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Our Instructors

Barbara Pedrow, Ed Deren, Charles Toles, Steve Hendrix, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomeranke, John Printz, Frank Dunkin, and Ed Skidmore.

Dear members,

As of the board meeting on 9-1-15, I have been called on to serve as your President. I would like to start our adventure together by saying thank you for putting your trust in me to lead our club to a destination remembered in years past. It is my full intent to restore the integrity, dignity, and fun to the organization we all love. I sincerely believe we are all responsible to do our own parts, no matter how big or small, to insure The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club is the best place to explore our shared love of rocks. Our club should be a place of retreat; a place to come socialize and spend time with other members who enjoy our shared hobby. I would like to invite you to participate in each and every facet of our club. You will be receiving a board agenda one week before each board meeting to keep you apprised of how we are serving you. Your board welcomes your attendance and input. Please feel free to attend. Communication is another one of your Board's strong points. We cannot grow without you. If you would like to see some action or activity take place; perhaps you have a suggestion; maybe you would like to see our club procure a new piece of equipment; or maybe you just want to say hello. Please call me anytime. My personal phone number is (760) 485-9800. I can also be reached via email. ellegantproposals@aol.com is where you can find me. I sincerely want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. Together, we're going to have a great time. I look forward to talking with you and listening to your thoughts about making our club fun.

Marc Smith

President,

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September 1, 2015

6:00 pm Instructor Meeting
7:00 pm Board Meeting

September 6, 2015

5:00 - 7:00 pm Wire Wrap Class

September 8, 2015

6:00 pm Gem Show Meeting

September 12, 2015

9:00 am - Noon Petrified Pups

September 14, 2015

1:00 pm Bylaw Committee Meeting

September 15, 2015

7:00 pm Education Night

September 19, 2015

9:00 am - Noon Petrified Pups
Noon-5:00 pm Chain Maille Class

September 20, 2015

5:00 - 7:00 pm Wire Wrap Class

September 22, 2015

6:30 pm Potluck
7:30 pm General Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 01 Raymond Ashe
- 01 Ben Champoux
- 02 Dwayna Barron
- 04 Sandy Buczkowske
- 05 Gena Oliver
- 09 Ceci Kawasaki
- 11 Mary Damiani
- 11 Jeri Plager
- 13 Ernie Seidel
- 14 Francis Gramata
- 17 Steve Guidry

- 19 Rodney Wilson
- 19 Ron Hudson
- 20 Toni Reeder
- 21 Michelle Miller
- 22 Joel Tureaud
- 24 Rebecca McCully
- 24 Darla Smith
- 26 Randy Geiger
- 27 Chieko Printz
- 29 Angela Burns

Welcome

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| Eric Stanford | Beverly Perry |
| Johnny Twedt | Blanca Twedt |
| John Twedt | Wilai Twedt |
| Linda Hasting | Bryndon Michener |
| Gregory Santelices | Terry Santelices |
| Ben Champoux | Rodney Buell |
| Rodney Wilson | Laurie Wilson |
| Megan Shadrick | Ryan Arnold |
| Donna Hopkins | |

Petrified Pups

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| Lilly Michener | Jonathan Michener |
| Bryndon Michener | Ashton Wilson |
| Maegan Arnold | Mannie Romero |
| Alissa Romero | |

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
 General Meeting and Potluck
 September 22, 2015 @ 6:30 PM



Potluck Theme

Breakfast for Dinner



Beginning Wire Wrapping Class By Yohontus (Yo) Simpson

This Month's Classes will be held on

Sunday, September 06, 2015

Sunday, September 20, 2015

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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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.

