



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.



## June Virtual Program: Here's What I Did During the Lockdown

Join us on Monday, June 14 @ 7:00 pm in our Zoom Room as our Club members will show and tell us about their pandemic creations and/or collected rocks and minerals.



Pamela Leitner



Joanie Rippner



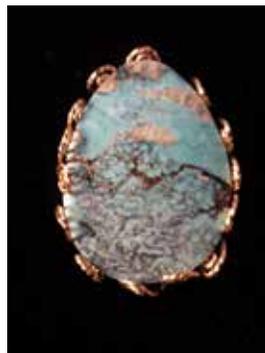
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Steve Dover



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Steve Dover

Submitted by  
**Ken Rogers**  
Programs Chair

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a message from the

# PRESIDENT

## Upcoming Activities

- June 07 – Executive Meeting
  - June 14 – General Meeting & June Program
  - June 26 – Shop Yard Sale (tentative)
  - July 5 – Executive Meeting
  - July 12 – General Meeting & May Program
  - August – Executive Meeting
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## 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.

Across Los Angeles and Culver City we continue to see evidence of recovery and return to normality. More rock sales and even some outdoor shows are being announced in the area. If you're interested, a good place to find announcements is the LA-Rocks group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/411978609512229>

So this summer is looking good for our Club to start enjoying the nice weather with some of the Club's traditional in-person events like a Shop yard sale and the picnic & silent auction.

The news is citing June 14th as the official re-opening, so I called the Parks Department to see what plans the Veterans Memorial complex has to begin renting rooms for monthly meetings and making reservations for shows in the auditorium. They have no solid date yet for being able to schedule indoor activities. However, there's a feeling it may happen within a few more weeks. Guidelines are evolving, this person said. The thinking is to err on the safe side in that when applications start, they will only approve dates only 90 days into the future.

While indoor meetings are still guarded, outdoor activities are now fully permitted so we will be organizing a Shop yard sale towards the end of the month. June 26th is looking like a good date. More details will be sent in an email blast to members.

**Brad Smith**  
President

# May Program Report: Finding Gold in Colorado

Guest speaker Kevin Singel is the author of the book Finding Gold in Colorado. He discussed historical events that led to the Gold Rush in Colorado and how gold prospecting has evolved in the state since.

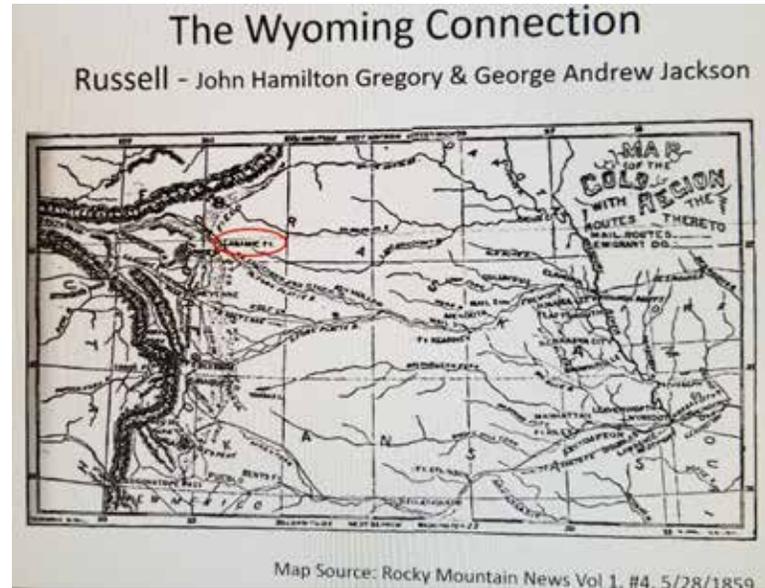


Gold was found in Colorado before the 1800's, but there is no reliable record of it. Timber was mined near Silverton as early as 1712.

The first official records of gold discovery in Colorado date in the mid 1800's. The Georgia Gold Rush had led to the displacement of the Cherokee nation in 1838. In 1849-50, Cherokee Indians were driving horses to California, attracted by the gold rush in that state. They could not proceed across the mountains during the winter, being forced to wait out in Denver, and ended up finding gold in the waterways there. In 1858, William Greene Russell and Cherokee Indians discover gold at the Little Dry Creek.



Meanwhile, John Hamilton Gregory, a Georgian farmer who could not get money to start a crop, decided to go west, attracted by the gold rush, but is broke by the time he arrives at Fort Laramie, in Wyoming. He hears the rumors about finding gold to the south and decides to head there. He meets George Andrew Jackson, who had also decided to go south before heading east. They spend the winter in Arapahoe city, established in November 1858, and make important discoveries.



Jackson finds gold in Idaho Springs on January 7, 1859 and tells Gregory, who prospects the opposite arm of the fork and finds better gold. By summer, a hundred fifty thousand people had been attracted to the site, in the biggest gold rush in history. The rush continued in 1860 and another rush took place

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# May Program Report: Finding Gold in Colorado *continued*

in 1853. The final rush happened in 1893, with huge amounts of gold found in Cripple Creek, near the base of Pikes Peak, which accounted for two thirds of US gold production. The region still produces significant quantities of gold, at the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine (CC&V).

