



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.



IT'S TIME!

FIESTA OF GEMS: JUNE 23 & 24

As you read this, our Club's Fiesta of Gems Show is only three weeks away. Our big fund-raising event for the year has earned a great reputation among rockhounds and the public because it is so well run. Now in the final stretch before the Show, we need the help of all members to make this year's event successful. Here are several things you can do:

Volunteer to help at the Show. We need lots of people for registration, games, plant sales, grab bags, security, geodes, prizes and Club information table. All we ask of members is a couple hours on Saturday or Sunday. Please call me at the Shop on Thursdays from 10 am – 2 pm, at 310-836-4611 or email me at brad@greenheart.com to sign up for a shift.

Display your collection, your lapidary projects, or your artwork in our display cases. The crowd loves to admire work like this, and everything is secure and under lock and key. Contact Steve Dover via email at skdover@yahoo.com to reserve a case.

We are also looking for people to help with setup on Friday, June 22, beginning at 9 am. Please get in touch if you can lend a hand by emailing me at brad@greenheart.com.

Thanks!

Brad Smith
President

Visitors Welcome!

Geologic Wonders of New Zealand

Monday, June 11, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

When they say "big things come in small packages," they must be referring to New Zealand. Caves, glaciers, volcanos, fiords, deserts, and geothermal features; it would be hard to find so much geologic diversity packed within such a small geographic area anywhere else on this planet.

Join us Monday, June 11 for a visual geologic tour by retired geologists Dick and Mary Pat Weber. They will reveal what they discovered in four weeks exploring the two main islands of this fascinating island nation that packs a big punch, geologically.

Ken Rogers
Program Chair

Culver City Veterans Memorial
Multipurpose Room
4117 Overland Ave.
Culver City

The Multipurpose Room is in
the rear SW corner of the
building, off the park.

FREE admission
FREE parking



Fiesta of Gems Workshops

Workshops are being offered at the Fiesta of Gems. These are open to both members and the public and will fill up fast so sign up now. Click on the links below for descriptions and to sign up:

Saturday, June 23, 10 am – 1:45 pm

Byzantine Chain Bracelet: <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#byzantine>

Members \$50 / Nonmembers \$60 plus \$15 materials
One of the most versatile chains around. We will use pre-made links and magnetic clasp.

Saturday, June 23, 10 am – 1:45 pm

Kitchen Table Metalsmithing - Fusing Argentium Silver Rings <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#rings>

Members \$50 / Nonmembers \$65 plus \$10 materials
Use a butane torch to fuse skinny stack rings, solder a bezel cup onto one then insert a cabochon for your new piece of jewelry.

Saturday, June 23, 2:15 pm – 6 pm

Enameling Basics <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#enameling1>

Members \$50 / Nonmembers \$65 plus \$10 materials
Explore the basics of enameling. Learn how to use a kiln to fire some copper pieces and how glass fuses to metal.

Saturday, June 23, 2:15 pm – 6 pm

Quick and Easy Etching and Faux Patina <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#etching>

Members \$70 / Nonmembers \$80, materials included
Learn how to etch copper or brass with minimum fuss, mess, and equipment. Then give your piece a “faux” green patina that will be easy and durable.

Sunday, June 24, 10 am – 1:15 pm

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Sunday, June 24, 10 am – 1 pm

Crystal Healing Workshop <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#crystal>

Members \$45 / Nonmembers \$55

Learn the healing benefits of crystals and how to use crystals to cleanse and open the Chakras. Make a simple Crystal Grid then cleanse, charge, and program your crystals.

Sunday, June 24, 1:45 pm – 5 pm

Netting Bangle Bracelet <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#bracelet>

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Members \$50 / Nonmembers \$60 plus \$15 materials
Make a beautiful bangle bracelet using the Netting Stitch technique. Choose your own colors by purchasing your own beads or purchase the kit provided.

