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SDMG's 84th ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Jennifer Stapp, Chair

Program: "Gems Behind the Lens"

by Robert Weldon, G.G.

Join us for a special evening

Read all the details on page 7

This multicolor tourmaline frog carving is by the Idar Oberstein master, Gerd Dreher. Photo by Robert Weldon/GIA. Courtesy William F. Larson.



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The mission of the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society, Inc., is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and earth sciences; to encourage the study of these subjects; to conduct classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; to conduct field trips for the collection and study of specimens; to encourage interest in mineralogy and lapidary arts among young people; and to procure and maintain a collection related to the earth sciences and lapidary arts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2018

by Jim Parrish

sdmgpresident@sdmg.org

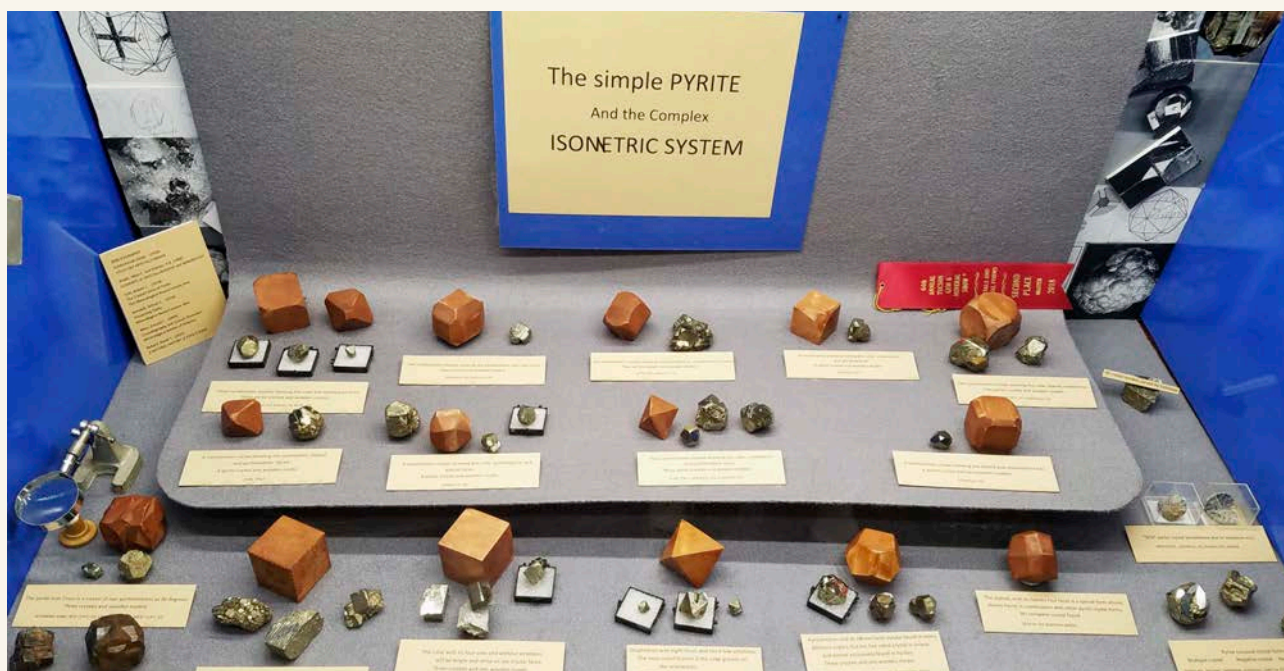
INTO THE THIRD MONTH, AND I'M STILL HERE. I survived almost three weeks in Tucson, and all the people sick with colds and flu! There were a lot of them this year and they made sure they shared with everyone else.

Boards members, I'd like to thank you for donating your time and effort in keeping our organization running. It just wouldn't work without you and all our fantastic volunteer instructors. Please make a note in your calendars, so you don't miss any meetings. Your attendance is very important.

Annual Birthday Banquet, March 24, 2018. Tickets are on sale now for \$35.00, read more about the planned event on page 7. Please contact Jennifer Stapp (banquet@sdmg.org) to make donations for the door prizes/raffle. Your contributions would be much appreciated.

Mineral Division Annual Quartzsite/Tucson Show 'N' Tell and search for Min Div chair. Last month's meeting was fun, well attended, and informative. The **TGMS** show was superb (as usual). The 2018 **Crystals and Crystal Forms** theme inspired some great exhibits (Some pictures from the exhibition are shown below.) Next year, the theme will be **Wulfenite**.

As I stated last month, I would love to see someone with mineral collecting interest step up and take over this division. We have approximately four meetings/programs per year in October, February, April and June. So, it really isn't that tough. I would be happy to share my expertise, guidance and a program. Call or email me if you're interested. (619-275-0205).



This exhibit focused on the Crystals and Crystal Forms theme with a display of "Simple Pyrite and the Complex Isometric System." Photo: Jim Parrish.



