

**CULVER CITY ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB**  
**P.O. BOX 3324 Culver City, CA 90231**



**DEC 2012**

**Monday, DEC 10, 6:00 pm**  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Holidays to all and a very prosperous New Year to all our members, their families and friends.

The end of the year always sneaks up on us, this year being no different. First of all let's talk about our Holiday Party on December 10th at the Culver City Rotary Plaza meeting room on the first floor. The address is 5100 Overland Ave. 90230 and the times are from 6PM until 9PM. We're planning on having the food set-up by 6:30 so we can begin to eat shortly thereafter.

Please remember there is NO public parking in the Plaza parking lot, but there is plenty of parking around the side on Virginia Ave.

Our club provides the turkey and ham, and our members supply all the side dishes, desserts and other items. We will have limited soft drinks and water, so if you'd like to bring your own refreshment, please do.

We're also planning to have our own special type of entertainment with the 'White Elephant' gift exchange (which usually gets a little out of hand). The idea is to wrap up something you really don't want and bring it to the party, the more far out, the better. We've had dresses, talking figurines, funny hats, you name it, and it's been given at our gift exchange.

I'd be remiss without thanking Lillie Gelberg, Sue Acosta, and Mary Ellen Shaffer for getting the room for us, and doing all the cooking and getting things ready. A thank you goes out also to our members who are planning to help set-up the tables and get the food arranged.

A big pat on the back to all the chairpersons who kept our club going this year and to all the volunteers who gave of themselves doing all sorts of things so that our club's annual show, shop and special projects went off like clockwork. Thanks to all of you for giving your time to the club.

I hope to run into some of you out at Quartzsite next year, especially at the Pow-Wow in January.

One last thing, some information on our shop and the Boy Scout House; Due to issues and delays directly related to the 'American Disability Act' portions of the refurbishment, CCRMC and FCCSH are into their second six month build period. The main issues are the ramp for the Scout house and the revamping of the restroom. I expect all issues to be on the architect's drawings next month, and then building can begin. The build cycle should only be three to four weeks after we begin, so the end is in sight.

The very best to all,

Rick Shaffer  
Acting President 2012

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING NOV 12, 2012

- Those present: Sue Acosta, Charlene Aspray, Steve Dover, Felice Ganz, Ana Maria Guimaraes, Lynne Lukert, Bruce Mensinger, Ellen Moe, Minda Moe, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Leda Rogers, Mary Ellen Shaffer, Rick Shaffer, Brad Smith and Jette Sorensen.
- The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm by President Rick Shaffer.
- The November Nugget Minutes were approved with replacement of the term "cat litter" with "oil-dry".
- Liability Insurance: Rick Shaffer discussed the liability insurance to be obtained for the club, proposing increased coverage for office contents as well as lapidary equipment in the shop, based on estimated replacement costs. There is no deductible. It is a one-year contract that can be updated at any time as needed, if for instance an expensive piece of equipment is acquired. A motion was made and approved to obtain the new insurance for \$552.
- Donation: A motion was approved to donate \$200 to the Culver City Senior Citizens Association for the holidays.
- Holiday Party: The Club Holiday Party, for club members and their guests, will take place on December 10th from 6pm to 9pm; food to be served at 6:30pm. The party was not advertised in the November Nugget, but a notice will be posted on the website. Steve Dover, Leda Rogers and Bruce Mensinger volunteered to arrive early to help Sue Acosta set up the party.
- Members Selling Day: It is possible for the Club to hold a members' selling day, in a similar fashion as the boy scouts' garage sales. The Club would need permission from the Boy Scouts to hold the event on their front lawn or the back yard. A discussion followed as to whether sales taxes would be due.
- 2013 Officers: The 2013 Slate was proposed as discussed at the October Executive Meeting, with the inclusion of Brad Smith as President. The slate was approved with one substitution: Bruce Mensinger replaced Sylvia Binkley in the Photography chair.

