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The mission of the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society 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 2024

by *Dave Smith*

president@sdmg.org

WEELCOME TO SPRING and our changeable weather, with rainy weekends and sunny, blustery weekdays. If you want to learn lapidary skills, we have a new cabochon class on Thursday evenings from 6am to 9pm with **Paul Sichak**. If you work during the daytime and want to try cab making, this is your opportunity.

You will have a chance to shop for new and lightly-used shop equipment at **SDMG's Equipment Sale**, so save the date – it will be held on Sunday, April 7, 9am to Noon. No earlybirds, please, and note that only cash and checks will be accepted. Please be prepared to arrange removal of your purchases, as we do not have staff available to help with loading or delivery. An e-blast will be sent out on April 4th with the Sale location in the Clairemont neighborhood of San Diego (**not** at the SDMG building near Spanish Village in Balboa Park). See page 5 for event details and a list of items for sale.

This is the month to prepare your entries for the **San Diego County Fair Gem & Mineral**

Department exhibition. The entry deadline is Tuesday, April 30th at 8pm, but you would be well-advised to get your entries submitted online by Friday, April 26th. The Gem & Mineral Department is just one of many departments that host competitions and share the same deadline. The Fair website may get overwhelmed by heavy traffic from last-day, last-minute entries for all of them, so spare yourself undue anguish and get your entries submitted early, if you can. See page 7 for Fair details.

The **Vista Gem & Mineral Society** will hold its annual April show on the 6th and 7th at the **Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum**. The open-air museum is a unique setting and well worth a visit, if you haven't seen it. The Vista show has many great dealers, so you will find a great variety and selection of mineral, lapidary, and jewelry-related things. This is one show that is not to be missed.



SDMG General Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024 7pm, SDMG bldg.

Dave Smith, President

FOR OUR APRIL MEETING, **SDMG** metal fabrication instructor, **Al Puente**, will give a presentation on **The Art of Repoussé**. Al is juried in silversmithing in the Spanish Village guild. His talk promises to be both useful for practitioners

interested in this topic and illuminating for the rest of us.

We'll have coffee, iced tea, and any snacks that you would like to share. Door prizes will be offered as well.



JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS

by *Dave Smith*
Juniors' coordinator

THE CLASS HAS BEEN PREPARING cabochons for the educational case to be exhibited at the next **San Diego County Fair**. We hope to demonstrate quality versus quantity by comparing the best-made cabs at end of class, with a prize awarded to the winner.



If your child is over 12 years of age and wants to develop lapidary skills or learn about minerals, then he or she might like to join **SDMG's Junior Division**. We go on field trips to San Diego County's gem-producing mines and volunteer at the Fair's Gem & Mineral Dept. sand box so other youngsters can sift for buried mineral treasures (your child and an adult chaperone will receive free passes for entry and parking).



Above. Lana trimming the girdle. **Far left.** Andrew at the flat lap. Photos: Dave Smith.



Emma shaping a cab. Photo: Dave Smith.



Alice and Lana sanding Photo: Dave Smith.



Renzo starting a cab Photo: Dave Smith.

Kruzel's Cabochon Show & Tell

THE THURSDAY CAB CLASS has been adding students, and three of them were weekly winners of the class gold medal. Veteran cabber, Kirsten Green, took the prize on March 7th, followed by newbies Sandy Belew on March 14th, Mariam Bier on March 21st, and Brett Updyke on March 28th.

It is always fun to see how new students embrace the challenges of Show and Tell. Those who have been cabbing longer are always willing to share their tips and tricks! By the way, I want to dispel the rumor that bringing cookies for your classmates will ensure a win, lol!

As a reminder, at the end of every Thursday Cab 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 and holding their cabochon while wearing a coveted gold medal, which is then posted in *The Pegmatite* bulletin. I can't wait to see who will wear the medal in April!

*Congratulations to all
on your beautiful cabochons!*



Kirsten Green – March 7



Sandy Belew – March 14



Miriam Bier – March 21



Colin Taylor – March 28

SDMG EQUIPMENT SALE

Sunday, April 7, 2024 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 9am to Noon

Place: Clairemont location in San Diego will be sent in a SDMG eBlast and posted in SDMG classrooms by Thursday, April 4th. Keep an eye on your email Inbox!

