



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.



Annual Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Join us on

Monday, December 9 @ 6 pm

for our annual holiday party at **CULVER CITY ROTARY PLAZA, 5100 OVERLAND AVENUE, CULVER CITY**

Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by the installation of 2020 Club officers and the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

The holiday party is a potluck. The Club will provide turkey, ham, water and place settings. Members, please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert enough to share with 8 people and your own nonalcoholic beverage.

To participate in the White Elephant gift exchange, please bring a funny or imaginative, gender-neutral, wrapped gift. Suggested value is \$10-\$15. *It should be the type of gift you would enjoy receiving.* If you bring a gift, it will be exchanged for a ticket. When your ticket number is drawn you may pick a gift from the pile or "steal" a gift from someone who has already received one. If your gift is stolen, you may pick another from the pile but not "steal" from someone who already picked. In our exchange, all packages will remain wrapped until the last gift has been selected.

Please park in the street, not in the Rotary Plaza parking lot.

Volunteers are needed for set-up and to decorate the room. Please contact Brad@greenheart.com



General Meetings

General meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room at the Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230. [Guests are always welcome!](#)

Upcoming Programs

- December 9 – Members' Annual Holiday Party
- January 13 – Mexican Opals
- February 10 – To be announced

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Come One, Come All and Get Your Agate On!

On Saturday, December 14 at 9 am, come to Justin Zzyzx's place at 39184 Tami Road, Newberry Springs, to begin a day of collecting and Rockhound fun. From highway 15, exit at Harvard Road, (20 miles from Barstow, 1.5 hours from the Cajon Pass) go left, turn left onto Barrett Rd and left onto Tami Rd. A new Circle K has been built, very nice! (Don't be later than 9 am or we might have departed.)

I am the field trip Leader and Justin is the guide. There will be four locations to visit, all featuring different styles of agates, jaspers, and opalite.

Easy collecting for all ages.
100% accessible for all car types.

TOOLS: Sturdy bags/buckets, hard rock tools (Hammer/pick), water spray bottle, safety glasses, and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first-aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask.

Bring extra money for BLOWOUT prices on slabs, minerals, and tumbled stones Justin is selling, and you can also buy copies of "Rockhound Barstow" directly from the author (Justin!)

For questions, contact Devon:
devonlloydexotics@gmail.com

For Google Maps directions, click [here](#)

Submitted by
Devon Lloyd
Field Trip Chair

President's Message

I'd like to thank all of our officers and committee chairs for a fine job this year and welcome the new team who were elected to guide us in 2020. The fact that there are few changes serves as a testament to the stability of our leadership and our steadfast direction as a Club. Each year I truly believe we get better and better.

A hearty tip-of-the-hat to all those who work each month to keep the Club lively, interesting, educational, and entertaining. And to all, I wish you happiness and merriment at both our Club party this month and in the holidays that follow.

Safe holidays to all,

Brad Smith, President

Fiesta of Gems 2020

The Fiesta of Gems 2020 will take place on June 27 & 28. The theme will be amazonite. If you have photos or specimens that are amazing, we need your help! The Club needs images for our save the date postcard. Credit will be given for images or specimens used.

It's Time to Renew Your Dues

Keep your membership up to date! Membership renewals are due on January 1. Renew by going to: <http://culvercityrocks.org/membership.htm> and download the membership application.

Camp Zzyzx

The Earth Science Seminar is being held on April 5-12, 2020. A limited number of reservations are available, early registration is recommended. Classes offered will be: lapidary, beading, wire art, precious metal clay, soft stone carving, faceting, alternative casting, advanced wire art, silver fabrication, and field trips. Classes are subject to change. Please see the attached application on the last page for additional details.

Beaded Spiral Rope Necklace

Workshop Description:

Get ready for the holidays with lots of sparkles on this beautiful spiral rope. Made with over 150 crystals and clear beads, this rope works up quite quickly and looks spectacular on. You can make a matching bracelet and earrings and get ready to bedazzle.



