

# THE BULLETIN

Official Newsletter of the  
VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Oh goodness how the time flies. Welcome to fall. My favorite time of year. Hope you all have had a great summer. It has been a hot year, and we welcome the coming cold.

A big shout out to everyone that has been pitching in at the club. Joyce DeGarmo, who always takes out the trash, and was left out of the thank you's for the Snakes Alive night. She moved chairs and helped clean-up. Thank you Joyce.

To Charles Toles and Joyce DeGarmo for being here for clean-up when no one else showed. Also, thank you to Louise Herrington for helping move everything around in the club, Ruben Martinez and Ed Skidmore for taking the silver room inventory, Charles Toles for helping with the cylinders and Roger Beam for flyers. To the Board members for their input and being there, Val Costello for all the work she has done on the by-laws, inventory and organizing the office. To the instructors for their input and to the members who attend the meetings. A big THANK YOU to all.

It is that time of year again, elections are next month. If you wish to run for an office, please put your name on the board; you are needed. Lots of plans have been started and we need to have people willing to step-up and volunteer to keep our club running smoothly.

We have a few new instructors-in-training: Ruben Martinez, Gary Osburn, Dwayna Barron, and Robert Slone. Lia Hamilton has recuperated and returned to duty. Say hello and welcome them all.

A few words to the membership: Please remember the instructors have the obligation and privilege of instructing and letting you know if you are not working a stone correctly, or need additional information or guidance. If you have a problem, or an idea, please write it down and put it in the suggestion box. The reaffirmation of single-machine use has been reiterated. Ask instructors for clarification.

Our contests have been fun and informing us of what the members are doing, and they are doing some beautiful work. It is really nice that we all get to see so many different stones and our members workmanship. Thanks to everyone who is participating.

Take care, watch out for falling leaves.

Sandra Skidmore, President

VOLUNTEER

*All that's missing is U!*

**Are you a good numbers cruncher or just have an eye for details? We need members for the finance and audit committees. The finance committee meets quarterly for a couple hours and the audit committee meets annually. See Sandy for more details.**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

President	Sandy Skidmore	760-617-6001
1st V.P. (Membership)	Vacant	
2nd V.P. (Education)	Lia Hamilton	760-780-7937
3rd V.P. (Gem Show)	Vacant	
Recording Secretary	Dwayna Barron	909-234-5533
Treasurer	Craig Britt	760-987-1342
Corresponding Secretary	Val Costello	760-998-6394
Board Members:	Corey Beck Don Pomeranke Steve Hendrix Vacant	760-221-5738 760-868-5264
CFMS Representative	Patti Deer	760-553-5530
Past President	Vacant	

## NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Pellegrino

Welcome to Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club. We hope your experiences are positive and that you get involved, make friends, learn as much as you want and help the club be all it can be by volunteering for various activities and committees. If you need assistance, just ask... We're here for you!



## SUNSHINE WISHES

We know that there are those that are still recovering from various surgeries and injuries or are celebrating special events.

Our best wishes to all who are under the weather or are celebrating an occasion, our thoughts and prayers are with all our members, but most especially when life is less than perfect...

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or a member/family has passed on, even celebrating a special event; please contact our Sunshine Lady Marilyn Pomeranke at 760-868-5264 or if you're in the club when Don is there, let him know. Please tell them if you don't want a mention in THE BULLETIN.

## STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

By-Laws	Frank Dunkin	909-522-0056
Wagon Master	Various Volunteers	
Petrified Pups	Vacant	
Historian	Vacant	
Building Maintenance	Vacant	
Librarian	Lia Hamilton	760-780-7937
Newsletter	Dwayna Barron	909-234-5533
Sunshine	Marilyn Pomeranke	760-868-5264
Displays	Don Pomeranke	760-868-5264
Auctions (Donations)	Vacant	
Photography	Dwayna Barron	909-234-5533
Hospitality	Linda Porter	760-981-4101
Security	Sandy Skidmore	760-617-6001
Webmaster	Jim Fosse	760-245-8644
Technology	Michael Fosse	760-245-8644
Tailgate	Brett Ward	760-948-1232
Training Coordinator	Vacant	

**Our Instructors:** Ed Deren, Don Pomeranke, Frank Dunkin, Chris Koch, Charles Toles, Lia Hamilton and Ed Skidmore. Instructors in Training: Robert Slone, Ruben Martinez, Gary Osburn & Dwayna Barron

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS!**

**Check it out!**

Club Website—[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)



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## GEM OF THE MONTH:

### Labradorite



Labradorite is an unusual mineral. It can display a beautiful iridescent play of colors, caused by internal fractures in the mineral that reflect light back and forth, dispersing it into different colors. This effect, known as labradorescence, gives Labradorite its appeal.

