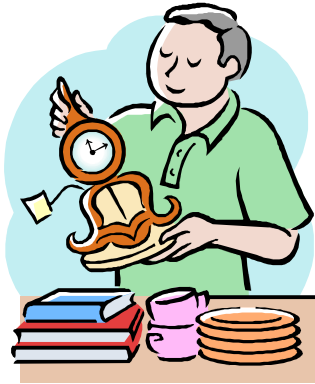




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JUNE, 2009



YARD SALE THIS MONTH!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This months program will be on carving rocks presented by our member Todd Schowalter. I'm really looking forward to this. I have only carved soapstone and am not sure how to carve harder materials. I have been trying to get some neighbors of mine to the meeting for over six months, and they said they would like to hear this program. Please feel free to invite your interested friends to our meeting as well.

Are you remembering to save items to donate for the SARM garage sale? The date has been changed as the Greene's had a conflict. The new date is June 27.

Are you familiar with David Letterman's Top Ten Lists? Here is Carol Williams' list of Top Ten ways to know you are a rockhound. You know you're a rockhound if:

10. you're on the way to Laughlin to gamble and you have to stop on the side of the road to pick up some rocks.
9. you found a rock that looks like cheese and you serve it for snack at a SARM meeting.
8. you lick or spit on a rock to see its true color.
7. you can open any drawer in your home and see a rock among the items there.
6. you know you have too many rocks but have a hard time parting with any to donate to the silent auction.
5. a cab to you goes in a piece of jewelry and not a hired ride in a car.
4. you look at a rock and start counting the number of slabs you can get out of it.
3. some of your rocks now live out in your garden.
2. you know Mohs hardness scale is not a way to rate your brothers attitude.
1. a rock show to you is not a rock and roll concert.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting

Carol Williams

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 14 Ben Byland
 June 24 Maureen Kleckner
 June 26 Josh Harding

JUNE BIRTHSTONES

Alexandrite, pearl, and moonstone are all considered to be birthstones for the month of June, so pick the one you like, or wear all three together.

Alexandrite, a chrysoberyl, and the third hardest of all minerals. The alexandrite is a transparent stone whose color varies with the light. From green to blue-green in the daylight, it changes to mauve, violet or red under incandescent light. It has been referred to as "an emerald by day, an amethyst by night." A scarce and costly

gemstone, the quality of its color change is a major factor in determining its price, and value. The stone was named after Czar Alexander of Russia, because it was supposedly discovered in the Ural Mountains on his birthday, however Sri Lanka is now the chief source. Because of its ability to change colors, legend holds that alexandrite brings good fortune when the sun is shining.

Moonstone is a feldspar with a hardness of 6 on Moh's scale. It's identifying trait is a beautiful rolling pearly sheen. Usually white or colorless, it can also be found in various delicate colors, such as pink, blue and green, and can be transparent to translucent. Moonstones were named the traveler's stones because of the protection they afforded to many a night traveler, especially upon the water when the moon was shining. It signified hope to ancient man, and was said to promote love. The Romans believed the moonstone enclosed the image of Diana, the moon goddess, who could endow love, wealth, victory and wisdom upon the possessor.

Pearl, is not a gemstone at all, but an organic product of nature coming from the bodies of the pearl oysters and pearl mussels. It is the first jewel mentioned in the earliest deciphered Ancient Egyptian writing and is also frequently mentioned in the Bible, Talmud and Koran. A legend of Arabia called pearls the "tears of the Gods" because they were believed to be formed of raindrops falling into open oyster shells. In India, there is a legend that Buddha sends down dewdrops and the oysters catch and hold them until they turn into pearls. The Oriental Pearl is known as the "gem of the moon" and is believed to confer the great gift of vitality to the wearer.

JULY BIRTHSTONE

The ruby is a member of the corundum family that occurs as a deep red transparent stone and as an opaque reddish grey. When in the opaque form it may exhibit a star (asterism) or a single line chatoyancy (cat's eye). Flawless rubies are more valuable than diamonds. Large rubies are very scarce and costly, worth more than 2 to 3 times a diamond of equal size and quality.

Historically the ruby is associated with royalty and the power of life and death. It was attributed the power to prevent loss of blood, strengthen the heart, and negate poisons. It was also believed that the ruby was capable of curing illness and reconciling lovers quarrels. Rubies were thought to contain a glowing spark struck from the planet Mars. Hindus referred to the ruby as "The Lord of the Gems", and believed it's deep red color came from an inextinguishable fire which was capable of boiling water. It is said that a person should never make faces at a ruby in a museum, and never ignore it, for it was said to grow dull if slighted or not worn or seen.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 5 Joseph Johnson
 July 10 Donald Greene
 July 11 Michael Anglin
 July 15 Martha Jensen
 July 18 Darrel Rodgers
 July 20 John Johnson

SARM GENERAL MEETING MAY 20, 2009

President Carol Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The cost of the shop was discussed. We have been asked to increase the rent from \$125 a quarter to \$150. It was decided that, while this is not much for rent of a space, it is more than the club can afford. Don and Pam Greene volunteered to use a portion of their patio for the shop. After some discussion, Charlotte Spalding made the motion that we move the shop to the Greene's. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip on May 20-25 was discussed, Pam and Don Greene were the only members going.

