



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

THE PEGMATITE

NOVEMBER 2018

SDMG General Meeting

Monday, November 26, 2018

7pm SDMG bldg
Public Welcome!

Program:

**THE 2018 SAINTE-MARIE aux-MINES
MINERAL AND GEM SHOW**

Read the details on pg 3



Above. The Mineral-Gem-Théâtre at the annual gem, mineral, and fossil show in Sainte Marie Aux Mines. Located in the Alsace region of France, Ste. Marie is the second largest show of its kind in Europe. **Left.** The Mineral-Gem Parc Jules Simon. Photos © Mineral & Gem à Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines.

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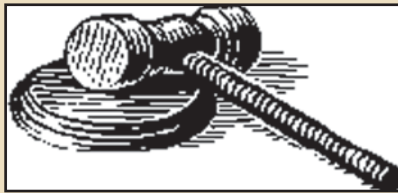
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The mission of the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society, Inc., is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and earth sciences; to encourage the study of these subjects; to conduct classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; to conduct field trips for the collection 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

November 2018

by Jim Parrish

sdmgpresident@sdmg.org

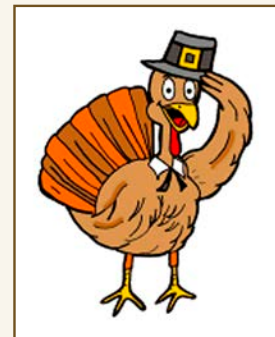
THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US, again, and there will be lots of fun events. So, make sure to mark your calendars.

Don't miss the **General Meeting** this month. It's on the fourth Monday of the month!

Then, in December it will be replaced by the **Christmas Potluck** on Monday, the 17th. Read more about it next month's bulletin. But, mark your calendars today!

I'm ready for the holidays and a chance to eat Turkey. I'm also looking forward to the weekends, since this is a great time of year for field trips and camping in the desert.

Don't forget to mark the first Friday and Saturday of December on your calendar – this year the annual holiday celebration at Balboa Park falls on the 7th and 8th. Once again we'll be doing our traditional Open House during **"December Nights"** (AKA **Christmas on the Prado**). This is a really fun event. It's also a chance for our club



to gain many new members and for you to meet all kinds of smiling people in a festive mood. They come through our shop and museum in amazing numbers during those two days. If you haven't participated in this event, you've missed a real experience! Call me if you would like to help with the event. We always appreciate help!

Support your club


Volunteer to tour visitors
through the workshop
and help set up and staff
the selling tables
at SDMG's Open House
during **December Nights** in
Balboa Park.

Friday, December 7
Saturday, December 8

Contact Jim Parrish
if you can help out
sdmgpresident@sdmg.org



The set-up crew at SDMG's 2017 Open House for December Nights: Angie Cannon, Dave Smith, Garry Cannon, Mike Harlow, Sally and Jim Parrish. Last year more than 375,000 people showed up for the celebrations during the two-day event – it seemed like a lot of them stopped by our Open House.



SDMG General Meeting

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Public Welcome!

Jim Parrish, President

DO YOU WANT TO SEE what it's like at one of the finest and unique mineral and gem shows in the Europe. Well, join us this month and we'll share a high quality professionally produced video entitled, **"What's Hot in SAINTE-MARIE aux-MINES."**

The Ste. Marie show, as it is called, is held each summer and has evolved into a very high class show held in the scenic Alsace region of France. This region is famous for its fine wines, quaint villages, and beautiful countryside. The entire town gets involved with the show and puts on quite a festival. The streets are closed and display tents are set up. They have stages with live music and, of course, wine tasting. The Mayor performs the opening ceremony at a show that attracts some of the finest dealers from all over the world, including many from the U.S.A.

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.

I'd like to thank all of you who shared your recently acquired items at the September meeting. It made for a fun and sociable evening.

Next month our **General Meeting** will be replaced by the December 17th **Christmas Potluck**, and I hope all of you will show up and share in the holiday spirit. There will be wonderful door prizes, great food, and, of course, a great silent auction.

Pictured at right. *Top.* The Blue Cap Productions video features highlights and interviews at the 2018 show. *Middle.* The Sainte-Marie Aux-Mines Show attracts dealers and visitors from around the world. *Bottom.* Every year the Val d'Argent Expo showcases 300 exhibitors of minerals, micro-minerals and fossils. Middle and bottom photos © Mineral & Gem à Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines.



