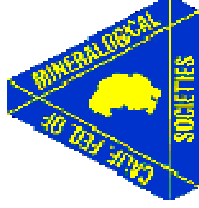
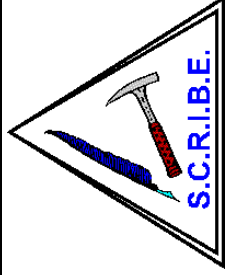


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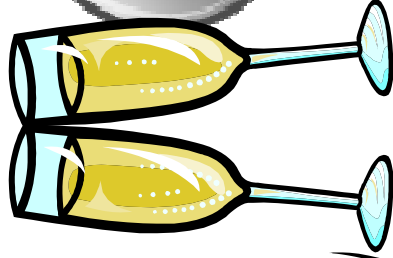
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## YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2011

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	Carole Mc Michael.....	961-7659
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### Instructors

Ed Deren, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Virgil Melton, Ed Skidmore, Pat Estes, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles, Cyndy Mandell and Lloyd Guillian

Club Website—[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)

## Change of Venue

Because of the ailing economy, the Star Buffet has closed its doors. This last minute disruption left us scrambling to find another venue for our Christmas party!

We have made arrangements with Wood Grill on Main Street in Hesperia to have our party on the same date Tuesday, December 21st. The cost was the same \$11.00 the club picked up the additional charges of tax and gratuity.

—————▶ **The time changed to 7:00p.m.** ◀—————

You probably also received a telephone call from our phone committee regarding this change. The Wood Grill has a private meeting room that sits 70 people we have almost 100 people signed up for the event. Extra seating is available right outside the room for eating if needed. After everyone has eaten they may bring in a chair to enjoy the evenings events.

### Club closure

Victorville had a Christmas parade on 7th street this morning. No one could get to the club. The club was open after the parade was over at noon. Cyndy was there at 1p.m.

### Up, up and Away!

Kerry and I are going on vacation and will not be at the Christmas party. I will certainly miss the festivities, the auction and seeing all my friends. Consequently, I am doing this newsletter in advance and changing all the information from the future to the past tense. This could be dangerous—because I'm assuming (That's a real trap) that everything will go as planned. We have a great board and great officers who will work to make this happen...Ed

### Saw Auction

The saw auction is going back to the board for further review. We want to create a process that is fair to everyone and so we will work on that procedure.



### The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 61 years. The club takes active roles in various civic activities. Membership is open to all persons interested in the gem and mineral hobby and lapidary arts. Meetings are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B, 7th Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call (760) 243-2330.

#### Meeting dates

Our December Christmas Party was held on Tuesday, 21st at 7:00p.m. and the January general meeting will be on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### New board and committee officers

We have a new board and new committee officers so take the time to look at page (2) for updates....Ed

#### Erratum

I made a mistake in the minutes for last meeting. Gil Gilbert and his wife Ellen were stepping down after doing the raffle for so long. I inadvertently put Gil Gilbert and Lois—this is not so!

Lastly, I have put a lot of new information in this newsletter—if I have made any mistakes—let me know—nicely.....Ed

### Moving right along. An Editorial

This club has been going since 1947 and now here it is—2011. Where does the time go. This club is made up of a number of like minded individuals who enjoy the lapidary past time. Of the members who make up the club, several have stepped up and said, "I would like to be more involved—I would like to help!"

These are the folks who make up the club board and committee members. They give up their time to make things work. Occasionally, in club's history, certain members have taken the club into areas the members did not agree with. It happens! Right now the club is booming. A way to tell the health of a club is to see how many new people want to join. You can see how we're growing by how many attend our pot luck on a Tuesday nights! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leaders of our club—both past and present. Thank you for the job you did and the time you gave. You made the club what it is today!

#### Club Directory

Many of our members use the club directory to help them with addresses to send out their Christmas cards.

If you do not have a club directory and would like one, see Gayland Graves of Lynn Hallock and they will be able to help you out.

## 2010 Around the shop



Steve Kaufman is working on one of his projects.



Virgil Melton on duty at our last Gem & Mineral Show.



We had field trips too! This one was to the Hector Mine.



Here, Kris Koch works on a project using a Genie sander.



Kerry Molineux is working on wire wrapping one of her pieces.



I couldn't resist this one of Andrew bottle feeding his son—Donovan.

## DECEMBER BOARD MINUTES

As I am doing this newsletter in advance, the December Board Meeting has not yet happened. Kerry and I will be attending the Hi Desert Gold Digger's Christmas Party—we were bumped from our original schedule of the 2nd Tuesday of the month even though we had a contractual agreement. We are instead having it on the 1st Tuesday in December—the same night as the Gem & Mineral Club board meeting!

## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Val Costello, our 2nd V.P of Education thanked everyone for their support that year.

Lois Papner, our 3rd V.P mentioned we would not be having a Gem and Mineral Show but said the board would consider a bi-yearly tailgate.

The Finance Committee developed a budget for the coming year.

Pat Estes said the money for sold tickets for a place at the jewelry camp at Camp Paradise or Zzyzx would be returned to members if we could not break even on the venture. Ed Deren would take on the raffle from the out going Gil and Eleen Gilbert.

Blane Witte said the next field trip would be on 12/11 to look for fossilized reed and agate outside of Barstow.

Lois Papner said the club had purchased a new computer and software to help catalog and organize the club library.

The club will start a Pebble Pups program for juniors. John Printz will organize it.

Pat Estes was voted a Lifetime member.

Sample vests will be made and offered to club members for about \$25 each.

Club demonstration night will move from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.



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## 2010 Around the shop (continued)



Carole Mc Michael fulfills our educational mandate at Apple Valley public library.



We are all gathered around for a monthly Board Meeting.



Education nights are starting merge with demonstration nights as the need grows.



One of our instructors—Don Pomerence helps a member with one of her pieces.



Pat Estes is holding one of her silver fabricating classes



Barbara Minnard is string some beads

# January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> New Year's Day—Club Closed.
<i>2</i> Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.		<i>4</i> Instructor's Meeting at 6p.m. Board Meeting at 7p.m.	<i>5</i> Workshop 1—9p.m.	<i>6</i> Workshop 1—9p.m.	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Workshop 12noon—5p.m.
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<i>16</i> Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Education/ Demonstration night 7p.m.	<i>19</i> Workshop 1—9p.m.	<i>20</i> Workshop 1—9p.m.	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Workshop 12noon—5p.m.
<i>23</i> Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Pot Luck at 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting at 7:30p.m.	<i>26</i> Workshop 1—9p.m.	<i>27</i> Workshop 1—9p.m.	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Workshop 12noon—5p.m. Club Clean up starts at 9a.m
<i>30</i> Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	<i>31</i>					

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