- Programs: Elle Moe proposed that a silent auction be held in February, and asked Bruce Mensinger and Steve Dover for help. Ellen will put an article in the January Nugget to ask members to bring auction items to the January meeting.
- Membership Form: Felice Ganz and Jette Sorensen proposed a new membership form, which requires the new or renewing member to select at least one Club committee to join. Suggestions to improve the form are to be sent to Jette.
- Treasurer Darrell Robb reported the Club was solvent.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Submitted by Ana Maria Guimaraes

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING NOV 12, 2012

- The meeting was called to order at 7:46pm by President Rick Shaffer, who led the Pledge of Allegiance; a quorum was confirmed.
- An homage to military members past and present was made.
- A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as published in the November Nugget.
- Four visitors were introduced and welcomed.
- Jette Sorensen presented the 2013 Officers Slate approved at the Executive Meeting and asked for nominations. She informed that Brad Smith accepted the President position. Because he teaches on Monday evenings, Executive Meetings would be held on Tuesdays, while general meetings would remain on Mondays.
  - Pam Leitner volunteered for Photography co-chair with Bruce Mensinger.
  - Pam Leitner and Janice Metz volunteered for Publicity co-chairs with Ken Rogers.
  - Darrell Robb volunteered for the 2013 Board of Directors, a 3-year term.
- The 2013 Officers Slate was approved with the addition of Pam Leitner, Janice Metz and Darrell Robb.
- Sue Acosta explained that the 2013 Officers will be installed at the December meeting, which

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will be held at the Club's holiday party. The party will be on December 10th, from 6pm to 9pm; food will be served at 6:30pm. The Club will provide turkey and ham; members can bring side dishes and dessert. As in previous years, a white-elephant gift-giving will be held; members are to bring a wrapped gift for exchange.

- Rick Shaffer announced that the Club will donate \$200 to the Culver City Senior Citizens Association.

- Jette Sorensen announced that the Club was developing a new membership form, in which new and renewing members would have to select at least one Club committee to join. They will also have to indicate whether they would like to receive The Nugget via mail or e-mail. Jette will post the form on-line for commentary and bring copies to the next meeting. The intent is that the new form be in use beginning 2013.

- Rick Shaffer announced that Ken Rogers will be the new shop instructor on Wednesdays. He advised members to call ahead to ensure the shop will be open for them. The shop will be closed on Thanksgiving Thursday.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm for refreshments and the monthly raffles.

Submitted by Ana Maria Guimaraes

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Our guest speaker was Robyn Hawk, a freelance writer, blogger, jewelry maker and gemology student. Robyn provided valuable advice on how to use social media platforms to sell jewelry. She said that social media is about letting people know you, know the artist. According to Robyn, there are three platforms that work well together: Twitter, Facebook and blogs. She compared Twitter to a "cocktail party" and Facebook to a "Chamber of Commerce meeting." Meanwhile, blogs are a great way to be more personable and bring people in to your website. She advised to think of the lifestyle and profile of your target audience and feed the blog with content that interests them, as opposed

to merely including information about your product. Robyn also spoke about the importance of using key words on your blog; and mentioned that the more current the post, the more prominently the blog will display on Google search results. Robyn brought handouts that depicted examples of how to best use social media platforms such as Pinterest, Tumblr, Posterous, Facebook and Twitter, and answered several questions from the audience.

Submitted by Ana Maria Guimaraes

## PROGRAMS - LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013

There have been some great suggestions for programs in 2013 and I invite any and all additional suggestions.

In January, we are going to have a fantastic program about Meteorites. Our speakers, Peter and Jason Utas, began collecting meteorites when Jason was a member of our club when he was 15-years-old. Jason is now studying Geology at UC Berkeley. They bought some impressive meteorites to preserve specimens which would have otherwise been cut into pieces for sale. Their website - [www.fallsandfinds.com](http://www.fallsandfinds.com) - does have some meteorites for sale and a lots of information. When I was trying to track down Peter to confirm him as a speaker, he was up in Novato in the Bay area looking for fragments from the October fireball. So, this program will not only have some impressive specimens but also some great stories.

