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A Non-Profit Educational and Scientific Organization

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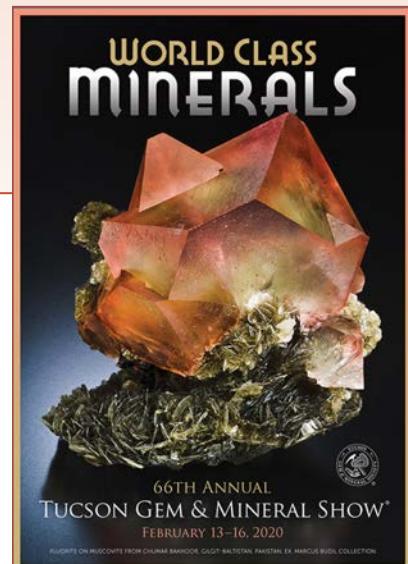
FEBRUARY 2020



SDMG GENERAL MEETING

Jim Parrish, President

Monday, February 24, 2020
7:00pm, SDMG Bldg.



THE FEBRUARY MEETING will be the annual **Show 'N' Tell** where our members can show off treasures they acquired at the shows in Quartzsite and Tucson. Snowbirds and 2,000 vendors have flocked to Quartzsite, where great bargains and interesting materials can always be found. In Tucson, more than 4,000 exhibitors and vendors gather from all around the world to show and sell at more than 50 venues throughout the city. Seventeen days of gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary and jewelry-related items, books, gifts, and more culminate with the **TGMS** show held at the convention center February 13–16. (Check the show listings in this month's bulletin, p. 10.)

Come to the meeting prepared to show off the treasures you found and tell us about them. After the meeting we'll have some snacks. Please bring a treat to share. The Club will provide punch, coffee, and tea.

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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

February 2020

by Jim Parrish

sdmgpresident@sdmg.org

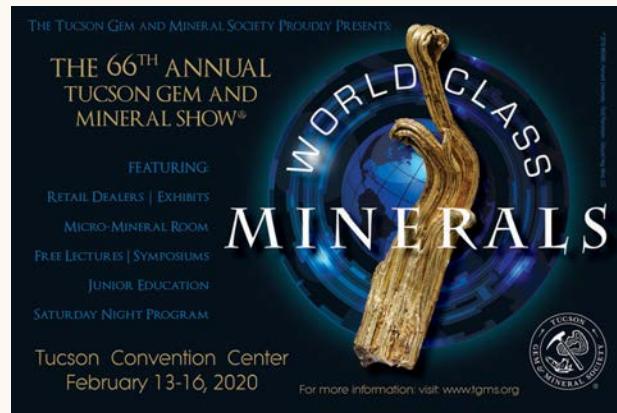
QUARTZSITE IS OVER, and many of you are in Tucson or on your way. The **TGMS** show and the dozens of satellite shows are outstanding – they should not be missed. This year's theme is **“World Class Minerals,”** and it will bring out the best that private and museum collections have to offer. Check out all the show listings and ads in this month's **Pegmatite**. (Thank you, **Lisbet Thoresen** for putting together this comprehensive list.)

Thanks also to **Lisbet** for the presentation she gave at the January General Meeting. We had a great turnout, one of the biggest in several years – 46 attendees. **Lisbet** gave a presentation on the **“Cultural History of Garnets.”** She covered 4,000 years of the use of gem garnets dating from the Bronze Age through the early Middle Ages, discussing how gemological studies on garnets can illuminate details about the life and times of ancient cultures. In keeping with the theme of the presentation, **Norm Leitman** brought some gorgeous faceted garnets to show. (There were lots of Oohs and Ahs.) We had lots of wonderful snacks – thanks to everyone who brought goodies. We had a raffle that featured some great prizes, especially the box of selected cabbed gems courtesy of **Gerry “Gem Guru” Alvarado**. Thank you, one and all.

Also, the General Meeting this month will be on the 24th, that's the fourth Monday of February. (See details on pg 1.) This should be a special, fun meeting with all of you bringing items you bought or traded at Quartzsite and Tucson. Last year, this worked out great. So, let's make it even bigger this year. We want to hear about your adventures, so be prepared to share!

