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# THE PEGMATITE

## SEPTEMBER 2019



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and some highlights in pictures  
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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

September 2019

by Jim Parrish

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

**S**TAY COOL, summer is almost over, and it sure went by fast. The heat isn't gone with September being one of our hottest month!

The summer classes are over and the schedules for the regular year are out. So, get signed up. Speaking of classes, I am very excited to announce a new class being added to our already impressive list. I have been talking to one of our new members, **Marcus J. Origlieri, Ph.D.**, and he has agreed to teach a class in Mineral Evolution. **Dr. Origlieri** is a San Diego County native who recently moved back after many years attending and working at the **University of Arizona**, Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from **UCSD** in 1998 and received his doctoral degree in Mineralogy from **UA** in 2005.

We will schedule four to five one-hour classes starting in November. There will be a one-time nominal cost associated to cover handouts/materials. **Please don't call and start asking yet.** Look for more information in the October **Pegmatite** and e-Newsletter. We'll provide a means to sign up for the class beginning next month. In the meantime, the class description can be found on page 4.

**Also new** – We have a new Asst. School Director, **Mr. Denny Turner**. I'm sure most of you know him. But, if you don't, introduce yourself. As a new member of our Board of Directors, **Denny** will be helping **Wayne Moorhead** with the busy task of maintaining, improving, and updating our classes and equipment in the coming year. We look forward to his added expertise. Thank you, **Denny**!

This year's **San Diego County Fair** attracted had a great attendance record during its six-week run. Among more than 365 competitive entries submitted, many of our members participated. We are proud of all our members and congratulate those who won ribbons and cash awards. Thanks to the vendors, demonstrators, and staff – again, our club members played an important role in helping make the **Gems, Minerals & Jewelry Department** a must-see destination at the **Fair** – it was truly **Oz-Some!** Read more on page 6.

I'd like to thank all volunteers who have helped out this last year. It just doesn't happen without **YOU!!**

So, welcome back and plan on spending time participating in the many meetings, classes, field trips and other events that we have to offer.



## SDMG General Meeting “Fall Social Snacks & Sharing” Monday, September 30, 2019

Jim Parrish, President

7pm SDMG bldg

Public Welcome!

You should all have treasures that you bought  
or collected during the summer

Well, it's déjà vu all over again. One year ago this invitation read pretty much the same. Keep reading!

This year we have five Mondays in September. So, I've decided to move this meeting to the last one in order to give myself and others a chance to get organized. I'm not sure it will really help.

Many of us travel and collect during what seems like an all too short summer. The days are getting noticeably shorter already – it gets late early out there. During your summer travels, you may have come to a fork in the road and taken it – perhaps winding up in Colorado for the famous Denver Mineral & Gem Show or at one of the many local shows such as Nipomo, Culver City, CFMS in Pasadena, or Escondido, just to name a few. Maybe, you went out in the field and self-collected an exceptional specimen. Well, come show it off.

This is the first meeting of the fall season, and what better way to start than to simply get together and look at new “stuff” while snacking away on goodies? (Cut my pie into four pieces, I don't think I could eat eight.) This “new stuff” can include lapidary pieces, mineral specimens, rock specimens, jewelry or whatever you'd like to share. Everybody should be able to bring something! It's just an excuse to get together and socialize! This will be a great opportunity to share with others your stories about summer adventures, vacations, or family doings. Whether your tales are fact or fiction, no doubt half the lies you tell aren't true.

The first meeting of the new subscription year gives us a chance to meet new members. We have quite a few. (By the way, did you remember to renew your membership?) The idea is to “HAVE FUN.”



Of course, we will have some great door prizes. So, don't forget to bring plenty of cash! (And remember, a nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.)

If for some reason you decide not to bring something and you don't want to talk about it, show up anyhow, we'll forgive you! Maybe! But, we'll be over the moon, if you come and say a short or long piece about your treasure and show it off. Come see your friends do the same. Remember, you can observe a lot by watching. And by all means, bring your Juniors to the meeting. The great thing about Gem-Mineral Clubs is that they're a lot like little league; it keeps the kids out of the house and parents off the streets.

Without sounding too redundant, include yourself in! Don't make a wrong mistake and stay home. (Hope you enjoyed the Yogi-isms in this write-up.) And please don't forget to bring a snack or a rock to share, along with your always friendly faces. The Club will provide coffee, tea and punch.

