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THE PEGMATITE

JUNE 2020

Are you a member of SDMG? Did You Vote on the Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2020-2022?

If not, here's what to do now.

Every member in the SDMG mailing list was emailed a **Vote-By-Email** ballot on May 28th. Didn't get one? It's probably because it went into your junk folder or there isn't a current working email address for you in our online mailing list. Maybe you never signed up to our online list. Well, you can remedy that by signing up now at:

<http://bit.ly/sdmg-signup>

- Be sure to check at least two boxes: **"I am a member of SDMG"** and **"SDMG Newsletter and Bulletin."**

- Many **SDMG members** who were sent the **Vote-By-Email** ballot on May 28th haven't opened their emails yet. Folks, look in your junk folder.
- **DEADLINE:** You have until June 15th at 8PM PDT to cast your ballot.
- If you haven't received a **Vote-By-Email** ballot, email **Lisbet** at editor@sdmg.org no later than noon on Sunday, June 14th. Include your name and correct email address and we'll manually add you to the members' mailing list. Do it now.

Last Chance. The original **Vote-By-Email** mailing will go out again on Friday, June 12th to members who didn't open the first sending along with added or updated members who were omitted from the first sending. *Read more on page 2 »*

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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

June 2020

by Jim Parrish

sdmgpresident@sdmg.org

WELL, THE LAST THREE MONTHS have been very different to say the least. Actually, that's kind of an understatement. I sincerely hope all of our members and their families have remained healthy and well.

Covid-19 has shut down our activities almost completely since March – no classes, no museum, no BBQ, no gem and mineral shows, and no meetings. There are signs of things reopening during the summer. Most of our classes normally shutdown for the summer. So, I expect our classes to start back up in the fall. We will have to wait and see what is required by the city and county. Any plans for reopening are subject to Balboa Park policy. As of June 10th, many Balboa Park venues including the zoo are scheduled to reopen on Friday, June 12th. The **Village Silversmith's** and I are working

on a plan to reopen the **SDMG Museum** and the store by the coming weekend (June 13–14); however, classes and the workshop will remain closed until the **SDMG Board** meets to discuss an opening date.

Normally, June activities include the election of officers and approval of a new board of directors. We had to come up with a method to fulfill our election requirements and still have board meetings. The Board meetings have continued using video conferencing, which has worked quite well. We had a quorum at the last two meetings, which allowed us conduct the necessary society business.

Voting on the 2020–2022 Slate of Officers and Board Members

Previous elections have always required voters to be physically present at the June General Meeting to vote. Historically, this meant approximately 35–45 members showed up to vote on the two-year term for new officers and board members. Due to COVID-19, all meetings were cancelled back in March until further notice, so we had to devise an alternative voting method. We decided balloting-by-email method made the most sense and would reach the widest number of members. To date



102 members have cast their votes, which is a big improvement over in-person voting of the past.

As noted on page 1 of this bulletin, many of our members who were sent the **Vote-By-Email** ballot on May 28th haven't opened it yet. Look in your junk folder. If you didn't receive the emailed ballot, email **Lisbet** at editor@sdmg.org no later than noon on Sunday, June 14th, and we'll make sure you are emailed the **Vote-By-Email** ballot by Sunday evening.

Parting words

As outgoing President of **SDMG**, I'd like to thank all the members of our society for their support, especially the small group of volunteers who always show up and pitch in – you know who you are! I'm always thankful for and amazed by this small group. They do so much to keep the whole machine functioning including the approximately 25 classes per week, meetings, fun and fundraising events, etc.

Thank you for all your support and assistance during the past three years. The time has flown by. During this time, we did a lot of fun things along with the required hard work.

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Most importantly, I must give special thanks to my wife Sally, who not only supported my efforts but helped with lots of the things, large and small, that no one ever sees.

As with all volunteer organizations it is always a struggle to keep them healthy and vibrant, but I believe, with your help we will succeed for many years to come. I encourage you to get and stay involved. Please support our new incoming officers and board members. Thank you for the privilege of serving our great organization.



Get updates
on Balboa Park reopening at:
www.culturalpartnership.org/notification

Updated June 10th, 2020

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ALL Meetings and Classes
held in the SDMG Bldg
are still SUSPENDED

- 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

As updated information is made available, it will be posted on the sdmg.org website.