SCHOOL NEWS

November 2018

by Wayne Moorhead

school@sdmg.org

WE HAVE RESTARTED the Tuesday evening cabochon class, now taught by **Tom Schmidt**, from 6:00–9:00 pm.

Please email school@sdmg.org to get into this class.

The shop will be closed over Thanksgiving, from Nov. 22 – 25. In addition, no Wednesday morning cab class will be held on November 21.

Our holiday class recess will again be for two weeks, starting Sunday, December 23, with classes resuming the week of Monday, January 7, 2019.

Please verify with your instructor for any last minute changes.

Enjoy Class.

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Class Closure Schedule 2018

Closure date	Description
Sat, Sept 1 – Sun, Sept 9	Labor Day shutdown, one week.
Mon, Sept 10	Fall classes begin.
Wed, Nov 21	No morning cab class.
Thu, Nov 22 – Sun, Nov 25	Thanksgiving shutdown, four days. Reopens Mon, Nov. 26.
Sun, Dec 23, 2018 – Sun, Jan 6, 2019	Christmas and New Year's shutdown, two weeks.
Mon, Jan 7, 2019	Winter Classes begin.

**JUNIOR DIVISION**

Coordinated by

Dave Smith

THE JUNIORS CLASS is offered each Saturday from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM. The age group of 12 to 17 years are encouraged to learn the art of creating cabochons. Other ages are allowed based on size, maturity and interest as determined by staff.

This month we are reminded of gratitude. We remember the Veterans who served us and our country this Nov. 11th and we are grateful this Thanksgiving on Nov. 22nd for the blessings we have received this year and throughout our lives from parents, teachers, spouses and countless more.

This 'n' That...

General Announcements

SDMG November Board Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2018

7pm, SDMG bldg.

Classes are open to Members only
Send in your membership renewal form today.

Parking Lot closures 2018
*Spanish Village***Attention Students and Instructors.**

Spanish Village will be closing the parking lot in back for special events on the dates listed below. The lot will be closed at 6:00AM Saturday morning and reopened at 6:00PM on Sunday evening. Please note that the lot will be closed at 6:00AM on Friday (not Saturday) on December 7th.

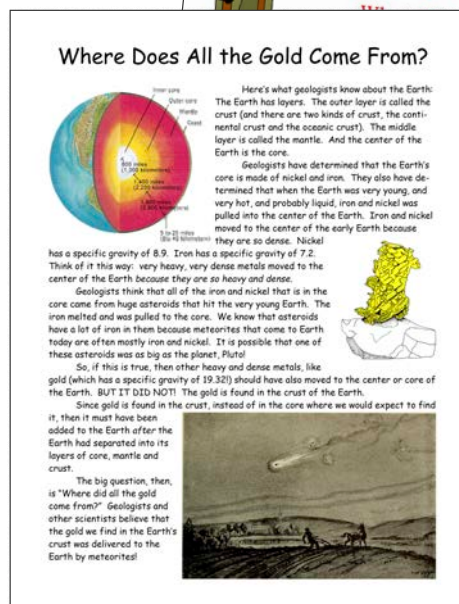
Closed:**November 10, 11****December 7, 8, 9**

MINI MINERS MONTHLY A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR YOUNG MINERAL COLLECTORS

OCTOBER 2018 (vol 10 no 10)

- Thanks to Bob [King]! (plus highlights in the October issue) *
- What Mineral Am I?*
- Mineral of the Month: Ulexite
- Where Does All the Gold Come From?*
- A Diamond Find in Arkansas
- Crystal Faces: Peter Zodiac
- Book Suggestions for Your Library
- Games and Puzzles
- **Diamond Dan Publications Holiday Special***

* Excerpts from the October
Mini Miners Monthly
available for download
from the SDMG website
courtesy of Diamond Dan Publications:
www.sdmg.org/mmm/Mini_Miners_Monthly_2018_v10n10_pp1-2_13.pdf



Visit DiamondDanPublications.net
for its wide selection
of mineral-themed activity books.
They're ideal for curious young readers.



