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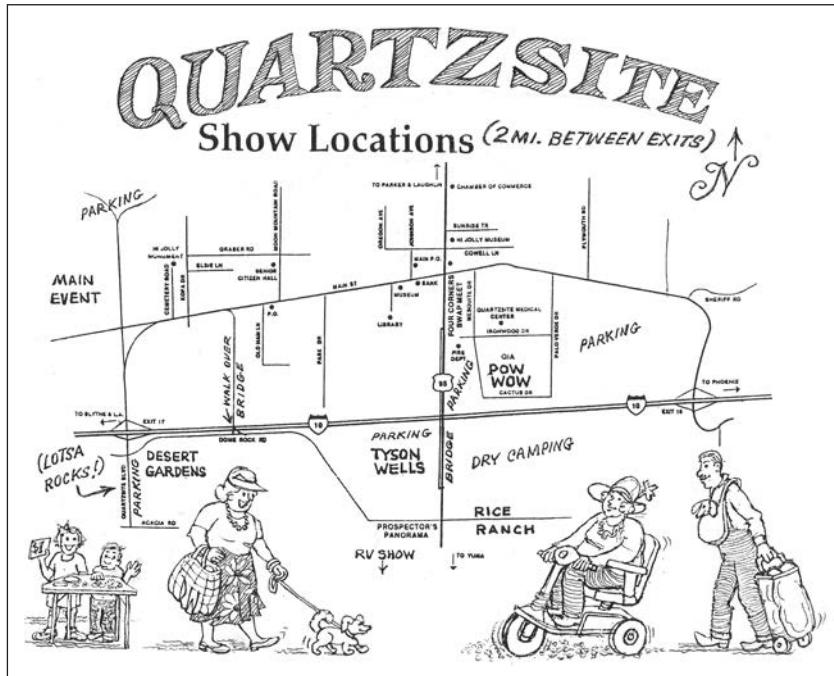


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2018

by Jim Parrish

sdmgpresident@sdmg.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I trust all of you had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday break. Whether you visited with family and friends or hid out among the rocks in the desert, it's hard to believe 2017 is gone already!

November and December were as busy as ever around the shop and museum, and of course, this included the **Gem Diego Show**.

December Nights was great! Please see page 7 to read about this event. You really should join us next year. Lots and lots of smiles.

See page 9 to read **Anne Schafer's** write-up about the **Christmas Potluck** and **Ornament Contest** held on December 18th. This event always attracts many members and their guests. I counted well over 100 people present.

A big thank you must go out to **Rocio Bergum** and all the other volunteers which I'm sure included her husband, **Alan**, for organizing this special night. She put a lot of physical and mental effort into making sure everything came together. To all those helpers who decorated, and set up the Silent Auction, thanks to all of you! Then there's **Simon King** and **Gladys Walker** who spent the whole evening up front handling one of the best door prize drawings of the year. We had a good year and to all of you who contributed so much, thanks again.

Best Wishes in the New Year!



MINERAL DIVISION

*Jim Parrish, Chairperson,
Treasurer and Door Prizes*

Friday, February 16, 2018
7:00pm, SDMG Bldg.

THE FIRST **Mineral Division** meeting of the New Year will be in February. It will be our annual Show 'N' Tell of the Quartzsite and Tucson Shows. Come prepared to show off the treasures you found and tell us about them

After the meeting we'll have some snacks. Please bring a treat to share. The Club will provide punch, coffee, and tea.

**SDMG Master Calendar
for 2017-18**
available online at:
www.sdmg.org/pdf/sdmg_master_cal_2017-18.pdf
deadlines for bulletin submissions
listed for every month



SDMG
General Meeting
January 22, 2018
7pm , SDMG bldg.
Jim Parrish, President

DO YOU WANT TO SEE what it's like at the largest mineral and gem show in Europe? Join us this month and I'll show a high quality video entitled "What's Hot in Munich."

The **Munich Show** is held in the fall each year and is number two in size, second in the world only after the famous **Tucson Show**. It's a very high class and rather expensive show, mostly because of the dollar to euro exchange rate. However, they do have some of the most spectacular and beautiful displays around.

So, join us and see what it's all about. As usual, we will have some special and outstanding door prizes. Don't forget to bring something to share for the snack table.

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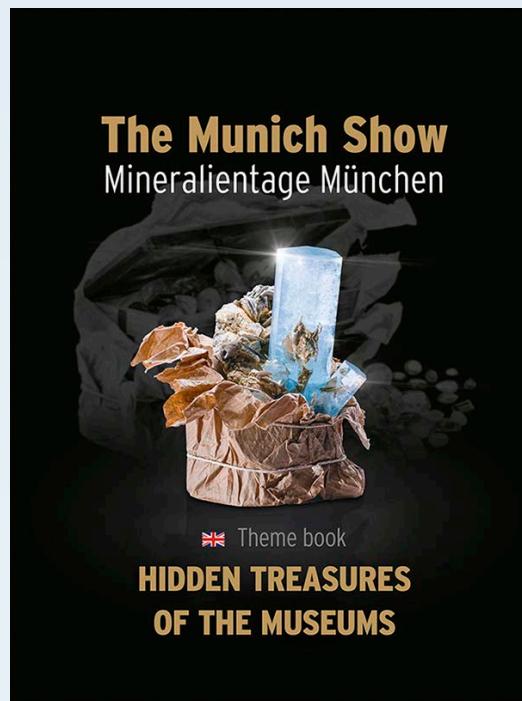
Last month our General Meeting was replaced by the Christmas Potluck, and we had over 100 people present to share in the holiday spirit. There were wonderful door prizes, great food, etc.... Thanks to all!

