

THE BULLETIN

April 2022

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
SAVE THE DATE

- * April 16, May, 7, 21
Petrified Pups
- * April 16 General Meeting Noon to 1:30
Pot Luck Theme - Easter
- * April 30. Shop Clean Up 9 - 11 am
- * May 3 Instructors mtg 2:30 Board mtg. 4 pm
- * May 14, 15 Field Trip to Bishop, Mono Lake & Big Pines White Mountain
- * End of May/June Opal Mountain???
- * May 21 General Meeting Noon to 1:30
Pot Luck Theme - Tacos
- * May 28 Shop Clean Up 9-11 am



Hello all,

I have been taking inventory of the club and it's members, since I've had some time since my surgery last Tuesday. I'm in awe of how the club has progressed, We had a fairly successful tailgate, we have a few more instructors, have the shop open for members to use. I've enjoyed seeing members come to the general meeting. So far what I'm seeing is that everyone is enjoying themselves since you keep coming back. I would consider us a successful club. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

I hate to say it but it's time to start planning the tailgate for next year. It will be the second weekend in March again. I need someone to work on advertising, advertising is the first step, do I have any volunteers? Please! I figure the real work will start in August. We can plan what we will do at the tailgate. What we can do better, what worked, what didn't!

We are making headway on getting bids for the repairs when the AC was stolen. We have been lucky that the weather is holding out. The last of the bids should be coming in by Monday and the police report should be picked up this week so we can submit it to the insurance company

Hope to see everyone at the general meeting on Saturday. Don't forget the pot luck theme is Easter. There will be a ham there and deviled eggs. Please bring sides, even tacos from del taco will be welcomed

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VVGMC President

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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!

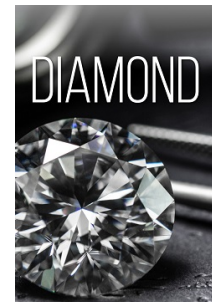
Field Trip Janet Flecher

May 14 and 15 to Bishop.
Backside of Glass Ridge for double
flo obsidian/black obsidian, then to
Mono Lake/June Lake for other
obsidian/silver sheen specimens.

Sunday Big Pines White Mountain
for large crystal points. Trout
fishing outside of Mammoth after.

At the end of April, SouthKaty's
maybe. One more trip to opal
Mountain at end of May early June
before heat season arrives 45 -50
miles on diet round trip. Inscription
Canyon trip would need a rock
crawler vehicle.

Friday, Mexican Restaurant,
Saturday campground hotdogs, etc



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.

[Easter Vectors by Vecteezy](https://www.vecteezy.com/free-vector/easter) Easter graphics

CFMS Society/ Club Shows

April 16; Lake Elsinore, CA
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society Rock and Craft Show
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA Hours: Sat 10-4
Contact: (909) 208-6956,
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April 23-24; Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral And Gem Society Santa Cruz Civid
Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: scuzgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://scrockngem.org>

April 30-May 1; Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem and Mineral Society Brookhurst Community
Center 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun.
Contact: (909) 815-3045
Email: searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com Website:
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-Walbon Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

May 6-7; Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Gem and Mineral Society Yucaipa Blvd and Adams
St., Yucaipa CA Hours: Fri. 6-10 PM, Sat. noon-10 PM
Contact: (909) 794-0731
Website: <http://yvgms.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

