



## Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and via Zoom)

# Do You See What I See?

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.

Ken Rogers will guide us through some of the amazing images in his “Louvre de Roches” collection.

There are many beautiful pictures and images hidden away inside numerous regular rocks and gemstones. These wonderful treasures are just waiting to be discovered.

Ken has cut open various mundane stones and discovered their hidden treasures. Some of these beautiful images look like an Ansel Adams photograph, and others look like a painting hanging in the Louvre. These wonderful images include faces, animals, people, plants/flowers, landscapes (desert, aquatic, & outer space scenes,) and much more.

Over time, he has learned that finding these “treasures” has a lot to do with the “The luck of the cut.” It must be “The luck of the cut,” because there are several conditions that must be in place for the rock to give up its “treasures.” When cutting open the rock, the slice must be at the correct angle, and along the image's plane, (and do it without X-Ray vision.) And, most of all, there must be a “treasure” buried within the rock! Most are “duds.”



### FIESTA OF GEMS availabilities:

Want your collection or creations shown at Fiesta of Gems, July 8-9? There are a few display cases available. Contact [Steve Dover](#) to reserve one.

If you want to host a workshop at the show, contact [Janice Metz](#), there is only one left, so hurry up!



## Upcoming Activities

June 12 – In-Person

7:00PM Executive Meeting

7:30PM General Meeting

See local field trips posted on LA-Rocks at  
[facebook.com/groups/411978609512229](https://www.facebook.com/groups/411978609512229)

More field trips are posted on SoCal Rocks at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2605376056257691>

## Club Meetings In-Person and/or via Zoom

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

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

The Club [meetings](#) are being held In-Person, Hybrid or only online.

When hybrid or via zoom, join the meeting virtually.

Please send good thoughts to two of our members who are both fighting illness, Adrienne Louie and Virginia Hollis. The Club has sent flowers to both. We wish them all the best.

If you know of a member who is ill, please let us know, send an email to [Sunshine](#) so we can reach out to the member

## A Message from *the Prez*

It was lovely to see members in-person for our work/social meeting last month. Thank you all who gave their time. We were able to get the work done swiftly and efficiently.

Our upcoming June meeting will be in person once again in the Multi-Purpose room at the Vet's. It would be a wonderful time to stop in and say hi and also sign up for your volunteer hours for the Fiesta of Gems.

We are a mere 5 weeks away from our big show! Here are some important reminders:

- Sign up for a lovely display case in which you can show off your work, please send an email [to Steve Dover](#) only a few cases are still available so don't delay.

- We are delighted to have many of our great vendors return again this year.

- Closer to show time we will be asking folks to bake cookies for our vendors.

- Please bring a donation to the shop for a prize at the hourly raffle drawings. This could be a specimen, a piece of jewelry, a (new) book or even a (new) tool.



- Raffle tickets should be picked up and paid for at the shop. Every member is expected to purchase 10 tickets (\$10).

- Also, if you want to teach a workshop during the show, one spot remains open.

- Respond to Joanie Rippner's email (<mailto:jactivities@gmail.com?subject=FOGvolunteer>) and schedule your volunteer hours during the show. We rely on each and every one of you to help during the set-up, breakdown, or work as floor support during the show.

Unfortunately, our bathroom facility was broken into again, causing us to replace the door's lock and clean up much debris left by the perpetrators. It is not easy to prevent future vandals as we seem to live in desperate times.

Alexa

## Still available for FOG:

One workshop spot is available. Do you have a special jewelry making skill that you would like to share with others? Are you an expert in jewelry photography, wire-wrapping, enameling, chainmail, lapidary, or have jewelry skills not listed? The instructor must be prepared to teach a one to three-hour workshop on his/her specific skill. Participants pay the workshop fee directly to the instructor. Contact [Janice Metz](#) for more information.

Three display cases are still available. Show your rock collection, cut and polished stones, jewelry pieces.

[skdover@yahoo.com](mailto:skdover@yahoo.com)

or (760) 764 2422 to reserve a case.

To volunteer for 4 hours at FOG, contact [Joanie Rippner](#)

If you have any jewelry or lapidary related items to be donated for the free hourly door prizes at the show, please bring them to Steve Dover at the June meeting, or on Saturdays at the shop. You can also bring them on the first day of the show.

We need 40 small items for this popular raffle.

## Cookies for the vendors

One of the reasons we get great vendors who come back year after year is that we treat them well. Part of that is that we give each one of them a big plate of cookies from the Club members when they are setting up their tables.

If you are a baker, please bake at least 4 dozen cookies and if you do your baking in the isles of a bakery store, Whole Foods, or your favorite grocery store, please buy least 4 dozen cookies.

We will give you an address for where to deliver your cookies on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in the July issue of the Nugget and/or via email.



## Fieldtrip in mid-June?

As of this moment (6/2/23 at 6pm) the fieldtrip is No? Yes? Maybe?

We have not been able to get in contact with the person who is supposed to arrange it. If he comes through and it is a go, you will receive an email from us.

## Minutes of General Meeting 5/8/2023

Somewhere around 20 members, including two new members who signed up at the meeting, came to help in the Multipurpose Room. Address labels and stamps were attached to this year's postcard in what resembled an assembly line. Small, polished pebbles were placed in bags for grab bags to be sold at the Fiesta of Gems.

