

THE BULLETIN

JANUARY 2022

**Victor Valley Gem and
Mineral Club
SAVE THE DATE**

- * Jan. 15, Feb. 5 & 19
Petrified Pups
- * Jan. 15 General
Meeting Noon to 1:30
Theme - Italian
- * Jan. 22 Field Trip @
Quartzite
- * Feb. to Cramer TBA
- * April 16, 2022
Diamond Pacific 9 am
- * Feb. 1 Instructor mtg.
2:30 Board mtg. 4 pm
- * Feb. 19 General Mtg.
Noon to 1:30 pm
- * March 11, 12, & 13
Tailgate



Welcome back everyone!

I'm looking forward to a great 2022. I hope everyone is starting out on the right foot for the New Year.

For two months starting in February, we'll be trying out, opening up the silver room, but there will be stipulations on this. Look for more information in the newsletter. We will be having our Tailgate at it's normal time of the year, March 11, 12, and 13th. I will be looking for volunteers to help out and make it a great Tailgate. I'll need a committee to so we can set up everything and not one person is doing everything by themselves.

General meeting is this Saturday at noon. The potluck theme is Italian, I haven't decided what Italian recipe to do, but we'll also bring out some of the food we put away in the freezer from Christmas.

Please think about volunteering to put something in the Display case. No it doesn't have to be a rock collection display. Maybe some collection you have and give us some information on it.

Please if you go out rock hunting with a friend, take some pictures and send me a copy with a little note where you went and what you found.

Is there someone who loves to send out get well cards, I need someone to take care of Sunshine.

I will end it here otherwise this newsletter will not show up until after the meeting.

Sara
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

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Sunshine

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- Janet Flecher
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- Dave Duncan



Field Trip Janet Flecher

Field trip. Saturday January 22, 2022. Pow-Wow at Quartzsite.

Meeting place, Carl's Junior's parking lot at the northwest side of exit 17 of Interstate 10 in Quartzsite. This is the first (west) of two Quartzsite exits off of I-10.

Time. 10 am Arizona time, 9 am California time.

We will proceed to the POW-Wow as a group. And will park in the free lot. Transportation is available from parking lot to the show for free.

Our intention is to provide the information you need as a buyer to get the most for your money. Most vendors are honest folks, but not all. Experience Quartzsite hands will be available to guide you in your purchases.

For those interested, Desert Gardens show will be open. T-Rocks, however, appears to be closed.

Fun Facts about New Year's Day Traditions

The song traditionally sung on New Year's, "Auld Lang Syne," means "times gone by".

Black eyed peas, ham, and cabbage are considered good luck if you eat them on New Year's Eve or Day because it is believed they will bring you money.

In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long. The tradition dates back to medieval times.

Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. The original ball weighed 700 pounds and featured 100 25-watt bulbs.

Much different to the ball we know today!

The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 B.C.

January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward. He is the god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doors, passages, and endings.

To ensure a year of good luck, firecrackers and noisemakers became tradition in order to scare away any remaining evil spirits and to ensure a brand new start.

Source: <https://wifa-school-of-english.de/news/97-fun-facts-about-new-year%E2%80%99s-eve>

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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 5-6; Ventura CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W Harber Rd.
Contact: Richard Slyker, 805-312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org Website: www.vgms.org

March 12- 13, Arcadia CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
"Inspiration Unearthed", 62 Annual
Tournament of Gems.
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd,
Arcadia.
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com Website: pasadenalapidary.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

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
Website: 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

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www.cfmsinc.org

January Birthstone - Garnet

Garnet is the birthstone of January. Although many people think of a red gem when they think of garnet, it is actually available in almost every color - green (tsavorite and demantoid), orange (spessartine and hessonite), purple (rhodolite), yellow (mali and topazolite), pink (malaya), red (almandine and pyrope), black (melanite). These are just some of garnet's many colors and varieties. There are even opaque garnets that are usually cut as a **cabochon** (pink hydrogrossular and green grossularite). The color variety of garnet gives people born in January many color options.