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SAN DIEGO
NATURAL HISTORY
MUSEUM

Balboa Park

Hidden Gems*exhibit opens November 10, 2018*

The **Nat** shows some extra sparkle with an exhibition featuring 100 gem-mineral treasures from the permanent collection. **Dr. Terri Ottoway**, who is the museum curator for the **Gemological Institute of America (GIA)**, in Carlsbad, provided curatorial guidance on the selection of items. The unique vertical exhibit was designed by the **Nat's** in-house Exhibits team and is arranged across all five floors of the Museum's northwest corner.

Access to the exhibition is included with the price of admission.



A superb kunzite crystal from the permanent collection of the San Diego Natural History Museum. The historical mining districts of North San Diego County have produced spectacular gemstone crystals, including many varieties of tourmaline, beryl, topaz, and spodumene (shown above). Photo: Rebecca Handelsman, San Diego Natural History Museum.

GEMOLOGICAL SOCIETY
of SAN DIEGO

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

FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH MEETING, **Steve Dente** will show how an Electron Spectrometer works. (Other topic to be announced.) Please bring a snack to share.

You can find more information on **GSSD** and join the **GSSD** mailing list at:

<http://www.gssd.rocks>

SDMG-GSSD Library

SDMG Bldg.
Donna Beers

Hours:

Tuesdays 2–4pm
Thursdays 4–6pm

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 or GSSD** 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:

librarian@sdmg.org



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR
GEMS, MINERALS
& JEWELRY DEPT.**

by Anne Schafer, Coordinator

EXHIBITORS' MEETING REVIEW

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITORS' MEETING was held in comfortable surroundings in the Board Room of the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018. The doors were open ahead of time, ample free parking was available despite four events ongoing at the Fairgrounds, and a spread worthy of the fair-time Breakroom was on hand: coffee, tea and all the fixings, plus the best donuts ever from **Jennifer Stapp's** secret source, bagels & cream cheese, Danish, etc.

In attendance were: LuAnn Benton (representing Educational, Faceting & Lapidary), Bill Brisebois (Faceting), Nita Sani (Lapidary), Tom Schmidt (Lapidary & Jewelry), Sally Schmidt (Lapidary), Jennifer Stapp (Gems & Minerals Asst. Coordinator), and Nichole Merzi (Fair employee in the Exhibits Dept., liaison to Gems & Minerals).

Forty-one exhibitors had mailed back their completed questionnaires, with various suggestions for the 2019 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:** Birthstones
- **Fossil of the Year:** Ammonites
- **One trace fossil.**
- **Gemstone carving.** Beginner.

And here are the classes that have been discontinued, due to lack of participation:

- **One association fossil.**
- **Metal clay jewelry.**

"OZ Some" has been selected as the Fair theme for 2019, relating to the 1904 book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Frank Baum. And this leads to one new additional class:

- **Fair Theme Jewelry:** *Wizard of Oz*.

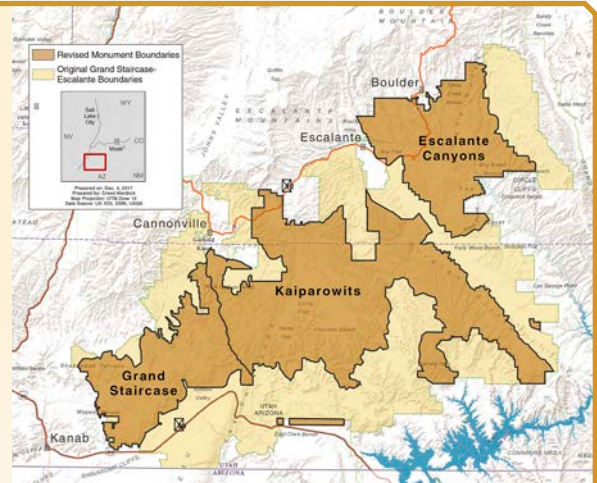
Entry brochures will be available in mid-February, and online entry will open in early March. The entry deadline will be April 26, 2019. Entry delivery will be Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26.

The Fair will open at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 31st, and run through Thursday, July 4th.

Questions? Please contact Anne Schafer at 858-586-1637 or Agate.Annie2@gmail.com.

Would you like to be able to collect rocks, minerals, petrified wood and common invertebrate fossils on some of the lands that have been off limits to hobby collecting in Southern Utah since 1996?

Now is your chance to be heard. The BLM may restore hobby collecting but Rockhounds need to speak up now.