Instructor: Janice Metz

Date: Friday, December 6

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: The Scout House at 10866 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230

Workshop Fee:

CCRMC: \$50

Non-Members: \$60

Material Kit: \$15

If you would like to purchase your own beads and crystals, a material list is available upon request. We will break for a short lunch, so please feel free to bring your own lunch.

To make your reservation, please RSVP to **Janice Metz** at jenft@gmail.com

Please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/487894705271368/> for more information.

Lead a Workshop!

Share your expertise and lead a workshop!

Please reach out to Workshops Chair, Janice Metz at jenft4@gmail.com for more information.

Soldered Simplest Toggles – More Handmade Findings

Workshop Description:

Learn to punch a washer out of a square piece of silver, then make it into a toggle clasp you can finish in any way you want – texture, embellish, high polish or create a satin finish. Make a toggle bar using pre-made pattern wire – or create your pattern with a rolling mill, hammer, or whatever you feel will work for your style. In short, make it your unique look that is different from store-bought, mass-produced findings. Make and solder a jump ring onto the washer, then solder a loop onto the toggle bar.



This workshop is limited to members of CCRMC. Membership can be arranged on the day of the workshop.

Instructor: Jette Sorensen

Date: Sunday, December 8

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: The CCRMC Workshop at 10866 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230 (behind the Scout House)

Workshop Fee:

CCRMC: \$50

Material Kit: \$20

To make your reservation, please RSVP to **Jette Sorensen** at jetsens@jetsens.com. Upon RSVP, a confirmation will be sent with payment instructions and information regarding tools to bring to the workshop.

Please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/912880755750858/> for more information.

November Program Report

Ken Rogers, Club member, presented a series of photographs of stones that, when cut open, display familiar images of figures and landscapes. Ken encouraged the audience to discover the images, which revealed themselves according to the viewer's personal experiences. Specimens shown included coprolite, jasper from multiple locations, agate, marble, thunder eggs, limestone, serpentine, rhodochrosite, and opals, among others. They harbored images of animals, people engaged in various activities, mythical figures, and nature landscapes.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

The JTI warehouse is over 10,000 sq. feet full of mineral-related items. Jewel Tunnel Imports is wholesale only except during these special, invitation only events. Not only were there fabulous specimens and rock related items, they provided snacks and drinks to those in attendance.

So, thank you Jewel Tunnel Imports, see you next year!



Jewel Tunnel Field Trip Report

Field Trip for Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
November 9, 2019 (10:00 to 4:00)



Jewel Tunnel Imports (JTI) invited our Club to a special open house. Many of the CCRMC members attended and took advantage of purchasing minerals and crystals at wholesale prices.

Jewel Tunnel Imports is a leading wholesale distributor of mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, tumbled stones, and many different kinds of lapidary items such as spheres, eggs, jewelry, and more.



Jewel Tunnel is located at 13100 Spring St, Baldwin Park, CA

(Wholesale only)

To get an idea of some of the items available at Jewel Tunnel go to their web site at:
www.jeweltunnel.com.

Submitted by
Pam Leitner
Photography Chair

General Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by President Brad Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was made. A quorum was established.

The following announcements were made:

- On Saturday, 11/16 Anderson Plywood will hold an old tool sale from 6 am to noon.

- The following workshops were scheduled:

- 11/17 Beginning Lapidary
- 11/22 Bead Embroidery Around a Cabochon
- 11/23 Findings: Toggle Clasp & Pattern Wire

Hook

- 12/6 Beaded Spiral Rope Necklace
- 12/8 Soldered Simplest Toggles

- On 11/16 the Bead Society will hold a pop-up event.

- On 11/17 Ken Rogers will hold a close-out sale of jewelry supplies, gemstones, crystals, and specimens.

- The West Coast Gem and Mineral Show will take place on 11/22-11/24 in Costa Mesa.

- The Oxnard Gem and Mineral Show will take place on 11/23-11/24.

- On 11/30 the Club will hold a yard sale at the shop for members to sell and buy items; those interested should contact Ken Rogers.

- The Quartzsite Show will be coming up after Thanksgiving.

- A field trip was scheduled on 12/4 in Barstow. Justin Zyzyx will lead the group into the Mojave Desert to look for agates and opalized jasper, at no charge.

