



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.

April Virtual Program: Must-See U.S. Gemstone Mines

Join us on Monday, April 11 @ 7:30 pm in our Zoom Room with Helen Serras-Herman (Gem sculptor, sculptor MFA, gemologist FGA) as she shares her journey and passion for art, jewels, and gems.

The Must-See US Gemstone Mines is a new Powerpoint presentation by acclaimed gem artist and gemologist Helen Serras-Herman. Helen's rich visual story will take participants to several operational and historic gemstone mines and museums in North Carolina, Montana, South Dakota, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, and Arizona, in the hopes of giving participants a better understanding of the mining challenges which are reflected in the gemstones' values and availability. In this presentation, Helen features rare and unusual gemstones including Crabtree emerald, cuprite, chrysocolla, sunstone, and many more. Participants may also get excited and plan their own visit and adventure to these fabulous places for a first-hand exploration.



"Over the past three decades I have visited many mines around the US. A number of them are active mines producing beautiful gem materials, minerals, gold, silver, and copper, while others offer tours of their historic establishments that contributed to the local mining industry of the time. Some of these mines visits hold sentimental memories for me; others stand out because of the specimens we collected and the gemstones we cut. Certain mines' stories made a lasting impression on me, and several mine owners became longtime friends. I can still remember every mine, and I am enriched with the knowledge and experience."

Please visit her website at <https://www.gemartcenter.com> and her business Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Gem-Art-Center-Helen-Serras-Herman-160265560775175>



Zoom One-click login:
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Submitted by
Ken Rogers
Programs Chair



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April 11 – Executive Meeting, General Meeting & March Program

May 9 – Executive Meeting, General Meeting & April Program

June 13 – Executive Meeting, General Meeting & May Program

July 16-17 – Fiesta of Gems

Club Meetings on Zoom

CCRMC meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month as follows:

- 7:00 PM – Executive Meeting
- 7:30 PM – General Meeting
- 8:00 PM – Monthly Program

Club meetings are back to virtual again. Please join us in our Zoom Room for our Club meetings.

Join us virutally in our [Zoom Room](#)

Meeting ID: 310 836 4611

Password: rocks

Guests are always welcome to join our meetings.

a message from the PRESIDENT



With Covid restrictions being lifted and the Spring weather so nice, this is a good time to get out of the house and do some rock hounding. So pack up the kids or call a friend and enjoy some of the interesting outdoors spots around Los Angeles.

Below is a list of sites around our area within 10-15 miles. They provide a fun day-trip, are great for kids, give you a little exercise, and let you find some interesting rocks at the same time.

A more detailed description can be found on a Facebook Group I have called LA-Rocks at facebook.com/groups/411978609512229 or get in touch with me directly. And for those of you who are new to rockhounding, look for my guide for what to bring along to enjoy the day.

Happy hammering,

Brad Smith
President

Local Sites:

- Palos Verdes Peninsular - Bluff Cove
- Palos Verdes Peninsular - Malaga Cove
- Palos Verdes Peninsular - Portuguese Bend & Long Point
- Livingstone Quarry - Palos Verdes Peninsular
- Topanga Canyon Fossils
- Malibu Beaches - Big Rock
- Malibu Beaches - Porto Marina Way



March Program Report: Carved Gems - Inspiration and Expertise

Artist Helen Serras-Herman was born in New York in 1961, but grew up in Athens, Greece, where she studied drawing and painting. She then studied sculpture in Berlin and returned to Greece in 1983 as a professional sculptor. From 1983 to 1988 Helen studied gem sculpture and gemology. In 1988 she moved to Washington, D.C. and established her studio, the Glyptography Center. In 1997 Helen joined the Gem Artists of North America. In 2005, she moved to Rio Rico, AZ, near Tucson, where she currently lives. Her new book is called Carved Gems, Inspiration and Expertise.