Payment: **Cash or Check or Credit Cards accepted with 3% surcharge.**

We do not deliver, so for the heavier and bulkier items, please come prepared with your own husky movers, pickup truck, trailer, SUV, ropes and tie-downs, etc.

Note: Due to high interest, written bids will be taken Silent Auction style on both Genies. If necessary, one or both Genies may go to live auction at 10 AM.

Website: <https://sdmg.org>

The SDMG storage garage is overflowing with lots of donated equipment, so it's time once again to unleash an equipment sale. Featured items will include:

- **Highland Park Ultra-Sonic Rock Drill**, with pump and control unit.
- **Diamond Pacific Genie #1**, with six wheels, lamp and magnifier.
- **Diamond Pacific Genie #2**, with six wheels and lamp.
- **Rio Grande/PMC Casting Kiln**, programmable, new.
- **15" Lortone Vibrating Flat Lap**, new, with three pans.
- **4" Hi-Tech Diamond Trim Saw**.
- **Hi-Tech Diamond 4" Trim Saw**.
- **Hi-Tech Diamond 6" Trim Saw**.
- **Hi-Tech Diamond 8" Flat Lap**, with seven laps and various pads.



One of two Diamond Pacific Tool Corp Genies



- **Hi-Tech Diamond All-U-Need unit**, brand new.
- **Rock Rascal 10" Trim Saw**.
- **Covington Manual Gem Drill**, with accessories, new.
- **Flex Shaft machine**, with pedal, handpiece and some tools.
- **Lortone Model R40 Heavy Duty Dual Rotary Tumbler**, with 1/3 hp motor.
- **Midway Model 2084 Tumbler**, with polish media.
- **Lortone Dual Tumbler**, with three barrels and grit.
- **Lortone Tumbler**, single barrel.
- **Sears 10" Vibrating Flat Lap**.
- **CV-500 Vibratory Tumbler**.
- **Crystal Master 8" Flat Lap**, with seven laps.
- **27" Vib-Bro-Lap Vibrating Lap**, on stand with motor.

Additional items and supplies include:

- **Dremel accessory tool kit**.
- **80# Heavy duty anvil**, 24".
- **70# Heavy duty anvil**, 23".
- **Octagonal head hammer**, used.
- **Metal cabinet**, 14" w x 6" d x 18" h, with 60 plastic drawers full of nuts, bolts, etc.
- **Metal cabinet**, 12" w x 10" d x 30" h, with nine metal drawers.
- **Box of carving wax**, incl. misc. sheet, block, etc.
- **Dremel tool caddy**.
- **5" saw blade**.
- **4" MK Diamond ultra-thin diamond saw blades** (two total).
- **10" Raytech Green Blazer saw blade**.
- **Plastic tool boxes** (two total; you know, fishing tackle boxes...).
- **Rival Crock Pot**, 1 quart, new.
- **Various faceting dops in dop stands** (four total).
- **Transfer jigs** (two total).
- **Alcohol lamp**, with stand.
- **Small Lapmates** (two total; holds a rock for a vibrating flat lap).
- **Various small faceting laps**.
- **Box: jars and bags of assorted polishing compounds**
- **Box: jars, bags, boxes of assorted grits**
- **Large box: assorted grits**
- **Four large glass jars: coarse grit, med grit, fine grit** (two of those).
- **Box: assorted grit**.
- **Two buckets, half full of coarse grit**.
- **Thumblter Tumbler** – parts, motor runs, but no barrel.
- **Rotating display stand**, motorized.
- **Used Titan pans and hoods**, two sets.
- **1/3 HP Westinghouse motor**, used, with cord and switch.





SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR GEMS & MINERALS DEPT.

Anne Schafer, Supervisor
Jennifer Stapp, Asst. Supervisor

What's new for 2024? I'm glad you asked!

New classes in the Gems & Minerals Department are:

Mineral of the Year:

Fossil of the Year:

Faceted Gem of the Year:

Fair Theme Jewelry:

Metalwork:

Minerals of Africa & Madagascar. Single mineral, or group of five

Fossils from the Age of the Dinosaurs. One fossil specimen.

Garnet. One faceted stone w/ corresponding rough.

“Let's Go Retro!” Single piece – celebrating those classic and creative designs from 1950 thru 1999.

We now have two classes: Amateur and Professional. Plus, the *maximum size limit* has increased to 6" w x 6" d x 10" h.

