

# the NUGGET

June 2017

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Visitors Welcome

## 'Agates of Arizona' PROGRAM

June 12 7:30 pm

"Agates of Arizona" is presented by author and agate expert Pat McMahan on Monday, June 12 at 7:30 pm. McMahan has collected agates for 30 years, amassing over 8,000 polished agate specimens from more than 550 locations worldwide.

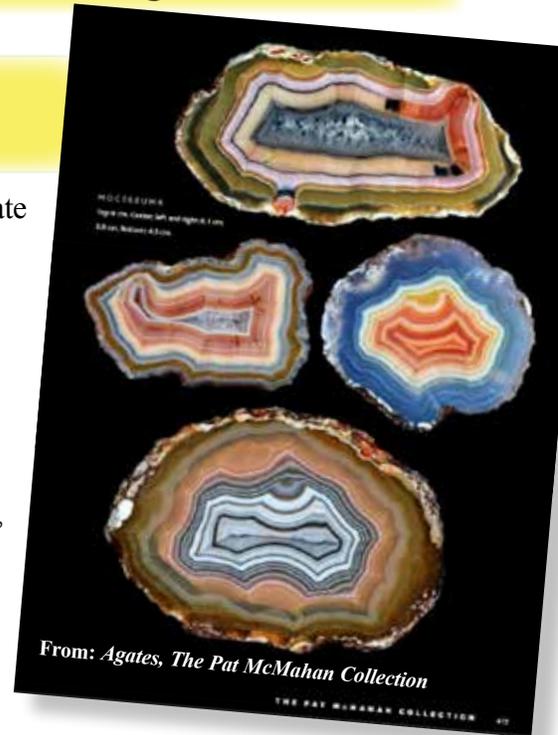
He has collected in 15 of the United States and his digs include the Laguna and Coyamito Ranches in Chihuahua, Mexico as well as digs in Argentina; Canada and Panama.

His book *Agates, The Pat McMahan*

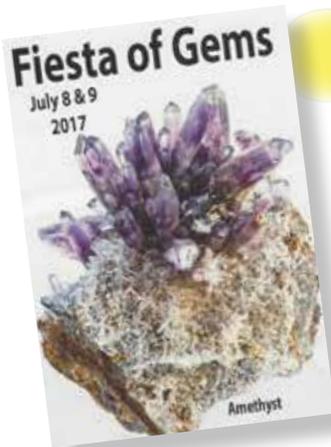
*Collection* is highly regarded by agate collectors and geologists. The comprehensive 500-page book includes 1,250 beautiful color photographs of agates from thousands of agates found worldwide.

Join us for this informative talk at the Culver City Rock and Mineral Club meeting at 7:30 pm on June 12, 2017 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Multi-Purpose Room, 4117 Overland in Culver City.

Admission is free to all.



From: *Agates, The Pat McMahan Collection*



## FIESTA OF GEMS SHOW UPDATE

Our Annual Fiesta of Gems Show on July 8 & 9 – is only a month away! This Show is the pride of our Club and our theme this year is Amethyst.

More than 30 vendors will be selling specimens, slabs, cabochons, beads, finished jewelry, findings, wire, tools

and much more. We'll have workshops, demonstrators, hourly raffles, and a grand prize raffle on Sunday. Entrance and parking is free. More information about our vendors, workshops and demonstrators can be found on our website:

[culvercityrocks.org/](http://culvercityrocks.org/) under Fiesta of Gems.

Our Show is a favorite among vendors and attendees because of YOU! We still have plenty of ways you can help to make this Show a success. Like any great production, it takes a team. Please consider volunteering. It is fun! Here are areas where we need your help:

- Bake Cookies for our vendors
- Friday Set Up
- Security
- Raffle Tickets
- Hospitality

- Plants
- Kid's Corner
- Donate plants. Drop them off at the auditorium on Friday, July 7.
- Donate jewelry-related magazines. Magazines and books can be left at the Shop during our regular hours.
- Donate a finished piece of jewelry or specimen for the hourly prize. Share your artistry and craftsmanship!
- Showcase your creativity in a Show display case for your designs or specimens. Contact Steve Dover [skdover@yahoo.com](mailto:skdover@yahoo.com) to sign up. Limited availability.
- Sell raffle tickets. Members will receive \$10 in raffle tickets to sell on behalf of your Club. Purchase them yourself or sell to family and friends. Money and stubs should be brought to the June Club meeting. The proceeds from sale of raffle tickets are donated locally. Past donations have gone to the Culver City Schools and the Boy Scouts.

