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Lois and Dolores Wheeler at SDMG's Annual Barbeque, 2017. Photo: J. Parrish.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2023

by Dave Smith

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**W**E ARE CLOSER to the finish of the year, and yet, we have more to do until then. I wish to thank **LuAnn Benton**, the **Gem Diego committee**, the many **Volunteers**, and **Dealers** for contributing to a top-drawer show. The result was remarkable, especially considering it was six years since the last show, we had a brand new and unfamiliar venue this year, and the 2023 show was the first outing for the show chair and many of the “cast of thousands” responsible for mounting SDMG’s biggest event. Despite all the variables, the show exceeded our wildest hopes. Congratulations to everyone who made the show a great success.

Our last general meeting speaker, **Helen Serras-Herman**, gave a wonderful talk on **U.S. gemstone mines**. Parts of Helen’s presentation drew upon *Glorious Gemstones*, a three-part series of articles she wrote in 2021 for a digital-only series of *Rock & Gem* magazine. The URLs are listed on pg 3 of the [October bulletin](#).

I look forward to welcoming **Richard Edley**, a prospector and gemstone miner, who will be the guest speaker at our November 27<sup>th</sup> **General Meeting**. He will talk about prospecting with his son Bruce in Southern California and Australia. Details may be found on page 3.

Looking toward next month, the first Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd, will be the annual **December Nights** holiday event at Balboa Park. SDMG will host an Open House on both days. To make it a success, we’ll need volunteers to help set up and staff the selling tables as well as tour visitors through the workshop. More on page 6.

Our annual **Christmas Potluck** may be canceled this year. It is usually held in mid-December at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park, but the space was booked solid months ago, so we are investigating alternative venues. Look for an update in next month’s bulletin. Please have a safe and sane Thanksgiving holiday.

**GSSD General Meeting**  
Monday, November 6, 2023  
7:00 PM SDMG Building

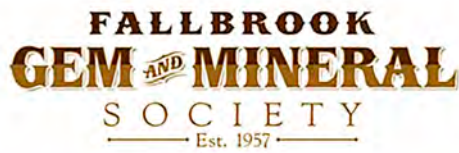
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**T**HE PROGRAM for November is **“Lets Talk Treatments.”** Group discussion will cover many of known gem treatments. This topic is quite wide-ranging and will need participation from everyone, as few people know about most or all treatment methods and recent trends in the market. For example, one GSSD member reports that a treatment used to produce “Mystic Topaz”

was, in fact, applied to a cut beryl. Watch out for items marked “0.925 China, with Moissanite.” Misleading labels appear all-too-often giving an incorrect gem identification or assay, and they sometimes omit disclosure about treatments.

There will be refreshments, and if you care to bring something to share it will be appreciated.



### FGMS General Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 7pm

123 W. Alvarado St.

Fallbrook, CA 92028

Public Welcome!

**D**ONA DIRLAM will give a presentation on **“World-class gems at the Taj Mahal: Sources and trade routes.”** She will present a gemological survey of the gems associated with the Taj Mahal, one of the architectural wonders of the world and a Unesco World Heritage site. The white marble mausoleum was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century to memorialize his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. Under Shah Jahan’s patronage, the art of parchin kari (stone inlay) and gem carving reached its apogee in Mughal India. Ms. Dirlam’s fascinating topic is covered in a *GIA Gems & Gemology* article from 2019, [“Gemstones in the Era of the Taj Mahal and the Mughals,”](#) which she co-authored with **Chris L. Rogers** and **Robert Weldon**.

**About the speaker.** Dona Mary Dirlam has been GIA Librarian Emerita since 2017. Previously, she was the Director and creator of the Richard T. Liddicoat Gemological Library and Information Center at GIA’s worldwide headquarters in Carlsbad, California. She holds a B.S. in Earth Sciences from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis) and a M.S. in



Dona Dirlam.

Geology and Geophysics from the University of Wisconsin (Madison). Ms. Dirlam is a GIA Graduate Gemologist (GG) and a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain. With GIA’s support, she built the largest gem and jewelry library in the world. She received GIA’s highest honor, the Richard T. Liddicoat Award for Distinguished Achievement, as well as several lifetime achievement awards. She has co-authored 14 *Gems & Gemology* articles and co-authored/co-edited a book entitled *The Splendour & Science of Pearls* with **Robert Weldon**. She collaborated with **Dr. James Shigley** and Robert Weldon to produce *Selecting Gem Rough: A Guide for Artisanal Miners* in English and Kiswahili.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. By all means, please bring something to share at the refreshment table. Everyone is welcome, and we hope you’ll have an enjoyable time.





