

THE BULLETIN

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

SAVE THE DATES

- CFMS Business Meeting
Nov 12 & 13 Visalia, CA
- Nov 6 & 20 Petrified Pups
9 a.m.
- Nov. 20 General Meeting
Noon to 1:30 Theme
Hamburger Blow Out
Elections
- Nov. 21 Field Trip Early
Man/Mule Canyon
- Nov. 28 No Clean Up this
month
- Dec. 7 Instructors
Meeting 2:30 p.m. Board
Meeting 4 p.m.
- Dec. 19 through 25th
Club will be closed.



President's Letter

Welcome Members, here we are mid-November and we are moving rapidly toward the end of Autumn. The onset of winter is just around the corner, not to mention the stores are a constant reminder that Christmas is on the horizon. Can we just get past Thanksgiving first? Reminds me of the song by Simon and Garfunkle "Feelin' Groovy". The lyrics, "slow down, you're moving too fast, got to make the morning last" resonates with me more each day so I'm taking note and going to do just that during the holidays. Hope you all can take time to do the same.

Still, this is an exciting time of year. This next general meeting is on Saturday, November 20th at noon. Rather than our traditional Thanksgiving Potluck, we will be having a hamburger fest with hamburgers, chips, and fries with all the fixings. If you'd like to bring something, a salad or dessert would be fantastic! Please thank Dave Duncan when you have a chance for offering to be our Grill Master for the day. This is also an important day because it is our annual Election for your 2022 Board of Directors. There are positions still available if you have been a member at least one year and would like the opportunity to serve your fellow members. Just send me a text to my new phone number at (760) 995-7190 to let me know so we can add your name to the ballot. For workshop Jim Banks will be giving a fire agate demonstration. So, if you have some fire agates and want to know how to clean them up and polish them. Come see.

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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!

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Janet Flecher

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Yolanda Flores

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Ruben Martinez

Dave Duncan

Jim Banker



Field Trip

Janet Flecher

On November 21st, the club is going to the Early Man site. The first site is "any vehicle", the second and third areas are 4x4 or high clearance 2x4 vehicles.

Jasper and petrified palm root will be our goal. Also, Boron materials suitable for specimens will be at the third site.

Meeting time is 9:00 am at Eddie's Place.

This is a gas station and massive candy store located at the eastern Calico Road exit. Eddie's place is very well signed from the I-15.

President's Letter *Continued from page 1*

I need 3 volunteers to help count votes. Please see me when you arrive Saturday for short instructions.

We will try to make it as painless as possible (smile). Janet has a field trip planned for Sunday, November 21 to Early Man/Mule Canyon Sites. They will meet at Eddie's World Gas Station and Candy Shop which is at the Calico Ghost Town exit. More info will be available at the meeting.

There will be no Workshop on November 27th and 28th unless an instructor wants to make themselves available. The club will be closed December 19th-25th for the holidays.

The December Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11th at noon. We will be having a traditional Christmas Luncheon catered by one of our newer local businesses. I do need to have an RSVP if you're planning to attend so I can give her a head count by December 4th. Also, on that day will be our installation of officers, a mini award ceremony and auction. We have some cool items, so bring your \$\$\$.

This is always a fun time. We have lots of new members that I hope to meet at the upcoming meetings. Thank you Dave for your recruiting efforts!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who came for clean-up. YOU are the glue that keeps the club moving. The things that are fun require the things that are not fun to be done, it's not magic, just a little work. So just know how much you are appreciated when you make the effort.

Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you all soon,



Sunshine

If you get a chance to call some of our older members that haven't been in for awhile, 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

CFMS Society/ Club Shows

**December 5,
2021-Lake
Elsinore, CA
Lake Elsinore**

**Gem and Mineral
Society Rock'n
craft Winter
Festival 32907**

Corydon Rd., Lake
Elsinore CA 92530

Hours: Sun.

December 5 - 10

am - 4 pm Contact:
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**Mojave Desert
Gem & Mineral
Show -
12/04/2021**

Start Date:

12/04/2021

End Date:

12/05/2021

Hours: 10:00 -
5:00

Venue: Cora

Harper

Community

Center

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Barstow, CA

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December 5,
Lake Elsinore,
CA

Lake Elsinore
Gem & Mineral
Society

Rock & Craft
Festival

32097 Corydon
Road.

Hours 10-4

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National/Regional Shows:

California Federation

2022 April 22-24

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Lancaster, CA

Eastern Federation

2022 TBD

Midwest Federation

2022 Springfield MO

Date TBD

Northwest Federation

Date and Place TBD

Rock & Gem

Is seeking inspiring kids. Do you have kids in your society who are crazy about rocks, fossils or lapidary arts. As a start discuss with in your club to have an article written up on the m to be published in Rock & Gem kids page Them contact me: Jim Brace-Thompson, 7319 Eisenhower St. Ventura, CA 93003, jbraceth@roadrunner.com, 805-659-3577 Here's to honoring and inspiring our next generation of rock hounds!

CFMS

We finally arrived at the Wyndham Hotel on Friday after losing the gps signal for most of the trip. Checked in to our room and went to the cracker barrel. We reacquainted with friends we knew from way back. There was a silent auction, with some very nice items, I didn't get what I wanted but I got some very nice crazy lace agate and a Biggs Jasper bolo. I will bring to our general meeting. I had not been to one of the business meetings, it was an eye opener. They are very OCD about running their meetings. We were done about noon. That gave us time to look around-which is agricultural and not much else. The banquet was very good, had good conversation with people we hadn't met before. The food was tasty and filling, we finally got back to our room by 11 pm. Sunday morning was foggy so we decided to be lazy and wait for the fog to lift. Checkout was at 11am so we packed our stuff and were on our way home. I took my time driving home, we arrived late afternoon. It was a pleasant and relaxing trip.

Sara Arnold



MARKING YOUR TOOLS

It makes sense to mark your tools if you ever lend them to friends or take them out to classes or workshops. Question is how to mark them permanently. For metal tools, I use a very small ball bur running fast in the Dremel or Foredom to "engrave" my initials. Other times I'll form the initials with a number of hits with a center punch.

But for hammer handles and other wooden tools, the country boy in me came back and thought "Why not make a branding iron?" If you'd like to try one, all you need is a little scrap copper or nickel about 22-24 gauge, a piece of heavy brass or copper for a base, about 6 inches of metal rod and a piece of wood for the handle.

I formed my initials from a couple 4mm strips of sheet nickel. The "S" was one piece, but the "B" was three pieces soldered together with hard. (Remember to form the letters backwards). I then soldered the letters with medium onto a piece of 1/8 inch thick brass bar to act as a heat sink. Finally, I soldered a piece of 1/8 round rod on the back of the brass bar as a shaft to join to a wooden handle.

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NO SCRATCH VISE JAWS

If your bench vise has replaceable jaws, there is a simple modification to customize it for bending sheet metal and holding jewelry pieces without worrying about the jaws leaving scratch marks.

I make a duplicate set of jaws from high density plastic such as Nylon or Delrin. Remove the jaws and use them as a template. Cut two pieces from a 1/2 inch sheet of scrap plastic. Then clamp the steel jaw over the plastic and drill through the steel side and into the plastic. Finally, use a larger drill to countersink the plastic for the screw heads.

Plastic can be obtained from the scrap bin at a local plastics store, can be purchased online from Ebay, or can be repurposed from an old kitchen cutting board.



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