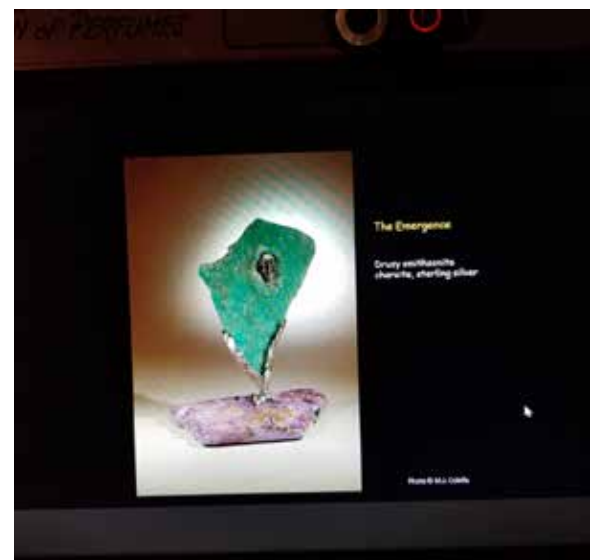
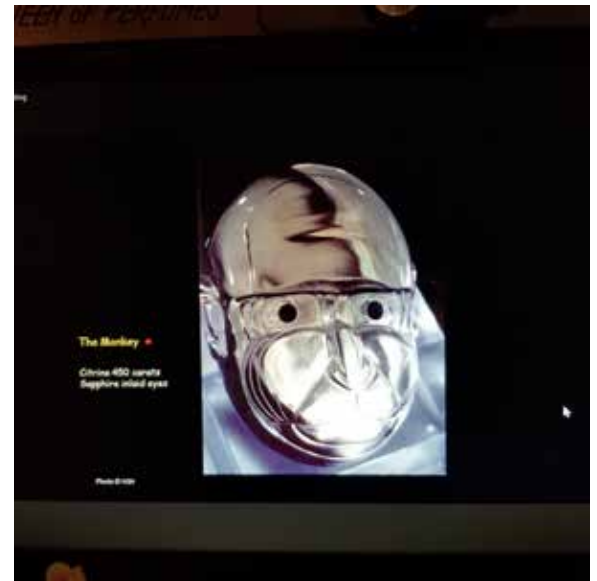
Helen spoke about her sources of inspiration and influences while displaying multiple pieces she created out of various gems, along with drawings she made as studies for the pieces.

Helen draws inspiration from nature's sounds and colors, in elements such as water, desert flowers, rocks, roots and branches. Greek mythology and great artists like Michelangelo and Da Vinci also influence her work. Powerful emotions, like love and grief, also shape her art.

Helen's collections are formed slowly, as one of a kind pieces are added over time. Sometimes the gem provides the idea, other times, the idea drives the choice of the gem.

Helen's craft requires several skills: lapidary, sculpture, drawing, casting, beading, and patience, in addition to knowledge of gemology and history of art. To her, carving gems is a demanding art. Hard gems take time, effort and skill to shape. Machines, tools and supplies are expensive. Miniature pieces are fragile and require special handling and display. However, it is a gratifying, unique and engaging form of art.

Submitted by
Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary



Executive Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2022

Those present: Darren Colkin, Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Jon Gowling, Lorna Herf, Adrienne Louie, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes, Christine Thompson, Karen Wallen.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Brad Smith.

The following was discussed:

-Brad Smith mentioned he had attended the Stoddard Wells club show over the weekend. He reported that the club makes money from selling food at the show, but the Health Department forbid them from continuing the practice. In addition, the club was told that they could no longer run kids games at the show unless personnel is fingerprinted and fully vetted.

-Jette Sorensen indicated that the Club needed to remind members to renew their membership by the-end. of the evening's meeting.

-Lorna Herf committed to helping Jette to set up the renewal form on the website.

-Steve Dover informed that all equipment at the shop was working well.

-Christine Thompson informed she had completed nearly all the publicity for the show.

