



San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.  
A Non-Profit Educational and Scientific Organization

# THE PEGMATITE

## NOVEMBER 2017

### SDMG's Gem Diego Show

Saturday and Sunday, November 4–5, 2017  
Al Bahr Shrine Center, San Diego

IT'S TIME AGAIN for our Annual Extravaganza – the biggest and best show in San Diego! To make it a success, we'll need help from our members. Please contact **Bob Hancock ASAP** if you can lend a helping hand at:

619-889-6886 or [gemdiego@sdmg.org](mailto:gemdiego@sdmg.org)

Show sign-up sheets with a list of activities are posted in the casting room of the **SDMG** building

**Members who help out with the Show get to browse in the Club Booth one-half hour early on Saturday morning, before the show even opens to the public. For more Show details, see page 3.**



#### Important dates

**Fri, Nov 3.** Show set-up at Al Bahr Shrine Center.  
9:00am Loading Crew  
10:00am Skirting and other Volunteer workers

**Sun, Nov 5, 4:00pm** Show break-down.  
**Mon, Nov 20, 6:00pm** SDMG Bldg. Show wrap-up mtg.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2017

by Shirley Leeson

[sdmgpresident@sdmg.org](mailto:sdmgpresident@sdmg.org)

### Greetings to all...

**T**HIS MONTH IS A BIG ONE FOR SDMG. Our **Gem Diego Show** is coming up fast, and we need all the volunteers we can get. The show is again at Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd. November 4th & 5th. It's FREE and the parking is FREE. *See more details on page 3.*

For all of you who are able and willing, we'll need help skirting the tables, setting up booths and work stations, exhibit cases, lighting, and help with security. If you are in doubt as to the hours for these duties, please contact show chair, **Bob Hancock** at **619-889-6886** or email: [rtourmaline2@aol.com](mailto:rtourmaline2@aol.com)

Our **General Meeting** on Monday, November 27th, in our SDMG Building, Spanish Village, Balboa Park, will feature **John Minch** of Mission Viejo, California. **John** takes us along on a arm chair tour of Baja California, Mexico. John will show us, via slides what it was like working and driving the old pre-pavement highway and roads of the 60s and 70s. The title of the program is "50 years of working in Baja, the Baja of yesteryear." He will also have his new book, ***The Baja California of Yesteryear***, available at a reduced price for **SDMG** members for \$20., which he will autograph for you. *See more details on page 5.*

Coming up in December is our annual **December Nights** open house, held on Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd at our building in Spanish Village, Balboa Park. Hours: noon to 11pm each night. We get a huge rush of people coming through the building between 9:30 and 11pm, when people are leaving the park. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and volunteer. Sign-up sheets are in the Lapidary classrooms, but if you are unable to come down, contact **Jim Parrish** at: [curator@sdmg.org](mailto:curator@sdmg.org).

Also coming up in December is our Annual **Pot Luck Dinner**, which will be held on Monday, December 18th at the Casa del Prado, just west of the Natural History Museum. **Rocio Bergum** is the chair for this event. She has a whole list of things to do and people in charge. One of the fun things is the **Christmas Ornament Contest** – think up something rock related to create an ornament, bring it to the contest, and we'll find a winner. Prizes are involved, so get a head start. There will also be a **Silent Auction**, just like the one at the **Annual Barbeque**, but it's held inside, with a little less room. Bring something to sell, and join the fun. The most important part is the FOOD. Please bring a tasty dish that serves at least eight people. The Society will offer both ham and turkey and also coffee, tea, and punch. *See more details on page 12.*

PLEASE MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR  
and BRING A FRIEND

Login to the SDMG  
member website  
to view the master calendar  
for 2016-17  
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SDMG Master Calendar  
for 2017-18  
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deadlines for bulletin submissions  
listed for every month



## Gem Diego Show

SDMG's Annual Extravaganza Coming Soon!

Saturday and Sunday, November 4–5, 2017

By Bob Hancock, Show Chairman

**Venue:** Al Bahr Shrine Center  
5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111

**Time:** Saturday 9:30am – 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Admission & Parking:** Free.

**Website:** [www.sdmg.org/sdmg-public/events/2017/gem-diego-show](http://www.sdmg.org/sdmg-public/events/2017/gem-diego-show)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Haulers**
- **Skirting crew**
- **Security**
- **Selling staff**
- **Exhibitors**
- **Demonstrators**

**Show Set-Up:** **Friday, November 3** (Meet at Al Bahr Shrine)

9:00am – Loading Crew  
10:00am – Skirting and other Volunteer workers  
Noon – Unload truck, set up cases  
2:30pm – Exhibits go in cases  
3:00pm – Demos & dealers set up

**Jaguar Award Winner:** **Sunday, November 4 at 2pm**

**Show Break-Down:** **Sunday, November 5 at 4:00pm**

**Show Wrap-up Mtg:** **Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:00pm** (before the Board Mtg at the SDMG Bldg Library.)

**E**XHIBITORS and DEMONSTRATORS, BUYERS and SELLERS, our annual **Gem and Mineral Show** is mere days away, so **SDMG Members**, load up the car. **Demonstrators and Exhibitors**, we hope you have your projects ready for the show. Don't forget to turn back your clocks when you go to bed on Saturday night – we fall back to Pacific Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 5th. You don't want to miss a minute because you snoozed.