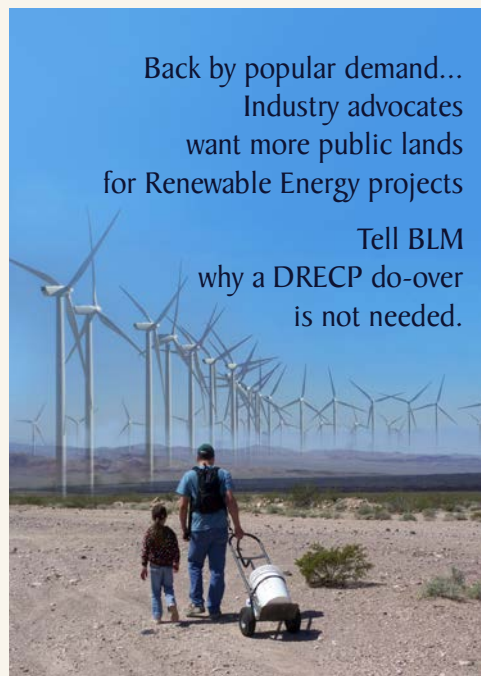
An exhibit of minerals showing the crystal forms of the mineral systems. Photo: Jim Parrish.

BLM public scoping meetings on amending the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). Members who enjoy hobby collecting or just visiting our beautiful California deserts may recall that recreational uses and access to our favorite desert destinations were under threat in 2014–15 courtesy of the largest land use plan amendment in state history. Its aim was (and still is) to greenlight permits for as many renewable energy projects as possible, as quickly as possible.

Rockhounds really stepped up in 2015 and submitted lots of detailed comment letters to **DRECP**. Those letters produced significant changes to accommodate hobby collecting in the final **DRECP Record of Decision** (9/14/2016). Well, **BLM** is now considering tearing it up and starting all over again to give more land to renewable energy development. That means recreational users may lose what they gained from the last go-round.

So, Rockhounds now have a limited window of opportunity to tell **BLM** why the Review is unnecessary and why it's bad for Rockhounds.

It is important for Rockhounds to attend one of the eight public meetings **BLM** has scheduled between February 26 and March 7. It is also important to get your name/your club's name onto a comment letter by the March 22nd deadline. SDMG has prepared a letter and we welcome all rockhound advocates – clubs and individuals – to sign onto our letter. Read more about the meetings and getting your name onto a comment letter on page 11.



Composite image featuring a photo (Kris Rowe) of rockhounds at Lavic walking toward an imagined forest of wind turbines.

Something special just for the Junior Division. Darryl of **Diamond Dan Publications** is giving a one-year subscription of **Mini Miners' Monthly (MMM)** to the **CFMS** clubs/societies as a "Thank you" for the many years of support **CFMS** has given him. This is the only publication dedicated to young mineral collectors. The **Mini Miners' Monthly** is chock full of interesting articles and games on various mineral-related topics. We'll post the table of contents every month through 2018 in our bulletin (see the February issue below). You'll find [excerpts from each issue made available on the SDMG website](#) courtesy of **Diamond Dan**. By all means, visit **Diamond Dan's** website (www.diamonddanpublications.net), where you'll find lots of other interesting publications ideal for young readers with a passion for fossils and minerals.

If your **Junior** likes the **Mini Miners' Monthly**, tell us (editor@sdmg.org) and tell **Diamond Dan** (powellpublicationsgroup@gmail.com).

MINI MINERS MONTHLY A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR YOUNG MINERAL COLLECTORS

FEBRUARY 2018 (vol 10 no 2)

- International Mineral Collectors' Month
- Mineral of the Month: Barite
- Word Search: Minerals named after people
- Word Search: Useful minerals
- Places named after minerals
- Minerals named after places
- Crystal Faces: James Dwight Dana (people important to mineralogy & mineral collecting)
- **What is a mineraloid? ***
- **What is a mineral? ***
- **What is a pseudomorph? ***



* Available for download from the SDMG website courtesy of Diamond Dan Publications:

www.sdmg.org/mmm/Mini_Miners_Monthly_2018_v10n2_pp8-10.pdf

or <https://goo.gl/fJZJeJ> (short URL)

Visit the publisher's website at:

www.diamonddanpublications.net



JUNIOR DIVISION

Coordinated by
Dave Smith

THE JUNIOR'S MEMBERSHIP has reached 60 members, but we see only a scant handful on Saturday's shop class.

I know some **Juniors** have been ill lately with the various and sundry bugs infecting some people this season. School projects and other activities, not to mention the mild weather we had in mid-February, are also affecting our shop attendance.

When you are ready to get to work, be assured we'll welcome you back each Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM.

The February prize for the best cabochon was a beautiful 2018 mineral calendar. This month's best cab prize will be a gift certificate to Subway sandwiches.

Our latest member, as of Friday, February 16, 2018, is 12 year-old **Rowan**, who was able to finish her first



Junior member Rowan practices her fine grinding skills. Photo: Dave Smith.

cabochon on the following Saturday. I hope to see you all at the shop.



