



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.



Our Program This Month – 3/13/2023

European Museum Collections

Exquisite minerals, gems and jewelry

Presented by Denise Nelson

GIA Grad. - Jewelry Designer/Appraiser Worldwide Gem Mine Explorer

Denise's presentation provides for us a glimpse at the lesser known, yet stunningly exquisite mineral, gem and jewelry exhibits in European museums. Trier, Freiberg, Munich and Ehrbach in Germany, York in England, and the spectacular collections in Vienna, Austria, are some of the places which hold both ancient and modern treasures from around the globe. This whirlwind tour, with the stories of people and places and even a bit of history, is filled with surprising information and lots of colorful glitter.

Denise Nelson, has worked in the Jewelry trade for over 35 years and is the owner of INNER CIRCLE ® Fine Jewelry Designs and Appraisals.

She is a GIA Graduate Gemologist, and a recipient of the Diamond Council of America's Gem and Diamond Certificates. She has contributed to published articles, participated in Gemological research projects and served as a consultant to retailers, auction houses, marketing firms, and private collectors.



Her worldwide travel to major trade shows and gem-mines in Brazil, Thailand, Namibia, South Africa, Germany, Canada and the United States have provided her with the opportunity to import and wholesale gems, pearls and fine jewelry, as well as gather first-hand information about mining practices and new discoveries.

Your 2023 membership

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023, now is the time. The grace period ends at the March meeting, that is on the 13th this year. If you don't meet that date, you will not be allowed to use the Shop, will not get the Nugget in your inbox, participate in any Fiesta of Gems volunteer positions, and there won't be any hot dog or burger for you at the annual picnic.

Mail your check with the attached renewal form (completed.) to the PO address on the form. Renewal for Singles \$25, Two people at the same address \$35 and Juniors \$15. You can also renew at the shop when it is open, Saturday and Sunday, 12 noon – 4 pm.

Stephanie Dangott and Jette Sorensen
Membership Co-Chairs

Upcoming Activities

March 13 - 7:00 pm – Executive Meeting

7:30 pm – General Meeting

8:00 pm – Monthly Program

March 18 [Parking Lot Sale](#) 10 am – 3 pm

See local field trips posted on LA-Rocks at

facebook.com/groups/411978609512229

More field trips are posted on SoCal Rocks at

facebook.com/groups/2605376056257691

Club Meetings on Zoom

CCRMC meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Guests are always welcome to join us. Our usual schedule includes:

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

Club meetings are being held online. Please join us in our Zoom Room to enjoy our monthly program and speaker.

Join the meeting virtually at [CCRMC Online](#).

Meeting ID: 310 836 4611

Password: rocks

A Message from the Prez

Hello everyone,

We had our first hybrid meeting in February, and though the sound in the room of excited people arriving early for the silent auction made our meeting a tad noisy, it was great to know that a hybrid meeting can work. Props to Darren Cokin for setting up the technology!



The Silent Auction, our first in-person event of the new year, was a blast for all who showed up. There was a wonderful assortment of specimens, books, jewelry and tools which went for amazing prices. Great thanks to Steve Dover for the terrific set up in the room, Darrell Robb for his banking wizardry, and of course, to all the members who donated cool stuff. We raised a good amount which will help to pay some bills this winter.

Preparations for the Fiesta of Gems continue apace. The postcard is being designed as I write this, with special thanks going out to Lorna Herf and Barbara Fier for all their artful and art-filled labors on the card. We're hoping to have the postcard done in a few short weeks. Janice Metz is again creating her magic with publicity for the FOG.

Speaking of volunteering, we need members to step up before the summer in several positions/aspects of our club. If you have a few hours of time to donate, please [email the club](#) with a short note and let us know when you have some time to give.

Our next meeting will only be on zoom, but I am looking forward to seeing folks in person at our sidewalk sale on March 18th. Let's hope the sun comes out!

Alexa

CULVER CITY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB PARKING LOT SALE

Open to the public.

Gems – Minerals – Rough - Slabs – Crystals - Jewelry supplies - Beads – Findings – Tools – Books
Lapidary & Jewelry Equipment – & More

GREAT BUYS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10 am -3 pm

Located behind the CCRMC Shop & Scout Hut

10866 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230

Two blocks west of Overland, & next to the Tennis courts @ Elenda.