### Calling All Volunteers!

**Gem Diego** is the best show in San Diego, but to set up a show of this magnitude, Your Club needs You to Volunteer.

There are Show sign-up sheets in the casting room of the **SDMG** building, but better yet **CALL Bob Hancock at 619-889-6886**.

Pick one or more activities that you can help with and sign up! It's fun, you'll learn a lot, and you'll meet a bunch of folks who share your interests. You'll be proud of your club and amazed when you see how beautiful YOUR show turns out.

Contact any show committee member to get more information (see the committee list on the next page).



This year, **Gem Diego** will have two floors filled to the rafters with everything a rockhound or gem-mineral-jewelry enthusiastic could want. What a great opportunity to get an early start on holiday shopping and have fun doing it! Among all the great things at the show, there will be:

- **Gem and Mineral Dealers.** selling gemstones, minerals, beads, jewelry, lapidary equipment and supplies.
- **Demonstrations.** Wire Wrapping, Faceting, Lost Wax Casting, Silver Chain Making, Intarsia, Chasing and Repoussé, and Sphere Making.
- **Gemstone Identification.** **GSSD** will look at your gems free of charge.
- **Door prizes and a Raffle.** courtesy of Simon King and Gladys Walker.
- **Club booth and a book booth.** Find great items and some hard-to-find books at bargain prices.
- **And...** a booth just for the **Juniors** will be on the second floor.

### SDMG'S FANTASTIC LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT SALE

at our Annual Gem Diego Show

November 4th and 5th

Al Bahr Shrine, San Diego

(look for our booth on the 2nd floor)

**There will be several high-quality pieces of lapidary equipment for sale by Silent Auction. Bidding ends Sunday afternoon.**

**You can bypass bidding and "Buy It Now" to ensure you get the item you want.**

[Download the flyer with pictures »](#)

(or short url: <https://goo.gl/g9dXhS>)

#### Don't Miss It!

There will be:

- Covington 24" slab saw
- Highland 6" combo unit w/ trim saw
- Ultra Tec faceting machine and access
- MDR faceting machine (no motor)
- ...and more

### SUPPORT YOUR CLUB & PARTICIPATE!

To set up a show of this magnitude, **SDMG** will need many volunteers. If you would like to help:

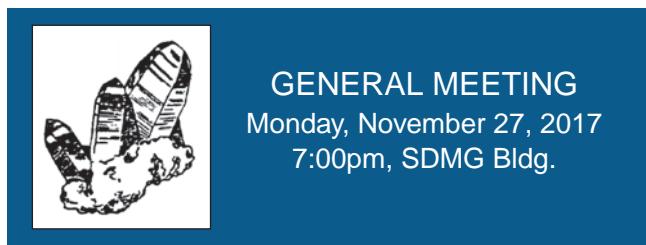
1. **Sign up** on one of the clipboards located in the Silver Casting room at SDMG (available mid-September);
2. **OR contact** any one of the members (see list below).

email us at  
[gemdiego@sdmg.org](mailto:gemdiego@sdmg.org)  
 include the committee member  
 you wish to contact



### Ye Olde Show Committee

Chairman	<b>Bob Hancock (619-889-6886)</b>
Secretary	Anne Schafer
Treasurer	Wayne Moorhead
Advertising	Rich Yarbrough
Signs & Flyers	Mike Harlow
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Demonstrators	Jackie Leverone & Dianne Hall
Exhibits	Ellen Riceman
Fire Permit/City Liaison	Garry Cannon
Door Prizes	Simon King & Gladys Walker
Electrical	Rich Yarbrough & Volunteers
Security	Doug Peeler & Volunteers
Table Skirting	Anne Schafer, Elbert McCune, Donna Beers & The Cast of Thousands
Members-At-Large	Andy Anderson, Donna Beers, Doug Peeler, Dave Smith, Rocio Bergum & Jill Williamson



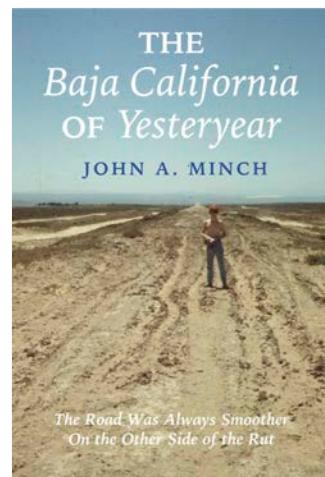
**T**HIS MONTH, have we got a program for you! We have **John Minch** coming all the way from Mission Viejo to give you a spellbinding program on early Baja California, Mexico. **John** was there in the 1960s and 70s when the road down Baja was a pre-pavement peninsular road – he actually worked up and down that highway. His pictures and recounting of events will be especially interesting.

Come join us, and forget the cares of the day. Sit back, and take all this in while sitting in the comfort of our building, instead of being on that road yourself. The title of the program is **“50 Years of Working in Baja, the Baja of Yesteryear,”** which is the

topic of his new book, ***The Baja California of Yesteryear: The Road Was Always Smoother on the Other Side of the Rut.*** He will have it available to members for a discounted price of \$20. – autograph included. This is a real special deal.