Camp Zzyzx

March 25–31, 2018

***Hurry, the deadline for Applications
is March 1, 2018***

Download an application form at:

www.cfmsinc.org/forms10/zzyzx/2018_ZzyzxApplication.pdf

Contact for more information:

Audrey Harvey, Camp Zzyzx Registrar
805-427-2447 or a.harvey@cfmsinc.org

Camp Zzyzx is the Rockhound camp located in the Mojave Desert near Baker, California. You are in for a world of fun where you'll learn various Lapidary Arts. **CFMS** has been there for 32 years providing classes on beading, wire art, silver fabrication, precious metal clay, soft stone carving, faceting and alternative casting, among its many lapidary classes.



Classes may include:

- Cabochon Making
- Faceting
- Wire Wrap Art
- Soft Stone
- Carving
- Silver Smithing
- Chain Making
- Beading
- Glass Bead Making
- Enameling
- Precious Metal
- Clay (PMC)
- Alternative Casting

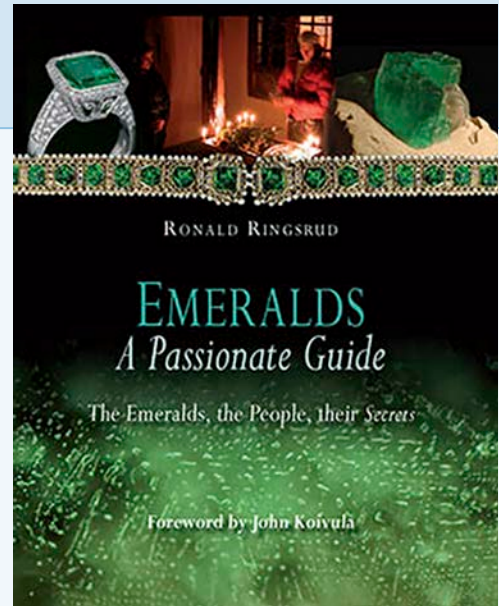
GEMOLOGICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO



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

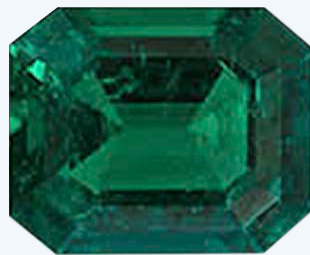
RON RINGSRUD will be the speaker for the first meeting of the year – it will have been worth the wait. **Ron** has been in the inner circles of the emerald trade in the US, Colombia, and internationally for several decades. He is a GIA Graduate Gemologist, independent emerald dealer, renowned speaker, published author, and recognized authority on Colombian emeralds.

Ron has been a featured speaker on Colombian emeralds at numerous conferences and symposia. In 2002, he was interviewed for a Discovery Channel program about Colombian emeralds, and more recently, he appeared on National Geographic Explorer. His book, *Emeralds: A Passionate Guide*, is regarded as an authoritative reference. It has been a very successful volume – translated into Spanish, Italian, and Russian. In 2013, **Ron** co-authored an article with **Edward Boehm**, “Peñas Blancas: An Historic Colombian Emerald Mine,” which was published in the *Journal of Gemmology*, the gem-mineral journal of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain.



Ringsrud operates a non-profit organization in the US and in Colombia, teaching and promoting alternative construction methods like adobe, pressed earth, and cob which provide employment, sustainability, and cultural integrity: www.clayhands.org.

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



Left. Ring set with a 2.38 ct emerald.

Right. This unenhanced 27 carat emerald sold for over one million dollars.



Ron Ringsrud.

SDMG's 84th ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Jennifer Stapp, Chairperson

banquet@sdmg.org

Program: "Gems Behind the Lens"

by Robert Weldon

Join us for a special evening



Bi-colored Oregon sunstone with concave faceting. Courtesy of Boston Gems & Findings. Photo: Robert Weldon © 2009.

Venue: Elijah's Restaurant
7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92111

Cost: \$35.00/person

Ticket Information: See box at right

Adjustment Hour: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Light refreshments, coffee, cash bar.

President's Welcome: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

**Scholarship
presentation:** 7:15pm

Program: 7:30 pm
Presentation by Robert Weldon

Door Prizes: 8:30pm

~ MENU ~

Apps Station:

- Italian brochettes
- Spinach and feta triangles
- Vegetarian crudites platters

Dinner:

- Caesar or house salad and rolls
- Sautéed vegetables
- Mashed Potatoes
- Roasted Salmon filet
- Chicken with a lemon caper and dijon sauce on the side
- Vegetarian and vegan entrées

Drinks:

- Fountain drinks, tea and coffee station
- No host cash bar for wine and beer

Desserts:

- Cheesecake squares
- Birthday cake

Tickets will be on sale Thu, February 1st through Tue, March 20th. Available from:

- **The Village Silversmiths' shop**
in the SDMG Building,
11:00 am to 4:00 pm daily

**Tickets available
through Tuesday, March 13th
by mail from Chairperson:**

- Write a check for \$35.00 per person payable to: **SDMG**
- Send your check to:
Jennifer Stapp
PO Box 500536
San Diego, CA 92150
- Write your phone number on your check.
- Note your meal selection on your check: chicken cutlet, roasted salmon, vegetarian or vegan.

