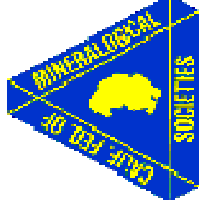
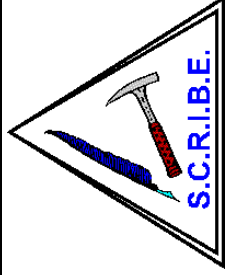


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Ed Deren, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Virgil Melton, Pat Estes, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles, Cyndy Mandell, Terry Booth and John Hill, Bill Woody, Ed Beresford and Debbie Savacool.

### October General Meeting Minutes

2nd V.P of Membership, Lois Papner said that Dr. Erik Melchiorre a geologist from C.S.U.S.B would speak at the November Educational Night about local gold finds. Local gold prospecting clubs would be invited. 1st V.P of Membership, Sheryl Grenell said that dues were due by the end of the December meeting. Blaine Witte—the club wagon master spoke of finds on recent field trips. There would be a field trip to the Caddee Mountains on November 5th. Interested parties would leave from the club at 8a.m and from the Dairy Queen at Ludlow at 9a.m. Mike Stafford spoke of the recent club picnic/barbeque. \$115 was raised for the club at a silent auction of rocks that were brought to the picnic. The club Christmas Party will be held at the local Golden Corral—see p.10 of this issue. The club elections were held and new officers were elected. Marilyn Pierson spoke of the upcoming Roy Rogers Day at Brewster Park in Apple Valley—November 5th and 6th.

### November Board Meeting Minutes

1st V.P of membership, Sheryl Grenell had (3) new membership applications. The CFMS rep—Pat Estes said she would call about CFMS patches. Pins and hangars for officers were on order. There would be a CFMS meeting in Visalia in November. Cyndy Mandell would attend as a Bulletin Aids Chairperson. Debbie Savacool would stand for election as corresponding secretary. She would be a volunteer and have no voting rights until she had been a member for a year. We are looking for a Projects Manager to assist the club president. We have a 16" saw for sale and it was motioned we sell tickets at \$5 each to club members until a figure of \$500m is reached. Cyndy Mandell mentioned the recent club picnic. We will have a budget committee meeting on Sunday, November 6th. The club instructors use of the club was discussed. A retailer will be selling rough and slabs from the club parking lot on Saturday, November 5th. Bill Woody, Debbie Savacool and Ed Berresford are new instructors and will be under probation for a month.

# Club Christmas Party

Monday, December 12th  
6—9p.m

Golden Corral Restaurant  
Main Street, Hesperia.

About \$11 for the meal  
\$10 for seniors

Bring a raffle item



## 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. Call (760) 243-2330. For further information,

### Meeting dates

Our November General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd at 7:30p.m. and there will be no December meeting. Instead, we will gather for a club Christmas Party on Monday, December 12th.

### Education Night

As I have put on the calendar, there will be No Education Night on December 20th—the 3rd Tuesday in December due to our Christmas Schedule.

### Google Earth

Instructor, John Hill is willing to help anyone with his computer expertise in putting rock finding sites onto computerized Google maps. This project will benefit everyone so if you need help contact him at the next general meeting or contact the club—the phone number is on the front cover.

## Upcoming Gem Shows

**November 12th & 13th; Yuba City, CA**  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)  
442 Franklin Avenue,  
Hours: Sat. 9a.m.—5p.m.  
Sun: 9a.m.—4p.m.  
Erik Anspaugh (916) 869-7272  
[rocks@hughes.net](mailto:rocks@hughes.net)  
[www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

**November 19th & 20th; Oxnard, CA**  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9a.m.—5p.m.  
Sun. 10a.m.—4p.m.  
Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450  
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**December 3rd & 4th Barstow, CA**  
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Barstow Community Center  
841S. Barstow Road  
Hours: 10a.m.—5p.m. daily  
Gene Haines (760) 447-8068  
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### The Days are getting Shorter

We recently stopped our daylight saving and reverted back to our usual time frame.

Have you noticed how the weather has changed? It's much colder in the mornings and evenings—and it gets darker a lot earlier these days!