-Brad asked Christine to prepare a message to advertise the Club's activities for Jette to send in an E-mail blast. Ken Rogers said the upcoming yard sale could be used to help advertise the Club. Jette indicated she had a list of past members, as opposed to a list of people who were never members but could be interested in joining the Club. Brad informed the yard sale was advertised on Facebook and thus visible to non-members.

-Ken informed that the yard sale would be moved to May 14th to avoid Mother's Day weekend.

-Ken announced that the April Program would feature the same speaker presenting the March Program, on a different topic.

-Brad raised the need for Darren Colkin to train someone to run hybrid meetings when he cannot be available. The person would need to have the right equipment to do it, as Darren has been using his own equipment. A discussion followed about upgrading the Club's equipment to run meetings.

-Darrell Robb informed that the Club was solvent. Only one large expense was upcoming, which was to pay for

the auditorium rental for the show.

The February executive meeting minutes were approved as read on The Nugget published in March.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.

General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Smith at 7:32PM.

-Ken Rogers announced the yard sale would take place on May 14th. He explained those interested in selling must be Club members, and let him know what they were selling and how much space they needed.

-Ken indicated the April speaker would be the same as March and lecture about must-see gem mines.

-Several Show committee members provided updates on the show status. Darrell Robb informed that postcards and flyers were ready for pick-up at the shop, and that some had already been distributed at the Stoddard Wells show the previous weekend. Brad Smith indicated that Darrell was taking care of the necessary permits and auditorium rental and Christine Thompson of advertising. Christine informed she had several succulents she could donate for the plant sale. Brad said Barbara Fier would prepare the PDF file for the LA Times advertisement. Joanie Rippner indicated she was helping to identify volunteers to help at the show.

-Steve Dover informed the shop was open with all equipment working as intended and reminded that a reservation was needed to use the shop.

-Christine Thompson reminded members that they needed to pay the annual membership dues by the end of the evening.

-Darrell Robb said he, Brad Smith, DJ Gervais and Janelle Williams had had a great time at the Stoddard Wells show the previous weekend.

-Ken Rogers informed the Bead Society would have a Mothers Day popup in the rotunda.

-The February general meeting minutes were approved as read on The Nugget published in March.

-Brad Smith reminded members to pick up show flyers and postcards at the shop to distribute to friends and family.

-The meeting adjourned at 7:57PM and was followed by the March Program.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Lapidary Shop



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

Everyone is required to show proof of vaccination (see page 2 for details), wear masks, observe social distancing, and sign a liability waiver for the Club.

Absolutely NO walk-ins are allowed!

Please contact the instructor to determine availability and reserve your spot:

Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm
Vern: shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org

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

Sunday 12 pm – 4 pm
Jette: ccrmc-sundaylapshop@culvercityrocks.org

If you are unable to attend at the last minute or are going to be 30 minutes or more late, call the Shop.

Members must be current with membership dues.

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

Education

In February, Kent Goodman participated in the annual Science Fair at Farragut Elementary School in Culver City as the rep for the CCRMC. The youngsters flocked around the table of specimens and flooded Kent with questions and unbridled enthusiasm. It was great to be back in person for this event after 2 years of zooming in. The school has a vibrant group of young rock hounds who hope to become club members in a few, short years.

CCRMC Membership

Membership to the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club is open to anyone, regardless of age or place of residence.

Junior members (under 18) must be sponsored by a parent, guardian, or a member in good standing and must be accompanied to meetings and on field trips by an adult member.

Benefits of membership include:

- 12 issues of the Nugget newsletter
- Attend Club meetings with expert speakers
- Participate in our Annual Fiesta of Gems show
- Entrance to our fully equipped Lapidary Shop
- Access to our library
- Go on rock collecting field trips
- Attend workshops at a reduced price
- Fun-filled silent auctions, parking lot sales, a holiday party in December and a member picnic in August

To become a member, complete an application and mail it to us along with your one time initiation fee and the appropriate membership fee.

