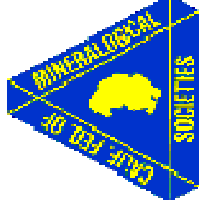
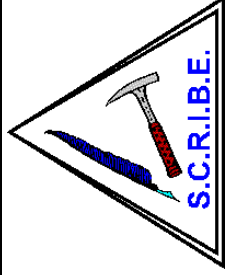


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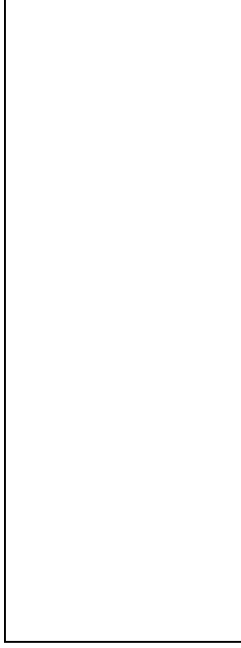
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Club Website—www.vvgmc.org



Here's some views of Lone Butte as the club came to collect their samples. The recent rains have really made the desert come alive.



Blaine Witte and John Printz have brought buckets to hold whatever samples they find.

Debbie Berresford brings her grand daughter with her to help her collect samples.



Looking for Agate, petrified wood, and Palm Root—"I know it's here somewhere!"

John and Chieko Printz are braving the elements to find their samples.

Our recent field trip to Lone Butte

Blaine and Judy Witte led nine Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club members on a field trip Saturday, April 9th out to Mojave to gather agate, petrified wood and reed. The location known as Lone Butte had an abundance of collecting material and all who attended were able to take home several buckets full. Attending this cold and windy event were: Deborah, and Michael Berresford, John and Chieko Printz, Tina and Faith LeBan, Cyndy Mandell, and Lois Papner.

The flowers were in full bloom reflecting the many recent rains that have occurred during the winter months. There were also purple and blue flowers along with many grasses that made the desert seem alive as they moved in the wind. It was one of the most beautiful desert days I have seen in a long time. - Cyndy Mandell (Club President)

On the Front Cover

The photograph on the front of this issue of the *Bulletin* comes from a collection of photographs taken by our club president—Cyndy Mandell. The desert is in bloom at the moment and all too soon the cool wet weather will give way to our usual hot dry weather and the flowers will disappear. I thought they were really pretty and for the many of us who could not attend the field trip, we will be able to enjoy the scenery in color on the club website....Ed.

What's New with the C.F. M.S

Pat Estes—our club CFMS rep.

CFMS rep Pat Estes will attend the CFMS Conference next month May 12-15 in Anderson, CA representing our club.

The Earth Science Studies program at Camp Zzyzx March 27 - April 3 was exciting and educational. I went on a field trip on Monday Mar. 28th to collect silver lace onyx. We didn't have to hike far, but it was all uphill. I got mostly small nuggets about 1 1/2" - 3". Some others got larger rocks that they dug for.

I cut and polished a cab in the lapidary section and spent the rest of my time in the silver room. I will bring the things I made to the next general meeting.

There were classes in wire- wrapping, PMC (precious metal clay), copper enameling, scrimshaw (etching on ivory or bone or plastic), sculpture, beading and a different field trip everyday.

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 64 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 April General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th at 7:00p.m. and the May General Meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th.



Education Night

I understand that John Jones was the speaker at our recent education night. He spoke about meteorites and gold prospecting.

If you are looking for a lapidary education, we have an education night at the V.V.G& M.C on the 3rd Tuesday of each month—it starts at 7p.m.

These events are very well attended and parking is at a premium and if I were you, I would arrive early....Ed

Club Field Trips

Only nine members showed up to go out with Judy and myself to Lone (or Brown) Butte. I guess the weather scared most folks off but actually it wasn't so bad. The weather was in the mid to low 50's but the sky was blue and mostly clear. Anyways, as promised, those who went were able to easily fill their bags with lots of material including agate, petrified palm and reed. Most of the material was small but one of the members pulled out a chunk of agate that might of weighed 80 or so pounds. Another chunk of agate with a face that was covered with drusy (?) quartz that was probably over 200 pounds was finally abandoned when they finally realized nobody had room left in their vehicles to transport it out. We did find some smaller chunks of petrified wood with lots of wood grain and bark showing that I hadn't seen in my scouting trip. It seemed like everyone had a great time.

Our next trip is scheduled for May 14th out to Gephart Road near Boron. This is the road you take to get to the borax mine. I have located five sites in that area that are all fairly close. We can find colorful agate, chalcedony, jasper, black agate, common opal, quartz and agate nodules, chert and honey onyx.

(This article will be continued on P.5)

Petrified Pups Agenda—2011

May Earth in Space

7th (Randy & Mike) Meteorites

21st (_____)

June Stone Age Tools and Art

4th (Terry Booth)—Knapping

18th (Randy & Mike) Stone Age Art

July Rocking on the Computer

*9th (Lois Papner)—Cataloging Your Collection *(Mtg. will be a week late due to the holidays)

August Gold Panning and Prospecting

6th (Jonathan Vanderloop) - Gold History

13th (John Printz) - Gold Panning

September Fossils

3rd (Randy & Mike) Fossils

10th (Curtis & Marilyn Pierson) - Fossils

October Gemstone Legend & Law

1st (Ken Davis) - Gemstones

15th (Nancy Woodside) - Legend and Lore

November Earth Resources

5th (Patti Deer) - Use of Minerals

19th (_____) - Career in Earth Sciences

December Earth Processes

3rd (Cyndy Mandell) - What is a Rock?

17th (_____) - Plate Tectonics.

January 2012—Communication'

February 2012—Leadership

For more information go to vvgm.org or call

V.V.G & M.C at (760) 243-2330

Help!

