

# THE BULLETIN



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A very Happy Birthday to our Nation; July 4, 1776 - July 4, 2016. Enjoy a safe and sane holiday.

Due to the hot weather we are having, field trips will have to wait until it is a bit cooler. Please call if you would like to lead a group out rock-hunting later on. The snakes are out and about, so be careful.

Big thanks to our cleaning crew: Brett Ward, Gary and Jean Osburn, Louise Herrington, Ruben Martinez, Dwayna Barron and Val Costello, we had the club spic and span in no time. Please join us for clean-up day July 23rd.

Roger Beam made our flyers for "Snakes Alive" along with Rachel Wolf of High Desert Wildlife, thanks again.

Please come on in and sign-up to learn a craft in classes held by our members. New projects are in the works, let us know if you have a special talent or desire to learn something new and different.

Remember the general meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bring your favorite snacks or hors d'ouerves and get in on the contests.

Chris Koch won last month's cab contest with a beautiful red Jasper. Corey Beck was the runner-up with an Ocean Jasper. The each won a slab of their choice. July contest is any "completed" or "finished" work created during the month of July starting the week of general meeting.

Please volunteer to start a project, doesn't matter what it is, bring your ideas and get involved.

Call Dwayna Barron, Newsletter Editor with your articles of interest for this newsletter as it is information for you, the members. Any and all ideas are welcome.

Happy 4th!  
Sandy Skidmore,  
President

# Official Newsletter of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

President	Sandy Skidmore	760-617-6001
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	Vacant	
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## NEW MEMBERS

NO NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE

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!

## STANDING COMMITTEE

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
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Security	Sandy Skidmore	760-617-6001
Webmaster	Jim Fosse	760-245-8644
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Tailgate	Brett Ward	760-948-1232
Training Coordinator	Vacant	



## SUNSHINE WISHES

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

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.

**Our Instructors:** Ed Deren, Steve Hendrix, Don Pomeranke, Frank Dunkin, Chris Koch, Charles Toles and Ed Skidmore

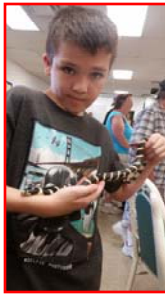
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our website!**

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

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# Snakes Alive with High Desert Wildlife



The 3rd Annual event "Snakes Alive" with High Desert Wildlife was everything we always hope an event will be. New friends, new members, everyone visiting while enjoying cookies and snacks along with being educated about the wildlife of the Mojave Desert. The children had fun looking and some were courageous enough to hold various (non-venomous) critters. The second picture is Wyatt, he's holding Rachel, she is a King snake. There is the garter snake and the right corner is Kaylen holding a tarantula. We saw various rattle snakes, scorpions, tortoises and learned what to watch for when trekking through the desert or even in some backyards. We had a great time and want to thank everyone who helped volunteer for set-up, clean-up, snacks and tours, but most especially to Rachel Wolf and her family for the presentation and education, you guys rock!

# Education Night!




**Tuesday, July 19th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Acadia National Park**  
**Presenter: Alicia Borchmann**





# July 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Workshop Noon—5pm
3 Workshop Noon—5pm		5 By-laws 2pm Instructors 6pm Board Mtg 7pm	6 Workshop Noon—7pm	7 Workshop Noon—7pm	8	9 Workshop Noon—5pm
10 Workshop Noon—5pm	11	12	13 Workshop Noon—7pm	14 Workshop Noon—7pm	15	16 Workshop Noon—5pm
17 Workshop Noon—5pm	18	19 By-laws 2pm Education Night 7:00pm Topic: Acadia Nat'l Park	20 Workshop Noon—7pm	21 Workshop Noon—7pm	22	23 Clean-up 9am Workshop Noon—5pm
24 Workshop Noon—5pm	25	26 Hors D'ouerves 6:30pm General Mtg 7:00 pm	27 Workshop Noon—7pm	28 Workshop Noon—7pm	29	30 Workshop Noon—5pm
31 Workshop Noon—5pm						

## Happy Birthday!

**Loren Beebe  
Lynne Bradshaw  
Craig Britt  
Valeria Costello  
Travis Deer  
Pat Estes  
Michael Fosse**

**Frances Hughes  
Cashia Jones  
Robert Ortiz  
Reed Petterson  
Chris Stumpf  
Blanca Twedt  
Larry Voochries**



Our apologies if we missed mentioning your birthday. Please contact Dwayna Barron The Bulletin Editor at editor@vvgmc.org or the President, Sandy Skidmore at president@vvgmc.org and let us know so that we can make any corrections.

