

Visitors Welcome

MAY 8 * 7:30 pm FIESTA OF GEMS WORK PARTY

**Veterans Memorial Multi-Purpose Room
4117 Overland Ave, Culver City**

Our Club's flagship event is the Fiesta of Gems show, considered by many as the very best rocks, minerals and gems show in the Southern California area. This year the show is on July 8 and 9.

There is a lot of preparation for the show, and true to tradition (and need) we have our annual work party on May 8.

Join fellow members and guests in the multi-purpose room for a lively evening of conversation while filling grab bags and preparing Fiesta of Gems postcards for mailing.

The work party is always a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow Club members you haven't seen recently as well as meet new Club members. It is said that the Work Party is one of the best meetings of the year.

Fiesta of Gems

July 8 & 9
2017



2017
FIESTA
OF GEMS
POSTCARD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow rock hounds and club members.

It's just two months until the annual Fiesta of Gems show. We are excited that all the preplanning has come together and the vendors are all in line. Our coming May 8 meeting will be the work party.

Everyone who has attended this meeting prior to the show in years past, knows it as a productive couple of hours and a fun opportunity to get to know other members as we break into small work groups and get the postcard mailing prepared and the Grab Bags filled with treasures.

We hope anyone unable to attend the work meeting will be able to volunteer for a short period during the show itself-- helping greet attendees, selling the always popular raffle tickets, and even to be a walk around security presence to help preserve our vendors' peace of mind. There are always lots of simple tasks to perform and if they are spread out evenly amongst the membership, everyone will also get a chance to visit the many vendors at the show and feel good helping out as well. Please give an appreciative cheer to our very dedicated organizers.

We all look forward to everyone's continued help and for the many, many volunteer hours necessary to set up and tear down on Friday, July 7 and Sunday, July 9. Thanks in advance to all who can lend their time and efforts making this the marquee summer event for Culver City and the Club!

Here's wishing everyone time to get away this spring and visit the many wonders of our desert Southwest. Good luck in your rock hounding ventures and best wishes to your creativity in the lapidary and jewelry arts. See you on May 8 for the work party!

Darrell Robb
President

SHOW UPDATE

We're just ten weeks away from hosting our annual Fiesta for Gems show July 8 & 9. This show is the pride of the club and this year will be no different. Our theme this year is Amethyst. We'll have over 30 vendors who'll bring us rough slabs, cabochons, beads, finished jewelry, findings, wire, tools, and much more. We'll also have workshops, demonstrators, hourly raffles, and a grand prize raffle on Sunday. Entrance and parking are free. More information about our vendors, workshops, and demonstrators can be found on our website under Fiesta of Gems.

Our show is a favorite among vendors and attendees because of YOU! Last year many vendors told me personally how they look forward to participating in our show. We also had many new visitors who were thrilled to have found us. Like any great production it takes team effort. I've broken down the areas where we need additional help to make this another successful year.

Please consider VOLUNTEERING in one of these areas:

- * Raffle Tickets
- * Security
- * Hospitality
- * Plants
- * Geode Cutting
- * Kid's Corner
- * Books and Magazine area
- * Entry Desk
- * CCRMC Table

* We need donations of plants, and books and magazines related to lapidary and jewelry for the show. Magazines and books can be left at the shop. Plants can be dropped off on Friday, July 7 at the auditorium.

* Show your craftsmanship by donating a piece of finished jewelry or specimen for the hourly door prize drawing.

* Showcase your craftsmanship and grab a spot to showcase your designs or beautiful specimens in the

display case at the show. Please contact Steve Dover, skdover@yahoo.com to get your name on the list!

* Please plan on attending the work party on May 8. We will stuff goody bags and prepare our postcards for mailing. We'll have food and drinks to keep up your strength and sugar levels!

* Soon members will receive \$10 in raffle tickets to sell on behalf of the Club. You can purchase them yourself or sell to family and friends. Money and stubs will be collected at the Club. The proceeds from sale of grand prize lottery tickets are donated to a worthy cause. In the past we've donated to the Culver City Schools and/or the Boy Scouts.

Please contact me at the email address below and let me know where you are able to help. Let's make this another great Fiesta of Gems Show for 2017!

Hellena Jones Elbling
FOG Show Chair
hellena@creationsbyhellena.com

FARRAGUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE NIGHT 2/2/17



Rocks and minerals

presented to the
school by



Education Chair
Alexa Hunter

ANTHONY CHAVEZ

If you are a Venice Metal Alumni, you probably already know that Anthony Chavez passed away Sunday, April 23.