Several museums in the region offer interesting exhibits about the Colorado Gold Rush, such as the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs, the CSM Geology Museum, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, as well as several museums in Idaho Springs.

The dome of the state capitol in Denver has been plated gold since 1908. Forty ounces of local gold were shipped to Italy to make gold leaf and plate the dome.

## Finding Gold in Colorado – The Book

- 15 living mining towns, 31 museums, 18 mills and mines to tour, 186 prospecting sites and countless ghost towns & mines
- Chapters:  
Metro Denver, Boulder County, Central City & Gilpin County, Idaho Springs & Clear Creek County, Breckenridge & Summit County, Fairplay & Park County, Leadville & the Upper Arkansas, Buena Vista & the Lower Arkansas, Cripple Creek, Tin Cup and Taylor Park, Summitville & Creede, Lake City, Ouray & Ridgeway, Telluride, Silverton & Durango, Dolores & the far southwest, Western Colorado River Country, Craig and the Northwest
- Published May 27, 2018, updated for 2021!
- Special thanks to Laura Hoepfner for photography & editing
- Buy the book, \$25.95 to [www.paypal.me/findinggoldinco/](http://www.paypal.me/findinggoldinco/)
  - 10% of revenue back to your club
  - Free, immediate shipping

Additional resources: [www.findingGOLDinColorado.com](http://www.findingGOLDinColorado.com) and the Facebook group "Finding Gold in Colorado"

**Now get out there and "Find YOUR gold!"**

## Gold!

From the remote southwest to the state capitol...



A gold dome since 1908



Dolores River Campground And Dolores Town Park



An outing in metro Denver



Submitted by  
**Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes**  
Recording Secretary

## Gold Fun Facts

- Nearly all gold on Earth came from meteorites that bombarded the planet over 200 million years after it formed.
- The element for gold is AU – comes from the old Latin name for gold, a urum, which means "shining down" or "glow of sunrise."
- Gold is extremely ductile. A single ounce of gold (~28 grams) can be stretched into a gold thread 5 miles long.
- Gold is the only metal that is yellow or "golden."

ThoughtCo. (January 30, 2020) 10 Interesting Facts About Gold. [Article] <https://www.thoughtco.com/interesting-gold-facts-607641>

## Where can I really dig?



The areas covered by each chapter of the book  
Finding Gold in Colorado  
[www.findinggoldincolorado.com](http://www.findinggoldincolorado.com)

LEGEND  
COUNTIES WITH DISTRICTS  
MINING DISTRICTS  
GOLDEN BELT  
EXTENSIVE MINERAL BELT

# Executive Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2021

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Kent Goodman, Jon Gowling, Alexa Hunter, Pam Leitner, Darrell Robb, Jette Sorensen, Ana M Strambi Guimaraes, Karen Wallen.

Steve Dover called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

The April meeting minutes were approved as read in the May Nugget.

The following items were discussed:

**Treasurer Report** - Darrell Robb informed he had not seen the April statements yet, but that overall the club had sufficient funds to cover expenses through the remainder of the year. Steve Dover added that the contents of the club's safe deposit box needed to be moved by the end of June as the bank branch was closing.

**Shop Report** - Steve Dover informed that an audit of the Shop books had been scheduled and asked Shop committee members to place receipts in the file at the shop to make sure they are included in the audit. Jette Sorensen asked to be notified via text message when there were new membership applications and renewals delivered at the shop. Kent Goodman indicated he preferred not to have more than two workers at the shop on the days he was instructing, due to the pandemic. Steve mentioned that the water system needed repairs, as several leaks had been noted, and indicated he had bought replacement parts.

**Membership Report** - Jette Sorensen informed the club had about 70 members and that it had 100 to 140 members before the pandemic.

Other Discussion Items:

-Jette Sorensen confirmed to Pam Leitner that she had received the pictures from the previous program, for the Nugget.

-Darrell Robb informed the Club would be donating the last speaker's honoraries to the Rotary Foundation, in his name. He indicated that the previous two speakers donated their honoraries to the CFMS scholarship fund.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

# General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Brad Smith; however, quorum was not established.

The following items were discussed:

- Brad Smith informed he had left messages for the auditorium administration inquiring about opening up; however his calls had not been returned. He indicated it was unlikely that the Club would host a show this year.

-Ken Rogers informed that the next month's program would be Show & Tell by the members.

-Jette Sorensen announced that the Club had 74 members, including two new members joining that day.

-Jette Sorensen indicated she would like to post historical documents of the Club on the website. She mentioned that there was no back-up for certain Club documents such as seals and the log book. She also reminded that there were documents in a bank safe deposit box that would need to be moved to another box by the end of June as the branch bank was closing. Steve Dover informed that he had attempted to contact the branch unsuccessfully and Darrell Robb had visited the branch on a Saturday, but it was closed; he would attempt a visit on a weekday.