Here is the upcoming timeline:

Entry Deadline:

Entry Delivery:

Opening Day of the Fair:

Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2, from 9 am to 6 pm

Wednesday, June 12

You may access the entry brochure at the regular Fair website: <https://www.sdfair.com>

Click on the “Participate” button at the top, then click on the “Exhibitors” line in the drop-down menu. When the “Exhibitors” web page comes up, scroll down to “Gems & Minerals” and click on “LEARN MORE”. On the next page, clicking on “DOWNLOAD ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS” gets you to the entry brochure information about classes. Click on “ENTER NOW” to begin the entry process.

We are always looking for volunteers to help kids screen for tumbled stones in the Dig for Treasure “sand pile,” and to demonstrate faceting, silversmithing, fossil prep, field trip activities, etc. Please contact **Jennifer Stapp** to sign up for a two-hour shift. You will receive a free ticket to the Fair, and (we hope) a free parking pass. Free parking/bus transpo will also be available at Canyon Crest Academy this year, instead of Torrey Pines High. (Fair insiders know off-site parking is a great way to save money, and have fun... by making the Fair shuttle your first “ride” of the day!)

Questions? Sometimes we have answers! Please contact us:

Supervisor **Anne Schafer** at 858-586-1637 or Agate.Annie2@gmail.com

Asst. Supervisor **Jennifer Stapp** at 858-829-1723 or cat333@gmail.com

Thanks to all of you who have already entered.

Last advice: Don't wait till the last minute to enter. If you do, the website just might get overloaded and shut you out. It happens. So, please enter by Friday, April 26th! OK?

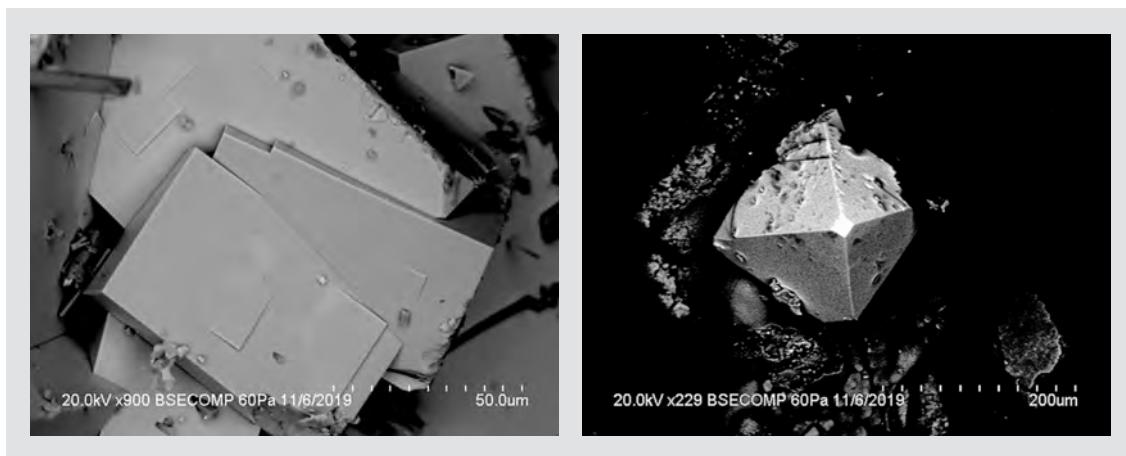


Fig. 1a,b SEM images of mixed eddavidite–murdochite crystals. **Left.** Simple cubic crystals from the Southwest mine, Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona, sample reference: RRUFF R050381 (co-type specimen). **Right.** Octahedral crystal with minor cubic modifications from the Ojuela mine, Mapimí, Durango, Mexico, sample reference: NHMLAC 38450.

Eddavidite: A new mineral

MARCUS ORIGLIERI collaborated on a scientific paper describing a new mineral, **eddavidite**, published on March 15 in the professional journal *Minerals* (fig. 1). The mineral name eddavidite honors **Dr. Ed David** (1925–2017), a prominent mineral collector and former science advisor to the President of the United States (fig. 2).

Eddavidite occurs only as nanoscale patches in crystals of **murdochite** (fig. 3). This new mineral is a lead copper oxide bromide. It is the bromide equivalent of the mineral murdochite, a lead copper oxide chloride. The two minerals have the same crystal structure and differ by only two of the 31 atoms in their ideal formulas.