We have many great events planned for this coming year. So, please mark your calendar. First up is our **Annual Birthday Banquet** on Saturday, March 7th. Tickets are now on sale and we will have them at all the meetings and **The Village Silversmiths**. (See details on pg 4.) Our **Annual Barbeque** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd. This is a huge event. We'll have more equipment, lapidary rough, and gem material on the Silent Auction tables. If you would like to help with any of these events, please contact me, and I will connect you with the appropriate chairperson.

On a sad note, longtime member, **Wayne Potterton** passed on January 14th. **Wayne** was 87 years old and is survived by his wife **Audrey** and their sons. **Wayne** and **Audrey** were married 65 years. **Wayne** was active in many **SDMG** activities, including field trips, **Mineral Division** meetings, the **Annual Barbeque**, and many other special events. **Wayne** was an expert at faceting, and he collected many fine minerals. He was especially well-known for his miniature Rock Shop and Lapidary Shop buildings, which have been displayed many times at our **Gem Diego Show** and at the **Gems, Mineral & Jewelry Department** of the annual **San Diego County Fair**. You could always find him at the local mineral and gem shows playfully harassing people like myself. He was always smiling and joking with everyone. I will miss that. On behalf of our Society, I'd like to extend heartfelt condolences to **Wayne's** family.





JUNIOR DIVISION

Coordinated by
Dave Smith

WE MEET each Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM year-round, teaching the Lapidary Arts to students under age 18. We sponsor field trips to local tourmaline mines, and we volunteer at the **Gems, Mineral & Jewelry Department** of the **San Diego County Fair** every summer, where youngsters can sift the sand box in search of a tumbled stone to keep. Our class production of cabochons are displayed in an educational case at the Fair every year. It provides a glimpse to the public of just how good our students are.

The class has the benefit of help from **Elbert McCune**, who has taught cabochons and faceting for over 20 years. The **Juniors'** class



Left to right. Andrea, Paul Williams, Elbert McCune, Rowan, Noah, Juaquin, Gwen, Barcel, Kensington, Dave Smith, Olivia, Erica, Gage. Photo: Dave Smith. Photo: Dave Smith.

also gets expert instruction from **Paul Williams**, a **San Diego County Fair** blue ribbon award winner for his spheres, and from **John Kruzel**, who received 1st place prizes for his cabochons and a sphere display at last year's Fair. I encourage the new students to get better before getting perfect.

GEMOLOGICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO



GSSD General Meeting No Meeting in February

Many members will be in Tucson, so there will be no meeting in February.

Plan on attending the next regular general meeting on Monday, March 2nd. The speaker has yet to be announced, but plan on Bring your Tucson and Quartzsite finds to share.

In the meantime, the **GSSD** will be working on preparations for the **17th Annual Sinkankas Symposium**, which will be co-sponsored with the **GIA**. The theme is **Agate and Chalcedony**, and the event will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at the GIA World Headquarters, Robert Mouwad Campus, in Carlsbad, California. Be sure to save the date. Look for details on page 9.

This 'n' That...

General Announcements

SDMG Board Meeting
Monday, February 17, 2020
7:00pm SDMG Building

SDMG's 86th ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Jennifer Stapp and Nita Sani, Co-Chairs

banquet@sdmg.org

Program: Carving Gemstones

by Meg Berry

Join us for a special evening



"Skittles," a freeform carving in Nigerian tourmaline (147.02 cts), by Meg Berry.

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

Cost: \$35.00/person

Ticket Information: See box at right

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

President's Welcome: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:15 pm

Scholarship presentation: 7:15pm

Program: 7:30 pm
Presentation by Meg Berry

Tickets On Sale NOW through Wed, March 4th. Available from:

- **The Village Silversmiths' shop**
in the SDMG Building,
11:00 am to 4:00 pm daily
- **Jim Parrish** at the Board Meeting on
Monday, February 18, or the General
Meeting on Monday, February 24,
both at 7pm
- **Bob Hancock's** Wednesday facetting
class
- **Dave Smith's** Tuesday casting class or
Saturday Junior Division class

Tickets available *By Mail* through Fri, February 28th:

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

JJOIN US AT OUR 86TH ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for **SDMG** at **Elijah's Restaurant** in San Diego. We'll be honoring our own, including past presidents and members who teach, volunteer, or contribute in countless ways. The banquet is the event where we formally support students interested in geology and lapidary-gem-jewelry arts. Scholarships will be awarded in these specialty areas to two promising students.

