

THE BULLETIN

Official Newsletter of the
VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome Back. Hello to August.

I hope everyone that went on vacation had a great and safe time. The club missed you.

The club is in great need of volunteers. If you are doing any cutting etc. at the club, then we need to have you come in and work on clean-up day, volunteer to have a class, give an article to the newsletter editor, lead a field trip, offer up ideas to make the club be what you want it to be for you and your needs.

If you are new members, please come in and get your packets and instructions, and if you ordered a name tag, it is here. Come to Education night and General Meeting, so you may know what is going on in the club and give your input. We are looking forward to helping you learn about rocks, and make them beautiful.

Please support our speakers when we have them on Education night.

Jean Osburn will be having another chainmaille class in August, and there are classes coming up in September given by our own Val Costello, please watch for announcement, and look forward to you being there. REMEMBER, classes are FREE, you only purchase your materials and enjoy the company.

Remember to come to our general meeting, our No potluck-potluck. Seems to be successful, great snacks and finger foods.

Thanks for your support!

Sandy Skidmore, President

VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is U!

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

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:

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 someone on nominating committee know; you can also write your name in on the white board. Elections will be held at October General Meeting.

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	760-221-5738
	Steve Hendrix	714-323-0323
	Don Pomeranke	760-868-5264

NEW MEMBERS

Kurt Myers
Will Jamieson
and returning members:
Howard and Doretta Kegel
Eric and Maria Van Roegal

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
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	

**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.

**Check out
our website!**

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.

GEM OF THE MONTH: Sardonyx



Sardonyx stones usually contain flat-banded, white and brownish-red bands. The word **Sardonyx** is derived from the Greek, Sard meaning "reddish brown," and onyx meaning "veined gem." The best **stones** are found in India. They are also found in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, and Uruguay. In the United States, sardonyx can be found in the Lake Superior region and in Oregon.

Sardonyx is a variety of the silica mineral called chalcedony. This sort of mineral contains layers of tiny quartz fibers, which are stacked on top of each other to give a banded appearance. The layers in these stones range from translucent to opaque. The stones vary in color, too. They may be white or gray, ranging to many colorful varieties. The Sardonyx stone fracture is uneven, conchoidal; it's luster is vitreous and silky, has no cleavage and is 6.5 to 7 on the Mohs scale of hardness.

Sardonyx is a relatively common and inexpensive gemstone. It was a favorite gemstone in ancient times, popular not only because it was attractive, but also because it was widely available. Unlike most rare gemstones that could only be bought with the wealth of royalty and nobility, sardonyx could be obtained by many less-wealthy people.



According to tradition, at least three varieties of chalcedony were used in the Jewish High Priest's Breastplate. (Jewish tradition states that Moses' brother Aaron wore the Breastplate, with inscribed gems representing the twelve tribes of Israel). The Breastplate supposedly included jasper, chrysoprase and sardonyx, and there is some debate as to whether other agates were also used.

Roman soldiers wore sardonyx talismans (objects bearing a sign of astrological influence to guard from evil and bring good fortune) engraved with heroes such as Hercules or Mars, god of war. They believed that the stone would make the wearer as brave and daring as the figured carved on it. During the Renaissance, sardonyx was believed to bring eloquence upon the wearer and was regarded with great value by public speakers and orators.



CHAINMAILLE BYZANTINE BRACELET CLASS

With Jean Osburne

Saturday, August 20th

Noon to 3pm

Materials Needed:

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.

2 Flat Pliers

1 Toothpick

1 Safety Pin

1 Clasp

Instructions provided at class

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed Monday's until further notice	2 Instructors Mtg 6:00 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	4 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	5 Club Closed Friday's until further notice	6 Workshop Noon –5:00pm
7 No Workshop Until further notice	8 Club Closed Monday's until further notice	9	10 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	11 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	12 Club Closed Friday's until further notice	13 Workshop Noon –5:00pm
14 No Workshop Until further notice	15 Club Closed Monday's until further notice	16 Education Nite 7:00 pm (To be Announced)	17 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	18 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	19 Club Closed Friday's until further notice	20 Workshop Noon –5:00pm Chainmaille Noon to 3pm
21 No Workshop Until further notice	22 Club Closed Monday's until further notice	23 Snacks/Dessert 6:30pm General Mtg 7:00pm	24 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	25 Workshop Noon –7:00pm	26 Club Closed Friday's until further notice	27 Clean-up 9:00-noon Workshop Noon –5:00pm
28 No Workshop Until further notice	29 Club Closed Monday's until further notice	30	31 Workshop Noon –7:00pm			

Happy Birthday

Roger Beam	Robert Hemphill
Susan Brouwer	George Kawasaki
Cookie Crites	Cristy Marxsen
Patti Deer	Carole McMichael
Frank Dunkin	Gary Osburn
Jim Fosse	Don Pomerence
Nick Fracul	Marc Smith
Marie Gramata	Amy Swenson



Congratulations on being even more experienced. I'm not sure what you learned this year, but every experience transforms us into the people we are today. Happy Birthday and wishing you many more life experiences to learn from.