Deadline for Voting via email ballot: June 15th, 2020, 8PM PDT

If you are a member in good standing, and you did not receive an email Vote-By-Email ballot sent on May 28th, read page 1 for instructions on getting an email ballot before the deadline to vote.

2020 – 2022 SLATE SDMG OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of four (4) officers and twelve (12) 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 Kruzal

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

Having received no petition(s) for alternate candidate(s), the above nominations will carry forward to the general election in June, where they will stand.

– John Kruzal, Chairman, Nominating Committee

ON THE GO ... TO A SHOW? Umm, NOT YET.



June 11, 2020

All large gatherings at California venues that were scheduled for the month of June were cancelled due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As more cities and counties are reopening while others prepare to reopen over the summer months, “getting back to normal” comes with conditions related to physical distancing, crowd density, and wearing of masks (sometimes required, sometimes optional but strongly recommended). Large events, which are part of California’s Phase 3 plan for reopening, is still on standby status. How Phase 2 – cracking the door open – goes, will determine whether the door slams shut again or opens up a little further. Phase 3 is looking like an elusive goal. Events scheduled or rescheduled for September, October and later fall dates may be postponed (again) by the time summer draws to a close.

At this writing, California has the third highest number of COVID-19 infections reported in the U.S. – 139,865 cases. At 8,837 cases, San Diego County has the third highest number of reported infections in California. Los Angeles and Riverside Counties have 67,111 and 9,911 reported cases, respectively.

Stay safe, keep your distance as much as you can over the summer, and maybe we can look forward to a Phase 3 reopening sooner rather than later.



Seventeenth Annual Sinkankas Symposium Agate and Chalcedony

~~Saturday, May 16, 2020~~

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JUNE 2020 SHOWS & EVENTS – CANCELLED

June 6 – 7	Glendora Gems – Gem & Mineral Show, Glendora, CA
June 13 – 14	Palomar Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Escondido, CA – www.palomargem.org
June 13 – 14	The Gold Coast Gem Show, Ventura Fairgrounds, CA
June 19 – 21	North Oange County Gem & Mineral Society Show, La Habra, CA – www.nocgms.com
June 23 – 28	CFMS 81st Show & Convention, Lodi, CA
June 27–28	Culver City Rock and Mineral Club – Fiesta of Gems, Culver City, CA

Congratulations to Javaria Aziz SDMG 2020 Scholarship Recipient

IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR so far for **San Diego State University** senior **Javaria Aziz**. This past March the Geological Sciences major was awarded the **Carmelita and Bern Swarts Scholarship** at **SDMG's Annual Banquet**. **Ms. Aziz** worked with **Dr. Vic Camp** for her senior thesis on Miocene volcanic deposits near Jacumba, California. She looked forward to receiving her Bachelor's degree in May, after defending her thesis. Department administrator **Pia Parrish** shared the good news with us that **Ms. Aziz** successfully defended her thesis project on May 8th. According to **Ms. Parrish**, all thesis project defenses were presented online via Zoom due to the COVID-19 shutdown. She said: "The students did a wonderful job of quickly converting their defenses to an on-line forum. Much of their research was cut short, but they managed to persevere and shine!" We congratulate **Javiara** on her accomplishments and extend our best wishes as she embarks on what is sure to be a bright future. View **Javiara's** defense online at: <https://geology.sdsu.edu/spring-2020-bs-defense/>