We were reminded about the Yard Sale on Saturday, June 20th at the Greene's (*NOTE: the date has been changed to the following Saturday, June 27th*).

Carole Heslop and Janet Salas volunteered to bring refreshments to the June meeting.

The program for the evening was a game of "ROCKS" with some great prizes.

Thanks go to Charlotte Spalding and Regina Knezevich for bringing the great refreshments.

The meeting ended at 9 pm.

Pam Greene, Acting Secretary



WIRE WRAP CLASS

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009

Come join us for a wire wrap class at the new shop site at the Greene's. We'll show you what tools you need, demonstrate basic wire wrapping techniques, and help you make your first project. The class is free. Bring your own supplies, or we'll have some for sale at the class. If you already know wire wrapping come help us show the beginners, and share your knowledge.



TIPS:

Obsidian Is one of the sharpest cutting blades there is. With all our technology we still use obsidian for optical surgery because we can't make a scalpel as fine or as sharp. Obsidian slivers are almost invisible and can be very difficult to remove. Be careful when handling obsidian.

From Gem Time 5/98., via THE NUGGET 8/99

Clean pyrite with DuPont #7 radiator cleaner at one tablespoon per quart of water. Rinse with dilute ammonia and then clean water. This oxalic acid based product will also clean quartz and other silica.

Serendipity Gems, via The Tumble Rumble 5/2006

UPCOMING MEETING WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2009

The program this month will be presented by Todd Schowalter. Todd will be talking about carving, and show us the various methods, mediums and tools to use. If you've ever wanted to carve, but don't know where to start, looking for a few pointers, or maybe just some new ideas, this should be an interesting meeting for you. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Carole Heslop and Janet Salas.

LAND BILL STATUS

Opposition to Wilderness Bills are now coming from a much wider range of interests.

Outfitters, mountain bikers and equestrians are expressing concerns ranging from loss of access to problems maintaining trails in Wilderness.

Increased opposition is also coming from local governments and state officials.

How you can help:

Send a letter to Congress saying NO TO NREPA.

Here are a few of the bills BRC is watching:

- H.R.1769 & S. 721 -Alpine Lakes Wilderness expansion in the State of Washington
- Mojave Desert Wilderness bill - Senator Feinstein's effort to designate more Wilderness in San Bernardino, Imperial, and Riverside counties
- H.R.192 Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act (CIEDRA) will designate over 3 million acres of additional Wilderness in Idaho
- Montana's Beaverhead-Deerlodge Conservation, Restoration and Stewardship Act, a bill to add an additional half million acres of new Wilderness in Montana
- Legislation to designate Johnson Valley a National Recreation Area (BRC is supporting this one!)
- SUWA's massive Utah Wilderness bill (H.R.1925 and S.799)
- The ongoing county-by-county Wilderness approach currently underway in Nevada, Colorado and Utah

Lack of polish: When you have a cab or flat-lapped rock that cannot be brought up to a good finish, give it several coats of neutral (clear) shoe polish with a good buffing between coats.

from The Boondocker, Via The Pegmatite 9/2002

JUNE 5-7 2009, WOODLAND HILLS, CA
ROCKATOMICS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Pierce College - Victory & Mason

JUNE 6-7 2009, LA HABRA, CA
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM & MINERAL
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

JUNE 13-14 2009, CAYUCOS, CA
SAN LUIS OBISPO GEM & MINERAL CLUB
Cayucos Vets Hall
10 Cayucos Drive

JULY 11-12 2009, CULVER CITY, CA
CULVER CITY ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB
Veterans Memorial Auditorium and Rotunda
4117 Culver Blvd



AUGUST 1-2 2009, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SAN FRANCISCO GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
San Francisco County Fair Building
Ninth Ave. at Lincoln Way

AUGUST 7-9 2009, NIPOMO, CA
ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY
St Joseph's Church
298 S. Thompson Ave.



AUGUST 14-16 2009, TEHACHAPI, CA
TEHACHAPI GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
St Malachy Catholic Church
407 West E. Street



CFMS Field Trip to Himalaya and Oceanview Tourmaline Mines

by Adam Dean and Shep Koss CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs - 2008, 2009

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, **June 6 & 7**

WHERE: The Himalaya and Oceanview Tourmaline Mines

MATERIAL: Tourmaline, aquamarine, kunzite, morganite, quartz crystals, etc.