A big Thank You to Darrell Robb and Ana Maria Strambi for bringing homemade cookies and water.

## Minutes of Executive Meeting 5/8/2023

A 5-minute Executive Meeting was held at 7:05pm to 7:10pm via Zoom from the in-person meeting.

No notes were taken. President Alexa Hunter asked the board members present to approve a payment having to do with an issue regarding the shop location and the Scouts. The proposal was voted upon and agreed.

## Brad's Bench Tips

[Click Here to See More Tips](#)

### QUICK CLOSE-UPS

Often when trying to get a close-up photo with your iPhone or Android, you end up with a fuzzy, out-of-focus image. Next time try using your loupe over the camera lens. It works quickly and easily.



### LITTLE THINGS CAN BITE

Most jewelers treat motorized equipment with caution. We've all heard stories about workpieces coming loose in the drill press or about getting long hair or clothing caught in the polishing machine. It stands to reason that a machine with a motor of a half horsepower or so is going to win out over its operator. We all know that, and I'm not going to harp on it. That's not the point of this story.

I want to talk about the smaller motor-powered machines we often use, the ones with little 3-inch diameter motors. For instance, these small motors are used in flexshafts and micro buffers. They're so





small that many of us forget caution when using them. I'm guilty of it myself sometimes and believe me, it can get you in trouble. Here's what happened to two people I know.

One friend had a polishing bur bend in the handpiece and then whacked the thumb that was holding the workpiece so badly that it seemed the bone might be broken. The Brad's Bench Tips continued swelling was substantial, and it took several weeks to regain normal use. A small underpowered motor? I don't think so.

Another friend was using one of the small buffing machines, the kind you can stop when you apply too much pressure to the wheel. Not to worry about such an underpowered beast you say. Wrong, it literally jumped up and bit the hand that feeds it!



A buffer was set on a low table to do a quick polish, so it was not mounted, or clamped. A buff was installed on the right spindle, no buff on the left. A friend was wearing a tight-fitting, long-sleeved sweater. While buffing on the right wheel, the left tapered spindle caught a thread on the friend's left sleeve and started grabbing more and more threads and sleeve.

Rather than pulling the arm into the machine, the light buffer quickly lifted off the table and started climbing up the underside of the friend's arm. There was no

way to get a hand on the on/off switch because the unit was spinning wildly and battering my friend like a club wielded by a mad man. Only when my friend could grab the gyrating power cord and yank it from the wall did the mayhem stop.

So, when you're in the shop, please think about safety. Don't take even those little motors for granted.

## Upcoming Rock Club Shows & Local Rock Sales



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

**June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, CA**  
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society  
Gem and Craft Show at Kennedy Mine,  
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, VA  
95642  
Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM  
Contact: (916) 698-9853,  
mountaingirl@volcano.net  
Website: <http://amadorgemandmineral.org>

**June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA**  
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
The Convention Center at the California  
Center for the Arts – 340 North  
Escondido Blvd, Escondido CA 92025  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, 10 AM – 4  
PM  
9000 square feet of Artisans selling  
handmade silver, gold, beaded and  
fabricated jewelry, antique and vintage  
jewelry, commercial quality gold and  
silver faceted stone jewelry, handmade  
specialty cabochons, mineral specimens,  
gem trees, other lapidary decorative

items and rough rock from Africa, Australia as well as the USA. Don't have the time to go to Quartzite or Tucson – come to Escondido and shop local. Contact: [tonifloyd41615@gmail.com](mailto:tonifloyd41615@gmail.com) Website: <http://palomargem.org>



**June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA**  
 Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
 DELVERS PARKING LOT SALE, 14515  
 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706  
 Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM  
 Website: <https://delversgemclub.wordpress.com/>

**JUNE 23-25, 2023 – LODI, CA**  
**CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION**  
**LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS, 413 E.**  
**LOCKEFORD ST., LODI, CA 95240**

Hours: Friday  
 and Saturday  
 10 AM – 5 PM,  
 Sunday 10 AM  
 – 4 PM  
 Educational  
 Exhibits,  
 Speakers  
 Adults \$6,  
 Kids 12 &  
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Jaymie Garner	6/1
Ana Maria Strambi	6/4
Regina Chiu	6/7
Devrha Warren	6/10
Madelyn Intrier	6/15
Donna Weaver	6/20
Susan Acosta	6/24
Darrell Robb	6/20
Joel Kuennen	6/27
Anthony Contatore	6/30



to our newest members:

Audrey Cote  
 Jeff Cote Sr.

## Lapidary Workshop Hours

The shop is open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 4 pm.

To see if there is room, send an email, do not just show up.

Saturdays: [Lynne Lukert](#)

Sundays: [Jette Sorensen](#)

If you have not made a reservation, you can call the shop during open hours to see if there is room, 310-836-4611

## The Nugget - Submissions

The 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](mailto: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](mailto:nugget@culvercityrocks.org)

## Club General Meetings

Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex

[Multipurpose Room](#)

4117 Overland Avenue

Culver City, CA 90230

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## 2023 Elected Officers

President – Alexa Hunter

Vice President – Steven Dover

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## 2023 Committee Chairs

Education – Vacant

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Librarian – Vacant

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2023

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2024

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2025

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