The Petrified Pups are growing in number and I need several instructors to help supervise the Pups on the first and third Saturday of each month, during their workshop time (from approximately 10a.m. to noon.) Looking at the Pups' agenda, you will see that I still need help teaching some of the classes. You may also be surprised to see your name on the list of instructors. I have not yet been able to contact every person on the list of volunteers to tell them that they have been volunteered—John Printz.



April Board Minutes

Carole McMichael worked hard and long with the club CD and Wells Fargo Bank.

John Printz told of a symposium he recently went to in Fallbrook, CA talking of the Petrified Pups.

We need insurance guidelines so the Pups can use club machinery.

Brett Ward outlined the success of the recent Tailgate.

Jonathan Vanderloop produced figures for another storage unit.

Pat Estes will look into estimates for a rock retaining wall at the rear of the clubhouse.

Lynne Hallock reported on estimates she had obtained for painting the Kaman Building. The board decided to go with A1 painters.

The board decided to go with Shilo Roofers to re-roof the clubhouse building.

Burtec will get back to us at a later date re a culpability issue with the Kaman Building power box. We will get bids for security cameras.

The city does not allow chain link fencing to be put between us and Del Taco—our neighbors.

March General Meeting minutes

John Jones will speak at the April Education night.

We are looking at the library being catalogued by Saturday.

Last year's CFMS jewelry camp ticket holders will be reimbursed.

AFMS will hold a field trip near Bend, OR on the Memorial day weekend.

Field trips will be moved from the 3rd Saturday of the month to the 2nd Saturday so they won't clash with the Petrified Pups schedule.

There will be a club field trip to Lone Butte. In May, the club will be going to Gephardt Rd—north of Edwards air force base.

John Printz is working with the Petrified Pups—(see this issue for details.)

Club President, Cyndy Mandell mentioned there is a sign up sheet at the club for the San Bernardino County Fair—to be held in May.

The V.V.G & M.C has a booth and the Petrified Pups have a table.

After the disastrous flooding situation at the club, repairs were made and club is now open.

Lost and Found

Pat Estes loaned her red engraver to a new lady member at her silver class last December and it wasn't returned. She called everyone that signed up for the class but no one knew anything about her or the engraver. She never loans out her tools or let others use them. She likes keeping her things hers. That was why she recommends that members engrave their name or initials on their tools, not just use a marker.

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Lapidary Scholarships

By Andrew Turner

This year we had a near record of approximately 15 scholarship applications, and nearly every student was more than qualified to receive a scholarship. It was probably the most difficult time I've had in choosing who to recommend. Students applied from UC Riverside, CSU-San Bernardino, CSU-Fullerton, CSU-Long Beach, CSU-Fresno, UC-Santa Barbara, UC-Santa Cruz, Stanford, and Sonoma State. It was the first application we've ever received from many of these schools. I will be bringing the applications to the rest of the committee for final decision shortly, and the Board will be notified at the May meeting.

There has been some talk of decreasing the scholarship money and/or diverting funds recently. However, based on the quality of applicants we have been receiving the past several years, the diversity of colleges applying, and the overall need due to the economy, I don't think this is a very practical idea.

In fact, more than 2 students probably deserved it this year. Additionally, I received a note from a professor at Sonoma State who said, "I have seen your scholarship announcements for quite a few years and I am impressed that you continue to reward students in geology with much needed financial support." Another professor stated, "I hope the Scholarship Committee will consider that (our college) need to help our society by supporting students who are going to go out and help professionally." I believe these statements to be a glowing endorsement of the work our club continues to do each year.

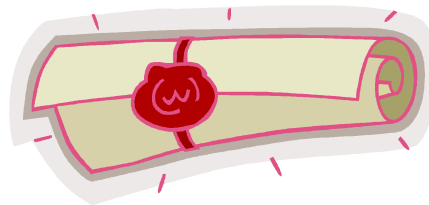
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We will be meeting at Kramer's Corner at 9 AM. High clearance vehicles are preferred but probably not necessary if you stay to the right roads. There are some very sandy roads that we will be near. If you go exploring you should have 4 wheel drive.

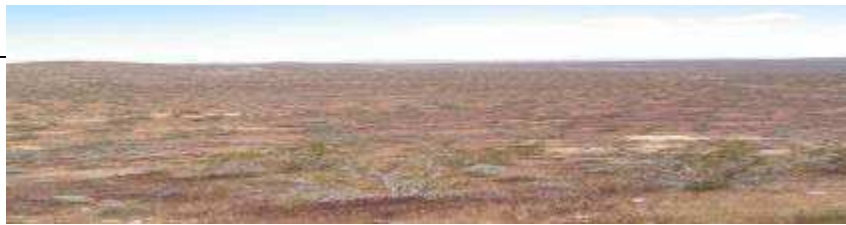
Bring your hammer, spray bottle and bag. You will have opportunity to dig and chisel if you want to go for the onyx. Bring a lunch and plenty of water. Who knows what the weather will be like so dress in layers.

Snake risk will be high this year due to the rains so be careful!

See you out there—Blaine Witte.



May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
1 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	2 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Board Meeting at 7p.m.	3	4 Workshop 1—9p.m.	5 Workshop 1—9p.m.	6	7 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9a.m.—12 noon
8 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	9	10	11 Workshop 1—9p.m.	12 Workshop 1—9p.m.	13	14 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
15 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	16	17 Education/Demonstration Night 7p.m.	18 Workshop 1—9p.m.	19 Workshop 1—9p.m.	20	21 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9a.m.—12 noon
22 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	23	24 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.	25 Workshop 1—9p.m.	26 Workshop 1—9p.m.	27	28 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Club Clean-up 9a.m. till it ends!
29 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	30	31				

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