This last **General Meeting** held on November 27th, 2017 featuring speaker **John Minch** was outstanding! His many old Baja pictures converted to digital looked great, and his stories that went with them were excellent! He kindly brought his books on Baja and extended a discount to attendees.

On a similar note, I have found some old Baja stories in our archives written by past members that are quite interesting to read. I hope to republish some in the coming months.

Happy New Year 2018.

The next **General Meeting** will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018, with **Jim Parrish** presiding.



John Minch making his presentation on the Baja California of Yesteryear.  
 Photo: Jim Parrish.



## Welcome to SDMG's new Field Trip Organizer

**Adriana Zulewski** is SDMG's new field trip leader. She has been a member of the Society since 2015 and is also an active member of **El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society**. Although she does not have a professional background in geology or mineralogy, **Adriana** practices and appreciates the work done by fellow jewelers and shares the enthusiasm of rockhounds who enjoy going out and self-collecting rocks and minerals. **Adriana** is a novice rockhound, having been on only been on two field trips, but she is eager to see and explore more. She welcomes any suggestions on field trips destinations, and she is happy to share duties as co-coordinator. If you are interested in co-coordinating field trips, please send your information and interest to **Adriana** at [fieldtrips@sdmg.org](mailto:fieldtrips@sdmg.org).

If you are interested in attending Quartzsite 2018 during the third week of January and would like to meet more SDMG members there, contact **Adriana** at [fieldtrips@sdmg.org](mailto:fieldtrips@sdmg.org) for details. An info flyer and waivers will be sent to those who are interested in this event.

**GEMOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
of SAN DIEGO**



NEXT GSSD General Meeting  
Monday, March 5, 2018  
7:00pm SDMG Building

**N**O MEETING in January or February. We'll see you in March.

### Winter School Schedule

| Closure date                           | Description                                   |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Mon, Dec. 18, 2017 – Mon, Jan. 1, 2018 | Christmas and New Year's shutdown, two weeks. |
| Tue, Jan. 2, 2018                      | Winter Classes begin.                         |

### SDMG Library

SDMG Bldg.

Donna Beers

#### Hours:

Wednesdays, 9am to noon and 1 to 3pm  
beginning in February,  
the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 4 to 7pm

*Reference use only, no lending.*

**Access the catalog online at:**

<https://cloud.collectorz.com/sdmgmerklib/books>

#### Who may use the Library?

Membership is not required to view the catalog, but only **SDMG** members may come use the reference library.

#### We Need Volunteer Assistant Librarians.

Members willing to volunteer in the Library will enable us to extend the hours of access.

#### Contact Donna:

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

if you can help out.

### SDMG ANNUAL BANQUET

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday, March 24, 2018  
Jennifer Stapp, Chair

**O**UR 84TH BIRTHDAY PARTY will be held at **Elijah's Restaurant**, at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., which is conveniently located near the I-805, I-52 and I-5 freeways.

An evening dinner is planned. Please start thinking about what you might make to donate to the door prize table. Tickets and further details will be available soon.



## JUNIOR DIVISION

Dave Smith  
Coordinator

### Happy New Year from the Juniors!

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE **Lois Lukasky** for all her outstanding efforts that she has devoted for over 20 years to the youngest members of our Society. As the new Junior Coordinator, I have asked the other temporary Junior Division instructors to continue assisting, if possible, as they did during Lois' absence. **Paul Williams**, **Tim Bickford**, and **Rocio Bergum** were outstanding in their efforts to ensure the **Juniors** class could continue.

I hope to see our present and new Juniors start the new year creating cabochons and expanding their knowledge in this interesting craft. Our classes resume January 6th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact **School Director Wayne Moorhead** at [school@sdmg.org](mailto:school@sdmg.org).

### JUNIORS CLASS FALL FIELD TRIP

#### *A Review*

ON SUNDAY, November 12, 2017, the **Juniors** had their field trip to the **Oceanview Mine** in the historical Pala Mining District of north San Diego County.

The participants met at the west parking lot of the Pala Casino at 10:00am, and by 10:30am a caravan of **Juniors**, parents, and staff were winding up Magee Road to the entrance of the mine. After settling into our assigned screening tables, a short instruction of proper screening technique was demonstrated by **Bill Brisebois**, an award winning faceting instructor at **SDMG**.

**Bill** displayed examples of gemstones that might be found in the mine pile, including aquamarine, morganite, kunzite, and variations of tourmaline and quartz crystals.

The weather was ideal with a constant cool



The Oceanview Mine. Photo: Rocio Bergum.

breeze and grey overcast sky. The sun barely peeked out of the thick clouds in the late morning and disappeared for good by early midday. The screening barely halted long enough for a lunch of barbequed hamburgers expertly cooked by **Garry Cannon**, with side dishes of homemade bacon and pasta salad and a potato salad provided by parents. In addition to the screening, mine staff offered tours of the grounds in their small carts to the **Juniors** and anyone else willing to eat dust and ride the steep hills.

The final tally of 43 participants included 20 Juniors, 19 chaperones, and five staff. I would vouch that everyone had a wonderful time, and the fresh air and the cool weather made the task of gemstone hunting even more enjoyable. It was a day to remember.

This very special event for the **Juniors** was made possible by **Jeff Swanger**, who is CEO and owner of the **Oceanview Mine**. Thank you so much, **Jeff**, for all you did to ensure that the **Juniors** would have such a fun time.

