



The **CULVER CITY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB**, located in Culver City, California, brings together persons interested in the earth sciences to engage in research and study, to assist members in the collection and preservation of rocks and minerals and in the study of lapidary and related arts.



Linda Queally at the Amber Museum in Mexico

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 @ 7:30 pm Presented by artist and designer Linda Queally:

MEXICO'S PRECIOUS AMBER

Renowned for its clarity, color, and unique rare inclusions

Visitors are Welcome!

Amber is a precious mineraloid comprised of fossilized tree resin. Although amber is commonly associated with Europe's Baltic region, it is not so widely known that some of the most beautiful, unique and interesting amber is mined in a tiny town named Simojovel, nestled deep in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico.

Join us and Linda Queally, as she shares her history and things not generally known about amber. We'll journey to Simojovel, "La Tierra del Ambar," where you will learn about the color, mining techniques, age and properties that distinguish Mexican amber from other amber.

Linda is a full-time artist and jewelry designer. Linda's art education began with painting, and later grew to incorporate gems and jewelry. She began her gem studies in 2009 with annual trips to Tucson, Quartzsite and Denver gem shows. In 2012 she embarked on a four-month trip to



Simojovel, Chiapas, Mexico

Mexico which included four mining towns. In 2016 she earned an associate's degree and a certificate in gemology from Santiago Canyon College in Orange. Her jewelry education continues with lost wax design.

In addition to Linda's focus on water themes, with many mermaids and pearls, she developed a deep love and appreciation for amber during her travel to Mexico.

Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm

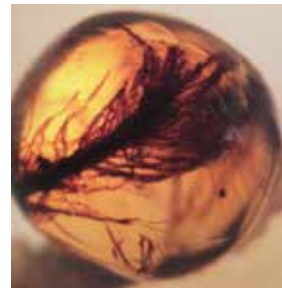
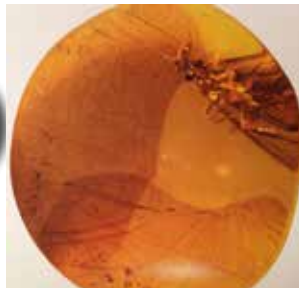
Culver City Veterans Memorial Multipurpose Room, 4117 Overland Ave. Culver City 90230

The Multipurpose Room is in the rear SW corner of the building, off the park.

FREE admission - FREE parking



Mexican amber specimens



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The main reason I joined a rock club was to go on field trips to locations in the desert, to mines, quarries, and along the shore. It's hard to express how exciting and invigorating a good day out on a field trip makes me feel, plus you usually bring back a few nice specimens to remember the trip. Rocky, our field trip coordinator, is putting together a couple ideas for the Club to try this Spring, and I wanted to call your attention an opportunity coming up in early March.

The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Show will be held this year on March 9, 10, and 11 just north of Victorville in the desert off Route 15. There are several field trips for agate and marble that are planned to leave from the Show. Show dealers will be set up in tents and RVs with all sorts of goodies. So there's plenty to see and do. For all the details, see the Show web site at: <http://www.vvmmc.org>.

For those who prefer to stay closer to home, March has a really nice rock and mineral show in Torrance. The South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society show will be March 3 & 4 at the Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. (entrance on Madrona.) Hours are Sat. 10 - 5 and Sun. 10 - 4. For more info, contact Nancy Pekarek at (310) 257-8152 or pekareks@hotmail.com or on the website southbay-lapidaryandmineralsociety.com.

Brad Smith
President

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: SHOW & TELL



Red poppy jasper cabochons, pendants, and belt buckles made by Steve Dover



Polychromatic jasper from Madagascar by Darrell Robb



Darren Conkin's stone pipes



FIREBELLYWOMAN creations



UPCOMING SHOWS
for more Shows go to:
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

March 9 - 11: VICTORVILLE, CA
Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Hwy 15 / Stoddard Wells Road
9 - 5 daily www.vvgmc.org

March 10 - 11: SAN MARINO, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Dr
Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5
<https://pasadenalapidary.org>

March 10 - 11: SPRECKELS, CA
Salinas Valley Rock and Gem Club
Spreckel's Veteran's Memorial Hall
5th & Llano Streets
10 - 5 daily
<http://salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com>

March 10 - 11: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
10 - 5 daily www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 17 - 18: LEMOORE, CA
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Lemoore Trinity Hall, 470 Champion Street
Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4
See Facebook

March 17 - 18: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Sta Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road
10 - 5 daily www.scvgms.org

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March 24 - 25: ANGELS CAMP, CA
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 24- 25: ROSEVILLE, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (off Washington)
Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 www.rockrollers.com



FEBRUARY PROGRAM: SILENT AUCTION



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

A quorum was reported by our membership chair for the general meeting. Two main items came up. First was the topic of fixing the 18-inch slab saw as discussed in the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Mike Hume to expend Club money to repair it. The motion seconded by Darrell Robb and passed by the membership.

A second item was brought up by Woody Shaffer concerning the mailing of the Nugget to the membership. He said that members were not receiving their paper copy by postal mail. The President explained that this issue had been raised last year and that he had appointed Andrea Fabian to the Publications Committee in January for the task of sending out the Nugget to all members in the format of their choice - either postal mail or email. He asked for a show of hands from all who had asked for a paper copy if they had in fact received it this month. Everyone wanting a paper copy had received it.

