prepay for this trip. She will need the following information: Name, cell phone #, number of people attending. This is all on a **cash only basis (no change will be given)**. All money must be turned in prior to this event. We are limited to 40 people attending so get your reservations in quickly.

We will be having a picnic lunch (bring your own) at the Diamond Lake overlook. Most of our time will be spent indoors, but there are some outdoor activities so please bring plenty of water and sunscreen or hat.



Check out their website

<http://www.westerncentermuseum.org/>

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
General Meeting and Potluck
June 23rd -- 6:30 PM

Potluck Theme

Summer Picnic Fun

Please bring a dish that you would take to a picnic



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.

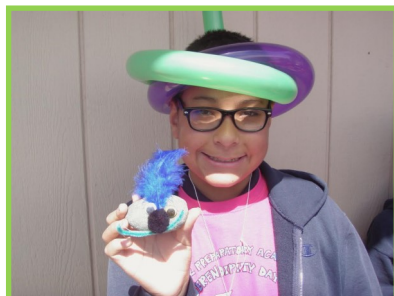
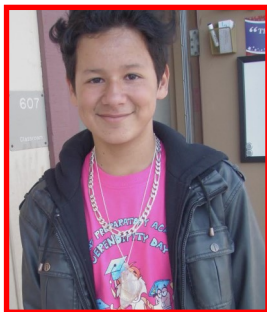
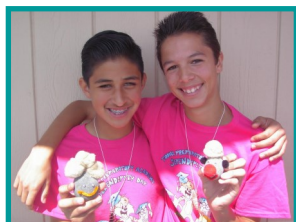


Topaz Preparatory Academy "Serendipity Days" by Cyndy Mandell

Topaz Preparatory Academy in Hesperia celebrated the end of the school year with their annual Serendipity Day on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Representing the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club **Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Steve Hendrix, and Carole McMichaels** volunteered to teach three separate rotating classes on how to make a copper wire cage and Doo-Dads.

The wire was pre-cut and given to the students who then make spirals with our assistance. The spirals are expanded into cages and each student picks a tumbled stone to insert into it. A second project was available where the students made a doo-dad from river rocks, feathers, googly eyes, beads, pipe cleaners, and a variety of other materials.

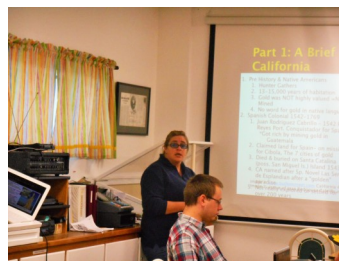
Cyndy Mandell has been presenting this activity on behalf of the club for the past eight years. She is partial to Topaz because she is a retired teacher from that school. She still serves as a substitute on occasion and promotes the club, rocks and minerals at every opportunity. She is known as the rock lady because she brings tumbled stones to the class room when she teaches and gives them to students who complete their work or exhibit good behavior. She says, "It is a great teaching moment and students from kinder to eight grade love rocks."




Education Night Recap

On Tuesday, May 19th, 2015, **Megan Shadrick**, Physicist, Engineering Safety and Quality Assurance Manager, Kelly Space and Technology, Inc. came to our club and did a presentation on the History of Gold in California and the Transverse Ranges; and an Introduction to the Geochemistry of Gold. This presentation was well attended by our members.

Megan began her presentation with a brief history of California, moved into an overview of the transverse ranges, and then discussed the geochemistry of gold. She even told us about an unusual discovery on the Parker gold piece that was found in 1959. Every one in attendance walked away from the presentation with a new understanding of gold in California and gold in general. Thank you so much Megan for the wonderful presentation!!



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GOLDEN BEAR**



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2015

JEWELRY, MINERAL & GEM FESTIVAL

June 12, 13 & 14, 2015
10am - 5pm Friday & Saturday
10am - 4pm Sunday
Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair
413 East Lockeford Street, Lodi, Ca
www.cfmsinc.org
\$6 Adults, Children under 12 Free



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Workshop 31 12 – 5 pm Wire Wrapping Class with “Yo” 5:00—7:00	1	Instructor’s 2 Meeting—6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm	Workshop 3 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 4 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	5	Petrified 6 Pups 9 am – noon Workshop 12 – 5 pm
Workshop 7 12 – 5 pm	8	SNAKES 9 ALIVE 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Workshop 10 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 11 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	12	Workshop 13 12 – 5pm Field Trip
Workshop 14 12 – 5 pm Flag Day	15	Education 16 Night 7:00 pm	Workshop 17 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 18 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	19	Workshop 20 12 – 5pm Field Trip
Workshop 21 12 – 5 pm  Father's Day	22	POTLUCK 23 SUMMER PICNIC FUN 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	Workshop 24 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 25 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	26	Workshop 27 12 – 5pm CLEAN-UP 9:00 AM - NOON
Workshop 28 12 – 5 pm Wire Wrapping Class with “Yo” 5:00—7:00	29	30				