

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



AUGUST 2013

Monday, August 12, 6:30 pm Executive Meeting
7:30 pm General Meeting
Program: Janie Duncan "A History of Beads"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our show this year was definitely a success and so enjoyable as well. Attendance on opening day, measured by the number of registration forms, came to about 80 percent of the entire show total from last year.

I can't give enough kudos to our show chairman, Ken Rogers, and the very capable teams he put together for Vendors (Jannell & DJ), Displays (Steve), Games (Ellen), Publicity (Janice & Ken), Hospitality (Sur & Mary Ellen), Plant Sales (Lorraine), Security (Gary), Library Display (Sigrid), Raffle Tickets (Lynne), and Book Sales (Bruce).

And without the help of the many club members who volunteered their time to run the many job positions, we could never have handled the crowd.

With the fall season coming on all too quickly, I have asked Rick Shaffer to convene a nominating committee to develop a slate of new officers for next year. This list should be ready for balloting in November.

Clubs like ours are only as strong as its members commitment to help move it forward. So if you have an interest in helping the club in any of our elected positions next year, please send an email to Rick <maryellenandrick@aol.com> or me <Brad@greenheart.com> over the next few weeks.

See you at the picnic on August 17!

Brad Smith

AUGUST PROGRAM

Travel back in time with actual samples of beads dating back to Ostrich Shell beads from 9500 BC. Janie Duncan, president of the Monrovia Rockhounds Club, will share her collection of beads which includes an Egyptian bead from a burial tomb during the time of the pyramids, ancient Sumerian stone beads found along the spice trail circa 3000 BC, African slave trade beads, Aztec and Mayan beads and many more. See beads that Lewis and Clark carried on their famous journey.

There will also be beads for sale. Anyone who stopped by the education table on the stage last Sunday at our Fiesta of Gems has already met our speaker, Janie, who volunteered to help educate and inspire children attending our show with her petrified dinosaur egg.

Ellen Moe
Program Chair

JOIN US! ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

Saturday, August 17



LINDBERG PARK

5041 Rhoda Way
Culver City 90230

10 am – 4 pm

Bring a side dish: salad, fruit or veggies, soft drink or water and Silent Auction donations. Burgers, dogs, buns, plates, utensils and condiments provided by the Club.

SILENT AUCTION items needed! Please bring your donated treasures and help your Club.

SHOP REPORT

Equipment Availability

As of July 18 (as I write this report) all shop equipment is working and ready for use.

Fiesta of Gems Show

The Fiesta of Gems show was a big success. Thanks to all of you who participated by volunteering your time and effort to help.

As usual, starting at 9 am on Friday, we unpacked all the show equipment and material from the shop and the two storage sheds, loaded it into our vehicles and onto Rick Shaffer's trailer, and brought it to the auditorium on Friday. Then we unloaded, moved everything into the auditorium, and setup the show.

On Sunday, after the show closed at 5 pm, everything was gathered-up, loaded into vehicles and onto Rick's trailer and returned to the shop.

Fitting everything back into the shop and sheds is harder than removing it. Everyone is already tired after the show, figuring out how everything fits into the sheds and shop is a dynamic and non-trivial task, and darkness descends on us. Nevertheless we finished, satisfied in having done a large task well; no one was hurt, nothing was broken! As the last to leave, I finished up by reassembling the fencing, locked up the shop and the gates, and was on my way home a little after 11 pm. Tuesday night the leftover tasks of putting away the remaining upright cases on the shop attic shelf and tidying up miscellaneous loose ends was completed.

Once again, thank you to all of you who helped.

Continuing Construction

Please note that any optional construction work may again require temporary shop closures. Anticipated interruptions will be posted on our website: www.culvercityrocks.org.

Parking and Access

When you visit the shop, continue to park in the parking lot parallel to Culver Blvd in front of the Scout House. The limited parking in the alley

behind the shop remains 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. We now have a concrete and asphalt walkway from your car to the shop.

On behalf of the Shop Committee,
Bruce Mensinger



Opal photo by Bruce Mensinger

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Barbara Fier	Aug 1
Alex Power	Aug 4
Richard Prehoda	Aug 7
Leda Rogers	Aug 10
Minda Moe	Aug 10
Jeremy Ockomichalak	Aug 10
Charla Genser	Aug 11
Manon Tree	Aug 17
Brad Smith	Aug 19
James Franzioia	Aug 26
Lorraine Murphy	Aug 26
Artem Kovalev	Aug 28

JULY PROGRAM REPORT

Ellen Moe introduced the July guest speaker, Patrick Keegan. He is the co-founder of Lapis Minor, a silver and lapis lazuli company.