Program Report from Our Last Meeting – 2/13/23

The February Program was a silent auction of mineral specimens, lapidary materials, and books.

Minutes of Our Executive Committee Meeting – 2/13/23

Those present: Darren Cokin, Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Lorna Herf, Alexa Hunter, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Alexa Hunter.

The January meeting minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

-Club officers discussed the photographs taken to date for the show postcard. Lorna Herf indicated she had emailed a notification that there could be more specimens available to photograph, but due to a server problem, the message was not transmitted.

-Club officers discussed security issues at the shop and considered installing a security camera. Brad Smith said that the cost of the camera was not an issue, but it was necessary to develop a process to respond to security concerns once identified by the camera.

-Alexa indicated she would schedule a meeting to discuss specific items about the show and security.

-Ken Rogers informed the speaker for the March program would present via Zoom, as she was not local. Alexa said she would discuss with Darren about determining whether members desired to attend the meeting in person; otherwise, the meeting could be entirely virtual, saving the Club the rental cost of the multi-purpose room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm

Minutes of General Meeting 2/13/23

Meeting called to order at 7:28 pm by President Alexa Hunter.

-Alexa indicated the Club would be organizing field trips and keep members updated via The Nugget.

-Alexa reminded members that the Club needed an Education Chair. She informed the Club had been invited to the Science Night at Farragut Elementary School in March and it needed a volunteer to set up a table to display specimens, let kids touch them and answer questions for a couple of hours. Details were located in The Nugget.

-Darrell informed the Club was solvent and had paid most of its largest expenses for the year. The next large expenses would be the rental of the auditorium and rotunda for the show.

-Alexa reported that the Club shed had been robbed. She indicated that better locks would be installed and that Club officers were discussing other security measures.

-Alexa informed that the first show committee meeting had occurred and indicated that a volunteer was needed to manage the show, a job that consists primarily of delegating responsibility and coordinating activities. She showed the yellow flyers made to advertise the show and asked members to take some with them to distribute. She also urged members to sign up to volunteer for the various jobs needed to run the show

Minutes of General Meeting 2/13/2024 Continued

-Ken Rogers announced that the Club would host a backyard sale on Saturday, March 18th. A brief discussion took place on the frequency of future sales.

-Ken informed that the March lecture would be about lesser-known European museum mineral collections.

-The January meeting minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Happy
Birthday!



to our newest members:

Andrew	Shearon	3/1
Grace	Sato	3/9
Christine J	Thompson	3/16
Melissa	Smith	3/18
Lee	Cohran	3/19
Luam	Fessehazion	3/19
Karen	Wallen	3/21
Bruce	Mensingger	3/23
Kent	Goodman	3/24
Jessica	Kerrolis	3/25
Pam	Leitner	3/28
Mia	Quiles	3/28

Kerstin	Chan
Harvey S	Schwartz
Trevor	Sharp
Jonathan	Sol
Traci	Cray Adams
Shannon	Kung

Sunshine

If you or a member you know of isn't feeling well and could use some warm wishes, [click here](#) to let us know.

PARKING LOT SALE - MARCH 18th

All vendors are CCRMC members.

As a "perk" of membership, there is no fee to be a vendor.
Most Items for sale are related to club activities.

If you would like to be a vendor at the parking lot sale, you must be a current, or new club member.

Plus, you must contact me, ASAP, as space reservations will be on a first come basis.

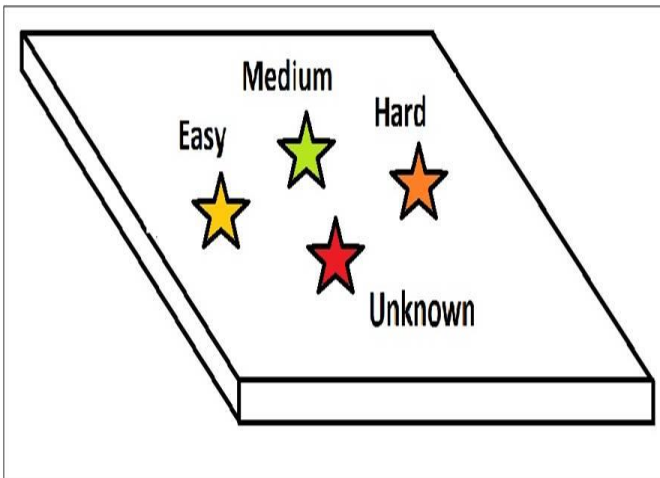
Vendor spaces are 6' long X 2.5' deep (1 six-foot table).

