



Presidents Letter Oct. 2017

We will be soon working on details for our March tailgate, I know it seems far away, but there is much to be done. So, start planning on what you want to do to contribute, we need someone to tumble some rocks and identifying the same. We want to have a good head start on the planning. Please don't hesitate to ask what you can do to help. Thank you!

I want to remind everyone, this is your club, please be kind and take care of the equipment and have it ready for the next member.

For information on upcoming November elections, contact Dwayna or myself!

Take Care,

Sandy Skidmore, President

THE BULLETIN

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*Official Newsletter of the
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club*



15056-B 7th Street
Victorville, CA 92395

Founded in 1947 as a 501(c)4 Non-profit educational Club. Visitors are always welcome...

Our Objective and Purpose:

To disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences. To encourage study in these subjects through various programs. To arrange field trips for exploration, study, and collection of specimens. The preparation, publication and distribution of articles pertaining to these fields. The encouragement of interest of young people and fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please help me by sending any information or pics for the Bulletin as soon as you can. Feel free to call me. Leave a message and I will do my best to do whatever I can to include it.

It is very difficult for me to have this newsletter ready on time without your assistance. We all get busy, so anything you can do to help me would be greatly appreciated! I would love some pics and even stories from you! We can benefit from your contributions and the knowledge you have gained! Thanks so much! Dawn Mearig

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SUNSHINE WISHES

Ed and Sandy Skidmore have need of your thoughts and prayers as they recently lost their daughter.

If you know of anyone needing assistance, our thoughts and prayers, please contact our Sunshine Lady, Marilyn Pomerence

760-868-5264

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Education		
Gem Show		
CFMS Representative	Ruben Martinez	760-868-8689
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Our Instructors: Don Pomerence, Chris Koch, Lia Hamilton, Ed Skidmore, Ruben Martinez, Dwayna Barron and Corey Beck

Your contributions make our club successful!

Education Night

Dwayna Barron

Please contact Dwayna Barron or Lia Hamilton for information on what's going on for education night.

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

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

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Happy Birthday wishes go out to: Thomas Laszlo, Tom Ryan, Maria VanRoekel, Daniel Cavinder, and Myong Conoli

Happy Birthday to everyone whose special day comes in October that I have missed!

Obsidian is a naturally occurring volcanic glass formed as an extrusive igneous rock. It is produced when felsic lava extruded from a volcano cools rapidly with minimal crystal growth. Obsidian is commonly found within the margins of rhyolitic lava flows known as obsidian flows, where the chemical composition (high silica content) induces a high viscous and polymerized lava explains the lack of crystal growth. Obsidian is hard and brittle; it therefore fractures with very sharp edges, which were used in the past in cutting and piercing tools. Was, and remains important to American Indians for arrowheads.

Pure obsidian is usually dark in appearance, though the color varies depending on the presence of impurities. Iron and other transition elements may give the obsidian a dark brown to black color. Very few samples are nearly colorless. In some stones, in some stones, in inclusion of small, white, radially clustered crystals of cristobalite in the black glass produce a blotchy or snowflake pattern (snowflake obsidian). Obsidian may contain patterns of gas bubbles remaining from the lava flow, aligned along layers created as the molten rock was flowing before being cooled. These bubbles can produce interesting effects such as a golden sheen (sheen obsidian). An iridescent, rainbow-like sheen (rainbow obsidian) is caused by inclusions of magnetite nanoparticles.

Thanks Joyce! Looking forward to your display in Nov.



Upcoming CFMS Club Shows

For more shows visit cfmsinc.org

OCTOBER

October 7 - 8: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society

Boron Community Center

26998 John Street

Hours: 9 - 4 daily

Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829

Email: daviesb@yahoo.com

Web Site: [Facebook page](#)

October 7 - 8: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum

2040 North Santa Fe Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Kelly Hickman, (760) 639-0447

Email: kellyahickman@hotmail.com

Website: www.vistarocks.org

October 8: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building

123 West Alvarado Street

Hours: 9 - 4

Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-

1130 Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.fgms.org

October 14 - 15: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

Gem Show Building

13337 Main Street

Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4

Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356

Email: slgms@iwvisp.com

Website: www1.iwvisp.com/

[tronagemclub](#) [Show Flyer/Details](#)

October 21: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First United Methodist Church

22700 Sherman Way

Hours: 10 - 5

Contact: Virginia Rotramel, (951) 403-2634

Email: ginigem1@gmail.com

Website: www.rockchippers.org [Show Page](#)

October 21-22: Placerville, Ca

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

El Dorado County Fairgrounds

100 Placerville Drive

10 - 5 daily

Contact (530)676-2472

Email: info@rockandgemshow.org

www.eldoradorocks.org

October 21-22 Santa Rosa, Ca

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society

Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5 Contact: Jolene Coon

Email: santarosarockshow@hotmail.com

www.smgs.org

October 28 - 29 (10-5 daily) Los Altos, Ca

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society / Los Altos Youth Cen

Contact: Steve Jobe (408)834-5384 / www.pggs.org

stevejobe@sbcglobal.net

Oct. 28-29 Sacramento, Ca (10-5) (916)662-5819

Sacramento Mineral Society, contact: Alyssa Mesiznger

gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org

<http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>

Future CFMS Shows can be found on their website



VGMC CLUB SCHEDULE

SHOP DAYS:

Wednesday & Thursday: Noon—5:00pm

Saturday: Noon—5:00pm Sunday by appointment

Instructor Days Mondays & Fridays.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Instructors Meeting—1st Tuesday 6:00pm

Board of Directors—1st Tuesday 7:00pm

Education Night—3rd Tuesday 7:00pm

Poduck Night—4th Tuesday 6:00pm

General Membership—4th Tuesday 7:00pm

Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am

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