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# THE PEGMATITE

## APRIL 2020

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CANCELLED**

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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

April 2020

by Jim Parrish

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

**W**ELL, THIS IS CERTAINLY a challenging time. My number one wish is that all of you stay healthy and well. I keep telling myself “THIS WILL PASS” and of course it will! We must have faith and do everything possible to keep ourselves and our loved ones out of harm’s way. Please don’t go out and expose yourself or others. I’ve found that my neighbors and friends have gone out of their way to keep in touch and offer help if needed. We work together to consolidate any necessary trips. It’s nice to see everyone pulling together when it’s needed most.

Especially hard hit are small businesses. They are the heart of the American economy. Many will likely never reopen. They just don’t operate with enough margins to survive this. If you can find ways to still buy from and support local small shops and stores, please do. Many have set up orders-to-go or online shopping. They are essential to getting our economy restarted. This whole event is rather surreal to me, and then I walk outside and see virtually no traffic and it becomes very real. This will pass!

As I’m sure you know, all events and meetings at our societies building are cancelled or postponed until further notice. It is no longer realistic to estimate a date for resumption of normal activities. This means the regularly scheduled meetings of SDMG, GSSD and SWMPA are cancelled. The library and workshop are closed, and all classes have been cancelled. One of our local favorite events, the SDMG BBQ & Silent Auction has also been postponed until further notice. Check out our website for changes in show schedules. All events in April have been cancelled, and most events scheduled for May have been cancelled or postponed, as well.

Access to the SDMG building in Balboa Park is nonexistent. So, don’t bother trying. The entire park is closed, and security patrols are enforcing the closure.

When things change, we will let you know via e-blast and updates to our website. I appreciate everyone’s patience. Especially, **Lisbet’s** in working with me to keep everyone informed. I’m having trouble keeping track of what day it is. I hope I’m not the only one?

Please stay safe, keep unnecessary social contact to a minimum and stay positive. You could also spend time in the garden enjoying San Diego’s beautiful weather or call old friends and family and check up on them. I sure they’d like to hear from you. Last but not least, it’s time to clean out a closet or two? You know they need it.



**Get updates on Balboa Park  
closures at:**

[www.culturalpartnership.org/updates](http://www.culturalpartnership.org/updates)

## Meetings, Events, Shows

### COVID-19 UPDATE

*(updated April 6, 2020)*

We have been closely monitoring public health updates on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and we regret having to CLOSE the SDMG Building to ALL regularly scheduled activities and SUSPENSION of SDMG-sponsored events until further notice.

We are concerned that our members and their families stay safe and healthy, so we are following the direction of U.S. government agencies including the CDC, FDA, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) as well as city, county and state agencies.

The duration of risk to public health due to COVID-19 cannot be estimated at this time, but it may last for weeks or even months. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of NIAID and top health official on the President's Coronavirus Task Force, has said repeatedly, "The virus is driving the timeline." He also cautioned the public that resuming normal activities too soon may cause a resurgence of coronavirus cases that had been flattening or trending downward. If this happens the pandemic will be prolonged. Cutting the chain of transmission through physical distancing is the best thing the public can do at this time to help bring it to an end.

#### UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ALL Activities held in the SDMG Bldg  
are SUSPENDED

Previously and Regularly Scheduled Events  
Are CANCELLED

- All Classes – The Workshop is CLOSED!
- SDMG General Meetings
- Gemological Society of San Diego (GSSD) Meetings
- SDMG/GSSD Library
- Southwestern Miners and Prospectors Association Meetings
- Juniors' Field Trip to Oceanview Mine (April)
- SDMG Spring Barbeque & Silent Auction (May 2)

As updated information is made  
available, it will be posted on the  
[sdmg.org](http://sdmg.org) website.

#### Non-SDMG Events – CANCELLED

April 1 – 30	All gem-mineral shows.
April 5–12	Camp Zzyx Mojave Desert, CA – <a href="http://www.cfmsinc.org/camp-zzyzx">www.cfmsinc.org/camp-zzyzx</a>
April 25	Cady Mountains, VGMS & Tri-Club Field Trips <a href="http://www.whoscoming.com/vgms">www.whoscoming.com/vgms</a>
May 2–3	Searchers Gem and Mineral Society Show Anaheim, CA – <a href="http://www.searchersrocks.org">www.searchersrocks.org</a>
May 7, 8, 9	Spring 2020 West Coast Gem & Mineral Show Costa Mesa, CA – <a href="http://www.mineralshowslld.com">www.mineralshowslld.com</a>
May 16	Seventeenth Annual Sinkankas Symposium – Agate and Chalcedony Carlsbad, CA – <a href="http://sinkankassymposium.net">sinkankassymposium.net</a>

## A REVIEW: SDMG's 86th ANNUAL BANQUET

by Jim Parrish  
SDMG President

**T**HIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED our 86th Birthday at **Elijah's Restaurant** in San Diego. Approximately 80 attendees came together and shared a special evening. Banquet Chairs **Jennifer Stapp** and **Nita Sani** did a wonderful job decorating the banquet tables and hall and making all the arrangements. **Anne Schafer** and **Wayne Moorhead** assisted with door prizes and sign-in. President **Jim Parrish** and Banquet Chair **Jennifer Stapp** emceed the event. Thank you to all who made this annual event a great success.