Vendors may ask for up to 2 spaces wide (two six-foot tables).

Ken Rogers, CCRMC Sale coordinator: kenrogers4u@gmail.com

Brad's Bench Tips

[Click Here to See More Tips](#)



There are plenty of ways to mark your sheet or wire solders, but suppose you forgot to mark them and have a couple that you can't identify.

The answer is to compare the melting temperature of the unknowns with that of a known solder.

What I do is take a thick scrap of copper or nickel and arrange several solders on it. Ideally, I would have a sample of easy, medium and hard known solders surrounding the unknown solder.

Then I heat the plate from the bottom and watch the order in which the solders melt.

Discover many more smart solutions for your jewelry making problems at amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ

Upcoming Rock Club Shows & Local Rock Sales



[Click to See All California Federation Shows](#)

March 4-5, 2023 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.,
Ventura, CA 93001

Hours: Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 10 am– 4 pm
50 exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils and lapidary arts; ongoing demos of lapidary and jewelry making; raffle prizes & silent auctions; a Second-Hand Treasures Store & plant sale; 15 dealers; children's activities and free resources for teachers. A SoCal tradition for 6 decades and counting!
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
47th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate
Time: Friday, Saturday & Sunday – 9am – 5 pm
Come visit us and our vendors for Handcrafted and Faceted Jewelry, Slabs and Cabs, Findings, and Equipment, Minerals and Fossils. TONS of Rough Material and More
Contact: (909) 657-7200, marklantz53@gmail.com
Club Address: 15056B Seventh St., Victorville, CA 92395
Phone: (760) 243-2330 and leave a message. Email: president@vvgmc.org
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>
[Tailgate-2023-Info.jpg](#)

March 18, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028
Hours: 1 pm -4 pm
Rough Cut sale of mineral specimens, gem rough and cut, lapidary slabs and rough, obsidian, micros, grab buckets and more. Priced to GO! Visit our free admission Gem and Mineral Museum while you're in town.
Parking in church lot on Pico (across from Rough & Cut entrance)
Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
Website: <http://fgms.org>

Club Needs Your Help

We're looking for club members to help out with a couple of the tasks needed to run the club.

First, we need someone to maintain email addresses and send out several email blasts each month to the club membership using an app similar to MailChimp.

We also need someone to take over as editor of the Nugget. It is currently being made using MS Word. And, we need someone to proof the Nugget before it is sent out.

Two committee positions are vacant and need to be filled. They are:

Education Director
Librarian

[Get in touch](#) for details.

If you are interested in going on some field trips, please [contact Brad](#) to chat about locations and arrangements.

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 the Editor:

nugget@culvercityrocks.org

The Nugget - Advertisements

The Nugget accepts paid advertisements. The cost for an eighth of a page is \$7 per insertion, payable in advance. Size is about 2" high x 3.5" wide. Ad location is at the discretion of the Editor.

Ads, copy, or business cards must be received by the 10th of the month.

Email submissions to the Editor:

nugget@culvercityrocks.org

Club General Meetings

Currently, meetings are either via Zoom or as a hybrid meeting via Zoom and a meeting at:

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

culvercityrocks.org/meetings/

Mailing Address

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
PO Box 3324
Culver City, CA 90231

<mailto:info@culvercityrocks.org>

310-836-4611

2023 Elected Officers

President – Alexa Hunter
Vice President – Steven Dover
Treasurer - Darrell Robb
Recording Secretary
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Parliamentarian - Jon Gowling

2023 Committee Chairs

Education Committee - Open
Federation Director- Lorna Herf
Field Trips Committee
Steven McDonald
Jack Stoll
Historian - Virginia Hollis
Librarian – Vacant
Membership Committee
- Stephanie Dangott
- Jette Sorensen
Minerals - Vacant
Photography- Pam Leitner
Programs- Ken Rogers
Publicity Janice Metz
Publications Committee
Brad Smith
Jette Sorensen
Trading Post - Gary Mitchell
Webmaster - Bart Gampe
Zoom host - Darren Cokin

Board of Directors

2023
Adrienne Louie
Jette Sorensen

2024
Gary Mitchell
Karen Wellen

2025
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Brad Smith