Don't forget, it was in the 1960s – 70s that a gang of adventurous **SDMG** members brought back our famous whale fossil from 'south of the border.'

Please bring refreshments for our after-meeting table presided over by **Andy Anderson.** **SDMG** will have coffee, tea and punch for your pleasure.



**Above.** Field mapping in the remoteness of Punta San José - It is hard to imagine the total isolation of this spot.

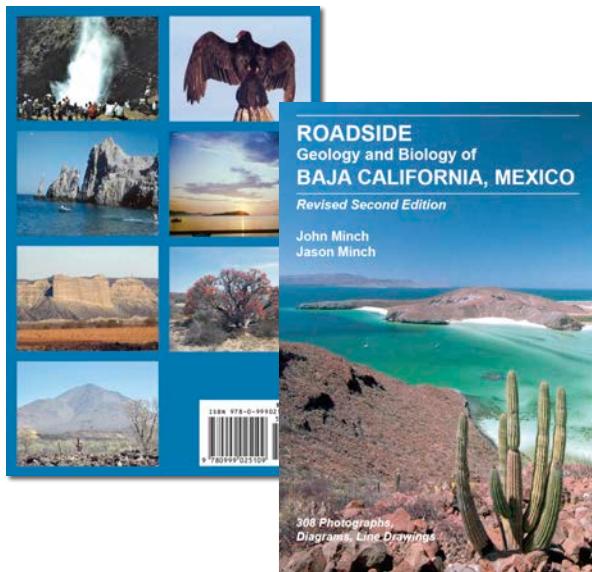
**Right.** San Quintin and the volcanoes of the San Quintin volcanic field.



*... from The Baja California of Yesteryear*



Boojum or Cirio Tree – a Boojum is an inconceivable creature in Lewis Carroll's poem "The Hunting of the Snark". I think that you will agree that it is a weird plant. It looks for all the world like a carrot growing upside down. This specimen is among the tallest. The rumor is that there is more moisture in the air than in the ground, so, the plant grows upside down. This was the main route to the coastal highway in 1967.



### Hot Off the Press!

#### ***Roadside Geology and Biology of Baja California, 2nd edition***

**Release date: June 13, 2017**

Full color, 288 pages, 6" x 9" format, and completely updated. The 5,000 copies of the first edition sold out years ago, and few are available.

List Price: \$25. / \$30. (incl. CA s/t & shipping)

**Get your copy at the SDMG meeting  
November 27, 2017**

SDMG members can get the book  
at the discounted rate  
**\$20. / \$25.** (incl. tax/shipping)

**Can't make the meeting?**

See publisher's address below  
or email: [jmainc@earthlink.net](mailto:jmainc@earthlink.net)

(don't forget to mention you are a SDMG member)

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By the way, another book that should interest rockhounds curious to explore the geological wonders of Baja California is **Minch's Roadside Geology and Biology of Baja California, Mexico**. The second edition was released this past summer. **Minch** will be bringing copies of this book to the meeting, as well.

### Last Month's General Meeting

THIRTY ATTENDEES participated in the gold panning demonstrations at the October **General Meeting**. The **Southwest Prospectors & Miners Association (SPMA)** sponsored the demonstrations for the second year in a row, with **Treasurer and former President Brian Winter** presiding. **SPMA** members brought vials of real gold dust, which participants could buy. It was great fun learning how to pan for our very own gold. For those bitten by the gold bug, **SPMA** invited **SDMG** members to attend an outing with them in December, see page 8 for details.



Gold Dust Woman SDMG President Shirley Leeson. Photo: Jim Parrish.



SDMG member Bob Hancock and guest from SPMA. Photo: Jim Parrish.

SDMG and SPMA members look on intently at the gold panning demonstration. Photo: R. Lafoon, SPMA.



SDMG Veep Jim Parrish runs the raffle as President Shirley Leeson interacts with the audience. Photo: R. Lafoon, SPMA.



SPMA presentation on gold panning, with equipment set-up to the side for demonstration and audience participation. Photo: Jim Parrish.



Tadah! Andy Anderson lays out the refreshments. Photo: Jim Parrish.

## Field Trip: Cajon Pass Panning & Sluicing Expedition

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

*Sponsored by Southwest Prospectors & Miners Association*

Hello Everyone. December's outing will be to Cajon Pass to teach and show fellow and future prospectors how to set up a sluice box and improve your panning skills. Everyone who attended this particular outing in the past has had a great time, and all found gold to take home.

What to bring with you for the outing?

1. Lunch, and plenty of water
2. Your shovels, picks, sluice, pans and a couple of pails.
3. An extra pair of shoes and socks, and a towel.
4. Toilet paper.

Cajon Pass is about 2 hours away from San Diego and I will be meeting up at 3 different places to gather people for the trip north on I-15 to Cajon Pass.