Labradorite belongs to the Plagioclase Feldspar group, an isomorphous solid solution series. Albite is one member, containing sodium and no calcium. The other end member, Anorthite, contains calcium and no sodium. Labradorite is an intermediary member of this series. Authorities as a variety of Anorthite rather than a separate mineral. The acclaimed Dana's System of Mineralogy lists Labradorite as an individual mineral species, but recognizes it as a sodium-rich variety of Anorthite. Labradorite's composition is sodium calcium aluminum silicate. The ratio of sodium to calcium is about 7:3. The amount of aluminum atoms are between 1 and 2, and the amount of silicon atoms are between 3 and 2. In the Plagioclase Feldspar series, Labradorite contains between 30 and 50 percent Albite (Ab), and between 50 and 70 percent Anorthite (An).

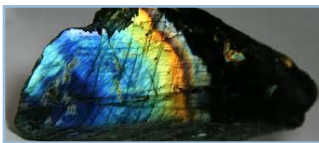


Colors are white, gray, light blue, light green, pale orange-red, black, usually with a strong multicolored display of purple, blue, and green schillers. A variety from Finland known as *Spectrolite*, shows the Schiller effect with dark reds, orange, yellow, blues and green color flashes, has white streaks and rates 6 to 6.5 on Mohs scale of hardness.



Labradorite rarely forms in crystals. When it does, they are generally tabular and often twinned. Most commonly occurs massive, grainy, as elongated fragments, as chunky masses, and rounded. Transparent to translucent. Its luster is vitreous to pearly. The cleavage angle is about 90°. The fracture is Conchoidal to uneven, tenacity is brittle, and is found in igneous environments in diabase, and in contact metamorphic rocks. In Silicates; Tectosilicates; Feldspar Group.

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ANY FINISHED PIECE COMPLETED FROM AUGUST GENERAL MEETING TO SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING. NO CABOCHONS BY THEMSELVES PLEASE.

Come join in on the fun and see how talented our members are!

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDED!

We are calling on the membership (3 persons) to assist in acquiring qualified and willing persons who have been members at least 1 year to fill the following positions:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| President               | 1st VP-Membership          |
| 2nd VP-Education        | 3rd VP-Gem Show            |
| Recording Secretary     | Treasurer                  |
| Corresponding Secretary | 3 Board Members            |
| CFMS Representative     | (1-1yr term & 2-2yr terms) |

If you would like to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors, let Val Costello or Sandy Skidmore know; you can also write your name in on the white board. Elections will be held at October General Meeting.

## Congratulations!

Winners of the July finished piece contest and tied for 1st place were **Joyce DeGarmo** with her wire wrapped Silver Lace Onyx Cabochon & **Dwayna Barron** with her Azurite silver soldered ring. Outstanding work ladies!



# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	2 <b>Club Closed</b> Friday's until further notice	3 Workshop Noon –5:00pm
4 <b>No Workshop</b> 	5 <b>Club Closed</b>	6 By-Laws 2pm Instructors 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	7 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	8 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	9 <b>Club Closed</b> Friday's until further notice	10 Workshop Noon –5:00pm
11 Workshop Noon –5:00pm	12 <b>Club Closed</b> Monday's until further notice	13 Education Nite 7:00 pm "Wire Beads" Show & Tell	14 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	15 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	16 <b>Club Closed</b> Friday's until further notice	17 Workshop Noon –5:00pm
18 Workshop Noon –5:00pm	19 <b>Club Closed</b> Monday's until further notice	20 <b>Club Closed</b>	21 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	22 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	23 <b>Club Closed</b> Friday's until further notice	24 Clean-up 9:00-noon Workshop Noon –5:00pm
25 Workshop Noon –5:00pm	26 <b>Club Closed</b> Monday's until further notice	27 Snacks/Dessert 6:30pm General Mtg 7:00pm	28 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	29 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	30 <b>Club Closed</b> Friday's until further notice	

## Happy Birthday

Corina Anderson  
Dwayna Barron  
Francis Gramata  
Ceci Kawasaki  
Gena Oliver  
Chieko Printz  
Shane Osburn



Congratulations! A birthday in September, the sky is blue and clear. Summertime is winding down with autumn drawing near. A special wish for you on this most important day, for love and joy to find you in unexpected ways.

# SEPTEMBER EDUCATION NIGHT



Learn to make wire beads  
"Show and Tell" with Val Costello  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016



7:00 pm

What you need:

1 flush cutter, 1 long nose plier and ever lovin' self



## CHAINMAILLE BYZANTINE BRACELET with BEADS CLASS

With Jean Osburne

Saturday, November 12th  
Noon to 3pm

Material needs will be announced in the October issue of The Bulletin.