Mr. Keegan provided a lively account of his several excursions to Cascade Canyon at Mt. Baldy, where he prospected lapis lazuli. The canyon is wild, difficult to climb. Mr. Keegan shared several tips regarding the location of lapis, best time of the year to visit, and how to deal with dust, ticks and snakes, among many other valuable recommendations.

He also read engaging stories from his blog about his experiences at Cascade Canyon and spoke about his finding of a lapis specimen that was eventually acquired by the Los Angeles Natural History Museum.

Mr. Keegan brought beautiful specimens of lapis and other rocks to illustrate his narrative and gave away corundum crystals to everyone.

Ana Maria Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I want to congratulate and thank Ken Rogers, Dower Jai Gervais and Janelle Williams for organizing our amazing and successful Fiesta of Gems Show. Thank you to all of our club members who helped out with the show.

Welcome to our new members:

Shelia De Cora
Rachel Hieronimczak
Margaret Oberg

Welcome back to renewing members:

Challis Macpherson
Marilyn Matthews
Steve Willing
Rich Waters

Felice Ganz
Membership Chair

Minda Moe
Mineral Chair

Lepidolite,
source: Wikipedia
Commons.
Locality: Virgem
da Lapa,
Jequitinhonha
valley, Southeast
Region, Brazil
(Locality at
mindat.org).



MINERAL REPORT

Lilac, Rose, Purple and Lithium!

Lepidolite is part of the mica group of minerals, along with biotite, muscovite, clintonite, and phengite. Its name comes from the Greek words lepidos and lithos, which mean “scale” and “stone”, respectively.

Lepidolite normally comes in lilac or rose, stretching across the range of purple. It has a specific gravity of 2.8-2.9, and ranks at 2.5-3 on the Mohs scale of hardness. It has a white streak and its luster is vitreous to pearly.

It is used as a source of lithium. Lithium is used in rechargeable batteries, aircraft part alloys, and microwave ovens. It is also used in mobile phones, air purifiers, and depression medication. It is also a major source of rubidium and caesium. In 1861, Robert Bunsen and Gustav Kirchhoff were extracting lepidolite when they discovered rubidium.

Some notable occurrences of lepidolite are Brazil, Afghanistan, the Ural Mountains of Russia, California, Manitoba in Canada, and Madagascar. It occurs in granite pegmatites and high-temperature quartz veins. It is often associated with quartz, feldspar, tourmaline, topaz, and beryl.

Some of the best lepidolite in the world comes from southern California. The tourmaline mines in San Diego County produce fantastic lepidolite. It has been specifically noted at the Stewart Mine, Little Three Mine, and Himalaya Mine, though it can be found at most (if not all) of the mines.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING July 8, 2012

- Present: Steve Dover, Felice Ganz, Ana Maria Guimaraes, Lynne Lukert, Ellen Moe, Minda Moe, Bruce Mensinger, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Leda Rogers, Mary Ellen Shaffer, Rick Shaffer and Jette Sorensen.
- The meeting was called to order by Steve Dover at 6:39 pm.
- The June meeting minutes published in The Nugget issue of July were approved as read.
- Treasurer Report: Darrell Robb reported the Club was solvent. He also informed that the Education Chair Anthony Ferrari was to be reimbursed \$262.42 for additional expenses related to the Club's presentation at El Rincon Elementary.
- Program Report: Ellen Moe informed that the August program speaker would be Janie Duncan, President of the Monrovia Rockhounds Club. Ms. Duncan will participate at the show and help at the Education table.
- Donations: Mary Ellen Schaffer informed that the Club made a donation to the Cancer Support Community on behalf of Sue Acosta's husband.
- Membership Report: Mary Ellen Shaffer proposed that Sue Acosta and Woody Shaffer become honorary members of the Club; motion approved. Felice Ganz reported that the Club has 125 members and that badges will be available for pick-up at the show. She also mentioned that the membership form had been modified to accommodate a second applicant's email address and indicate preference to receive The Nugget via email, as well as replace reference to Christmas party with holiday party.
- Gem Show Report: Ken Rogers informed that he did not expect any more vendors to drop out. An ad was published on the Argonaut and another would be published on the LA Times on Wednesday. The Education table would be set up on Saturday; Janie Duncan would put an education program on Sunday. A hundred pounds of geodes for the kids has been secured.

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Aquamarine display case at the Fiesta of Gems Show on July 13-14.

BENCH TIPS

Just a Drop

Hobby shops and model airplane stores carry small plastic dispenser bottles that are handy bench items for putting a drop of oil or glue just where you want it. The small metal tubing lets you squeeze out very small drops and reach into tight places.