Lifetime member Anthony Chavez was part of CCRMC for many years. He taught jewelry making classes through the LA Unified School District,



starting around 1990, while also working at Bourget Brothers in Santa Monica. The jewelry classes were immensely popular. At one point, the school capped the class size to 55 students. The classes were twice a week, and Anthony was teaching two sessions, a total of 110 students twice a week. Anthony became ill in 2009 and handed the teaching reins to Brad Smith who already was teaching a third class.

Many Club members took one (or more) of Anthony's classes and joined the Club because of his recommendation, likewise, many members heard about his classes and become students.

Last summer, Anthony joined our workshop team

as an instructor and gave both a demonstration and a hands-on workshop on Intarsia. Several workshops to be led by Anthony were in the works at his passing.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Peggy, and their two sons, John and Chris.

Below is an email we received from his son, John:

Hi Everyone,

As you probably have heard by now, Anthony Chavez passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Sunday, April 23rd at 1:25pm. He will be deeply missed.

My brother and I have started making plans for a memorial celebration of Anthony's life and work, to be held the weekend of June 3-4, at a Los Angeles location TBD. Anthony was a lot of things; a teacher, a jeweler, an artist, a musician... but one thing he was not was a meticulous record keeper. We don't have any centralized list of the friends that he's made through the years.

This is where you all come in. We need help in compiling a list of folks who might be interested in attending so we can lock down an appropriate venue and get going with planning. I am curious if it would be possible for you all to send a short note along to people that you know might be interested in attending... sort of a "Save the Date," if you will, and then forward along any positive responses along to me? I will then make sure they get a proper invite when plans are set.

Let me know if you can help with this. If you have any questions at all, feel free to email me here or call me at (310) 902-6389.

Thank you.

John Chavez

To centralize the responses to John's email, please send an email to Brad Smith at brad@greenheart.com

SHOP NEWS

All equipment is in working order.

Remember to clean up, not just after yourself, but also to keep the shop itself clean - floors swept, stuff placed in their rightful places, etc.

Observe the "dress code" - no open-toe shoes, no overly loose tops, hair at or below shoulders tied back, wear safety-glasses and face-masks as needed.

Don't park on the cement in the back.

APRIL PROGRAM REPORT

Darrell Robb introduced Dick and Mary Pat Weber, retired exploration geologists and long time rock and mineral collectors. They made a presentation about fluorites, which are the second most popular collected mineral after quartz. Fluorite's popularity comes from its variety of colors, cubical crystal arrangement, abundance, and, affordability.

Fluorite has been mined for thousands of years for ornamental use, but became an industrial mineral in the 1800s when it was largely used in the processing of steel. It is also utilized in dentistry and fabrication of Teflon and camera lenses. Fluorite is however not suitable for jewelry, as it chips and breaks easily.



Its range of colors comes from the replacement of calcite by different ions. Common colors include blue, green, purple, yellow, and black (very dark purple). Crystals in two or more colors or different tones of a color also occur due to hot liquid passing through the rock and changing over time. Natural pure fluorite is clear.

Fluorites carry a small amount of natural radiation;



often natural radiation spots are visible in the crystals. Fluorites are fluorescent, irradiating a characteristic blue color in shortwave UV light and in the sunlight, and a purple or bluish color when exposed to longwave UV light.



Fluorite can be found in more than 75 countries, and in over twenty thousand locations in the US alone. Mr. Weber discussed fluorite mines in several countries and showed images of specimens they produced; locations included England, the French Alps, Northern Spain, Namibia, Morocco, South Africa, the Sea of Japan, and China.

The presentation concluded with a demonstration of the fluorescent properties of several specimens brought in by the Webers and Steve Dover.

Submitted by Ana Maria S. Guimaraes

WANTED

MINERAL REPORT WRITER

It is increasingly difficult for Minda Moe to set time aside to write the monthly Mineral Report for the Nugget while concentrating on her geology education at UC Davis.

We are hoping another of our members has the knowledge and desire to write the monthly column.

If you are interested, send an email to nugget@culvercityrocks.org

FOG MEMBERS' CREATION DISPLAYS NEEDED

The Culver City Rock and Mineral Club needs exhibitors to display their creations and or collections at our upcoming show July 8 and 9 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Culver City.

We provide the display case, liners, lights, locks and security during the show. All you have to do is set up your display Friday evening or Saturday morning and pick it up Sunday after the show closes. If you need help setting up your display it will be available at the show.

Please sign up for a display case at the May or June meeting, or you can contact me at skdover@yahoo.com or call me at 310 477-2279 to reserve a case.