In February, with all of your help, we plan to have another great Silent Auction. Last February's Silent Auction was possibly the biggest and best our club has ever held, due in a large part to all the donations from members. However, we were actually overwhelmed by all the last minute donations and did not even have enough tables set up or enough bidding papers. So, this year we request that every member donate 3 to 10 items and either bring them to the January meeting or drop them at the shop before the January meeting. This is a great opportunity for those members who can not attend Monday night meetings to really help the club.

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Please look through your slabs, specimens, lapidary supplies, finished jewelry, door prizes from old meetins and shows .... anything you would be willing to bid on yourself. By getting your donations in January, the Silent Aution volunteers can sort and start planning tables and printing bidding sheets. If we get a lot of duplicate donations, we may set some aside for the August Picnic Silent Auction.

Several other clubs have a special "Member's Creations" night. Several members volunteer in advance to bring some of their creations or collected specimens and present them to the club with a description of the processes they used. It is a great way for members to learn what and how other people are creating. If you would be willing to participate, please email me at hmcx2@aol.com.

Finally, several members have given me names of potential speakers, which if I wrote them on scraps of paper at a meeting are lost under the avalanche of unsorted paper in my very untidy house or if they have merely verbally given me the suggestions, they are even more lost in the abyss of my "senior" mind. So, please also email your suggestions.

Ellen Moe  
Programs Chair

## SHOP REPORT

### Equipment Availability

As of mid-November (as I write this report) all shop equipment is working and ready for use with the exception of the 400/600 sanding station. As soon as sanding belts arrive this should be back in service.

The 16" slab saw was out of service due to excessive wear on the cross-feed lead screw, which controls the thickness of the slab. Woody removed the vise, I made a new lead screw and installed it, the saw is back in service.

### Addition to Shop Committee

We welcome Ken Rogers as a new member of the shop committee. Ken is very knowledgeable about

rock and has been a club member and user of the shop for several years. He will be taking Vern Lowe's place part-time (leading to full-time) on Wednesdays. Wednesday will continue to be 'By Appointment'.

### Normal Hours

The shop schedule has returned to the normal pre-construction schedule: open five days each week. Random short term construction related closures may still occur; check the yellow notices on our website home page (see link below) for the most up-to-date information.

What remains to be done is the renovation of the bathroom (to conform to access for disabled users standards) and building ramps to enable wheel-chair access to the Scout House, our shop and the bathroom.

### Using the Shop During the Construction Period

The remaining construction work has not yet been scheduled. Concrete ramp work will certainly require closing the shop for a few days, possibly on short notice. During the remaining construction we can expect to have a variety of inconveniences, such as no bathroom, but the shop will be open during the regularly scheduled times as much as is safe and otherwise feasible. To the extent possible, closures and anticipated interruptions will be posted on our web site, [www.culvercityrocks.org](http://www.culvercityrocks.org).

When you visit the shop, park in the parking lot parallel to Culver Blvd in front of the Scout House. The limited parking in the alley behind the shop is closed. Do not park in the alley except for brief loading or unloading.

Enter through the gate in the fence in front of the Scout House. Use caution and be especially watchful for construction related hazards, including overlooked nails in the lawn.

On behalf of the Shop Committee,

Bruce Mensinger

## MINERAL REPORT

### Just in time for Winter

It is a naturally occurring mineral that most of us encounter every day, though most of what we encounter is artificially cultivated. It is heavily associated with the month of December and the season of winter. Charming on postcards, it is dangerous when found on roads. Its name is derived from the Old English word *īs*, which stems from the Proto-Germanic word/rune *isaz*.

Ice is technically a mineral, though most of us do not regularly consider it as such. A mineral is a naturally occurring substance, with a chemical composition and a crystal structure. Ice is solid below 32°F at STP, homogenous, naturally occurring, it has a crystalline structure and a definite chemical composition, and it is formed through inorganic processes. It has a Mohs hardness – 1.5 – and a specific gravity, 0.917. It is normally transparent, though impurities can turn it into an opaque whitish-blue substance.

