

THE BULLETIN

Official Newsletter of the
VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello October with your shorter days and colder nights. Yeah! Good news: we are up grading and replacing equipment in the silver room and working on several new ideas. We need our members to volunteer and provide the club with your expertise in order to accomplish these goals.

If you have a suggestion, problem, or complaint, we have a suggestion box to use for your benefit, it is opened at the board meeting each month and discussed. So please if you have something to say I encourage you to do so. Your input is important to our clubs success! Don't forget to sign and date it!

Reminder to please be courteous and considerate when using any of the machines; cut your stones, with others in mind as well... the equipment is for everyone to use, if something breaks, it has to be repaired and can be costly and time-consuming to do so, so limit your time and the amount of stone you cut. If you cut, then shape, grind and polish, that should do your day. It seems the only way to accomplish this is to limit the use to one piece of equipment at a time. This was reaffirmed at the board meeting and instructors have been notified, so please be respectful by adhering to this ruling. We are here to help you learn and have fun cutting and shaping rocks, safely use the silver room and the new equipment and learn new techniques, tips and tricks at our free classes.

If you are new to our club or a long time member who has not been here for a while, join us, come to education night and support the speakers and members who have classes. Come to the general meeting and have some dessert, let your voice be heard. You are invited to attend the board meetings as well, although participation is minimal your opinions and ideas are still valued.

October general meeting is election night with a fall harvest theme: bring your favorite fall food. Now that summer is over and most are back from their travels we are going to resurrect potluck night before the meeting starting at 6:00pm, so come eat, visit with one another, vote and be merry. Don't forget the contest for any completed work since the last general meeting. There will be door prizes and more.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sandy Skidmore , President

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
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Corresponding Secretary	Val Costello	760-998-6394
Board Members:	Corey Beck	760-221-5738
	Don Pomeranke	760-868-5264
	2-Vacant	
CFMS Representative	Patti Deer	760-553-5530
Past President	Vacant	

NEW MEMBERS

Brian Colley

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

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	

Patti Deer
 Barbara Pedrow
 Ron and Dottie Kauffman
 Roger Beam
 John Bradshaw

Our apologies: we were unaware people had health problems over the past year. Hope everyone is back on the mend... Don't know if there was anyone we missed.

Hope all that were vacationing had a great time!!

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, 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



If you find errors or have technical difficulties with the website please contact our webmaster Jim Fosse at www.webmaster@vvgmc.org so he can fix it or assist you. For THE BULLETIN archives: www.vvgmc.org/newsletters.

Volunteers wanted for 2017 Board positions!!

We are calling on the membership who have been members at least 1 year to consider serving on the board of directors in order to fill the following positions:

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

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. If you are interested in a particular position and would like to review the job descriptions in advance, you can contact Val and she will be happy to pass that info on to you. Committee Chairs are appointed by the President in January in case you are new and wondering... the requirements for Committee Chair is a willingness to serve your club and do your best. There are job descriptions for these positions as well.

It is important for the continued success of Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club that we have participation from the membership, it is unfair to leave the club in the hands of so few and expect so much. We have been in the community far too long and so many have gone before us and worked too hard to maintain it to let this organization slip away for any reason, most especially because of an unwillingness to participate in any manner other than use the club resources. If there is an issue, bring it forward; we cannot address what we don't know or acknowledge. The future of VVGMC depends on us all. The next alternative will be to restructure the club's Article's of Incorporation in order to delete positions and pare the organization down to better manage the club and it's assets with the people we do have. As a board member and the editor, I ask you: Really? We are only asking you to do your part as a member.

CHAINMAILLE BYZANTINE BRACELET with BEADS CLASS



With Jean Osburne
Saturday, November 12th
Noon to 3pm

Jump Rings: 3 packs of 60 - 9mm Heavy Gauge
Try Hobby Lobby—you may need to order can take up to 2 weeks.
Note: Jump ring size is important for chain to look right.