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
General Meeting  
May 24, 2016



Pledge of Allegiance  
Meeting called to order 7:35  
Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of guests - none

New member's introduction: **John and Linda Bradshaw** and **Zane**

President – **Sandy Skidmore**

1<sup>st</sup> VP– Vacant: **Sandy** stated we currently have 121 members plus 6 honorariums and 12 junior members- 2 new members

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – **Lia Hamilton**, present

3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Vacant

Recording Secretary – **Dwayna Barron** - present

Treasurer – **Craig Britt** - present

Corresponding Secretary – **Val Costello**: has list of job descriptions to be voted on, Frank Dunkin, By-laws Committee Chair is absent, issue deferred until June meeting.

Board Members:

**Corey Beck** – present

**Terry Booth** - present

**Steve Hendrix** - present

**Don Pomeranke** – present

CFMS Representative – **Patti Deer** – Absent

Petrified Pups- **Terry Booth** Starting Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> - 9 to 12 kids will be notified ASAP

Introduction of Instructors:

**Terry Booth** – Present

**Chris Koch** – Present

**Charles Toles** – Present

**Don Pomeranke** – Present

**Mo O'Brian** – Absent

**Ed Skidmore** - Absent

**Johnny Twedt** - Absent

**Frank Dunkin** - Absent

**Steve Hendrix** - Present

**Ed Deren** - Present

Displays—**Don Pomeranke** – Is having problem with membership status in computer. **Sandy** will provide hard copy of membership list in box if needed. **Lia** will be doing display case for June featuring different members work. **Don** will provide display for July.

Hospitality- **Linda Porter** – Thanked everyone for all the goodies brought. **Brett Ward** thanked her for taking the position. Round of applause for her efforts.

Historian -Vacant - **Sandy** explained position requirements and need.

By-Laws - **Frank Dunkin** – Absent. Next by by-law committee meetings will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Newsletter/Photographer – **Dwayna Barron** – Asked instructors to stay an extra 5 minutes for pictures after meeting and for people to help contribute pictures and articles.

Old Business:

Outside light-**Gary Osburn** installed the outside light and it now lights up the parking lot. Thanks **Gary**. **Sandy** stated that the overhead projector is up thanks to **Jim Fosse** and **Corey Beck** so Education Night went well even in daylight everyone can see from the back of the room. Yeah.

**Robert Slone**- Field Trip report. **Chris Koch** and **CT Yu** reported on field trip to Kramer Hills, there were 4 others from Orange Belt club in San Bernardino that participated. We don't have a permanent Wagon Master, anyone can put a trip together, let **Sandy** know.

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Field Trip – **Terry** made preliminary trip to scope out area for Thulite but it wasn't safe. Will try again the first of June and see what the road is like at the other end of the site. He went out Hwy 40 and got mostly sand.

Reminders - **Sandy Skidmore** – Be sure that everyone knows not to pour oil down drains. Use rags first to wipe off material. Material can park on trim saw to drain as well. Don't use the tables to drain. Brush with soap and water. There is a special trap under the sink to catch grit that needs to be cleaned now and then.

New Business:

Cab Contest: **CT** suggested that we use beans in a jar to vote next month, everyone thought it was a fun idea. 3 members **Corey**, **Anna** and **Chris** put cabs out to vote on, and the winner is: **Chris** with Red Jasper and **Corey** in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Ocean Jasper and **Anna** received an honorable mention.

A fun contest next month: Any design cab worked on during June to present at next meeting. **Brett** will get the beans and voting procedure put together. July contest will be any completed and finished product.

Clean up: Last month there were 6 people here, Thanks to everyone. This month clean-up is on May 28<sup>th</sup>. If enough help show up, we will have a rock swap, bring your rocks or ?? to swap.

June 21, Snakes Alive for Education Night, by Hi-Desert Wildlife, presenter will be Rachel Wolf. Starting at 6:30. Helpers needed, please be a little early. Check them out on Facebook. **Dwayna** will send the poster to **Jim Fosse** to post on the website.

Clean up for June is on June 25, so we can be ready for "Snakes Alive" Tuesday. Cookies will be provided by club. The display case will be put on the counter with the snacks so that everyone can see the members work.

**Connie Weinberg - Val Costello** read a letter presenting **Connie** with lifetime membership as it was an error on the Boards part making her an honorarium, she did not understand. **Lia** made a motion to honor **Connie Weinberg** with the lifetime membership /Val second/Unanimous Approval.

Good of the order. **Brett** will be going with **Frank** next week to Costco to look at a cook tent that is compliant with the county for serving food. He's also looking at getting a machine to clean and wax the floors.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Don/Terry/Approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:36.



Joyce DeGarmo is making a belt buckle for her son.  
The stone is dinosaur bone, good job Joyce!

What a deal!