**Some highlights  
from the Oceanview Mine  
Junior Division Field Trip  
November 12, 2017**

Photos by Rocio Bergum





## SDMG's ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS ON THE PRADO (aka DECEMBER NIGHTS)

*Reviewed and Photographed by Jim Parrish*

**A**NOTHER DECEMBER NIGHTS has come and gone. According to the City of San Diego, more than 375,000 people showed up for the celebrations during the two-day event held on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd. Although we had thousands of visitors wander through our

building and show area, I'm happy to say it wasn't that many.

A vast majority of the material we sold was donations from past and current members. It took many volunteer hours to sort, clean, label, and sell all those rock and rock-related materials.



Set-up of the booth started Thursday afternoon. The group (pictured at left) included **Angela Cannon, Dave Smith, Garry Cannon, Mike Harlow, and Sally and Jim Parrish**. Then, from opening on Friday afternoon until closing at 11:00 pm on both days we had **Letty Evans, Dave Smith, Jim Parrish, Angela and Garry Cannon, Jill Williamson, and Rocio and Alan Bergum** all working until their feet were numb.



On behalf of the Society, thank you! What a team! Everyone worked so well together, resulting in a lot of fun. If it sounds interesting to you, let me know, and we can sign you up for next year. There is always room for more.

The museum and shop were packed with visitors and shoppers. All those people touring the shop area created a lot of interest, and we now have some new members to show for it.

A special thanks to all who helped clean and freshen up the museum in the week preceding the event.

Many people helped set up the selling area, potluck zone and decorated the museum in preparation for the big nights. This year we missed **Lois Lukasky** and **Doug Peeler**.

Our shop area was kept open by numerous volunteers that included **Paul Williams**, **David Lipson**, **Bob Hancock**, **Rich Yarbrough**, and others.

If I missed someone, I'm sorry and thank you for your time and effort.

We all slept in late on Sunday but still managed to make a showing at the Lakeside show for a couple of hours.

A special thanks to all of you who donated time and materials to make this event such a success.

Happy New Year.



**Above left.** Angela assisting all the holiday shoppers with a smile.

**Top.** Alan Bergum volunteered many hours on a hard concrete floor.

**Middle.** The sales booth during a quiet moment.

**Bottom.** There was a holiday feel all through the park.



## SDMG's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & ORNAMENT CONTEST

*Reviewed by Anne Schafer, roving reporter*

*Photographed by Jim Parrish*

**W**HILE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK Chair-  
lady **Rocio Bergum**, her husband **Alan**, and  
helper **John Kruzel** loaded up supplies at the **SDMG**  
Building on Monday afternoon, Dec. 18, **Anne  
Schafer** had already sneaked into Room 101 of Casa  
del Prado and spent an hour setting up a bunch more  
tables and chairs that the janitors “forgot.” Just about  
the time she got done, shortly after 4:00pm, all sorts  
of elves arrived at Casa del Prado with carts and boxes

loaded with food and decorations, and the fun began!

**Debra Clough, Jill Williamson**, and a host of  
folks taped down tablecloths, then sprinkled garland,  
pinecones, and candy canes down the center of  
each table. **Jennifer Stapp, Dee Smith**, and crew  
set out the **Silent Auction** goodies, while **Gladys  
Walker** unpacked the door prizes and arranged them  
artistically. **Andy Anderson** kindly set up the coffee  
and punch station (and kept it stocked), while **Rocio**



**Above.** Rocio Bergum on the  
left, organizing the food table  
before the mad rush.

**Left.** Some of the 100+ people  
enjoying the potluck feast.



directed placement of food items on the five tables in the buffet line. **Elbert “Mac” McCune** was host, welcoming everyone, encouraging them to sign in and write out a name badge for themselves. As the crowds gathered and mingled, fourteen more private sellers added their items to the waiting **Silent Auction** area, almost filling the nine tables provided.

After finding seats and greeting friends, the food line formed up quickly at 6:00pm. There was plenty of great food to feed the 104 attendees all they wanted: ham, turkey, cranberries, gravy, potatoes, rice dishes, lasagna, pasta salad, green salad, orange jello, fruit bowls, pot stickers (yum!), spicy meatballs, sliced pomellos, pies, tarts, brownies, handmade candies, and too much more to either mention or eat!

**Rocio Bergum** and **Lee Bennett** cooked turkeys, while **Jim** and **Sally Parrish** (and one or two others whose names I didn't get) supplied lots and lots of tasty ham. **Simon King** entertained everyone during the door prize drawing, while **Sally Parrish, Angie Cannon, and Anne Schafer** collected monies at the end of the **Silent Auction**. (Credit must go to **Letty Evans** who always does the alphabetic sorting of bid sheets.)

**Sharon Griswold** had encouraged lots of folks to enter their works in the **Christmas Ornament Contest**, with Lucky #13 being this year's winner – **Angela Cannon** took First Place again!

Thanks go to the hardworking clean-up crew did an excellent and efficient job at the end of the evening. **Chairlady Rocio** truly deserves a round of applause for pulling together another great **Christmas Potluck**, and we hope that she will continue for another year. Bravo!

Next year's **Christmas Potluck** date has been set: Monday, December 17th. See you then!



**Above left.** Garry Cannon and Doug Peeler enjoying the festivities.

**Top.** Just a few of the many donated door prizes given away.

**Middle.** Jennifer Stapp keeps track of the auction bidding.

**Bottom.** Sally Parrish, Letty Evans, and Anne Schafer count the proceeds from silent auction.



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

### EXHIBITORS' MEETING REVIEW

ON LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON, December 7, 2017, I met with my supervisor, **Jacky Eshelby**, and her exhibits staff team. All of the proposed new classes for 2018 in the **Gems & Minerals Dept.** were approved:

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

**Update #1: Prize money was increased!** Effective in 2018, First Place will receive \$40, Second Place will receive \$30 and Third Place will receive \$20.

