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## THE BULLETIN



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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, Barbara Pedrow,  
 and Ed Skidmore.

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### August 1, 2015

9:00 am - Noon Petrified Pups Meeting

### August 4, 2015

5:00 pm Instructor's Meeting

6:00 pm Board Meeting

### August 8, 2015

Noon - 5 pm Steve Hendrix's Casting Class

### August 9, 2015

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wire Wrapping Class

### August 15, 2015

9:00 am - Noon Petrified Pups Meeting

### August 18, 2015

7:00 pm Education Night Emmili  
Penn - Redwood National and State Park

### August 23, 2015

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wire Wrapping Class

### August 25, 2015

6:30 pm Potluck

7:30 pm General Meeting

### August 29, 2015

9:00 am CLUB CLEAN-UP

# Welcome!

Caroline Hudson

Ron Hudson

James Burns

Angela Burns

Michael Koski

Louise Herington

Steve Smith

Tyler Smith

## Petrified Pups

Forest Sampson

# Happy Birthday

02 Carole McMichael

23 Eddie Huerta

03 Suzi Bray

23 Amy Swensen

03 Cookie Crites

24 Denise Dedmon

05 Robert Hemphill

26 Don Pomerence

11 Susan Brouwer

26 Lucas King

13 Forest Sampson

28 Jim Fosse

14 Marie Gramata

28 Ted McCully

15 George Kawasaki

31 Barbara Minard

20 Dale Bolger

31 Laurie Wilson

21 Marc Smith

22 Frank Dunkin

22 Gary Osburn





## THE PETRIFIED PUPS

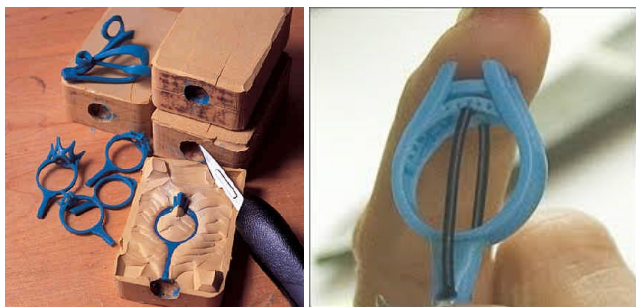
The Pups will be meeting on August 1, 2015 and on August 15, 2015. On August 1, the Pups will be working on Hardness Testing Kits with James Burns. The meeting on August 15 is open shop time for the pups to work on their badges or projects.



Cody Poppert received the AFMS Junior Rockhound of the year Award for 2014.  
Way to go Cody!!

## CASTING CLASS

**Steve Hendrix** will be conducting a Casting Class on Saturday, August 8, 2015. If you are interested, please contact Steve at (714) 323-0323 for all the details. Also Steve can do private lessons on any Saturday by appointment.



## Bracelet Fold Forming Class

Cyndy Mandell taught a fold forming class and students had a great time being creative. Thanks Cyndy for a great class.





# Education Night August 18, 2015 7:00 pm

Come and enjoy an evening with **Emmili Penn**.

Her presentation will be a brief description of major features found along California's beautiful Lost Coast. She will talk about the Northern Coast Range with emphasis on California's Redwood State and National Park.



## Emmili Penn



Emmili Penn is a Geology student finishing up her senior year at Cal State University, San Bernardino. She previously attended Humboldt State University, located in the heart of the Redwood forests.

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK  
AUGUST 25, 2015 AT 6:30 PM



POTLUCK THEME : HAWAIIAN LUAU



PLEASE BRING A DISH THAT YOU WOULD  
TAKE TO A LUAU



# *In Loving Memory of Alan Molineux*



Alan Molineux passed away on June 23, 2015 at age 62, having succumbed to a brief battle with Mesothelioma. Alan was married to one of our club members Kerry Molineux. He had five children and four grandchildren.

Alan was our club's editor and recording secretary for many years. In March of 2006, Alan took on the role of editor of our Bulletin. He continued to be our editor until December 2012. Every publication was done professionally and kept all the members informed of club events. In January 2007, Alan took on the role of recording secretary and remained in that position until December 2012. Our club was so lucky to have Alan and his quick wit, especially since he really did not like rockhounding. We can thank his wife Kerry and her love of the lapidary arts for keeping Alan involved with our club.