Currently, chemical analysis is the only reliable method to distinguish eddavidite from murdochite. The new mineral eddavidite occurs in the Southwest mine at Bisbee Arizona and also in the Ojuela mine, Mexico. Its high content of bromine is rare in mineral species, an essential element in a mere 11 of 6006 known species. Drying out of ancient seawater at its two known occurrences concentrated the bromine necessary for its formation.

Read the article at: <https://www.mdpi.com/2075-163X/14/3/307>



Fig. 2 Ed David in front of his mineral display at his home in Bedminster, New Jersey, 2014. Photo: M. Origlieri.



Fig. 3 Mixed murdochite-eddavidite crystals up to 300 μm with aurichalcite, showing a combination of cubic {100} and octahedral {111} forms. This sample is from the Ojuela mine, Mapimí, Durango, Mexico, sample reference: RRUFF R110122.

Tips from the Past:
Ed Hansen's Time-Tested Shop Tips
 submitted by LuAnn H Benton, SDMG Historian*

End Cuts: Use Elmer's glue to bond end cuts (or any hunk of rough material, for that matter) to a chunk of 2" x 4". Clamp the 2" x 4" in your slab saw vise and continue slabbing. Soak the wood by dropping it in a bucket of water for about a week. Voila!

Sanding Sticks: Dip popsicle sticks in glue, then grit. Or wrap a piece of sandpaper around the popsicle stick. Use various grits, make lots. Very handy.

India Ink: Use India ink to paint dinosaur bone slabs. The softer matrix will hold the black ink. Then cut and polish your cab. You will have a nice black

outline around the colorful cells.

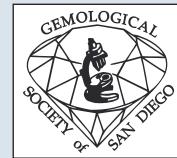
Montana Agate: The plumes and patterns form along seams, so cut perpendicular or parallel to lines to get the best pictures.

Tarnish Remover: A pinch of baking soda rubbed on silver takes off tarnish.

Thin Turquoise: If you have thin pieces of turquoise, embed them in J.B. Weld or Devcon to make them thicker, then cab as usual.

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**GEMOLOGICAL
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GSSD General Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2024

7:00 pm SDMG Building

The April meeting will be a business meeting to discuss the future of the Gemological Society of San Diego. Since Covid there have been quite a few changes, lack of classes, and it is time for the nominating committee and members to select officers for the coming year, which begins in October 2024.

We have three more meeting dates before we break for the normal summer hiatus – July, August, and September.

We would ask you to be prepared to volunteer or nominate an individual or individuals for the new Board of Officers and directors. All posts are

open, so we will need a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and School Director. If you are unable to attend this meeting and have a candidate in mind, please email your nomination selection to Cathy Davis, President (catherinedavis1369@gmail.com).

If by any chance, you know who was instrumental in setting up the GSSD website please let us know by emailing Cathy Davis.

Refreshments will be served, and if you would like to bring something to share with the group, please feel free to do so.

Friendship, and Who & What's News

by LuAnn H. Benton, Friendship Chair

friendship@sdmg.org

Please continue to keep **Nancy Brescia** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to work full-time and deal with ongoing cancer treatment, which hasn't made a big difference. This has exhausted her, which is why you don't see her around SDMG much lately. We are all thinking about you, Nancy. Keep your spirits up and take care of yourself through all of this. If there's anything we can do to help, please let me know.

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Our **SDMG Building Supervisor, Mike Frye** replaced the leaking faucet in the cabbing room with a new one around February 10th. **Thanks, Mike!** Unfortunately, when someone put the sprayer on the end of the new faucet, it sprayed upward onto the wall and the paper towels, wetting what was hanging there when the spigot was turned on. Please do not try and put that back on without the proper parts to make it function correctly. And a reminder to everyone: turn the hot and cold water handles just enough to turn off the water.

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Thanks goes to all those who clean the cabbing machines around the entire area with the counters as well as the inside basin area. This thank also goes to those who clean the wet mops after water mopping the floors AND go outside to empty the dirty water from the bucket. All three of these tasks make the shop look cleaner and quite impressive for the guests who tour our facility. 😊

Have you already been on or going on a vacation?
Gone rockhounding with a friend, spouse, partner or group?
Is anything happening in your life that you'd like to share with SDMG?
Want to make it funny, please do, so everyone can enjoy.
Include name and phone number (for contact purposes only).
I'll take care of any necessary corrections you may need.
Send to LuAnn via friendship@sdmg.org
I really want to hear from YOU!

