



METEORITES & NEAR-EARTH ASTEROIDS



Monday, August 10 at 7:30 PM, in the Multipurpose Room at the Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230

Amy Mainzer will present meteorites and bring some from the UCLA Meteorite Gallery collection. The talk will cover meteorites, where they come from, and what they tell us about our place in the universe. We'll look at different types of meteorites and how they formed. Also, how to find them.

Professor Mainzer is an American astronomer, specializing in astrophysical instrumentation and infrared astronomy. She holds a Bachelors degree with honors in Physics, and Masters and Ph.D degrees

in Astronomy.

She is a Professor at UCLA's Department of Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences and is Principal Investigator of the NEO Surveyor mission, an upcoming NASA infrared telescope that will find and track potentially hazardous near-Earth asteroids and comets. Professor Mainzer is also the steward for the UCLA Meteorite Museum, the largest collection of meteorites on the West Coast of the United States.

The Culver City Rock & Mineral Club 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 and practice of lapidary and related arts.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello and happy August!

I look forward to seeing a good turnout for this year's picnic on August 15th. It's always a fun time to catch up and share our experiences of this year's Fiesta, not to mention great eats and wonderful items in the silent auction. Remember to practice good auction etiquette this year. This means not trying to win every single item you like. Respect other members and try to just focus on a few of your top choices. We have had some complaints from the last few auctions about people, sometimes couples, being a bit greedy in their desire to win a lot of items. Don't forget the spirit of our community.

We are saddened to share the passing of club member Kent Goodman. Kent was a brilliant storyteller, with a life full of extraordinary chapters. One chapter included fine silversmithing and turquoise work. He was also a natural-born tinkerer who could fix just about anything. Kent's legacy lives on in the stories he told, the machines he tuned, and the friendships he forged. Kent brought humor, wisdom, and craftsmanship to everything he touched. We are grateful for the time we shared with him and will carry his spirit forward in our work and our stories. May he rest in peace.

Stay cool, everyone, and see you at the meeting on August 10th at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Vets and/or at the picnic.

Alexa



Rhoda Way, Culver City. Bring a side dish or dessert; the protein (hamburgers and frankfurters) is donated by the Shaffer family. No alcoholic drinks are allowed.



There will be a Silent Auction. If you haven't been to one, its workings will be explained at the picnic. Drop off what you want to donate for the silent auction, lapidary, or jewelry-related items, such as books, tools, jewelry-making supplies, finished jewelry, cabochons, rough, slabs, etc., at the shop during open hours, or bring it to the picnic before 11 AM.

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP HOURS

10866 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90230
(310) 836-4611

The shop is open:

Saturdays 12 to 4 PM – Steve Dover
ccrmc-saturdayshop@culvercityrocks.org

Sundays from 12 to 4 PM – Jette Sorensen
ccrmc-sundaylapshop@culvercityrocks.org

CCRMC ANNUAL PICNIC AND SILENT AUCTION

It's here! The annual picnic and summer silent auction. **August 15 from 11 AM to 2:00 PM-ish** in the covered picnic area of Lindberg Park, 5041

The shop is located behind the Scout House. Go to the [Lapidary Shop on our website](#) to make a reservation, or use the links above to send an email to check for availability; do not just show up.

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

Wear old clothes. Do not wear open-toed shoes or short shorts. Tie long hair back. Bring eye and ear protection; masks are voluntary.

AUGUST WORKSHOPS

LAPIDARY 101

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 9 AM TO 12 PM

at the club's Lapidary Shop
Instructor – Jette Sorensen

Description: Get to know the equipment in the club's lapidary workshop. Use a trim saw to cut the outline for a cabochon. Shape the stone on the grinding wheels, then polish it with the Expando wheels. Use the arbor with a leather wheel to get a high polish. Go home with a cabochon you can use for a pendant.

Safety Notes: Wear old clothes; you will get wet. Wear closed-toe shoes. Long hair should be tied back away from your face. Refrain from wearing long dangling jewelry and loose long sleeves. Bring eye and ear protection.

\$25 CCRMC Members only. Limited to 4 members. Payable in advance via Zelle to jetsorensen@gmail.com. Email Jette for availability at jetsorensen@gmail.com

FIRE & COLOR: AN INTRODUCTION TO ENAMEL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 9 AM TO 12 PM

at the club's Lapidary Shop
Instructor – Monica Moreno



Discover the magic of transforming powdered glass

into brilliant, permanent color through the centuries-old art of enameling. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn the fundamentals of applying vitreous enamel to copper while experimenting with color, layering, and texture to create one-of-a-kind wearable art.