Alan was born in Staffordshire County, England on December 11, 1952. He was adopted by Albert and Doris Molineux who also later adopted his two sisters, Vera and Gina. In 1957 the entire family moved to Australia.

*Condolences*

Alan lost his leg in a motorcycle accident. This accident inspired Alan to regularly donate blood, because blood donations from others that saved his life. At the time of his death, Alan had donated well over 40 gallons of blood.

Alan loved everything he did. He loved geocaching and became acquainted with a rattlesnake on one of his adventures. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, crazy ties, gold prospecting, and collecting clocks. He was always up for an adventure.

During his memorial service, we all got to hear how, while on a white rafting trip, the rivers rapids got renamed to "Lost Leg Rapids". While on one of his many adventures, he was thrown out of his raft. The crew went to recover Alan (which they did), however, they left part of him in the river (his prosthetic leg). Rumors spread around the town that a man had lost his leg while rafting down the river and on that day the river had a new name "Lost Leg Rapids". After a short time, Alan was able to recover his leg and continue on his adventure.

Alan was also a teacher and I can personally say that I learned to laugh a lot when I was with Alan. He is the one who inspired me to take over as editor of this newsletter.





# *In Loving Memory of JoAnn McPurdy Beall*



Sadly, I have to report on the passing of one of our lifetime members JoAnn McPurdy Beall. JoAnn passed away on June 27, 2015. She was born in Witchita, Kansas on June 25, 1929. She was married to Gerald (Nick) Beall. She is survived by her loving husband, four children, and seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren.

She loved making jewelry. She also loved selling at the rock shows. JoAnn has been a very active member in our club. After the death of her husband Bill, she married Nick Beall in 2003. JoAnn served on just about everything in the club. She was our Hospitality Chairperson for many years and kept the kitchen running. In addition, to keeping up our club kitchen she also kept the kitchen for the Gem Show and Tailgate. She made many grab bags and do dads for club events. She loved to wire wrap, work

with silver, and make spheres. She became one of our club's instructors to share her love and knowledge with other members. JoAnn served on the Board of Directors in 2005 and 2006. In 2007, she was the Gem Show and Tailgate Coordinator.

At the memorial service, the chaplain talked about JoAnn being able to see the beauty in rocks that outside appearance was not that beautiful and how that was how she saw everybody. JoAnn could always see the beauty in everything. He also mentioned the love that he saw between JoAnn and Nick. He mentioned an occasion that he went to their house to visit. He said the aroma coming from the kitchen was mouthwatering. The chaplain realized that Nick was making JoAnn's favorite foods trying to get her to want to eat again. Nick saw JoAnn's beauty too and did not want to let her go. The chaplain saw the love between them and saw how special they were together. I felt as though I was invited into a very special place with them. Every person that spoke about her had only wonderful things to say about her. The club was truly blessed to have had her a part of it.

REMEMBERED  
...WITH...  
*Love*

## Beginning Wire Wrapping Class

By Yohontus (Yo) Simpson

This Month's Classes will be held on

**Sunday, August 9, 2015**

**Sunday, August 23, 2015**

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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### TOOLS NEEDED FOR WIRE WRAPPING

Ruler  
Flat Nose Pliers  
Sharpie Marker  
Rat Tail String  
Masking Tape

Pocket Knife (optional)  
Round Nose Pliers  
Jump Ring Mandrels (optional)  
Flush Cutter

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*





General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Roll Call of Officers present:

President, Terry Booth

1st Vice President-Membership, Debbie Berresford

2nd Vice President-Education, Lia Hamilton

Corresponding Secretary, Val Costello

CFMS Representative, Tina LaBau

Board Members: - Steve Hendrix, Don Pomerence

Officers absent :

3rd Vice -President- Gem Show, Ed Skidmore

Recording Secretary, Dwayna Barron

Treasurer, Craig Britt

Board Members : Frank Duncan, Ruben Martinez

Past President, Jim Fosse

Parliamentarian, Marc Smith

New Members -

Karen Griffin, Jake, and Sharon, Buczkawske and Michael Koski.

Committee Reports:

Wagon Master - Blaine Witte - Only one couple showed up for the last field trip June 13th to Lavic Siding but collected several pounds of rock before noon. Need to postpone additional field trips until the weather cools down. One more field trip is planned for July 26 th to Davis Creek, please sign up for the trip, a variety of obsidian is the material to be collected.