Please email me and let me know how you can help. Help make this a great Fiesta of Gems Show!

Hellena Jones Elbling

Fiesta of Gems Show Chair

[hellena@creationsbyhellena.com](mailto:hellena@creationsbyhellena.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow rock hounds and gem enthusiasts.

We are at a fun time of year before our Fiesta of Gems Show at Veterans Memorial Auditorium July 8 and 9. The June 12 meeting will be an enjoyable fine-tuning for the Show. We'll finalize volunteer staffing and provide our cherished plant lady Lorraine with additional soil and pots and coordinate pick-up and delivery logistics.

For the rest of the meeting, our Program Chair has arranged a very interesting discussion by Pat McMahan who has one of the most comprehensive collection of agates. Don't miss this spectacular presentation on Agates in Arizona!

The annual CFMS-AFMS Gem Show & Convention on June 9-11 is hosted by the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society. "Ventura Rocks the Nation" features speakers and seminars of national and regional importance. The talk by Mike Hunerlach of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) is high on my list. Mike, now retired head geologist of the U.S. Forest Service, will discuss "BLM Information on Desert, Monuments & Rockhounding" and how we can help keep our public lands open. It is being held on Friday June 9 at Noon in the Callahan Building at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. (See page 5 for more details.)

ALAA's purpose is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. ALAA has become an advocate for hobbyists and recreational users of our public lands. This is a group worthy of support as many of our rights to access are once again jeopardized.

Wishing everyone a fantastic summer with your family and friends spending time outdoors in our incomparable Southern California and desert land! See you all at our Monday meeting on June 12 and of course at our Fiesta of Gems Show on July 8 and 9.

Darrell Robb  
President

## FIELD TRIP: SAN GABRIEL GARNETS

Let's go hunting for garnets in the San Gabriels!

**When:** Saturday, June 24 at 8 am

**Meeting Point:** Starbucks 475 Foothill Blvd #M, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

From the meeting point, we will be driving about 10 miles on Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) up into the San Gabriel Mountains to search for almandine garnet. The trip should not require any extensive hiking or off-road driving, but it may require one to remove garnet from its host rock (mica schist), so definitely be prepared to hammer! We will most



Image source: [mindat.org/](http://mindat.org/)

likely end the trip at the Mill Creek Campground, where a number of other minerals are rumored to exist, including pyrite, chlorite, epidote. Overall, it should be a fairly easy collecting trip with lots of gorgeous views.

**Suggested Equipment:** Rock hammer, eye protection, plus the obvious (water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, etc). A small sledge and chisel could also prove to be useful.

Please RSVP via email to [baumannh@gmail.com](mailto:baumannh@gmail.com) or 310-980-4165. Also please feel free to contact me with questions, etc.

Hans Baumann  
Field Trips Chair

## POTS AND PLANTS NEEDED

Ok. These pots are a little big for our needs! But we do need your donations of small pots for the plants sale at the Fiesta of Gems Show.

4" and smaller are good, flats are good too, plastic, ceramic, terra cotta, all good. Bring the pots to the June 12 meeting, or leave them at the Shop during regular Shop hours, as soon as possible. If you are growing or donating plants for the Show, please bring them to the Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Friday, July 7.



## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Woody Shaffer	June 1
Ana Maria Guimaraes	June 4
Adrienne Louie	June 5
Jan Ferguson	June 5
Grace Bruno	June 6
Max Heavenich-Vassilos	June 12
Felice Ganz	June 13
Amy Hyde	June 16
Wilbert E. Williams	June 16
Mary Ellen Shaffer	June 21
Soraluck Joy Namwang	June 22
Jyenny Babcock	June 23
Susan Acosta	June 24
Darrell Robb	June 24
Vern Lowe	June 27

## UPCOMING: JULY 10 PROGRAM 'ROCKHOUDING IN HELL!'

Internationally known expert and collector of rare minerals, Alfredo Petrov will present "*Rockhounding in Hell: Collecting Minerals on Active Volcanoes in Japan*" at our July 10, 2017 program at 7:30 pm.