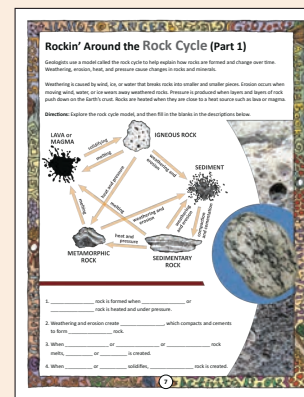
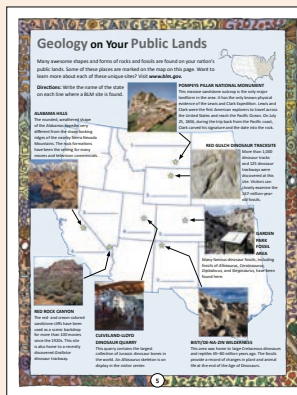
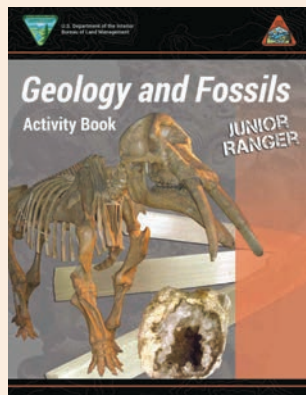
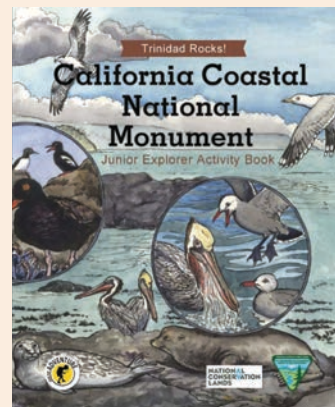


Juniors' Corner

Courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) –

Are you looking for something to do with children while stuck indoors? Check out the **BLM's** California Educational Resource web page to download activities for all ages. Take a virtual nature walk, explore a National Monument with our **Junior Ranger** series, or find whole lesson plans for your at-home classes. All this and more can be found online at: www.blm.gov/california-educational-resources

BLM's Junior Ranger books help your kids connect with the natural world and cultural resources. Many of the booklets are available in English and Spanish. For a list of publications, visit the BLM's Public Room at: <https://on.doi.gov/3ahHT1m>. See below some pages from the Junior Ranger book on *Geology and Fossils*.





GIA offers some wonderful educational resources online on gemology-related topics. Here are a few:

- Knowledge Rocks mailing list
- Essentials eLearning Courses
- Knowledge Session webinars
- GemKids Program

Subscribe to **GIA's Knowledge Rocks** to receive emails containing nuggets of wisdom about gems, jewelry and field gemology. Sign up at:

www.gia.edu/subscribe-knowledge-rocks

Enroll in GIA Essentials eLearning Courses Colored Stones, Diamond and Jewelry

GIA Essentials eLearning courses cover fundamental knowledge for gem and jewelry professionals and are required for many **GIA** credentials. The courses are entirely online and allow you to work at your own pace within a three month maximum completion period for each course. No prior experience or gemological equipment is necessary to enroll in these courses.

Complete all three Essentials courses to earn the **GIA Applied Jewelry Professional™ (AJP®) Diploma**. The eligible courses are:

- GIA Jewelry Essentials (GEM 110)
- GIA Colored Stone Essentials (GEM 120)
- GIA Diamond Essentials (GEM 130)

Start Dates: eLearning courses have scheduled starts every Monday. Due to holiday closures on certain Mondays, there will be Tuesday start dates on February 18, May 26 and September 8

Tuition: \$250.00 per course. (Tuition waiver may apply for a first-time enrollment. To learn more email admissions@gia.edu)

Visit the **GIA** website to learn how to apply and eligibility and application requirements.

www.gia.edu/gem-education/distance/schedule

GIA Knowledge Session webinars

A series of talks and seminars on pressing issues in gemology today, including gemstone origin, laboratory-grown stones and new discoveries in field gemology. Webinars are presented by GIA field gemologists, educators and research scientists.

Sessions are free and open to the public
Registration in advance is required
www.gia.edu/knowledge-sessions-webinar

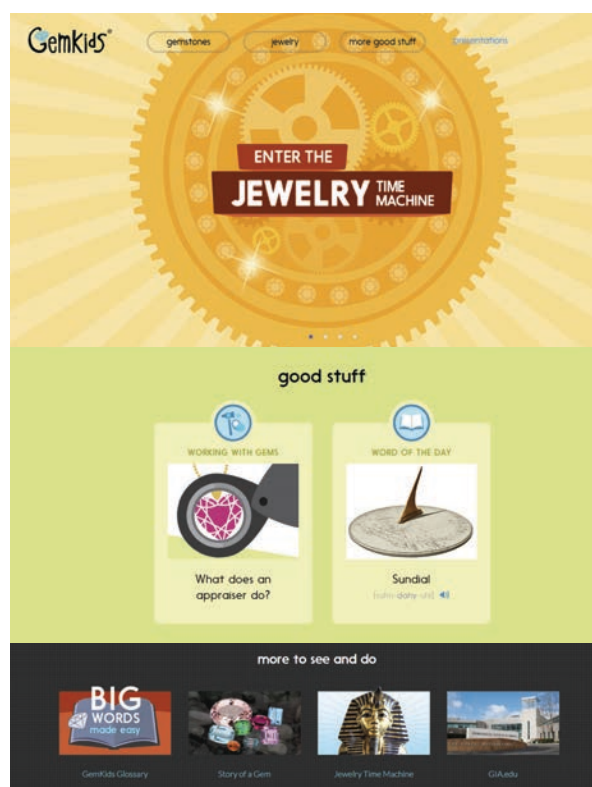
Upcoming Session: June 18, 2020, 10 AM PDT