## SDMG General Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2023

7pm SDMG bldg.

Public Welcome!

**T**HE PROGRAM for the last General Meeting of 2023 will feature guest speaker **Richard Edley**, who has been prospecting and mining in the Southern California Desert with his son Bruce for 20 years. They own two federal mining claims near Barstow, California, which have produced gold, silver, turquoise, and azure malachite. The presentation will be about their experiences prospecting and mining in the Southern California desert, their discovery of emeralds in the Julian Mining District, California, and opal and turquoise in Australia. Articles about these discoveries have been published in *Gold Prospector* and GIA's *Gems & Gemology* (<https://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/winter-2020-gemnews-new-emerald-locality-california>).



Richard Edley.

We'll have refreshments and door prizes. Please bring something to share at the refreshment table. Everyone is welcome, and we hope you'll have an enjoyable time. The meeting location is the SDMG museum at Balboa Park, adjacent to Spanish Village (the largest building, at the back).



**Above.** A 21-pound boulder with turquoise from the Mojave Desert, California. Photo: Richard Edley.

**Top right.** Rough and cut azure malachite from Richard Edley's Paige Mine. Photo: Richard Edley.

**Bottom right.** Sterling silver cuff bracelet designed by Navajo jewelry artist Randy Endito set with Azure Malachite from Richard Edley's Paige Mine, with Richard cutting the stones and Patrick McDowall setting them. Photo: Richard Edley.





## JUNIOR DIVISION

*Coordinated by  
Dave Smith*

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**T**HE JUNIORS are very appreciative of **Angela Cannon**, who designed, set up, and operated their educational display at **SDMG's Gem Diego Show**. She has been very supportive with her time, generously donating display case materials and jewelry components and lending assorted minerals and fossils to enhance their education in the natural sciences.

I wish to acknowledge the Junior volunteers who helped to make the Gem Diego Show a success. Thank you to **Max** and his father, **Mr. Darren Arola**, and **David** and his mother, **Ms. Lisa Montano**. They all helped with the educational display. Max's sister **Alice** demonstrated wire wrapping.

The Juniors meet every Saturday from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the SDMG building in Balboa Park. Students should be between 12ish and 17 years old and willing to learn lapidary arts. The cost to participate is \$10 annual membership plus \$1 class fee for each session the student attends. All materials, training and extras are included within the class fee. Please email **Dave Smith** at [president@sdmg.org](mailto:president@sdmg.org) to inquire about joining the class.

The Juniors hard at work  
on their projects for Gem Diego

Photos by Dave Smith  
October 14, 2023

**Top left.** Max at the trim saw.

**Top right.** Mari trimming a slab.

**Bottom left.** Isabel polishing a cabochon.

**Bottom middle.** Emma with chromium-bearing chalcedony.

**Bottom right.** Alice and her dendritic agate.





## Cut of the Month

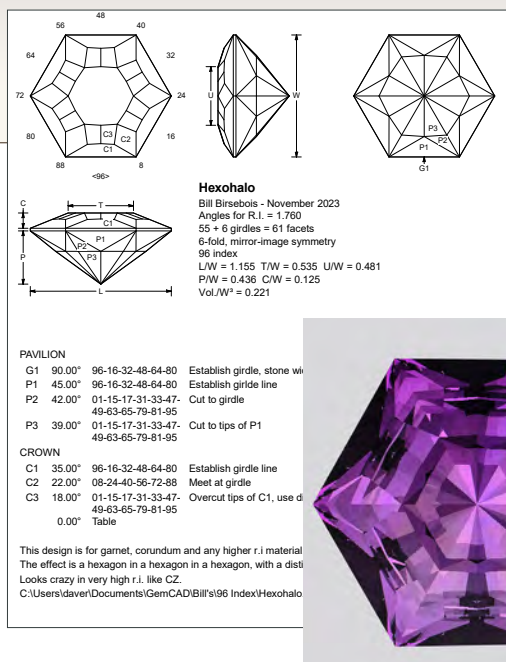
by Bill Brisebois

The cutting of Hexohalo is very simple and produces a very neat effect for only 61 facets. The design shows a hexagon in a hexagon in a hexagon – sort of like the endless mirrors.