The October General Meeting minutes were approved as read in the November Nugget.

Steve Dover requested a correction to the October Nugget, on page 4, to eliminate the reference to appointed candidates, since currently all candidates are elected.

He thanked the Nomination Committee and announced the following slate of offices for 2020:

- President: Brad Smith
- Vice-President: Steve Dover

- Treasurer: Darrell Robb
- Recording Secretary: Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
- Corresponding Secretary: Véronique Gautherot
- Parliamentarian: Jon P. Gowling
- Education: Karen Wallen
- Federation Director: Rick Shaffer
- Field Trips Chair: Devon Lloyd
- Historian: Virginia Hollis
- Librarian: Andrea Fabian
- Membership: Stephanie Dangott
- Membership Co-chair: Jan Ferguson
- Minerals Chair: Devon Lloyd
- Photography: Pam Leitner
- Programs: Ken Rogers
- Publications Chair: Janet Gampe
- Publicity: Janice Metz
- Show: Adrienne Louie
- Shop Committee: President, Vice-President and shop instructors
- Social Chair: OPEN
- Sunshine Committee Chair: Felice Ganz
- Trading Post: Gary Mitchell
- Web Master: Jette Sorensen
- Workshops: Janice Metz

2021

Board of Directors: Franne Einberg and Gary Mitchell

The 2020 Slate was elected unanimously.

Brad Smith informed he would not run for President in 2021 because of the expiration clause in the bylaws. He indicated that in order to run for President, a member has to have served as an officer for 2 years.

Ken Rogers announced the December Program would be the Holiday Party and the January Program would be about Mexican opals, including how to find good deals on opals at the Tucson show.

Adrienne Louie informed the Fiesta of Gems would take place 6/27-6/28, with set-up on 6/26, and the theme would be amazonite.

Brad Smith requested a volunteer to run the Holiday party; none was identified.

Gary Mitchell announced the trading post would be held that evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Executive Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Sabrina Keep, Adrienne Louie, Janice Metz, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Grace Sato, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Smith at 6:48 pm.

The October Executive Meeting minutes were approved as read in the November Nugget.

The following was discussed:

- Brad Smith requested a list of announcements to be made at the general meeting. The following items and events were listed:
 - Help was needed to coordinate the holiday party
 - Anderson Plywood old tool sale
 - Various upcoming Club workshops
 - Oxnard show
 - Club yard sale
 - Costa Mesa show
- Adrienne Louie proposed the following dates for the Fiesta of Gems show: 6/27-28 or 7/25-26. A motion was made and approved to set the Show dates as June 6/27-28, set-up on 6/26.
- Brad Smith indicated the 2020 slate elections were all set and two board members would also be elected at the general meeting.
- Ken Rogers informed that the January program would be about opals.
- Janice Metz announced the workshops scheduled for November and December and said she had brought fliers to distribute at the general meeting.
- Brad Smith informed that 80 people had expressed interest in joining the Club during the last show and that they would be invited to meetings.
- Darrell Robb stated the Club's investment returns for the period.
- Grace Sato reiterated someone needed to be identified at the general meeting to organize the Christmas party.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs

2020 Elected Officers

President – Brad Smith
Vice President – Steve Dover
Treasurer – Darrell Robb
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Parliamentarian – Jon P. Gowling

2020 Committee Chairs

Education – Karen Wallen
Federation Director – Rick Shaffer
Field Trips Chair – Devon Lloyd
Historian – Virginia Hollis
Librarian – Andrea Fabian
Membership – Stephanie Dangott
Membership Co-Chair – Jan Ferguson
Minerals Chair – Devon Lloyd
Photography – Pam Leitner
Programs – Ken Rogers
Publications Chair – Janet Gampe
Publications Co-Chair - VACANT
Publicity – Janice Metz
Show – Adrienne Louie
Shop Committee – President,
Vice President & Shop Instructors
Social Co-Chairs – VACANT
Sunshine – Felice Ganz
Trading Post – Gary Mitchell
Web Master – Jette Sorensen
Workshops – Janice Metz