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# VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

June 6, 2016



Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: **Ruben Martinez, Frank Dunkin, Charles Toles**

Roll Call & Board Reports:

President, **Sandy Skidmore** - Present

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Vacant – **Sandy Skidmore** reporting: Roster to send out emails given to **Dwayna Barron** for emailing. Last month we had 121 members and 21 attended the last general meeting. There are several that live out of state and are honorariums or otherwise unable to attend.

2nd Vice President, **Lia Hamilton** - absent - Education Night is at 7:00pm according to By-laws. Inquire with Lia as to time Dr. Buchanan will be arriving. (7:30pm according to Val)

Recording Secretary, **Dwayna Barron** – present - **Dwayna Barron** read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Steve/Don/Approved

Treasurer, **Craig Britt** – Absent – **Dwayna Barron** stated the bank account balances as told to her by **Craig Britt**, this was all the information she had.

Corresponding Secretary, **Val Costello** – Publicity ads for Snakes Alive will be going in newspapers and radio stations this week as will the yard sale at **Val's**. Flyer's are available for distribution. Yard sale at **Val Costello's** house this weekend. Rocks and slabs from **Dorothy Oberg's** collection. 8-4 Saturday and Sunday.

CFMS Representative, **Patty Deer** - absent

Board Members:

**Corey Beck** - absent

**Terry Booth** - present

**Steve Hendrix** - present

**Don Pomeranke** – present – Will have **Marilyn Pomeranke** send **Marie Gramata** a get well card

Old Business:

Sphere motors - was suggested to purchase a new one \$2,400 vs. \$1,000 for new motors. A motion was made to purchase a new sphere machine. **Don Pomeranke** will investigate costs and bring to general meeting with final figures. Don/Steve/Approved. 1 noe vote

Outside light is working and is bright. Bob from next door removed the faucet to keep homeless from bathing. He was seen washing down the parking lot, **Sandy Skidmore** will notify him that it is illegal during the drought to wash drives, sidewalks and cars in the lot.

New Business:

Reminder: All the rocks in the bin are for sale.

Buckets were purchased for putting oil in but are not seen. **Sandy Skidmore** brought other buckets to use for things other than oil.

Gem Show: **Val Costello** suggested the museum be contacted. **Sandy Skidmore** will check in with Rhonda. We need volunteers. Val suggested that various members take on a portion of the responsibility. Vendors thought the museum was a great place. **Sandy Skidmore** can appoint positions but having trouble with people accepting. There is no membership chairman, **Frank Dunkin** is temporarily assisting her.

Guest comments: There were no comments.

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6/16/16 BOD Meeting continued.

**Sandy Skidmore** got an estimate from Hi-Desert Alarm. The new system is high definition to do cross section of Kaman's parking lot and ours too. Would it be a deterrent? Probably. \$49 month an alarm will be installed and go off if someone tries to remove them from pole. It would take a crow bar and screw driver while dangling from the building. It is difficult to get someone to install. Cost is \$7,500. **Ruben Martinez** asked if they are infrared, **Sandy Skidmore** said they are industrial high pixels/quality. The board previously authorized \$1,400, but that will be insufficient. Comes with 24" monitor. Protection One is coming out Thursday for another estimate. If we get these things taken care of including the landscaping, then we can focus on things that make members happy.



The 24" saw needs a motor. The motor was removed so it wouldn't be stolen. Where would it be put? **Sandy Skidmore** suggested it be cleaned and repaired for sale to put the money towards something else.

Suggestion Box – Thank you for replacing wheel 5 on genie #1 – **Joyce DeGarmo**

Wants simple green – already done. Tell others it's concentrate

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, thanks for cleaning saws and oil on trim saw

Suggestion: Can we have show and tell contest between eating and meeting. Already taken care of by **Brett Ward**.

Shop fees were placed in the suggestion box on May 12<sup>th</sup> by **Ed Deren**.

Adjournment at 8:25pm

Dwayna Barron  
Recording Secretary

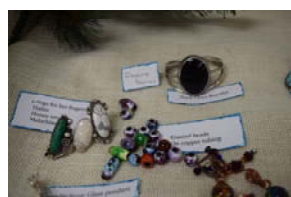


# I CHAIN MAILLE

A huge shout out and thanks to Jean Osburn for the Chainmaille class she gave on Wednesday, June 22nd. Several members participated and learned some new techniques going home with beautiful bracelets. We had a good time, ate, drank and were merry. Pictures were taken but accidentally deleted (photographer has a sad face) Great job Louise Herrington, Linda Porter, Dwayna Barron, Val Costello and Kurt Meyers. WE WILL DO THIS AGAIN!!



## D I S P L A Y







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### VVGMC CLUB SCHEDULE

#### SHOP DAYS:

Wednesday and Thursday: Noon—7:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: Noon—5:00pm

#### 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 7pm Following

Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am



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