I use the small one on the left for oil when I'm sawing or drilling harder metals like steel. And I use the bottle on the right from a plastics store for the fast drying glues used to join pieces of acrylic.

Foredom Maintenance

If you have a Foredom flexshaft, it makes sense to check it over every so often to be sure it's running properly. But how to do that? You've probably lost the little booklet that came with the unit. Well, being the good company it is, Foredom has put together an extensive set of videos on how to do it.

The series covers set-up, lubrication, replacing a sheath, motor maintenance, and handpiece maintenance. Few if any special tools are needed. You can watch the videos at: www.fredom.net/videoLibrary.aspx and repair parts are available from most jewelry supply catalogs.

More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at: [facebook.com/BenchTips/](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips/) or see "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon

UPCOMING SHOWS

August 2-4: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society,
Santa Maria
Nipomo High School
525 North Thompson Ave.
Fri/Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Wes Lingerfelt, (805) 929-3788
Email: info@omsinc.org
www.omsinc.org

August 24-25: SAN FRANCISCO

San Fran. Gem & Mineral Society
SF County Fair Building, Golden
Gate Park
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Ellen Nott
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
www.sfgemshow.org

Aug 30-Sept 2: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral
Society
Town Hall, Corner of Main & Laurel
Fri-Sun 10 - 6; Mon 10 - 4
Jerry Sommer, (707) 937-1833

September 7 - 8: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Women's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
Email: nancyjbird@verizon.net

September 21 - 22: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral
Society, Oroville
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street
Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
John Scott, (530) 343-3491
Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net
www.featherriverrocks.com

September 21 - 22: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
10 - 5 daily
Preston Bingham, (650) 368-6351
Email: preston.bingham@att.net
http://sgms.driftpine.com

September 28 - 29: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockford Street
10 - 5 daily
Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411
Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com

Sept 28 - 29: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral
Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
www.cvgms.org

September 28 - 29:

SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Art
50 Mark West Springs Road
Sat. 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551
www.srmgs.org

FIESTA OF GEMS WRAP-UP



Children drew winning raffle tickets at the Fiesta of Gems.

Grace Sato examines a prize geode at the Show.



Club President Brad Smith and Web Master Jette Sorensen discuss world peace during the Fiesta of Gems Show.



Ronni Lemmi taught spiral beading during the Fiesta of Gems Show.

Bruce Mensinger demonstrates lapidary skills at the Fiesta of Gems Show.



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
July 8, 2012**

***Executive Meeting Minutes
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- The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Steve Dover, the Pledge of Allegiance was made; a quorum was established.
- A motion was made and approved to accept the June minutes published in the July Nugget as read.
- Nine guests were introduced and welcomed.
- Ellen Moe reported that the August program would be about the history of beads, presented by guest speaker Janie Duncan, president of the Monrovia Rockhound Club.
- Show update: Ken Rogers reminded everyone that the show would take place the following weekend. Volunteers were needed for a number of jobs; a sign-up sheet was available. Volunteers were needed on Friday morning to help move items from the shop into the auditorium. Education programs were scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. The class schedule was available on the Club's website. A food truck would be available each day from 11 am to 3 pm. Steve Dover reported that the display cases had all been booked; those interested in standing by were to let him know. Lynne Lukert announced she had raffle tickets for sale at the meeting. Jette Sorensen informed that the address for cookies delivery had been incorrectly published on The Nugget; the correct address was published on the Club's website. Mr. Rogers informed that an ad had been published on the Argonaut and another would be published on Wednesday on the LA Times; the ads would grant visitors an extra raffle ticket for the hourly draws.
- A break was held for refreshments and raffle at 7:53 pm, followed by the July Program.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

- Mr. Rogers mentioned that more volunteers were needed. Set-up begins at 10 am Friday at the auditorium; volunteers meet at the shop at 9 am. There would be a food truck for each day of the show. Mary Ellen Shaffer reported that snacks were ready.
- Social Chair Update: Mary Ellen Shaffer will be taking over the Social Chair from Sue Acosta, who resigned. She informed that there would be a service for Ms. Costa's husband on July 20; Jette Sorensen will place an announcement on the Club's Facebook page. Ms. Shaffer also reminded that the membership needed to be asked to donate items for the silent auction at the Club's picnic in August.
 - Publications Report: Lynne Lukert informed she will be on vacation and Barbara Fier will take over for the next two months. Ms. Lukert would also need shop coverage. A motion was approved for Ms. Lukert to purchase Adobe InDesign for no more than \$230 excluding shipping and taxes; Brad Smith to confirm whether he could acquire the student version.
 - Shop Report: Bruce Mensinger informed there were no reports of equipment malfunction. A discussion followed regarding the policy on hierarchy of disposition of items donated to the shop; Mr. Mensinger believed the donor could specify how the items should be used.
 - Sunshine Chair Report – Leda Rogers reported that a card had been sent to Sue Acosta for her husband's passing.
 - New Business: A motion was approved to create a grievance committee to examine information regarding a member's misconduct; the committee was to report to the Board at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

