

THE BULLETIN

August 2022

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club SAVE THE DATE

- * August 20 General Meeting Noon to 1:30
Pot Luck - Goes with sandwiches
- * August 27 Shop Clean Up 9 am - 11 am
- * Sept. 6 Instructors Meeting 2:30-4 pm
Board Mtg. 4-6 pm
- * General Meeting Sept. 17 Noon to 1:30p

Hello everyone!

I am looking forward to cooler weather but I know it will still be quite warm for a while longer. But I can dream. I'll try not to complain about the cold weather in the winter.

Keep an eye out for information on the wire knitting class that Mary Lou will be teaching. Also Janet will be teaching another silversmithing class. It will be a 10 week class and the fee is \$10 a week, but paid up front. Dates are to be announced.

We will visit the increase in membership fees to be put in effect in January 2023

Start thinking about volunteering for a taking on a position - since we are getting close to the end of the year. Even be on the nominating committee Let Janet know, she's the Nominating Chair,

It was nice to see that we had at least one entry for a new logo. Dave wore a t-shirt with the design last general meeting

Sara
VVGMC President

Check out Steve's new toy!



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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.

Please 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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Steve Rucker

Floating Instructor Blaine Witte

Associate Instructor

Maintenance

Jim Banker Dave Duncan



Please join us in welcoming these 11 new members that wisely joined our ranks in July:

Joey Lopez
Anne Musick
Sam Hernandez and Janette Bustamonte
Caesar Urruti
Karl and Lynne Gasteiger
Katie Padilla and Oliver Brito
Christian Linares and Victoria Barragan

Apologies if we missed you or misspelled your name. Contact Dave Duncan with any corrections.

Welcome

August Birthstone - Although peridot, spinel, and sardonyx are all considered August birthstones – peridot is the most popular and well known. Known as a symbol of opportunity and prosperity, this vibrant yellow-green gemstone is beloved by many. Peridot is also believed to bring the wearer confidence, power, general good luck, and health.

Sardonyx was the first August birthstone dating back to ancient Egyptian times. Soldiers wore this stone during battle as they saw it as a sign of strength and protection.

A classic case of mistaken identity is part of the reason why August has three unique birthstones.

Sardonyx, a stone that ranges from amber to bright green in color, was the original August birthstone. Due to its similar coloring, peridot was often mistaken for sardonyx, and was eventually adopted as the second August birthstone. Spinel was added as an alternate gemstone for August in 2016 in an effort to make modern updates to the birthstone list.

Peridots have been steeped in myth for thousands of years. The Egyptians called peridot the “gem of the sun,” and some thought it even protected against nightmares. Peridots are also closely connected to Hawaiian culture—they are thought to be the tears of the volcano goddess Pele. The sand on the Big Island’s Papakolea Beach is a rare and beautiful green hue due to a high content of crushed olivine.

**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 that we care about them!

If you or a member you know of isn’t feeling well or is celebrating a special occasion, Please contact me Lorie 831-325-1912

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

SMALL PARTS CONTAINERS

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date and are thrown out. On my last doctors visit, I asked the nurse if they had any expired vials. She replied "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200).

The ones shown above are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They're clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings.



FINISHING PIERCED PATTERNS

After sawing patterns there's always a little cleanup to do, and the smaller cutouts can be a challenge. Needle files (7-8 inches) can get into the larger areas, and escapement files (4 inches) can get into some of the corners.

But I often find myself wanting even smaller files. I couldn't find them, even at a watchmaker tools supply company, so I had to try something else. I ended up grinding down the tip of a small 4" barrette file using a separating disk (or cutoff wheel) in your Dremel or Foredom.



Be sure to wear your safety glasses when using this tool. A flake of steel in your eye makes for a bad day.

More smart solutions for your jewelry making problems can be found in my metal arts books on Amazon at <http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

And if you enjoy these tips on jewelry making, take a look at the sample chapters from:

> Bench Tips 1 - <http://amzn.to/1Z6hQ06>

> Bench Tips 2 - <http://amzn.to/2KCygh4>



CFMS Society/ Club Shows

August 20-21, 2022 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

“Inspiration Unearthed”, 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems

Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

Hours: Saturday 10 AM- 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381

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August 20-21, 2022 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Show

500 East “F” Street, Tehachapi, CA

Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM

Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Beads, Gifts, Collectables, Gemstones and Jewelry

Dealer inquiries accepted. For information contact Ron Myrick, E-Mail: travis462@outlook.com (661) 972-1117 or Robert Papac:

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Website: <http://tvgems.org>

September 24-25, 2022 - Long Beach

Long Beach Mineral and Gem Show

Gems on the Hill Show

Signal Hill Public Library, Signal Point Terrace and Community Room

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Contact: (562) 253-1390, karin.yasuda@gmail.com

Website: <http://facebook.com/LBMGS>

National/ Regional Shows:

Eastern Federation

2022. TBD

Midwest Federation

2022 Springfield MO

Date TBD

Northwest Federation

Date and Place TBD

Rocky Mountain Federation

June 17-19

Las Vegas, NV

South Central Federation

AFMS 2022

October 7-9

New Orleans, LA

Southeast Federation

Date TBD

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Shop In use

Wire weaving class last month



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SHOP DAYS. Saturdays —Noon to 5 pm

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Instructors Meeting — 1st Tuesday 2:30 pm

Board of Directors Mtg.—1st Tuesday 4 pm

General Meeting 3rd Saturday 12-1:30 pm

Pot Luck and Education

Club Clean up day—4th Saturday 9 am

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club was founded in 1947 as a 501/c4 non profit education club. Visitors are always welcome.

Our objective and purpose is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and 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.

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