We're bring back **Meg Berry** to be our guest speaker this year. She's been a master gem carver and faceter for more than four decades. **Meg's** work is in a class by itself, and her many awards attest to her unparalleled talent. We're looking forward to an informative and entertaining presentation about "**Gem Carving**" at this year's **Banquet**.

All **SDMG** members and their guests are welcome to attend!

Every year the door prizes at the **Banquet** are amazing. Not only do we buy prizes, but our members donate beautiful pieces for the door prize gifts. We are asking members to donate cut gemstones, beautiful cabs, and finished jewelry for door prizes.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

GEMS, MINERALS
& JEWELRY DEPT.

by Anne Schafer, Coordinator

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

UP, UP AND AWAY! Don your tights and swirl that cape, you're invited to participate in the 2020 San Diego County Fair!

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.

Online entry is already up! Go to www.sdfair.com and scroll to the bottom of the website. Look under the heading **"PARTICIPATE"** and click on **"COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS"**. Scroll down until you find the Gems & Minerals & Jewelry box, then click on **"MORE"**.

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: 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.

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

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

Please contact **Jennifer Stapp** at **858-829-1723** or 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

Faceting demo, weekdays: **Bob Hancock** does the scheduling, 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 Thanks!

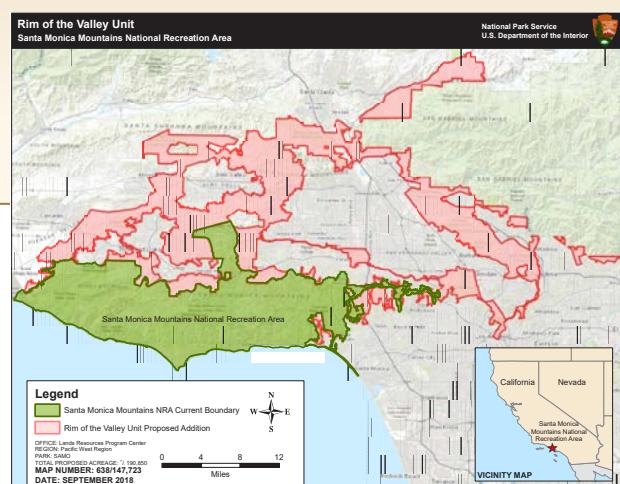
The “Rim of the Valley” legislation threatens rockhounding in Los Angeles & Ventura Counties

by Andrew Hoekstra*

COLLECTING ROCKS OR FOSSILS will be forbidden on most of the hills surrounding the greater Los Angeles urban area, if this proposed federal takeover of local public parklands is enacted [see the map at right, or [alternate map](#)].

The “Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act” ([H.R.1708](#) & [S.774](#), sponsored by Adam Schiff and Dianne Feinstein) proposes that the federal government, specifically the **National Park Service (NPS)**, take over the management of the hills surrounding the Simi, Conejo, Santa Clarita, La Crescenta, San Fernando, and San Gabriel Valleys, by adding these lands to the **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**. The proposal envisions the federal government assuming management of an additional 190,000 acres (297 square miles) of land in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Many of these acres are already local parkland or other locally managed public lands. Less than one percent is currently federal land, and almost half the acreage is private land that would need to be purchased. The legislation promises that no landowner will be forced to sell. Without land purchases, the proposal does little or nothing to increase public recreational areas or access.

Unfortunately, the **Rim of the Valley** legislation would prohibit existing nature and science educational and recreational activities of individuals, schools and colleges, scout troops, and hobbyist clubs and nature study groups. The **National Park Service** prohibits any collecting by the general public of even the most common natural materials, but serious study requires hands-on learning, including collecting. These hills are the last undeveloped local public lands accessible to students, hobbyists, and avocational scientists to study geology, mineralogy, paleontology, entomology



Map of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Current Boundary (dark green) and Rim of the Valley Unit Proposed Addition (red). Source: National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

and botany. It would also stifle research by students and professors at local colleges and universities due to the onerous permitting requirements of the **National Park Service (NPS)**. **NPS** rules might also prohibit or hinder other popular existing public recreational activities.