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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 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 - Buce Mensinger
Programs - Ellen Moe
Publications - Co-Chairs - Lynne Lukert, Barbara Fier, and Jan Ferguson
Show - Ken Rogers
Publicity - Ken Rogers, Co-Chairs - Janelle and DJ Shop Committee (President, Vice President, committee members)
Social - Mary Ellen Shaffer , Co-Chair Sue Acosta
Sunshine - 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)

MEETING SCHEDULE

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 – 9:30 pm	- Bruce Mensinger
Wednesday	10 am – 2 pm	- Ken Rogers (<i>open by appointment</i>)
Thursday	10 am – 2 pm	- Woody Shaffer
Saturday	Noon – 4 pm	- Lynne Lukert
Sunday	Noon – 4 pm	- Rick Shaffer

If no one shows, the shop may close early. If you plan to arrive 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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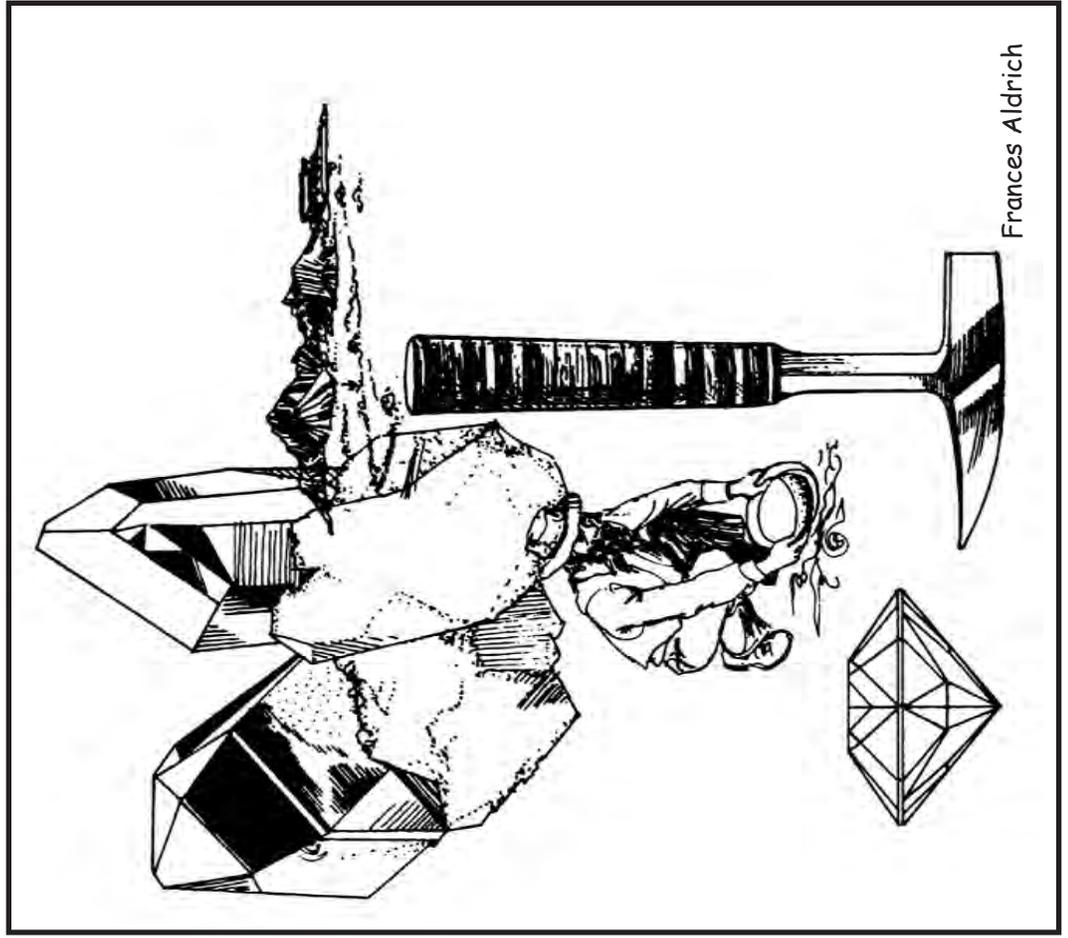
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