Petrov was born and attended elementary school in England; high school in Ethiopia; college in Beirut,

Lebanon, and San Diego; and graduated with a degree in geology from San Diego State.

He deals minerals at 16 shows every year in Japan, Europe and the United States and

currently works in the mineral department of Jewel Tunnel Imports in Baldwin Park. Petrov also writes for numerous publications including *Rocks and Minerals*, *Mineralogical Record*, *Mineral News*, and *Lapis*.

In his spare time, Alfredo translates mineralogical literature into English for the website [Mindat.org](http://Mindat.org), leads mineral collecting tours to exotic destinations such as Bolivia, Morocco, Spain, Switzerland, Italy and Japan.

Don't miss this fascinating discussion on Monday, July 10, 7:30 pm at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Multi-Purpose Room, 4117 Overland in Culver City.



## SHOP NEWS

Wilbert Williams fixed the switch on the belt sander and it is longer necessary to use the wall plug to start or stop it. It had a broken belt that was replaced and upgraded in the process. The broken belt was 80 grit, the new one is 400 – much more jewelry friendly.

When you are using a torch, do not wear clothing containing synthetic material. Hopefully it won't happen, but if, for example, a piece of hot metal hits your shirt containing synthetic material, it can melt. Not only will it hurt, it is also very dangerous. Wear only 100 percent cotton when you are working with fire.

When done for the day and you have cleaned whatever's needed, look around to make sure you have not forgotten anything.

If you have used material from the back or one of the bins inside and have leftovers, be sure to return it to where you found it.

If you bought a facemask from the shop, take it with you. If you hang it underneath the cabinet, you risk it being gone next time you come, even if you have written your name on it.

Remember Wednesdays and Thursdays are by appointment. Send an email to [shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org](mailto:shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org) before 6 p.m. the prior day to see if an instructor is available.

There is room for three cars in the back in addition to the spot next to the paddle tennis court, reserved for the day's instructor. Do not park on the cement, you may get a fine. If a disabled member arrives and all the spots are taken, please be prepared to move your car to the parking area in front of the scout house.



Jette Sorensen  
On behalf of the Shop Committee

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 8

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 pm by President Darrell Robb.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made. A quorum was established.

The April Executive Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the May Nugget. Darrell Robb pointed out that the Federation Show dates were incorrect on page 6 of the May Nugget and that they would be corrected in the upcoming Nugget.

- Darrell Robb informed there would be a Trading Post that evening.
- The following communications about the Fiesta of Gems were made:
  - Hellena Jones-Elbling asked for volunteers to help on various tasks during the Show and informed that a sign-in sheet was available. She especially highlighted the need for help at the plants booth on Sunday. Leda Rogers volunteered to be head of security.
  - Steve Dover indicated that seven display cases remained available. He also informed that hourly prizes would consist of items made or collected by Club members and would be on display in a case for winners to select. He asked for more prize donations.
  - Darrell Robb announced that two weeks before the Show the tablecloths would be collected and delivered to DJ Gervais, who had volunteered to wash them. He indicated help was needed to deliver the cloths to her.
  - Grace Sato announced cookies donations were needed; 40 plates with two dozen cookies each would be prepared for the vendors. She asked donations be brought to her workplace by Wednesday before the Show.
  - Lorraine Murphy requested donation of plant pots and potting soil and that they be delivered to the Shop. She asked that plants be picked up from her house on the Thursday before the Show and delivered at the Show site on Friday by 10 am She also indicated she would need help to return unsold plants to her house on Sunday after the Show.
  - Hellena Jones-Elbling informed she would schedule one last meeting before the Show to make sure all items had been addressed.

The following general announcements were made:

- Rick Shaffer reminded that the CFMS-AFMS Show would be taking place June 9-11. The deadline to submit a competitive exhibit was May 15. Mr. Shaffer also informed that the Federation would be offering a

judges training seminar June 6-7 at the Clock Tower in Ventura; enrollment deadline was May 15.

