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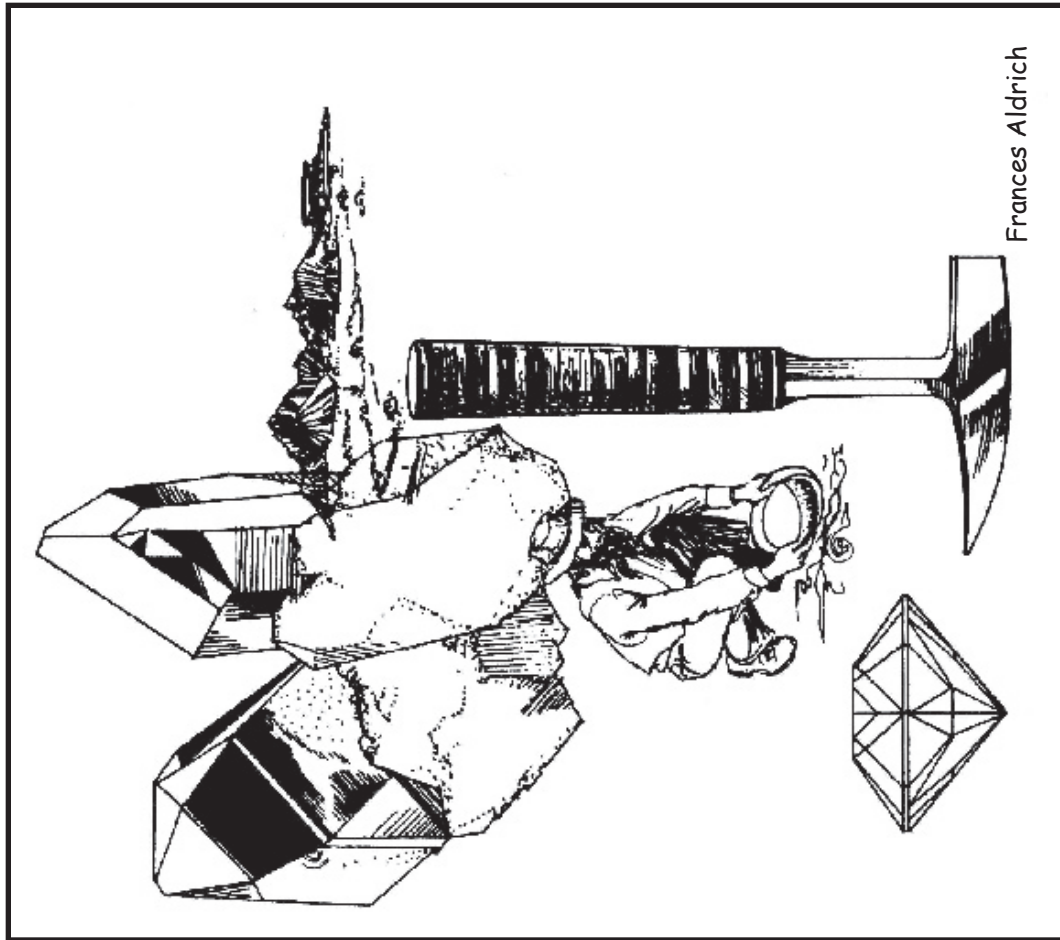
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MAR 2010

Monday, March 8, 2010 6:30 pm Executive Meeting
7:30 pm General Meeting and
Program: "Jim Pissani, Virgin Valley Opals"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has sent in their completed membership forms with their 2010 dues. We need to have the latest information for the 2010 Roster.

Who knew February was going to be so rainy? I've never had a problem getting around in the wet, but this year was the first time I've ever gotten stuck in the mud while in the desert. Luckily there were two guys in a big 4X4 who came by and rescued my dad and I. So much for wanting more rain!

One item I asked of our officers last year was to write out a description of their duties and responsibilities for the club. Well, by early 2009 I had only got a couple of replies and so ended the year. For 2010 I will write out the revised job descriptions for all the other officer positions. These descriptions will form the basis for each office, and provide a clear path for each officer to follow in their working with the club. In turn new officers can read the descriptions and know what's expected of them if they take a club office.