Our local hills are not pristine wilderness and lack the exceptional scenic values of our national parks. Many are currently open to local residents for hiking, dog-walking, and mountain biking, as well as nature study. Collection of limited amounts of common rocks, fossils, insects, or plant material for personal use in study is not a threat to wildlife (endangered by development, habitat loss, and proliferation of non-native species), or to scientific resources (archeological resources and scientifically valuable fossils already have legal protection). Local government has the authority to act when necessary to protect special resources and scenic features on their public lands. Each local management authority has individually imposed the rules they find necessary for the lands they manage. I have heard few complaints from local residents. Local citizens deserve a voice in management of their local public recreational lands. They are more likely to be heard, and their opinions

* Andrew Hoekstra is editor of *Dehings*, The Newsletter of the Delvers Gem & Mineral Society.

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considered, by local elected public officials than by bureaucrats headquartered at Washington D.C.

The **United States Department of the Interior** and **National Park Service** oppose the **Rim of the Valley** legislation: [written testimony to congress](http://bit.ly/smith-rov-20190402) (<http://bit.ly/smith-rov-20190402>), dated April 2nd, 2019, states that the Department does not support enacting this proposed expansion at this time, due to higher priorities for spending.

Because of the consequences to nature science education and recreation, I suggest that the **NPS** is not an appropriate agency for the management of our local recreational parklands. It is preferable to retain the current management by local government, with local citizen input, while still implementing worthwhile improvements or expanding public parks and recreational areas.

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Public Lands Updates

February 2020

The past year was marked by key vacancies at the California **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**. The new State Director is **Karen Mouritsen**, a 27-year career public servant who previously served as Director for the **BLM** Eastern States Office. Prior to her last position, she had rotated through several different **BLM** posts throughout the U.S. A lawyer by training, she was a DOI attorney and advised on **BLM** issues beginning in 1992.

Both **Steve Razo** and **Beth Ransel** departed from their roles as coordinator and manager, respectively, of the **Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)**. These positions have been filled by **Michelle Van Der Linden** and **Andrew Archuleta**.

What is the DAC?

The **DAC** has up to 15 members who act as sounding boards for **BLM** initiatives, regulatory proposals, and policy changes. The citizen-based council reflects diverse interests in local communities. It facilitates public concerns directed to the **BLM**. It develops recommendations that address public land management issues.

~ DEADLINE ~
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Nominations for **the Desert District Advisory Council**

The Hobby Collecting Community would benefit by having a Rockhound advocate on the DAC. Please consider serving.

The DAC meets in formal session two to three times per year throughout the California Desert District. The council's 15 members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. Council members serve without compensation other than travel expenses. The council's provide recommendations to the BLM on the management of more than 10-million acres of public lands in eight counties across southern California.

For more information on the DAC **and submitting an application, contact:**

Michelle Van Der Linden
BLM California Desert District External Affairs
951-697-5217 or mvanderlinden@blm.gov

Or visit the BLM website:
<https://on.doi.gov/2S6junw>

SAVE THE DATE!

BLM Field Tour & DAC Meeting

*Friday Field Tour
Saturday Business Meeting*

April 3–4, 2020

El Centro, CA

*(Confirmation of the date and venue
are still pending.)*

For more information contact:

Michelle Van Der Linden
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ON THE GO ... TO A SHOW



FEBRUARY

14–23 INDIO, CA – San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society Annual Show

Venue: Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival

82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201

Gem & Mineral Building

Hours: Daily 10am - 10pm

Admission: Adults (13–54) \$11, Seniors (55+) \$10, Students \$9, Children under 5 Free

General Parking: \$10 per day

RV (overnight, checkout by noon) and

Preferred: \$15 per day

Contact: Bert Grisham, 951-849-1674

or bert67@verizon.net

Website: www.datefest.org

MARCH

7–8 VENTURA, CA – 58TH Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show

Sponsor: Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Venue: Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 West Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA 93001

Hours: Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 4pm

Contact: Richard Slyker, 805-312-8467

or info@vgms.org

Website: vgms.org/category/gem-show/

13–15 VICTORVILLE, CA – Stoddard Wells 44th Annual Rockhound Tailgate

Sponsor: Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Venue: Stoddard Wells Road/Dale Evans Pkwy

Hours: 9am – 5pm daily

Contact: Ruben Martinez, 760-429-8263

or rmstonewalk54@gmail.com

Website: vvgmc.org

Field Trip: Saturday, 9am to 1pm.