- Rick Shaffer informed the Federation would be hosting the 2017 Camp Paradise from Aug. 27-Sept. 9; applications were available at the Federation's website. He also provided cost information.
  - Darrell Robb informed Hans Baumann was organizing a field trip for June, yet to be announced.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Submitted by Ana Maria S. Guimaraes  
Recording Secretary

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES MAY 8

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Franne Einberg, Felice Ganz, DJ Gervais, Ana Maria S. Guimaraes, Alexa Hunter, Hellena Jones-Elbling, Bruce Mensinger, Janice Metz, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Grace Sato, Rick Shaffer, Jette Sorensen, Janelle Williams.

Meeting called to order by President Darrell Robb at 6:49 pm.

The April Executive Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the May Nugget.

- Education Chair: Alexa Hunter announced she would be making a presentation at the Audubon Middle School.
- Federation Report: Rick Shaffer reminded that the CFMS-AFMS Show would be taking place June 9-11; Janelle Williams and DJ Gervais would set up a booth on Friday but would need support during the weekend. Darrell Robb pointed out that the Show dates were incorrect on the May Nugget; Jette Sorensen committed to correcting the dates in the upcoming Nugget. Mr. Shaffer also reminded that the Federation would be offering a judges training seminar June 6-7 at the Clock Tower in Ventura. He said he had included in the library a copy of the rules for exhibiting specimens in competitions. Mr. Shaffer also informed the Federation would be hosting the 2017 Camp Paradise from Aug. 27-Sept. 9; and that applications were available at the Federation's website.
- Field Trips Report: Jette Sorensen informed Hans Baumann was organizing a field trip for June, yet to be announced.
- Librarian Report: Bruce Mensinger informed Leda

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**Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society**  
presents

**Ventura Rocks the Nation!**  
**CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention**

**June 9, 10 & 11, 2017**  
**Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4**

**Ventura County Fairgrounds**  
**10 West Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA**  
**Website: [2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com](http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com)**

Nugget. She committed to verifying whether the provider could also print the raffle tickets for the Fiesta of Gems.

- **Publicity Report:** Janice Metz informed she had completed all postings for the Fiesta of Gems. She asked to be provided with information about the Show's planned classes and demos.
- **Show Report:** Hellena Jones-Elbling informed she would verify whether Ellen Moe would obtain geodes. She confirmed Barbara Fier would create ads for the LA Times and the Argonaut. A discussion followed about cleaning the tablecloths and it was decided that two weekends before the Show the tablecloths would be delivered to DJ Gervais to be washed. Ms. Jones-Elbling indicated she would check whether the Culver City High School could provide volunteers to help on the Show. She also clarified that the Club would be purchasing food for vendors and volunteers and a food truck would not be available. Grace Sato asked Jette Sorensen to place an announcement about the cookies for the vendors in the Nugget and said she would make an announcement at the upcoming general meeting. Steve Dover said he would make an announcement about display cases and hourly prizes at the general meeting as well. Darrell Robb informed Lorraine Murphy had asked plants to be picked up from her house on the Thursday preceding the Show.
- **Shop Report:** Ken Rogers informed the high pressure cleaning gun needed repair. He recommended that once the tool had been repaired, shop instructors should receive a demo on how to use it properly, so that they in turn can teach Shop users.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Ana Maria S. Guimaraes  
Recording Secretary

Executive Mtg Minutes continued

Rogers had donated several books to the Club; some would go to the library and some would be sold at the Fiesta of Gems. A discussion followed about the need to update the library database.

- **Membership Report:** Darrell Robb asked that hard copy membership applications be made available at the CFMS Show.
- **Programs Report:** Ken Rogers informed programs were set up through August, when Brad Smith would be lecturing about simplified casting.
- **Publications Report:** Jette Sorensen indicated she was able to secure less expensive printing services for the

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Eyra Allen-Lucas  
Tatiana Valentine  
Sara Drew Grant  
Kari Herring  
Max Heavenich-Vassilos



## HELP! BAKERS NEEDED

Ever wonder how we get such great vendors at the Festival of Gems and why they return year after year? It may be because of the way we treat them – and that includes treating them to homemade cookies!

If you can, please make 6 dozen cookies and bring them to Grace Sato's business on Wednesday, July 7. Call ahead for curbside pickup.

The address is:

Design Caster  
5677 Selmaraine Dr,  
Culver City, CA 90230  
(310) 390-8100

If you are short on time or baking ambitions, we welcome you to do your baking in the cookie aisle of Whole Foods, Trader Joe's or another favorite shop.