**Update #2: Entry fees were standardized.** Entries in all divisions – Mineral, Fossil, Mixed Display, Faceting, Lapidary, Jewelry and Educational – will pay the same amount, \$10 per entry.

**Schedule: 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 4:00pm on Friday, June 1st.

Directly after the meeting, my supervisor donned a Fair jacket and went out to direct horse trailer traffic arriving on the Fairgrounds as a result of the Lilac Fire. **Jacky** indicated that there was room for about 100 to 150 horses at Horse Park, and the Fairgrounds itself could hold upwards of 1,200 horses. Two of **Jacky's** exhibit team live close to the fire area, and they were anxious about trying to make their way home to their families and pets in Vista and Oceanside, since traffic was jammed up in all directions.

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

## *Legislation in the pipeline spells trouble for rockhounds*

by Lisbet Thoresen

*Public Lands Representative for San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.  
Chair, PLAC-South, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.*

### ***Two significant bills are pending which affect rockhounding in Southern California.***

**H.R. 3990, THE NATIONAL MONUMENT CREATION AND PROTECTION ACT** was introduced in the House of Representatives on October 6, 2017 by **Congressman Rob Bishop** (R-UT). It will effectively gut the **Antiquities Act of 1906** and facilitate privatization/industrialization of public lands by transferring management from federal agencies to states and counties. Federal lands that belong to all Americans, could be managed in a manner tailored to the narrow interests of local constituencies and economies.

If undoing the **Antiquities Act** seems like a potentially viable solution for ensuring that recreational users will regain access to public lands, the reality is that virtually every millimeter of public lands without protective designations has been claimed or targeted for dig-ready utility scale projects, which will be gated and fenced. Land formerly regarded as worthless wasteland, including favorite collecting areas, is vulnerable.

**H.R. 3990** provides no provision to protect the values of recreational users, including rockhounds. An op-ed on **H.R. 3990** appears in *The Pegmatite* (December 2017), available online at (short URL): <https://goo.gl/ngUXoN> or [http://www.sdmg.org/articles/201712/201712\\_Rockhounds\\_could\\_hit\\_rock\\_bottom\\_in\\_2018.pdf](http://www.sdmg.org/articles/201712/201712_Rockhounds_could_hit_rock_bottom_in_2018.pdf) .

A vote has not been scheduled for the bill, and it appears that a vote may not be scheduled until early(?) 2018.

The author (LT) drafted proposed comment letter opposing **H.R. 3990** which has been submitted for consideration by both the **CFMS** and **SDMG** boards.

**H.R. 4086 AND S. 1993, RIM OF THE VALLEY PROTECTION CORRIDOR ACT** was reintroduced in the House on October 19, 2017, by **Representative Adam Schiff** (D-Burbank) and in the Senate by **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA). The bills, which are identical, propose to double the size of the **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SAMO)**, expanding its boundary to encompass the Rim of the Valley Corridor, which includes undeveloped land in San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley, Conejo Valley and Santa Clarita Valley. The enlarged unit will be brought under management of the National Park Service.

Unless the bill in its current form is emended, most hobby collecting or collecting for research will be banned or require a permit with conditions. The author (LT) drafted a letter to **Representative Schiff** and **Senator Feinstein**, explaining that the bill, unless revised, is likely to inspire strongly negative comment letters from the rockhound community similar to the response to the creation of **Mojave Trails National Monument**. It remains to be seen if the bill will be emended to accommodate rockhounds.

The House version of the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands on October 24, while the Senate version was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the day it was introduced. It is unclear when the bills move out of their respective committees.

**CFMS Paleontological Specialist Andrew Hoekstra** authored an article on **H.R. 4086** for the November-December 2017 *Bulletin of the Southern California Paleontological Society*. It contains useful resource links and is reproduced by permission on the next page.

## Legislation Threatens Hobby Collecting on Local Public Lands

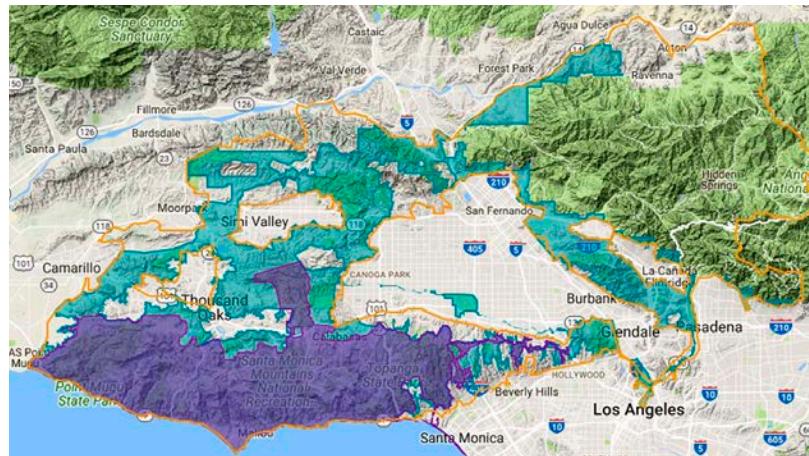
by Andrew Hoekstra\*

Paleontological Resources Specialist, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Representative Adam Schiff and Senator Dianne Feinstein reintroduced the **Rim of the Valley Protection Corridor Act** in Congress this October [2017]. The legislation would add 191,000 acres of land to the **Santa Monica National Recreation Area**, more than doubling its size. The addition consists of already public lands that are the last remaining undeveloped hillsides around the San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley, Conejo Valley and Santa Clarita Valley. Because it will be administered by the National Park Service, all collecting (without a permit) of rocks, fossils, insects, and plant materials will be prohibited. This effectively bans nature study involving hobby collecting - by families, individuals, and educational groups - on the only public lands available for those activities adjacent to our heavily populated urban area.