THIS IS OUR 84TH BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

It has been a well-attended traditional gala for many years. It is our birthday party where we honor the hard work of our Presidents, past and present.

One of our Banquet traditions, which is a lot of fun, is the door prize giveaway. You're automatically entered with your purchase of a ticket for the Banquet. There also will be a special drawing for Banquet guests who attended a society meeting last year and filled out a green raffle ticket. (Winners must be present to collect their prizes.)

This year, door prizes will feature faceted gemstones, and professionally finished jewelry pieces. There will be great items purchased at Quartzsite this year. Members donating items to the door prize table is another longtime tradition. This year is no exception.

One of our Banquet traditions is giving scholarships to college students who show the promise to keep our love of Gems and minerals alive in the community for the future. We will be presenting two scholarship awards to this year's young winners. **Julia Schechner** is the recipient of the **William Tirk Scholarship** (Jewelry/Metalsmithing) and **Scott Knapp** is the recipient of the **Carmelita and Bern Swarts Scholarship** (Geology). Congratulations to **Julia** and **Scott**.



The cross pendant and chain shown here are part of the wreckage of the *Nuestra Señora de Atocha*, which sank in 1622 en route to Spain. Courtesy of Eileen Weatherbee. From left to right: a 422 ct emerald crystal from Cosquez, courtesy of Roz and Gene Meieran; a collection of elongated crystals from an unknown mine, courtesy of Ron Ringsrud; and the 982 ct Angel of the Andes (far right), one of the largest emerald finds from the Chivor region, courtesy of Roz and Gene Meieran. Photo by Robert Weldon/GIA.

Gems Behind the Lens **by Robert Weldon**

This year's speaker will be **Robert Weldon**, gemologist and well-known gem-mineral photographer. He is also Library Director at GIA's Richard T. Liddicoat Gemological Library & Information Center, in Carlsbad, California. **Robert** will take us behind the scenes to show some of the remarkable gems, minerals, and jewels he has photographed over the years.

About Robert Weldon, G.G.

ROBERT WELDON is Library Director at GIA's Richard T. Liddicoat Gemological Library & Information Center, Carlsbad, CA. As leader of a 16-person library team, he pursues library assignments, which include scholarly research, interacting with staff and students, writing assignments, travel to gem localities, gem photography, and public speaking. Weldon speaks fluent Spanish and German.

Robert's career started in the 1980s with GIA, then based in Santa Monica, CA, after receiving his G.G. In the 1990s he became a senior editor writing about colored gemstones for JCK magazine. He later moved to Professional Jeweler (USA) magazine, before returning to GIA in 2006. As a gemological photojournalist, Weldon has traveled to some of the world's major gem sites, including Burma, India, East and South Africa, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Russia, and several other gem sources.

Weldon's photographs are published in scores of international gemological, jewelry and consumer publications, illustrating his own and other authors' articles, and in several books, including *Splendour & Science of Pearls*, which he co-authored and edited. Since 2008, his photographs have appeared regularly on the covers of GIA's professional journal, *Gems & Gemology* (G&G).

Recent peer-reviewed articles by Robert include: The Museum of London's Extraordinary Cheapside Hoard (Fall 2013); Botswana's Scintillating Moment (Summer 2014); In Rainier's Footsteps: Journey to the Chivor Emerald Mine (2016), and Brazil's Diamonds: A Historical & Recent Perspective (2017). Robert's story about Idar-Oberstein's celebrated Dreher carving family is in the Winter 2017 issue of G&G.

15th ANNUAL SINKANKAS SYMPOSIUM

Tanzanite & Tsavorite

Saturday, April 14, 2018

GIA World Headquarters
Carlsbad, CA

Sponsored by GSSD • GIA • William Larson, Pala International



NAMED FOR JOHN SINKANKAS, one of the most distinguished and influential figures in gemology and mineralogy, the Sinkankas Symposium is an annual one-day event featuring presentations by noted specialists working in diverse gem-related disciplines. The Fifteenth Annual Sinkankas Symposium commemorates the 50th anniversary of the discovery of Tanzanite and Tsavorite, two of the most beautiful, storied gemstones from East Africa.

Venue: GIA World Headquarters | The Robert Mouwad Campus
5345 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Sponsors: Gemological Society of San Diego, GIA and William Larson, Pala International, Inc.

Time: Badging, refreshments, 8:00–9:00am. Symposium begins at 9:00am sharp.

Cost: \$105.00 per person through March 15, 2018;
\$125.00 after March 15, 2018.

Registration: **Now Open – Online Only at:**
2018sinkankassymposium.eventbrite.com

The Rules: No on-site/same day registration
Valid gov picture ID
All attendee names must be on the list at the gate – no reservations under one name

Website: www.sinkankassymposium.net

***Speakers:**

Dr. Raquel Alonso-Perez	Shane McClure
Meg Berry	Nathan Renfro
Bruce Bridges/Judith Bridges	Stuart Robertson
Robert Gessner	Dr. George Rossman
Bill Larson/Will Larson	

** Speakers and program subject to change without notice.*

Interest in The Sinkankas Symposium and attendance has grown every year. Space is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is now open and will close on April 9 or until tickets are sold out.