This year's guest speaker from Fallbrook, California was master gem cutter **Meg Berry**. She entertained us with a program titled **"Stalking the Wild Zoisite."** The name Zoisite actually is the mineral name for what most people call the gemstone Tanzanite. **Meg** walked us through the cutting of faceted stones. She included the process of evaluating the rough for the best possible weight retention and beauty in the finished stone. Not only did she demonstrate her processes, we enjoyed to her unique commentary. Thank you, **Meg**, for sharing your knowledge and wit!

President **Jim Parrish** introduced the past presidents, board of directors and the instructors who do so much for our organization. Without them we wouldn't have such a dynamic and successful society. The instructors included **Elbert (Mac) McCune**, who is 102 years old and is still teaching faceting.

Two **SDMG** scholarship recipients joined us this year. The recipients were **Jennifer Hansen**, who received the **William Tirk Scholarship** for jewelry and metalsmithing, and **Javaria Aziz**, who received the **Carmelita & Bern Swartz Scholarship** for geology. (View their statements on page 6.)



### A Special Thank You...

The banquet tables looked especially lovely this year thanks to Miki Batchman from Casa de las Orquideas. She provided the table decorations of orchids. They were just beautiful.

[orquideas.com](http://orquideas.com)

A big thank you to Sally and Jim Parrish (pictured below), whose donation covered the cost of the vases.



The audience sits enthralled as Meg Berry makes her presentation on "Stalking the Wild Tanzanite."



**Right.** Meg Berry relaxes after her talk.

**Lower right.** Wayne Moorhead and Anne Schafer.

**Below.** Birthday cake and other deserts being served.





Banquet co-chairs  
Nita Sani and Jennifer  
Stapp flank this year's  
scholarship recipients  
Jennifer Hansen and  
Javaria Aziz.

### ***Javaria Aziz***

#### ***Carmelita and Bern Swarts Scholarship***

I am a Geological Sciences student at San Diego State University. I am in my senior year and will receive my Bachelor's degree in May 2020. I am working with Dr. Vic Camp for my senior thesis, on Miocene volcanic deposits near Jacumba, CA.

I have worked with Dr. Austin Hendy at the Invertebrate Paleontology Research Collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles

County, studying Pleistocene marine molluscs from Santa Barbara, California.

After graduating from San Diego State University, I plan on working for a year and then going to graduate school in Oregon for my Master's degree.

This prestigious honor means a lot to me and will help me in achieving my future goals. Geology isn't just a career choice for me, it is my passion and I am extremely grateful that I get to do what I love doing the most every single day for the rest of my life.

### ***Jennifer Hansen***

#### ***William Tirk Scholarship***

Jennifer Hansen is a 2nd year MFA candidate in the Jewelry + Metals program at SDSU. She has a BA in Art History from UC Berkeley and spent many years working as the assistant to the head of the Jewelry Department of the San Rafael Auction Gallery. Her work explores visual perception and boundaries, what we choose to show versus what we conceal.

She grew up in England raised by parents who were buying and selling antiques partially as a side business but mostly out of love for old things and the stories they tell. This early exposure fostered a life long connection with Victorian and Georgian jewelry which continues to inform her work. The hidden messages in Victorian jewelry and the concealment of Georgian lover's eye brooches are themes repeated in her work.

She discovered metalsmithing by accident when she first started her undergraduate studies. An illustration

major in a heavily impacted program she was unable to register for drawing classes and took the only art classes that had space, jewelry and metals. It was instant love. Unfortunately that jewelry program lost its funding and she eventually switched to an Art History major but she always maintained a jewelry practice.

Many years later while volunteering as a teaching assistant in the College of Marin jewelry department she came to realize that education is her happy place and what she wants to do with her life. Two years ago she took a leap of faith and applied to graduate school in pursuit of a life teaching Jewelry + Metals at a college level. Since starting graduate school she has taught during the summer at College of Marin and last year as a graduate instructor of beginning Jewelry + Metals at SDSU. She hopes that after graduation she will be fortunate enough to continue teaching, she learns as much if not more from her students as they learn from her.



