

SAVE THE  
DATES:

- Aug 21st Petrified Pups 9am General Meeting Noon-1:30 Theme: Chinese Food Workshop 1:30-6pm
- Aug 28th Saturday Clean-up 9am
- Sep 7th Instructors 2:30pm Board Meeting 4pm
- Sep 4th and 18th Petrified Pups 9am
- Sep 18th Potluck and General Meeting noon to 1:30pm Theme: Salad & Sandwiches We will provide the sandwich fixings.

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# The Bulletin



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## Petrified Pups

While the Petrified Pups are still getting back on their feet in regards to the number of students that we have, we're still learning and having a lot of fun!!

Over the course of the last few classes we've learned about the rock cycle, made eggshell geodes (which were AWE-SOME!), and we are currently working on Cabochons.



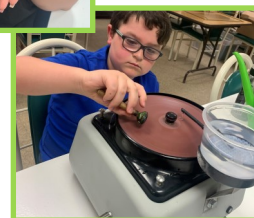
The kids are really enjoying getting together in a classroom-like environment while working and learning new skills! We all know how claustrophobic last year felt with the quarantine and all, so this is really great for the kids to socialize, learn, have fun doing what they love to do!

We meet on the first and third Saturday from

9am to 11:30am and would love to have your children or grandchildren join us. It only takes one active membership to sponsor all of your children. More information on Membership is located on our



web-site or at the club.



## What's Happening...

We are taking sign-ups for the following classes: Broom Casting, Pendant Making, Byzantine Chains. Sign-up at the Club! Fun, Fun, Fun! **IT'S TAILGATE TIME!** **September 24, 25, 26.** We need your help! Please sign up in the club or send Dwayna a text message. The areas

we most need help with is the silent auction and with the kids. We also need someone to help out with the field trip Saturday. Gayland has taken on another Farmer's Market that will take up his Saturday's. Check out our Upcoming Potlucks and Program:

**August**—Chinese Food/Rock Identification with Chris Koch

**September**—Salad & Sandwiches—Club will supply the sandwich fixings/Rock Swap

**October**—Mexican Food/Show and Tell

**November**—Thanksgiving/Election of 2022 Officers

**December**—Annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers

Make your plans and join us for food, fun and meeting!



**Dwayna Barron**  
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 chairperson. There are several positions available. Join in and be a voice for positive change at VVGMC!!**

## President's Message

Here we are, it's August and summer is in full swing with too many triple digit heat days if you ask most people. The humidity doesn't make it any better for those of us accustomed to the dry desert air. Thank goodness fall is on her way. Let's hope it comes with the same vengeance summer did.

With this time of year

comes a lot of planning for the remainder of the year's programs and of course the up and coming 45th Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate. I'm excited and hope you are too! There are sign-up sheets on the table at the clubhouse for the various areas you can assist in. Everyone's help is valuable and necessary to the success of our event!

Flyers are also available at the club for you to distribute. Please take several to post them in places you frequent, your workplace, give to friends and family and where ever else you can think of. Flyers are on the website and can be printed from there and also at the back of this newsletter for you to distribute. It's easy online to just forward the newsletter to all your associations, it's

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## Board Members

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Board Members:	Gayland Graves		
	Yolanda Flores		

## Committee Chairs

CFMS Director	Ruben Martinez	760-490-8263	cfms-rep@vvgmc.org
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Librarian	Denise Millar		
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### Instructors:

Ruben Martinez  
Dwayna Barron  
Chris Koch  
Lia Hamilton  
Gayland Graves  
Janet Flecher  
Mary Lou Flecher  
Yolanda Flores

### Maintenance:

Ruben Martinez  
Robert Swenson

# More What's Happening...

The last Friday in July and the first Sunday in August gave us an opportunity to squeeze in a couple of classes in basic silver smithing before we move on this fall for a more advanced class with Janet making pendants.

The club supplied the tools, and everyone was able to purchase their silver through the club. We made a couple of stack rings (pictured, thanks to Louise for the stylized photo) and a bracelet (or two or three) in some cases.