Registration for the one-day event includes refreshments, lunch and a copy of the 2018 Sinkankas Symposium volume, which features selected papers on Tanzanite & Tsavorite.

Pictured above – Faceted Tsavorite (6.30 cts). Tanzanite crystal (262.89 cts).
Courtesy of Pala International, Inc. Photographed by Mia Dixon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10am to 4pm

Balboa Park

SDMG's 57th Annual Barbeque and Silent Auction

Doug Peeler, Chairman

The Annual Barbeque will be in the usual spot at Park Blvd & Presidents Way Lawn (back lawn at SW corner, next to 163 onramp.) Parking is Free.

All attendees are welcome to bring up to 15 rock-related items to sell at silent auction tables with 10% of final sale price donated to the club.

A delicious catered lunch is planned

Menu includes sliced beef and chicken (instead of the usual ham!), cole slaw, beans, potato salad and dinner roll, followed by cookies and brownies.

Meal Ticket Info

- **Cost:** \$15.00 adults, \$7.50 kids 12 & under
Water and soda available for purchase separately for \$1 each.
- **When:** Meal tickets go on sale March 18 and must be purchased in advance.
- **Where:** Buy tickets at the **SDMG Banquet** (March 24), monthly meetings, the **Village Silversmiths**, some class instructors
OR send a check payable to: **SDMG** in a stamped, self-addressed envelope:
Anne Schafer
8473 Hydra Lane, San Diego, CA 92126-1854

Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.

GREAT DOOR PRIZES

and more SELLERS TABLES than ever !!

Must bring your own table to sell items, with a \$15 donation to the club.

UGLY ROCK CONTEST!

This is a serious competition: bring an embellished (decorated to look like something), Mimic (already looks like something) or just plain ugly rock!

Note: The Park may be very busy on Saturday, April 28, so plan to arrive early – carpool, bike in, or get dropped off / picked up afterward.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR GEMS, MINERALS & JEWELRY DEPT.

We're looking forward to another exceptional year at the **2018 Fair**, with more of your beautiful exhibits, so get ready to enter your best.

Bring on your Fluorite specimens, a sure-fire winner, in gorgeous colors, to celebrate the Mineral of the Year.

Let's have a cornucopia of Fossil Fruits, Leaves & Cones – the Fossil of the Year.

Fair Theme Jewelry: Capture that "kid-in-a-candy-store" wonder in your jewelry for the fair theme, "How Sweet It Is!"

Download the Entry Information flyer at:

sdfair.com/downloads/2018/exhibits/entry/Gems-Minerals-Jewelry-Info.pdf

Printed copies of the entry brochure are available in the SDMG Casting room.

Schedule 2018

Online entry: sdfair.com

Entry deadline: Fri, April 27, at 11:59 pm

Entry delivery: Sat and Sun, May 26 and 27,
9am to 6pm

First day of Fair: Fri, June 1, 4pm

Exhibitor

Appreciation: Wed, June 6, 6pm to 9pm

Last day of Fair: Wed, July 4.

Exhibit pickup: Fri, July 6, 9am to 8pm

Got questions? We have answers! Contact:

Coordinator Anne Schafer at:

858-586-1637 or Agate.Annie2@gmail.com

or Asst. Coordinator Jennifer Stapp at:

858-748-6396 or Cat333@san.rr.com

***BLM bows to pressure from Renewable Energy Industry,
will consider amending
the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Land Use Plan (DRECP).***

***Two things Rockhounds can do
to protect hobby collecting areas:***

- 1. Sign a comment letter***
- 2. Attend a Public Scoping Meeting***

**1. *Get your name or your club
signed onto a letter...***
***Comment Period Deadline:
March 22, 2018***

The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) is the centerpiece of California's long-range energy planning efforts. It is the largest land use policy amendment in state history. After 9.5 years and compromises made by all interested parties and Stakeholders, implementation of the plan has been under way for less than 18 months.

The **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** is now under enormous pressure from Industry advocates with support from Executive Order 13783 to throw out **DRECP** and start all over. A do-over may result in California desert areas designated for recreational uses, including Rockhounding, being negatively impacted to accommodate more renewable energy projects.

BLM opened a 45-day comment period on February 2nd. Rockhounds have a small window of opportunity to submit comment letters. [Read more about why DRECP is important to recreational users and why amending it now could be bad for Rockhounds »](#)

Contact editor@sdmg.org
if you'd like to sign onto SDMG's letter to
ensure continued access to hobby collecting
areas in California's deserts.

[View SDMG's comment letter »](#)
[Download a flyer for more details »](#)

2. *Attend a Public Scoping Meeting*
Eight dates, Eight locations.