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Wednesday's at the club

Janet Flecher

Starting 2/3/2022 the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club will be open for silver smithing, wire wrapping etc. only the silver room will be open. The grinding room and saw room will be closed.

Janet Flecher will be demonstrating silver smithing and teaching silver setting. Anyone willing to do any type of bench work is welcome. But due to the lack of staff, the grinding and sawing areas will be closed.

Day. Every Wednesday in February and March (except tailgate week).

Time 12-5 pm.

Please note, the club door will be locked. Information will be posted on the door as to how to enter the club.

This restriction is due to the presence of homeless in the neighborhood. Please be patient with us. Details remain to be worked out.

A quiz for the Kids

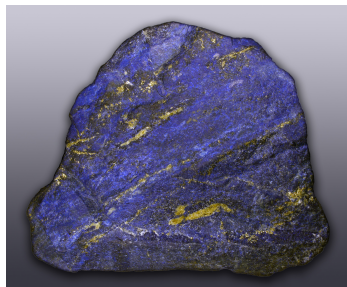
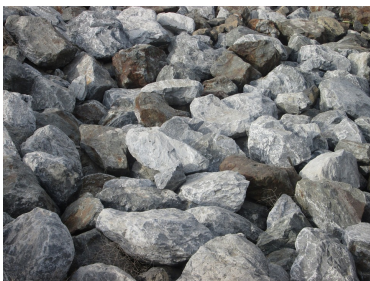


Can you name this?

If you can name this, Please fill ours a card with your name and the name of what it is and put it in the suggestion box. And the board will pick the winner

Rocks

The scientific term for rocks is petrology, and understanding them is crucial for understanding the formation and mineral makeup of the earth. Rocks are made from minerals and can come in every size: They can be tiny pebbles or mountains big enough on which to climb or drive. Rocks do not have a special chemical or mineral makeup. While most rocks are not cut or polished to be used as gemstones, some rocks, including lapis lazuli, are classified as gems.



Bench Tips

PUT A SPIN ON YOUR WORK

by Brad Smith

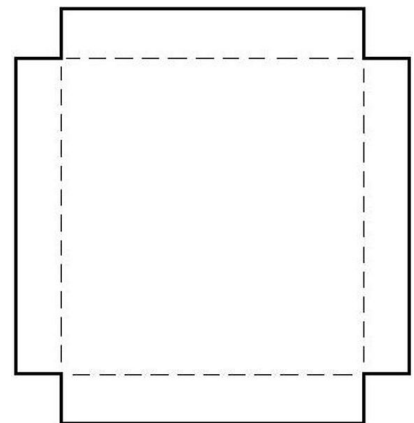
Often when we're soldering or annealing, we need to reach the piece from several angles. An easy way to deal with this is to mount the solder pad or the annealing pan on a turntable. And this saves a lot of time when you're soldering multiple pieces. Arrange 6-8 of them around the outside of the pad and rotate each piece into position for soldering.

All you need to make one of these is an inexpensive turn table assembly from a good hardware store or online from Amazon. Simply mount your annealing pan on the turntable or make a holder for your solder pad out of some thin aluminum sheet.

In building this turntable for my 6 inch square solder pad, I used a seven inch square piece of aluminum and cut out 1/2 inch notches from each corner. Then I used a vice to bend the sides along the dotted lines to form a tray that cradles the solder pad. A couple 1/4" long 6-32 machine screws and nuts attach the tray to the turntable.

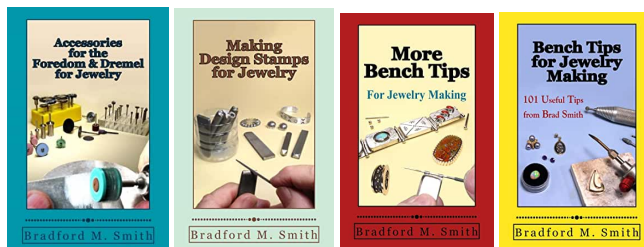


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SHOP DAYS. Saturdays —Noon to 5 pm

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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