2020 Board of Directors

Anna Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Bruce Mensinger

2021 Board of Directors

Franne Einberg
Gary Mitchell

Submitted by
Sabrina Keep
Corresponding Secretary

Lapidary Shop

Our fully equipped lapidary shop hours and instructors are:

Tuesday 7 pm - 9 pm Rick Shaffer

Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm Vern Lowe or Jette Sorensen. By appointment only, email: shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org

Thursday 10 am - 2 pm Brad Smith

Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm Lynne Lukert or Steve Dover

Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm Jette Sorensen

Call 310-836-4611 if you are arriving 30 minutes after the posted start time, at the discretion of our instructors, they may close the Shop if no one arrives within the first 30 minutes.

Members must be current with membership dues, sign an annual insurance waiver and receive instruction before starting in the Shop.

Practice rough and slabs are included in the basic shop fee.

The Shop is for use by adults 18+ only; junior members 13+ must sign a special release and a parent/guardian must be present to use any equipment.

10866 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90230
The Shop is located behind the Scout House.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.culvercityrocks.org/lapshop.htm>

Upcoming Shows

December 7-8:: **Barstow, CA**
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Show
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Rd.
Hours:
<http://www.mdgms.net>
Contact: Danny Watts, (760) 373-1309



Edmondo A. Coronel	December 1
Veronica Torres	December 3
Robert Willett	December 3
Virginia Hollis	December 6
Brian Lallement	December 7
Mike Manaugh	December 9
Yvette Marie Trinh	December 9
Ellen Moe	December 10
Denise Bachman	December 16
Joshua Corey	December 18
Veronica Becerra	December 19
Robyn Dunbar	December 19
Linda Tidwell	December 20
Bart Gampe	December 23
Andrea Fabian	December 29

Welcome to Our New Members



THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.



DEDICATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND ENJOYMENT OF
THE EARTH SCIENCES
CAMP ZZYZX



We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar being held at the Desert Studies Center, Soda Springs (Zzyzx) located approximately 50 miles Northeast of Barstow, CA. Off I-15 at Zzyzx Rd.

Facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed & mattress. Cleaning is the occupant's responsibility. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag, and any creature comforts you may desire i.e. lamp, throw rug, ice chest. RV parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the Center and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are in separate buildings at the center and are communal.

The Earth Science Committee reserves the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center; consequently, **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED**. A limited number of reservations are available and an early application is recommended. Subject to change these classes will be offered:

LAPIDARY BEADING WIRE ART FIELD TRIPS SILVER FABRICATION ADVANCED WIRE ART
PRECIOUS METAL CLAY SOFT STONE CARVING FACETING ALTERNATIVE CASTING

The fee for the week is **\$405.00** per person and includes quarters or RV space, three meals per day, and classes. Additional charges may be assessed for material furnished by instructors.

IF YOU USE YOUR RV YOU CAN SAVE \$50.00 / Day Trippers Cost is \$250 for the week

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MARCH 1, 2020 unless a replacement is provided.

A \$25.00 Administration Fee will be assessed for cancellations prior to March 1, 2020.

Please complete the Registration form and Mail with full payment; **Payable to CFMS**

MAIL APPLICATION TO: AUDREY HARVEY 3363 Tuxford Place Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 805*492*2253	<p align="center">CAMP ZZYZX</p> <p align="center">APRIL 5TH – APRIL 12TH, 2020</p>	<p align="center"><u>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</u></p> <p align="center"><u>CONTACT:</u></p> Tony & Sandie Fender phone 626-897-5281 email: sandie.fender@gmail.com
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REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2020

Applications received after this date will be placed on a stand-by list and considered only when a vacancy exists.