## School News

*Denny Turner, Asst. School Director*

**Fall classes start September 8th.** Be sure to renew your membership if you haven't already, so you'll be able to sign up for classes in the regular Fall session. Classes fill up quickly, so don't delay. The first Juniors class will meet on Saturday, September 14.

Once assigned to a class, check with your instructor to confirm dates, and the basis for how fees will be paid. Most classes should be paid in advance for at least four sessions (one month) and some classes ask for fees for a longer period, including for an entire semester. Fee payments are made directly to your instructor. **SDMG** can accept cash or checks only; we cannot process credit or ATM cards.

**Increase in class fees effective September 1st.** Costs for supplies and maintenance have steadily gone up, while class fees have remained unchanged for a long, long time. The Board voted to make modest adjustments to class fees, except for the **Juniors**' class, which remains unchanged. SDMG classes are still a great deal.

**Classes of 3 hours or less:** \$6.00 per class session (change)

**Classes of more than 3 hours:** \$8.00 per class session (change)

**Juniors:** \$1.00 per class session (no change)

**Got questions?** Email [school@sdmg.org](mailto:school@sdmg.org)

## ~ NEW CLASS ~

### Mineral Evolution:

### Mineralogy in the Fourth Dimension

4 to 5 sessions beginning November 2019

More info to come in the October bulletin

Instructor: Marcus J. Origlieri, Ph.D.

Mineral Evolution is a new framework for understanding the mineral kingdom. It attempts to explain the origin of all mineral species by recording the appearance of the first mineral species and connects this appearance with geologic processes. The process begins with the Big Bang event, with atoms being created and cooling to form the first mineral. Once matter cools and starts to coalesce, pressure and heat create additional minerals while the crust of the planet is forming.

**These questions and more will be covered during the class:**

What was the first mineral formed in the universe?

What is the most common mineral in the Earth's crust?

Why does Earth's atmosphere contain oxygen and what minerals were the first to form?

Many minerals are formed from biological processes; what do they look like?

How many minerals are found on Earth?

How many minerals are expected to be found on Mars?



## JUNIOR DIVISION

Coordinated by

Dave Smith

THIS SUMMER, the Juniors volunteered to contribute time to the sandbox screening demonstration at the SD County Fair. They participated on two dates, and I wish to thank them. Our June 27th volunteers were Junior member Rowan, with mother Loretta, and Junior member Juaquin, with parents Todd and Juanita. Our July 3rd volunteers were Junior member Kensington with her mother Leslie, Junior members Marielle and brother Samuel with parents Matt and Johanna, and Junior members Kasandra and Lara, who were assisted by mothers Linda and Gail.

These past few months, we had good shop attendance with a weekly average of eight students in June and July. An average of six students attended class in August. Over the summer one new student appear each month.

Finally, I am happy to relate that my learned assistant, Elbert McCune enjoyed another birthday this July. Mac and I checked on my predecessor, Lois Lukasky, at her retirement home. She was happy to see Mac, her former faceting instructor. I was also glad to find her in good health and fine spirits.

We are ready for cooler weather and the start of Fall classes. Parents, don't forget to mark Saturday, September 14th as the first day of class. Please remember, that your child must be dropped off and picked up at the classroom. We look forward to welcoming back the Juniors and starting a fun new project.



Some of the most avid fairgoers who visited the Gem, Minerals and Jewelry Department were Juniors.



The Junior Division's Oz-Some exhibit for the 2019 San Diego Fair showed off the cabochons they made in class.

## A Visit to the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society

**Text by Donna Dickerson and Peter Jackson, Photos by Donna Dickerson**

On our travels to the Southwest U.S. and California, we like to visit and learn about the programs and services offered by mineral and gem societies. In March, we stopped by the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society's facility in the Spanish Village Art Center in Balboa Park. The club's headquarters there incorporates meeting and exhibition space; classrooms; and a retail shop selling lapidary materials, jewelry and artifacts made by club members, and a variety of books and periodicals. On the morning of our visit, at least three classes were underway: gem identification, sphere-making, and a youth lapidary class. We were impressed not only by the physical space and well-equipped classrooms but also by the variety of vibrant activities going on at the same time. In the shop, we were guided in our selections by the very helpful and friendly Sue Minnock. Pete bought slabs for lapidary work, and I added to my collection of published proceedings of the John Sinkankas gemology symposiums held annually in Carlsbad, CA (co-sponsored by SDMGS and the Gemological Institute of America). In the exhibition area, we were both impressed by the mineral specimens on display and the collection of faceted gems donated by centenarian faceter and SDMG Society member Elbert McCune, who was instructing the youth program class during our visit.