Mon, February 26, 2018
5pm - 7pm • Lone Pine, CA 93545
Tue, February 27, 2018
5pm - 7pm • Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Wed, February 28, 2018
5pm - 7pm • Hesperia, CA 92345
Thu, March 1, 2018
6pm - 8pm • Joshua Tree, CA 92252
Fri, March 2, 2018
3pm - 5pm • El Centro, CA 92243
Mon, March 5, 2018
1pm - 3pm • Sacramento, CA 95815
Tue, March 6, 2018
5pm - 7pm • Bakersfield, CA 93308
Wed, March 7, 2018
5pm - 7pm • Palm Desert, CA 92211

Program*

Introduction/logistics
Welcome
Powerpoint Presentation
Current Status/Background
What is planning process
How to provide substantive comments
Next steps
Facilitator: describe open house stations/process

STATIONS

Recreation
Mining/Mineral
Conservation/wildlife/Biological Resources
Renewable Energy/DFAs/Transmission/ROW
How to comment/Comment station/computer
station (listening station).

* There will be a questionnaire to fill out, but it will not be
available before the meeting.

***Two things Rockhounds can do
to spare hobby collecting areas
from industrial development:***

1. Sign a comment letter AND 2. Attend a Public Scoping

**1. *Get your name or your club
signed onto a letter...***

***Comment Period Deadline:
March 22, 2018***

***Send your own comment letter
by email or post by March 22, 2018:***

BLM_CA_DRECP@blm.gov

BLM-California State Director
800 Cottage Way
Rm W-1623
Sacramento, CA 95825

***–OR– Sign onto SDMG's comment letter
by March 19, 2018:***

contact editor@sdmg.org

***View SDMG's comment letter »
<https://goo.gl/kNbkIM> (short URL)***

***Download a flyer with instructions »
<https://goo.gl/Jn7pRq> (short URL)***

**2. *Attend one of BLM's
Public Scoping
Meetings***

***Eight dates,
Eight locations,
One chance***

to end the DRECP Review before it starts.

Rockhounds, we did it before, we have to do it again. Attend a meeting, sign-in, fill out the questionnaire. We have to tell **BLM** where we go in the desert and why we love going there.

*Be sure to double check
the meeting location & time
on the BLM website
shortly before the meeting date:*

***<https://goo.gl/aiUx7a>
(short URL)***

*For more information on BLM's
public scoping meetings, contact:*

Stephen Razo
BLM California Desert District
External Affairs
951-697-5217 or srazo@blm.gov

***Download a flyer
for more resources related to
the DRECP Review » <https://goo.gl/Jn7pRq> (short URL)***

Mon, February 26, 2018

5pm - 7pm
Location: Lone Pine Film History
Museum
701 S Main St
Lone Pine, CA 93545

Wed, February 28, 2018

5pm - 7pm
Location: Courtyard Marriott
9619 Mariposa Rd.
Hesperia, CA 92345

Fri, March 2, 2018

3pm - 5pm
Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites
503 E. Danenberg Dr.
El Centro, CA 92243

Tue, March 6, 2018

5pm - 7pm
Location: Bakersfield Field Office
3801 Pegasus Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Tue, February 27, 2018

5pm - 7pm
Location: Kerr-McGee Community
Center
100 W. California Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Thu, March 1, 2018

6pm - 8pm
Location: Joshua Tree Community
Center
6171 Sunburst Ave
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Mon, March 5, 2018

1pm - 3pm
Location: DoubleTree Hotel
2001 Point West Way
Sacramento, CA 95815

Wed, March 7, 2018

5pm - 7pm
Location: UC Riverside
Palm Desert Center, Auditorium
75080 Frank Sinatra Dr.
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Huge Rock Yard Sale – San Diego

~Bring your own buckets ~

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Saturday March 10, 2018

8 AM – 2 PM

Location: 3715 Federal Blvd. West
San Diego, CA 92102

Traveling East on I-94, exit Home Ave.

Directions: Turn Right onto Federal Blvd. West
Park on street.

[Download a flyer »](#)

Hello all Rockhounds,

We are helping with a liquidation sale. There's literally tons of material, including hundreds of slabs, fossils, barrels of rough rock, and equipment.

Everything priced to sell quickly, cash or checks from SDMG members only, bring your own buckets. No Early Birds.

Happy Hounding.

— Wayne Moorhead



SDSU J+M VISITING ARTIST LECTURE

Helen Britton

Thursday March 15th at 5:30pm

Hepner Hall Room 221

Public Welcome

The Jewelry and Metalwork Department at San Diego State University will host a lecture by international jewelry artist **Helen Britton**. Originally from Australia and currently based in Munich, **Britton** has exhibited her work internationally. She describes her award-winning jewelry creations as “collisions of design, Baroque, reduction resistant assemblages.” Her pieces are often composed of repurposed or found things. Her choice of materials, design, and compositional details are exciting and imaginative.

Please visit the SDSU website for information on parking on campus. Plan on arriving a little early to give yourself time to find the room.

See map at: <http://www.myatlas.com/map/index.php?id=801#!ct/15205,20161>



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/sdmgmerklb/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.

If you can help out, contact Donna:

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SALE

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MARCH

2-4 NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley's 70th Annual Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show

Venue: Newark Pavilion

6430 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA 94560

Hours: Fri and Sat 10am – 6pm;

Sun 10am – 5pm

Admission: 1-day pass \$6.00; 3-day pass \$10.00;
under 13 Free with paying Adult.