Please use block printing:

(A) Mr. Mrs. Ms _____

(B) Mr. Mrs. Ms _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLE APPLICANTS ONLY. RV ___ DORM ___ Day Tripper ___ ROOM REQUEST FOR MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS. PLEASE DESCRIBE _____ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ___

DIABETIC ___ OTHER ___ EXPLAIN _____

DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1ST 2019! ! REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1ST WILL BE PLACED ON THE "WAITING LIST"

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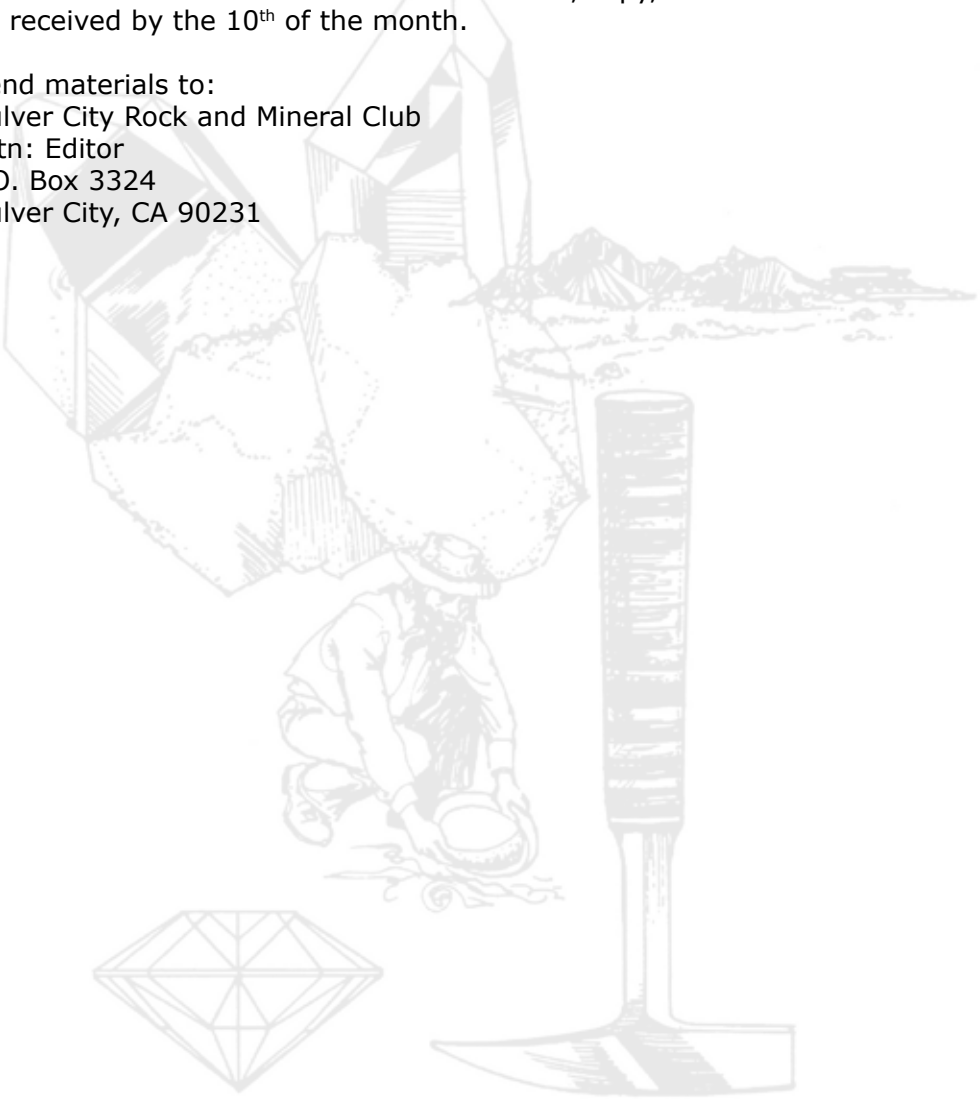
Submissions deadline is on the 15th of every month. Articles or notes without a byline are written by the Editor. Permission to copy is freely given as long as proper credit is noted. Photographs without credits are shot by a CCRMC member. Permission to use photography is freely given as long as proper credit is noted.

Email submissions to: nugget@culvercityrocks.org

the Nugget - Advertisements

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:
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Board of Directors

2019
Brad Smith
Grace Sato

2020
Anna Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Bruce Mensinger

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