

SAVE THE
DATES:

- Jun 30th Dichroic Glass Class 10am
- Jul 10th Instructors 6pm Board Meets 7pm
- Jul 17th Education Night Wire Wrap Class
- Jul 26th Potluck 6pm Hot Dog & Hamburger BBQ picnic theme General Mtg 7pm
- Jul 28th Clean-up

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San Bernardino County Fair Wrap-Up

The San Bernardino County Fair was a great experience! It was riddled with a lot of hard work and preparation in a very short period of time not to mention the very long hours for some of us. Thank goodness for everyone who helped including the children. Truly it was a group effort. Lynne, you are a God-send. She was there nearly everyday most of the time 12-13 hour stretches. Ruben and I did as well. Tom and Sandy spent many evenings there closing the booth down too.

We talked to so many people, we were amazed

largely due to the space the fair gave us. Our job was to drive traffic through our booth and into the Fine Arts/Photography building, and that we did! I really want to encourage everyone to enter your projects in next year. Roger's newest jewelry box, Louise's copper work, Corey's wire wrap, Joyce's bolo ties, etc. It's a great experience with great feedback to help you along.

Joyce took some pictures to share with you, so please enjoy Tom talking to Sarah Johnson and Kyle



about rocks, he was great with the kids and is a wealth of info. Joyce assisted Keith in making a bolo tie, he had a lot of fun as did all the

kids who worked on various projects.



What's Happening...

It's been an eventful month, Education Night Dwayna showed a video on Dichroic Glass and gave a mini tutorial on product, use and sold some glass in advance of Saturday's class on Saturday the 30th at 10am. We can only do about 8 pieces at a firing, so we will be doing more in the coming weeks for those who were unable to

participate in this session. Remember the goal: WE WANT TO CERTIFY YOU TO USE THE KILN and be creative on your own!!

Education Night this month will be with Corey. He has a new technique to show everyone who wants to wire-wrap their glass or other project. I saw it, very cool!

Upcoming Potlucks: July will be a Hot Dog and Hamburger BBQ courtesy of the club, you supply the rest.

August-Mexican Food
September-Chinese Food
October-Harvest Theme
November-Thanksgiving
December-Annual Christmas Party
Make your plans and join us for food, fun and meeting!



Sandy Skidmore
President

If you have any questions, comments or just want to help, don't hesitate to contact your board members or committee chairs for assistance. We encourage you to use the "Suggestion Box". It's opened at every board meeting.

Consider being on a committee or chair. There are several positions available. Good things coming this year; join in and be a voice for positive change!!

President's Message

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! Half the year is gone already, wow!!!!

We had a great time at the fair, talked to a lot of people, showed what we do and what we are all about. Many special thanks to all the hard workers that volunteered many hours of their time and energy to make it successful. Ruben Martinez and Dwayna Barron for getting the fair to find us a great spot and working so hard. Lynne

Bradshaw for always being there, Tom Witt for his amazing skills to inform all about rocks and fossils. And our Petrified Pups, Leo Martinez, demonstrating, David Diaz, handing out fliers, and our Kyle Johnson, (and mom Sarah) who demonstrated his bolo skills. Lia Hamilton, Roger Beam, Bryndon Michener, who gave children his finished stones and made necklaces for them. Dottie and Ron

Kauffman, Don Pomerence, Joyce DeGarmo, Louise Harrington, Chris Koch and Pam Golightly. If I missed anyone, please know you are greatly appreciated. The Petrified Pups won many awards at the fair, several first place awards, 2 Best in Shows from Aurora Cook and David Diaz. Our adults also won many awards as well, Dwayna Barron won a Best of Show as well. If you make something this year, you can enter next year, so prepare for it now, while

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Rock of the Month: Azurite

Azurite is a soft, deep blue copper mineral produced by weathering of copper ore deposits. It is also known as Chessylite after the locality at Chessyles Mines near Lyons, France. The blue azurite is exceptionally deep and clear, and for that reason the mineral has tended to be associated since antiquity with the deep blue color of low-humidity desert and winter skies.

Azurite is one of the two basic copper carbonate mineral, the other being bright green malachite. Simple copper carbonate is not known to exist in nature. Small crystals of azurite can be produced by rapidly stirring a few

drops of copper sulfate solution into a saturated solution of sodium carbonate and allowing the solution to stand overnight.



Azurite crystals are monoclinic. Large crystals are dark blue, often prismatic. Specimens can be massive to nodular. They are often stalactitic in form and tend

to lighten in color over time due to weathering of the specimen surface into malachite. Azurite is soft, with a Mohs hardness of only 3.5 to 4. Azurite is destroyed by heat, losing carbon dioxide and water to form black,



copper oxide powder.

Azurite is unstable in open air compared to malachite, and is pseudomorphically replaced by malachite.



For more information on Azurite visit Wikipedia/Azurite online.

Sunshine

A little spark of kindness can put a colossal burst of sunshine into someone's day!

Nothing reported this month...