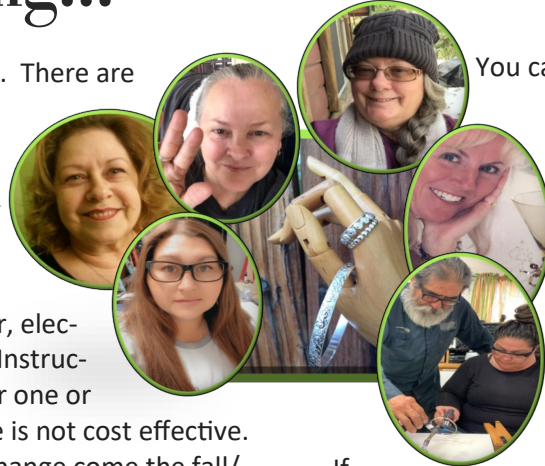
Thanks to Lynne Bradshaw, Nancy Napier, Louise Herington, Yolanda Flores, Sasha Holtkamp, Sara Arnold and Cynthia Robinson for your willingness to learn, your patience, hard work and providing a lot of laughs along with a few challenges. You guys are rock stars! Can't wait to do it again.

Also a big thank you to Ruben and Louise for their assistance, couldn't have done it without you guys. Everyone went away with some new skills, so it doesn't get better than that! Not pictured are Cynthia and Sara.

Everyone may not realize that the shop is only open on the days as noted on the last page of the

Newsletter. There are no other days at this time. The cost of running the air-conditioner, electricity and Instructor time for one or two people is not cost effective. This may change come the fall/winter weather.

In case you're wondering why the changes in meeting times. The area at night does not always feel safe. Many people have expressed their dislike of night driving as well. It's really uncomfortable for a lot of people to drive at night if your vision isn't what it used to be. This may also change at some point, however in the meantime the board would love to hear your views on both subjects: Workshop Days and Meeting Times. We make these decisions at any given time based on what we believe is best for the membership as a whole or even on what a majority of people have expressed as a common desire. That said, your opinions are very important to all of us.



You can use the "Suggestion Box" at the front counter to share, just don't forget to date it and put your name to the paper or we will not acknowledge it.

If you have specific knowledge on a subject, or a skill you're willing to share with us, we would love to hear about from you.

Coming at the November General Meeting is the election of the 2022 Officers. We need your leadership skills! People have to step up at this point. Qualifications are important, however you must have also been a member for 1 year and attended a majority of meetings this year so that you are aware of what is going on.

December is our Christmas Party. More details to follow in next months newsletter and at the meeting.

Final Note: We need a Wagon Master. Maybe we can get a couple of field trips in before the end of year...

## Sunshine

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

Keep Doug Arnold in your thoughts and prayers, he's recovering from surgery, but doing well. He'll be back home this week.

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 Yolanda Flores at 714-718-3181.

## UPCOMING CLASSES...

### September:

Lia is instructing a class in broom casting.

**October:** Let's do some silver work and make pendants with Janet Flecher.

**November:** How about learning to make Byzantine chain bracelets.

**PLEASE SIGN UP** so we can purchase and provide the correct amount of materials in advance. Any metals will be available for you to purchase.

If you want to use your own supplies and materials we will provide the list in advance so you can make your purchases as necessary.

# CFMS Society/Club Shows

## August 21-22, 2021 – Tehachapi, CA

### Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society

TVGMS Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show  
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM Contact: (661) 972-1117, travis462@outlook.com

Website: <http://tvgms.org>

Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Beads, Jewelry, kids activities and more plus Tehachapi Mountain Festival 2021

## September 24, 25, 26, 2021 – 45th Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate, Apple Valley, CA

### Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM daily Contact: (909) 234-5533 dwayna.barron@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.vvgmc.org>

## October 1-3, 2021 – Vista, CA

### Vista Gem and Mineral Society

### Vista Gem and Mineral Open Air Market

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista CA 92083

Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Contact: 1 (760) 214-8770

Website: <http://www.vistarocks.org>

## October 10, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA

### Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Fall Festival of Gems

Location: Across the street from the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in the parking lot.

October 10th, 9 AM – 4 PM  
Contact (760) 728-1130

Email: [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)

We will be following all CDC and government guidelines at this event.

