



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.



FIESTA OF GEMS 2019 JUNE 28, 29 and 30

Members, we need your help. Included in this newsletter is a sign up sheet for this year's Fiesta of Gems. Set-up for Friday, show workers for Saturday and Sunday and break down after the show on Sunday. It is important for the Club to have enough members to staff the various functions of each year's show. If you haven't already done so at a meeting, please fill this form out and either bring to the March 11 meeting, bring to the shop, mail to the Club's PO Box or scan and email to effieacct@att.net. You can also bring it directly to my house by camel if this is more convenient. Up to you.

Your Club depends on the income the show generates each year. It contributes to the cost of insurance, the newsletter, the meetings and the various expenses that pop up from time to time. Please give your Club a few hours of your time on Friday, Saturday or Sunday for this annual event.

Franne Einberg
Show Chair

FEBRUARY 11 PROGRAM REPORT

A silent auction was held with a variety of rock and mineral specimens, jewelry, tools, books and various other items auctioned.

Submitted by **Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes**

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 @ 7:30 pm CHASING COLOR: MINING BOULDER OPAL IN AUSTRALIA

During their year-long "walkabout," Geologists Dick and Mary Pat Weber visited most of the opal mining districts in Australia. On this "walkabout" trip, the Webers put 143,000 km on a brand new Toyota Camry.

Their favorite area was the boulder opal deposits in the channel country of Queensland. The miners there live under primitive and hazardous conditions in a remote area of the Outback, where there are more snakes, lizards, and kangaroos than people.

Unique to the region, this opal is found in massive ironstone concretions of the Cretaceous age. Through the generosity of their friends at Broken River Mining, join us and learn how this material is mined and processed to bring the world's most beautiful opal to market.

Dick and Mary Pat Weber are retired exploration geologists who have worked and traveled extensively throughout North America,

Australia and New Zealand. During these travels they have been granted special access to many mines, mineral deposits, and unique geologic areas.

Along with active participation in local gem & mineral clubs, they have been avid agate and mineral collectors for more than 20 years.

Ken Rogers
Programs Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With spring just around the corner, it's a good time to get out for a short drive to a couple of great rock shows. The Ventura club is holding theirs at the showgrounds on March 2 & 3 from 10 am - 5 pm, and near the end of the month the South Bay Club will be having their show from 10 am - 5 pm on March 30 & 31 at the Torrance Recreation Center.

For those a little more adventurous, my favorite coming up this month is the Stoddard Wells Tailgate outside of Victorville. This year's show is the week-end of March 8, 9 and 10. It's a couple hours drive but well worth it. Set up your own table to sell at no charge, try a couple field trips to nearby sites, and camp over in RV's or tents and get to know some of the other rockhounds. More details and some good directions are given on the Victor Valley Club website. Check out these and other shows in March below.

Brad Smith
President



UPCOMING SHOWS

for more Shows go to:

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

March 1, 2 & 3: NEWARK, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Beth Farmer, (510)-731-8664
Email: bethfarmer@aol.com
Website: mgscv.org

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March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: vgms.org

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VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

57th Annual
**Gem,
Mineral,
Fossil &
Lapidary
Show**

FREE Admission

Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM • Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM • vgms.org

March 2 & 3, 2019

Gems & Minerals • Fossils • Exhibits • Dealers
Kids' Activities • Demonstrations • Silent Auctions
Raffle Prizes • Jewelry • Country Store • Plant Sale

Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA 93001



Happy Birthday!

Jenny Babcock 3/5
Bruce Stambaugh 3/8
Chris Golden 3/9
Yolanda Lumel 3/9
Grace Sato 3/9
Raquel Valles 3/9
Mark Whitmore 3/21
Mia Quiles 3/21
Karen Wallen 3/21
Bruce Mensinger 3/23
Carol Amouraben 3/26
Pam Leitner 3/28

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The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Brad Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made and a quorum was established. Guests and new members were introduced.

The following reports were provided:

- Brad Smith announced the Costa Mesa Gem Faire would take place on February 22-24. He also reminded that the California Federation show would take place in Pomona on March 8-10 and asked that members attending the show volunteer to spend time at the Club's table.
 - Brad Smith informed flyers announcing the Fiesta of Gems were available for members to distribute. He reminded that the Club Bylaws require members to volunteer for the show and asked members to volunteer 2 hours of their time.
 - Ken Rogers informed the Bead Bazaar was coming up in April and that Club members wearing their badge had free admission.
 - Ken Rogers announced the March program would be a presentation about boulder opals in Australia by Dick and Mary Pat Weber.
 - Brad Smith reminded that membership renewals were due by the March meeting.
 - Brad Smith explained the rules of the silent auction that would take place that evening.
 - The January General Meeting minutes were approved as read in the February Nugget.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

SHOP REPORT

FINAL POLISH WHEELS

When using the final polish leather wheels on the arbors in the front of the shop, only polish pieces with rounded corners and edges. We just had yet another skin torn by someone attempting to polish a piece with sharp corners. The leather skins we use are expensive, so if we in the future find that a member damaged a skin by having sharp edges or corners on their piece, we will ask that member to reimburse the Club for the cost of a new skin.



Sharp corners tore the leather skin on this final polish wheel

TRIM SAWS

Trim saws should not be used for thick stones that easily can be cut in one of the bigger saws. The blades in the trim saws are much thinner than those in the 16" and 18" saws and will be "used up" much faster if used for large pieces. The largest size should not be more than a closed fist.

Robert Brownlee not only changed the faceplate on the number 1 trim saw (closest to the main room,) he also changed the oil feed to go directly into the bottom chamber where it wets the blade and like the smaller number 2 saw, does not have any adjustment for oil flow. Before you start any of the three trim saws, look at the oil level in the bucket with the pumps (between the trim saws and 18" saw, closest to the wall.) If the pumps are not covered with oil, more must be added.