The club's regular emails and printed newsletter, *The Pegmatite*, inform members about field trips, meetings, and educational events. We encourage you to check out the website (<https://sdmg.org/>) and be inspired by the activities of the Society. Don't miss visiting the Society when you're in San Diego.



Elbert McCune teaching the lapidary arts to young society members.



The San Diego Mineral and Gem Society's prime location in Balboa Park's Spanish Village Art Center.



John Kruzel, SDMG Society Vice President, making a sphere from dinosaur coprolite.



Sue Minnock in the SDMG Society retail shop.



THANK YOU,  
VOLUNTEER GEMSTONE FACATORS  
*by Bob Hancock*

This is to thank the many volunteer facets of the **San Diego Mineral & Gem Society**, who demonstrated their skills this year at the **San Diego County Fair**, held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Your contribution helped to make the Fair a great success and provided our many visitors with an in-depth insight into the little known world of gemstone faceting. The Society expresses thanks to the following individuals:

Tim Sandiford  
Bill Bird  
Mike Harkleroad  
Brent Banta  
James Curtis  
Betty Laycock  
Dave Smith  
Elbert McCune  
Larry Shute

LuAnn Benton  
Lauren Kravitz  
Linda Case  
John Gleaves  
Lee Bennett  
Loretta Evans  
Mona Morimoto  
Donna Beers  
Bill Brisebois



**Top right.** LuAnn Benton demonstrates faceting to a group of intrigued visitors to the Gems, Minerals & Jewelry Department.

**Middle right.** Display featuring the handiwork of the SDMG faceting class. Case design: Bob Hancock.

**Bottom right.** Case of faceted gems, with the single best faceted item (lower front) by SDMG instructor Bill Brisebois, and second place ribbon awarded to Dave Rose for the faceted gems held by the Scarecrow figurine.



## Some Highlights from the Oz-Some! Fair

The 2019 Fair attracted 1,531,199 visitors during the 27-day run of San Diego County's biggest annual event. The Gems, Minerals & Jewelry Department exhibited 365 competitive entries – the third highest number ever. About 40 SDMG members submitted entries among a total of 120 individuals participating. Many familiar names took awards this year, including quite a few of our members. The "Wizard of Oz" theme, which was based on the Frank L. Baum classic, inspired some wonderful displays and designs. The GMJ staff, demonstrators, and vendors helped make the exhibition a resounding success. Thanks and congratulations to one and all for making the 2019 Fair truly Oz-Some! View the award winners –

**By name:** <http://bit.ly/GMJ2019-byName>

**By class:** <http://bit.ly/GMJ2019-byClass>

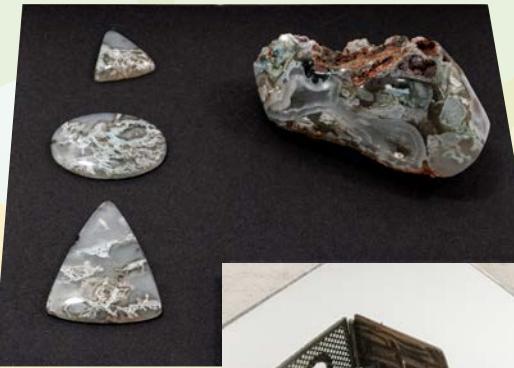


**Top.** Case design by Bob Hancock of work by the SDMG faceting class.

**Middle right.** Meg Berry's Land of Oz.

**Bottom right.** Donna Casey's enamel pendant, "The Emerald City".

**Bottom left.** John Kruzel's spheres won the best case award for lapidary work.



Clockwise  
from above left.

Pyrite suns display by Karen Farrington won the Gregory Anderson Memorial Award in the Educational class.

"The Beauty of Turquoise" display by Nita Sani won Second Place for Mixed Display, one mineral.

Lee Bennett's "Medicine Spirit" Bola Tie made of silver with quartz crystals won Third Place for single piece in the Jewelry Division.

"Lapis Man's Cuff" by Denny Turner.

Nita Sani's three cabochons carved from Ochoco Green Moss Agate won Third Place for Lapidary work..