Woody Shaffer commented that the Bylaws required that every member be mailed a paper copy, and that brought up the exact meaning of "mailed" in the Bylaws. The President suggested that the Bylaws may need updating in several areas, and that a committee should be convened to review the document and suggest updates as necessary for balloting by the membership and consideration of how to distribute the Nugget. The general meeting was adjourned.

For the main activities of the evening, we were treated to a show and tell by several members before a silent auction organized for us by Ken Rogers.

submitted by
Brad Smith
President

NEW MEMBERS

Daniel French
Alicia Hernandez
Jean Jensen
Jose Santana
Fred Sewell
Jenny Tu

FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee met briefly before the start of the silent auction.

Hellena Jones-Elbling gave a summary of progress on the Fiesta of Gems show in June. The focus now is completing photography for the postcards. Ken Rogers announced the next few monthly speakers and asked about the Club's interest in holding a yard sale outside the Scout House and the Shop to clear out some equipment in the sheds. A motion to hold a yard sale in the April time frame was made by Ken Rogers and seconded by Felice Ganz. The motion was approved.

Bob Brownlee reported that the 16-inch saw was working well in the Shop and will be in better shape when the new carriage comes in. But the 18-inch saw is in need of an overhaul that will require expensive parts. A motion to approve the expenditure was made by Bob Brownlee and seconded by Darrell Robb. The motion was approved.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Stephanie Dangott and seconded by Steve Dover.

submitted by
Brad Smith
President

Elected Officers for 2018

President - Brad Smith
Vice President - Steve Dover
Treasurer - Darrell Robb (temporary)
Recording Secretary - Brandon Fleschner
Corresponding Secretary - Mia Quiles
Historian - Robert Brownlee
Parliamentarian - Johnny Hjorth

Committee Chairs

Education - Alexa Hunter
Federation Director - Rick Shaffer
Field Trips - Scott Silver
Librarian - Andrea Fabian
Membership - Stephanie Dangott
Co-Chair - Jan Ferguson
Minerals Co-Chairs - Eyra Allen-Lucas,
Krista Sawchuck
Photography - Pam Leitner
Programs - Ken Rogers
Publications Co-Chairs - Barbara Fier,
Jan Ferguson
Publicity - Janice Metz
Show - Hellena Jones-Elbling
Shop Committee - President,
Vice President, Shop Instructors
Social - Vacant
Co-Chair - Joyce Watanabe
Sunshine - Felice Ganz
Trading Post - Gary Mitchell
Web Master - Jette Sorensen
Workshops - Brad Smith

Board of Directors:

2018
Rick Shaffer - Jette Sorensen

2019
Brad Smith - Grace Sato

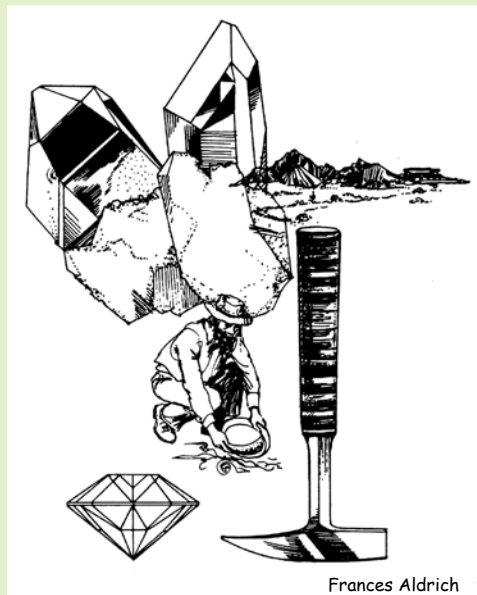
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Ana Maria S Guimaraes - Bruce Mensinger

MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings are held the second Monday of every month* at 7:30 pm, usually in the Multipurpose Room** in Veterans Memorial Bldg., 4117 Overland Ave. Enter through the rear door. Guests are welcome. Executive Committee Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room** in the Veterans Memorial Bldg. Club members are welcome.

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

**Consult the Nugget or the website for occasional location changes



Frances Aldrich

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

THE NUGGET

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. 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. Ads, copy, or business cards must be received by the 10th of the month.

Send materials to:

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Attention: Editor
P.O. Box 3324
Culver City, CA 90231



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., Culver City (Behind the Boy Scout clubhouse, 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 - Brad Smith

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.



March Birthdays

Peter Stankavich	2-Mar
Christian Burke	5-Mar
Bruce Stambaugh	8-Mar
Chris Golden	9-Mar
Grace Sato	9-Mar
Raquel Valles	9-Mar
Meegan Johnson	11-Mar
Susan Rich	11-Mar
Mike Halahan	12-Mar
Steven Laguardia	12-Mar
Sonya McLaughlin	12-Mar
Marc Whittemore	15-Mar
Ernest Lizarraras	20-Mar
Mia Quiles	21-Mar
Bruce Mensinger	23-Mar
David Crawford	28-Mar
Pam Leitner	28-Mar

Mining Supplies & Rock Shop

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