One other thing for this year will be a request to form a panel of members to review the clubs bylaws and make recommendations on how to update them in lieu of some of the newer technical areas that haven't been addressed in the past.

Hopefully some of our members saw the advertisement for the Friends of the Culver City Scout House (FOCCSH). The not-for-profit organization has

had many donations made to it since December 2009. Here's hoping they make it big time this year as our clubs need to work in unison to get all the repairs done and move forward.

One sour note is that I've heard that no one has signed up to attend the Bakersfield Rendezvous March 20 & 21. I've heard from so many of our members say they would like to see if they could break even at this "jewelry making thing", and now that they get a chance, they don't follow up. Well.... If you want to go, or just find out the details see Ellen Moe. And don't forget the San Diego Tailgate in April, I know I'm looking forward to being at both venues, see 'ya there.

Rick Shaffer,
President

MARCH PROGRAM

Jim Pisani
"Virgin Valley Opals"

Jim Pisani, a member and officer of the American Opal Society, first became interested in opals while on a scuba vacation to the Great Barrier Reef. After coming home, he looked for closer-to-home opal sites and has been trekking up to Virgin Valley for the last twenty years. His slides and specimens will give us the complete overview of digging for opals at several locations in Virgin Valley, along with personal anecdotes from his many trips.

Ellen Moe
Program Chair

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MTG
FEB 8, 2010**

- Those present: Steve Dover, Anthony Ferrari, Robert Thirlaway, Lynne Lukert, Bruce Mensinger, Dolores Dace, Leda Rogers, Grace Sato, Ellen Moe, Ken Rogers, Sue Acosta
- The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Vice president Steve Dover. The minutes were approved as published in the Nugget. In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.
- Membership Chair: Grace Sato reported that she wants to start anew tradition providing a birthday cake each month for those celebrating that month. She would also like to send out monthly e-mails about the meeting and also recognizing birthdays.
- Shop Chair: Bruce Mensinger said he had fixed the bathroom and also put a tarp on the roof to stop a small leak before it could cause any damage. He said the Culver City Council has given the go ahead to city employees to develop the Memo of Understanding, which is a positive sign.
- Show chair: Robert Thirlaway indicated that hourly prizes and gifts for drawings were obtained at Quartzite as well as semi-polished stone for the grab bags. The price was greatly improved over last year. Lucia Pasquinelli has most of the vendors in hand. This will be her last year doing this and would like an assistant to train for next year. Yolanda Lumel is setting up the for fee classes. There will be 3 rooms available which means that possibly 6 classes might be scheduled. We will need a black light for the fluorescent display. The books will be combined with the magazines on the honor system and plants will go where they were in the foyer. There will be slide show too. The display cases need to be refurbished.
- Program Chair: Ellen Moe said the March program would be announced later. In May a program on Mt. St. Helen is in the works.

- Education Chair: Dolores Dace has priced the stamp identifying the Club as the donor for the books we purchase for the schools.
- There will be a Trading Post tonight featuring agates obtained at Quartzite.
- Web Master: Anthony Ferrari announced he is revising our Web pages using the AFMS guidelines. He needs more information on our youth activities.
- The price of name tags for members will be researched at a trophy shop on Sepulveda.
- Corresponding Secretary: Leda Rogers will send thank you notes to John Riordon and the Rotary Plaza for the Holiday Party.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Sue Acosta,
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MTG
FEB 8, 2010**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Vice-president Steve Dover who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Eight guests were introduced and 5 birthdays were mentioned - Lynne Lukert, Frank Hollis, Ken Rogers, Dave and Mary Lyon.
- A quorum being established, the minutes were approved as published in the Nugget.
- Show Chair Robert Thirlaway gave a report on the Show, which will be July 11,12,13. He explained what the Show is all about. The theme stone is jasper. Next year will be the 50th and special things will be planned.
- There will be a Trading Post tonight.
- Membership Chair Grace Sato reminded members they can pay their dues tonight.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Sue Acosta
Recording Secretary