Petrified Pups - Tina La Bau - No meeting July 4th due to holiday, next meeting will be July 18th learning how to grow crystals. we will be needing glass jars.

Historian - Debbie Berresford - Nothing to report

Maintenance - Ted McCully - Nothing to report

Librarian - Lia Hamilton - Silverfish have not completely gone.

Newsletter - Debbie Berresford - Debbie requested the Treasurer to acquire a credit card from Office Max to allow me to have the Newsletter printed, I have not received the card to date,

the Newsletter is ready to be printed, the price difference is with the discount, the cost of printing is \$ 17.00 without it would be \$70.00 to \$100.00 which is not in the budget so the Newsletter did not get printed it will be posted on the Web only. Therefore the Newsletter will not be printed until the problem is resolved. For reasons unknown seems there is some confusion with Office Max buying out Office Depot. The Newsletter will be posted on the Web only.

Officer Reports:

Membership - Debbie Berresford - There 247 Members, 7 new Members gained primarily due to exhibit of Snakes Alive, almost 300 people attended plus a news paper write-up.

2nd Vice President - Lia Hamilton, - Trying to get someone for education night, no responses due to people on vacation.

3rd Vice President - Ed Skidmore - Sandy Skidmore gave report. We have a primary authorization to proceed with the Gem Show, coordination with Debbie Berresford is required for paper work needed to continue planning. Possible Gem Show Committee Meeting July 7th before Instructors meeting.

Recording Secretary - Dwayna Barron - absent

Treasurer - Craig Britt - Absent - Terry Booth gave report from phone conversation. There was a credit of \$16.00 on a bill but did not stipulate which bill.

CFMS - Tina La Bau - Slide show of CFMS was cancelled computer not available, postponed until next General Meeting, among some ideas was for flyers, events, businesses where discounts are available etc. AFMS Junior Rockhound Award of the year for 2014 was given to Cody Poppert.

Terry Booth is asking for a volunteer from the membership for someone who has the capability to identify Fluorescent Rock to assist the new Museum owner in Radsberg.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm

Board of Director Meeting  
July 7, 2015

Meeting called to order at: 7:09 pm

Members Present/Reports:

Terry Booth, President  
Debbie Berresford, 1st Vice President/Membership  
Lia Hamilton, 2nd Vice President/Education  
Dwayna Barron, Recording Secretary  
Craig Britt, Treasurer – (Arrived Late)  
Valeria Costello, Corresponding Secretary  
Tina LaBau, CFMS Representative  
Board Members: Frank Dunkin, Steve Hendrix, Ruben Martinez, Don Pomerence  
Past President, Jim Fosse

Members Absent:

Ed Skidmore, 3rd Vice President/Gem Show – Absent  
Parliamentarian, Marc Smith

Guests Present: Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Sandy Skidmore, Michael Berresford

Treasurers Report: Craig made a motion that Cyndy be able to purchase All-You-Needs discs, transferring \$150 from grinding room to cover budget shortage.  
Craig/Don/Approved

Jim has bill for VVGMC website – 3 years = \$359.64

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. - Frank /Lia/Approved 1  
Opposed/1Abstained until report is corrected.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gem Show: Sandy said the committee worked out the flyers and agreements. She presented flyers and asked for approval, everyone agreed. Another meeting will be scheduled to work out other details. Vendors can go on website to fill out application. Terry suggested Debbie and Sandy work to send out flyers by email.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie is having issues that need to be clarified: New members are to be charged ½ price at this point in July. Do we charge the full \$20 + \$5 late fee for members starting July? By-laws state different. Debbie made a recommendation that starting next year to change the reduction of fees beginning in September vs. July. Recommendation made to go to by-laws committee to clarify interpretation. Jim will provide roster for instructors so they will know who is current when collecting dues. We have 248 new members. Debbie is requesting a budget for Membership, traditionally Membership expenses were charged to Office Supplies. Other expenses have also been charged to that account which overextends the account. Terry offered the saw room budget up to \$300 to transfer to cover any shortfall.

Terry is taking over saw room again.