Material: Tri-color marble.



SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 14, 2020, 10:00AM

GENERAL MEETING

of the Borrego Rock & Gem (BRAG) Club

Guest speaker: Stephen P. Mulqueen

The Golden Age of Rockhounding, 1946 – 1972

Where: Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History

Association, ABDNHA Activity Room

652 Palm Canyon Drive

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Admission and Parking: Free. Guests are welcome.

Website: www.abdnha.org/bragclub.html

Geologist Steven P. Mulqueen will give a presentation on the period during the 20th century when access to hobby collecting sites was open to Rockhounds almost anywhere they wanted to go on public lands. Things changed drastically when landmark statutes began to be legislated from 1972 until the present day.



28–29 TORRANCE, CA – Annual Gem & Mineral Show – “Nature’s Treasures”
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Venue: Ken Miller Recreation Center
 3341 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503
 (entrance on Madrona)
Hours: Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm;
 Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm
Admission and Parking: Free.
Web: southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

17th ANNUAL SINKANKAS SYMPOSIUM AGATE & CHALCEDONY

Saturday, May 16, 2020

GIA World Headquarters, Carlsbad, CA

Registration opens Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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

Sponsors: Gemological Society of San Diego and GIA

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

Cost: \$110.00 per person through April 15, 2020;
 \$125.00 April 16 through May 14, 2020.

Registration: Starts February 25, 2020. Online Only.
 Check website on or after Feb 25 for the link.

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

Website: sinkankassymposium.net



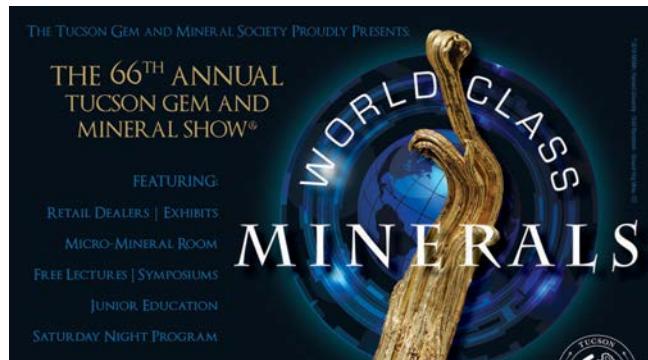
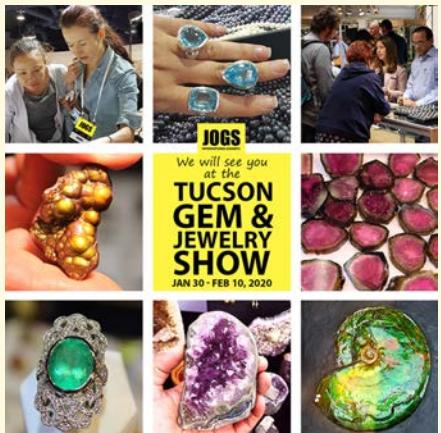
Agate lily carving by Gerd Dreher alongside a citrine mouse carving by Patrick Dreher. Photo by Robert Weldon. © GIA. Courtesy of the William F. Larson family

Speakers*

Meg Berry
 Patrick Dreher
 Dr. Peter Heaney
 Bill Larson
 Dr. Ciğdem Lüle
 Nathan Renfro
 Dr. George Rossman
 Lisbet Thoresen

* Speakers and program subject to change without notice.

TUCSON
JOGS Gem Show Schedule 2020
January 30th thru February 10th
jogsshow.com/tucson-gem-show-schedule



“THE MAIN SHOW”
February 13–16, 2020
66th Annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show
“World Class Minerals”

Sponsor: Tucson Gem & Mineral Society
Venue: SMG-Tucson Convention Center,
 260 South Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701
Hours: Thu thru Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sun
 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Tickets. Available now.

Website: www.tgms.org/show/

The largest, oldest and most prestigious gem and mineral show in the world, featuring 250+ dealers. This year's mineral theme is “World Class Minerals.”

