



THE BULLETIN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the year is already half over. All the resolutions made are a thing of the past and will have to wait until next year, unless one gets really busy.

The club is moving along with one field trip behind us and others in the planning. Please come out on our next trip and see what you can find. We need your participation at club functions to continue the fun stuff. If you would like to conduct a trip to a site, call and let us know, there are others to help you, so no one has to go it alone. Thanks to Robert Slone, (who took the day off work) and Chris Koch for taking a group to Kramer Junction.

I am happy to say our light at entrance to the back room will finally be replaced by Gary Osburn who has graciously volunteered to take care of this. Thank you, Gary! We need someone to do a couple other repairs so if you have a talent, please volunteer.

Shout out to the great volunteers on clean-up day, Brett Ward, who was a clean-a-holic, Jeff Owns, Gary Osburn, Jean Osburn, and Louise Herrington. Everyone did a great job, a huge thank you to all. A big thanks to Roger Beam for making our flyers, they are great.

Terry Booth has volunteered to lead the Petrified Pups, so get in touch with him for more information. Thank you Terry, big job, and much needed.

Don't forget, June 21, Tuesday at 6:30, Education night, the snakes are coming. High Desert Wildlife will present "Snakes Alive" great event last year, so tell everyone to join us and bring the kids out, free to all, it is a wonderful program.

Thanks to all our instructors and board members who work hard to make our club successful and fun. Please remember to thank them all yourself, they will appreciate it.

As you can see in this newsletter, classes will be held soon by our members, sign up and come on in to learn something new or perfect your skills.

And lastly, join us for our non-potluck potluck, general meeting on 4th Tues of the month. Bring snacks or hors d'ouerves, and socialize prior to meeting.

Sandy Skidmore, President

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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 |
| | Terry Booth | 909-223-1386 |
| | Steve Hendrix | 714-323-0323 |
| | Don Pomeranke | 760-868-5264 |
| | Patti Deer | 760-553-5530 |
| CFMS Representative | Vacant | |
| Past President | Vacant | |

NEW MEMBERS

John and Linda Bradshaw
Junior Member: Joseph Deer

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 CHAIRPERSONS

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| By-Laws | Frank Dunkin | 909-522-0056 |
| Wagon Master | Various Volunteers | |
| Petrified Pups | Terry Booth | 909-223-1386 |
| 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, Steve Hendrix, Morris O'Brien, Lia Hamilton, Don Pomeranke, Frank Dunkin, Chris Koch, Johnny Twedt, Charles Toles and Ed Skidmore

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS!



SUNSHINE WISHES

Marie Gramata

We know that there are those that are still recovering from various surgeries and injuries and 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 isn't treating you quite so perfectly!

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or a member/family has passed on, maybe 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.

**We have a new look,
check us 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.

JUNE
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VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB
PRESENTS
OPEN HOUSE/EDUCATIONAL NIGHT WITH
SPECIAL GUEST: HIGH DESERT WILDLIFE

**"Snakes Alive" Presentation/Exhibition
6:30pm-8:30pm**

Join us on June 21st, for an evening of education and fun! High Desert Wildlife will be a special guest with information on local reptiles and invertebrates, with emphasis on local snakes, with live animals on display. Gem Club members will have a mineral display and give tours of the facility and all the gem and minerals inside. No cost for entry. This is our third year doing this event! Come see what you've been missing!

WWW.VVGM.CORG
www.facebook.com/groups/highdesertwildlife



June 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|
|  | | | 1 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 2 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 3 | 4 Workshop Noon to 5pm |
| 5 Workshop Noon to 7pm | 6 | 7 By-Laws 2pm Instructors 6pm Board Meeting 7pm | 8 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 9 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 10 | 11 Workshop Noon to 5pm |
| 12 Workshop Noon to 7pm | 13 | 14 | 15 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 16 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 17 By-Laws 2pm | 18 Workshop Noon to 5pm |
| 19 Workshop Noon to 7pm | 20  | 21 Education Night 6-8 pm SNAKES ALIVE! | 22 Workshop Noon to 5pm Byzantine Bracelet Class w/ Jean Osburn 2-5 | 23 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 24 | 25 Clean-up and Rock Swap 9am to Noon Workshop Noon to 5pm |
| 26 Workshop Noon to 7pm | 27 | 28 Hor d'ouerves 6:30pm General Meeting 7pm | 29 Workshop Noon to 5pm | 30 Workshop Noon to 5pm | | |

Robert Arias
John Bradshaw
Joseph Deer
Linda Hastings
Bryan Hellickson
James Jones
Ron Kauffman
Mo O'Brien
Marilyn Pomeranke
Jesse Saldana
Tyler Sells
Yo Simpson
Johnny Twedt



We hope your birthday is all you hoped it would be and more.