The Crown C3 facets overcut the C1 tips and though it is subjective to the cutter, I would stick to judging the depth by the diagram.

This cut was designed for garnet, corundum and higher refractive index material. Changing the angles +3 degrees on the pavilion can be used for quartz, beryl, tourmaline, and other gems, but the effect is somewhat diminished.

I have not test cut this design yet, having just envisioned it on a the drive home from class, but I know it will work as shown.



The CAD design for Hexohalo is downloadable at:  
<https://www.sdmg.org/pdf/Brisebois-Hexohalo-96.pdf>. **Overset.**  
 Frontal table view of the GemCad rendering in amethyst.

## Support your club and volunteer at December Nights

**Friday, Dec 1 & Saturday, Dec 2, 2023**

Tour visitors through the workshop,  
 help set up and staff the selling tables  
 at SDMG's Open House.

Volunteers needed on Nov 30, Dec 1st & 2nd

Contact Jim Parrish  
 if you can help out

Volunteers at a past Open House during the December Nights festivities at Balboa Park. From left to right: Jim Parrish, Angie Cannon, Kerry Stone and LuAnn Benton.



## *Kruzel's Cabochon Show & Tell*

JOHN KRUZEL'S Thursday morning Cabochon Workshop has been pumping out great stones and the "Show and Tell" winners continue to rack up bragging rights! As a reminder, at the end of every workshop, all the students show what they worked on that day, sharing what type of stone it is, and what they did to make it look good. The students then vote on the person they think did the best job on their cabochon. The prize is having their picture taken, holding their cabochon, while wearing a coveted gold medal, which is then posted in *The Pegmatite*.

David Duenas proved he is a fast learner. On his first day in the workshop and then on the first day of the fall classes, he took the coveted gold medal. The following week, on September 21, Susanne Blakey stepped in for the win. At the September 28 class Sandy Cole garnered the gold.

Rolling into October, Kirstin Greene also impressed as she took medals for the first two weeks. Those were her first two weeks in the workshop, to boot! David Duenas came roaring back on October 19 to rack up another win. But Kirstin is a fighter, and she busted out another great stone on October 26, which was judged by her peers to be the best of the day!

Congratulations to all, and to every student who does their best to learn and practice their lapidary skills. Stay tuned as this ongoing friendly competition and peer encouragement continues throughout the class year. Don't forget, we are open to adding new students!

### *Congratulations to the September winners on your beautiful cabochons!*



David Duenas – September 14 & 19



Susanne Blakey – September 21



Sandy Cole – September 28

*Congratulations to the October winners  
on your beautiful cabochons!*



Kirstin Greene – October 5



Kirstin Greene – October 12



David Duenas – October 19



Kirstin Greene – October 26



## *In Memoriam: Lois Lukasky*

1926 – 2023

LOIS LUKASKY, a beloved lifetime member of SDMG passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 13, 2023. She joined SDMG in November, 1989 and started teaching the Junior Division in 1993. She taught juniors and adults alike, retiring in 2017 after 24 years of volunteer service as the Juniors' class instructor. She loved sharing and passing along her passion and knowledge of gems, minerals, and the lapidary arts to the younger generation. She absolutely loved what she did.

As her memory began to slip away from her, Lois's son and daughter-in-law, David and Janice, helped her move into San Miguel Ranch, a senior living residence in Chula Vista. She had her own apartment and continued to live life as she always had, happy with her days filled to the brim with activities. It didn't matter where she was, she just let her life take in the best this world had to offer and enjoyed it to the hilt. She wasn't one to hold onto the negative life experiences. Janice observed, "Her skin was made of Teflon. When the negative things came her way, she let them slide right off." She didn't have a care in the world, except to live life to its fullest every day that she woke up.

There were times Lois would sweep the floors at San Miguel Ranch, and when asked what she was doing she'd say, she had walked to school (SDMG) and was cleaning up after her classes. The staff said, "They wished they had 100 more residents like Lois." She was so pleasant to be around and never got mean. She lived at the Ranch 4½ years and never once complained about anything. She knew she was living on a locked unit, but she didn't mind. She came out of her room everyday ready to do whatever activity there was to do. She engaged the staff with chatter whenever she walked by and talked to people with a positive and caring heart.