PROGRAM REPORT

The program tonight was presented by Adam and Teresa Dean. He is known as the "Agate Hunter". He is Co-chair of the Southern California part of CFMS for field trips. The topic he chose was "Pseudomorphs and Epimorphs of the Cady Mountains"

Zeolites are a group of minerals that form into agates and sagenite (the fans in agate structures). Pseudomorphs occur when a mineral chemically replaces other minerals without changing the outer form of the original mineral like petrified wood or dinosaur bones. Epimorphs occur when the original material dissolves completely. Zeolites are composed of hydrated aluminosilicate. There are many types. Both pseudomorphs and epimorphs are created from zeolites plus other minerals. There are open lattice structures or tubes and pockets - as exemplified by mesolite, stilbite natrolite, etc.

The Cady Mountain agates are related to zeolite combinations of barite and calcite. Epimorphs can be almost anything and can appear like coating over the original structure. It is more resistant to acids. Crystal growths occur on the surface of another mineral.

With epimorphs it is called "on" if the original mineral remains. It is called "after" if the original mineral has weathered or etched away, i.e., limb casts.

He showed slides of various minerals to explain what he had spoken of: Chalcedony after an unknown zeolite; angel wing agate which has a mineral deposit with surface tension in basalt plume agate, which are usually red with arborescent (tree like structures); fortification agate which was white/grey plus some color; sagenite.

He suggested that rock and mineral clubs should file claims before all public land is closed to rock hunting.

At the end of his talk he showed slides of the areas where he and his wife found the various specimens

shown. He also showed some slabs, rough and polished, from the various mines they own.

It was most informative and interesting. Now we know the difference between pseudo- and epimorphs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Acosta

Recording Secretary

BIRTHDAYS



George Dobb	1-Mar
Mattie C. Thompson	8-Mar
Charlene Aspray	9-Mar
Chris Golden	9-Mar
Grace Sato	9-Mar
David Duncan	13-Mar
Sylvia Binkley	20-Mar
Catherine Proctor	22-Mar
Bruce Mensinger	23-Mar
Pam Leitner	28-Mar
Kenneth Jaffe	30-Mar

SHOP REPORT

Shop Status Update

No news to report regarding our lease of the shop building from Culver City.

Roof

Last month I reported covering a portion of the shop roof with plastic tarps. This effort was, for the most part, successful at keeping things dry. Nevertheless, we experienced one significant roof leak over the library cabinet and onto the desk below. No significant damage occurred. No water entered the library cabinet. The cabinet was not damaged. Catalogs on the desk were wet but these are now dry and usable.

To prevent a recurrence I added another tarp over the area that leaked. Subsequent rain produced no evidence of leaks. For the immediate future, as additional insurance, we are making plans for an inside barrier to divert leakage from reaching the library cabinet.

Probably many of you are wondering, why not just fix the roof leak? We have been trying to repair or replace the roof for over seven years. Long story short: The building belongs to the city of Culver City, we use it at the pleasure of the Boy Scouts who had a Memorandum Of Understanding (not a lease or contract) with the city, the MOU expired and the city has not acted on various conflicting plans ranging from allowing continued use to demolishing the Boy Scout Shack and lapidary shop. Result: No building permit, no long term lease as assurance that a multi-thousand dollar roof replacement would be worth while, continued frustration.

Saws

The saws continued receiving very heavy use this past month. Typically all the slab saws are in continuous use from start to finish of each session. One of the trim saw

blades was destroyed by over aggressive use (not overuse). When excessive force is used (usually in an attempt to cut faster, sometimes due to ignorance) unequal blade wear occurs making the round saw blade oval.