Tools of the Trade: The Advanced Analytical
Equipment Used in GIA Laboratories

Speaker: Dr. Aaron Palke

GIA's GemKids Program is designed to introduce children to the fascinating subject of gemology and stimulate their curiosity about gems and minerals – where they come from, how they are formed, their varied uses and meaning throughout human history, and how they have been incorporated into making jewelry and decorative arts. Check it out at:

<https://gemkids.gia.edu>



Afghanistan and its gems

Field Gemology Talks webinar

with Gary Bowersox,
hosted by Vincent Pardieu and Justin K. Prim

A fascinating interview with Gary Bowersox, American gem hunter with 49 years' field experience leading expeditionary surveys of gem-producing areas in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia. In this interview, Bowersox discusses the gems

of Afghanistan, mining and trading as well as the challenges of developing the country's gem-producing potential after more than 40 years of conflict.

Available online:

https://youtu.be/_cZTDezQMfM

Posting date: June 3, 2020 **Run time:** 2:33:07

20th HOME GEMMOLOGY WEBINAR
supported by CIBJO - The World Jewellery Confederation

AMETHYST a brief overview

TUESDAY JUN 16
10 am / 6 pm (Lisbon)

Rui Galopim de Carvalho FGA DGA



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Home Gemmology Webinar Amethyst: A brief overview

June 16, 2020 10:00 AM PDT

In the 20th edition of the Home Gemmology webinar on Tuesday, June 16, with the support of **CIBJO, the World Jewellery Confederation**, gemologist **Rui Galopim de Carvalho** and co-host gemologist **Edward Johnson** discuss amethyst, the violet to purple variety of quartz. Among the oldest of gem minerals used in glyptic (gem carving) and jewelry, amethyst has a fascinating, long history of use dating from Bronze Age cultures of the ancient world continuing to the present day.

Amethyst is found in the inventories of historic treasuries where it is featured in lapidary carvings and royal tiaras. When well-known antique sources in Europe were eventually exhausted, demand for alternative sources resulted in enormous quantities of amethyst coming to market in the 1700–1800s from new localities, notably deposits in Brazil, Uruguay and Russia. Synthetic amethyst, abundant since the 1970s, may pose identification challenges, but gemological testing can help make separations.

Registration:

<https://lnkd.in/d3pX7FP>

The webinar is free of charge, but registration is required to participate. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar on Zoom.

Rui Galopim de Carvalho, FGA, DGA, curates fascinating educational content on gems and gemology on his Facebook page, providing an interesting blend of information on the science, technology, history and artistry of gems and jewelry. Check out this wonderful resource, where you'll also find announcements on the webinars he hosts on a wide variety of gems and jewelry-related topics: www.facebook.com/ruigalopimdecarvalho/



Edward Johnson, GG, Gemology, has more than 25 years' experience in the industry specializing in global development of gemological laboratory services and education. Most recently he was Director of Business Development for the Responsible Jewellery Council, which advocates sustainable standards and practices in the jewelry industry. Previously, he spent more than 15 years at GIA (London and Hong Kong) in education and business development. Currently, **Edward** is organizer and moderator of weekly webinars for the gem and jewelry trade with support of **CIBJO** to look at the impact and implications of the COVID-19 crisis from the perspective of industry figures. Learn more at: www/cibjo.org/webinars.

SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 18, 2020

This meeting was conducted via GoToMeeting, and was called to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. by President Jim Parrish, after communication was established with all attendees.