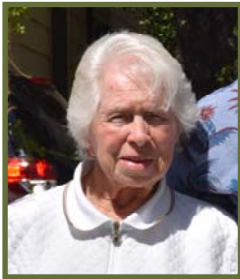
AUGUST EDUCATION NIGHT

August 16, 2016

7:00 pm

Program to be announced soon:

Visit our website at vvgmc.org & your email for more information



Coming...



SEPTEMBER EDUCATION NIGHT

Learn to make wire beads with Val Costello

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

7:00 pm

miningsuppliesandrockshop.com

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& ROCK
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UPCOMING CLUB SHOWS

August 5 - 7: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 North Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri/Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Wayne W. Mills, (805) 481-3495
Email: wwmills50@hotmail.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 13 - 14: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Contact: Ellen Nott, (415) 564-4230
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgemshow.org

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
Web Site: 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
Website: 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
Website: 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
Website: 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
Website:
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



Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Board of Directors Minutes
July 5, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Introduction: Anna Cervantes, Frank Dunkin, Rudy Cervantes, Bob Menelly

Roll Call of Officers/Report

President: Sandy Skidmore – present

1st Vice-President: Vacant – Sandy Skidmore: 1 new member – Kurt Meyer / 1 New Life Member / Total of 123 members

2nd Vice-President: Lia Hamilton - absent

Recording Secretary: Dwayna Barron – present/no report

Treasurer: Craig Britt - present

Corresponding Secretary: Val Costello – present – Frank has by-law issues to report

CFMS Representative: Patti Deer – absent – Dwayna asked about CFMS and paying them. The decision was previously made. Craig states that Kathy would explain. Val motioned to rejoin CFMS withdrawn. Corey motioned up to \$500 to cover D&O if available with Dan Smith. Steve/Approved

Board of Directors:

Corey Beck - present

Steve Hendrix - present

Don Pomerence - present

Reading of Minutes: Dwayna Barron – Motion made to abstain with minutes/Steve/Approved as posted in Newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Craig Britt – Craig passed out financials for May and June. Discussion ensued.

Old Business

Sphere Machine that was authorized for purchase is a lot of money for 1 or 2 persons. The older small machine is still working. The membership voted no on spending \$2,400 for a new machine, so the issue is suspended. The buffer is in the grinding room and space made for all-you-needs on the table. More research is needed.

Club clean-up – Val, Sandy & Ed Skidmore and Charles came for clean-up. Roger Beam created the flyer, thanks Roger. Chris Koch and Dr. Smokey were thanked for helping to set-up and clean-up.

New Business

Finance Committee Members and meeting date: Sandy Skidmore – Needs to be done right away. Steve Hendrix and Sandy will get 2 people from general membership.

Publicity: Val stated that there is nothing specific to be advertised. They are printing regular meeting time only.

By-Laws: Frank Dunkin – Job descriptions: A motion was made to accept the following job descriptions as read and corrected. Dwayna/Corey/Approved

Honorary Member – Strike \$10 fee. It was contradictory and conflict from the previous description. Motion made to accept. Don/Val/Approved.
Going to membership.

Old rugs are out back, need vote to trash – Trash if no good, everyone agreed

Val Costello Purchase – Ordered 3 blades for jump ring mandrel.

Sandy would like to have Jean do another chainmaille class. Val is going to do a class on wire beads in September.

7/5/2016 BOD Minutes, cont.

Gem Show has been cancelled. Meg dropped the position in January, the time is short and another group has taken that time slot for a gem show. Let's make the tailgate a huge success. Most of the vendors have been coming a long time.

Let's look at the long term sustainability of the club over the next 5 years. Brett and Dwayna researched Kaman's lease. The membership denied the money for Kaman's security. Corey asked the purpose: Money or membership. Is the key – classes. Promote the club. A lot of negativity is happening, find out what the problem is and address it. Dr. Buchanan will be here, ask him about helping with scholarship program. Corey suggested a plan. Val stated that they are working on by-laws and job descriptions to assist. Suggested going to Chamber of Commerce, schools, etc. and making a big deal about it.