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There is a mailbox slot in the casting room for **Suggestions** you may have for SDMG.
We value your input!

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Some, but not all Rockhounding Field Trips hosted by Southern California Gem & Mineral Societies are available to members of other CFMS-affiliated societies including ours. If you are interested in participating in field trips hosted by other societies, including trips republished in *The Pegmatite*, always be sure to double-check with the field trip leader and ask if there is space for you to come along as a member of SDMG. (Our editor does her best to verify open trips, but sometimes circumstances change without notice.) Without exception, participation on any field trip will be conditional: you MUST contact the field trip leader and get approval to join ahead of time. Other rules apply: you also must agree to follow all the field trip leader's guidelines and the AFMS Code of Ethics, AND all participants must sign a liability waiver. Many field trips have limits on the number of participants, so please be considerate of others: if you have to cancel or are running late, be sure to let the field trip leader know ASAP. Your thoughtfulness ensures your spot might be made available to another person or a whole group of people aren't waiting around for you at a meeting place.

Musical Chairs at California BLM

by Lisbet Thoresen, SDMG public lands representative

THREE HAS BEEN A LOT of churn lately at the **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** in California. The state director resigned, with **Gordon R. Toevs** tapped to be acting director. There's a new deputy director (**Elizabeth Mayer-Shields**) too, and a new deputy Desert District manager (**Nancy Schmidt**). Needles field office manager **Mike Ahrens** retired, and **Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM)** manager **Noelle Glines-Bovio** moved to another **BLM** position late last year. **Mike** has been replaced by **Ron Nuckles**, while **Noelle's** position remains vacant.

Why do all these personnel changes matter?

People have relationships with other people, not with an office or a job title. They get to know each other as *booms*. So, when the folks with whom you've been communicating for a long, long time – dare I say, folks with whom you may have developed a good rapport – it feels utterly regressive to start over from scratch with a new face from another place, someone with whom there is no shared experience whatsoever. It feels a little like going on a succession of first dates after having been in a long-term relationship. You may not have been rapturously enamored, but you developed mutual understanding, and in the process, you got to know each other pretty well. While I didn't know the folks higher in the **BLM** org chart, I thought that the people I knew in and around the Desert District understood the rockhound community pretty well. They knew our region and our historical connection with it. They heard from us frequently, and they were responsive. They invested effort to engage with us (e.g., hosting envisioning and educational sessions and open houses).

So, relationships matter. A lot. I am sorrier than I can say to see all these personnel changes, especially at this moment, when a monument management plan is being drafted for **Mojave Trails**. The stakes are enormous for those of us worried about the survival of our hobby.

The **MTNM** management plan is supposed to serve as a blueprint for managing other monuments nationwide. However, drafting a plan for **Mojave Trails** could hardly be more challenging. That's precisely why **Noelle** was tapped for the job – it was in her wheelhouse to balance competing stakeholder interests, deconflict overlapping land use amendments and travel

plans, and then reconcile them with the language of the monument proclamation to produce something workable for **Mojave Trails**. She is gone now, and so is **Mike Ahrens**, who takes with him an immersive understanding and decades of experience with the Desert District and all of its associated travel plans and land use amendments. They knew this intricate mosaic inside and out. And they knew us.

So, who's steering the ship now? Do they know us?

Apparently, the unwieldy job of completing a draft management plan has been handed off to an outside contractor. I don't know who, and I don't really know what that means, but it fills me with more than the usual degree of trepidation about this particular first date. If you are concerned too, an opportunity is forthcoming to ask the **BLM** via the **Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)**, "What's going on with **Mojave Trails**? Rockhounds would like an update."

A menu of proposed draft plans was scheduled to be released for public comment this past winter, but that milestone has come and gone. When might we expect to see draft plan options posted in the Federal Register?

And by the way, may we have 60 days to comment, given the plan's scope? (**BLM** may give us only 30 days, which seems likely given the delay in the original timetable.) Does **BLM** still plan on publishing a final management plan by summer 2024?

Rockhounds, if you are able, please attend this virtual-only meeting via Zoom on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. Comments or questions can be simple. It's important to participate and let **BLM** know (via the **DAC**) that you are mindful of what's going on with **Mojave Trails**. And you don't have to drive anywhere!