## JUNE/JULY SHOWS

**June 9, 10 & 11, 2017: VENTURA, CA**  
2017 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention  
Hosted by Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society  
VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION!  
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbor Blvd  
Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467  
Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: [2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com](http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com)

**June 17 - 18: CAMBRIA, CA**  
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cambria Vets Hall, 1000 Main Street  
10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603  
Email: [kim@slogem.org](mailto:kim@slogem.org)  
Website: [www.slogem.org](http://www.slogem.org)



Enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch and shop for bargains at rock bottom prices! If that's your idea of heaven then you'll love the Annual Club Picnic and Silent Auction.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 am to 4 pm. Plan on bringing a dish to pass while the Club provides burgers, hot dogs, buns, plates and condiments. Bring your cold beverage (non-alcohol) and please donate something to the Silent Auction. Don't forget to bring cash for your purchases.

See you there.



## MAY PROGRAM REPORT

A working meeting was held to prepare grab bags and post cards for the Fiesta of Gems.

Submitted by Ana Maria S. Guimaraes

Go to  
[CulverCityRocks.org](http://CulverCityRocks.org)  
for the latest Workshops, Field Trips,  
Shop Closures and information.

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](http://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  
Shop Committee - President,  
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](mailto:shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org)

Thursday 10 am – 2 pm - By appointment,

email: [shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org](mailto: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.

The Nugget accepts paid advertisements. 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 to Culver City Rock and Mineral Club, P.O. Box 3324, Culver City, CA 90231, Attention: Editor.



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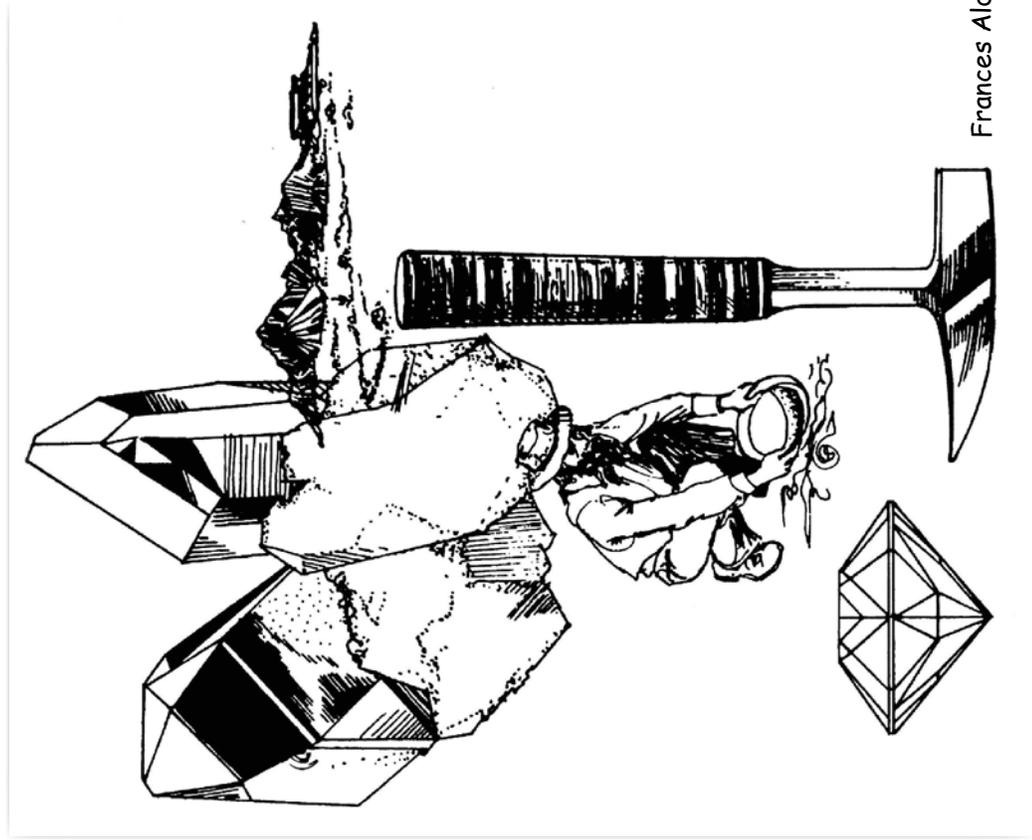
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