Membership is on a yearly basis from January 1 - December 31, and renewals are due on January 1 of every year. For new members joining after July 1, the fees are discounted for the first year.

	One Time Initiation Fee	Annual Membership Fee	New Members fee Joining After 7/1
Membership fees are:			
Individuals	\$20	\$25	\$15
Two persons same address	\$35	\$35	\$25
Junior (under 18)	\$15	\$10	\$ 5

The application can be found here:

<http://www.culvercityrocks.org/membership.htm>



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/>

April 1-3, 2022, Vista CA
Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Vista Gem and Mineral Show
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083
Hours: April 1 & 2, 10 AM – 5 PM, April 3, 10 AM – 4 PM
Come on out for a fun-filled weekend at the Vista Gem and Mineral Show April 1-3, 2022. Held outdoors at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, you'll find everything from crystals and gems to rough, slabs, and cabs – and even lapidary tools. Not only can you find all the supplies you are looking for, but we are also known for our raffle held on Sunday afternoon. All prizes are donated by our vendors and VGMS. All proceeds go to support our non-profit school and you do not need to be present to win.

Contact: info@vistarocks.org

Website: <https://vistarocks.org>

April 9-10, 2022 – Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mountains of Minerals
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5005 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: mcmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 16, 2022 – Lake Elsinore, CA
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Rock and Craft Show
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: 1 (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.c

April 23-24, 2022 – Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Our Spring show has a large variety of vendors selling finished jewelry, gem stones, lapidary supplies and rough stone, fossils, mineral specimens, stone carvings and many other things of interest to “rockhounds”. In addition, there is a rock identification table, demonstrations of stone carving, cabochon making and other lapidary arts, display cases containing examples of items collected or made by club members, plus lectures on various rockhound topics. And for kids, there is a florescent mineral dark room.
Contact: scuzgms@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.scrockngem.org>

April 30 – May 1, 2022 – Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10AM – 4:30 PM
61st Annual Searchers Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Show
Fun activities for kids! Free. See rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, rough, slabs, gold panning, door prizes, tools, supplies and exhibits.
Contact: (909) 815-3045, searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com
Website: <https://searchersrocks.org>



May 6-7, 2022 – Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street, Yucaipa CA 92399
Hours: Friday 6 PM – 10 PM, Saturday noon – 10 PM
The YVGMS annual show features great vendors, geode cracker, kids' activities, raffle, and club store. The YVGMS

CFMS Upcoming Shows cont'd

show is part of the Yucaipa city Music and Arts Festival with music, various local artists, kids' zone with rides and jumpers, other craft vendors, food vendors, and a beer/wine garden. It is a fun time for the entire family.

Contact: (909) 794-0731

Website: <http://yvgms.org>

May 7-8, 2022 – Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society

Kennedy Mine Gem & Craft Show, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, CA 95642

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact: (916) 698-9853

We hope your birthday rocks...

Happy Birthday!

Janice Metz	4/4
Richard Shaffer	4/8
Darren Cokin	4/12
Jette Sorensen	4/18
Marilyn Murata	4/20
Stephanie Dangott	4/27



to our newest members:

Legier Biederman
Kim Strange

Spring Parking lot Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022 10 AM~3 PM
(this is a revised date)

As usual, our sale will be located in the parking area behind the Club's Lapidary Shop. Our Shop is located behind the Scout House 10866 Culver Boulevard Culver City, CA 90230

Set-up time is from 8:30 AM to 10 AM.

Selling spaces are FREE to current CCRMC members, and items for sale should be related to Club activities.

Gems – Minerals – Rough – Crystals – Jewelry Supplies
Beads – Findings – Tools – Lapidary & Jewelry Equipment –
Books & More

The layout will be similar to previous sales and our Sale will be promoted and open to the public. All sellers and members are requested to spread the word, by whatever media you use.

Free selling spaces are still available, on a first come, first serve basis. Spaces generally range from 4' to 10'. It is advised that sellers bring their own tables, chairs & display supplies.

We hope to have some 6' tables available. We will know by April 30.

