



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.

May Virtual Program: Finding Gold in Colorado, from before the gold rush to the modern era.

Join us on Monday, May 10 @ 7:00 pm in our Zoom Room as we join Kevin Singel's explorations of historic sites & modern prospecting honey holes.

Although not well known, gold discoveries in Colorado started long before the California Gold Rush of 1859. Kevin will discuss some of the earlier gold discoveries, the connections to the Colorado Gold Rush, the Georgia Gold Rush, the British Columbia Gold Rush and others. The early successes and failures of the actual rush and how the gold mining industry has changed and evolved over the decades.

Kevin's presentation also covers some details of modern gold prospecting and highlights resources he has created to make it easy for visitors to Colorado who may want to go prospecting for their own wild" gold. These include, both free resources and books. His presentation is peppered with entertaining stories and anecdotes from the early days in various gold rush towns.



When he was 6, Kevin Singel's father read to him an article in the National Geographic. It was about a gold rush in Australia, and from that point, young Kevin became enamored with gold and gold rushes. In 1989, Kevin's family relocated to Colorado, and within a week, he learned how to pan for gold. As time passed, and Kevin had his own family, he would drag his family on mine tours, and then on Father's Day, he would make his kids go panning with him. He even had a ring made for his wife, with gold he had dug himself. Now, over the last 12 years, Kevin has been out in the field, gold prospecting, at least once every month (with just two exceptions for family commitments) around the calendar!



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a message from the

PRESIDENT

The LA Times has run a few stories about how well we're doing with virus numbers, so there may be some hope for us to resume regular in-person Club meetings by Summer. Regardless, our Shop continues to be open (by appointment only) three times a week, and there's even talk about having a Spring Shop Yard Sale coming up soon.

Please keep in touch with what's going on with our Club via our two Zoom meetings each month. First Monday is a meeting of all committee chairs, and second Monday is or all-Club meeting and speaker presentation.

Wishing you and your families are doing well.

Brad Smith
President

Upcoming Activities

- May 03 – Executive Meeting
- May 10 – General Meeting & May Program
- June 07 – Executive Meeting
- June 14 – General Meeting & June Program
- July 5 – Executive Meeting
- July 12 – General Meeting & May Program

General Meetings on Zoom

As we continue to navigate through the "Safer at Home Orders" all meetings will be held via video conferencing.

General Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at **7:00 PM on Zoom** until it is safe to resume in person meetings.

Join the Zoom meeting by clicking here:
<https://zoom.us/j/3108364611?pwd=WnRTclZTS3RJMEdWdlV2c01mQWxqdz09>

Meeting ID: 310 836 4611

Password: rocks

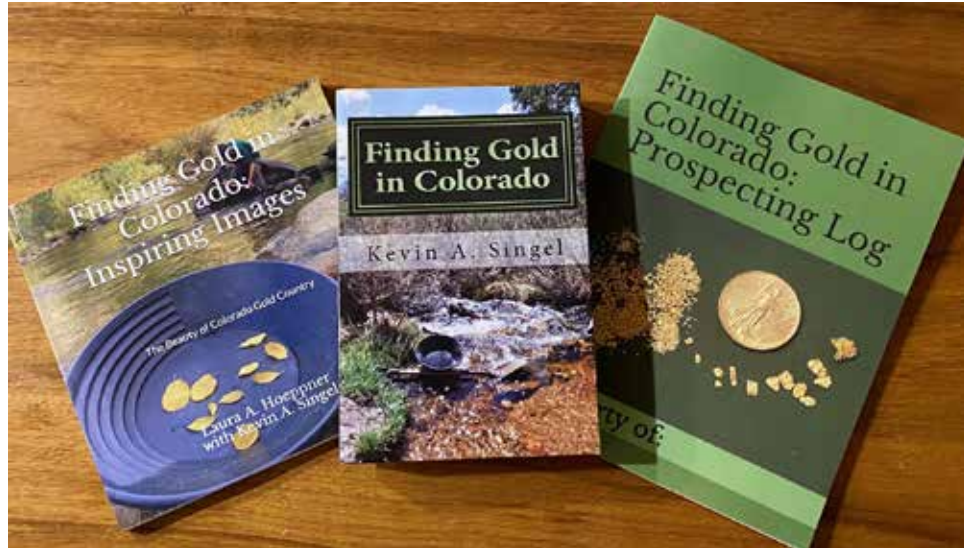
Guests are always welcomed to join us.