May your days be long, healthy, peaceful, fun and prosperous.

And above all, may you grow in faith and be richly blessed with the love of family and friends.

Chainmaille Byzantine Bracelet Class

By Jean Osburn



Wednesday, June 22, 2016
2:00pm to 5:00pm

Materials needed:

- Jump rings: 3 packs of 60 (9mm Heavy Gauge) Try Hobby Lobby - Note: Copper is less expensive to learn on.
- 2 Flat pliers
- 1 Tooth pick
- 1 Safety pin (medium to large)
- 1 Clasp

Instructions will be provided at class.



By-Law Change!

On May 3, 2016 the Board of Directors made a motion to remove the Duties of Officers and Duties of Committees (Job Descriptions) from the By-laws document to the Policies and Procedures document. The following change will be posted in the newsletter during June and voted on at the July General Meeting:

Currently reads in Article VII, Sections 3—9, Duties of Officers: All officers duties and responsibilities are listed in the Job Description Document. Passed 10/23/2012.

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Same for Committee Chairpersons.

There's room for your business card advertisement here in THE BULLETIN!

Who else offers advertisement for \$20 per year in 12 issues? It's an awesome way to get your message out to our members & on our website for others to see. Payment is due in advance of ad and to the editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Contact Dwayna Barron, Editor or Craig Britt, Treasurer for additional details, see page 2 for contact information.

What a deal!



miningsuppliesandrockshop.com

**MINING SUPPLIES
& ROCK
SHOP**

9565 "C" Ave. Ste. K, Hesperia, Calif. 92345

760-244-9642



YARD SALE COMING SOON...

FYI: Val Costello will be holding a yard sale at her home in Hesperia for Dorothy Oberg Saturday and Sunday, June 12th and 13th from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Items being sold consist of her 30 years of rock collecting specimens, a Covington 4" trim saw, 6" Hi-Tech Polisher/grinding wheels, a 3-gang grinder/polisher with multiple drawers and compartments plus other lapidary and miscellaneous items.

For more information and directions contact Val at (760) 998-6394. See you there!



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2016 SHOW SCHEDULES

June 3—5: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri 5—8; Sat 10—6; Sun 10—5
Contact: Don Warthen, (626) 330-8974
Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 4—5: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gem & Mineral Society
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10—5; Sun 10—4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 25—26: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd (@ Culver near 405 & 10)
Hours: Sat 10—6; Sun 10—5
Contact Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

September 16—18: PLACERVILLE, CA

77th CFMS Show & Convention
Hosts: El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: Fri—Sunday 10—5 daily
Contact: Barbara Terrill, (530) 676-2375
Website: www.cfms2016show.com



We need volunteers for the following Board and Committee positions:

1st Vice President—Membership

3rd Vice President— Gem Show

Historian, Building Maintenance, Training Coordinator, Auctions (Donations) AND general helpers to be on committees, assist with other administrative duties, clean-up, maintenance and so on...

YOUR HELP IS VITAL TO VVGMC'S OPERATION!

Huge thanks to Jim Fosse with Corey Beck's assistance for coming to our rescue at the last minute and installing the projector so that we could move forward with May's Education Night.



As expected Dr. Don Buchanan came with his team for Education Night and Chey Midkiff spoke about their 4 day trip and the geology of Death Valley. The pictures were awesome, educational and enjoyed by everyone present. Can't wait for the next time. Thank you team!

Thank you Roger Beam for making the flyers for Snakes Alive and to those who helped distribute them.

And a big thank you to anyone who has helped and gone above and beyond for the sake of our club. For instance: Bob Menelly who is almost always willing to assist a member with a new idea for a project they're working on or show an instructor how to repair a piece of equipment and even occasionally fix a piece of equipment on the sly. You rock Bob!

Sandy Skidmore and Val Costello: KUDOS to the two of you for all the hard work, late hours and effort you have both made over the past few months. You are spectacular women!



**Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2016**

Call to Order at 7:40 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests Present: None

Officers Roll Call:

President - Sandy Skidmore

Treasurer - Craig Britt

1st Vice President - Vacant

Corresponding Secretary - Val Costello

2nd Vice President - Lia Hamilton

CFMS Representative - Patti Deer

3rd Vice President - Vacant

Board Members - Corey Beck Terry Booth

Recording Secretary - Dwayna Barron

Steve Hendrix - Absent Don Pomerence - Absent

Reading of Minutes – Dwayna Barron - Frank/Jim moved to dispense with reading of minutes. Approved

Treasurers Report – Craig Britt – Craig read the Treasurers report.

Board Reports:

2nd Vice President - Lia Hamilton – nothing to report will be working on someone for May. We didn't have a projector and most speakers have this as a requirement for their equipment.