To learn more, reserve a space, receive a layout map, etc.

contact Ken Rogers: kenrogers4u@gmail.com or 323-965-2752 between 10 AM - 10 PM



Bead Society PopUp Event

The Bead Society is planning a one-day Jewelry Pop Up Event highlighting Finished Jewelry and objects on Saturday, April 30th, 2022 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Veterans Memorial Complex, Rotunda Room, Culver City.

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.

Send materials to: nugget@culvercityrocks.org

Club General Meetings

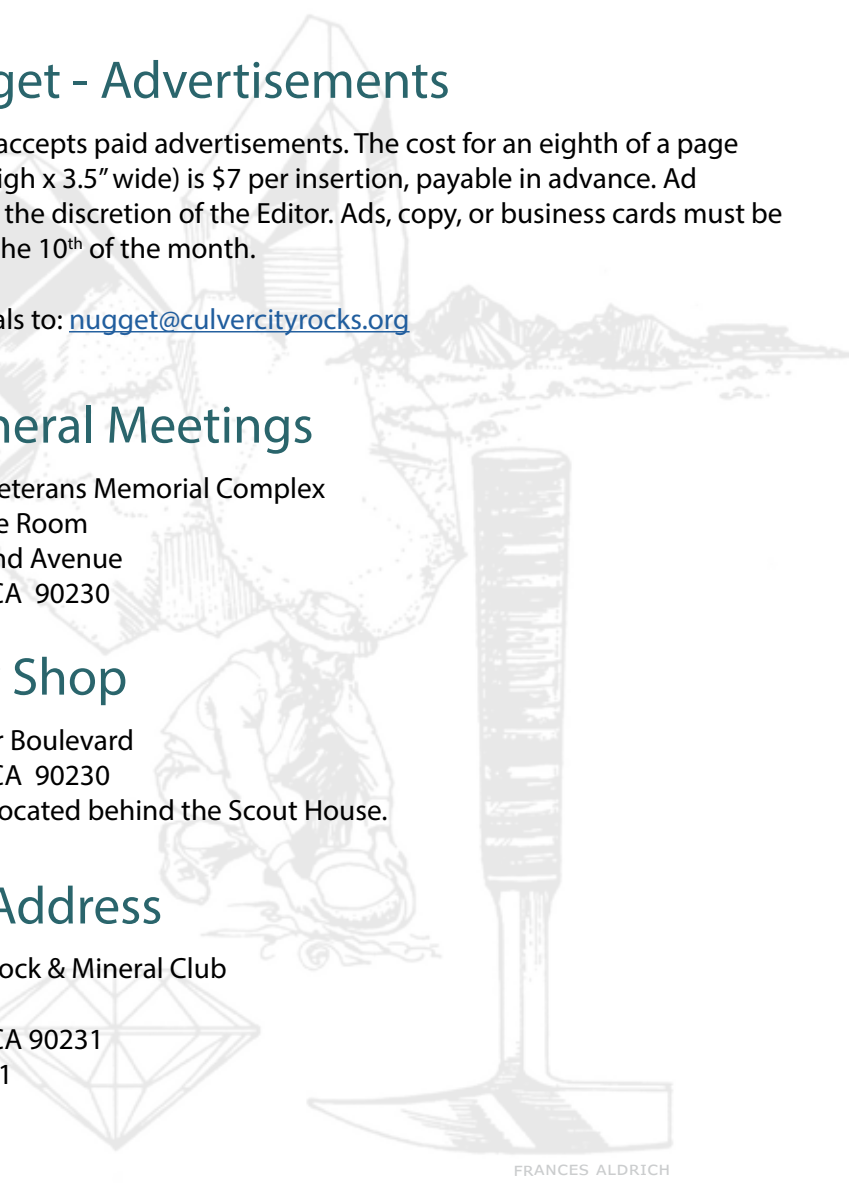
Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex
Multipurpose Room
4117 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

Lapidary Shop

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

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