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

by Anne Schafer, Coordinator  
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*The San Diego County Fair organizers are moving forward with the event at this time. However, plans may change per directives from public health officials and the governor's office.*

*Check the [sdfair.com](http://sdfair.com) website for updates.*

Find the online entry form  
and all relevant information at:

[sdfair.com/exhibits/gems-minerals-jewelry](http://sdfair.com/exhibits/gems-minerals-jewelry)

### Schedule 2020

Entry deadline (online only)

Friday, May 1st, 11:59pm

Entry delivery

Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31,  
9am to 6pm

First day of Fair

Friday, June 5, 4 to 11pm

Exhibitors' Appreciation Night

Saturday June 6, 7 to 9pm

Last day of Fair

Sunday, July 5, 10am to 11pm

Exhibit pick-up

Tuesday, July 7, 9am to 8pm

**READ EVERYTHING FIRST!** Click on the blue bar labeled **"Entry Information"** and you will bring up the PDF file that has all this year's classes, rules, sample labels for jewelry and so on.

**How to enter:** Scroll down the page to the column of orange bars on the right. Click on the orange bar labeled **"Enter Now"** to start the procedure. Read the notice first, OK? Then click on **"SIGN IN"** at the upper right corner. Have your credit card ready; each entry is \$10.

### Heroic new classes are offered this year:

- **Mineral of the Year:** Copper Minerals. One or five specimens, your choice.
- **Fossil of the Year:** Distinctly Extinct.
- **Faceted Gem of the Year:** Tourmaline.
- **New division:** Metalwork, non-wearable. Single piece.
- **Fair Theme Jewelry:** "Heroes Unite." Single piece.

**Calling demonstrators!** Silversmiths, rock carvers, fossil prep and more are welcome.

Please contact **Jennifer Stapp** at 858-829-1723 or [cat333@san.rr.com](mailto:cat333@san.rr.com) to schedule a shift, and to get your free ticket to the Fair.

**"Dig for Treasure" volunteers needed!** Get in touch with **Jennifer** if you want to help kids screen for tumbled stones and pick out their favorite rock. Minimum two hour shift = one free ticket.

**Sphere making demos, weekends:** Paul Williams knows all, [pwilliams6@san.rr.com](mailto:pwilliams6@san.rr.com)

**Faceting demo, weekdays:** Bob Hancock does the scheduling, [rtourmaline2@aol.com](mailto:rtourmaline2@aol.com)

**Questions about entering, displays, labels?** Please call or email **Anne Schafer:** 858-586-1637 (land line, no texts, please) or [Agate.Annie2@gmail.com](mailto:Agate.Annie2@gmail.com) Thanks!

***Interior Celebrates One Year Anniversary  
of Historic Public Lands Bill***

*source: The Bureau of Land Management\**

*March 12, 2020*

*contact: [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)*

**WASHINGTON** – Today, the Department of the Interior celebrates the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump signing into law the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (S.47, the Dingell Act). The Dingell Act is the single most important and wide-ranging public lands management law to be passed with bipartisan support in over a decade. The Act:

- Encompassed more than 100 individual bills;
- Permanently reauthorized the Land and Water Conservation Fund;
- Created new Federal authorities to assist the Department in managing endangered and invasive species;
- Called for increasing access to public lands for hunting, fishing and recreational shooting; and
- Advanced a wide variety of conservation and recreation initiatives for the American people.

“When President Donald Trump signed this bipartisan bill into law, he furthered his indelible legacy of balancing natural resources conservation and responsibly expanding recreation opportunities on our public lands,” **said Secretary Bernhardt**. “I am proud that the Department of the Interior and its bureaus have worked exhaustively this past year to meet our goals for implementing this historic public lands law for the American people.”

Soon after the bill was signed into law, Secretary Bernhardt signed [Secretary’s Order 3374](#) establishing a task force to prioritize the implementation of the Dingell Act and ensure consistency among all offices and bureaus within the Department. Secretary Bernhardt’s Order required actionable steps be taken and an implementation plan created to make sure the Department met all timelines laid out in the historic lands law.

#### Recreation

- BLM released a series of interactive online maps designed to promote climbing and other recreational opportunities on BLM-managed public lands.
- NPS extended the Lewis and Clark National Historic trail 1,200 miles and moved its terminus from Wood River, Illinois to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- BLM is managing the newly-established 92,000-acre Spangler Hills Off-Highway Vehicle Area, which expanded motorized recreation in San Bernardino County,

\* This press release is an extract of the original version published by the BLM.