Elyse Pasquale	May 4
Courtney Starbird	May 5
Margaret Oberg	May 28

Finding Gold in Colorado, from before the gold rush to the modern era *continued...*

Since his professional retirement in 2016, Kevin has collaborated with his wife (a photographer and documentary film producer) to write and publish three books for modern Colorado gold prospectors. This has given him the opportunity to travel the state, touring every relevant museum, historic town, mine tour, ghost town, etc., in a quest to see and do everything a gold mining history buff might want to do during a visit.



All of this went into his first book *Finding Gold in Colorado: Prospector's Edition*, along with over 180 unclaimable, public access dig sites! Additional books currently include a full color tour of Colorado Gold Country entitled *Finding Gold in Colorado: Inspiring Images* and *Finding Gold in Colorado: Prospecting Log*. Further books in the series are being developed. The website www.findinggoldincolorado.com and a companion Facebook group "Finding Gold in Colorado" provide many free resources and a thriving community of Colorado gold prospectors and intended visitors.



Submitted by
Ken Rogers
Programs Chair

April Program Report: Indonesian Gemstones

Sujatmiko Miko, a geologist from the Indonesian Gems Society who lives in Java, has collected Indonesian gemstones since 1990. He provided an introduction to Indonesian gemstones.

Indonesia is an archipelago nation, comprising more than seventeen thousand islands and four hundred volcanoes, of which more than one hundred remain active. The nation is rich in oil, natural gas, copper, tin, gold and nickel. Defined by its national language, ethnic diversity, and religious pluralism, a shared identity has developed with the motto "Unity in Diversity".

Between 1997 and 2001, twenty four varieties of Indonesian semi precious stones were identified. Between 2014 and 2015 gemstones gained a high level of interest from people of all backgrounds across the country.

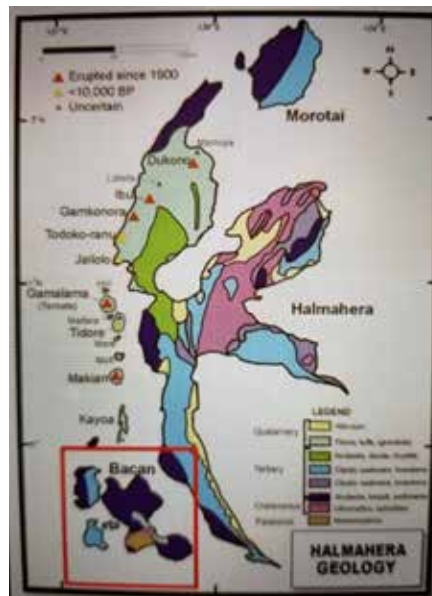
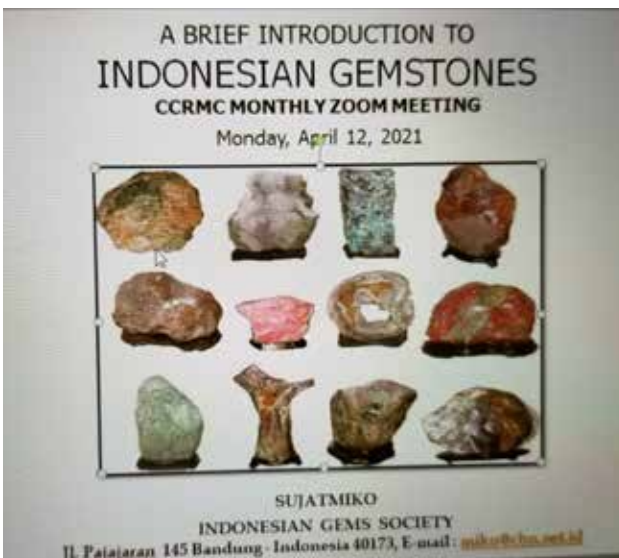
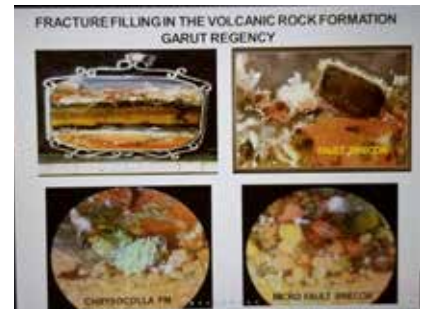
In West Java, the Garut and Tasikmalaya provinces produce a multitude of gems. Garut, a volcanic formation, is rich in chrysoprase, chrysocolla, red

