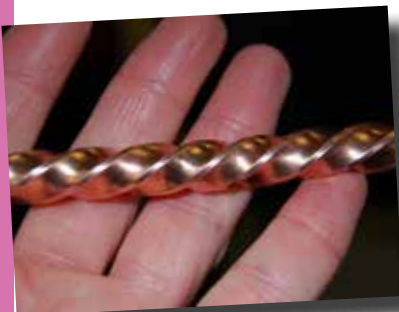


The **CULVER CITY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB**, located in Culver City, California, brings together persons interested in the earth sciences to engage in research and study, to assist members in the collection and preservation of rocks and minerals and in the study of lapidary and related arts.



**RENEW your Club membership for 2018!** Click [here](#) for a downloadable membership form, or attend the next meeting and pick one up.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 @ 7:30 pm SHOW & TELL *and* SILENT AUCTION

February's program will be a member *Show & Tell*, followed by our annual Silent Auction. Club members will be given five minutes each to show and discuss an item(s) from their collection or personal creations. Please send an email to Program Chair Ken Rogers at: [kenrogers4u@juno.com](mailto:kenrogers4u@juno.com) with your name, phone number and describe what you would like to show.

Following Show & Tell we'll have our fun and exciting Silent Auction. The items up for bid may include slabs, rough, specimens, tools, jewelry, jewelry supplies, collecting gear, books and more. It should be an entertaining evening with wonderful bargains and treasures. The items will be displayed and bidders can preview them. When the auction begins, bids can be written on the bidding sheets, or raised from a previous bid. At the end of the auction, there will be a one minute warning, then "all pencils down." No more bidding after the "all pencils down" notice. The last and highest bid gets that item, at that bid price.

The auction will include donations the Club has received over the past year from members and friends. The money raised will support Club activities.

Please donate items to our auction! We request

that each member and guest donate three to six items, such as specimens, slabs, cabochons, tools, jewelry findings, finished jewelry, related books or magazines. All donations are appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Club Shop during Shop hours or to the meeting. Label your donation "*for Silent Auction*" and if possible please identify specimens, slabs or rough. Items brought to the meeting will be auctioned, time permitting, or will be used for our Club summer picnic auction.

Please volunteer to help set-up, tally bid sheets and/or clean up. To volunteer or for help with large donations, please e-mail me at: [kenrogers4u@juno.com](mailto:kenrogers4u@juno.com).

Join us for the fun at 7:30 pm on Mon., Feb. 8, 2018, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Veterans Memorial Building at 4117 Overland Ave. Enter in the rear of the building, off the park.

*Donate your finished jewelry ► to the Club's Silent Auction. It's a worthy cause!*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The primary reason I joined a rock club was to go on field trips and find neat rocks. Others have joined to hear interesting talks each month, to learn how to cut and polish their own lapidary projects or make jewelry in the Club Shop. Our Club has a lot to offer in terms of its meetings, its Shop, its activities, and its library of books & videos.

But the quality and health of any club is based on the contributions and help from its members and the competence and dedication of its leaders. Fortunately, Culver City Rock & Mineral Club is blessed in both these areas.

To get the most out of your experience with the Club, members need to learn about all of its ongoing activities, drop by the Shop to see how stones are cut and what is possible. Moreover, members need to step up and participate - lend a hand with a Club project, offer to help with monthly meetings, join a committee, or help with our annual Fiesta of Gems Show.

A Club like ours is only as good as you make it. I urge you to get involved and help make 2018 a successful year for our Club.

**Brad Smith**  
President

**Mining Supplies & Rock Shop**  
[miningsuppliesandrockshop.com](http://miningsuppliesandrockshop.com)  
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 760-244-9642  
**Wed - Sat 10 am - 4 pm**

Mining Equipment	Classes & Field Trips
Lapidary Equipment	Metal Detectors
Rough Rock & Slabs	Beading Supplies
Fossils	Hand-Made Jewelry
Jewelry Making Supplies	Gifts, Books & Magazines

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## JANUARY'S PROGRAM with Renee Newman



*Photos from January's Program on Pearls.*



## MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings are held the second Monday of every month\* at 7:30 pm, usually in the Multi-Purpose Room\*\* in Veterans Memorial Bldg., 4117 Overland Ave. Enter through the rear door. Guests are welcome. Executive Committee Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room\*\* in the Veterans Memorial Bldg. Club members are welcome.