California by approximately 35,000-acres. BLM is now permitting competitive OHV events, some with over 200 racers, covering 40 miles of BLM-managed public lands in the new area.

- BLM California has begun work on the newly established, 82,000-acre Vinagre Wash Special Recreation Management Area, public lands designated to enhance and preserve OHV recreation, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking while preserving surrounding wilderness landscapes. Over 50 channel posts and signs have been installed around the Milpitas Wash, Palo Verde and Buzzards Peak wildernesses to guide and inform public recreation in Imperial County.
- Visitors to the newly-designated Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in Arizona now enjoy outdoor recreation, bird-watching, astronomy, heritage site tours, local wineries and heritage foods. The NHA includes attractions like the BLM's [Las Cienegas National Conservation Area](#), and [Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail](#), which parallels the Santa Cruz River.
- BLM is managing approximately 28,000 acres of public lands in the Juniper Flats area of San Bernardino County, California for public recreation. Juniper Flats, located between the Mojave Desert and the San Bernardino National Forest, encompasses a mix of public and private lands that host a variety of unique plants from both the desert and the mountains. The area provides public recreational opportunities for mountain biking, camping, hiking and off-highway vehicle trails.

### Parks

- NPS, FWS and BLM implemented the new Every Kid Outdoors Act by creating a website and announcing the new program at the Washington Monument and Yellowstone National Park (Sec. 9001).
- NPS re-designated the Golden Spike National Historic Site (Sec. 2205).
- NPS established the Pearl Harbor National Memorial as a distinct unit of the National Park System (Sec. 2206).
- NPS opened the Statue of Liberty Museum to increase accessibility and enhance the visitor educational experience (Sec. 2206).

The Department is entrusted with stewarding more than 500 million acres of our Nation's Federal lands and natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations of Americans. By virtue of President Trump signing the Dingell Act into law a year ago, the Department has furthered its conservation stewardship mission and trust to the American people in fulfilling the merits of this law.

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## MINI MINERS MONTHLY A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR YOUNG MINERAL COLLECTORS

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- Ice Spikes: A Great Ice Experiment from scientist Dr. Kenneth Libbrecht at the California Institute of Technology



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## What To Do When We're All Stuck At Home?

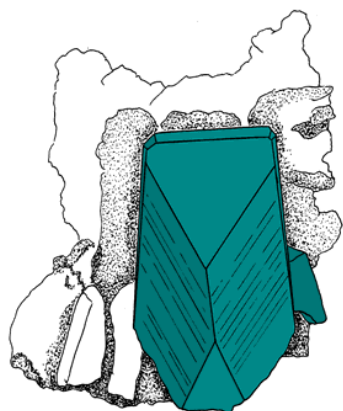


Diamond Dan is hoping that when you read this issue of Mini Miners Monthly that you are healthy! As I write this issue, we are all being forced to stay at home to avoid catching the Corona Virus. It was all kind of exciting at first: sleeping in late, enjoying fun things on TV, visiting with friends on the computer and cell phone.

As we spend more and more days inside, we will need more fun things to do to help pass the time. This expanded issue of Mini Miners Monthly is created to give you some special mineral collecting activities while you wait for your chance to get out of the house again.

You have our permission to share this issue with anyone and everyone you wish to send it to. Email it to your family and friends. Email it to your teachers and club leaders. Email it to the President...maybe he needs something to do, too.

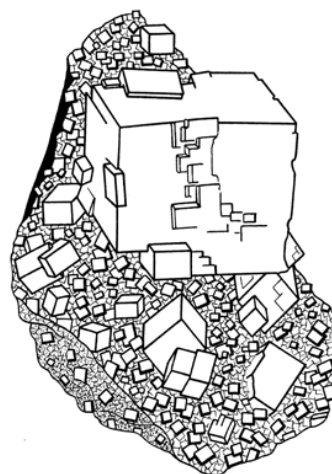
Hang in there, Mini Miners. We will be able to go out again before too long. And once we can leave our houses, we can go digging for minerals and attend mineral club meetings again!



## What Mineral Am I?

I am a very tasty mineral. I crystallize in the Isometric (Cubic) Crystal System. I will dissolve if you put me in a cup of water. People use me to flavor their food. In ancient Roman days, I was used to pay soldiers for their work: I was their "salary." Every animal needs a little bit of me in their body to be healthy. But if a person has too much of me in their blood, I can cause high blood pressure. When pure, I am colorless. But I can be other colors, like pink, when impurities are in me. In very special situations, changes in my crystal structure can cause me to be blue or purple. My common name is "salt."

My mineral name is




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Check your answer on the next page.