### Donation Wanted!

Please bring your brown paper shopping bags to the club on workshop days or with you to a meeting; they're needed for filtering the oil in the saws... Thanks!

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## UPCOMING CLUB SHOWS

### September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA 77th CFMS Show & Convention

Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Barbara Terrill, 530 676-2375  
Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
Web Site: [www.cfms2016show.com](http://www.cfms2016show.com)

### September 17 - 18: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society,  
Oroville  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4  
John Scott, (530) 321-6331  
Email: [jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org)

### September 24 - 25: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Lodi Grape & Harvest Festival Grounds  
413 East Lockford Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411  
Email: [jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

### September 24 - 25: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311  
Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.org)

### September 24 - 25: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society  
Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Avenue  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Catherine Fraser, 650-954-6020  
Email: [catherinef@fraseradv.com](mailto:catherinef@fraseradv.com)  
Website:  
[www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org](http://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org)

### September 24 - 25: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
Wells Fargo Center for the Art  
50 Mark West Springs Road  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Jolene Coon  
Website: [www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)

### October 1 - 2: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron Recreation Park  
26998 John Street  
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4  
Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829  
Email: [daviesb@yahoo.com](mailto:daviesb@yahoo.com)

### October 1 - 2: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)



VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
August 2, 2016

Call to Order 7:25pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Ruben Martinez; Frank Dunkin; Chris Koch; Charles Toles

Roll Call of officers/reports

President: Sandy Skidmore present

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Vacant-Sandy Skidmore 133 members 1 new and 4 returning members and 1 junior

2<sup>nd</sup> Lia Hamilton - present Wire wrap class on Ed night 8/16 starting at 7pm. Val will show how to make wire beads at September Ed night.

Recording Secretary: Dwayna Barron - present

Treasurer: Craig Britt - present

Corresponding Secretary: Val Costello - present – comment: article in Daily Press indicating the club hours needs to be corrected.

CFMS Representative: Patti Deer - present – Mojave preserve: reported on the written info from BLM posted in CFMS newsletter stating people can collect in lawful areas near monument which should be posted. Board should read the CFMS newsletter for interesting articles that give information such as having a membership recruitment booth at shows and tailgates.

Board of Directors:

Corey Beck present

Steve Hendrix present

Don Pomeranke present – No one on sick list. He was complimented on his beautiful display. Don stated that he needs someone to display for September.

Reading of Minutes: Dwayna Barron – A motion was made to dispense with reading of minutes since they were in the newsletter and mailed/mailed. Dwayna/Lia/Approved

Treasurers Report: Craig Britt – Deposit to water company was reimbursed, no water bill this month. Finances are good.

Old Business:

Landscape: Sandy reported that she has a bid for \$1,800 and has one more estimate coming in. \$2,400 was authorized, will have someone working on it ASAP.

Clean up, August 27, error for July, clean-up was 7/23. Put up flyer (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday).

Security system from Protection One: Protection One received a call from Kaman Corporate wanting information about our system. Sandy will call Kaman Corporate to discuss and inquire. Discussion: Sandy to let them know that we will provide system and add the cost to their rent.

New Business:

Bank Account Signatories discussion: A motion was made providing that Sandy Skidmore, President, Craig Britt, Treasurer, Dwayna Barron, Recording Secretary will be signatories on all accounts with Desert Community Bank starting immediately. Lia/Val/Approved A time will be set for Sandy, Craig and Dwayna to go to the bank in order to put Sandy on accounts as soon as possible. The action was pending due to the filing and receipt of a new SR100 by mail.

By-laws- Frank Dunkin – The copy of the by-laws presented is going to the membership meeting in August. Any changes will be made at the meeting. The asterisks are representative of changes made.

Financial Advisory Committee – Corey Beck, Dwayna Barron, Ruben Martinez

Audit Committee: Corey Beck, Sue Sutton, Linda Porter

Board of Directors 8/2/16, continued.

Nominating Committee – Val Costello will work toward getting a committee together.

October General Meeting is election night. Ballots will be clearer this year. Val will assist with ballots. Anyone can run who has been a member 1 year or more and in good standing. It was suggested that we insert into Policies and Procedures that if you come to vote you must have attended 3 meetings in order to vote: Discussion: issue tabled.

Saw Oil – The container is under the electrical panel and needs to be moved, a 30" clearance is required. We have empty containers that can be discarded.

Kiln – Need approval to purchase a larger kiln to replace the used one purchased last year from Steve that no longer works. Sandy suggested a Paragon Kiln: 13x13x9. Steve recommended a Superior Kiln (for burnout) for \$700. Sandy will look into it.

Repairs – Don checking on wet saw that is tagged.