Parking: Free

Contact: Cathy Miller, 510-887-9007

or showchair@mgscv.org

Website: www.mgscv.org

2-11 IMPERIAL, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta

Venue: 200 East Second Street

Hours: Weekends noon - 10pm; Weekdays 4
pm - 10pm

Contact: John Pyle, Jr., 760-562-3453

Web: www.ivgms.org

3-4 ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds

Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Venue: Ayers Hall, Los Angeles County
Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91017

Hours: 9am – 4:30pm daily

Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey

or joannaritchey@gmail.com

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3-4 TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Venue: Ken Miller Recreation Center

3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona)

Hours: Sat 10am – 5pm;

Sun 10am – 4pm

Contact: Nancy Pekarek, 310-257-8152

or pekareks@hotmail.com

Web: southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

3-4 VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

55th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Lapidary Show

Venue: Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W.
Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10am – 5pm;

Sun 10am – 4pm

Admission: Free

Fairgrounds Parking: \$5.00

Contact: Diane Cook, 805-312-8467

or info@vgms.org

Web: www.vgms.org



10-11 SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

2018 Annual Pasadena Lapidary Show

Venue: San Marino Masonic Center

3130 Huntington Drive, San Marino CA 91108

Hours: Sat 10am – 6pm;

Sun 10am – 5pm

Admission & Parking: Free.

Contact: Ellen Ferrell, 727-512-0381

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Fri, Sat & Sun, March 9–11, 2018

Sponsor: Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

Venue: Stoddard Wells Road
Victorville, CA (near I15)

Hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm daily.

Admission: Free. Public welcome.

Contact: Brett Ward or Sandy Skidmore,
760-617-6001 or san2744@aol.com

Website: vvgmc.org/tailgate.html

Details: Handcrafted and faceted jewelry, slabs and cabs, findings and equipment, minerals and fossils and TONS of Rough Material.

FAMILY Field Trip: Tri-Colored Marble

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Mtg Place: VVGMC Tailgate site off of Stoddard Wells Road (see website map)

Mtg Time: 9:00am

Contact: info@vvgmc.org Wagon Master TBD

Website: www.vvgmc.org/tailgate.html

Materials: Tri-colored marble on surface and in seams; digging and hard-rock mining required for choice specimens.

Conditions: Desert conditions, snakes; 4WD vehicles w/ high clearance advised. Limited to participants age 8 or older. See website for details and what to bring.

MARCH–APRIL

29–1 JOSHUA TREE, CA

JT Sportsmans Club Annual Show

Venue: Sportsmans Club
6225 Sunburst Ave, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

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Admission: Free.

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6–8 VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society 2018 Show

Venue: Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
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Hours: 9am – 5pm daily

Admission & Parking: Free.

Contact: Kelly Hickman, 760-622-6501

or kellyahickman@hotmail.com

Web: www.vistarocks.org

21–22 THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club

Venue: Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road at Borchard Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Hours: Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 4pm

Admission: Free

Contact: borchartcme@gmail.com

Web: www.cgamc.org

28–29 LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show

Venue: Lancaster High School
44701 32nd Street West, Lancaster, CA 93536

Hours: 10am – 5pm daily

Admission & Parking: Free.

Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom,
661-406-0143 or slchaisson@yahoo.com

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SDMG Master Calendar

for 2017-18 available online at:

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deadlines for bulletin submissions listed for every month

SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 19, 2018

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

Membership: Total membership in SDMG as of this date is 745, including 60 Junior members.

Juniors: Dave Smith reported that attendance in Saturday classes is light, from 4 to 7 Juniors.

Museum: Jim Parrish displayed three meteorites and one piece of Libyan Desert Glass. The Board voted unanimously to reimburse Jim \$1,200.00 for these purchases and to add the specimens to the SDMG Museum. Jim plans to complete a new meteorite display in the near future.

School Director: Wayne Moorhead announced that new diamond grinding wheels have been installed in the Lapidary Shop. Wednesday morning class on Feb. 14 had 19 attendees, which was too many, so that class will begin charging students for the full month in advance. Wayne spent 9 hours repairing a defunct Titan grinder, and recommends that the Society purchase one new Titan with no wheels as a spare, and sell the used one. Jim Parrish to call Bill Depue at Diamond Pacific to get quote on two new Titans.

School Liaison: Bob Hancock reported that faceting classes are running smoothly. Steve Dente has instructed students in the use of Opticon® in a vacuum to do crack filling.

Field Trips: Adriana Zulewski reported that only one person attended the Quartzsite field trip.

Donations: (1) Jim Parrish picked up the last of Al and Thelma Lehmann's estate. (2) Garry & Angie Cannon picked up a donation from Shirley Leeson. (3) Wayne Moorhead & Anne Schafer picked up two exhibit cases from Shirley Leeson.

Outreach: Dee Smith gave a member of the Maine Gem & Mineral club a tour of the museum and

classrooms; he signed the guest book. Wayne & Peggy Leibitzke, Mike Harlow, Anne Schafer, Wayne Moorhead and Jim Parrish have assisted a family to prepare for a rock yard sale.