**Map.** Santa Monica National Recreation Area in purple, the proposed addition in blue.

If you oppose the ban on nature-study collecting on the public lands around our cities, please consider telling the Committee on Natural Resources of the US House of Representatives, the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and your congressman, why this legislation is harmful to education, and that you oppose the bill in its present form. Let's work for the defeat of this legislation.



### Useful links

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr4086>

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr4086ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr4086ih.pdf>

or short URL: <https://goo.gl/SGccSD>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1993/text> or short URL: <https://goo.gl/rT7CUU>

<https://schiff.house.gov/news/press-releases/rep-schiff-and-senator-feinstein-introduce-rim-of-the-valley-corridor-preservation-act> or short URL: <https://goo.gl/cR1oEQ>

[http://schiff.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Fact%20Sheet\\_ROTVPdf.pdf](http://schiff.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Fact%20Sheet_ROTVPdf.pdf) or short URL: <https://goo.gl/rNSntB>

<http://www.dailynews.com/2017/10/18/rim-of-the-valley-new-plan-emerges-to-add-nearly-191k-acres-to-santa-monica-mountains-recreation-area/> or short URL: <https://goo.gl/cr3vt7>

<https://la.curbed.com/2017/10/19/16506946/la-national-park-griffith-river-rim-of-valley>

or short URL: <https://goo.gl/K2eKMo>

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## What to do in QUARTZSITE 2018

### Ye Old Timer Auction

**Thursday, January 18th • 7pm**

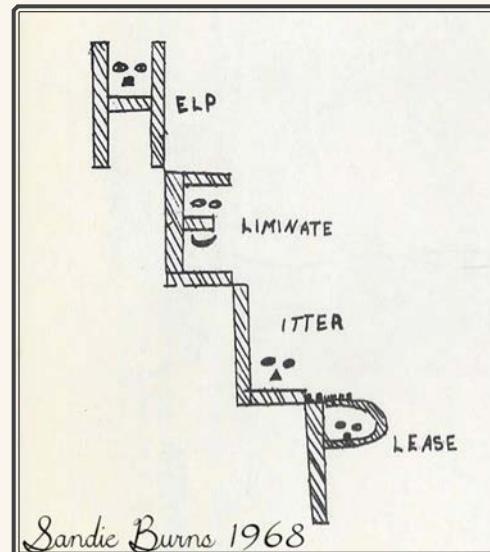
Senior Citizen Center  
(Doors open at 6pm)

### ALAA 6th Annual Cleanup

**Sunday, January 21 • 9:30am – noon**

location: Gold Nugget Road

**IF IT SNOWS OR THERE IS A HURRICANE**  
the event is cancelled automatically



## 2018 in Quartzsite (AZ 85346) - selected shows

### Jan 1 – Feb 28

#### Desert Gardens Gems, Rocks

##### & Minerals Show

1050 Kuhen Street

8am – 5pm daily

Free Parking and Admission

[www.desertgardensrvpark.net](http://www.desertgardensrvpark.net)

### Jan 2 – Feb 28 • Prospector's Panorama

Tyson Wells Show Grounds

35 W. Kuehn Street

9am – 5pm daily

Free Admission

[www.prospectorspanorama.com](http://www.prospectorspanorama.com)

### Jan 5–14 • Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

### Jan 19–28 • Tyson Wells Annual Sell-A-Rama

Tyson Wells Show Grounds

121 W. Kuehn Street

9am – 5pm daily

Free Admission

[www.tysonwells.com](http://www.tysonwells.com)

### Jan 17–21 • Q.I.A. POWWOW

235 E. Ironwood Street

(north of I-10 between Exit 19 and Hwy 95)

7am to 5pm daily

Free Parking and Admission

[www.qiaarizona.org](http://www.qiaarizona.org)

(check website for 2 daily field trips)

### Jan 20–28

### 35th Annual Sports, Vacation and RV Show

Show Grounds • 700 S. Central

9am – 5pm daily

Free Admission

[www.quartzsitervshow.com](http://www.quartzsitervshow.com)

### thru April

### Grease Wood Swap Meet

Show Grounds

More activities at: [www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html](http://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html)

## ON THE GO ... TO A SHOW



### JANUARY .....

#### 5-7 PHOENIX, AZ – 46th Annual Flagg Gem & Mineral Show

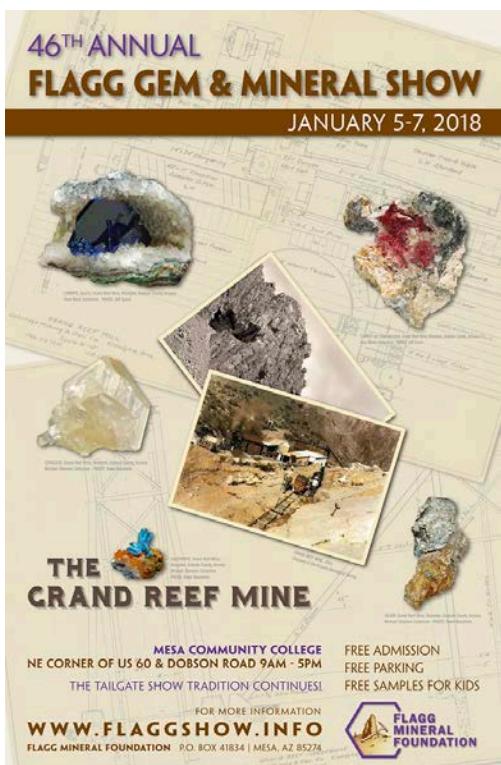
**Venue:** Mesa Community College, the west parking lot on Dobson Road located just north of the Superstition Fwy (Route 60), Mesa, AZ  
**Hours:** 9am – 5pm daily.