Lia asked how much was in the education budget: \$1,000 plus. She has speakers, but they all come with a fee, mostly due to distance. She needs some one for July but can show a film/DVD for Education night. She has it covered until November. She also needs equipment to interface with computers, there is an issue with new computers not having accessibility to the projector and the projector being old enough that it isn't wireless. Jim will look into cost of projector/computer to present at next meeting.

CFMS: Tina stated that she received a great deal of information. We can submit an application for All American Club Award; it is a great honor to be awarded. Debbie will head it since she is historian. Sweepstakes award for most displays. She recommended Don for the 2016-2017 show. She suggested a 1st Aid/CPR class. Terry asked her to take a poll for interest, particularly instructors. She was interested in Safety Tip of the month in conjunction with rock of the month. Another suggestion was to contribute to the endowment fund. One of the classes attended was How to save the club from certain demise and how to handle problematic members. The



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suggestion is to follow rules and call out members each time they violate the rule, speak out of turn, etc. Start disciplinary steps as last resort. Terry is working on some of the suggestions. Offer scholarship to a member to attend Camp Zzyzxx. Camp is \$400 for a week. Volunteer appreciation is a struggle. People are concerned with instructors taking advantage of free shop days. Tina is willing to volunteer to start program.

Tina motioned the club start a volunteer appreciation program for members: volunteer time for shop time, awarded at membership meeting. Hours will be logged. Tina/Debbie/Discussion/ - 5 Yes, 2 No's, 3 Abstained/Approved

Committees are knocked down historically, so why have them. Let the committee's make decisions for the club, that's their purpose. Raffles: suggested that auctions takes place instead.

Ruben said that members have told him that instructors are on equipment when they come in.

Tina proposed gum ball machines for kids. Terry suggested she ask parents if they support the idea. Tina/Lia/Discussion How will funds be handled as profit center. The money will go to fundraiser for Pups. Craig suggested she go to city for rules regarding vendors, parents and research legalities. 5 Yes, 2 Against 3 Abstained until checked into further.

Frank made a motion to table the instructors issues until the next meeting. Frank/Lia/Approved

Debbie said the can with donations was supposed to replenish the soda's and water. Debbie proposed the money in the can be used for water/soda's. Frank/Steve/Approved Proposal was withdrawn.

Don made a proposal that we purchase a new filter for the sink. Home Depot costs \$170 - Don/Frank/Approved

Davis Creek Field Trip meeting – Thursday night before the field trip.

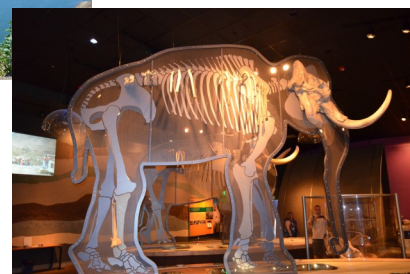
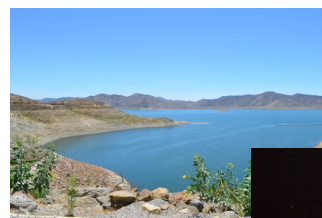
Sandy brought out donation of polo shirts with embroidered logo that can be put up for sale. It was suggested that they be offered to guest speakers.

Price: Put in with other T-Shirts and sell. Sandy to find out cost of production to replace. - Discussion/Approved

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Lia/Debbie Approved

### **WESTERN SCIENCE CENTER DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE FIELD TRIP**

**Thanks to Dr. Buchanan for inviting our members on a behind the scenes tour of the Western Science Center. Our members had a wonderful time learning about this facility and how it provides critical water storage for the Southern California area and all the fossils collected from the site.**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <b>Petrified Pups</b> <b>9 am – noon</b> <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>
2 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>	3	4 <b>Instructor's Meeting</b> <b>6 pm</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>7 pm</b>	5 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 7 pm</b>	6 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 7 pm</b> <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	7	8 <b>Steve's Casting Class</b>  <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>
9 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>  <b>Wire Wrap Class</b> <b>5-7 pm</b>	10	11	12 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 7 pm</b>	13 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 7 pm</b> <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	14	15 <b>Petrified Pups</b> <b>9 am – noon</b>  <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>
16 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>	17	18 <b>Education Night</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	19 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 7 pm</b>	20 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 7 pm</b> <b>BEAD BUNCH</b> 1 pm – 3 pm	21	22 <b>Workshop</b> <b>12 – 5 pm</b>
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