\*Meeting days occasionally change due to federal holidays or to accommodate the Fiesta of Gems Show.

\*\*Consult the Nugget or the website for occasional location changes



Andrea Stein	Feb 1
Stephan Kunishima	Feb 8
Yvonne Yao	Feb 13
Peter Baram	Feb 14
Lori Ittner	Feb 14
Lynne Lukert	Feb 16
Ken Rogers	Feb 17
Johnny Hjorth	Feb 22
David Eggers	Feb 26
Frank Hollis	Feb 26
Stella Green	Feb 28
Dyana St John	Feb 28

## FIESTA OF GEMS SHOW UPDATE

The Show Committee is eagerly preparing for the Fiesta of Gems Show taking place June 23 & 24! This is an anticipated event not only for Club members, but also the community and vendors!! Our theme this year is Jade.

We'll have over 30 vendors who'll bring us rough slabs, cabochons, beads, finished jewelry, findings, wire, tools and much more. We'll also have workshops, demonstrators, hourly raffles, and a grand prize raffle on Sunday. Entrance and parking are free. More information about our vendors, workshops and demonstrators will be posted on our website under Fiesta of Gems as information is received. Our show is a favorite among vendors and attendees because of YOU! Last year we had a stellar turnout with many first-time visitors discovering our show via social media! This year will be no different.

Like any great production it takes team effort. Here are some areas where you can help to make this another successful Show!

- Distribute show flyers. **YOU CAN PICK THEM UP AT THE SHOP NOW!!!**
- Post information about the Show on social media. Invite your friends to the show. Word of mouth is the BEST advertisement!
- Members will soon receive \$10 in raffle tickets to sell on behalf of the Club. You can purchase them yourself or sell to family and friends. Money and stubs will be collected at the Club meetings. The proceeds from sale of grand prize raffle tickets are donated to a worthy cause. In the past we've donated to the Culver City Schools or the Boy Scouts.
- Donate a piece of finished jewelry or specimen

for the hourly door prize. You can bring them to our Club meeting or drop them off at the Shop. Please make sure your name and what you are donating is clearly labeled so we can keep track of your donation.

- We need donations of plants and jewelry-related magazines for the Show. **STARTING IN MAY:** Magazines can be left at the Shop. Plants can be dropped off on Friday, June 22 at the auditorium.
- If you'd like to showcase your craftsmanship and have your designs in a display case at the Show, contact Steve Dover [skdover@yahoo.com](mailto:skdover@yahoo.com) and put your name on the list!
- Think about which committee and/or areas you'd like to serve: Security, Front Desk (check-in), Kids Corner, Club Desk, Geode Cutting, Magazine Stand, Photography, Plants, Hospitality, or Free Agent who serves where needed.
- We need members with Instagram and Facebook accounts to post pics for us before and during the show! Got a favorite vendor, take a pic and showcase their goods to your social media community! Use #2018FOG (more hashtags to come).
- Help with set-up, loading and unloading, and clean up.

As we get closer to our event, I'll reach out with additional specifics!

Please contact me at the email address below (*use Subject Line: 2018 FOG Volunteer*) and let me know where you can help. Let's make this another great Fiesta of Gems Show for 2018!

**Hellena Jones Elbling**  
Fiesta of Gems Show Chair  
[hellena@creationsbyhellena.com](mailto:hellena@creationsbyhellena.com)



## SHOP INFORMATION

The Shop is open to members in good standing over the age of 18 who sign an indemnification form. Junior members (13 - 18) must be accompanied by an adult. Instruction is available at all sessions. Practice slabs are available.

Location: 10866 Culver Blvd., Culver City (Behind the Boy Scout clubhouse, next to the paddle tennis courts).