Donations from Sue Sutton. Tile, rocks were donated. Was suggested that they be put in the bin with other rocks.

Separate tile from rocks, use rocks for grab bags and silent auction at tailgate.

General Meeting concerns: Concerns regarding member and Terry Booth – There was question as to whether or not a member was reprimanded for disobeying instructions, but at the general meeting that wasn't the issue brought forth. Sandy stated that the reason there was no disciplinary action taken was because there were no complaints filed against the member.

Guest comments: None

Good of the order – Sandy asked about the contest how it was going. The new stencils are being utilized. August contest Free Form – no gauged work.

Suggestion Box – need dowels to sell to members.

- re Terry Booth: Joyce DeGarmo gave her account of the details with Terry Booth and disposing of a members antler.

- Thumbnail display by Don is nice, clean and informative, thanks. Joyce DeGarmo

- Joyce stated she was told not to wash oily rags because they will be replaced instead. She helped with the display the morning of Snakes Alive show, finished display, helped with other chores. Does not think she got recognition deserved.

- 2 complaints were not dated and signed.

- Dwayna Barron: Complaint re: Board member being verbally abusive. Discussion/Unresolved-No action taken.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:08pm Dwayna/Lia/Approved

Dwayna Barron,  
Recording Secretary

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**Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
General Meeting  
July 26, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Dwayna Barron, Recording Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

New member's introduction: Will Jamieson, Kurt Myers, returning, Howard and Doretta Kegel

Eric and Maria VanRoegal

ROLL CALL

President – Sandy Skidmore - absent

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Vacant

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Lia Hamilton

3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Vacant

Recording Secretary – Dwayna Barron - A motion was made to dispense with reading of minutes as they are in The Bulletin, online and have been mailed/emailed to members. Dwayna/Lia/Approved.

Treasurer – Craig Britt – Craig gave Treasurers report, everything is good and under budget.

Corresponding Secretary – Val Costello



General Meeting, 7/26/16 continued

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Corey Beck – Steve Hendrix - absent  
 Don Pomeranke – CFMS Representative – Patti Deer

#### Introduction of Instructors:

Ed Skidmore - absent Chris Koch –  
 Johnny Twedt - absent Charles Toles –  
 Frank Dunkin - Don Pomeranke –  
 Steve Hendrix- absent Ed Deren –

#### Committee reports:

Displays-Don Pomeranke – will be doing August display with Thumbnail minerals, needs someone for September display.

Hospitality- Linda Porter -

Historian -Vacant -

By-Laws - Frank Dunkin – Frank will be presenting additional by-law changes recommended by the committee at the August 2 Board meeting to be presented at the General Meeting in August.

Newsletter/Photographer – Dwayna Barron

BREAK FOR CAB CONTEST AND DRAWING, 15 MINUTES. Winners are Joyce DeGarmo with her silver lace onyx wire wrapped cabochon and Dwayna Barron with her Azurite silver soldered ring.

Old Business: Clean up. Saturday August 23 9:00 am to noon.

Education Night: August 16<sup>th</sup> Dwayna asked for suggestions for Education Night: It was decided to watch a video on wire wrapping and that Linda, Joyce, Lia and Connie would assist attendees to complete a project.

New Business: Classes, Jean doing chainmaille Sat Aug 20, Val, Ed night Sept 20th

Cab Contest: August Contest – Members chose a free-form piece that is not gauged, should be fun.

Nominating Committee - appointed, or volunteer: Val will head the nominating committee, Sue Sutton, Dwayna Barron and Linda Porter will be the audit committee and Corey Beck, Dwayna Barron and Ruben Martinez will sit on the finance committee. Need other volunteers.

You can put your name of the board if you wish to run for an office if you've been a member over one year and are in good standing.

To the membership: In regards to member, Terry Booth: Dwayna read letter to members from Sandy Skidmore, President. Terry quit his position over dispute with another member and the Board is calling for expulsion for egregious act of theft. A vote was taken by the membership and is necessary because he is a board member. There was discussion and vote: 8 yes 3 noes/Carried

Sandy is recommending Sunday closure due to no instructors until further notice and that Monday and Friday shop days for instructors will be closed as well until further notice due to cost of keeping shop open

Good of the order: none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Patti/Daniel/Approved

Dwayna Barron

Recording Secretary

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**VVGM CLUB SCHEDULE**

**SHOP DAYS:**  
 Wednesday & Thursday: Noon—7:00pm  
 Saturday & Sunday: Noon—5:00pm  
 Club Closed Monday & Friday until further notice.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:**  
 Instructors Meeting—1st Tuesday 6:00pm  
 Board of Directors—1st Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Education Night—3rd Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Hor D'oeuvres/Dessert Night—4th Tuesday 6:30pm  
 General Membership—4th Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am



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