**The BLM is now accepting public comments on the Travel Mgmt Plan for
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)
& Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA)**

BLM Deadline: Friday, November 30, 2018

The Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS) has written a great comment letter.

Clubs/Societies and Individuals are invited to join SCPS and ask the BLM to restore casual collecting in GSENM-KEPA.

Rockhounds & gem-mineral societies, as members of the public who have a special Stakeholder interest in hobby collecting on public lands, federal statute requires the BLM to consider your input in drafting land use and travel management plans.

SCPS has done the hard part – writing an effective letter that supports you and your hobby. Do your part. Sign onto it or write your own personalized letter. Ask your society to sign onto the SCPS letter.

Now is the time to **SPEAK UP**. After all, if you don't advocate your own interests, who will?

Want to write your own personalized letter? Great, submit comments by November 30th:

- **Mail:** 669 S Hwy 89
Kanab, UT 84741
Attn: Matt Betenson
- **ePlanning:** <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>

To help the BLM properly consider and incorporate your feedback, please include a reference to a specific page or section of the Draft EIS/Draft RMP in your comment.

Many voices can make a difference
One authoritative letter supported by many organizations and individuals is one of the most effective ways to get a management plan that accommodates hobby collecting!

(Boilerplate letters are counterproductive.)

**Sign onto the SCPS comment letter
by November 27th**

Here's how in 3 easy steps:

1. Download the [current draft of the SCPS comment letter](https://goo.gl/Vj3zp4) from the SDMG website at (short URL): <https://goo.gl/Vj3zp4>
2. Take the SCPS letter to your board for approval ASAP.
3. Upon approval, send an email to Karol McQueary (socalpaleo@yahoo.com) with your club contact info to add to the letter:
 - Club/org/school name
 - Officer name and title
 - Number of members in your club
 - Club mailing address (okay to omit street address, but don't leave out city, state, zip)

Need help? Got questions?

email: socalpaleo@yahoo.com
or ajhoekstra@yahoo.com
or editor@sdmg.org

**Support hobby collecting
in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM)
& Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA)**

***Sign onto a comment letter
by November 27, 2018***

contact: Karol McQueary socalpaleo@yahoo.com

BLM revisits what's okay in S. Utah monument.

The BLM has prepared a draft plan for managing public lands within and adjacent to the redrawn boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) in Southern Utah. The proposal includes lands that are located outside the monument – now called the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA).

Why does it matter to Rockhounds?

Lands excluded from the monument by Presidential Proclamation 9682 have not reverted to their previous status; they will remain closed to hobby collecting until a new management plan is drafted. Rockhounds and hobbyists now have the opportunity to ask for explicit accommodation of casual collecting in the new management plan. Unless the BLM receives input from the public to allow hobby collecting, it could be disallowed once and for all.

A letter that Rockhounds can support.

The Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS), has drafted a comment letter asking the BLM to explicitly accommodate hobby collecting in the GSENM-KEPA management plan.

What position does the letter advocate?

The SCPS comment letter supports Alternative 'D', which is the option that would allow hobby collecting of paleontological resources and collectable rocks and minerals in some of the areas where it has been disallowed since 1996.

Hobby rock collecting will be regulated in the same manner as hobby collecting of common invertebrate and botanical (petrified wood) fossils. Rockhounding will be allowed or prohibited in the same areas as described under the "Paleontological Resources" section of the plan alternatives (p. 3-44 in Draft RMP and EIS Vol. 1).

For the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area, the proposed alternative 'D', which is the BLM's Preferred Alternative, would allow hobby collecting of rocks, minerals, and common invertebrate and botanical fossils, including petrified wood, within almost the entire area excluded from the original Grand Staircase-Escalante monument. Alternative 'D' also proposes to allow hobby collecting in two designated areas within GSENM.

SCPS has done the work, your part is easy –

Anyone who cares about hobby collecting, especially paleontological organizations, AFMS-affiliated societies, and their members residing in the U.S., now have the opportunity to tell the BLM that you support hobby collecting on public lands. Be effective and do it by signing onto the SCPS comment letter. By the way, spread the word.