If you get a chance to call some older members that haven't been in for a while, please do so; show them we care about them.

If you or a member you know of isn't feeling well or is celebrating a special occasion, contact Don Pomerence at 760-868-5264.

July Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to everyone who is celebrating this month, we all hope that each of you have a happy birthday and that you make special memories while surrounded by family, good friends and lots of love.

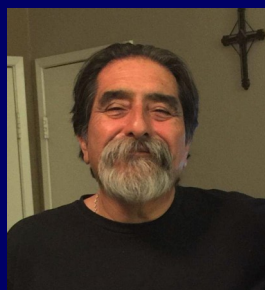
Loren Beebe
Lynne Bradshaw

Robert Ortiz
Frances Hughes

Pat Estes

Our apologies if we missed your name, please let me know so we can fix it. Dwayna





Ruben Martinez,
CFMS Director

Coming in June:

Dichroic Glass Class
with Dwayna Barron
Saturday, June 30th
at 10am (Material
Fee is about \$12+)

Coming in July:

Wire Wrap Class
with Corey Beck—
wrap your dichroic
glass project

Coming in August:

Let's make a twist-
ed silver wire
bracelet

PLEASE SIGN UP so
we can provide the
correct amount of
materials and pro-
ject fees in advance
or a material list if
you are supplying
your own materials.

Shop Talk with Ruben Martinez

This month will be a short article on saw room safety and procedures.

1. Sign-in on door and let instructor know what your plans are.
2. Everyone must be certified to use a saw. It's the instructor's responsibility to check the certification book and if you haven't yet been certified, be sure you are before you use the equipment.
3. The first thing I scan when I'm going into the saw room is the floor looking for oil and spills. Whenever rocks, saws, oil and members come together it gets messy. Let's all try to make a little more effort to clean up the small spills. At the
4. Eye safety: Safety glasses are a must, no exceptions! Instructors, it's your job to insist or the room becomes a no-go zone, as should be the rule for the grinding and silver rooms as well. If you don't have safety

end of the day, several small spills make a big spill and then it becomes a slip and fall hazard. A little effort to clean-up goes a long way. Be a good example for other club members. If you are an intrepid saw user, you are being watched by others. So next time you step into the saw room ask yourself if you're teaching them good habits or not.

glasses, Harbor Freight and Home Depot have a variety to choose from, be a trend-setter.

5. Evacuation Fan: Before you open the lid to check your saw or move your rock, turn on the evacuation fan, you don't want the oil and rock particulate matter in the air in your lungs. You are your best advocate for your health and safety.
6. As for saw operating procedures, that is your instructor of the day's job. Listen, learn, ask questions, don't be shy. Any malfunctions or spills, let the instructor know immediately.
7. Sign-Off on the door and let the instructor know you are finished before leaving.

President's Letter, cont.

you work. It was a lot of fun, so we encourage you to show off a little, you won't regret it.

We have our Dichroic glass class coming up Saturday and we are very excited. In July, is wire-wrapping our projects, and in August, wire bracelets. Our classes are free, you pay a small fee for supplies or bring your own (such as silver or glass). Mark your calendars.

The Petrified Pups are looking for someone willing to lead a field trip in October to a local place that's easy to find. Please let us know. Our Megan Miller, just graduated high school and will be heading off to college, we hope we can have her expertise with us as much as possible, she has done a fantastic job teaching our junior members. Great job Megan. Congratulations!

Our Pot-luck for July will be a Hot Dog and Hamburger BBQ, courtesy of VVGMC with a picnic theme: you supply the potato salad, fruit salad, etc. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Have a great 4th of July, and for everyone traveling, please be safe.

Sandy Skidmore, President

CFMS SOCIETY/CLUB SHOWS

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June 23 - 24: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398
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September 15 - 16: CHICO, CA

79th Annual CFMS Convention with the
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
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

October 6: 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 6 - 7: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 10 - 4 daily
Contact: Kelly Hickman, (760) 622-6501
Email: kellyahickman@hotmail.com
Website: www.vistarocks.org

October 14: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org

October 13 - 14: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street (corner of Main & Trona Rd)
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

October 20: 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

October 20 - 21: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Frank Winn, (626) 239-5457
Email: RkhndFW@gmail.com
Website: www.wgmsca.com

These are the local CFMS shows, for other shows and locations visit their website at cfmsinc.org.



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Instructors Meeting—1st Tuesday 6:00pm

Board of Directors—1st Tuesday 7:00pm

Petrified Pups—1st and 3rd Saturday 9-11:30 am

Education Night—3rd Tuesday 7:00pm

Potluck Night—4th Tuesday 6:00pm

General Membership—4th Tuesday 7:00pm

Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am

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Our Objective and Purpose is 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.

Catch us on the web!
vvgmc.org



SHOP DAYS:

1st & 4th Tuesday—Noon-5:00pm

Wednesday & Thursday: Noon—5:00pm

Saturday: Noon—5:00pm

Instructor Days Mondays & Fridays.

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