**1st meeting point** – Walmart Parking lot off of Aero Dr. at 7:00 am. Also, the same exit for Fry's Electronics.

**2nd meeting point** – JC Penny's Exit 27 E Via Rancho Parkway about 7:30 – 7:45 am.

**3rd meeting point** – Exit 119 Sierra Ave/Little Creek Rec Area, AM PM Gas station, about 9 am.

This will be the last place to get food and water, because our place to pan and sluice will be 12 miles away.

Continue up the I-15 to Exit 124 Kenwood Ave. Make a left turn, and go under the overpass to stop sign. Right turn at stop sign, (Cajon Blvd) and go about 4 miles. There will be a parking area on the left under trees by the Blue Cut Monument.

If the Exit 124 is closed for road construction, go up the grade to exit 129 Cleghorn Fire Rd. Make a left turn, go under the overpass and make a left turn, go about 5 miles or so, and just after passing Swarthout Canyon Rd., the Blue Cut Monument will be on the right side of the road.

**If there are any questions, please call Brian Winter at (619) 787-8458.**

## GEMOLOGICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO



GSSD General Meeting  
Monday, November 6, 2017  
7:00pm SDMG Building

THE FIRST GSSD MEETING held in October featured a presentation on **Ruby and Sapphire** by **GIA** gemologist and analytical microscopist **Nathan Renfro**. There was a good turnout, with 26 members and 16 guests in attendance.

**Bill Vance** will be the guest speaker for the November meeting. His presentation will focus on color-change and fluorescent **Magnesio Axinite** from the Tanzanite D-block in Tanzania. His topic can be previewed in an eight-minute video on the **GIA** website at (short url): <https://goo.gl/ajKYzB>.

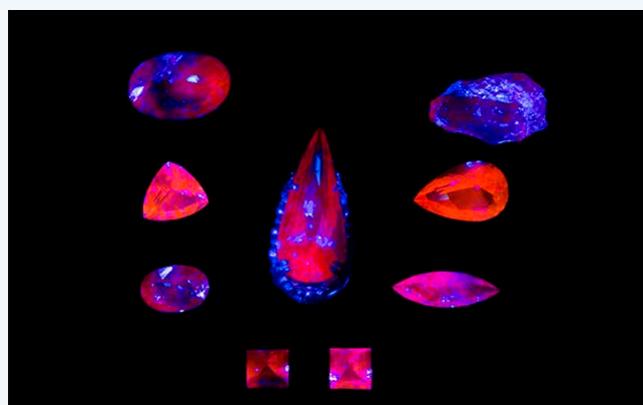
**Bill Vance** is a writer, lecturer, master stone cutter, Graduate Gemologist and a world traveler. A degree in Mass Communications from **Arizona State University** gave **Bill** a solid foundation to create a large number of articles and entertaining slide lectures, plus two educational/instructional video tapes on gemstone faceting. Completing a Graduate Gemologist degree from the **Gemological Institute of America** at the Santa Monica campus, and 50 years of hands on experience, helped **Bill** gain the knowledge and skills to provide gem identification services at various gem and mineral shows. Numerous rough and stone buying trips to Africa, Australia, Europe and the Far East have yielded both commercial gemstones as well as a large variety of rare and unusual stones. A majority of these stones are purchased in the rough, then graded and pre-formed before being faceted into “one of a kind” gems. These gems have been featured in jewelry industry publications, as well



Bill and Elke Vance at a past Gem Diego Show.

as finding their way into world class collections, including the **Smithsonian Institution**. **Bill** can be found exhibiting at over 35 Gem, Mineral and Jewelry shows a year, including the worlds largest in Tucson, Arizona.

The club will have tea and coffee, please bring treats to share.



**Left:** A suite of eight magnesio-axinite faceted gems and one rough stone. Clockwise from top right: 1.21 g orange-yellow rough, 2.72 ct. yellow-orange pear shape, 1.14 ct bicolor marquise, 1.51 ct pair of pale pinkish blue princess-cut stones, 1.43 ct pink-blue oval, 1.83 ct light pink to light blue triangle, and at center in the pendant, a 4.22 ct. oval pink-blue gem. **Right:** The same magnesio-axinite gems under long-wave ultraviolet fluorescent lighting. Photos by Eric Welch; courtesy of Vance Gems.

## School Closure Schedule 2017

Closure date	Description
Sat, Sept. 2 – Sun, Sept. 10	Labor Day shutdown, one week.
Mon, Sept. 11	Fall classes begin.
Fri, Sat & Sun, Nov. 3, 4, 5	Gem Diego Show shutdown, three days. (Everyone's help is needed with your club's show.)
Thu, Nov. 23 – Sun, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving shutdown, four days. Reopens Mon, Nov. 27.
Mon, Dec. 18, 2017 – Mon, Jan. 1, 2018	Christmas and New Year's shutdown, two weeks.
Tue, Jan. 2, 2018	Winter Classes begin.