An actual signature (or facsimile) is not needed. Just email your (or your organization's) information to **Karol McQueary** (socalpaleo@yahoo.com). Indicate whether you are signing for yourself or on behalf of an organization. Include essential info:

- your name
- org title (usually club president)
- number of org members
- org address (City, state, zip/postal code is fine)

If you are signing as an organization representative, be sure to include a sentence saying your board authorizes you to sign onto the letter.

Desert Quartzite Solar Project

DOI-BLM-CA-D060-2017-0002-EIS

Comment period closes Nov 8, 2018

A 450 megawatt photovoltaic solar energy facility on BLM-administered public land is proposed for an area covering approximately 3,800 acres and located about 8 miles southwest of Blythe in Riverside County.

For more info visit the BLM website at:

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

Rockhounds,

No one cares more or will do more than you to preserve hobby collecting, so use every opportunity to tell BLM.

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The BLM California newsletter

**Draft Monument Management Plans and
Environmental Impact Statement
for the Shash Jáa and Indian Creek Units
of the Bears Ears Nat'l Monument (BENM)**


The **BLM** has opened a comment period on the Draft Monument Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statement for the **Shash Jáa and Indian Creek Units** of the **Bears Ears National Monument**. To date, rockhounding has not been banned in lands excluded from the **Bears Ears** monument. Currently, a new management plan is not being proposed for lands excluded from the monument. Only the proposed alternative 'A' – the "No Change" alternative – would allow rockhounding in the monument. Rockhounds may want to comment on the Paleontological Resources provisions of the **BENM** proposals.

BENM**Comment period now open****Deadline: Nov 15, 2018**

Submit comments via:

- **Mail:** BLM, Canyon Country District Office
82 East Dogwood
Moab, Utah 84532
Attn: Lance Porter
- **eMail:** blm_ut_monticello_monuments@blm.gov

In your comment for BENM, be sure to include a reference to a specific page or section of the Draft EIS/Draft RMP.

 The preferred alternative is almost always the plan that gets adopted, so Rockhounds need to ask for a hobby collecting accommodation in the preferred plan.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~**BLM Field Tour & DAC Meeting****December 14–15, 2018****Ridgecrest, CA**

The **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** has submitted a plan to the **Department of Interior** for a 2018 meeting of the **Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)**. The 10- to 15-member council represents stakeholder interests in public land management. Council members communicate stakeholders' concerns and makes recommendations to the agency on topics ranging from ranching and grazing to

recreational uses and conservation values.

The **DAC** has not been convened for a public meeting since March 2018, when a special mid-week meeting was hastily organized to address a possible plan-level review of the largest land use plan amendment in California state history, the **Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)**.

If the current meeting plan is approved, a Friday Field Tour and Saturday business meeting of the Council will be held in Ridgecrest. By the December date, the **DAC** will not have met for a regular public meeting in 22 months, so the meeting may be expected to run long if the public is provided adequate opportunity to comment on an extensive backlog of agenda items scheduled for discussion.



Please be courteous and call the field trip leader to ask if you may participate in the field trip. Be sure to call again if you decide to cancel, so folks aren't waiting around for you. All CFMS affiliate clubs will ask you to sign a waiver, and you must agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics and listen to directions of the field trip leaders.

Nov 10–11, 2018

Wiley's Well Campout, Blythe, CA

Sponsor: Conejo Gem & Mineral Society and Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

Sign-up: www.whoscoming.com/vgms (please remove your name if you signed up but decide not to participate after all.)

Contact/field trip leaders: Chuck Borchard, chuck.cgmctrips@gmail.com or Adrian Ruiz, pebpurdad@yahoo.com or 805-512-3383

Materials: Thunder eggs and geodes.

CALICO MOUNTAINS, HERE WE COME

Sat & Sun, November 3–4, 2018

*Field trip organizer: Joe Goetz**

THE FIRST FIELD TRIP of a hopefully cooler collecting season will happen on the first weekend of November. We'll go to the area around the Whittier club claim and the Calico Mountains and who knows where else.

Day 1: Saturday, November 3

Meeting time: 8:30 am

Meeting Place: Parking lot of the Baymont Hotel (previously the Oaktree Inn). 35450 Yermo Rd., Yermo, CA 92398. Take I-15 to exit 189/Yermo Rd.

Destination: Where we go will be determined Saturday morning. It'll be a surprise for all of us when we figure out where we will go.