Public Lands: Motion passed unanimously to approve and have the SDMG President sign one letter to the BLM re: DRECP and a second letter to the Dept. of the Interior re: HR3990.

December Nights: Jim Parrish purchased lots of bismuth specimens in Tucson on behalf of the Society, to be sold at the club selling booth.

Banquet: Tickets are now on sale for \$35 per person and may be obtained from Jim Parrish, Bob Hancock, Jennifer Stapp, Dave Smith and Village Silversmiths. The last day of ticket sales will be Tuesday, March 20th. Wayne Moorhead to obtain quote for an audio system and provide to Jennifer. Jim Parrish to obtain quote on a projector.

Gem Diego: Richard Igelman reported on potential Show venues. Scottish Rite charges \$3K per day, plus table rental, for a cost > \$10,000. The Sheraton Four Points in Kearny Mesa charges \$4K to \$6K per day, decent parking is available, but a church uses the facility every Sunday. Jennifer Stapp to contact private school officials about using High Tech High. Using the SDMG Building plus the Spanish Village patio was ruled out; vendors and exhibitors want an indoor show. The Thursday Club makes use of the large gym on Park Blvd.; Richard to inquire about particulars. Liberty Station has huge rooms for use by non-profits, but parking is non-existent; Jim Parrish to follow up. Ramada (right next to Al Bahr) has one large room suitable for dealers and two small rooms for demos & exhibitors for \$9,800.00 for three days; includes table rental.

Old business: Wayne Moorhead has requested quote for vinyl acoustic curtain, to be used between Casting Room and Cab Room.

New business: Motion carried unanimously, conferring Life Membership on Ellen Riceman.

(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is March 19, at 7 pm in the SDMG Building.)

WEST COAST – SPRING GEM & MINERAL SHOW



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	Wed	12:30 – 3:00pm	Jim Claypool
	Wed	6 – 9pm	Nita Sani
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Jon Evans
FACETING	Tue	noon – 3pm	Elbert McCune
	Tue	7 – 9pm	Jerod Schneider
	Wed	9am – noon	Bob Hancock
	Wed	noon – 3pm	Donna Beers
	Wed	7 – 9pm	Elbert McCune
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Bill Brisebois
BEG. METALS FABRICATION	Tue	9am – noon	Lois Lukasky
	Tue	noon – 3pm	Lois Lukasky
	Wed	6 – 9pm	Stephanie Griffin
	Thu	9am – noon	Denny Turner
	Thu	1 – 4pm	Denny Turner
	Sun	5 – 8pm	Dee Smith
ADV. METALS FABRICATION	Tue	7 – 9pm	Al Fuente
	Wed	9am – 3pm	Denny Turner
	Wed	9am – 3pm	Jackie Leverone
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Ellen Riceman
	Fri	9:30am – noon	Dee Smith
	Fri	12:30 – 3:00pm	Dee Smith
	Sat	4 – 7pm	Stephanie Griffin
CASTING	Mon	1:30 – 7:00pm	Rocio Bergum
	Tue	9am – 2pm	Dave Smith
	Fri	5 – 7pm	Rich Yarbrough
STONE SETTING	Mon	by appointment	Miguel Asmar
ROCK CARVING	Mon	9am – 1pm	Jan Kunsu
SPHERE MAKING	Sat	1 – 3:30pm	Paul Williams
JUNIORS	Sat	10am – 1pm	Dave Smith
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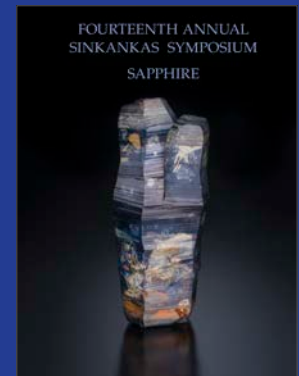
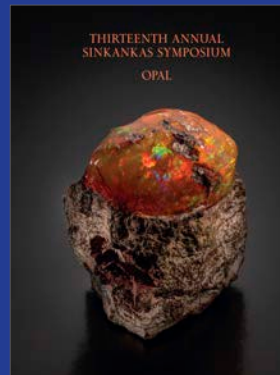
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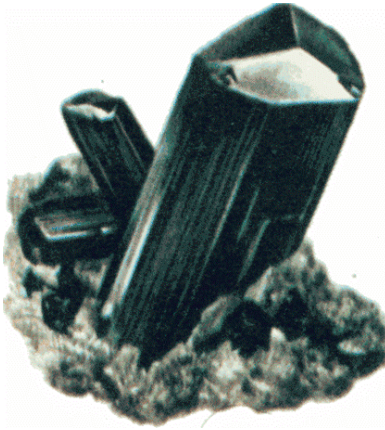
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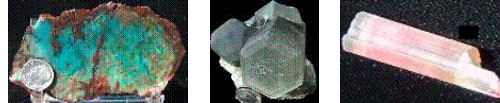
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 SDMG Board Mtg 7pm, SDMG bldg	20	21	22	23	24 SDMG Annual Banquet Elijah's Restaurant San Diego
25	26 No SDMG General Mtg in March	27	28	29	30	31