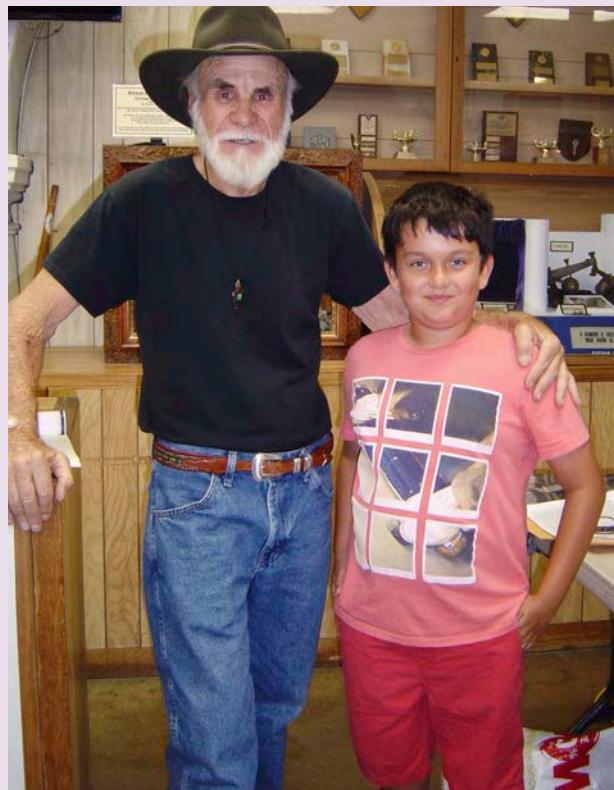
### JUNIOR DIVISION

Sponsored by  
SDMG instructors

**J**UNIORS, come and join in the classes on Saturdays from 10am to 1:00pm and have a good time learning to cut and polish stones.

Parents, please call me for more information or questions about enrollment.

**Wayne Moorhead,**  
School Director [school@sdmg.org](mailto:school@sdmg.org)



Guest lecturer Richard Cerutti with Junior member Brayden Pape, age 11, after the paleontologist's presentation at the October General Meeting. Photo: Praveenä de Silva.

## This 'n' That...

### General Announcements

#### Gem Diego Wrap-Up Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017

6pm, SDMG bldg.

#### SDMG November Board Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017

7pm, SDMG bldg.

#### *Remember!*

No Board Meeting  
& No General Meeting in December

Come to the Christmas Potluck  
& Ornament Contest instead

~ Monday, December 18, 2017 ~

Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

#### **~ SAVE THE DATE ~**

CFMS' Camp Zzyzx

March 25–31, 2018

download a registration form at:

[www.sdmg.org/pdf/2018\\_ZzyzxRegistration2.pdf](http://www.sdmg.org/pdf/2018_ZzyzxRegistration2.pdf)



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR**  
**GEMS, MINERALS**  
**& JEWELRY DEPT.**  
*by Anne Schafer, Coordinator*

### EXHIBITORS' MEETING REVIEW

**O**N SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2017, the annual Exhibitors' Meeting was held on the Fairgrounds. The Harvest Festival was also scheduled this same weekend, so Fair Security was a bit confused about these strange rock folks wanting (a) to be let onto the Fairgrounds for free, and (b) desiring the Board of Directors room to be opened for them! We missed the 10 a.m. meeting start time by a little bit, but the exhibitors were kind enough to haul in the coffee supplies and sweet treats for me, make coffee and pass out the handouts. Thanks!

**In attendance were:** LuAnn Benton (representing Educational, Faceting & Lapidary), Dorothy Ng (Bead Jewelry), Hugh Lawrence (Fossils & Minerals), Julie Leyden (Professional Jewelry), Rocio Bergum (Amateur Jewelry & Art Jewelry), Alan Bergum (Gemological Society volunteers) and Rich Yarbrough (Assistant Coordinator).

**Forty-four exhibitors had mailed back their completed questionnaires**, with exceptional suggestions for the 2018 Gems & Minerals Dept. competition. The results were summarized in a handout and a lively debate about a variety of topics ensued.

**Based on exhibitor input, here are the proposed new classes:**

- **Mineral of the Year:** Fluorite
- **Fossil of the Year:** Fossil Fruits, Leaves & Cones
- **Mineral specimens worldwide.** Professional. Full case.
- **One faceted stone from natural material, with corresponding rough, any size.** Master.
- **Art Jewelry:** Original concept. Single piece. Synthetic stones acceptable. Amateur.
- **Art Jewelry:** Original concept. One set. Maximum: 5 pieces per set. Synthetic stones acceptable. Amateur.
- **Air chasing jewelry.** Single piece.
- **Bola tie.** Single piece.

**HOW SWEET IT IS** has been selected as the Fair theme for 2018. And this leads to one new additional class:

- **Fair Theme Jewelry:** How Sweet It Is! Single piece. Synthetic stones acceptable.

**Entry brochures will be available in mid-February, and online entry will open in early March.** The entry deadline will be April 28, 2018. Entry delivery will be Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27. The Fair will open at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 1st.

**Questions? Please contact Anne Schafer at 858-586-1637 or [Agate.Annie2@gmail.com](mailto:Agate.Annie2@gmail.com).**



## SDMG's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & ORNAMENT CONTEST

Monday, December 18, 2017

4 – 10 PM

Room 101, Casa del Prado

Balboa Park

*Rocio Bergum, Chairperson*

**Who is welcome:** Everyone! Members, guests, kids, grandparents, second cousins, etc.

**Where:** Room 101 in Casa del Prado (just across the street from the west entrance to the San Diego Natural History Museum). Look for all the rockhounds milling about.