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| 2 Flat Pliers | 1 Toothpick | 1 Safety Pin | 1 Clasp |
| 4 - 4.5 mm beads of your choice for your project | | | |

Coming together is a beginning; keeping
together is progress; working together is
success.
Henry Ford

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October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Workshop Noon—5pm
2 Workshop Noon—5pm	3 Club Closed	4 Instructors Mtg 6pm Board Mtg 7pm	5 Workshop Noon—7pm	6 Workshop Noon—7pm	7 Club Closed	8 Workshop Noon—5pm
9 Workshop Noon—5pm	10 Club Closed	11 Club Closed	12 Workshop Noon—7pm	13 Workshop Noon—7pm	14 Club Closed	15 Workshop Noon—5pm
16 Workshop Noon—5pm	17 Club Closed	18 Education Nite 7pm	19 Workshop Noon—7pm	20 Workshop Noon—7pm	21 Club Closed	22 Clean Up 9am Workshop Noon—5pm
23 Workshop Noon—5pm	24 Club Closed	25 Potluck 6pm Gen'l Mtg 7pm ELECTION NITE!	26 Workshop Noon—7pm	27 Workshop Noon—7pm	28 Club Closed	29 Workshop Noon—5pm
30 Workshop Noon—5pm	31 Club Closed					

Happy October Birthday's

Larry Canuti	Daniel Cavinde
Brian Colley	Myong Conoli
Louise Herrington	Howard Kegel
Chris Koch	Tom Laszlo
Cody Poppart	Tom Ryan
Maria VonRoekel	Cherie Wallace
Michael Zhang	



4 Silver Fabrication Classes with Lia Hamilton

2 classes for Rings and 2 classes for a Cuff Bracelet



The first night of each class will be on Education Night starting Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm and again on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm with a daytime class following each evening session to complete your project in time for Christmas gifting. Day classes will be announced on website, email and posted on the board in the club.

Lia will be in the club most Wednesday's and every other Sunday to answer any questions.

Materials needed:

1. Silver sheet for your ring back and your cuff bracelet if you want to make a solid cuff. The sheet should be fairly heavy, 16 to 18 gauge this will make a very nice bracelet. You need a piece for your ring back too. If you get a piece of sheet 8 inches long and however wide you want your cuff bracelet, you will be able to cut the piece for your ring back off of the same piece with only one cut.

2. Bezel Wire; enough to individually go around each of your stones (a little extra to allow for mistakes is always a good idea)

3. Wire; half round single or double for your ring shank (double is easier to use) you need about 3 inches per ring, I generally buy a foot at a time.



If you are going to make an open wire bracelet you will need enough to make 4 lines-6 inches long and 4 vertical pieces for ends. This can be round, square, or half round or any combination of these. You may also want some wire for decoration on your pieces.

4. Silver Solder; To make this as easy as possible get paste solder in a syringe you need 1 each of HARD / MEDIUM / EASY

5. Stones; Cabochons for your ring and your bracelet.



September Education Night Val Costello taught members to make wire beads. Everyone had fun and Morris even made earrings with his completed bead project. Everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves. Reasons why you want to join us for Education Night each month: Learn something new, comradery and lots of fun!



**Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
General Meeting
August 23, 2016**

Call to order at 7:14pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome-Introduction of guests
New member's introduction: Kevin Pelligrino not here but wants to learn fabrication of metal

ROLL CALL

President – Sandy Skidmore-
1st VP– Vacant
2nd VP – Lia Hamilton - absent
3rd VP – Vacant
Recording Secretary – Dwayna Barron – present Motion made DB/Frank approved
Treasurer – Craig Britt – present – Nothing has changed much, consider transferring some money from checking back into savings.
Corresponding Secretary – Val Costello - present

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Introduction of Instructors: Don got surge protector for grinding room installed.

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

Committee reports:

Displays - Don Pomeranke – Need someone to display month of September; Corey volunteered.
Sunshine – Marilyn Pomeranke – No news is good news.
Hospitality - Linda Porter – Linda has been visiting Barbara Pedrow who is going through rehab and has to have another surgery on the 18th.
Historian -Vacant -
By-Laws - Frank Dunkin – nothing to report, has to go to board before membership approval.
Newsletter/Photographer – Dwayna Barron

BREAK FOR CAB CONTEST AND DRAWING, 10 MINUTES. Winner Charles Toles with a Brazilian Agate and an honorable mention to Corey Beck for his first wire wrapped rhodochrosite (self-taught from U-Tube and a book)

Sandy showed the copper bracelets Gary Osburn made during the fires while waiting to see if he had to evacuate

Old Business: Clean up starts at 9am this Saturday and on September 24

Education Night; September 20- Val will be teaching wire beading. See bulletin for materials. She will be furnishing the wire.
Nominating Committee – Val volunteered to put a committee together. Linda Porter will help Audit committee, financial advisory committee has been put together.
You can put your name of the board if you wish to run for an office.