Bring: Be sure to bring a lunch and have lots of water, electrolyte water, or even Gatorade to drink. Also bring a broad-brimmed hat, sun block, and collecting gear (i.e., a bag or bucket for rocks you find and a geology pick or something similar).

After visiting some sites throughout the day, we'll have "potluck" at Peggy Sue's where you can dine on delicacies of deep-fried pickles and wash it down with a pineapple shake.

Day 2: Sunday, November 4

Meeting time: 8:30 am

On Sunday morning, we'll meet up again at the hotel parking lot. We'll go out to more collecting sites until 12 noon, and those that are going home can beat it before the traffic gets too heavy. For those that remain, it may turn into an exploratory trip. Or – if some are there on Sunday but not on Saturday – we may just go back and revisit some of the locations that we went on the day before.

Want to come along, got questions?

Call or text (626) 260-7239

(please call or text if you decide to cancel, so we don't wait around for you.)

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ON THE GO ... TO A SHOW



NOVEMBER

3–4 RIDGECREST, CA – Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Show

Sponsor: Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society

Venue: Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm daily

Admission and Parking: Free.

Contact: John DeRosa, 760-375-7905

jfrocks@dslextreme.com

Display cases, door prizes, silent auctions, geode cutting.

3–4 ANAHEIM, CA – 51st Annual Opal, Gem & Jewelry Show

Sponsor: American Opal Society

Venue: Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way, Anaheim, CA 92805

Hours: Sat 10am – 6pm, Sun 10:00 – 5pm

Admission: Adults \$5.00, Kids under 15 Free.

Parking: Free.

Contact: angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com or
editor@opalsociety.org

Website: www.opalsociety.org

Opal, Gem and Jewelry Dealers from the USA and Australia; raffle with many prizes of gemstones and jewelry; seminars on gemstone and jewelry topics; demonstrations on jewelry making, gemstone cutting.

9–11 Costa Mesa, CA – West Coast Gem & Mineral Show – Fall

Sponsor: LLD Productions Inc.

New Venue: Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa
3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Hours: Fri and Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm
Sun 10:00am – 5:00pm

Admission: Free. Public welcome.

Customer Parking: \$5.00 per day

Website: www.mineralshowsLLD.com

75 vendors dealers, wholesale and retail featuring gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, meteorites, decorator items, lapidary, and more. (Resale cert. needed for admission to wholesale.)

17–18 LAKESIDE, CA – Rock & Gem Round-up

Sponsor: El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Venue: Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue St., Lakeside, CA 92040

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

Admission & Parking: Free

Contact: Mary Ness, 619-449-0759

or ecvgms@gmail.com

Website: www.ecvgms.org

Inside and outside vendors featuring rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, slabs, beads, jewelry, lapidary supplies and crafts, and also kids' activities, raffle.

JOHN E. GARSOW gems & minerals

November 9–11

Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa

3050 Bristol St.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

November 17 & 18

**El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Gem & Mineral Roundup**

Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue
Lakeside, CA 92040

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17–18 **OXNARD, CA – 49th Annual Galaxy of Gems Expo – Calcite**
Presented by: Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Venue: Oxnard Performing Arts Center
 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA 93030
Hours: Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm
 Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm
Admission and Parking: Free
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, 805-394-8002 or webmaster@oxnardgem.com
Website: www.oxnardgem.com
 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.

**SDMG's
 Gem Diego Show
 cancelled in 2018**

New Venue TBD for 2019



DECEMBER

1–2 **BARSTOW, CA – 44th Annual Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Show**
Sponsor: Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Venue: Cora Harper Fitness Center
 841 S. Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311
Hours: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Admission & Parking: Free
Contact: Danny Watts, 760-373-1309
Email: dvwatts@msn.com
Web: <http://www.mdgms.net/gem-show-information---vendor-application.html>

Camp Zzyzx

March 24–31, 2019



Applications are now being accepted
 through March 1, 2019

Download an application form at:
www.cfmsinc.org/ESStudies/2019_ZzyzxRegistration.pdf

Classes may include:

- Lapidary
- Beading
- Wire Art
- Advanced Wire Art
- Precious Metal
- Clay
- Soft Stone Carving
- Faceting
- Alternative Casting
- Field Trips

(Each Camp is unique, offering a variety
 of lapidary arts and crafts classes.)