**Activities:** **Food!** Plus a **Silent Auction, Door Prizes**, and the **Christmas Ornament Contest**. Tickets for the Door Prize drawing are \$1.00 each.

**Decorating:** **Starts at 4:00 pm.** We do our own! Please come early to help deck the halls.

**Dinner:** **Served at 6:00 pm.** Did we mention there will be food? (No oven available.)

**Reminder!** Remember, traffic and parking can be hectic, so plan to leave a little early and try to arrive by 5:30 pm to be in time for setting up the serving line for dinner.

**Participants provide:** A hearty dish to serve at least eight people. (Boy, do we have good cooks!) Bring something nice for a door prize, if you wish, to add to the ones the Society furnishes. For the Silent Auction, bring something to sell that is lapidary, jewelry, or rock/mineral related. (10% of selling prices goes to the Club.)

**SDMG provides:** Ham, turkey, plates, plastic cutlery, napkins, cups, punch, coffee, hot water for tea, and a pie or two.

### Let's all plan on having a great celebration

THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK is **SDMG's** last event of the year. It gives us the chance to see friends we may not see otherwise during the holiday season. It's a chance to visit and reflect on the year past (boy, did it go by fast, or what?). We can muse about the year ahead and all the things we're going to do, places we're going to go. Oh, and it's a chance to enjoy a great feast prepared by our very own members. Come celebrate the season!

### Christmas Ornament Contest

Sharon Griswold, Chair

EVERY YEAR SINCE 1995 it has been tradition at the **Christmas Potluck** to deck our five-foot tall Yule tree made of felt with home-made ornaments made by our members. This is a **ROCK Christmas Ornament Contest**, so submit an entry that features elements that reflect what our Society is all about: beading, silver work, cabochons, chunks of fossil, fanciful desert roses, wire wrap, faceting, minerals, and so on. There will be prizes and accolades heaped upon the award winning ornaments.

## A DINOSAUR FOR CALIFORNIA – PART II\*

by Karol McQueary, President  
Southern California Paleontological Society

**G**OOD NEWS! California now has an official state dinosaur, as of September 23rd, when Governor Jerry Brown signed **AB1540**, making *Augustynolophus morrisi* an official symbol of our great state! This impressive hadrosaur has had a tremendous outpouring of support and publicity, all of which played a part in the passage of this bill. Certainly, no other dinosaur in history has had its own Twitter account and Facebook page. But the real story is the part our young people played in making this happen.

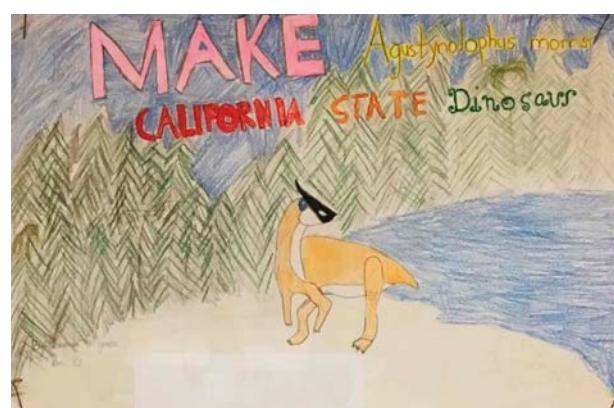
“Dinosaurs are cool, and highlighting a dinosaur that has such a deep connection to our state will stimulate interest in paleontology and science overall, particularly with children,” said **Assemblymember Richard Bloom**, the author of this bill. We couldn’t agree more!

Our students DID think this was cool, and they both supported this bill and learned about the legislative process as they circulated petitions, wrote persuasive letters, and drew posters urging a “yes” vote for Auggie. The fifth grade classes from Chapman Elementary School, a Los Angeles Unified public school in Gardena, sent a stack of letters of support to Sacramento. They also sent posters, which were on display on the third floor of the Capitol building in Sacramento during the month of July. Their arguments were well thought out and eloquent. I believe that some of these young people might have a future in politics!

**Aubrey**, a student at Chapman, stated, “Another reason why I think the *Augustynolophus morrisi* dinosaur should be our California state dinosaur is because if we do, then kids will want to find out more about the dinosaur and study more. It could lead them to be inventors, or they could find new plants or animals or new medicines. This dinosaur is a lesson



A new flag for California? Source:@augustynolophus.



Two of the Chapman School posters encouraging support of AB1540.

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**Editor's note:** San Diego Mineral & Gem Society supported Assemblymember Bloom's bill to designate an official state dinosaur for California.

to all of us. It's our dinosaur. We can't let this dinosaur go to waste!"

Young members of the **Southern California Paleontological Society** joined the effort, also learning about how a bill becomes a law and how to take part in the legislative process. They presented information about the bill to their various school classes, circulated petitions, and made their voices heard as well. The senators certainly heard from their young constituents.