Guest comments: None

Suggestion Box: None

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:12pm Don/Steve/Approved

Dwayna Barron
Recording Secretary

**Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
General Meeting
June 28, 2016**

Call to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome-Introduction of guests: No guests present

New member introduction: Kurt Meyers

Roll Call/Reports:

President – Sandy Skidmore - present/no report

1st VP– Vacant – Sandy Skidmore reported that there are currently 121 members and 9 pups

2nd VP – Lia Hamilton – absent

3rd VP – Vacant

Recording Secretary – Dwayna Barron - present/no report

Treasurer – Craig Britt – absent

Corresponding Secretary – Val Costello - present/no report

Board Members:

Corey Beck – present/no report

Steve Hendrix – present/no report

Don Pomerence – present/no report

Terry Booth - absent

CFMS Representative – Patti Deer – absent

Petrified Pups – Sandy stated that we still need volunteers to help with kids

Introduction of Instructors:

Ed Skidmore - absent

Chris Koch - present

Charles Toles – present

Ed Deren - present

Frank Dunkin – absent

Don Pomerence – present

Steve Hendrix - present

6/28/2016, General Meeting Minutes cont.

Committee Reports:

Displays - Don Pomerence - Joyce created this month's display, Don will do July's display.

Hospitality - Linda Porter - No reports

Historian - Vacant -

By-Laws - Frank Dunkin - absent

Newsletter/Photographer - Dwayna Barron: Asked for assistance with pictures and articles from the members.

Old Business:

Snakes Alive was successful, close to 100 people were present. Thanks to Chris Koch and Dr. Smokey for their early show up to help set-up and clean-up, everything was done on time. Thanks to Linda Porter for getting the cookies and drinks set up and Val Costello for buying our new rugs, and of course the crew from High-Desert Wildlife.

Clean up Day, Sandy, Val and Charles were present; thank you for helping. Next Clean-up: July 23rd, the more that come the faster it goes.

Brett Ward: The Cook Tent - Brett hasn't been able to get with Frank on a Wednesday to go to Costco. Gem show is probably off since we haven't been able to secure the site or people, but we will work diligently in order to have a fabulous Tailgate.

New Business:

By-Laws Change Vote - Sandy Skidmore - A motion was made by Brett Ward to change the wording in the By-laws regarding job descriptions as proposed in Article VII, Sections 3-9, Duties of Officers: All Officers duties and responsibilities are in the Policies and Procedures Document under Job Descriptions. Brett Ward/Francis Gramata/Approved

A motion was made by Brett Ward to change the wording in the By-laws regarding job descriptions as proposed in Article XI, Sections 1-20, Duties of Officers: All Committee Chairpersons duties and responsibilities are in the Policies and Procedures Document under Job Descriptions.

Brett Ward/Francis Gramata/Approved

Authorize expenses:

Security Camera - \$7,500 High Desert Alarm bid. Sandy just got 2nd bid from another source. Kaman Bering has had a problem with security and has been a topic of conversation for several months. Our current system does not and will not tie in with a new one. Protection One is \$4,500 with a 3-year lease agreement. \$2,500 installation plus \$80 month (\$960 annual/3 years) Discussion. Charles made a motion to table the monetary issue with security cameras this month.

Brett will create letter to send to Kaman Corporate with a new (revised) lease agreement. Charles/Francis/Approved

Brett will address the issue of security in the lease renewal.

Landscaping - An \$1,800 bid has been secured. A car ran over the front yard and left the juniper bush dead, additionally the sprinkler is not working. Sandy has another bid for \$1,600. It includes gravel, sprinkler repair/replacement with 1 valve, fix trees (removing trees is expensive). Corey motioned authorization for the board to spend up to \$2,500 to fix the landscaping in front and to make progress payments on work. Corey/Don/Discussion/Approved/1 Noe Brett suggested City person come in to inspect work in progress and another professional to lay the pipe, etc.

Nominating Committee needed for November 2017 elections - Start thinking about the process. 3 persons from General Membership are required.

Classes - First chainmaille class was successful, Sandy will ask Jean if she would be willing to do a Saturday class. In September, Val will be teaching how to make wire beads. Don is ordering stencils/templates to make smaller cabs for making earrings.

Cab Contest: There were 4 entries. Thanks to Brett for the voting method. He painted kidney beans green and gold to put in the cup that represented each person's favorite cab. It was fun. The winner is: Charles Toles with his India Agate free formed stone.

July contest will be any finished product

Drawing

Good of the order

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Francis/Dwayna/Approved

Dwayna Barron



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VVGM CLUB SCHEDULE

SHOP DAYS:
 Wednesday and Thursday: Noon—7:00pm
 Saturday: Noon—5:00pm
 Club Closed Sunday, Monday and 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 Following
 Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am



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