GENERAL NOTES

Remember to clean the equipment you have been using when you are done.

If you want to see if an instructor is available for Wednesday, send an email to shop-avail-appoint@culvercityrocks.org no later than Tuesday evening at 8 pm - and Vern or I will reply.

Submitted on behalf of the Shop Committee
Jette Sorensen



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.

UPCOMING SHOWS continued from page 2

March 8, 9 & 10: VICTORVILLE, CA
Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Stoddard Wells Tailgate
Stoddard Wells Road off Dale Evans Pkwy
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: Sandy Skidmore, (760) 617-6001
Email: info@vvgmc.org
Website: vvgmc.org

March 9 - 10: SPRECKELS, CA
Salinas Rock and Gem Society
Spreckel's Veteran's Memorial Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Kirk Brock, (831) 402-1143
Email: jademan@hotmail.com
Website: salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com

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March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 484-4416
Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 16 - 17: LEMOORE, CA
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Dave Morrell, (559) 362-8904
Email: dmorrell321@gmail.com
Website: lemooregemandmineralclub.wordpress.com

March 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, (408) 629-5735
Email: sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: scvgms.org

March 23 - 24: ANGELS CAMP, CA
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Robin Williams (209)-728-8277
Email: robinski@yahoo.com
Website: calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 23 - 24: ROSEVILLE, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (off Washington)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: James Hutchings, (916) 995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: rockrollers.com

March 30 - 31: TORRANCE, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Kathy Polliard, (310) 533-4931
Email: kjpolliard@yahoo.com
Website: southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lydia Paul

Linda Tindwell

FEBRUARY 11 EXECUTIVE MEETING

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Felice Ganz, Alexa Hunter, Hellena Jones Elbling, Sabrina Keep, Janice Metz, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, and Ana Strambi Guimaraes

Meeting called to order by President Brad Smith at 7:18 pm.

The January Executive Meeting Minutes were approved as read in the February Nugget.

The following reports were made -

- Brad Smith reminded that the California Federation show would be in Pasadena and that the Club would be represented. He brought postcards advertising the show for distribution, along with postcards for the Costa Mesa Gem Faire.

- Sabrina Keep requested that a Thank You letter be sent to an individual who had recently donated stones to the club. Alexa Hunter committed to sending it.

- Alexa Hunter informed she would be making a presentation at Farragut Elementary.

- Hellena Jones Elbling informed show-related activities were on schedule.

- Jette Sorensen confirmed she would set up

a group email for the show committee.

- Stephanie Dangott indicated membership renewals were progressing well and new members had joined. She informed new badges had been ordered but were taking a while to get ready.

- Darrell Robb informed the Club was solvent and reported recent CD earnings.

- Ken Rogers informed that the March program would be a lecture on boulder opals by the Webers.

A discussion followed about the rules for the workshops and as to whether non-member attendees needed to become members in order to participate. Brad Smith committed to calling the insurance company to clarify the Club's liability regarding non-member participants.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Submitted by

Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

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:

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Attention: Editor
P.O. Box 3324
Culver City, CA 90231

Elected Officers for 2019

President - Brad Smith

Vice President - Steve Dover

Treasurer - Darrell Robb

Recording Secretary - Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes

Corresponding Secretary - Vacant

Historian - Vacant

Parliamentarian - Vacant

Committee Chairs

Education - Alexa Hunter

Federation Director - Rick Shaffer

Field Trips Chair - Devon Lloyd

Librarian - Andrea Fabian

Membership - Stephanie Dangott

Membership Co-Chair - Jan Ferguson

Minerals Co-Chairs:

Eyra Allen-Lucas and Devon Lloyd

Photography - Pam Leitner

Programs - Ken Rogers

Publications Co-Chairs:

Barbara Fier / Jan Ferguson / Andrea Fabian

Publicity - Janice Metz

Show - Franne Einberg

Shop Committee - President,

Vice President, Shop Instructors

Social Co-Chairs:

Joyce Watanabe and Laura Seffer

Sunshine - Felice Ganz

Trading Post - Gary Mitchell

Web Master - Jette Sorensen

Workshops - Brad Smith

Board of Directors:

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Brad Smith - Grace Sato

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Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes

Bruce Mensinger

FIESTA OF GEMS SIGN UP!

CCRMC relies on the annual show for over 50% of its budget. We need all members to help out during the 3 day period for set up, show and break down. The following lists the different types of help the show needs. Please give us a few hours of your time during this 3 day event.

Name: _____

Set Up	June 28	10-2 _____	2-6 _____
Security	June 29	9-12 _____	12-3 _____ 3-6 _____
	June 30	9-12 _____	12-3 _____ 3-6 _____
Plant Tables	June 29	10-1 _____	1-3 _____ 3-6 _____
	June 30	10-1 _____	1-3 _____ 3-5 _____
Food	June 29	10-2 _____	2-6 _____
	June 30	10-2 _____	2-5 _____
Door Greeters	June 29	10-2 _____	2-6 _____
	June 30	10-2 _____	2-6 _____
Raffle Tickets	June 29	10-2 _____	2-6 _____
	June 30	10-1 _____	1-4 _____
Club Desk	June 29	10-1 _____	1-4 _____ 4-6 _____
	June 30	10-1 _____	1-5 _____
Geodes	June 29	10-12 _____	12-2 _____ 2-5 _____
	June 30	10-12 _____	12-2 _____ 2-4 _____
Kiddie Tables	June 29	10-1 _____	1-3 _____ 3-6 _____
	June 30	10-1 _____	1-3 _____ 3-5 _____
Breakdown	June 30	5-7pm _____	_____