You can email your comments or questions to **BLM** Public Affairs Specialist **Kate Miyamoto** (kmiyamoto@blm.gov) anytime between now and the morning of Saturday, April 27th (before the meeting starts). If you prefer to speak your comment at the meeting, please note that the comment period will be early in the day, at 9:30am and not in the afternoon, which is more usual. Be sure to register for the Zoom meeting ahead of time, at <https://bit.ly/3VEd95d>, see details on the next page.

Virtual Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)

**Sat, April 27, 2024
9:00am – 3:30pm**

Register for the Saturday Zoom meeting
in advance

at: <https://bit.ly/3VED95d>

See PDF meeting agenda
at: <https://on.doi.gov/3TYPdZb>

9:30 am – Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Public may make comments to the DAC on any topic. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Submit written comments in advance of the meeting to kmiyamoto@blm.gov. (Put your comment topic in the subject line of your email.) Written comments will be recorded in the meeting minutes.

**Let BLM know that Rockhounds
are seeking updates
on the management plan for
Mojave Trails National Monument**

*(Mojave Trails is not on the agenda
for the April meeting, but you can still
comment or ask questions about it!)*

Some questions you might ask...

What is the schedule for publishing the proposed draft management plan options?

Who is drafting the plan? What do they know about the history of stakeholder values in the monument? Shouldn't we know who they are and how they are going about this important job?

We need a reasonable amount of time to comment on the proposed draft plans, may we have 60 days?

Does BLM still plan on publishing a final management plan by summer 2024?



Please be courteous and call the field trip leader to ask if you may participate in the field trip. Be sure to call again if you decide to cancel, so folks aren't waiting around for you. All CFMS affiliate clubs will ask you to sign a waiver, and you must agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics and listen to directions of the field trip leaders.

April 19–21, 2024 Hauser Geode Beds, Palo Verde, CA

Sponsor: COOP (Cooperative Field Trip Leaders Association, a CFMS Society)

Details & Directions: Check MSSC website for trip details at: <https://mineralsocal.org/fieldtrip-information-reports/cfms-fieldtrip-hauser-geode-beds-palo-verde-april-19-21-2024/>.

Sign up required. See contact info below.

Contact/field trip leaders: Gina Malcolm, COOP President, and Jim Barton, COOP Permanent Director, 916-847-7321 geologist1@surewest.net. Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.

Materials: Geodes, Porcelain Jasper.

Meeting Place: Near intersection of Wiley's Well Rd and Hauser Geode Beds Road at 9am daily. (See website for directions.) Field trips end at 4pm daily.

Camping: Nominal camping fees at Coon Hollow Campground, none currently at dig sites. Nearest hotels in Blythe.

What to Bring/What to Expect: Water, lunch, shovel, bucket, hoe or cultivator rake, rock hammer, safety glasses, work gloves. Vehicle Access & Parking – dirt roads, hills, some steep sections and ravines. Collection Site – dirt parking at lower collecting area, can hike up hills. The BLM and CFMS have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow recreational (not commercial) collecting at the Hauser Geode Beds. BLM Geologist and Scientist staff will give a presentation at the dig site on the geology, wildlife and historical significance of the region on April 19th. Leave no trace, please pack out what you pack in and help pick up trash.

ON THE GO ...
TO A SHOW



APRIL

6-7 VISTA, CA –Vista Gem & Mineral Society April Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
Venue: Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083
Hours: Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 4pm
Admission & Parking: Free.
Contact: info@vistarocks.org
Web: vistarocks.org/shows
 Outdoor event in a rustic setting with vendors offering jewelry, slabs, cabs, and rough stones of all kinds. Tools, equipment, and other lapidary related items.

13 LAKE ELSINORE, CA – 4th Annual Lake Elsinore Rock & Craft Show
Sponsor: Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Venue: 32097 Corydon Road, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Hours: 10am – 4pm
Admission: Free. Public welcome.
Web: www.facebook.com/groups/530281757337262/
 A wide variety of local vendors plus fossils and minerals.

20-21 THOUSAND OAKS, CA – CGMC 47th Annual Pageant of a Thousand Gems
Sponsor: Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Venue: Borchard Park, 190 N. Reino Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91320
Hours: Fri & Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 4pm
Admission & Parking: Free.
Contact: conejogemandmineral@gmail.com
Web: cgamc.org/annual-gem-show
 Exhibits and Dealers. Door Prizes and Drawings. Opportunity Tables and Silent Auctions. Lapidary, Rock Polishing, and Jewelry Making Demonstrations. Youth Activities and chances to win prizes. Fossils, Gemstones,

Jewelry, Metaphysical, Minerals, Lapidary Equipment/Supplies, Rocks, and much more!