-Kent Goodman informed he had been cleaning the Shop and showed "before and after" pictures.

-Darrell Robb informed the Club was in good financial health, as expenses had been low.

-Kent Goodman informed that the 120 and 180 grinders were out of service. Steve Dover recommended discussing the matter offline, with the Shop committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM and the program followed.

*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](mailto:kentgoodman@gmail.com)

Friday 12 pm – 4 pm  
Kent Goodman: [kentgoodman@gmail.com](mailto:kentgoodman@gmail.com)

Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm  
Lynne Lukert: [gemlynne@ca.rr.com](mailto:gemlynne@ca.rr.com)

Sunday 10 am – 2 pm  
Kent Goodman: [kentgoodman@gmail.com](mailto: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

We hope your birthday rocks...

# Happy Birthday!

Ana Maria Guimaraes

Adrienne Louie

Darrell Robb

Donna Weaver

Janelle Williams

Lorna Herf

Mary Ellen Shaffer

Stanislav Tertitsa

Susan Acosta

## CCRMC Community Marketplace

Virginia Rotramel, who has been a rockhound for many years is having a sale. She has also been show chair for the Woodland Hills Rock chippers and went to many CFMS field trips. Virginia would like for her rocks, cabs, and machines to go to good homes. She has 40' of Davis Creek Obsidian bins of geodes, lots of jasper and agates, etc.

Rough will be \$1/pound.

**Date:** Saturday and Sunday, June 4 & 5

**Time:** 8am - 2pm

**Address:** 3598 Chestnut Drive, Norco, CA 92860

Bring your own buckets, spray bottle, masks, and **cash only**. Please respect her privacy and only come out on the sale day. For more information, contact Nancy Bird at: 562-697-0636 or email her at: [nancyjbird68@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjbird68@gmail.com)



## CFMS Upcoming 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/>

### **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](mailto:pgmcshow@palomargem.org)

### **June 25-27, 2021 Lodi, CA – Cancelled**

CFMS Annual Show and Conference

### **June 27, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA**

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook CA 92028  
Sunday 12 Noon – 4 PM  
Contact (760) 728-1130  
Email: [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)

We will be following all CDC and government guidelines at this event.

Everyone is welcome to our annual Rough 'N Cut!

Come visit our world renown gem and mineral museum, meet fellow gem and mineral enthusiasts, and have a great time shopping for natural treasures. We are selling: lapidary materials, equipment, minerals, gemstones and more earth science treasures!

“We do not accept vendors for this event”

### **July 10, 2021 – Bellflower, CA**

Delver's Gem and Mineral Society  
Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 14515 Blaine Ave.,  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
Parking lot sale! Our Society is holding a parking lot sale. We will be selling rocks, minerals, equipment and other odds and ends.  
Website: [delversgemclub.wordpress.com](http://delversgemclub.wordpress.com)

### **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](mailto:ellenbf2007@aol.com)  
Website: [pasadenalapidary.org](http://pasadenalapidary.org)

### **September 4-5, 2021 – Reno, NV**

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
Jackpot of Gems  
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia St., Reno  
Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Contact Dan Ellis, [sailondan55@aol.com](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com)  
Website: [www.renogms.org](http://www.renogms.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>

### **October 9-10, 2021 – Los Altos, CA**

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society  
One No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022  
Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384  
Email: [steve\\_job@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcbglobal.net)  
Website: <http://pggs.org>

## Fee Free Days

If you're interested in visiting your National Parks or Monuments, providing the Covid restrictions are lifted, listed here are the fee free days that you can get free entrance into Parks and Monuments.

August 4: One year anniversary of the [Great American Outdoors Act](#)

August 25: [National Park Service Birthday](#)

September 25: [National Public Lands Day](#)

November 11: Veterans Day

# the Nugget - Submissions

Submissions deadline is on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nugget@culvercityrocks.org)

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Send materials to:  
Culver City Rock and Mineral Club  
Attn: Editor  
P.O. Box 3324  
Culver City, CA 90231

# Club General Meetings

Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex  
Multipurpose Room  
4117 Overland Avenue  
Culver City, CA 90230

# Lapidary Shop

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# Mailing Address

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# 2021 Elected Officers

**President**  
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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MINERAL CLUB

# the NUGGET



Frances Aldrich

## We'd love to feature YOU in the next Nugget.

Tell us a little about yourself, include some photos so we can "meet" you and throw in your website URL to share the greatness that is you. Send your info to: [nugget@culvercityrocks.com](mailto:nugget@culvercityrocks.com)

The Club is happy to present a space for our members and friends to sell, trade or give away any items related to rocks, minerals, gems, lapidary equipment, jewelry tools and supplies, and rock hounding.

### How to sell an item

Send an email to [nugget@culvercityrocks.org](mailto:nugget@culvercityrocks.org) with the following info:

- Title of the item for sale or the name of your sales event with a brief description
- Picture of the item for sale (if applicable)
- Price
- Seller's name and contact information
- Date of event (if applicable)