Corresponding Secretary - Val Costello – Has a letter to Ceci in the making waiting for Brett Ward to sign.

CFMS Representative - Patti Deer – Apparently we have had double insurance. CFMS offers insurance, newsletter, seminars and other things. Provide liability insurance tailored to our needs for field trips, etc. We sent in dues but they sent back a letter stating that we are required to obtain their insurance. Our company covers the buildings, tailgate and gem show. Their coverage is \$6 per person. Without payment we are excluded from the Federation. Patti/Frank motion to table until next month. Approved. Dwayna will contact Federation to see about a waiver. Discussion re: benefits of being in the Federation.

Jim will include other clubs on the newsletter blasts.

Board Members:

Corey Beck – Corey brought his cabochon. Dwayna will do a flyer for May's and post on website.

Terry Booth – no report

Steve Hendrix - absent

Don Pomerence – absent

Committee Reports:

By-Laws - Frank Dunkin – Jim proposed that we publish the change to by-laws change to move job descriptions to policies and procedures. Frank second/Approved

Wagon Master – Vacant – Sandy stated that since no one wants this responsibility. We'll ask members to just take 1 group at a time to a place they are familiar with. Let Sandy know in advance and it will be put together.

Petrified Pups - Vacant

Historian - Vacant

Building Maintenance - Vacant

Librarian - Lia Hamilton – nothing to report

Newsletter/Photography - Dwayna Barron Terry/Patti motion made to dispense with \$10 fee and mail newsletter to those without email. Approved.

Sunshine - Marilyn Pomerence – absent Call Marilyn if someone is sick or needs sunshine.

Displays - Don Pomerence – absent Joyce emptied the display and asked for another volunteer to display.

Auctions (Donations) – Vacant – A fun part of our meetings.

Hospitality - Linda Porter Desserts and Hor d'oeuvres going forward.

Security - Sandy Skidmore – no reports

Webmaster - Jim Fosse – The website was hacked and taken down and redid the whole thing so it's up and running better.

Technology - Michael Fosse

Tailgate - Brett Ward

Training Coordinator – Vacant – Terry Booth agreed to take on position.

Old Business:

CFMS – Patti Deer – Sandy asked Patti to contact other clubs and see what they do for insurance and the benefits of being in CFMS.

Craig Britt: Insurance Report – Dwayna is going to contact CFMS.

Kaman Landscaping Report – nothing to report. A vehicle ran over the landscaping out front. 1 bid has been received for \$1600. Need a couple more. Corey stated that it should be zeroscape (desert plants).

By-Laws – Frank Dunkin Next meeting Tuesday May 3rd and 17th.

Need outside light fixed ASAP – Was approved a year ago. Needs a ballast. Frank/Terry motion made to hire an electrician to fix the light fixture.

Security cameras for Kaman – At this point we are failing our obligation to them to fix this. Corey suggested we go back to board, get bids for 3 points to install cameras.

Clean-up Day / Rock Swap – This Saturday. Roger Beam did a great job of making flyers. Rock swap after cleaning – then can cut it after. Mops are still needed. Green grease cutter. Simple green. Please be here if able.

New Business:

Present New Members – Not here tonight. 2 more members today make 116 members.

Positions to be filled –

1st VP – Membership – Still need someone to take this on.

3rd VP – Gem Show – Linda Porter is considering it. Checking on Walmart on Bear Valley Road. There is a list. Meg has the book.

Historian – vacant. Need someone to cut out articles and scrapbook. Take pictures, field trips, etc. and document the activities.

Pups Leader - 11 junior members currently. Can be done with 2 or 3 people. The pups book is still missing. It would be reformulated. Terry will take on with a couple of helpers. Topics cover a variety of topics and subjects. Fran will assist with paperwork.

Field Trips – Robert Slone is taking a group to Kramer Hills next month. Meet at restaurant at 7:45 am at Kramer Junction if you live in that area. Tonopah was mentioned, but needs to be researched. Can be \$75 to \$150 per bucket plus overnight lodging. The Britt's are researching. Many were interested. Terry said a group is going to east of Ludlow for Thulite and north west for Fire Agate on Saturday May 14th leaving at 8:00am. You'll need high clearance vehicle, pics and axes, buckets. A lot of sand on the road now.

Terry will be instructor on Sundays until 7pm.

Snakes Alive – June 21st Education Night – Everyone bring snacks. Last year we had 300 people.

Potluck – Desserts and Hor d'ouerves.

Cab Contest – Put off to next month, people had to leave.

Good of the Order:

Jobs – Sandy – tonight was great. We like the smiles.

Patti/Terri Motion made to adjourn 9:00 pm

Dwayna Barron, Recording Secretary

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Board of Directors Meeting
May 3, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:13pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of guests: Ruben Martinez, Brett Ward, Johnny Twedt, Linda Britt, Frank Dunkin

President – Sandy Skidmore

1st VP – Vacant: Someone is still needed to fill this position.