Steve Dover
Display Chair

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Julie Bongers
Lauren Chmur
Perita Edwards
Michael McMenamin
Soraluck Joy Namwang
Bruce Stambaugh
Mary Stambaugh

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Jan Ferguson, Ana Maria S. Guimaraes, Bruce Mensinger, Darrell Robb, Grace Sato, Jette Sorensen, and Joyce Watanabe.

The meeting was called to order by President Darrell Robb at 6:39 pm. The March Executive Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the April Nugget.

- **Show Report** - Darrell Robb informed that the auditorium security deposit had been paid. He reminded that the May meeting would be a working session to prepare for the show.
- **Audit** - Darrell Robb informed that the audit of the Club's books had not yet been performed. He and Jette Sorensen committed to continuing the research to identify an auditor.
- **Programs Report** - On behalf of Ken Rogers, Darrell Robb reminded that Club members could attend the Bead Society of Los Angeles Bazaar on April 23 for free by displaying the Club badge.
- **Field Trips** - A discussion followed about potential field trips. Steve Dover suggested a trip to Clear Creek and Darrell Robb suggested a trip to Searles Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Submitted by Ana Maria S. Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by President Darrell Robb. The Pledge of Allegiance was made. A quorum was not established. Eight guests were introduced.

Darrell Robb made the following announcements:

- Club members could attend the Bead Society of Los Angeles Bazaar on April 23 for free by displaying the Club badge.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES continued

- The May meeting would be a work party to stamp and address post cards and make grab bags in preparation for the Fiesta of Gems show.
- A trading post would not be held that evening.
- Members were encouraged to suggest field trips via email to Field Chair Hans Baumann. Suggestions so far included Clear Creek in September or October and the Gem-O-Rama at Searles Lake in the second weekend of October. Also the Club was going to participate in a field trip to Stoddard Wells on April 29-30 organized by the Pasadena Lapidary Society.
- The Club Education program would include regular visits to Farragut Elementary as well as other schools.

Steve Dover made the following announcements about the Fiesta of Gems:

- Flyers announcing the show were available for members to take and distribute.
- Twenty display cases were available to members to display their craft or collections at the show; a sign-up sheet was available.
- There would be sixteen hourly door prizes donated by members, which would be in a display case at the entrance hall. Members were encouraged to donate items they have created or collected.
- Darrell Robb addressed several questions about the show from guests and members.
- Jette Sorensen announced that the Beginning Lapidary course would be offered on April 23 from 9 am to 12 pm for \$20. Those interested should sign up at workshops@culvercityrocks.org. Other sessions would be offered in subsequent months as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by Ana Maria S. Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Go to
CulverCityRocks.org
for the latest on Workshops, Field
Trips, Shop Closures (if any), etc.

MAY SHOWS

May 5 - 7: YUCAIPA, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street
Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 12 - 10, Sun 12 - 6
Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731
Website: www.yvgms.org

May 6 - 7: JACKSON, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49/88)
Hours: 10 - 4 daily
Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388
Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: amadorgemandmineral.org

May 6 - 7, 2017: RENO, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Livestock Event Center
1350 North Wells Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 359-6068
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 6 - 7: ANAHEIM, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 815-3045
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

For additional shows in early June, visit:
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/cfmsshow.htm>:

CFMS-AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION JUNE 16, 17 & 18, 2017

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

hosted by

Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society
VENTURA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

10 West Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA
Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

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.....culvercityrocks.org

Elected Officers for 2017

President - Darrell Robb
Vice President - Steve Dover
Treasurer - Franne Einberg
Recording Secretary - Ana Maria Guimaraes
Corresponding Secretary - Jan Ferguson
Historian - Bruce Mensinger
Parliamentarian - Johnny Hjorth

Committee Chairs:

Education - Alexa Hunter
Federation Director - Rick Shaffer
Field Trips - Hans Baumann
Librarian - Bruce Mensinger
Membership - Brad Smith
Co-Chair - Stephanie Dangott
Minerals - Minda Moe
Photography - Bruce Mensinger
Programs - Ken Rogers
Publications - Co-Chairs - Barbara Fier,
Jan Ferguson, Jette Sorensen
Publicity - Janice Metz
Show - Hellena Jones-Elbling
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Vice President, Shop Instructors
Social - Grace Sato
Co-Chair - Joyce Watanabe
Sunshine - Felice Ganz
Trading Post - Gary Mitchell
Web Master - Jette Sorensen
Workshops - Jette Sorensen

Board of Directors:

(2017) Bruce Mensinger - Ana Maria Guimaraes
(2018) Rick Shaffer - Jette Sorensen
(2019) Brad Smith - Grace Sato

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<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/CCRMC/info>

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

*Consult the Nugget or the website for occasional location changes

Guests are always welcome.