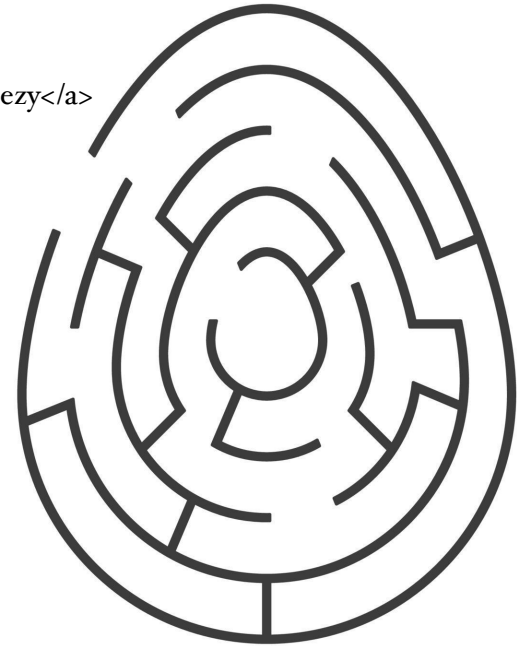
Southeast Federation
Date TBD

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www.cfmsinc.org



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Wednesday's at the club
 Janet Flecher
 Sadly this Wednesday April 13th is the last
 Silversmithing class of this session. Keep watching
 here to see when the next one starts.

Rocks and Minerals Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden rock and mineral words in the word search puzzle below.

(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or do

Word List

- Basalt
- Gneiss
- Sandstone
- Bauyite
- Igneous
- Unakite
- Diamond
- Muscovite
- Vulcanite
- Feldspar
- Ruby
- Wairakite

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C	W	O	L	Q	A	C	P	N	A	N	Y	O	D	V
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B	M	W	C	O	N	O	Q	I	Y	D	W	C	R	L
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M	S	F	B	R	K	K	Q	S	V	T	H	U	N	S
Z	C	R	R	Z	I	A	F	V	I	Y	B	L	O	A
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B	V	E	Z	T	E	R	A	I	U	E	H	A	S	E
Y	I	B	Z	G	S	R	A	X	V	F	J	N	D	S
J	T	M	Q	F	I	M	I	H	L	R	N	I	N	U
Q	E	T	V	A	O	T	T	S	U	C	R	T	A	R
N	L	K	W	N	E	A	K	B	E	K	G	E	S	A
Z	R	L	D	C	L	I	Y	A	N	S	J	Q	W	E
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Bench Tips

BTW - my club is starting to come out of the stay-at-home mode and is planning to hold our annual rock & gem show this July. What will not change is the way we provide speakers at our monthly meetings.

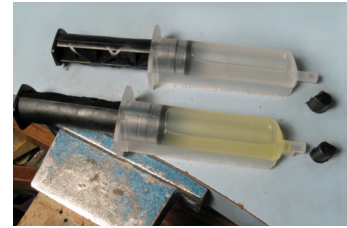
Allowing speakers to join us over Zoom has let us hear some truly great presentations, so we are happy to continue in that mode.

If you know of any presenters who might be interested, please have them get in touch. We're booking now for the rest of the year.

Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

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COLORING EPOXY

There are two ways to add color when you are using epoxies. The first is to add a powdered material like colored chalk, charcoal, or powdered colors from an art supply store. One that I particularly like is a set of pastel glitter powders. A second way is to add a liquid pigment like nail polish, model airplane paint, or tinting pigments from a marine supplies store.

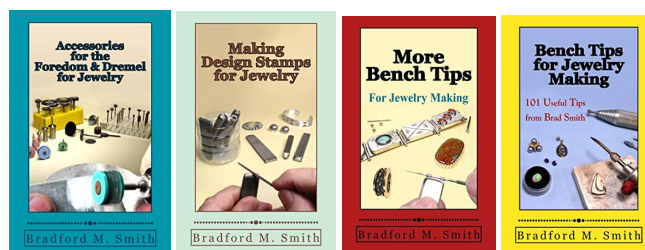
In preparing epoxy for use, the important things are to use exactly equal parts of the two components and to thoroughly mix them together. Coloring material can be added at any time. If I'm making just a small amount, I squeeze out equal sized droplets onto a piece of scrap paper or aluminum foil and mix thoroughly with a toothpick.

To mix larger amounts of epoxy, I use a gram scale to weigh the first component. Then I zero the scale and weigh out the same amount of the second component, add coloring if needed, and mix.

If you are using 5-minute epoxy, the mixing needs to move quickly. But I like to work carefully when adding color. So I squeeze out equal sized droplets side by side on the scrap paper. Then I work with just one of the droplets to add the colors. The 5-minute clock only starts when you mix in the second droplet.

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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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