## What mineral am I? Answer: Halite.

### SDMG Membership...

New Applications & Renewals  
for 2020

**SDMG** classes are open to members only, so don't forget to renew your membership ASAP. There are 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 on the **SDMG** website at:

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

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

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we cannot do it for you!)*

### SDMG-GSSD Library

SDMG Bldg.  
Donna Beers

**Hours:**

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**Access the catalog online at:**

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[naturalhistory.si.edu](http://naturalhistory.si.edu)

[www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu)



**BLM California News.Bytes****Issue 897***source: The Bureau of Land Management\***April 9, 2020***BLM Temporarily Closes Developed Recreation Facilities in California**

Despite facility closures, millions of acres of BLM-managed public lands across California remain open to enjoy, as long as you do so responsibly. Visitors may continue to enjoy their BLM managed trails and open spaces in California while following recommendations from the CDC and local and state public health authorities. Social distancing recommendations are extremely important to reducing the transmission of COVID-19 and may require that visitors avoid public lands during high-use times, such as weekends. Please limit any group activities to members of your household, and keep your total party to 10 or fewer participants. At all times, maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from other people. [Read the press release >>](#)

***Practice social distancing outdoors,  
Do your part when visiting public lands***  
[Visit the BLM CA Website for more information](#)

**BLM Lands, Trails Open but Campgrounds Closed**

The Bureau of Land Management has temporarily closed all developed campgrounds and developed recreation sites in California, to help limit the spread of COVID-19. The closure is in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and with the Governor's shelter in place order. The closure will remain in effect until conditions allow for safe use of the recreation areas. ([SCV News](#))

*For coronavirus-related closure updates visit:*

[BLM CA website](#)

[Click here for Central Calif District Closures](#)

[Click here for Calif Desert District Closures](#)

**BLM seeks comments on 2020 off-highway vehicle recreation proposals**

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, off-highway vehicle recreation proposals, which are available for review from March 3 to May 4. ([BLM news release](#))

**2020 – 2022 SLATE****SDMG OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of four (4) officers and sixteen (16) directors for the two-year term from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022. This slate satisfies the requirements of the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society Bylaws in that the people named are members in good standing and have agreed to be nominated.

For President: John Kruzel

For Vice-President: Dave Smith

For Secretary: Ellen Riceman

For Treasurer: Anne Schafer

For Board of Directors:

Andy Anderson	Doug Peeler
LuAnn Benton	Nita Sani
Bob Hancock	Jennifer Stapp
Wayne Moorhead	Denny Turner
Jim Parrish	Paul Williams
Sally Parrish	Jill Williamson

Members in good standing as of March 31, 2020, who comprise a group equal to at least two percent of the total membership of SDMG (i.e., a group of 15 members) may file a written petition with the Board at the MAY Board meeting proposing one or more alternative candidates in lieu of one or more of the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee. This petition shall include the following: (1) the written consent of each alternative candidate; (2) the name and signature of each petitioner.

The identity of each such alternative candidate named in the petition and the individual nominated by the Nominating Committee who would be replaced by such alternative candidate shall be published in the JUNE Pegmatite, and such publication shall indicate that such alternative candidate was nominated by petition.

If there are no alternate candidates, the above nominations will carry forward to the General Meeting in June, where they will stand.

I would like to thank all the members of the Nominating Committee for their service.

– John Kruzel, Chairman, Nominating Committee

# WEST COAST GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW

Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa  
3050 Bristol Street Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**May 8, 9 & 10, 2020**

**– CANCELLED –**

*Mark Your Calendar for Next Year's West Coast Spring Show:  
May 7-8-9, 2021*

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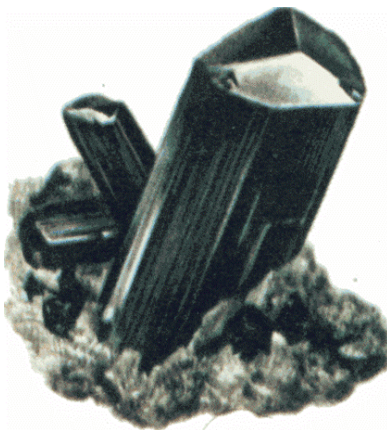
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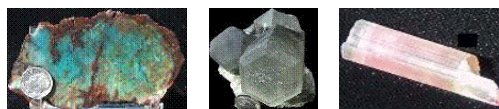
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5	6 GSSD NO Gen Mtg in April	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 SDMG No Board Mtg in April	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 SDMG No General Mtg in April	28	29	30	1 Deadline for SD Fair entries: 11:59pm	2 CANCELLED SDMG Annual BBQ & Silent Auction