*Alphabetical Listing of all Tucson Shows
 January through February*
www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html

and at:
Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase:
Join The World's Largest Treasure Hunt
February 1–16, 2020

Website: www.visit Tucson.org

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

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 Wayne & Dona Leicht – Laguna Beach, CA

TUCSON 2020

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show
 The biggest mineral show in the world!
 January 31st – February 15th
 Sun Gem Warehouse, Unit #1
 1801 Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85705

Tucson Fine Mineral Show
 February 7th – 10th
 Westward Look Resort, Room 275
 245 East Ina Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (The Main Show)
 February 14th – 17th
 Tucson Convention Center, center aisle
kristalle.com

JOHN E. GARSOW
gems & minerals

January 30 – February 14, 2020
Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show

The Hotel Tucson City Center – **Room #118**
 (formerly The Inn Suites)
 475 N. Granada, Tucson AZ
 10am – 6pm Daily
Facet Rough • Cabbing Rough
Jewelry • Mineral Specimens
www.johngarsow.com

TUCSON - selected shows**JANUARY-FEBRUARY****30-16 Kino Gem & Fossil Show**

Where: Kino Sports Complex
2500 E. Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85702 (E. Ajo Way between Kino Pkwy. & Country Club Rd.)
Hours: 10:00am – 6:00pm daily, except Feb 16, closes at 4:00pm.

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

Contact: info@as-shows.com

Website: www.as-shows.com

Over 200 vendors of gems, minerals, fossils, beads, findings, jewelry, and one-of-a-kind specimens, as well as lapidary equipment, supplies and tools.

**30-16 Tucson 22nd Street Mineral & Fossil Show
(Eons Expos)**

Where: 600 West 22nd Street at corner of I-10 & 22nd Street

Hours: 9:00am – 6:00pm daily

Admission: Free.

Parking: \$5.00

Website: www.22ndstreetshow.com

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

31-12 Pueblo & Mineral Show

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

Hours: 10:00am – 6:30pm daily

Parking: Onsite and valet.

Contact: info@pueblogemshow.com or 310-586-6816.

Website: www.pueblogemshow.com

Expect exceptional and unique offerings from all seven continents. With its international exhibitors, heavy buyer traffic, and multiple venues, this Tucson gem and mineral show attracts award-winning designers of one-of-a-kind jewelry, cut and rough gemstones, natural fine minerals and fossil specimens at many price points. For more than 35 years, the Pueblo Show has maintained its status as one of the premier gem and mineral showcases in Arizona and continues to grow.

31-16 Rapa River Gem & Mineral Show

Where: 292 S. Freeway Ave.
(S. Freeway Ave. between Congress St. & Starr Pass Blvd.) Tucons AZ 85713

Hours: 9:00am – 6:00pm daily
Admission and Parking: Shuttle service; handicap accessible.

Contact: Lynn Arriaga at 520-256-2079 or Tyo Leonard at 480-593-3439; or rapagem@yahoo.com

Website: www.rapariver.com/start.php

If you can't find it here you won't find it anywhere. Rapa River dealers offer a wide variety of many unique and unusual products from all parts of various countries represented by 35 vendors.

1-15 Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show

Hours: 10:00am – 6:00pm daily, except Sat, Feb. 15, 10:00am – 5:00pm

Admission and Parking: Public welcome, free.

Sponsor: LLD Productions Inc

Contact: mineralshowslld@gmail.com

Website: www.mineralshowslld.com/tucson
Hundreds of Dealers, Fossil Hall, Meteorite Dealers, Minerals, Gems and Jewelry. Artists Gallery and Art in Stone display. Room and tent dealers set their own schedules. If there is a particular dealer you want to see, contact them in advance.