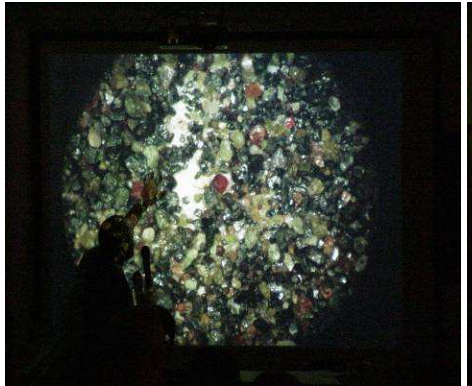
# Education Night



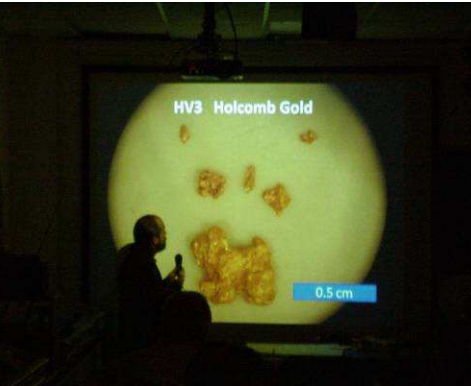
Dr. Erik Melchiorre, a geologist from C.S.U.S.B spoke about local gold.



Lois Papner gets the projector ready for the lecture.



Dr. Melchiorre showed us a slide of a slice of one of the local rocks



Here are some of the gold samples he has found.



Some of his gold nugget samples.



Virgil Melton shows agates with insects inside them.

## Petrified Pups

John Printz will be the club president next year and so he will be looking for a replacement to head the Petrified Pups.

## On The Front Cover

I visited the club for the November Education Night which was hosted by Dr. Erik Melchiorre, a geologist from C.S.U.S.B. He spoke about collecting gold samples in the local mountains and gave a very interesting lecture. He brought slides and gold samples too! Local gold prospecting clubs were invited and we all enjoyed a fascinating lecture.

I took a photograph for the front cover of the newsletter showing some of the attendees of the lecture. We had a great time listening to the lecture even though he was suffering from a cold. We enjoyed Dr. Melchiorre's family he brought with him.

## Holiday Cheer

As we near the holidays—as we are now, I reflect on the past year. This club has seen a lot and done a lot! We've come together as members, fixing up the club after the flooding disaster and we've enjoyed many good times together. Now we have an opportunity to enjoy and relax in each other's company and enjoy the season. Merry Christmas everyone!

## Pickle Pot Rules

**House Rules:** Copper and Brass are to be pickled in their own pot. Silver and Gold will be pickled in their own pot.

**Very Importantly:** Absolutely no Iron or Steel shall be introduced to either the silver/gold or brass/copper pickle pots as this will cause problems.

**Do Not** use any other than the copper tongs to retrieve your metals from the pickle pots. No use of the steel tweezers as this will cause a copper plating onto the silver or gold. Also do not stir the solution with anything other than the copper tongs.

**Do Not** use a wire brush with steel wire as this may also introduce iron/steel to the pickle solution.

**Do Not** allow any source of iron or steel in the pickle solution. This includes the steel shot from the cleansing tumbler.

Take great care not to allow any iron/steel particles to enter the pickling solution. This includes the mounting pins, debris from third hands, and other tools.

**Stay safe and all will enjoy the silver room.**

## 2012 Dues

Don't forget to pay your club dues before January 1st to avoid a \$5 late fee. The dues are \$20 for a single, \$30 for a couple and \$10 for a child.

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## WOMAN'S PERFECT BREAKFAST

She's sitting at the table with her gourmet coffee. Her son is on the cover of the Wheaties box. Her daughter is on the cover of Business Week. Her boyfriend is on the cover of Playgirl. And her husband is on the back of the milk carton.

## WOMEN'S REVENGE

'Cash, check or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. 'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked. 'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'

## UNDERSTANDING WOMEN (A MAN'S PERSPECTIVE)

I know I'm not going to understand women. I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your upper thigh, rip the hair out by the root, and still be afraid of a spider.

## WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?' 'Yep,' the wife replied, 'in-laws.'

## WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day. 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, 'The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men... The husband then turned to his wife and asked, 'What?'

## CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful at the same time..

'The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; and God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!

A recent e-mail I received.

# December 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
				1 Workshop 1—9p.m.	2	3 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
4 Workshop 1—5p.m.	5	6 Instructor's Meeting at 6p.m. Board Meeting at 7p.m	7 Workshop 1—9p.m.	8 Workshop 1—9p.m.	9	10 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.
11 Workshop 1—5p.m.	12 Club Christmas Dinner—introduction of the new Board.	13	14 Workshop 1—9p.m.	15 Workshop 1—9p.m.	16	17 Workshop 12noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
18 Workshop 1—5p.m.	19	20 No Education Night in December	21 Workshop 1—9p.m.	22 Workshop 1—9p.m.	23	24 Club Closed on Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27 No Monthly General Meeting or Pot Luck tonight.	28 Workshop 1—9p.m.	29 Workshop 1—9p.m.	30	31 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.

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