Unfortunately, COVID hit San Miguel Ranch and on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Lois tested positive. Within two weeks she could still stand up but found herself unable to walk, which forced her into a wheelchair. It also affected her speaking ability, but to everyone's delight she eventually recovered and once again became talkative. The doctors diagnosed Lois with congestive



Lois Lukasky at SDMG's Open House during the December Nights holiday event in Balboa Park, 2013. Photo: J. Parrish.



SDMG President Shirley Leeson presents Lois Lukasky a lifetime achievement award for her contributions to the society. Annual SDMG Banquet 2017. Photo: L. Thoresen.

heart failure and kidney failure, which impeded her from making a full recovery. Janice said COVID was definitely the turning point for her spiral downward. She was placed on hospice and both Ranch and Hospice staff gave her excellent care. She wanted her hair to look nice, so the staff were very attentive to her concern. She even had her nails done in the last three

days of her life. Her caretakers adored Lois. She lost all interest in food, but Lois still enjoyed her coffee. Janice said, “Fortunately, she was not in any pain and remained happy to the very end.”

She was cremated after her death, and her ashes were interred at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma. on October 5, one day after her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her remains were interred with those of her late husband Gordon where they face the bay, with the beautiful Pacific Ocean on the other side – a perfect setting and view for a special lady.

Lois touched many lives throughout her lifetime, and I know many people would say they are very pleased to have had the opportunity to get to know her. Denny Turner said, “She was an amazing lady. I do recall that in her earlier life she was an aircraft pilot and had flown some special trips both solo and with others.<sup>1</sup> I wish I knew more about that part of her life. There are many, many Juniors who got their first experience handling rocks and gems with Lois. Always to be remembered; never to be forgotten.” Wayne and Peggy Leibitzke, who now reside in Wisconsin said, “She was a dear lady and had a servant’s heart.” A very special lady with a love of teaching the younger generation. Zak Kineston was one such kid who had a lot of respect for her and cherished his time under her tutelage.

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1. Lois had an extraordinary life of travel and adventure, which was featured in a profile of her for *The Pegmatite* in January 2022, available online at: <https://sdmg.org/sdmg-members/peg/sdmg-pegmatite-2022-jan.pdf#page=10>.



Dave Smith with Lois Lukasky celebrating her 93rd birthday in 2019. Photo: Jim Parrish.



Lois with husband Gordon and son David as they prepare to fly off to a new adventure on their small aircraft.



Dolores Wheeler and Lois, April 14, 2021. Photo: L. Benton.



# GEM DIEGO

## A Fantastically Awesome Show!

*By LuAnn Benton, Gem Diego Show Chairman*

**G**EM DIEGO had a record high of 1,557 attendees ages 12 and up, with 118 children under the age of 11 during the two-day event held at the Liberty Station Conference Center on October 28–29. Attendance in previous years was typically about 750 people. We applied wristbands to every attendee who came through the doors in order to get an accurate count. The doors had to be manned by two people almost the entire time to handle the number of visitors on both days.

The dealers were extremely happy as were the many volunteers. But I must say that I believe the happiest of all were the Gem Diego Committee chairpersons. Seven months ago – in April – they volunteered to take on a variety of chair assignments. They worked many, many hours to make the revival of Gem Diego come to fruition after a six-year absence. All SDMG members can be very proud of what this club has accomplished. It was beautiful to see!

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who contributed in some way to the show's success. It might have been putting a flyer in a store in your neighborhood or handing them out to people on the walkways wherever you went. One person could not have done it alone, but collectively we managed to cover all the bases.

The Chairpersons deserve a special shout out in recognition of their contributions: Ed Hart, Kerry Stone, James Curtis, Marna Morimoto, Terry Thomas, Rich Yarbrough, Yvonne Juarez, Nancy Arthur-McGehee, Doug Peeler, Larry Shute, and Dave Rose. Jim Parrish was an invaluable consultant and SDMG President Dave Smith provided wonderful support. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Look for a full review of Gem Diego in the December issue of *The Pegmatite*.