and multicolored jasper, petrified wood, chalcedony, rhodonite and moss agate. In Tasikmalaya, region of 20-25 million year-old marine sediments, one can find silicified coral, in addition to multicolored jasper, chalcedony, agate, amethyst geode and jasper magnetite, among other gemstones. In Tasikmalaya, the Jasper Park was created to protect the jasper.

In Central Java, Purbalingga produces jasper, including green jasper. The region comprises a mountainous area of volcanic origin and a drainage basin that receives water from the Klawing river. Tools made of jasper in the Acheulean tradition have been found in the region.

On Halmahera, the largest if the Maluku islands in the Bacan archipelago, chrysocolla quartz and flower chrysocolla are predominant. Copper chrysocolla chalcedony is also present.

Submitted by
Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary



Executive Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2021

Those present: Steve Dover, Stephanie Dangott, Kent Goodman, Alexa Hunter, Pam Leitner, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Ana M Strambi Guimaraes, Janelle Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.

The following items were discussed:

-Initiation fee: Jette Sorensen noted that the initiation fee was required by the bylaws, and in order to waive it, the bylaws would have to change. Brad Smith did not feel inclined to change the bylaws, as that required membership's approval and it was difficult to get their attention. The bylaws provide no allowance to waive the fee. It was decided that the fee would continue to be charged, but the Club would do whatever possible to facilitate new memberships, as membership was down significantly. Brad noted that the Los Angeles county had lifted some restrictions, which could permit in-person meetings in a few months, where badges would be needed.

-Shop Occupancy: Brad Smith indicated the Club may be able to allow one more person in the Shop at a time, due to the county easing restrictions to fifty percent occupancy. Kent Goodman volunteered to open the Shop one more day in the evening, for members who could not attend during the day. However, he preferred to keep the occupancy at two people (plus instructor), until virus infection trends improved further. Jette committed to informing members about the new Shop days.

-Shop Equipment and Layout: Steve Dover reported the two new grinding units had been installed. Jette Sorensen proposed replacing the fridge with a smaller one, but the idea was not accepted. Kent Goodman obtained permission to clean up and paint the Shop. He also obtained approval to purchase a valve for one of the oxygen tanks; Steve Dover indicated he could order it with 25% discount.

-Treasurer Report: Darrell Robb informed the Club's finances remained healthy and the Club should be able to carry its activities through the remainder of the year, even if there were no show.

-Membership: Jette Sorensen informed the Club had seventy members.

-History: A discussion took place about digitizing old issues of The Nugget.

-Programs: Ken Rogers indicated he did not have a program locked down for next month and suggested doing a show-and-tell. Jette Sorensen informed the Club had permission to use certain videos about lapidary and would send the information to Ken, for future programs. Ken also proposed doing a yard sale as an activity to help keep members connected.

-Show: Janelle Williams informed that vendors have been inquiring about the Fiesta of Gems. Brad Smith recommended members to be on the alert for shows held indoors and indicated it was hard to predict when the Club would be able to host a show.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

General Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2021

Steve Dover called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

-Steve informed the new wheels were operating at the Shop. Jette Sorensen indicated she had informed members via email about the new Shop schedule: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a three people limit on Saturdays and two people the other days.

-Ken Rogers informed the next month program would be about finding gold in Colorado. The following month may be show-and-tell.

-Jette Sorensen shared a photograph of the Shop and a discussion took place about rearranging equipment to improve people access and optimize use of space. Replacing the casting machine with one with better vacuum capacity was also suggested. Brad Smith recommended the Shop Committee worked on the Shop layout.