Ann Wolf's "Tools of the Trade" original concept art jewelry took a First Place Award.

The "Prospector Case" features historical mining and assaying tools.





**Clockwise from bottom left.**

Judges' entries of their favorite things.

"Megalodon."

A display case of lapidary work features rock carvings by several SDMG members, including First and Third Place entries by LuAnn Benton, Jan Kunsa, Delores Wheeler and Tom Schmidt, each with Second Place Awards, and Olivia Espinosa's First Place quartzsite carving.

One of the displays of fluorescent minerals courtesy of Greg Anderson's family.

Shoppers visit the Malmquist booth.

Some of Irv Brown's museum-quality fine minerals.

David Lipson's award-winning case of polished spheres.

## SDMG Membership...

New Applications & Renewals for 2019–20  
Due NOW

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal form by the deadline. **SDMG** classes are open to members only, so don't put it off any longer! There are now two ways to apply for or renew your membership –

1.) Send a check with your membership form to the membership secretary. The renewal form can be found at the end of this bulletin or on the **SDMG** website at:

[www.sdmg.org/pdf/sdmg-membership-app-and-renewal.pdf](http://www.sdmg.org/pdf/sdmg-membership-app-and-renewal.pdf)

**OR**

2.) Sign up online using major credit cards via PayPal. Visit the SDMG website for details at:

[www.sdmg.org/sdmg-membership/](http://www.sdmg.org/sdmg-membership/)

**Pay with mailed check:**

\$30 – first Adult Member

**OR – Pay using PayPal:**

\$32 – first Adult Member

\$10 – Associate Adult Member at same household

\$10 – Junior Member

\$10 – printed/mailed copy of *The Pegmatite* bulletin

**Subscribe yourself to the eNewsletter at: <http://bit.ly/SDMG-news>**

published from September thru June

at the same time as *The Pegmatite* bulletin (PDF online version)

**(Members, you must subscribe yourself, we cannot do it for you!)**

### SDMG-GSSD Library

SDMG Bldg.

Donna Beers

#### Hours:

Tuesdays 2–4pm

Wednesdays 9–11am and 1–3pm

*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.

## This 'n' That...

General Announcements

SDMG Board Meeting  
Monday, September 16, 2019  
7:00pm SDMG Building



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.

**Oct 4–6, 2019** **Clear Creek, CA, 2-days/3-nights camping trip**  
**Sponsor:** Conejo Gem & Mineral Society  
**Sign-up:** [www.whoscoming.com/vgms](http://www.whoscoming.com/vgms) (please remove your name if you signed up but decide not to participate after all.)  
**Contact/field trip leader:** Chuck Borchard, [chuck.cgmctrips@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.cgmctrips@gmail.com)  
**Materials:** Serpentine, Agate, Jadeite, Plasma Agate.

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**Oct 12–13, 2019** **SLGMS 78th Gem-O-Rama 2019, Trona, CA**  
 Gem-O-Rama field trips for Salt Minerals, hosted by Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society.  
 CANCELLED DUE TO THE EARTHQUAKE

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### OCEANVIEW MINE TOUR & SCREENING TRIPS:

Sundays, 11:00am to 3:00pm

For more information  
please visit [www.digforgems.com](http://www.digforgems.com)

or call Jeff Swanger at 760-415-9143  
Reservations required.

\$75. Adults \$60. Children (ages 5 to 11)  
Family rates available.

**HIMALAYA MINE TAILINGS:**  
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At the Lake Henshaw Resort on Highway 76.

Adults, \$75 per day. Kids 12-15, half price.  
Screening tables, buckets, and shovels provided.  
Call (775) 830-5797  
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Website:  
[www.highdesertgemsandminerals.com/](http://www.highdesertgemsandminerals.com/)



### WEBSITES

**SDMG:**  
[www.sdmg.org](http://www.sdmg.org)

**CFMS:**  
[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) **AFMS:**  
[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

**PUBLIC LANDS:**  
[www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

**BLM:**  
[www.ca.blm.gov](http://www.ca.blm.gov)

**BOB'S ROCK SHOP:**  
[www.rockhounds.com](http://www.rockhounds.com)

**ROCKHOUND FORUM:**  
[groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/la-rocks/info](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/la-rocks/info)

## ON THE GO ... TO A SHOW



### JOHN E. GARSOW gems & minerals

**September 6 – 14**  
**Colorado Mineral & Fossil Fall Show**

Crowne Plaza  
Denver Airport/Convention Center  
15500 E 40th Ave.  
Denver, CO 80239