2nd VP/Education - Lia Hamilton: absent

3rd VP/Gem Show – Position is also still vacant, position needs to be filled as soon as possible if we are going to hold a gem show in November.

Recording Secretary – Dwayna Barron – A motion was made to dispense with the minutes recorded in The Bulletin newsletter. Val/Patti/Approved

Treasurer – Craig Britt Treasurer – Craig gave the Treasurers report reviewing the financial statements and bank accounts.

Corresponding Secretary – Val Costello – Val stated that she wrote the letter requested at the April board meeting to George and Ceci Kawasaki, Brett Ward needs to sign it after the meeting.

Board Members:

Steve Hendrix – Absent

Terry Booth – Nothing to report.

Corey Beck – Discussion: We engage in conversations at the general meeting that should be left to the board meeting, people come for entertainment not board issues. Corey wanted to stress that we not fall into the controversial issues trap as in the past. We will continue the cab contest next month. Make the meetings fun – the space between dinner and meeting is a problem and should be kept lively. Give awards, video, something. Corey has video on how to carve. Dwayna will do flyer and post on website.

Don Pomerence – Nothing to report.

CFMS – Patty Deer - CFMS Update – Patti stated that she looked into the insurance issue, only exclusion is activity over 500 persons.

Committee:

By-laws - Frank Duncan - All board members were given packet with additional job descriptions, read and let's discuss. Corey inquired about removing job descriptions from by-laws to policies and procedures. A motion was made to move the job descriptions from the By-laws Document to the Policies and Procedures Document. Corey/Terry/Discussion/Approved

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Posting will be in the June newsletter and voted on at the June General Meeting according to the By-laws.

These are the job descriptions yet to be read and approved at next meeting.

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Instructors | Treasurer | Bulletin Editor | Class Workshop Coordinator |
| By-laws Committee | Displays | Field Trip Coordinator | |
| Hospitality | Financial Advisory | Petrified Pups | Maintenance |
| Sunshine | Webmaster | Tailgate Coordinator | |

Shop Coordinator – Deleted due to conflicts with other groups (instructors)

Old Business:

Newsletter – Please submit articles/ Don suggested Dwayna applies for Scribe Membership.

Insurance: Dwayna reported on the CFMS insurance issue, see attached. Discussion.

Light (silver room) Will be installed shortly outside silver room. Gary Osburn will purchase light and install it. He is a contractor after discussion with Sandy and Steve the consensus was to replace. Installation is free.

Landscaper: Sandy is waiting to hear back from. Corey will find someone to give an estimate. Landscaping is on hold in the meantime. Tearing out and reinstalling.

Camera's: decided to call alarm companies. Hi-Desert alarm, Protection One, video surveillance (Mel Wolf)

Potluck report – Hor d'oeuvres were provided. Motion made that for the summer we change potluck time 6:30-7:00 and move meeting to 7:00 pm in order to end by 8:30. Dwayna/Don/Approved

Clean-up: Saturday was successful, Brett worked hard. Gary, Jean Osburn, Jeff and Sandy and Louise Harrington showed for clean-up. Did not have rock swap but Thank Roger Bean for making signs and posting them. Clean-up scheduled for 4th Saturday May 28th even though it's Memorial Day weekend. Pups scheduled to start soon hopefully in June (1st and 3rd of each month) 9 to 12

Insurance: Tailgate - Craig Britt – A settlement has been made with John and Pat for his vehicle.

New Business:

Sandy said that Costco has a tent that is similar to ours to check on. Brett will go and check to see if it is a duplicate match under \$300. The purpose of specific dimensions is due to county requirements for the food tent. This would also give us extra parts.

Connie Weinberg - Life membership Was given an honorarium and can only visit. Terry made a motion to make Connie lifetime member. Patti/Approved

Children: Standing Rules-Has been problem with children and what machines they can use. Sponsor must stay with them at all times up 8 to 13 years old. 14+ sponsor in the club. Children were on machines while sponsors were doing other things. All instructors need to be more diligent.

Member Check – Use the computer to check membership and certification.

Continue the cab contest through next month. June contest Ask Bob Menelly to do Intarsia presentation at May Education night and do intarsia as June contest.

Rock Trims – deferred to next meeting

Ideas:

Suggestion Box: 4/26 suggestion – Would be enjoyable if people brought what they are working on to share at General Meeting. Joyce DeGarmo (Put in Newsletter). Door Prize, tickets, snacks, quick biz, members donate.

Good of Order: Have a rock white elephant.

Meeting Adjourned



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VVGMC CLUB SCHEDULE

SHOP DAYS:

Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday: Noon—7:00pm

Saturday: 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 Following

Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am