Contact for more information:

Audrey Harvey, Camp Zzyzx Registrar
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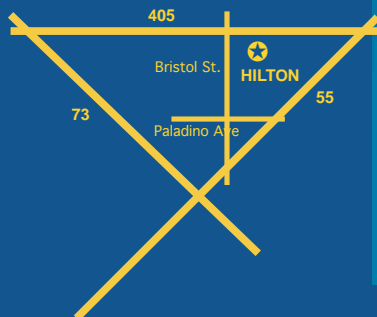
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SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 17, 2018

In attendance: Vice President John Kruzel and Board members Andy Anderson, Donna Beers, Rocio Bergum, Bob Hancock, Doug Peeler, Ellen Riceman, Dave Smith and Paul Williams. There was not a quorum present. **Excused:** Wayne Moorhead, Melissa Ordway, Jim & Sally Parrish, Anne Schafer, Dee Smith, Jennifer Stapp. **Absent:** Donna Casey, Stephanie Griffin, Lois Lukasky and Jill Williamson. **Guests:** Letty Evans and Lauren Nenow.

Membership: Angie Cannon reported via email that we have about 540 members. Thirty-one copies of the Pegmatite are mailed out each month. Forty-six of our members are Juniors, and 27 are honorary/life members.

Treasurer: Anne Schafer reported via email that for the period from June 1, 2018, through August 6, 2018, total receipts were \$13,528.97 and total disbursements were \$11,127.75, leaving a gain for the period of \$2,401.22.

General Meeting: John Kruzel announced that the Sept. 24th meeting will be a Snack'n'Share Night.

Mineral Division: Lauren Nenow is thinking about becoming the chairperson for the Mineral Division.

Museum Curator: Jim Parrish reported via email that Elbert McCune's 100th Birthday display of faceted gemstones has been installed. Jim is working on a new meteorite display.

Juniors: Dave Smith reported that the Junior class has been in session all summer. There was a record attendance of 14 Juniors at one class in August. Lots of new Juniors are attending class.

School Director: Wayne Moorhead reported via email that there are many new students; Wayne has asked them to visit the classes and talk to the instructors. Tuesday night cab class needs an instructor. Wednesday afternoon cab class has a new instructor, Lloyd Pekitpekit, and an assistant instructor is needed for that class. Wayne requested that experienced students consider becoming instructors, and to please contact him if interested. Dee Smith has resigned her teaching position; Jill Williamson will take over Dee's Friday class.

School Liaison: Bob Hancock reported that Rich Yarbrough made each Ultra Tec faceting machine a cover to protect the dial indicator. Someone has ground through one of the masts while faceting their stone. Demonstrations and exhibits went well at the Fair. Jerod Schneider is recalibrating the Ultra Tec faceting machines. There is an Advanced Faceting class, taught by Donna Beers and Steve Dente, on Wednesday afternoons.

Librarian: Donna Beers requested, on behalf of the Gemological Society, use of the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in order to use the gemological equipment.

Donations: (1) A donation of a faceting machine, some books and flat laps has been received. (2) Klaus Klement donated buckets of rocks for the Juniors.

Outreach: Two pages of the guest register have been filled out over the summer.

Website/Pegmatite: Lisbet Thoresen reported via email that 1,482 Enewsletters were sent out in September, and 40% were opened. For October, the numbers were 1,640 sent out, 40% opened.

BBQ: Date for SDMG's Annual Spring BBQ is tentatively set for Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Christmas Potluck: Rocio Bergum confirmed that the potluck will be held on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, in Casa Del Prado Room #101.

New business: Rocio Bergum reported that the Gemological Society would like to have a place in the classroom to store their coffee cups and supplies.

(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is October 15th at 7pm in the SDMG Building.)

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October 15, 2018

In attendance: President Jim Parrish and Board members Andy Anderson, Donna Beers, Rocio Bergum, Stephanie Griffin, Bob Hancock, Melissa Ordway, Doug Peeler, Ellen Riceman, Anne Schafer, Dave Smith, Jennifer Stapp, Paul Williams and Jill Williamson. A quorum was present. **Excused:** John Kruzel, Wayne Moorhead, Sally Parrish and Dee Smith. **Absent:** Donna Casey and Lois Lukasky. **Guest:** Letty Evans.

Membership: Current total is 603 members.

Museum Curator: Jim Parrish is continuing to work on the new meteorite display.