Without getting overly technical, a diamond saw blade is really a narrow grind wheel. It is composed of a steel disk with diamond grit on the edge and extending over the edge onto both the disc's faces. As the blade turns, the diamond particles smash furrows through the rock, an extremely violent process. The diamonds are attached to the blade by embedding them in a metal matrix (similar to silver clay). The wearing out process consists of the diamonds being shattered or knocked loose, or falling out as the metal matrix wears away. The diamonds are lost and the blade gets slightly smaller in diameter.

When excessive pressure is used, this wear process drastically increases. Making matters worse, no blade is perfectly made with uniform distribution of diamonds, metal matrix strength, or initial roundness and centering on the mandrel that supports and turns the blade in the saw. These tiny manufacturing variations, and weaknesses caused by damage, misalignment or poor centering on the saw mandrel are amplified leading to an oval blade. The blade that was destroyed had been repaired dozens of times but still had more than half its diamonds and was nowhere near the end of its useful life.

The take-home message from this loss is to resist the temptation to force the saws. The old proverb is true: Haste makes waste.

Note: The photo shows a close-up of the edge of a 14" diameter saw blade used by contractor's. This blade's cutting motion was from right-to-left in the picture. Lapidary blades have much smaller diamonds (for a smoother cut) but many more of them.

Bruce Mensinger
Shop Chairman



MARCH 9TH

MINERAL REPORT

SUPERSTITION?

. According to popular legend, there is a tremendously wealthy gold mine somewhere in the wasteland today known as the Superstition Mountains. Assuming it even exists, the operative word here is somewhere. This is because a long list of contradictory location clues suggest many areas, either deep within or on the borders of this 200 plus acre wilderness. Since the 1800s, said elusive digging has been referred to as the Lost Dutchman Mine. There is some confusion concerning this name, as Jacob Waltz, the alleged rediscoverer who gave the excavation its current identity, was not Dutch, but of German descent (a Deutschman).

Waltz actually existed, and often seemed to have “nuggets” in his possession; at least, that part of the tale is not fabrication. Both the rest? He

supposedly left a body of instruction which because of their detail was meant to ensure that his widow would be able to find the mine after he died,

Fat chance! Said detail made him so ambiguous that they were essentially useless. Realizing this, he vowed to lead her to the workings, but died before he could. To the uninitiated this might seem like just bad luck, and, perhaps, it was: However, history is littered with those who meant to divulge locations, but died before they were able.

In any case, an assortment of real people followed this Deutschman's clues, such as they were. However, all or nearly all according to the stories, never found the object of their dreams. Many died violent, gruesome

deaths. In several cases dismembered skeletons were found with the skulls lying many feet from the balance of their remains; although, ridiculous explanations were advanced, in which the culprits named were UFOs or Apaches, it is almost certain that they were just attacks by carnivorous animals.

Many supposedly associated with the mine were either fictional, or, if real, definitely didn't labor in the area. An example of the former were the Peraltas, a Mexican clan said to have worked the mine. An example of the latter was the Spanish conquistador Coronado.

The Superstitions are laid out sort of like a giant castle. Mountain walls surround an inhospitable courtyard dotted with additional peaks. Said fortress



courtyard is not particularly conducive to human life, including Apaches. This is despite the extremely extensive volume of legend associating them with this waste. The

majority of animals, and even most plant life, are also excluded. Exceptions are some cacti and a few other Spartan species.

Sunlight reflected from the barren sand and rock can create temperatures of 120 degrees in summer; nighttime temperatures can plummet below freezing in winter and spring. Some springs and puddles do exist, but they are few and, in general, unreliable. Assuming one of these does have water, it is safe to drink out of only when flavored with algae and/or other living impurities. Clear water is most likely that way due to the water (or the lack thereof), there is always the opportunity to get ill from the bite of the local five inch

long scorpion.

The terrain looks forbidding, and m even for those who somehow remain healtyn, apparently negotiating it is even more difficult than it looks.

There is also the real danger of becoming lost; allegedly, this is because, in parts of the interior wasteland, a compass is of no use. This, it is said, is due to a large sub-surface iron deposit. So, if one is crazy enough to attempt traversing ths living hell, thy shoud make sure to bring a GPS.