Using vibrant powdered enamels, you'll explore creative techniques—including drawing and mark-making with graphite on fired enamel—to produce unique patterns, imagery, and expressive surfaces. Whether you prefer bold abstract designs or delicate details, you'll have the freedom to experiment and make each piece your own.

All materials, tools, and safety equipment are provided. No prior experience is necessary—this workshop is perfect for beginners and curious makers alike.

By the end of the session, you'll leave with one or more finished enamel charms, pendants, or small artworks ready to wear, gift, or incorporate into future jewelry projects.

You'll learn:

- The basics of vitreous enameling on copper
- How to apply and fire powdered enamels
- Layering colors for depth and visual effects
- Creating expressive marks using graphite on enamel
- Finishing techniques for transforming your pieces into wearable charms or pendants

Come play with fire, glass, and color—and discover why enameling has captivated artists for centuries.

Things you could bring with you to the workshop:

If you have them, please bring your prescription eyeglasses and/or safety glasses, and an apron if you prefer your clothing not to get dirty.

Safety Notes: Please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Long hair should be tied back away from your face. Refrain from wearing long dangling jewelry and loose long sleeves

\$108 CCRMC members only. Limited to 4 members
Registration: <https://www.desviado.com/event-list>

SO YOU WANNA COLLECT SOME DESERT ROCKS!

SATURDAY, August 22, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

At the Scout House

Instructor: Noel Graham

A workshop focused on preparing for your first desert rockhounding trip, designed for anyone who's never been rockhounding, spent time exploring public lands, or anything in between.

We'll cover:

- The different types of public lands and the rules for collecting on each.
- The plants, animals, and environmental hazards you may encounter.
- How to find legal collecting sites and plan your route.
- What gear to bring and how to prepare for a safe and successful trip.
- A brief overview of staking your own mining claim.

The workshop will last approximately two hours. The first part of the workshop will be a lecture that reviews the above. After a short intermission, we will break into groups to plan a trip to a real rockhounding location. If time allows, each group will share their trip plan with everyone.

By the end of the workshop, you'll know how to confidently plan and prepare for your first legal, safe, and successful rockhounding trip.

Complementary coffee and tea will be provided, and doughnut bites will be available for purchase.

What to Bring: A charged phone or laptop. A mug for coffee/tea. Dollars for doughnuts (optional)

\$25 for CCRMC members. \$35 for non-members

Reservation: synapsida@gmail.com

BEGINNING PRONG SETTING

SUNDAY, August 30, 9 AM – 12 PM

At the club's Lapidary Shop

Instructor – Jette Sorensen

Description: Learn to set a cabochon with prongs by making and fusing a frame, measuring and cutting prongs, and soldering them onto the frame.



Create a bail and solder it onto the frame. Secure the cabochon with the prongs and go home with a new pendant.

The silver used is Argentium, a type of sterling silver with a higher fine-silver content. It tarnishes very slowly compared to sterling and offer some other benefits.

Safety Notes: Please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Long hair should be tied back away from your face. Refrain from wearing long dangling jewelry and loose long sleeves Bring: Prescription or reading glasses.

\$80, CCRMC members only. Limited to 4 members only. Limited to 4 members.

Payable in advance via Zelle to jetsorensen@gmail.com. Email Jette for availability at jetsorensen@gmail.com

BENCH TIPS

LAYOUT TOOLS

Dimensions on some features of a design can be fluid while others must be accurate for the design to work. When precision on a piece is important, good layout techniques are essential.

These are the tools that I rely upon to get holes in the right place, to achieve correct angles, and to cut pieces the correct length.



I like crisp sharp lines to follow, so I often coat surfaces with a dark marker and scribe my layout lines onto the metal. A square makes quick work of checking right angles or marking where to cut, and the thin center punch helps me mark a place to drill holes exactly where I want them.

Finally, a good set of dividers is probably my favorite layout tool. They let me quickly mark a strip for cutting, swing an arc, and divide a line or curve into as many equal segments as I need. I keep at least one set of dividers in every toolbox.

SHINING UP YOUR CHAINS

After a usual polish, the best way to give your silver chains a great shine is to tumble them with steel shot.

In my classes, we used a mixture of different shapes of stainless steel shot in a rotary tumbler along with a half cup of water and a drop of soap. 30-45 minutes gives a great shine.