**Shop Phone: (310) 836-4611**

**Hours:**

**Tuesday** 7 pm – 9:30 pm - Rick Shaffer

**Wednesday** 10 am – 2 pm - By appointment,  
email: [shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org](mailto:shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org)

**Thursday** 10 am – 2 pm - Brad Smith

**Saturday** Noon – 4 pm - Lynne Lukert

**Sunday** Noon – 4 pm - Jette Sorensen

If no one shows, the Shop may close early. If you plan to arrive more than a half hour after the opening time, phone the instructor at (310) 836-4611.

## THE NUGGET

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. Articles or notes without a byline are written by the Editor. Permission to copy is freely given as long as proper credit is noted.

The Nugget accepts paid advertisements. The cost for an eighth of a page (approx. 2" high x 3.5" wide) is \$7 per insertion, payable in advance. Ad location is at the discretion of the Editor. Ad layouts, copy, or business cards must be received by the 10th of the month.

Send materials to:

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club  
Attention: Editor  
P.O. Box 3324  
Culver City, CA 90231

## UPCOMING 2018 SHOWS

### February 16 - 25: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society  
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival  
82-503 Highway 111  
10 am - 10 pm daily  
Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674  
Email: bert67@verizon.net

### February 17 - 18: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 W 10th St  
10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957  
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com  
Website: [www.antiochlapidaryclub.com](http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com)

### February 24 - 25: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950  
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net  
Website: [www.vjgems.org](http://www.vjgems.org)

### March 2 - 4: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue  
Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Cathy Miller, 510-887-9007  
Email: showchair@mgscv.org  
Website: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

### March 2 - 11, IMPERIAL, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta  
200 East Second Street  
Weekends Noon - 10 pm; Weekdays 4 - 10 pm  
Contact: John Pyle, Jr. (760) 562-3453  
Website: [www.ivgms.org](http://www.ivgms.org)

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### March 3 - 4: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds  
L. A. County Arboretum & Botanical Garden  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
9 am - 4:30 daily  
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624,  
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com  
Website: [www.moroks.com](http://www.moroks.com)

### March 3 - 4: TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona)  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Contact: Nancy Pekarek, (310) 257-8152  
Email: pekareks@hotmail.com  
Website: [southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com](http://southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com)

### March 3 - 4: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbor Blvd.  
Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467  
Email: info@vgms.org  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

### March 9 - 11: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Hwy 15 / Stoddard Wells Road  
9 - 5 daily  
Contact: Brett Ward or Sandy Skidmore (760) 617-6001  
Email: san2744@aol.com  
Website: [www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)

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## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. Due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes from the November meeting will be approved at the February meeting. Eight guests signed in to the January meeting.

Show report – Hellena made a request for jade specimens to be photographed for the Fiesta of Gems postcard.

Silent auction to be held at the February meeting. Rock specimens, tools, equipment and any other rock related donations are needed for the annual silent auction. Please consider donating for this major Club fundraiser. Items can be dropped off at the Shop or brought early to the next meeting.

Treasurer reported that there was a donation from the estate of Fred Reinhorn to the Club.

The LA County Natural History Museum currently has a rock themed exhibit, "Green Diamonds" which runs through April. A field trip is being discussed.

The executive board has open positions: Publications/Newsletter and a Co-Chair for Social. Anyone good with design elements, consider helping with the newsletter and the php list. Position can be done from home via email and phone. Social Chair responsibilities are predominately bringing light refreshments to the meetings. This can be rotated month-to-month with different members willing to help each month.

A discussion was held concerning printing of the newsletter. There are some members who prefer to have the Nugget mailed to them and per the current bylaws, this should be accommodated. It was stated that those members requesting a mailing of the newsletter would be mailed a hard copy. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

## Elected Officers for 2018

President - Brad Smith  
Vice President - Steve Dover  
Treasurer - Darrell Robb (temporary)  
Recording Secretary - Brandon Fleschner  
Corresponding Secretary - Mia Quiles  
Historian - Robert Brownlee  
Parliamentarian - Johnny Hjorth