27-28 ANAHEIM, CA – The Searchers Annual Show

Sponsor: Anaheim Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

Venue: Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim CA 92801

Hours: Fri & Sat 10am – 5pm; Sun 10am – 4:30pm

Admission & Parking: Free.

Contact: nancyjbird68@gmail.com

Web: www.searchersrocks.org

Dealers with their rock and jewelry related wares, and the best silent auction around. Displays of members' work, demonstrations, stone carving, jewelry making, wire wrap, faceting and many other rock and jewelry related skills. There is a children's jewelry area, where children can make a piece of jewelry and take it home, and a wheel of fortune.

JOHN E. GARSOW
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April 27–28, 2024
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Gem Diego Show 2024

HEADS-UP! THIRD NOTICE

To all SDMG members who want to apply as a dealer for a booth at the **Gem Diego 2024 Show**. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 2–3, 2024 at our new venue, Liberty Station Conference Center in Point Loma. It's located $\frac{1}{2}$ block north of Harbor Blvd. and west of San Diego International Airport. Set-up for the show will take place only on Friday, November 1, from 1–8pm.

Booths are limited. How to qualify.

To qualify for one of the three SDMG booths (two 8-foot tables) at the special price of \$450:

1. You must be a San Diego Mineral & Gem Society member,
2. Must have a California seller's permit.
3. Presently teach a workshop, OR
4. Be a speaker at one of the general meetings, OR
5. Volunteer for two SDMG events.

- ✓ Give documentation for volunteering at above events with event chairperson's signature and date to the Gem Diego Dealer and Show Chairperson.
- ✓ The Gem Diego Committee highly recommends that dealers have at least 2 lights per 8-foot table and use LED light bulbs (no more than 150 watts per 8-foot table).

Dates for qualifying:

Oct 30, 2023 – Nov 4, 2024

Got questions? Please contact:

LuAnn H Benton, Show Chairperson

benton.luannz@gmail.com

This 'n' That...

General Announcements

Winter/Spring classes are in session.
Check with your instructor with questions.
(see schedule at the end of this bulletin)

April 7, 9am to Noon – SDMG Equipment Sale, Clairemont location TBA.

Apr 15, 7pm – SDMG Board Meeting (Virtual)

Apr 22, 7pm – SDMG General Meeting
SDMG bldg.

Scholarship Report

by Marcus Origlieri, Scholarships Chairman

Professor Sondra Sherman of the School of Art and Design at **San Diego State University (SDSU)** has nominated **Ms. Maryam Kashani** for the **Bill Tirk Scholarship**. **Drs. Kimbrough and Weingarten** in the Department of Geosciences at **SDSU** have nominated

Mr. Nick Oliver for the **Carmelita and Bern Swarts Scholarship**. Grant checks will be presented to this year's scholarship recipients at a forthcoming General Meeting, where we look forward to hearing brief presentations by each of them about their topic.

SDMG NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024–2026

LuAnn H. Benton, Nominating Committee Chairperson

benton.luannz@att.net

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of four (4) officers and fourteen (14) directors for the two-year term from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026. 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.

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For President:	LuAnn H. Benton
For Vice-President:	Jim Parrish
For Treasurer:	Anne Schafer
For Secretary:	Ellen Riceman

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Doug Peeler	Paul Williams
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Members in good standing as of March 31, 2024, 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.

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use the reference library.

We Need Volunteer Assistant Librarians.

Members willing to volunteer in the Library
will enable us to extend the hours of access.

If you can help out, contact Donna:
librarian@sdmg.org

SDMG BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 18, 2024

This meeting was conducted via GoToMeeting, and was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Smith.

Present electronically: President President David Smith and Board members LuAnn Benton, Mark Herman, John Kruzel, Jim Parrish, Doug Peeler, Ellen Riceman, Dave Rose, Nita Sani, Anne Schafer, Larry Shute, Tim Swann, Paul Williams and Rich Yarbrough. A quorum was present. **Excused:** Bill Brisebois, Yvonne Juarez and Itzy Parramon. **Guests:** Cathy Davis, Marcus Origlieri, Bev Sherratt, Lisbet Thoresen and Brendan White.