OVERNIGHTER: This trip is an overnighiter and recommended places to stay are the Lake Henshaw Resort (at the Himalaya site) and the Pala Casino/hotel (near the Oceanview).

FEES: Combined rates for both mines are \$100/person. This is open to the first fifty respondents.

TO SIGN UP: And for further information, please contact: Adam Dean: (909) 489-4899 or e-mail him: theagathunter@verizon.net or Shep Koss: (661) 248-0411 (land line) or e-mail: freudonetoo@yahoo.com

Websites: highdesertgemsandminerals.com & digforgems.com

INTER-FEDERATION CAMPOUT & FIELD TRIP EVENT

Agate Rendezvous 2009

WHEN: August 29th to September 7th

WHERE: Base camp at the Apache Creek Campground near the town of Apache Creek, New Mexico. It is about 117 miles west of Socorro, NM, on NM-12 southwest of the town of Datil, NM

WHAT TO FIND: Agate! Chalcedony, Geodes, Hematite, Jasper, Obsidian, Quartz Crystals ect..

TO SIGN UP Contact: NO LATER THAN AUGUST 24, Yonis Lone Eagle, RMFMS VP at 505-860-2455, rockymountainrockhounds@yahoo.com

BENITOITE GEM MINE IS OPEN!

They have opened a site in Coalinga where you can go and screen your own Benitoite!

Open Saturday & Sundays, 9am sign-in, collecting time 10am to 3pm

Location: 48242 Los Gatos Rd. Coalinga 93210

Price: \$70 per person, kids 12 and under \$20 / Seniors 70 and older \$35 with proof of club membership. Visit website: www.calstategemmine.com or call 559-935-5909 / 559-284-4126



CLUB YARD SALE
SATURDAY, June 27, 2009
Last Saturday of the month
2567 Westminster Ave. Costa Mesa

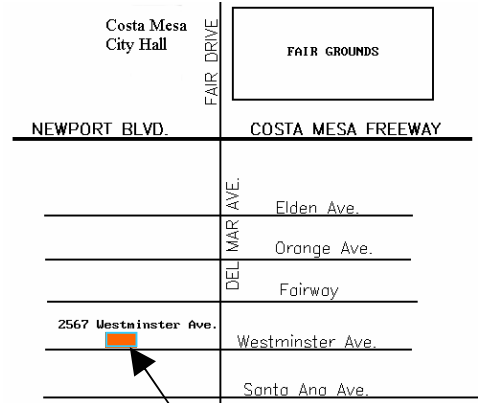
Don't miss this event. This is our biggest fund raiser, and we need your support. Clean out your attics, garages and closets, and bring all those priceless artifacts to the Club Yard Sale. Baked goods and craft items are also a welcome donation.

If you have something you want to sell, but don't want to donate, consider bringing it and donating a percentage of the sale price to the club. (If you do this, you'll need to be responsible for watching those items.)

Come early and plan on spending most of the day, because once you get there you'll have so much fun selling, visiting, looking through all the treasures, and watching the people coming and going that you won't want to leave. We plan to start selling at 7:30 AM and we'll need lots of help setting up before that, so 6:30 AM is not too early to show up. We'll have the coffee ready!

There'll be a potluck lunch after the sale, hot dogs, plates, napkins, cups and tableware provided. Bring a dish or dessert to round it out. The board will meet after lunch.

If you need help getting items to the sale, or if you can't make it, but have items to donate, call Don Greene at (949) 548-0752 to make arrangements.



Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip Report

By Pam Greene

What a great field trip!! Over the six days of the rendezvous more than 70 members showed up from all over. Some came for a day, or for several days, and a few lucky people were there the whole time. We didn't arrive until Friday afternoon, and the field trips had already left for the day, so we spent the afternoon setting up camp - under the trees - next to a stream.

Absolutely BEAUTIFUL!!!



Saturday morning we followed the trip leader to a collecting site and found unbelievable amounts of obsidian. Black obsidian was everywhere, but you had to dig, and hunt for the colored pieces. We found some rainbow, and sheen. We'll be bringing some of our finds to the next club meeting.



Each evening, after the field trips we gathered for knapping, (yes that's knapping with a "K") and some other activity. Friday was a tailgate display, and Saturday was the potluck dinner. After each event there was a drawing for prizes - Don won a beautiful blue obsidian cabochon, and I won a polished (but not cabbed) piece of the same.

Our time was up too soon, and we had to pack up and leave Sunday morning, but we had a wonderful time, and met some really nice rockhounds.

We're hoping to go on more of these field trips, and maybe some SARM members will join us next time.

You'll have a great time!!