## Committee Chairs

Education - Alexa Hunter  
Federation Director - Rick Shaffer  
Field Trips - Scott Silver  
Librarian - Andrea Fabian  
Membership - Stephanie Dangott  
Co-Chair - Jan Ferguson  
Minerals Co-Chairs - Eyra Allen-Lucas,  
Krista Sawchuck  
Photography - Pam Leitner  
Programs - Ken Rogers  
Publications Co-Chairs - Barbara Fier,  
Jan Ferguson  
Publicity - Janice Metz  
Show - Hellena Jones-Elbling  
Shop Committee - President,  
Vice President, Shop Instructors  
Social - Vacant  
Co-Chair - Joyce Watanabe  
Sunshine - Felice Ganz  
Trading Post - Gary Mitchell  
Web Master - Jette Sorensen  
Workshops - Brad Smith

## Board of Directors:

2018

Rick Shaffer - Jette Sorensen

2019

Brad Smith - Grace Sato

2020

Ana Maria S Guimaraes - Bruce Mensinger

## JANUARY EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Fran Einberg, Felice Ganz, Hellena Jones-Elbling, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Mary Ellen Shaffer.

Meeting was called to order by President Brad Smith.

Prior year's Treasurer, Fran Einberg, gave a report detailing income and expenses for 2017 with a comparison to 2016.

Fran also reported that a donation check was received from the estate of Fred Reinhorn. Brad will forward a request, to the corresponding secretary, for a letter to be sent to the Reinhorn family thanking them for the generous donation.

Discussion was held on the open positions to be filled for Social and Publication/Newsletter chairs. Brad brought up the issue of how the approximately 60 members who only use the Shop, could be reached to attend meetings, and more importantly volunteer to help the Club.

Discussion was held on a continued printing of the newsletter to a small group of members who would like to continue to receive the Nugget via US Mail. Jette said that this printing would be done via the Publication Committee.

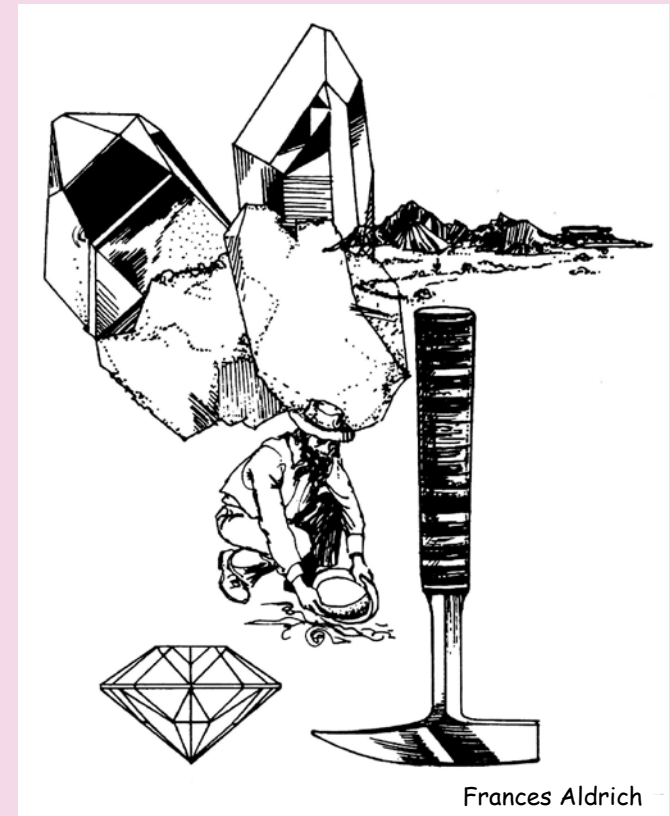
Stephanie, Membership chair, is taking renewals for 2018.

Ken discussed tonight's guest, Renee Newman and also a need for items for the upcoming February silent auction.

Brad stated that he has updated the membership roster through 2017.

Hellena discussed the upcoming meeting dates for the Show Committee to be held at the Scout House on Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10 and April 14.

A written set of procedures for running Club work-



Frances Aldrich

shops that was in effect prior to 2015 was given to each attending executive committee member. Further discussion will be held to accommodate the need for the Club to offer workshops staying within IRS guidelines and the Club's insurance.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

## NEW MEMBERS

Bart Gampe  
Janet Gampe  
Liana Krajnak