President's report: David Smith reported that Mike Harkleroad repaired the Titan grinder by installing a new \$40 switch.

Membership: Angie Cannon reported a total SDMG membership of 612, including 51 Juniors.

Museum Curator: Jim Parrish is installing new bases for the mineral specimens in the big case.

City Liaison: Jim Parrish to submit repair ticket to City to replace exterior Cab Room door.

Juniors: David Smith reported eight Juniors in attendance at last Saturday's class.

School Director: Rich Yarbrough announced the Instructors' Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at The 100 Seafood Grill Buffet.

John Kruzel made more dop sticks for Cab Class, and copied more attendance sheets.

LuAnn Benton to obtain more filters for the drinking fountain.

Donations: Jim Parrish picked up a donation of fossils, suitable for sale at December Nights.

Outreach: LuAnn Benton reported that GIA students did not show up for their scheduled tour of the SDMG Museum & classrooms on Feb. 24.

Public Lands: BLM has a new web page that describes casual collecting on public lands and national monuments per the existing rules.

Scholarship: Marcus Origlieri contacted Professor Sherman at the SDSU Art Dept. to request a nomination for the Bill Tirk Jewelry Scholarship Award. He also contacted Dr. Weingarten at the SDSU Earth Sciences

Dept. and received a nomination: Nicholas Oliver. Marcus to request a brief bio from each student.

Motion passed, 8-3, to increase scholarship award to \$1,000 per person.

Christmas Potluck: Need new Chair for event.

December Nights: Jim Parrish bought wholesale items at Tucson, for resale at December Nights.

BBQ: The BBQ is officially cancelled for 2024. Doug Peeler wishes to conduct a survey to determine what rockhounds would like to see at the BBQ. Lisbet Thoresen stated that an eblast survey can be administered at a cost of \$30/month via Constant Contact. She recommended a two-month interval and explained that $\geq 25\%$ responses would be an excellent response rate. Doug is to call Lisbet to set up survey.

Gem Diego: The Show Committee will meet in April. Motion carried, with one abstention, to set up Show checking account at Bank of America, initial deposit NTE \$8,000 and with the following signatories: LuAnn Benton, James Curtis, Jim Parrish and Anne Schafer.

S.D. County Fair: Anne Schafer and Jennifer Stapp visited clubs to promote entries and demos.

Unfinished Business: Motion carried unanimously to accept the 2024-2026 slate of officers and directors presented by the Nominating Committee.

New Business: Motion carried to accept the resignation of Lee Jackson from the Board.

Motion carried unanimously to approve proposed merger of the Gemological Society of San Diego into the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society, including absorbing the GSSD assets and equipment into SDMG, and creating a new Gemological Division within SDMG, said merger to occur at a later date upon approval by GSSD.

Motion carried unanimously to allow online election of the 2024-2025 slate in June..

(Any member may attend Board meetings. The next one is scheduled for April 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. and will be held via GoToMeeting. Please contact Jim Parrish at curator.sdmg@gmail.com to be added to the attendance list.)



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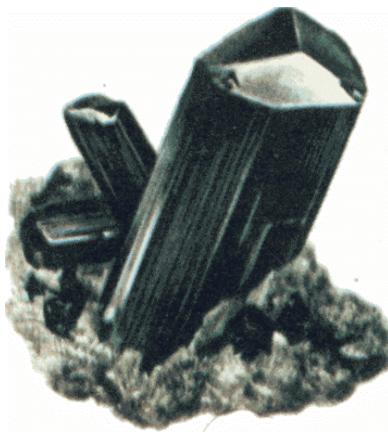
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Class fees: **Adults:** \$6 per 3-hour class. \$8 per class if longer than 3 hours. **Juniors:** \$1 per class. Cash or checks only, please. Instructors may require prepayment of class fees per class, month, or semester.

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

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

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	Wed	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Nita Sani
	Thu	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	John Kruzel
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<u>FACETING</u>	Wed	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Mike Harkelroad
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	Thu	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Ellen Riceman
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<u>CASTING</u>	Tue	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Dave Smith
	Wed	3:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Workshop Staff
	Thu	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Rich Yarborough
<u>ROCK CARVING</u>	Mon	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	LuAnn Benton
<u>SPHERE MAKING</u>	Sat	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Paul Williams
<u>JUNIORS</u>	Sat	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Dave Smith

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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:

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OR

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

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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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