New Business:

Cab Contest: October Ideas: Favorite Polished slab – member owned and worked
Instructors in training: Ruben Martinez, Gary Osburn and Dwayna Barron are currently Saturday instructors. If you have specific questions for Gary, come in on Saturday to inquire.
Reaffirmation of rules: Instructors have been informed. No more using of 2 saws at a time, 1 machine at a time. Instructors check machines. 3 saws are tagged out due to no oil. Ruben asked a sign be posted to reflect rules.
November chainmaille class showing how to use leather on outside and put beads in them. October bulletin will have a materials list. Louise did an antique copper and silver ring bracelet that was beautiful. She actually managed to make 3 bracelets during the class.
Kiln approval – Marilyn made a motion to purchase a kiln for under \$2,000 with 13” opening. Daniel/Approved. A vulcanizer will be loaned by Val temporarily.
Marilyn asked about equipment being locked up. Ruben stated the polisher puts out too much particulate into the air. It needs to be repaired or replaced. Don will be replacing saw blades for the trim saws. Equipment recommendations should be discussed with instructors prior to purchase. A vulcanizer can be purchased for under \$1,200.00. Corey made a motion to spend up to 1,200 for a new vulcanizer. Corey/Dwayna/Approved
Linda inquired about silver room instructors. Sandy stated that they need to be recertified in each area in order to be instructors.
Good of the order – no comments
Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made to adjourn. Dwayna/Charles/Approved.

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 6, 2016

Call to Order 7:40pm

Guests: Ruben Martinez

Roll Call of officers/reports

President: Sandy Skidmore

1st Vice-President: Vacant-

2nd Lia Hamilton

Recording Secretary: Dwayna Barron

Treasurer: Craig Britt absent

Corresponding Secretary: Val Costello

CFMS Representative: Patti Deer - absent

Board of Directors:

Corey Beck - absent

Don Pomerence

Reading of Minutes: Dwayna Barron - Motion made to dispense with reading of minutes as they are in the bulletin. Dwayna/Lia/ Approved

Treasurers Report: Craig Britt – no changes

Old Business:

Clean up: September 24th at 9:00 am

Newsletter – October birthday's sent, articles: send Dwayna an email

Education Night October: Find a speaker November TBA Sue Sutton made another donation of marble/granite tile. Goal to make tailgate good. Dwayna suggested that coasters and trivets be made for auction and sale. Jewel Tunnel would be a good place to pick up rock. Val suggested a company to purchase tools and other supplies for resale. Grab bags are needed.

Don made a motion we by a new sound system that works along with microphones. Don/Lia/Approved

New Business.

General Meeting concerns – up our game. Sandy wants to form a telephone committee to call members. Discussion as to issues/ concerns and resolve. Open House was suggested.

Nominating committee meeting on Thursday on 9/8/16.

Val suggested staying open during the week until 9:00, but having instructors to fill that slot is a problem.

We have a new printer. The vulcanizer will be here Friday and the kiln will be ordered 9/7/16 and be here within the week.

New Instructors have been approved by instructors and verified by Ed Skidmore. Ruben Martinez, Gary Osburn, Robert Slone and Dwayna Barron. A final vote needed Motion made to accept. Don/Lia/Approved

Vices and kiln need to be disposed of. Dean Brunell wants to purchase the vices and Jeff Owens wants to purchase the non-working kilns. Motion was made to ask them to make offers on the kilns and vices. Lia/Val/Approved

Suggestion Box – Joyce made a call for cotton rags.

Good of the order: Val suggested the instructors for the silver room make a list of things needed. Check budget.

Ruben suggested changing the meeting to Saturday mornings. Issue tabled.

Adjournment 8:45 Lia/Don/Approved

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
 Potluck Night—4th Tuesday 6:00pm
 General Membership—4th Tuesday 7:00pm

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