## November 6-7, 2021 – Ridgecrest, CA

### Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Desert Empire Fairgrounds,

520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest CA 93555

Time: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM

Fieldtrip November 7th at 9 AM  
Free admission!! Vendor spaces available. Goede purchasing and cutting, petroglyph slab paintings, gems and minerals and jewelry.

Contact: (760) 375-7905, fjrocks@dslextreme.com

## December 5, 2021 – Lake Elsinore, CA

### Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Rock 'n Craft Winter Festival, 32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Hours: Sunday, December 5 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact: (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.com

Website: Facebook: Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

**These are the local CFMS shows, for other shows and locations visit [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org).**

# President's Letter, cont.

just a click of the forward button and voila, add some names and hit send... easy-peasy guys! Don't forget your social media friends as well. We're expecting a good turnout and are fairly certain it won't be snowing or worrying about torrential rain, mud or flooding this year. Also, as a reminder that if you are staying out at Stoddard Wells (or anywhere) and are planning a campfire at night that you do need to acquire a fire permit. The club hasn't applied yet, but I am planning to do that this week. This may prove to be unavailable due to all the fires in California, we'll see. I hate to mention COVID-19 or the Delta Variant, but it is out there. At this point we're not cancelling, but if the county says we have to, we will abide. We will let everyone know at least a week in advance.

Thank you as always to everyone who shows up to help with the club clean-up. You guys are the real rock stars of the club doing the dirty work that needs to be done, as unglamorous as it is. Please be sure to check out the club meeting dates and workshop hours.

Hope to see you soon,  
Dwayna Barron, President

# **VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB**

**Invites you to their**



## **45th Annual**

# **Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate**

**Victorville, California**

**Friday—Sunday, September 24-26, 2021**

**9:00am to 5:00pm Daily**

**Serving Breakfast and Lunch!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

<b>FREE Event!</b>	<b>FREE Vendor Spaces</b>	<b>Dry Camping</b>
<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>Silent Auction</b>	<b>Grab Bags</b>
<b>Spin the Wheel</b>	<b>Scavenger Hunt for kids and more...</b>	

**All donations are gladly accepted!**

**Come visit us for Handcrafted and Faceted Jewelry, Slabs and Cabs, Findings and Equipment, Minerals and Fossils, TONS of Rough Material and more.**

**NO saving spaces. NO competing with food booth or  
VVGMC's fundraising activities: Food, drinks, grab bags, spin the wheel or auctions.**