City/Spanish Village liaison: Motion passed unanimously to allow Spanish Village artists to install interchangeable murals in the exterior arch to the east of the Village Silversmith's door, for a period of one year, at the discretion of the SDMG Board of Directors.

Jim Parrish to speak with Spanish Village president about keeping access open to disabled parking spots during Spanish Village events when parking lot is rented out for events.

Juniors: Dave Smith reported that Junior class attendance is averaging 10 Juniors per session. Dave, Paul Williams and Mac McCune are able to handle this number of students. Wire wrap, silver fab or faceting classes could be started for Juniors, to reduce attendance in Cab Room.

School Director: Wayne Moorhead reported via email that two new Covington arbors with cast aluminum pans and hoods have been purchased for \$1,307 and will be installed by Randy Welborn. Sanding belts have been restocked for \$265. New diamond wheels will be ordered next month; the current ones are very worn. Acetylene now costs \$303 for two tanks, delivered.

Denny Turner has restocked the Silver Store supplies; prices and inventory are posted by the Silver Room cabinet.

Please contact Wayne Moorhead with other classroom needs or problems.

School Liaison: Bob Hancock reported that the Wednesday morning faceting class is full, that Jerod

Schneider has two new students, and Mac McCune has 5 students. New Facetron heads are on order.

Librarian: Donna Beers announced that the library will be open on Tuesdays from 2-4pm, and on Thursdays from 4-6 pm.

Donations: (1) Matthew Miller donated \$50 in memory of Bruce Higgins. (2) Jim Parrish has been requested to evaluate a mineral collection located in Whittier.

Public Lands: Motion carried, 13 to 0, with one abstention, to approve and sponsor the Southern California Paleontological Society letter with respect to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Planning area. There is hope that hobby collecting of petrified wood and other botanical fossils, as well as invertebrate fossils, can be restored in this area, closed since 1996.

Historian/Friendship: Jim Parrish is to provide Stephanie Griffin with copies of the keys to historian's cabinets. Stephanie requests that news about fellow rockhounds be forwarded to her for publishing in the Pegmatite.

Christmas Potluck: Dee Smith has resigned as Potluck chairperson; Jennifer Stapp and Melissa Ordway volunteered to take over these duties.

December Nights: Jim Parrish asked that volunteers interested in helping out in the club's sales booth to contact him. Dates for December Nights: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, 2018.

Banquet: Jennifer Stapp to contact Elijah's about changing date to Saturday, March 16, 2019.

BBQ: Doug Peeler to obtain permit from City.

SD Fair: Anne Schafer reported five exhibitors attended the Exhibitors' Meeting, all of them SDMG members. Decisions were reached for 2019 Fair. Mineral of the Year: Birthstones. Fossil of the Year: Ammonites. Deleted one marine fossil and metal clay jewelry classes. Added new Gemstone Carving class. Fair theme is related to the book, The Wonderful Wizard of OZ: "OZ Some".

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	Wed	9 – 11:30am	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	Jill Williamson
	Tue	noon – 3pm	Jill Williamson
	Wed	6 – 9pm	Stephanie Griffin
	Thu	9am – noon	Denny Turner
	Thu	1 – 4pm	Denny Turner
ADV. METALS FABRICATION	Tue	7 – 9pm	Al Puente
	Wed	9am – 3pm	Denny Turner
	Wed	9am – 3pm	Jackie Leverone
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Ellen Riceman
	Fri	9:30am – noon	Jill Williamson
	Fri	12:30 – 3:00pm	Jill Williamson
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
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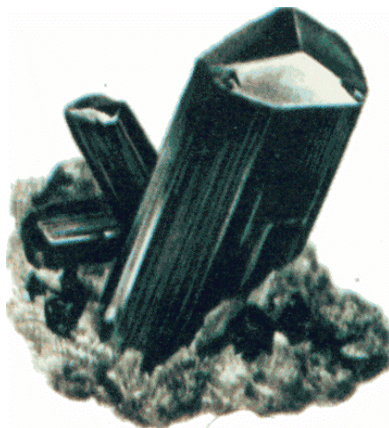
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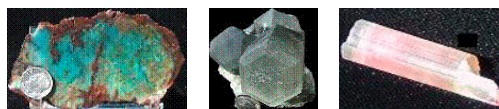
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