Despite all the above, and an astounding list of gold-like mosquitoes to a barbecue.

The name of this wilderness comes from a single peak, Superstition Mountain. This peak can be seen from beyoud the west die of the wilderness. Said name has been expanded to include the entire inhospitable area of the sonewhat larger Superior Volcanic Field, and is bounded as follows: Apache Junction and Goldfield, with it mines, to the west; Superior and the Gila River to the south; Glove and Miami and their mines to the east; and the Salt River to the north.

In geologic terms the vovlcanism that produced the Fielf, including the Mountains themselves, is relatively recent. It all began avout 30 milllion years ago as a ring of volcanoes; this would subsquently collapse into a giant caldera due to the shear weight heaped upon the region.

The closest the author wven got to this inhospitable bastion was when visiting the reconstructed, tourist mining camp of the Goldfield ghost town. The latter, located east of Apache Junction (not very far east of phoenix), gives a freat close-up, but not too close-up, view of the Mountains ever the Apaches never retreated far into.

In its heyday, this camp was the headquarters for several gold mines worked in the area. It is currently accessed by a short dirt roud from-you buessed it!-the Apache Trail. It was here thatg the author learned a critical mining fact:: each foot of an adult saguaro

weighs about a ton. He also learned that one of the camp's mines was above said camp on the Supersition Mountains' castle wall; said excavation is considered by some to be the real Lost Dutchman. Ok course, this assumes that this lost gold mine story has come connectionwith reality-beyond Waltz's mere existence.

submitted by

ClayWilliams 2010

via: source:Jennings, Gary. The Treasure of the Superstition



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8th

WEBSITE

Please take a tour of our newly re-designed website www.culvercityrocks.org We have taken seriously Fred Ott, (2010 new CFMS President) appeal to provide opportunities to clubs to grow and attract new members. Our club bylaws specifically state that the purpose of our organization is to develop , encourage, promote the interest and enthusiasm in the earth sciences, collection, analysis of rocks, lapidary activities, youth educational activities, display of members jewelry creations, etc.

We want to be faithful to these goals, and we have expanded our club website with more information and pictures regarding our activities. Our site is now getting an average of 2,800 visitors per month. Our goal is to convey a realistic, easy and quick view of what the club is about, the potential for enjoyment, creations and upcoming events. We are thanking the

valuable contribution of our talented members to this process, that has made our site very special. We also suggest that you take a look at the Field-Trip/Special Event pages. There you will see links for the Ventura and CFMS shows. Since some of you may not have attended them, you may want to do so in the future. In our web pages you have the opportunity to see what other clubs are doing regarding mineral and jewelry exhibits. PLEASE continue to contribute with your creations and suggestions. This job will probably never be fully finished, but we have travelled a great stretch on this journey during the past few weeks. Until next monthly meeting, when you scroll to the bottom right of our main page, you will see some TEST links. We want to make our site is the best it can be, and we are experimenting with different font colors. At the next meeting we will have an opportunity to make a final decision after reviewing YOUR comments.

Anthony Ferrara,
Website

The new members that have joined since last month are:

WELCOME!

Ken Healy,
Andrea J. Tamas,
and Mike Tellez

Grace Sato,
Membership



MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to send or bring in your membership dues on/or before our next club meeting on the 8th. I'd like to include as many people in the 2010 roster as possible. In order for me to accomplish that task, I need everyone to be diligent about sending in their fees.

I'd like to send belated birthday wishes to Mary Lyon (Feb. 7th) and Dave (Feb. 15th). Celebrating members birthday with a cake at the monthly meetings will become a new club tradition! So, please try to make your birthday monthly meeting so we can celebrate with you !