As a step in the process, each bill goes to a committee prior to being read to the entire legislative body. On July 11, the Senate **Governmental Organization Committee** heard arguments in favor of this bill. Speaking in favor were **Dr. Luis Chiappe (Vice president of Research and Collections at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County & Director of the Dinosaur Institute), Karol McQueary (President of the Southern California Paleontological Society), and 6th grade student Llandyn Lubs.** Llandyn, who was there with his parents, **Brian and Stacy Lubs** and sister **Quynn**, first asked the senators to repeat the dinosaur's name after he pronounced it for them, stating that he didn't want them to vote for something they couldn't pronounce. That got a laugh, but the senators did as they were instructed, and they properly pronounced the dino's name. After his presentation and questions from the committee, **Llandyn** and family posed for a picture in the Assembly Chamber with **Assemblymember**



Dr. Luis Chiappe (Vice president of Research and Collections at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County & Director of the Dinosaur Institute), Karol McQueary (President of the Southern California Paleontological Society), and 6th grade student Llandyn Lubs and family with Assemblymember Richard Bloom.

**Bloom** and were treated to a private tour of the Capitol building.

All in all, it was a great experience for California students as they took part in helping a bill become a law. They were fully invested in the process, and we anticipate that when they see a picture of **Augustynolophus** in a book, or at the museum, or on the internet, they will know that they played a part in making this happen.

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## SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 18, 2017

**In attendance:** President Shirley Leeson and Board members Andy Anderson, Donna Beers, Rocio Bergum, Tim Bickford, Bob Hancock, John Kruzel, Lois Lukasky, Jim Parrish, Doug Peeler, Ellen Riceman, Anne Schafer, Dave Smith, Dee Smith, Jennifer Stapp and Paul Williams. A quorum was present. **Excused:** Garry Cannon, Wayne Moorhead, Sally Parrish, Jill Williamson and Adrianna Zulewski. **Guests:** Letty Evans.

**President's Report:** Shirley Leeson declared the first-ever Board Appreciation Dinner a success, with all but four Board members in attendance.

**CFMS:** Shirley Leeson to inquire at November CFMS business meeting in Visalia to find out if the Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral club needs assistance due to possible wildfire damage.

**Membership:** Total membership in SDMG as of this date is 618, including 51 Junior members.

**Juniors:** Dave Smith plans to lead a field trip to the Oceanview Mine for the Juniors, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12. The Juniors' Fund is to pay the dig fee for each Junior attendee, plus one parent/guardian.

Several assistant instructors expressed concerns about very young or very short Juniors being admitted to the Junior class.

**School Director:** Wayne Moorhead's report was read to the Board: "New floor mats have been purchased and installed by the sink and the grinders. Resupplied: green dop wax, Tool Cool liquid, 6" saw blade, leather polish discs and small dop sticks. Donated aluminum faceting dops, non-keyed type, will be sold to faceting students for a nominal price, TBD." Paul Williams requested that 10 new saw blades be purchased for installation on monster grinder.

**School Liaison:** Bob Hancock reported that Wednesday daytime faceting classes are full; Elbert McCune's Tuesday afternoon faceting class has room for new students.

**Building Superintendent:** Tim Bickford has one quote for painting from Alan Bergum, and plans to get a second quote from Charles Shupe. Motion

carried unanimously authorizing Tim to purchase a new wet/dry vacuum, price NTE \$300. Jim Parrish to meet with City Park & Rec liaison about obtaining new doors to SDMG Building.

**Museum Curator:** Paul Williams reported that the top fluorescent mineral case is finished, and he's working on the bottom exhibit case. Jim Parrish and crew plan to clean inside the museum exhibit cases before Christmas on the Prado. Jim requested assistance with generating new labels (a good typist to do data entry).

**Donations:** (1) Karen Hydendahl donated a pickup truck load of equipment, tools, supplies and faceting rough. (2) Jim Parrish delivered a donation of books and lapidary materials from Al and Thelma Lehmann.

**Editor's Report:** In October, 1,426 Enewsletters were sent out.

**Public Lands:** Motion carried that Board requires two (2) weeks to review letters submitted for Board approval and signature, and that the proposed action must be on the Board agenda.

Motion carried stating that the Board is more interested in gems and minerals than in political action, and that Public Lands content is to be limited to one page in the Bulletin, one paragraph in the Enewsletter and one page on the Website each month, except under special circumstances.

**Banquet:** Jennifer Stapp reported that Elijah's will be the venue for the 2018 Banquet, Robert Weldon of GIA will be the speaker, ticket price will be \$35 per person, and vegetarian/vegan plates will be available.

**BBQ:** Doug Peeler reported the BBQ will be held on Saturday, Apr. 28, 2018, at the same location and using the same caterer as last year. Chicken will remain on the menu for 2018. Doug has obtained the required City permit.

**New business:** Motion carried unanimously authorizing Tim Bickford to purchase four new tall chairs to be used at rolling podium at Board meetings, price NTE \$400.