**Admission & Parking:** Free

**Contact:** Dana Slaughter, 602-312-9791 or [dsminerals@aol.com](mailto:dsminerals@aol.com)

**Website:** [flaggmineralfoundation.org/home/flagg-gem-and-mineral-show/](http://flaggmineralfoundation.org/home/flagg-gem-and-mineral-show/)

Tailgate format featuring vendors with special displays, club booths, jewelry, gems, beads, fossils, minerals, and lapidary supplies, ATM, food vendors and activities. A goal of the show is to stimulate interest of children in rocks, minerals, geology, and science. Several groups will have free samples for children and teachers, and there will be free activities.



#### 21-22 EXETER, CA – 2018 Gemboree Exeter Rock & Gem Show

**Sponsor:** Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia

**Venue:** Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building  
 324 N. Kaweah Avenue, Exeter, CA 93221

**Hours:** Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Admission and Parking:** Free

**Contact:** Laura Manser 559-303-0632, or [driggs5@gmail.com](mailto:driggs5@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.tulegem.com](http://www.tulegem.com)

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#### 26-28 FALLBROOK, CA – 53rd Annual Pacific Micromount Conference

**Presented by:** Mineralogical Society of Southern California

**Venue:** Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum  
 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028  
 760-728-1130

(Driving directions and local hotels, including nearby Temecula, are listed on the registration form)

**Website:** [www.mineralsocal.org/pacific-micromount-conference/](http://www.mineralsocal.org/pacific-micromount-conference/)

**Registration:** \$15 before conference; \$20 at the door.

*Please provide the names and home towns of all members of your party. In addition to Conference registration, select menu choices for Saturday night pizza and indicate field trip interest.*

**Registration form:** [www.mineralsocal.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/New-PMC-Registration-Form.pdf](http://www.mineralsocal.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/New-PMC-Registration-Form.pdf)

### 53rd Annual Pacific Micromount Conference Program

#### Friday, Jan 26:

**3:00–6:00pm** On-site Registration, greeting friends, setting up scopes, \$1 sales table opens.  
**6:00–7:00pm** Dinner on your own; there are several cafes and a great Mexican restaurant within a few blocks of the museum.  
**7:00–8:00pm** Lecture by Herwig Pelckmans (from Belgium) – Meet an Important Unknown Mineralogist.  
**8:00–9:00pm** Contributed Talks & Mineral Photos.

#### Saturday, Jan 27:

**8:00–9:00am** Doors Open, On-site Registration, microscope set-up, filling “GIVE-AWAY” and sales tables, meet & greet  
**10:00am** Welcome, Introductions and Special Announcements.  
**10:15–11:30am** Morning Presentation by Joe Marty (Salt Lake City, UT) – New Mineral Finds in Eastern Utah & Western Colorado.  
**noon** Lunch (on your own).  
**1:30pm** Verbal auction.  
**3:00pm** Silent Auction of donated specimens, mineralogical books/magazines, maps, etc.

**3:15–4:30pm** Afternoon Presentation by Paul Adams (Redondo Beach, CA), Mineral Collecting in Mineral County, Nevada.

**4:30–6:00pm** Microscope time, scouting the give-away & sales tables  
**6:00–7:00pm** Dinner (pizza from Costco Temecula) – served at the Museum (No cost)  
**7:00pm** Contributed talks & Mineral Photos.

#### Sunday, January 28:

Field Trip (destination TBD)

## FEBRUARY . . . . .

### 16–25 INDIO, CA – San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society Annual Show

**Venue:** Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival  
82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201  
**Gem & Mineral Building**  
**Hours:** Daily 10am - 10pm  
**Admission:** Adults \$11, Seniors \$10, Students \$9, Children under 5 Free  
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**Contact:** Bert Grisham, 951-849-1674  
or [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)  
**Website:** [www.datefest.org](http://www.datefest.org)

## 2018 in TUCSON

### Selected Gem & Mineral Shows

#### Alphabetical Listing of all Tucson Shows

##### January through February

[www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html](http://www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html)

##### and at:

**Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase:**  
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**Contact:** 800-638-8350

**Website:** [www.visittucson.org](http://www.visittucson.org)

For detailed listings of all the dealers, venues, and show dates, search the schedule at the show website.

## TUCSON - selected shows

### JANUARY–FEBRUARY . . . . .

### 25–11 Tucson 22nd Street Mineral & Fossil Show (Eons Expos)

**Where:** Corner of I-10 & 22nd Street

**Hours:** 9:00am – 6:00pm daily

**Admission:** Free.

**Parking:** \$3.00

**Website:** [www.22ndstreetshow.com](http://www.22ndstreetshow.com)

Wholesale and retail, 220 dealers, plus food vendors, handicapped accessible.