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### THE DENVER SHOWS (FALL)

**6–14 DENVER, CO – Colorado Mineral & Fossil Fall Show 2019**  
**Sponsor:** Rocky Mountain Gem and Mineral CO-OP  
**Where:** Crowne Plaza Denver Airport/Convention Center (formerly Ramada Plaza Hotel)  
15500 E 40th Ave, Denver, CO 80239  
**Hours:** 10am–6pm daily, except Sat, 9/14, 10am–4pm  
**Admission and parking:** Free admission and parking. Free shuttle bus between hotel and airport.  
**Contact:** [info@coloradomineralandfossilshows.com](mailto:info@coloradomineralandfossilshows.com)  
**Web:** [www.ColoradoMineralandFossilShows.com](http://www.ColoradoMineralandFossilShows.com)  
More than 175 retail and wholesale dealers from around the world, including over 20 Meteorite and Moldavite Dealers and featuring Fine Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Speakers, Food Trucks, Tents, Wholesale, Retail, Gemstones, Cabochon Cutting.

### SEPTEMBER .....

**7–8 ARROYO GRANDE, CA – Gems by the Sea**  
**Sponsor:** San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
**Where:** South County Regional Center  
800 West Branch St., San Luis Obispo, CA 94320  
**Hours:** 10am – 5pm daily  
**Admission:** Adults \$5.00; Children 12 and under Free.  
**Parking:** Free.  
**Contact:** [info@slogem.org](mailto:info@slogem.org)  
**Web:** [slogem.org](http://slogem.org)  
Dealers selling a fantastic array of gems, minerals, fossils, carvings, jewelry, beads, jade, crystals, meteorites, lapidary and metaphysical items. There will be demonstrations of jewelry-making and lapidary crafts

**21 LONG BEACH, CA – Rock Gem & Jewelry Show**  
**Sponsor:** Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society  
**Where:** Expo Arts Center  
4321 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807  
**Hours:** 10am – 5pm  
**Admission:** Adults \$4, under 16 Free.  
**Contact:** Carol Kron and Karin Alvarez, 562-577-9044 or [lbgmineralgemsociety@gmail.com](mailto:lbgmineralgemsociety@gmail.com)  
**URL:** [facebook.com/LBMGS/](http://facebook.com/LBMGS/)

**21–22 CHICO, CA – Rock Gem & Jewelry Show**  
**Sponsor:** Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
**Where:** Silver Dollar Fair Grounds  
2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928  
**Hours:** Sat 9:30am – 5pm; Sun, 9:30am – 4pm  
**Admission:** Adults \$4, under 16 Free.  
**Contact:** Lori Millard, 530-533-2968  
or [lorimillard58@yahoo.com](mailto:lorimillard58@yahoo.com)  
**Web:** [featherriverrocks.org](http://featherriverrocks.org)  
Over 40 dealers in jewelry, rocks, gems, beads, opals, fossils, crystals, and more. Free gift to first 200 kids through the door.

**6-15 DENVER, CO – Denver Coliseum Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show**

**Where:** Denver Coliseum and NWC

4600 Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80216

National Western Complex

4655 Humboldt St, Denver, 80216

**Hours:** 10am–6pm daily

**Admission and Parking:** Free.

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

Five shows at the Coliseum and adjacent

National Western Complex (NWC). 450

dealers offering fine mineral specimens, fossils, dinosaurs, gems, gemstones, lapidary, cabochons, artisan and antique jewelry, beads, crystals, meteorites, metaphysical, gold, silver, turquoise, Native American items, interior decor, metal art, miner's rough, tools, supplies, and more.

**Coliseum Show:** Denver Coliseum, levels 1 & 2 – fossils, minerals, gems & jewelry, with a fossil focus.

**Wholesale Show (formerly Stadium Show):**

NWC – Wholesale only!

**Denver Expo Gem Show:** NWC – primarily large volume wholesale and retail to the public.

**Denver Mineral Show:** NWC – minerals, fossils, gems & jewelry, with a mineral focus.

**Miner's Co-Op Show:** NWC – direct from the friendly miner/prospector.

**13-15 DENVER, CO – The Original Denver Gem & Mineral Show – Canada Unearthed**

**Where:** Expo Hall of the Denver Mart

451 E 58th Ave, Denver, 80216 (I-25 at Exit 215)

**Hours:** Fri 9am–6pm, Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 10am–5pm

**Admission (one-day pass):** Adults \$7.00, Seniors (65+), Military ID, Teens (13–19) \$5.00, Kids 13 and under (accompanied by an adult) Free. (See website for 3-day pass rates.)