-Quorum was established and the March meeting minutes were approved as published in the April Nugget.

The monthly program took place and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by
Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Lapidary Shop *is open!!!*



Our fully equipped Lapidary Shop is open on a limited basis with modified rules and capacities.

Everyone is required to wear masks, observe social distancing and sign a liability waiver for the Club.

The Shop will be limited to only 2 members (3 on Saturdays), plus instructors.

Absolutely NO walk-ins are allowed!

Please contact the instructor to reserve your spot:

Thursday 5 pm – 9 pm
Kent Goodman: kentgoodman@gmail.com

Friday 12 pm – 4 pm
Kent Goodman: kentgoodman@gmail.com

Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm
Lynne Lukert: gemlynne@ca.rr.com

Sunday 10 am – 2 pm
Kent Goodman: kentgoodman@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend at the last minute or are going to be more than 30 minutes late, please notify the instructor so they can offer the spot to someone else or wait for you.

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

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
Shop phone number: 310-836-4611

The new expando wheels are installed and fully functional!



We're happy to announce the addition of new expando wheels and maintenance upgrades to our 18 inch flat lap, coordinated by Steve Dover.





CFMS Shows

Many clubs have canceled or changed their show dates due to Covid-19. At the time of publication, these are the shows that have not been canceled.

Please check the CFMS website for the most up to date information on upcoming shows.

<https://www.cfmsinc.org/shows-2/>

May 1-2, 2021 – Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine Gem and Craft Show
Hwy 49 in Jackson, CA
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: 209-296-4061, blackwolf@vgoalcano.net

May 7-8, 2021 – Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St, Yucaipa, CA 92399
Friday, May 7: 6 pm to 10 pm,
Saturday, May 8: noon to 10 pm
Contact: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: <http://yvgms.org>

June 12-13, 2021 – Escondido CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
Palomar Gem and Mineral Show
340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido CA 92025
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Website: pgmcshow@palomargem.org

August 14-15, 2021 – Arcadia CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
"Inspiration Unearthed",
62nd Annual Tournament of Gems
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Daily
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: pasadenalapidary.org

September 18-19, 2021 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928
Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
Contact: 530-586-7052
Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

CFMS Camp Paradise

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Invites You to Join Us at Camp Paradise

Great news, we will be holding Camp Paradise this year. We are adding enameling this year. There will be additional health and safety measures in place to assure a safe environment. Please contact either Sandi Kilcrease or Sandie Fender to get the application form.

Week 1: August 22nd – August 28th

Week 2: August 29th – September 4th

CLASSES INCLUDE

- Cabochon Making
- Silver Smithing
- Beading
- Faceting
- Chain Making
- Glass Bead Making
- Precious Metal Clay (PMC)
- Wire Wrap Art
- Lost Wax Metal Casting
- Dichroic Glass Fusion
- Soft Stone Carving
- Ming Trees
- Enameling



Camp Paradise is in the Plumas National Forest near Clipper Mills, CA

For more information about time, location, lodging, etc., contact:

Camp Paradise Registrar Sandi Kilcrease

422 Mitchel Lake Court
Copperopolis, CA 95228
(831) 334-1170
email: slk95228@gmail.com

Also available to assist you:

E.S.S. Committee Co-Chairs Tony & Sandie Fender

email: sandie.fender@gmail.com

the Nugget - Submissions

Submissions deadline is on the 15th of every month. Articles or notes without a byline are written by the Editor. Photographs without credits are shot by a CCRMC member.

Email submissions to Janet Gampe, Editor: 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.

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Attn: Editor
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Culver City, CA 90231

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Frances Aldrich

2021 Elected Officers

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Brad Smith

Vice President
Steve Dover

Treasurer
Darrell Robb

Recording Secretary
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes

Corresponding Secretary
Véronique Gautherot

Parliamentarian
Jon P. Gowling

2021 Committee Chairs

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

Board of Directors

2021
Franne Einberg
Gary Mitchell

2022
Virginia Hollis
Janet Louie

2023
Adrienne Louie
Jette Sorensen

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