See More of my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making at <http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

— Brad Smith



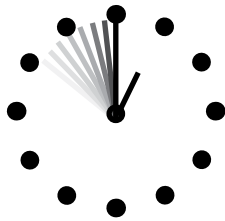
JULY NEW MEMBERS

Keegan Agnew
 Karmiya Amarise
 Rosalie Ballo
 Brianna Connors
 Cat De Victoria
 Leslye Diaz
 Victor Domnikov
 Betty Haile
 Beth Hoeckel
 Michael Kang
 Shannon Leonard
 Nanette Matthews
 Sabrina Miller
 Hannah Myint
 Scott Williams

AUGUST MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Antoinnette Advento
 Jedediah Caesar
 Laurence Chuck
 Brianna Connors
 Monica Gutierrez
 Steve Hanna
 William Heltsley
 Paul Leger
 Shannon Leonard
 Janet Louie
 Nanette Matthews
 Angie Ann Mendoza
 Julie Olds
 Damon Pressman
 Randal Cole Rhodes
 Joanie Rippner
 Leda Rogers
 Wayne Rosenberg
 Emi Ruzzin

Steve Seleska
Bradford Smith
Cameron Soltani
Esther Sutevski
Helen Tavetian
Joyce Watanabe
Scott Williams



THE MINUTES

Meeting Monday July 13th

Board Meeting

In Attendance – Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Darrell Robb, Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes, Brit Smith, Darren Coklin and Karen Wallen.

Motion made to approve the minutes from last month's executive session. Motion approved.

Britt – Photos from Fiesta of Gems is now stored in the cloud. It can be uploaded to FOG link of the club website. Need to contact the webmaster.

Darrell – Treasurer reports the following for FOG:
\$407 in grab bags.
\$563 in kids' games, and \$134 in donations.
\$1635 in plants
\$1800 is raffle tickets at the door (member tickets have not been added up yet).

Programs – Jette. She is still working on the August program.

Club Picnic – Will be on August 15th. It is a potluck barbeque and silent auction.

Workshops - Jette announced August 2nd class on embellishment on skinny rings. There are 2 openings. August 9th will be a Lapidary 101 class.

Britt made a motion to end the meeting, and Darrell made a second. The meeting ended at 7:09 pm.

General meeting

Called to order by Vice President Steve at 7:35 PM. Announced that long time member Kent Goodman passed away recently.

Darrell – Treasurer reports the following for FOG:
The club received a \$8800 grant from the city of Culver City.

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Treasury is in really good shape.

The club has a new storage container. Several members helped set up the ground and container.

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Last Sunday of the month will be a class to learn prong settings.

Mary and Alaine were the FOG vendors. They said the vendors were happy.

August 15 is club picnic from 10am to 4pm. Silent auction will be approximately around noon.

Jette made a motion to end the meeting, and Stephanie made a second.

Meeting ended at 7:55 pm

Presentation about agates made by Mary Pat Weber.

Submitted by Stephanie Dangott, Recording Secretary



UPCOMING SHOWS

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Hours: Sat 9am - 5pm; Sun 9am - 4pm

Aug 15-16, 2026 - Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Senior Center, 500 East F Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Tehachapi Valley Gem , Mineral and Jewelry Show.
Family activities, Awesome vendors, raffles & much more.

Contact: travis462@outlook.com

Website: tvgms.net

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

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

Aug 22-23, 2026 – Escondido, CA

California Center for the Arts, The Museum, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA

9,000 square feet of faceted stones, handmade jewelry, cabs, lapidary rough, minerals, slabs and more.
Admission \$5, under 12 Free. Free parking.

Contact: PGMCshow@gmail.com

Vendors Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com

Website: palomargem.org



Palomar Gem & Mineral Show

August 22 and 23, 2026

California Center for the Arts
The Museum
340 N Escondido Blvd
Escondido, CA

Info at: palomargem.org
Vendors Contact
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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

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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 www.facebook.com/groups/2605376056257691

Zoom Address

<https://zoom.us/j/3108364611?pwd=WnRTclZTS-3RJMEdWdlV2c01mQWxqdz09>

Meeting ID: 310 836 4611

Password: rocks

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2026 Elected Officers

President - Alexa Hunter
Vice President - Steven Dover
Treasurer - Darrell Robb
Recording Secretary - Stephanie Dangott
Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Moe
Parliamentarian - Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes

2026 Committee Chairs

Education - Merrilee Marks
Federation Director - Ellen Moe
Field Trips - Michael Sadeghi, Harvey Schwartz
Librarian - Joannie Rippner
Membership - Regina Lozano
Minerals - Joel Kuennen
Photography - Brit Smith
Programs - Jette Sorensen
Publications - Jette Sorensen,
Joel Kuennen
Publicity - Janice Metz
Social - Co-Chairs Peggy Oberg, Steve Dover
Sunshine – Stephanie Dangott
Trading Post - Gary Mitchell
Zoom Host - Darren Cokin

Board of Directors

2026 + 2027

TBD