**Parking:** Free.

**OCTOBER .....**

**2-6 JOSHUA TREE, CA – 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Craft Show**

**Sponsor:** Hi-Desert Rockhounds/Morongo Basin Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree

**Where:** Sportsman's Club

6225 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**Hours:** opens daily at 9am



For tickets and information visit [denvershow.org](http://denvershow.org)

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**Web:** [www.denvermineralshow.com](http://www.denvermineralshow.com)

More than 150 mineral, gem, fossil, book, and jewelry dealers from across Colorado, the United States, and around the world. Nearly 100 competitive and non-competitive exhibits feature the latest mineral and fossil finds from around the world as well as world-class specimens reflecting the show theme: Minerals of Canada (Canada Unearthed). Speakers every day, public sector booths, gold panning, \$5,000 Gold Giveaway, Mr. Bones Walkabout, Mineral Identification, Fluorescent Display, Club Demos.

**Curator Tour Schedule – Sat, Sept 15**

**12 PM Ed Raines**, Colorado School of Mines

**1 PM Richard Sauers**, Western Museum of Mining and Industry

**2 PM Ryan Roney**, Tellus Science Museum

**3 PM Bill Wray**, Wray Mineral Museum

**Admission and parking:** Free.

**Contact:** 760-366-2915

or [itsportsmans@ymail.com](mailto:itsportsmans@ymail.com)

**Website:** [itsportsmansclub.com/gem.html](http://itsportsmansclub.com/gem.html)

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Over 60 Dealers offering rough rock, mineral specimens, crystals, precious gemstones, and millions of beads, and exquisite fine jewelry.

## Vista Gem & Mineral Society 2019 Show

**October 4 – 6, 2019**

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum

2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.

Vista, CA 92083

Parking: \$5.00

Admission: Free

Friday 10AM to 4PM

Saturday 9AM to 5PM

Sunday 9AM to 4PM

[vistarocks.org](http://vistarocks.org)

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If you've never been to a VGMS show at the  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum,  
you've gotta see it – it's a hidden treasure!

### **12–13 TRONA, CA – Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society Gem-O-Rama 2019 :: CANCELLED**

**13 FALLBROOK, CA – Fall Festival of Gems**  
**Sponsor:** Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
**Where:** Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility  
123 West Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028  
**Hours:** 9am – 4pm  
**Admission and Parking:** Free.  
**URL:** [www.facebook.com/FallbrookGems/](http://www.facebook.com/FallbrookGems/)

**19–20 SANTA ROSA, CA – SRMGS 43rd Annual  
Mineral & Gem Show**  
**Sponsor:** Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
**Where:** The Veterans Memorial  
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
**Hours:** Sat 10am – 6pm, Sun 10am – 5pm  
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	Thu	9am – noon	John Kruzel
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Jon Evans
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	Tue	7 – 9pm	Jerod Schneider
	Wed	9am – noon	Bob Hancock
	Wed	7 – 9pm	Elbert McCune
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Bill Brisebois
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	Thu	9am – noon	Denny Turner
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	Tue	7 – 9pm	Al Puente
	Wed	9am – 3pm	Denny Turner
	Wed	9am – 3pm	Jackie Leverone
	Thu	7 – 9pm	Ellen Riceman
	Fri	9am – 3pm	Jill Williamson
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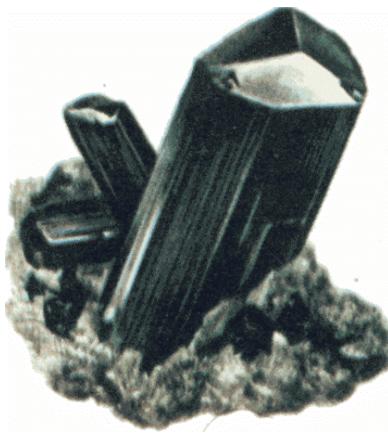
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Denver Shows - end	15 SDMG Board Mtg 7pm, SDMG Bldg	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 SDMG General Mtg 7pm, SDMG Bldg	30	1	2	3	4	5