2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Birth date (month & day) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Dues:

Individuals.....	\$25.00
2 Persons/Same address.....	\$35.00
Junior.....	\$10.00

Either renew at the general meeting or send them
by mail to:
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
PO Box 3324
Culver City, CA 90231
Attn: Grace Sato

SHOW REPORT

Fiesta of Gems 10-11 July 2010

3 Months into the new year only 4 months before the CCRMC 49th Fiesta Of Gems Annual Show. The show benefits the CCRMC members, the local Culver City Schools and our sponsor organization the Culver City Senior Center. We produce a quality, interesting, and vendor diversified show every year. The Fiesta of Gems is the only fund raising event we sponsor each year, therefore it is really our only source of income. This year's Fiesta of Gems show will feature fee based classes during the weekend. Jewelry centric Demonstrations on stage and Children's Games and education at the entrance to the Auditorium. We plan on having the same food court operator this year. They provided quality, fresh and reasonably priced food for our show visitors. Vendors love attending our show because we take care of them in our vendor hospitality room, providing drinks, food and a place to relax during the weekend. Vendors also appreciate our efforts to maximize the quality and quantity of the items provided to their customers by reducing same item competitors. In return our vendors provide show goers great deals, excellent prices and a friendly atmosphere to shop.

All of the above mentioned wouldn't be possible without help from our member volunteers. We need about 60 volunteers over the 3 days to ensure we provide a great experience for our vendors and show goers. I am looking for someone to manage the volunteers with recruiting , calling and scheduling volunteers to support Friday setup, Weekend member duties and Sunday Cleanup. With enough volunteers I am asking members and guests to donate at least 1 two hour shift during the weekend.

In addition I need to find a new Chairperson to learn how to do the Vendor's recruitment position. Lucia Pascanelli has done an outstanding job the last 3 years. She will teach you the position during this year's show with the volunteer to take over for the next year. Lucia will help you next year as co-chairman. We need a volunteer ASAP to begin training. This is the most important Chairperson position for the Fiesta of Gems without this position being filled there is no Fiesta of Gems show. Please contact Robert Thirlaway @ 310-213-7677 or email thirlawr@gmail.com

Thank you for volunteering and supporting your club.

Robert Thirlaway,
Show Chairman



**MONTHLY SHOW DATES
MAR 2010**

Feb 26 - Mar 7 IMPERIAL, CA:

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society; California Midwinter Fair & Fiesta; G&M Bld; Hrs: 2/26-2/28 & 3/6-37 noon-10p.m.; 3/1-3/5 4p.m.-10p.m.

5-6-7 NEWARK, CA:

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley; Newark Pavilion; 6430 Thornton Avenue, Newark, CA 94560; Hrs: Fri & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5

6-7 ARCADIA, CA:

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.; Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens; 301 Baldwin Ave.; Hrs: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30

12, 13-14 VICTORVILLE, CA:

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Stoddard Well Tailgate (Stoddard Wells); Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15; Hrs: 8-5 daily

13-14 SAN MARIONO, CA:

Pasadena Lapidary Society; San Marino Masonic Center; 3130 Huntington Drive; Hrs: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5

13-14, SPRECKEL, CA:

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club; Veteran's Memorial Hall; 5th & Liano Streets; Hours: 10-5 daily

13-14 TURLOCK, CA:

Mother Load Mineral Society; Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds; 900 N Broadway; Hrs: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5

19-21 SAN BERNARDINO, CA:

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society; Western Regional Little League Ball Park; 6707 Little League Drive; Hrs: 9 a.m. - Dusk daily

20-21 ESCONDIDO, CA:

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club; Army National Guard Armory; 304 Park Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025; Hrs: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4

20-21 FALLBROOK, CA:

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society; Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society Meeting Hall; 123 W. Alvarado Street; Hrs: Sat. Symposium 9-3 Sun. Field Trip 9 a.m.

