

DID YOU GET A GREAT CABOCHONE?

When you go to a gem show, there are thousands of cabochons to choose from. Sometimes one or more “speaks” to you and out comes the credit card. But did you choose the right cab? Lesley Aine McKeown will take you through the steps of getting a great one. Will the stone hold up to the abuse it will get if you buy or make it for a fingering? Will it catch the light correctly? Is it made to avoid chipping when you set it? Is it cut and polished the best way? The presentation will also benefit you immensely if you cut and polish your own stones.

Lesley Aine McKeown has been creating jewelry since 1984, she is the daughter of two professional artists. An artistically rich environment that molded her vision and ethic. Lesley's jewelry reflects a dedication to excellence in craft and attention to narrative. Each piece is unique to evoke conversation and represent the wearer's personal expression.

Using low-tech traditional metal smithing techniques and tools, each piece is created in Lesley's studio in the tradition of the American Studio Art Jewelry movement of the 1940s through the '60s, which dictates that the work is created entirely in the artist's studio. Her work is hand-fabricated in precious metals, sterling, high-carat gold, designer cabochons, and gemstones.

Lesley lives and works in the high desert mountains of northern Arizona.

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Upcoming Activities

November 13 – Zoom

- 6:30 pm Executive Meeting
- 7:15 pm General Meeting**

Club Meetings In-Person 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:

- 6:30 pm – Executive Meeting
- 7:30 pm – General Meeting
- 8:00 pm – Monthly Program

The Club [meetings](#) are being held in person or via Zoom.

When via Zoom, you can join the meeting virtually. Click here for Zoom [one-click link](#)

Manual: Meeting ID: 310 838 4811

Password: rocks

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

Do not wear open-toed shoes. Wear old clothes. Bring eye and ear protection.

A Message from *the Prez*

Jason Bagley's presentation "Why Did I Pick Up That Rock" was a resounding success for a very appreciative audience who had many questions that Jason fielded expertly. His images made all present want to be out hounding for more specimens.

Our next presentation for our last meeting of the year promises to be spectacular. The well-known and highly regarded jewelry designer Leslie Aine McKeown will be doing a Zoom-only show.

Please make a point of showing up for our last meeting of the year. We urgently need your participation to vote on new modes of running our club, including the concept of online voting for officers and the distribution of our financial gifts for 2023.

We are hoping to return to an in-person Christmas party this year so be certain to watch for news in our next Nugget.

Hopefully, we can meet to celebrate our Club's great tenacity and accomplishments for 2023 at a festive party!

See you soon,

Alexa Hunter

Program Report from Last Meeting – 10/9/2023

Why Did I Pick Up This Rock?

Jason Badgley started rockhounding at age 7 with his grandfather, Bill Bagley. He belongs to several rock and mineral societies, including the Pasadena Lapidary

Caliche Coated



Society. Worked for a geologist in Mexico, mapping locations, and collecting samples for a mining company to locate new sources of gold, silver, and copper.

Purple Agates Fade



He researches old publications and Dibblee Geological Maps to locate the best potential collection locations for local specimens. Jason also leads field trips for local lapidary societies and private collectors. He also volunteered as a docent for the Malibu Creek State Park and has been leading their geological hikes since 2011.

Jason has some of his specimens pictured in several magazines and books as well as written articles in several books, magazines, and websites.

Jason explained how some rocks form in pipe Amygdule gas bubbles in lava flows.

Thunder eggs are found mostly in the Northwest and formed in volcanic explosions.

White Oxidation



He summarized the presentation by saying: “The next time you are out rockhounding take the time to look at the rocks closely. Sometimes the beauty of the rocks is hidden by natural coating. Sometimes some of the ugly rocks are gems inside.”

Submitted by
Jette Sorensen

2024 Election (the CCRMC one!!)

An election ballot was sent to all current members at the end of October. If you didn't receive it, please email Jette.

Brad's Bench Tips

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RAISING A CABOCHON

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel hides a lot of the stone. The

solution is to either sand down the bezel height or boost up the stone. But if you choose to raise it up, the question is what is the best material to use?

I was taught to use fine sawdust but now think that might be a problem when used in rings. I reason that rings will frequently get wet, which would cause the sawdust to swell in size and push the stone against the bezel. Then when the sawdust dries out, the stone would be a little loose.



In any case, I now prefer to insert a flat sheet to boost up my stones. It can be a scrap of metal or some plastic from product packaging or old credit cards. In either case, just cut a piece to loosely fit into the bezel and drop in the stone (with some dental floss) to check its height.

TRANSPARENT CABS

When bezel setting a transparent cabochon in silver, I usually cut out the back of the bezel to allow background light to show off the colors and patterns in the stone. If this is not possible or appropriate, I worry that the

silver bezel will tarnish under the stone and will ruin its brilliance. What to do?

My solution is one extra step before setting the stone. I place a piece of thin silver Mylar plastic under the stone to act as a mirror that will never tarnish. Mylar is readily available in craft and gift wrap stores, or in a pinch from a party balloon supplier. You may even want to experiment with using colored or patterned Mylar (i.e. diffraction pattern) under some stones.

Happy Birthday

Dale	Conklin	11/1
Anthony B	Bidcher	11/3
Anbrielle	Army	11/12
Colin	Herf	11/14
Emily A.	Hermosillo	11/14
Fernando	Lumanod	11/27

Minutes of Executive Meeting 10/9/2023

Those present at the live meeting: Steve Dover, Alexa Hunter, Pamela Leitner, Ken Rogers, Jette Sorensen. Darrell Robb, Ana Marie on Zoom from Brazil, and Stephanie Dangott on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Alexa Hunter.

The following was discussed:

- Jette talked about the nomination and election via the Internet. She said she had asked Bart Gampe if he knew how to set up nominations and elections via the Internet. She had not heard back from him.

-Alexa pointed out that there were not enough members present to vote on some important club business because there was not a quorum. For example, we need to decide on how to allocate our charitable funds this year. We are considering dividing our financial gifts into 2 groups: the Boy Scouts and the LA Goal organization).

-Alexa suggested a change in the Bylaws for a quorum due to the reduced number of members due to the Pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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Upcoming Rock Club Shows & Local Rock Sales



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November 4-5, 2023, Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd.,
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Field trip on Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 AM
(depending on road conditions). Free Admission
and Free Parking.

Contact: (760) 375-7905, iwgmjfrocks@gmail.com

November 19 – 20, 2023 – Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
El Cajon Valley Rock and Gem Round Up! Family
Friendly! Free Admission!

12584 Mapleview St., Lakeside CA 92040

Hours: Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4
PM

Contact: (619) 277-4981, ecvgms@gmail.com

Website: <http://ecvgms.org>

December 2-3, 2023 – Barstow, CA

Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community/Fitness Center
841 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

Contact: John Printz (760) 979-6138,
MDGMSsecretary@gmail.com

Minutes of General Meeting 10/9/2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:16PM
by President Alexa Hunter.

Alexa said that there were not enough members present to vote on some important club business because there was not a quorum, such as deciding on how to allocate the charitable funds this year from the proceeds of the Grand Prize Raffle. We are considering dividing our financial gifts

Website: <http://www.mdgms.net>

The Nugget – Submissions

The submission 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 the Nugget 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:

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