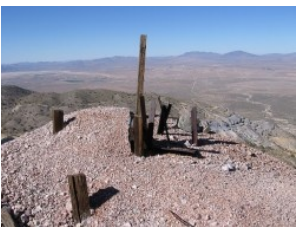
21/22 gauge Sterling Silver **Square** ½ hard wire
21/22 gauge Sterling Silver **Half Round** ½ hard wire

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



Education Night James Burns Presents The Blackhawk Mine on September 15, 2015 7:00 pm

Blackhawk mine is a historical gold mine located east of Lucerne Valley, CA above the famous Blackhawk landslide high in the San Bernardino mountains. This presentation will cover the mine's geologic character, the history of the mine, how the mine functioned during its heyday, and the science behind its techniques for gold extraction. It will include a modern investigation of the mine including the fire assay, electron microscopy, and energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy. It will conclude with the economics surrounding the possible of reopening the mine.

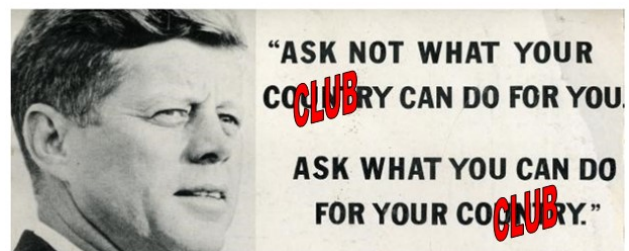


James Burns



James graduated in 2014 with a BS in Geology from California State University at San Bernardino. His senior thesis "The Effects of Remediation and Time on Compacted Coastal Sage Scrub Soil" studied what effects different forms of remediation had on the soil of an endangered plant community damaged by construction debris. He has done geologic mapping both above and below ground in the local area including mines in the Mojave desert that date back to the late 1800's. He currently helps tutor the Petrified Pups here at the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club.

Francis Gramata asked me to post this quote in the newsletter to remind members that we need them!!!



Because of limited space in this month's newsletter the August's Board and General Meeting Minutes will not be published and are available in the club.

Gem Show Volunteer Meeting

September 8, 2015

6:00 pm

Please come and help your club make this the best



FREE

CHAIN MAILLE CLASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Noon - 5:00 pm



Supplies needed 2 ounces of sterling or cooper wire 14 gauge or 100 jump rings approximately 1/4 in diameter and a clasp. A clasp either lobster claw or toggle.

A TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

Valuable is the work you do
Outstanding in how you always come through
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
Notable are the contributions you make
Trustworthy in every project you take
Eager to reach your every goal
Effective in the way you fulfill your role
Ready with a smile like a shining star
Special and wonderful-that's what you are!

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VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

PRESENTS

ROCKS OF THE WEST

NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 2015

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM SATURDAY

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM SUNDAY

AT

VICTOR VALLEY MUSEUM

11873 APPLE VALLEY RD

APPLE VALLEY, CA 92308



THE PETRIFIED PUPS

This month the pups will be learning about the special effects of minerals. We will learn about things like magnetism, triboluminescence, birefringence, and chatoyancy. If you have a mineral specimen that demonstrates any of these qualities, or anything different from the norm, we would love to borrow it for our lecture. A few ideas are a star sapphire, a double terminated quartz crystal, rutilated quartz, and anything else the kids might enjoy looking at.

Also this month we will be learning about the connection between fireworks and minerals. This month promises to be a fun learning experience and you don't want to miss it. Our meeting dates for this month have been changed due to the holiday so we will be meeting on September 12th and the 19th from 9:00am - Noon.





September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Instructor's Meeting 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5 Workshop 12 - 5 pm
6 Workshop 12 - 5 pm Wire Wrap Class 5-7 pm	7 	8	9 Workshop 12 - 7 pm	10 Workshop 12 - 7 pm	11 	12 Petrified Pups 9 am - noon Workshop 12 - 5 pm
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20 Workshop 12 - 5 pm Wire Wrap Class 5-7 pm	21	22 POTLUCK 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	23 Workshop 12 - 7 pm	24 Workshop 12 - 7 pm	25	26 Workshop 12 - 5 pm Clean Up Day 9 am - Noon
27 Workshop 12 - 5 pm	28	29	30 Workshop 12 - 7 pm			