20-21 VALLEJO, CA:

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Vallejo Elks Lodge; 2850 Redwood Parkway Hrs: 10 - 5 daily

27-28 ANGELS CAMP, CA:

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society; Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA); Hwy 49 in Angels Camp; Hrs: Sat. 10 - Sun. 10-4

27-28 LEMORRE, CA:

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club; Lemoore Trinity Hall; 470 Champion Street, Lemoore CA; Hrs: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

27-28 ROSEVILLE, CA:

Roseville Rock Rollers; Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds; 800 All American City Blvd.; Hrs: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

27-28 TORRANCE, CA:

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society; Torrance Recreational Center; 3341 Torrance Blvd.; Hrs: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

Ventura Gem & Mineral Club

48th Annual Show

Ventura Gem, Mineral Lapidary, & Fossil Show

March 6 -7, 2010

10 am - 5 pm, SAT.....10 am -4 pm, SUN

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA.

Jim Brace-Thompson

(805) 659-3577

AFMS/CFMS

HIDDEN TREASURES

2010 Gem Show

Hosted by

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

JUNE 18 -20, 2010

FRI - SUN 10 AM - 5 PM

So. CA University of Health Sciences Campus

16200 E. Amber Valley Drive

The purpose of the CULVER CITY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB is to bring together persons interested in the earth sciences, to engage in research and study in this realm, and to assist members in the collection and preservation of rocks and minerals and in the study of lapidary and related arts.....<http://www.culvercityrocks.org>

Officers for 2010

- President** - Rick Shaffer
- Vice President** - Steve Dover
- Treasurer** - Mary Ellen Shaffer
- Recording Secretary** - Sue Acosta
- Corresponding Secretary** - Leda Rogers
- Federation Director** - Anthony Ferrari
- Field Trips** - Gary Mitchell
 - Co-chair - Open
- Historian** - Bruce Mensinger
- Librarian** - Bruce Mensinger
- Membership** - Grace Sato
 - Co-chair - Grace Sato
- Minerals** - Nic Panagos
- Parliamentarian** - Ed Montgomery
- Photography** - Sylvia Binkley
 - Co-chair - Leda Rogers
- Programs** - Ellen Moe
- Publications** - Lynne Lukert
 - Co-chair - Barbara Fier
- Publicity** - Sylvia Binkley
- Shop** - Bruce Mensinger
- Show** - Robert Thirlaway
 - Social - Sue Acosta
 - Sunshine - Lili Gelberg
- Trading Post** - Steve Dover
- Web Master** - Anthony Ferrari
- Workshops** - Yolanda Lumel

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Bruce Mensinger (2010)
- Ellen Moe (2010)
- Anthony Ferrari (2011)
- Leda Rogers (2011)

MEETING SCHEDULES

General Meetings are held the second Monday of every month* at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Veterans Bldg., 4117 Overland Ave. Enter from the rear door. Guests are always welcome.

Executive Committee Meetings are held the second Monday of every month*in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Veterans Bldg Veterans Auditorium. All club members are welcome.

*Meeting days occasionally change due to Monday holidays or, in July, because of the Fiesta Of Gems show (July 2007).

DUES & FEES

One time Initiation Fees:

Individuals	\$20.00
2 Persons/Same Address	\$25.00
Juniors	\$15.00

Yearly Membership Dues:

Individuals	\$25.00
2 Persons/Same Address	\$35.00
Juniors	\$10.00

(After July 1, dues are \$15.00, \$25.00 and \$5.00 respectively.)

SHOP INFORMATION

The shop is open to all members in good standing over the age of 13 (13-18 have certain restrictions) who sign an indemnification form. Instruction is available at all sessions. Practice slabs are available.

Location: 10866 Culver Blvd. in Culver City (behind the Boy Scout clubhouse and next to the paddle tennis courts)

Shop Phone: (310)836-4611

Hours:

Tuesday	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Bruce Mensinger
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm	Vern Lowe (open by appointment)
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm	Woody Shaffer
Saturday	11:00am - 3:00pm	Lynne Lukert
Sunday	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Bruce Mensinger

If no one shows, the shop may close early. If you plan to arrive at the shop more than a half hour after the opening time, phone the instructor

The Nugget

The deadline for all submissions is generally the 15th of every month. All articles or notes without a byline are written by the Editor. Permission to copy is freely given as long as proper credit is noted.

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