An amateur scientist from Vermont famously took thousands of photographs of its crystalline formations. His name was Wilson Alwyn Bentley, and his hobby was to take pictures of snowflakes. After his death, a physicist by the name of William J. Humphreys published 2,453 examples of his work. By its very nature, ice allows life on Earth to exist. If it were not 8% less dense than the liquid form, water, the Earth may have never thawed out from its Ice Ages. This is due to its hydrogen bonds, which bond its molecules in a looser formation.

Before refrigeration was developed, all ice had to be harvested from natural sources. When it was stored for use throughout the year, it was most commonly packed with sawdust. In modern times, ice is artificially produced for industrial uses, with some ice makers able to produce up to 75 tons of ice per day. During World War II, the British investigated wood fibers mixed with ice as a possible building material for warships such as aircraft carriers, but they could not find enough funds for the prototype and the project was abandoned.

Minda Moe  
Mineral Chair



## DEC BIRTHDAYS

Edmondo Coronel	Dec 1
Carolyn Bennet	Dec 6
Max Hippensteel	Dec 5
Laurel Grosse	Dec 7
Brian Lallement	Dec 7
Lucia Pasquinelli	Dec 7
Yvette Marie Trinh	Dec 9
Volodymyr Ihnatkova	Dec 9
Barbara Shaffer	Dec 10
Ellen Moe	Dec 10
Rosemarie Ihde	Dec 14
John Grosse	Dec 19
Kristina Yori	Dec 19



## DEC SHOWS

December 1 - 2: BARSTOW, CA  
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Cora Harper Community Center  
841 South Barstow Road (North of I-15)  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Gene Haines, (760) 256-0595  
Email: [email@mdgms.org](mailto:email@mdgms.org)  
Website: [www.mdgms.org](http://www.mdgms.org)

December 7 - 9: SAN BERNARDINO, CA  
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Western Regional Little League Ball Park  
6707 Little League Drive  
Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily  
Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2013

### Slate for 2013

President - Brad Smith  
Vice-president - Steve Dover  
Treasurer - Darrell Robb  
Recording Secretary - Anna Maria Guimaraes  
Corresponding Secretary - Leda Rogers  
Education - Co-chairs Anna Yori and  
Anthony Ferrari  
Federation Director - Ellen Moe  
Field trips - Co-chairs Rocky and Cole Rhodes  
Historian - Bruce Mensinger  
Librarian - Paul Madison,  
Co-chair- Bruce Mensinger  
Membership - Felice Ganz  
Minerals - Minda Moe  
Parliamentarian - Jette Sorensen  
Photography - Bruce Mensinger  
Programs - Ellen Moe  
Publications - Co-chairs - Lynne Lukert,  
Barbara Fier, and Jan Ferguson  
Show - Ken Rogers  
Publicity - Ken Rogers, Co-Chair - Janice Metz  
Shop Committee ( President, Vice President,  
Instructors)  
Social - Mary Ellen Shaffer , Co-chair Sue Acosta  
Sunshine - Lili Gelberg, Co-chair- Leda Rogers  
Trading Post - Steve Dover, Co-chair Minda Moe  
Web Master - Jette Sorensen

### Board of Directors:

Mary Ellen Shaffer (2013)  
Darrell Robb (2013)

Ellen Moe (2014)  
Bruce Mensinger (2014)

Rick Shaffer (2015)  
Jette Sorensen (2015)

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club  
Member's Annual Holiday Party

Monday, December 10th

Rotary Plaza 5400 Overland Avenue, Culver City

Festivities start at 6 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

*Bring a side dish or something special to share.*

The evening will include installation of officers for 2013

followed by the infamous

**WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**



The evening will

wrap up by 9 pm

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 2012

Interim President - Rick Shaffer  
 Vice- president - Steve Dover  
 Treasurer - Anna Marie and Darrell Robb  
 Recording Secretary - Sylvia Binkley,  
 Charlene Aspray, et.al.  
 Corresponding Secretary - Leda Rogers  
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### Board of Directors:

Lynne Lukert (2012)  
 Woody Shaffer (2012)  
 Mary Ellen Shaffer (2013)  
 Bruce Mensinger (2013)

## 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 Auditorium. All club members are welcome.

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

## 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 18 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	7:00pm - 9:30pm	- Bruce Mensinger
Wednesday	10:00am - 2:00pm	- Ken Roger (open by appointment)
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm	- Woody Shaffer
Saturday	12:00pm - 4:00pm	- Lynne Lukert
Sunday	12:00pm - 4:00pm	- Rick Shaffer

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.

