

# THE BULLETIN

## March 2022

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
SAVE THE DATE

- \* March 19 General Meeting Noon to 1:30  
Potluck Theme - St Patrick
- \* March 26 Shop Clean up
- \* April 2, 2022 Field trip to Diamond Pacific
- \* April 5, 2022 Instructors Mtg. 2:30  
Board Meeting 4 pm
- \* April 2 & 16 Petrified Pups
- \* April 9, 2022 Field trip to Diamond Pacific
- \* April 16, General Mtg.
- \* April 30, Shop clean up

Hello and welcome all,

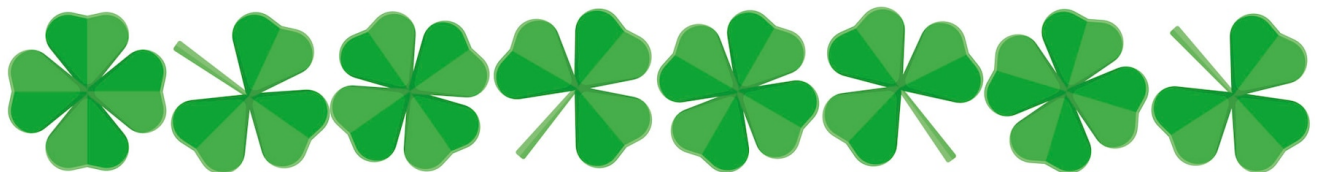
I still don't know if spring is coming or winter is going to linger longer. To tell the truth, I'm looking for warmer weather. Since now I've said it, it will get too hot too soon. I am grateful for the perfect weather on Saturday during the tailgate.

Well March Tailgate has come and gone. I would like to thank all who helped set up and take everything down and pack it up. I also thank the members that helped with the silent Auction and the Pups table. If you don't see your name here, it's because I have trouble with names. So I will do a general thank you to all! You are much appreciated. I will have the treasurer inform us at the general meeting how well we did.

Don't pat ourselves on the back , just yet. While we were out at the tailgate the shop was vandalized. Dave went to the shop on Saturday and found that we didn't have power, he had to throw out the food in the freezer. On Sunday, because there was more evening light, he could see the extent of the damage. We not longer have an air conditioner/heater. The process is in motion, police report, estimates, and contacting the insurance company to replace and install it. If you pass by the club keep an eye on it. Don't confront anyone, let us know or call the police if you have to.

Don't forget the general meeting on Saturday the 19th at noon. The potluck theme is St. Patrick's even though it was on the 17th. Our **program** will be Gayland Graves will be giving a presentation on intarsia. I for one am looking forward to this.

Looking forward to Saturday  
Sara



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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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 Lia Hamilton  
 Dave Duncan

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- Jim Banker  
 Dave Duncan



**Field Trip**  
**Janet Flecher**

April 2. 9 am at Diamond Pacific  
Parking lot at 9 am. Old material \$3/  
lb. Children must be closely  
supervised.

We will leave Diamond Pacific at 12  
noon

1 pm. Private collections in Yermo.  
Approx 2 miles north of Peggy Sue's.  
3-4 collections at one site including old  
collections. \$1/lb. .



**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 Sara 760-221-3734.

## CFMS Society/ Club Shows

### March 18 -20 2022

Prime Cut Rocks - Rock and Gem Show  
 Prime Cut Ranch Lucerne Valley  
 9 am - 5 pm 13050 Syracuse Rd  
 Lucerne Valley, CA  
 626-290-4795

### April 1- 3 2022 Vista CA

Vista Gem and Mineral Society Show  
 Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum  
 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave, Vista CA 90283  
 Hours April 1& 2 10am - 5 pm  
 April 3 10 am - 4pm Contact info@vistarocks.org

### April 30- May 1 Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society  
 Address to be announced  
 Hours: 10-5 Daily  
 Contact: Kim Strange  
 Email: [kimstrange01@gmail.com](mailto:kimstrange01@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

### May 6-8; Lancaster, CA

#### CALIFORNIA FEDERATION SHOW

Hosted by Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
 2551 W. Avenue H  
 Hours: Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4  
 Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walborn Email: [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)

### April 30th & May 1st 2022

#### Searchers Society 61st Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Brookhurst Community Center  
 2271 W. Crescent Ave, Anaheim, CA  
 Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4:30 pm  
[www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

## 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

Rocky Mountain Federation  
 June 17-19  
 Las Vegas, NV

South Central Federation  
 AFMS 2022  
 October 7-9  
 New Orleans, LA

Southeast Federation  
 Date TBD

## CFMS Newsletters

Can be downloaded at  
[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

## March Birthstone - Aquamarine & Bloodstone

For the lucky people with March birthdays, two birthstone are associated with this early spring month:

### Aquamarine and Bloodstone

Aquamarine: The serenely colored aquamarine invokes the tranquility of its namesake, the sea. In fact, the name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea.

The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green gemstone flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this gemstone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

<https://www.americangemsociety.org/birthstones/march-birthstones/>



# TAILGATE clean up



# TAILGATE Saturday



# Word Search

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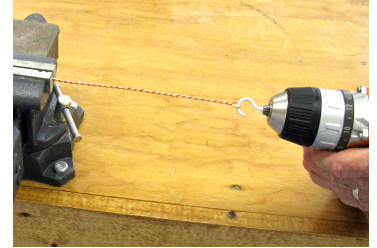
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GALENA	RUBY
GRANITE	SULFUR

# Bench Tips

## TWISTING WIRE

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.

Just make a little hook out of coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun. Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto your hook. Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist.



Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.

## SOLDERING PRONGS

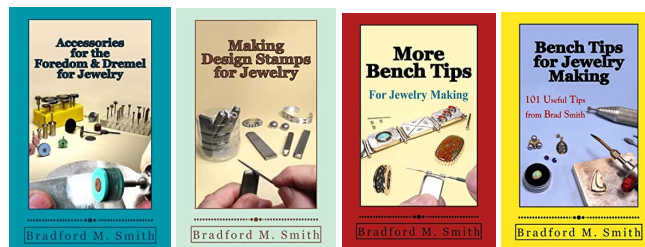
I often use prongs to hold an irregular cab or other object on rings and pendants. But prongs can be a little tricky to solder. You have to find some way to hold them all upright while soldering, and the simple butt joint that looks strong sometimes breaks when you start to bend the prong over the stone. There's nothing worse than having a prong break off when you're setting the stone \*#~\*!

I solved both problems with one little trick. It keeps the prongs in position for soldering, and it gives you a stronger joint at the same time.

Locate and center punch the position for each prong. Then drill holes a little smaller than your prong wire. Sand a small taper on the ends of your prong wires and stand them up in the holes. The wires support themselves, soldering is easy, and the joint is stronger because of the increased soldering area.

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"How To" Jewelry Books on

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



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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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