*(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is October 16th at 7pm in the SDMG Building.)*

## ON THE GO ... TO A SHOW



### NOVEMBER .....

- 4-5 SANTA ANA, CA – 50th Annual Opal, Gem & Jewelry Show**  
**Sponsor:** American Opal Society  
**Venue:** Business Expo Center  
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**Hours:** Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm  
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- 10-12 SANTA ANA, CA – MZ Expos & LLD Productions – Fall West Coast Gem & Mineral Show**  
**Venue:** Holiday Inn-Orange County Airport  
2726 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 (Exit 8 from the 55 Freeway, Grand & Dyer)  
**Hours:** Fri and Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Sun 10:00am – 5:00pm  
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### 18-19 LAKESIDE, CA – Rock & Gem Round-up

**Sponsor:** El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society

**Venue:** Lakeside Rodeo Grounds  
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Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Admission & Parking:** Free

**Contact:** Mary Ness, 619-449-0759  
or [ecvgms@gmail.com](mailto:ecvgms@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.ecvgms.org/annual-show.html](http://www.ecvgms.org/annual-show.html)

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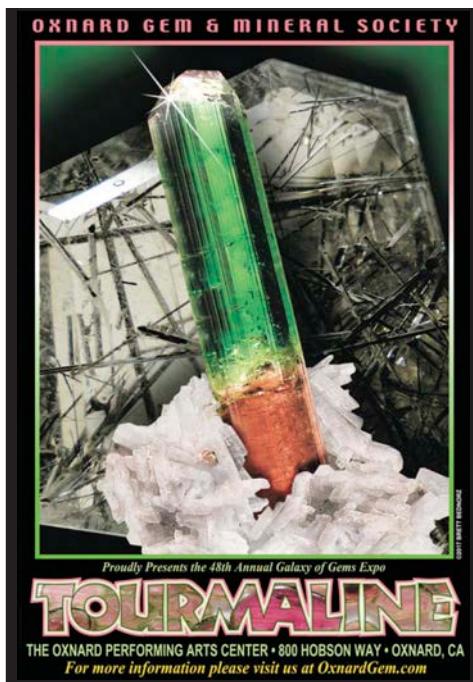
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Fifty display cases showcasing the talents and artistic skills of members and guest exhibitors. Some of the displays and activities are directed towards teaching students about the earth sciences. Take the pebble pup quiz, collect 36 dino discovery trading cards, participate in a dino dig, bean bag toss, and kids get a free polished rock.

**DECEMBER .....**

**2–3 BARSTOW, CA – 43rd Annual Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society Show**

**Venue:** Cora Harper Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311 (I-15 north of Barstow Road)

**Hours:** Sat and Sun 10:00am – 5:00pm  
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**Website:** [www.mdgms.net](http://www.mdgms.net)

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**9–10 Rialto, CA – OBMS Tailgate Show & Sale  
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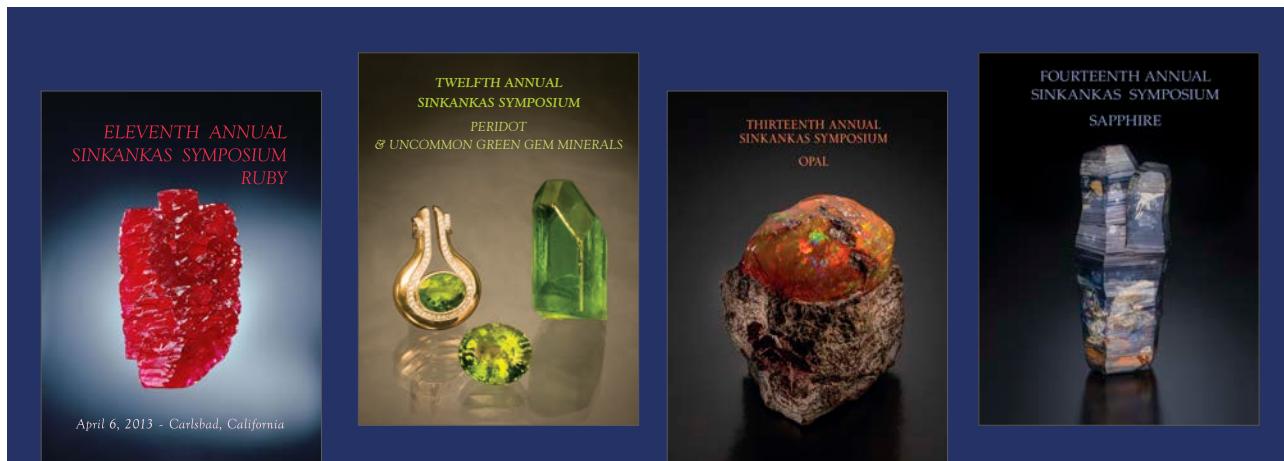
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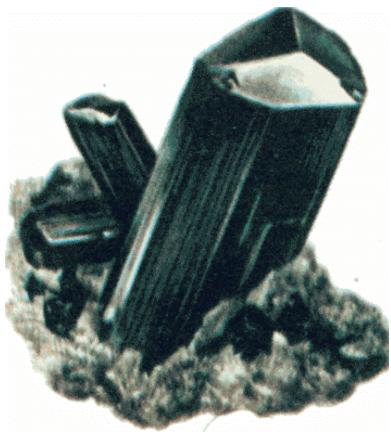
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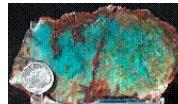
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