Sunday, June 24, 1:30 pm – 5 pm

Stone on Stone Pendant <http://culvercityrocks.org/workshops.htm#stone>

Members \$75 / Nonmembers \$85 materials provided
Learn how to drill a cabochon, fabricate a silver bezel, set an accent stone, and combine the two stones using a tube rivet technique. Take home your pendant.



David, Carolyn and son Sam celebrated Mother's Day by creating cabochons at the CCRMC Shop. Lapidary is one of the many activities available to members at the Shop.

A Mother's Day to Remember

When you think about Mother's Day, flowers, dinner out and perhaps a gift automatically pop into your head. Not so for the Armitage family, Mother's Day means going on adventures, and this year it brought them to the CCRMC Shop for their 2018 adventure. We are honored to be now

counted as their latest Mother's Day adventure. Their previous Mother's Day activities include “choc walk,” (visiting all the chocolatiers in Beverly Hills), hiking Anacapa Island (Channel Islands) and flying two-passenger glider planes (Santa Ynez).

David and Carolyn Armitage and son Sam (their daughter couldn't make it) arrived at the Shop around noon on Mother's Day and dove right into sawing, shaping and polishing their first cabochons, ever! When asked what had brought them to the Club, David told me that it was because Carolyn loves stones. It was not until I explained some of the Club's activities that it dawned on Carolyn that she had already marked this year's Fiesta of Gems in her calendar.

They had late lunch reservations at a Playa del Rey restaurant, but since they had such a great time, the reservation was changed to a later time, so they could stay and finish their cabs.

We are looking forward to seeing these, and other new members, at our meetings, in the Shop – and at the Show.

Jette Sorensen
Shop Instructor and Web Master



Birthday

Woody Shaffer	June 1
Janelle Williams	June 3
Ana Maria Guimaraes	June 4
Jan Ferguson	June 5
Carole Zakkour	June 5
Grace Bruno	June 6
Felice Ganz	June 13
Liana C Krajnak	June 14
Chris Avanzato	June 17
Mary Ellen Shaffer	June 21
Alicia Hernandez	June 23
Christian Burke	June 23
Susan C Acosta	June 24
Darrell Robb	June 24
Kevin Greber	June 25

MAY 14 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President Brad Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was made and a quorum was established. One guest was introduced. The April General Meeting minutes were approved as read in the May Nugget.

Several announcements were made:

Fiesta of Gems Show Chair Hellena Jones-Elbling announced that the Show volunteer roster was being kept by Brad Smith and encouraged members to sign up. She informed that four hours of voluntary work at the Show would be awarded four hours of free time at the shop. Hellena also requested a volunteer to take over her duties during the show as she expected to be partially unavailable for personal reasons.

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MAY PROGRAM REPORT



Instead of a presentation, members prepared grab bags and prepped postcards for the Show.

Submitted by
Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes

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Wed - Sat 10 am - 4 pm

Mining Equipment
Lapidary Equipment
Rough Rock & Slabs
Fossils
Jewelry Making Supplies

Classes & Field Trips
Metal Detectors
Beading Supplies
Hand-Made Jewelry
Gifts, Books & Magazines

Saturday, Aug. 18
10 am - 4 pm

SAVE the DATE

**CCRMC
Picnic**



Showcase your work at the Fiesta of Gems Show.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Armitage
Carolyn Armitage
Adella Howerton
Samuel Jergens
Josh Wong
Carole Zakkour

UPCOMING SHOWS

for more Shows go to:
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

June 8 - 10: La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Fri 5 - 8 pm; Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm
www.nocgms.com

June 9 - 10: Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N. Escondido Blvd.
10 am - 5 pm daily
www.palomargem.org

June 9 - 10: Glendora, CA

Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com

August 3 - 5: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, (805) 481-0923
www.omsinc.org

August 4 - 5: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
www.sfgemshow.org

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Jette Sorensen indicated volunteers were needed to run various tasks of the Show and that donations for hourly prizes were needed.