– Three locations –**(1): Hotel Tucson City Center**

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

Ballrooms open Jan. 30 - Feb. 12

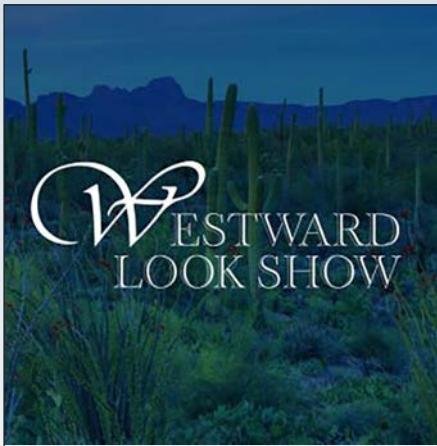
(2): Mineral & Fossil Marketplace

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Sunday Evening Program

Guest Speakers:

Chris Stefano and Wendell Wilson

Westward Look Resort
Sonoran Ballroom
February 9, 2020
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm MST

Each year the Sunday Evening Program features a presentation on a mineral topic related to the interest or expertise of a very special guest speaker. This year, there will be presentations from two speakers associated with *The Mineralogical Record*: Chris Stefano, the journal's new editor, will present "World-class minerals from the Keweenaw," and Wendell Wilson, publisher and editor-in-chief, will present "Minerals in the Movies."

Above. Calcite and Copper (4.7 x 2.8 x 2.2 cm) from Quincy Mine, Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan. This outstanding calcite specimen exhibits good luster, clarity, and a profusion of inclusions, with free vein copper and an associated copper crystal, which is uncommon. This find probably dates to the early 1900s or earlier. A hard-to-find specimen like this is almost unique to Michigan's historic copper district. Courtesy of Rob Lavinsky, iRocks.com – CC-BY-SA-3.0 (Source: <https://www.mindat.org/photo-289032.html>).

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SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 20, 2020

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

Membership: Membership Secretary Angie Cannon reported via email that SDMG had 634 members, including 52 Juniors.

Museum Curator: Motioned carried unanimously to authorize Jim Parrish to take the rhodochrosite specimen from the SDMG Museum to exhibit in the SMPP display case at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show; specimen to be returned on Feb. 17, 2020.

Juniors: Dave Smith reported that three new Juniors from Cathedral High have joined the Saturday class. Denny Turner to teach silver soldering to Juniors at a future date.

School Director: Wayne Moorhead reported that the new cabinets have been installed in the Casting Room; locks & cylinders were installed on Jan. 18, with matching keys.

The new rolling mill has been delivered. The base is installed; the head will be soon.

Lots of new students are asking for “jewelry making” classes. Lloyd Steven has two beginning classes on Monday, which are full; Denny Turner has a waiting list for his September 2020 term. Need more silver instructors!

Someone has been coming in after hours, using one of the faceting machines, leaving it covered with swarf and not cleaning up.

Paul Williams asked that new monster grinder saw blades be ordered.

School Liaison: Bob Hancock plans to repair the stand for the V-5 faceting machine. There is room for a new student in the Tuesday evening faceting class.

Donations: (1) David Lipson donated \$1,000.00 to

the Lapidary School. (2) A box of fossil specimens was received by Village Silversmiths.

Outreach: Jim Parrish reported that a huge outreach effort was completed: December Nights, with its selling booth, plus demonstrators in every classroom.

Christmas Potluck: Attendance was approximately 110. Angie Cannon won the Christmas Ornament contest. Door prize ticket sales totaled \$860, and the Silent Auction proceeds were \$855.90.

Next year's permit has been acquired. The date will be WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9, 2020.

New business: Jim Parrish appointed John Kruzel as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Anne Schafer as Vice Chairlady. The Nominating Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17.

Motion carried unanimously to appoint Nita Sani to the SDMG Board of Directors effective Jan. 20, 2020, through June 30, 2020.

(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is February 17, 2020, at 7 pm in the SDMG Building.)

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New Applications & Renewals for 2020

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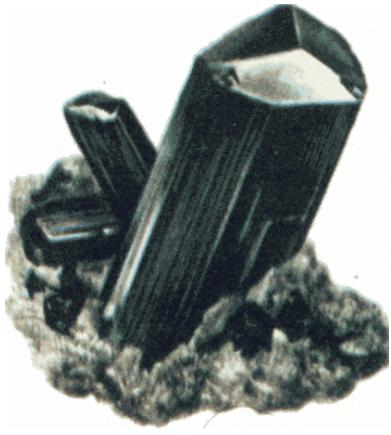
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	Tue	7 – 9pm	Jerod Schneider
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	Thu	9am – noon	Denny Turner
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