**26-7 Pueblo & Mineral Show**

**Where:** Riverpark Inn, 777 W Cushing Street, Tucson, Arizona 85745

**Hours:** 10:00am – 6:30pm daily

**Parking:** Onsite and valet.

**Contact:** [info@pueblogemshow.com](mailto:info@pueblogemshow.com) or 310-586-6816.

**Website:** [www.pueblogemshow.com](http://www.pueblogemshow.com)

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**27-10 Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show**

**Hours:** 10:00am – 6:00pm daily, except Sat, Feb. 10, 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Admission and Parking:** Public welcome, free.

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**Website:** [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

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– Three locations –

**(1): Hotel Tucson City Center**

(formerly InnSuites Hotel)

475 N. Granada Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701  
(St. Mary's Rd and Granada Ave.)

**Ballrooms open Jan. 25 - Feb. 7**

**(2): Mineral & Fossil Marketplace**

333 N. Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705  
in cooperation with Adam Aaronson Properties LLC,  
[mineralfossilmarketplace@gmail.com](mailto:mineralfossilmarketplace@gmail.com)

**(3): Fossil & Mineral Alley**

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in cooperation with Himada Expositions LLC, [mitulpatel80@gmail.com](mailto:mitulpatel80@gmail.com)

**26-11 Rapa River Gem & Mineral Show**

**Where:** 292 S. Freeway Ave.

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**Hours:** 9:00am – 6:00pm daily

Admission and Parking: Shuttle service; handicap accessible.

**Contact:** Lynn Arriaga at 520-256-2079 or Tyo Leonard at 480-593-3439; or [rapagem@yahoo.com](mailto:rapagem@yahoo.com)

**Website:** [www.rapariver.com](http://www.rapariver.com)

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**26-11 Kino Gem & Fossil Show**

**Where:** Tucson Electric Park, Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85702 (Ajo Way and Kino Parkway)

**Hours:** 10:00am – 6:00pm daily, except Feb 11, closes at 4:00pm.

**Admission and Parking:** Acres of free parking, free shuttle service; handicap accessible.

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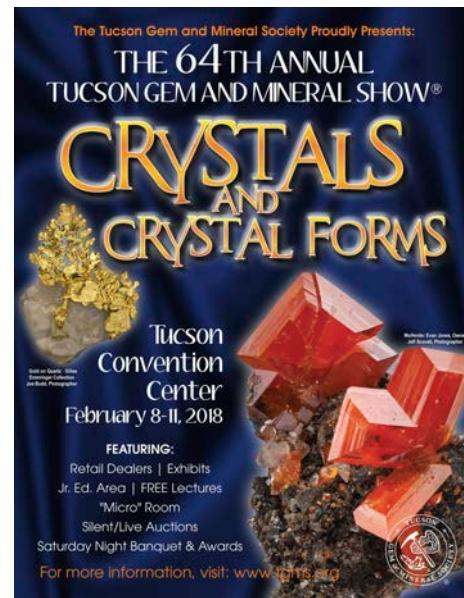
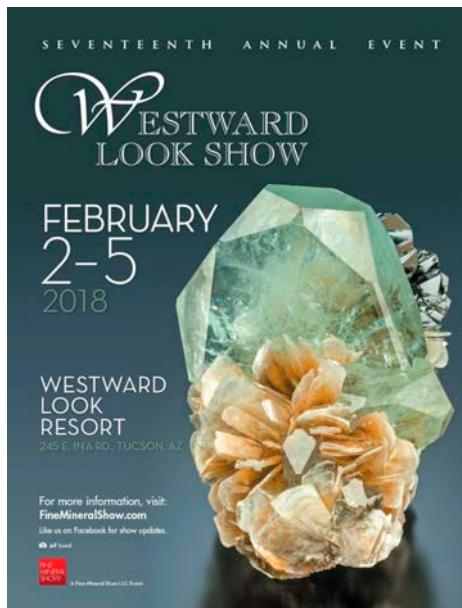
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**Where:** Westward Look Resort  
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**Hours:** 10:00am – 6:00pm, except on the final day, 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Admission and Parking:** Free.

**Contact:** [info@finemineralshow.com](mailto:info@finemineralshow.com)

**Website:** [finemineralshow.com](http://finemineralshow.com)

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**Hours:** Thu thru Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sun 10:00am – 5:00pm.

**Tickets:** Adult \$13.00; Children 14 and under Free with paying Adult; 2-day ticket \$22.00. Tix available starting January 11th.

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### Contact for more information:

**Audrey Harvey**, Camp Zzyzx Registrar  
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## SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 20, 2017

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

**President's Report:** Shirley Leeson announced her resignation as President, effective at the end of the month, specifically Nov. 30, 2017.

**CFMS:** Shirley Leeson attended the annual CFMS business meeting in Visalia, and reported that the CFMS will have a new set of officers for the 2018 year.

**Membership:** Total membership in SDMG as of this date is 677, including 58 Junior members.

**Juniors:** Motion carried unanimously to appoint Dave Smith to the position of Junior Coordinator.

**School Director:** Wayne Moorhead obtained more dipsticks and saw oil, plus 10 new saw blades for the Monster Grinder. The Lapidary School will be closed from Thanksgiving thru Sunday, Nov. 26, inclusive.

**School Liaison:** Bob Hancock reported that attendance is up in Elbert McCune's faceting class, and that Jerod Schneider is in charge of doing all repairs and calibrations on faceting machines. Everyone else: hands off!

**Building Superintendent:** Jennifer Stapp is to coordinate with Tim Bickford on the online purchase thru Costco of a new wet/dry vac.

**Museum Curator:** Jim Parrish planned to hold a museum cleaning party on Friday, Nov. 24, prior to Christmas on the Prado/December Nights.