**Saturday FAMILY Field Trip: 9am to 1pm  
We'll be collecting Tri-color marble!**

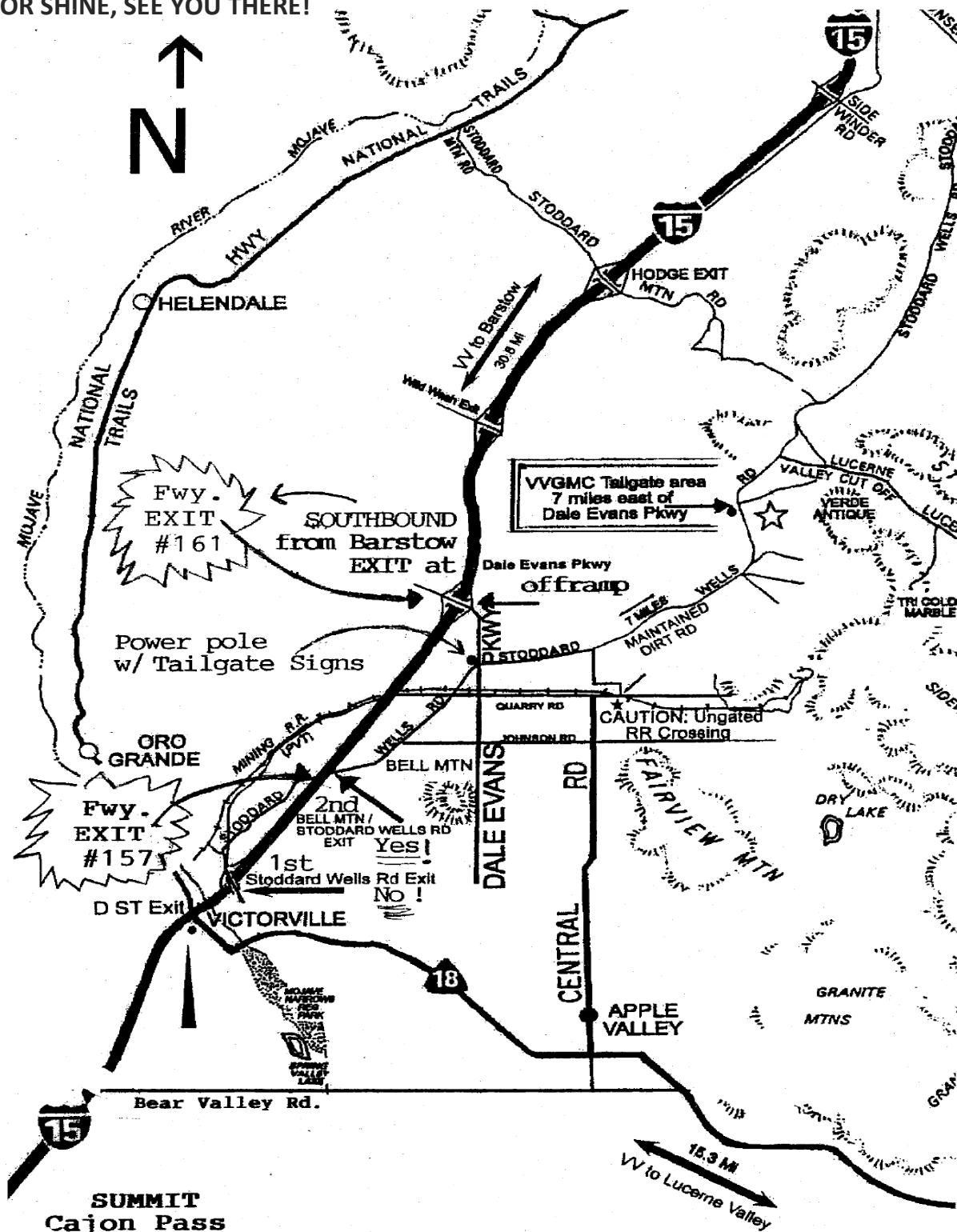
**For more info visit our website at [vvgmc.org](http://vvgmc.org)  
or call 760-243-2330 and leave a message**





Directions: From I—15 Northbound towards Barstow : Hwy 15 North THRU Victorville! EXIT Rt. At 2nd Stoddard Wells Rd at BELL Mtn. EXIT # 157. Turn Left/East at Ramp STOP Sign. STAY On Stoddard Wells Road 4 mi. until next STOP sign at Dale Evans Pkwy. "Tailgate" signs high on NW corner power pole. Check Odometer here! Continue Straight On Stoddard Wells Rd. 7 miles to "Tailgate". Road becomes a graded dirt road about 4/10 mi. from the Dale Evans Pkwy intersection. Proceed East/NE past "Grange" fork to "Tailgate" site. Cars & RVs can make it w/ ease & care. "Tailgate" signs along route.

RAIN OR SHINE, SEE YOU THERE!



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#### **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

Instructors Meeting—1st Tuesday 2:30pm

Board of Directors—1st Tuesday 4:00pm

Potluck and General Membership Meeting—  
3rd Saturday Noon to 1:30pm

Club Clean Up Day—4th Saturday 9:00am

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club was founded in 1947 as a 501(c)4. Visitors are always welcome...

The purpose of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences. To encourage study in these subjects, arrange field trips for exploration, study, and the collection of specimens. To promote the interest of young people and foster classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts through all means which are appropriate to these accomplishments.

Catch us on the web!  
[vvgmc.org](http://vvgmc.org)



#### **SHOP DAYS:**

Saturdays: Noon—5:00pm

3rd Saturday following General Meeting 1:30-5:00pm

2nd and 4th Sunday—Noon to 6pm

#### **Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club**

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