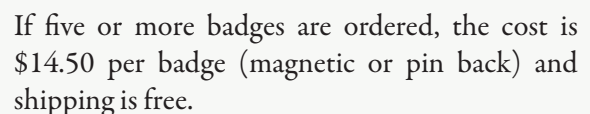




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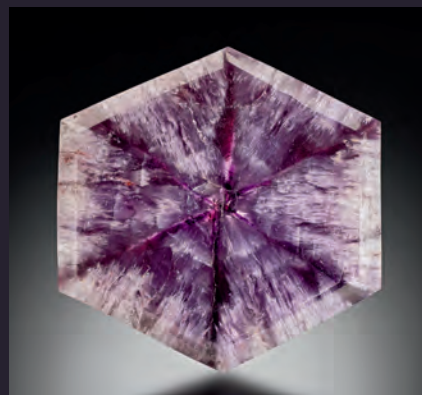
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Trapiche amethyst from Rondonia, Brazil. Photo: Jeffrey Scovil.

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**DECEMBER .....**

**2–3 Barstow, CA – Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Show**

**Sponsor:** Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society

**Where:** Cora Harper Community/Fitness Center, 841 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311

**Hours:** Daily 10 AM – 5 PM

**Contact:** John Printz 760-979-6138,

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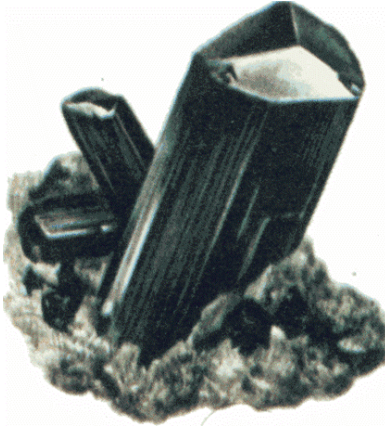
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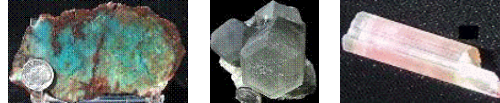
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# San Diego Mineral & Gem Society

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## FALL 2023 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### September 11 – December 22, 2023 (updated 10/16/2023)

**Signing up for classes:** Prospective students must contact the instructor prior to attending a workshop; click on the instructor's name in the schedule below to send an email message. (If you have trouble with the links, please email school@sdmg.org, we'd be happy to help facilitate contact with an instructor.)

**Class fees: Adults:** \$6 per 3-hour class. \$8 per class if longer than 3 hours. **Juniors:** \$1 per class. Cash or checks only, please. Instructors may require prepayment of class fees per class, month, or semester.

✓ Classes are open to SDMG members only: Sign up or renew membership at:

<https://sdmg.org/sdmg-membership/> – Or – in person during Society hours.

✓ Students must read and follow the School Rules, available in the classroom and online at:

<https://sdmg.org/class-schedule/school-rules.pdf>

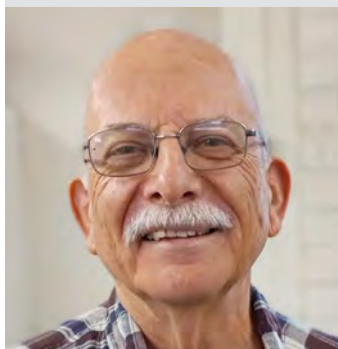
<u>CABOCHONS</u>	Mon	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Mark Herman</a>
	Tue	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Steve Wright</a>
	Wed	9:00 am – 11:30 am	<a href="#">Itziar Parramon</a>
	Wed	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<a href="#">Lex Wright</a>
	Wed	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Nita Sani</a>
	Thu	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="#">John Kruzel</a>
	Fri	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Jon Evans</a>
<u>FACETING</u>	Wed	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="#">Mike Harkelroad</a>
	Wed	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Tim Sandiford</a>
	Thu	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Bill Brisebois</a>
<u>ADV. FACETING</u>	Wed	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Donna Beers</a>
<u>BEG. METALS FABRICATION</u>	Mon	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Al Puente</a>
	Tue	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Yvonne Juarez</a>
	Wed	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Tim Swann</a>
	Thu	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="#">Bud Green</a>
	Thu	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm *	<a href="#">Miriam Larsen</a>
<u>INT. METALS FABRICATION</u>	Tue	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<a href="#">Yvonne Juarez</a>
<u>ADV. METALS FABRICATION</u>	Wed	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Denny Turner</a>
	Wed	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Jackie Leverone</a>
	Thu	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="#">Denny Turner &amp; Tim Swann</a>
	Thu	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Ellen Riceman</a>
	Fri	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Miriam Larsen</a>
<u>CASTING</u>	Tue	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	<a href="#">Dave Smith</a>
	Wed	3:30 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Workshop Staff</a>
	Fri	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<a href="#">Rich Yarborough</a>
<u>ROCK CARVING</u>	Mon	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<a href="#">LuAnn Benton</a>
<u>SPHERE MAKING</u>	Sat	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<a href="#">Paul Williams</a>
<u>JUNIORS</u>	Sat	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	<a href="#">Dave Smith</a>