Brad Smith encouraged members to buy and sell raffle tickets. He noted the prizes were of excellent quality and that proceeds were used to support local organizations.

Hellena reminded members that Lorraine Murphy needed small pots for the plants and would need help taking the plants from her house over to the Show.

Hellena indicated she had made a request to the Culver City High School for students needing community service hours to help set up the Show on Friday.

Jette Sorensen informed Barbara Fier had created the newspaper ad for the Show, to be published in the LA Times and The Argonaut.

Steve Dover informed that only one display case remained available for the Show.

Darrell Robb indicated raffle tickets had been mailed and that more were available for purchase.

Janice Metz asked for volunteers to take photos and videos during the Show and post them on social media. She also provided an overview of all the demonstrations and workshops taking place at the show and indicated they were listed on the Club's website.

Ken Rogers informed the next program would be a geological tour of New Zealand.

Ken Rogers indicated the Club's yard sale had been successful and thanked those who helped run it and those who attended it.

Gary Mitchell informed the trading post would be held that evening.

Felice Ganz reminded members to inform her of anyone who could benefit from a cheerful card.

Jette Sorensen reminded members to open the attached Nugget in the Club's monthly email message, so that she can confirm receipt.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by

Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes

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. Ads, 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

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 Club House, 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
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.

MAY 14 EXECUTIVE MEETING

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Felice Ganz, DJ Gervais, Alexa Hunter, Janice Metz, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Mary Ellen Shaffer, Rick Shaffer, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Joyce Watanabe, Janelle Williams.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Smith at 6:41 pm.

Treasurer Darrell Robb informed the Club was solvent and that the last deposit for the show had been made.

Federation Chair Rick Shaffer informed the 2019 Federation show will take place in Pasadena. A discussion followed about the Club hosting the show in the future; Brad Smith informed the Club is not able to host, due to limited space.

Rick Shaffer also informed that Boy Scout Troop 113 will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Culver City High School. A motion was approved for the Club to buy 20 tickets and donate them to the Senior Center.

Membership Chair Stephanie Dangott informed she had badges for new members to pick up. Jette Sorensen informed the Club has about 110 members.

Education Chair Alexa Hunter informed she had made a presentation at the Audubon Middle School for autistic children. The 8th grade children were given crystals and decorated a bird house.

Program Chair Ken Rogers informed the next program would be a geological tour of New Zealand. Brad Smith committed to providing Ken with a list of past speakers.

Publicity Chair Janice Metz informed that all major communication activities for the Show had been completed, and that announcements would be published every week until the Show. She added that hashtags had been created for people to tweet about the Show.

Sunshine Chair Felice Ganz indicated no one had requested cards to be sent.

DJ Gervais and Janelle Williams noted they are re-

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twitter.com/culvercityrocks

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/CCRMC/info>

ceiving payments from the Show vendors, per schedule. They informed one of the usual vendors would not be participating; instead a meteorite vendor would participate.

Membership Chair Stephanie Dangott informed she would set up a Club Membership table at the show. Darrell Robb committed to providing Brad Smith with the Club's PayPal account information, which can be used for payment of membership fees at the Show.

The April Executive Meeting minutes were approved as read in the May Nugget.

Membership Chair Stephanie Dangott informed she had followed up with Club members who had not renewed their membership to understand their reasons.

Publicity Chair Janice Metz asked that the show registration form be edited to include more selections in the section where attendees indicate how they learned about the show.

Web Master Jette Sorensen committed to creating a central repository for digital copies of all the Club's documents and forms.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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Elected Officers for 2018

President - Brad Smith

Vice President - Steve Dover

Treasurer - Darrell Robb (temporary)

Recording Secretary - Vacant

Corresponding Secretary - Mia Quiles

Historian - Robert Brownlee

Parliamentarian - Johnny Hjorth

Committee Chairs

Education - Alexa Hunter

Federation Director - Rick Shaffer

Field Trips - Eyra Allen-Lucas

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

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Ana Maria S Guimaraes - Bruce Mensinger