**Librarian:** Motion carried unanimously to accept Donna Beers' offer to volunteer as SDMG Librarian.

**Field Trips:** Adriana Zulewski mentioned three upcoming field trips, held by other clubs, that SDMG

members could attend: (1) El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society field trip to Ludlow on Dec. 9; (2) Orange Belt Gem & Mineral Society show in Rialto on Dec. 9-10; and (3) Southwest Prospectors' field trip on Dec. 16. The suggestion was made that Adrianna write up an article for the December Pocket Pegmatite.

**Donations:** (1) Letty Evans donated two books on fossils. (2) Junior member Brayden Pape donated two hours of his time for two days, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 18 and 19, serving as a docent in the SDMG Museum.

**Show:** Bob Hancock reported that the November show was a great success, with a full complement of demonstrators, dealers and volunteers. The proceeds of the silent auction, combined with sales in the club selling booth, led to a record profit. Regrettably, Al Bahr will no longer be available as a venue for the show in the future and a new venue will have to be found for 2018.

**Banquet:** Jennifer Stapp reiterated that the annual Birthday Banquet will be held on Saturday, Mar. 24, 2018, at Elijah's. To have the same musicians as last year will require providing four free meal tickets plus a \$200 fee.

**Website:** Shirley Leeson read a letter from Webmistress Lisbet Thoresen; motion carried to table discussion of the letter until January 2018, so that Board members will have a chance to read the material provided.

**New business:** Shirley Leeson appointed Jim Parrish and Anne Schafer as Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee; the appointment was approved by the Board.

*(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is January 15, 2018, at 7 pm in the SDMG Building.)*

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|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>CABOCHONS</b>               | Tue | 6 – 9pm        | Tim Bickford           |
|                                | Wed | 9 – 11:30am    | Jim Claypool           |
|                                | Wed | 12:30 – 3:00pm | Jim Claypool           |
|                                | Wed | 7 – 9pm        | <b>Class cancelled</b> |
|                                | Thu | 7 – 9pm        | Jon Evans              |
| <b>FACETING</b>                | Tue | noon – 3pm     | Elbert McCune          |
|                                | Tue | 7 – 9pm        | Jerod Schneider        |
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|                                | Sat | 4 – 7pm        | Stephanie Griffin      |
| <b>CASTING</b>                 | Mon | 1:30 – 7:00pm  | Rocio Bergum           |
|                                | Tue | 9am – 2pm      | Dave Smith             |
|                                | Fri | 5 – 7pm        | Rich Yarbrough         |
| <b>STONE SETTING</b>           | Mon | by appointment | Miguel Asmar           |
| <b>ROCK CARVING</b>            | Mon | 9am – 1pm      | Jan Kunsa              |
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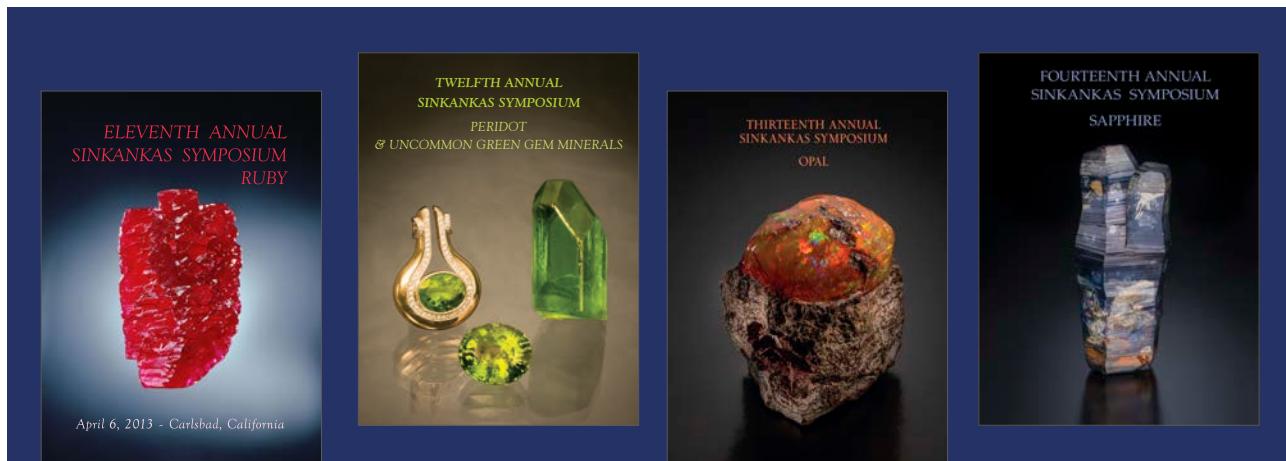
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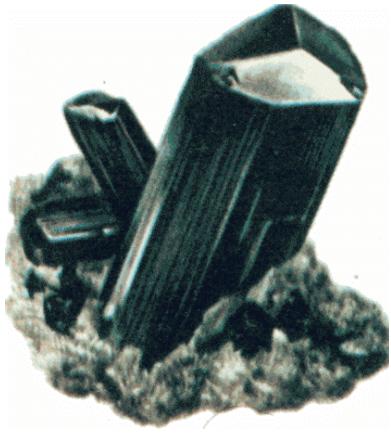
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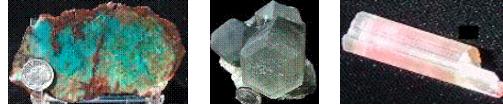
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| 7                                                                       | 8                                                          | 9                                           | 10  | 11  | 128 | 13                                              |
| 14                                                                      | 15<br>SDMG<br>Board Mtg<br>7pm, SDMG bldg                  | 16                                          | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20                                              |
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