\* This class meets in the library



**SAN DIEGO MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY**  
**Board of Directors & Special Assignments (Non-board members)**  
7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024

**OFFICERS**



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President, Junior Coordinator,  
Casting Lead  
[president@sdmg.org](mailto:president@sdmg.org)



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Historian,  
Gem Diego Chair  
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**Ellen Riceman**  
Secretary



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Donations Chair

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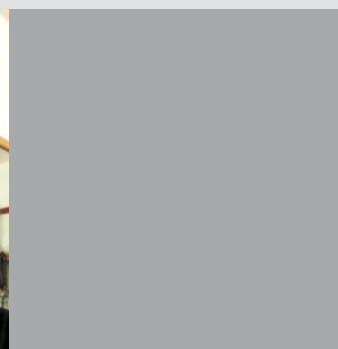
**Bill Brisebois**  
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**Lee Jackson**  
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**Yvonne Juarez**  
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**John Kruzel**  
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Curator, City Liaison,  
December Nights Chair



**Itziar Parramon**

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**Nita Sani**



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**Tim Swann**



**Paul Williams**  
Cabbie Lead (2 of 2)



**Rich Yarbrough**  
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## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS



**Donna Beers**  
Librarian



**Angie Cannon**  
Membership Secretary,  
Badges Chair



**Mike Frye**  
Building Superintendent



**Mike Harkelroad**  
Faceting Lead (2 of 2)



## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS



**Jackie Leverone**  
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**Sally Parrish**  
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**Lisbet Thoresen**  
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***\*\* Please use [info@sdmg.org](mailto:info@sdmg.org) to contact anyone without an email address shown above \*\****  
***A number after a name means there is more than one contact person***  
***for a position (e.g., Bill Brisebois, Faceting Lead (1 of 2)).***

## SDMG Membership...

New Applications & Renewals  
for 2023–2024

The membership year “officially” started on July 1st. There is no pro-rating of dues, so it doesn’t matter when you sign-up or renew – all memberships for 2023–2024 will expire on June 30, 2024.

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](https://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/](https://sdmg.org/sdmg-membership/)

Membership renewals are usually mailed to current members in late May or early June, and are typically “due” before classes begin in September, because people must be current members to attend fall classes. Some just pay their membership dues in class, on the day they show up, which is fine.

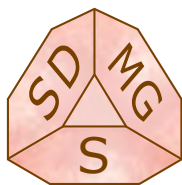
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**(Members, you must subscribe yourself,  
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### WELCOME!

The SDMG Building  
is located  
at the north end of  
Spanish Village  
in Balboa Park

SDMG Museum hours:  
11:00am to 4:00pm

Get information  
on classes, events,  
field trips, reports,  
reviews, slideshows  
and more at:  
[sdmg.org](http://sdmg.org)

### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



### THE PEGMATITE – NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 GSSD General Mtg 7PM, SDMG bldg	7	8	9 FGMS General Mtg 7PM, SDMG bldg	10	11
12	13	14	15 Gem Diego Wrap Mtg 7PM, SDMG bldg	16	17	18
19	20 SDMG Board Mtg 7PM Virtual	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27 SDMG General Mtg 7PM SDMG bldg	28	29	30 December Nights Open House Set-up 3 pm SDMG bldg	1 December Nights Open House 3 – 11 pm SDMG bldg	2 December Nights Open House 11 am – 11 pm SDMG bldg