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

President's report: Jim Parrish announced that the June Board meeting will be an online meeting due to the Covid-19 quarantine.

All classes and meetings, as well as SDMG Museum and Village Silversmiths activities, remain suspended by the closing of Balboa Park per the Mayor of San Diego.

Jim to track reopening, and send e-blasts with changes.

Membership: Membership Secretary Angie Cannon reported via email that SDMG had 683 members, including 55 Juniors.

General meetings: June meeting cancelled.

City/Spanish Village Liaison: Jim Parrish is working with the Park and Recreation Dept on reopening of the SDMG Building at some point in the future.

Jim asked that the School Director, Asst. Director and instructors to think about how to reopen classes in the fall, taking into account proper distancing, traffic flow, etc. Village Silversmith's and the SDMG Museum may have to make adjustments to include one-way foot traffic, and a cleaning schedule.

Appropriate persons need to start formulating this plan of action. Wayne Moorhead pointed out that contractors may be the first people allowed in to do work in the early stages of the reopening process.

Juniors: No report.

School Director: Nothing to report.

School Liaison: Nothing new.

Librarian: Library hours have been suspended.

Donations: (1) Ann Ross donation of truckload of used equipment, delivered to Evans garage by her nephew and his friends. (2) Jason Brockman donated \$310.83, which was added to the Scholarship Fund.

Banquet: The 2020 SDMG Geology Scholarship recipient, Javaria Aziz, successfully defended her thesis project last week. If you are interested, you can go to the link below to see her defense:

<https://geology.sdsu.edu/spring-2020-bs-defense/>

Unfinished business: No petitions proposing alternate candidates to the slate of officers and directors for the July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022, term were received.

Since there will be no June General Meeting due to Covid-19, and because the expense of mailing out ballots to the SDMG membership is costly, President Jim Parrish proposed that an online election be held.

Motion carried unanimously to approve online vote for the 2020-2022 slate. Ballots and instructions will be e-blasted to SDMG members in June by Webmistress Lisbet Thoresen.

New business: Wayne Moorhead reported that large pieces of donated equipment are cluttering up the Evans garage. He proposed taking pictures of equipment from multiple angles, posting the equipment for sale on Craigslist and announcing to the SDMG membership and the rockhound community via the SDMG newsletter that the equipment is available. There will be a "Best offer received by <date>" requirement. The equipment will be picked up by the buyer at the Evans garage. Smaller equipment will be held, hopefully to be offered for sale at the Cab & Slab in November, or the BBQ in 2021.

(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is scheduled for June 15, 2020, at 7 p.m. and will be held online using GoToMeeting. Jim Parrish will email all Board members in advance with the necessary contact information to use GoToMeeting. Please contact Jim Parrish at pres@sdmg.org if you wish to be added to the attendance list.)

SDMG Membership...

New Applications & Renewals for 2020–2021

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

OR

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

sdmg.org/sdmg-membership/

Subscribe yourself to the eNewsletter at:

<http://bit.ly/SDMG-news>

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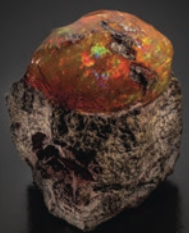
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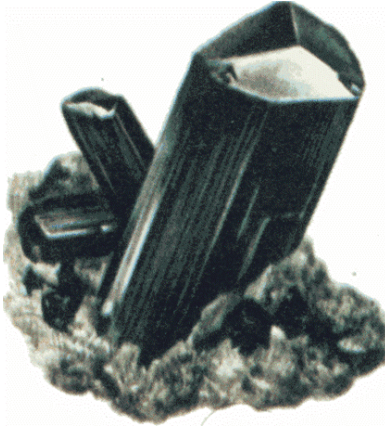
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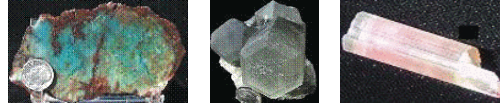
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WELCOME!

The SDMG Building
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Spanish Village
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SDMG Museum hours:
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Get information
on classes, events,
field trips, reports,
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and more at:
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



THE PEGMATITE – JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 GSSD NO Gen Mtg in June	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 SDMG Board Mtg online	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 SDMG No General Mtg in June	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4