



Presidents Letter Sept. 2017

Autumn, how we love this time of year. Hope everyone had a great summer.

We have had a somewhat quiet summer, but the Petrified Pups have been very busy earning badges, look around the clubhouse and you will see signs of all the things they have done. Thanks to the family of Mary Damiani, the Petrified Pups were given Trilobites and Brachiopod fossils for their collection, and all present at the August General Meeting received one as well. The pups were really appreciative, as it was the last day of their fossil lesson.

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 thank everyone who has jumped right in and worked on the equipment, sorting rocks clean-up and kitchen for potluck, and all aspects of the club, you are very much appreciated, so, Thank You all

We had lots of winners of door prizes at last meeting, Ruben Martinez donated lots of older Lapidary Magazines and Rock and Gem books, that were great to have. Thank you Ruben.

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. Clean up for this month is September 23, please plan on coming in to help.

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
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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 Skidmore, and Marie and Francis Gramata are in need of our thoughts and prayers.

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

760-868-5264

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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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

Aug—September

Cabochon Making 101
Dwayna Barron

Cabochon cutting or cabbing is challenging and yet the most popular form of gem cutting. Although it may require a bit of skill, some patience and a fair amount of practice almost anyone can master the art and technique.

Night two in August was focused on completing your cabochon project with the final polish.

If you have safety glasses and an apron, please bring them.

September we will learn to wire-wrap or set your stone in silver. Contact Dwayna Barron for further materials that you may need to have!

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

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September 2017

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Sunday Work Shop By Apt	Club closed from 8/26- 9/4 C	L	E	A	1 N	2 Check with Sandy or Dwayna for Petrified Pups Schedule!
3 U	4 P	5 Instructor's 6 pm BOD 7 pm	6 12-5 Work shop	7 12-5 Work shop	8	9 12-5 Work shop
10	11	12	13 12-5 Work shop	14 12-5 Work shop	15	16 12-5 Work shop
17	18	19 Education Night 7 pm	20 12-5 Work shop	21 12-5 Work shop	22	23 12-5 Work shop
24	25	26 Pot luck 6pm Gen. Mtg. 7 pm.	27 12-5 Work shop	28 12-5 Work shop	29	30 9 am. Club Clean up Work Shop 12-5

Happy Birthday wishes go out to: Dwayna Barron, Francis Gramada, Corina Anderson, and Shane Osburn!

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



Every day is special, but we should celebrate the day you were born and keep celebrating all year long!

Note from President regarding the Spring Clean Up in the fall:

Club will be closed from 8/26 - 9/4 for extensive cleaning and reparations of equipment! Also inventory will be done at this time. Everyone is invited to come in and help! We have many projects and all the help we can get will be greatly appreciated!

There is much to be done just with inventory of the donations, so....

DON'T BE SHY!

Thanks to Lia Hamilton for requesting information on standard sizes of cabochons to fit settings and findings.

Some examples of cabochons shapes and sizes follow:

Round cabochons are, 10 mm & 12 mm

Oval cabochons are, 12 x 10 mm, 14 x 10 mm and 18 x 13 mm

Apatite and other gemstones can be sized even smaller but these are standard sizes to make it easier to match your findings or settings to the size of gemstones without guessing.

Round cabochons are, 4 mm, 6 mm, 8 mm, 10 mm

Oval 5x3mm, 6x4mm, 7x5mm, 8x6mm

Faceted Round and Oval sizes are the same as round and oval cabochons.

Man made “opal” sizes, Round are, 4mm, 6mm, 8mm, 10mm

Oval 6x4mm, 7x5mm, 8x6mm, 10x8mm, 14x10mm, 18x13mm

This information was found in the Fire Mountain Gems and Beads. You can usually find standard sizing in many different magazines.

Rock of the Month of September

“Sapphire, the birthstone of September, is most desired in its pure, rich **blue** color but is present in almost every color including **pink, yellow, and green.**”

In the Middle Ages the gem was believed to protect those close to you from harm and also represented loyalty and trust.”



SEPTEMBER

September 23 - 24: LODI, CA
 Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
 Lodi Grape 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 23 - 24: MONTEREY, CA
 Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Monterey Fairgrounds
 2004 Fairgrounds Road
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
 Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.cvgms.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

Upcoming CFMS Club Shows

For more shows visit cfmsinc.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: www.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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