The Nugget accepts paid advertisements by club members and non-members. The cost for an eighth of a page (approx. 2"high x 3.5" wide) is \$7 per insertion, payable in advance. Ad location is at the discretion of the Editor. Ad layouts, copy, or business cards must be received by the 10th of the month. Send materials directly to Lynne Lukert, Editor, 601 N. Bronson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004





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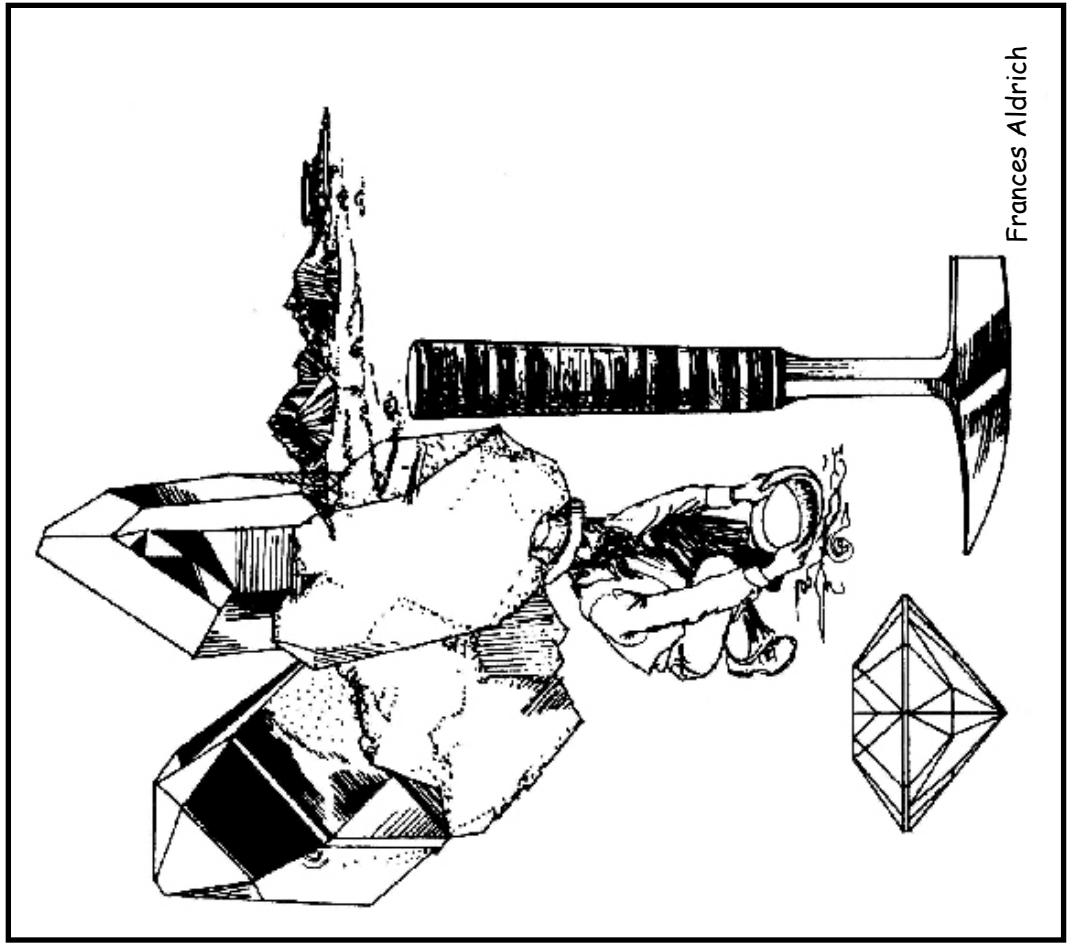
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