Executive Committee Meetings are held the second Monday of every month* at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Veterans Bldg. Auditorium. All Club members are welcome.

*Meeting days occasionally change due to federal holidays or to accommodate the Fiesta Of Gems Show.

DUES & FEES

One time Initiation Fees:

Individuals	\$20.00
2 Persons/Same Address	\$35.00
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.)

Replacement badge	\$15.00
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SHOP INFORMATION

The shop is open to members in good standing over the age of 18 who sign an indemnification form. Junior members (13 - 18) must be accompanied by an adult. Instruction is available at all sessions. Practice slabs are available.

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

Shop Phone: (310) 836-4611

Hours:

Tuesday 7 pm – 9:30 pm - Rick Shaffer

Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm - By appointment,

email: shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org

Thursday 10 am – 2 pm - By appointment,

email: shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org

Saturday Noon – 4 pm - Lynne Lukert

Sunday Noon – 4 pm - Jette Sorensen

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 at (310) 836-4611

The Nugget

The deadline for submissions is 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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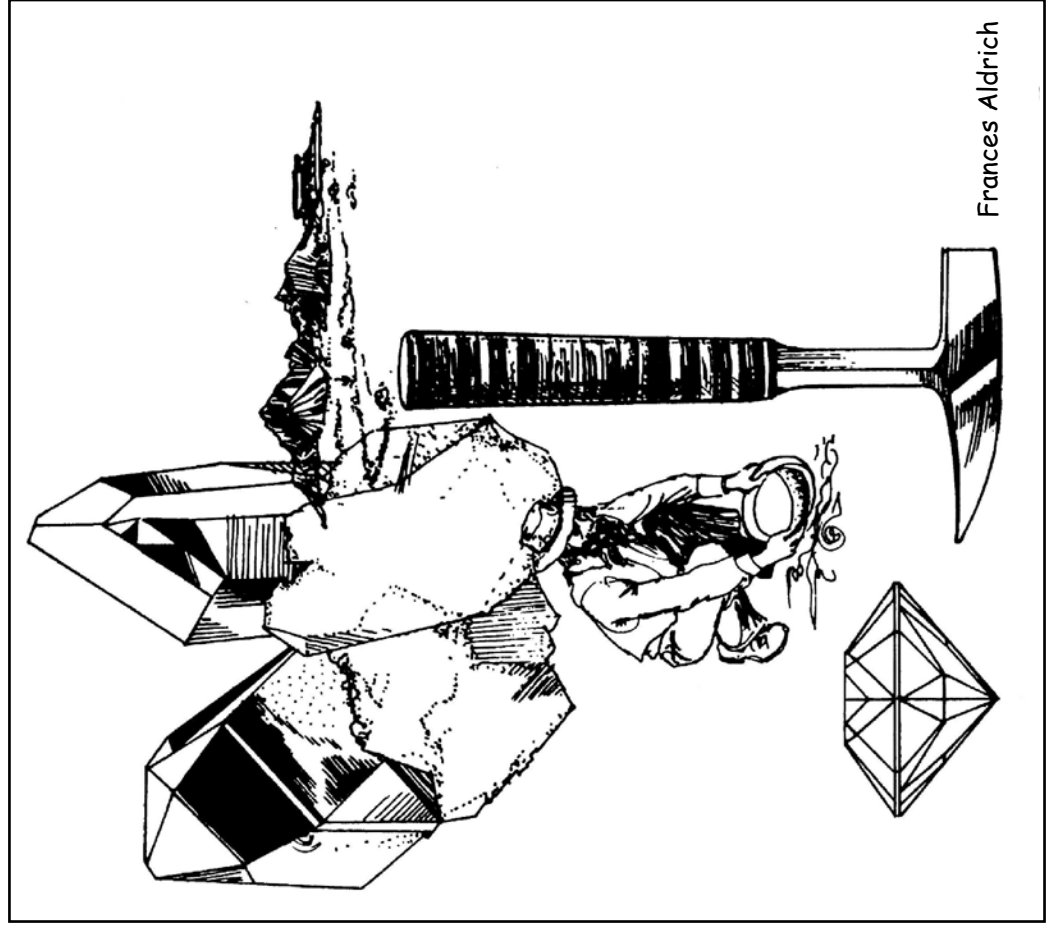
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