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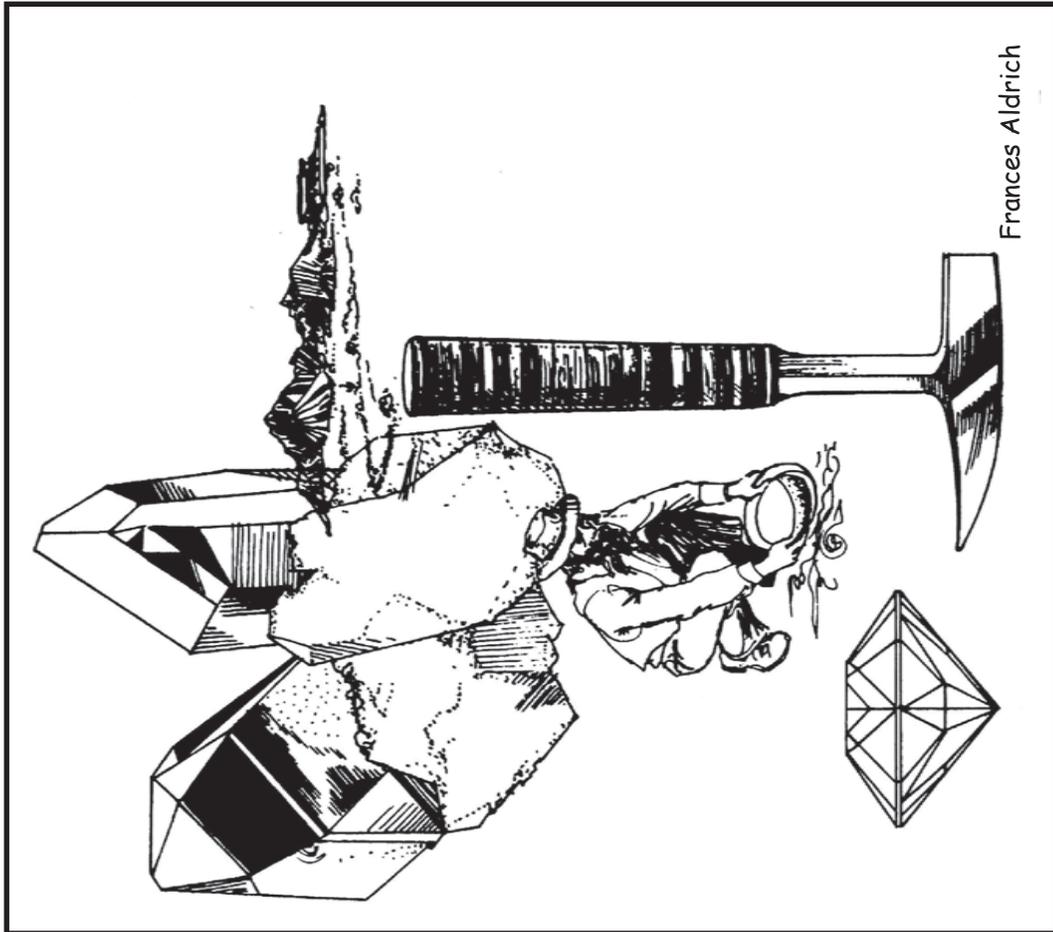
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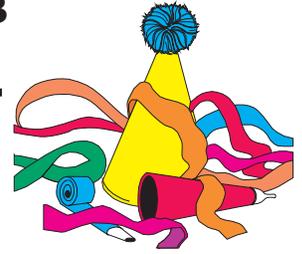
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January 2010

Monday, January 11, 2010 6:30 pm Executive Meeting

7:30 pm General Meeting and Program: "50 Unusual Things in the Mojave Desert"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

As the New Year begins, here's wishing good luck and even better health to all our members and their families.

I know all of the members who were able to make the December meeting and Holiday party had a great time. The food was excellent, the company grand, the music superb and fun and games were had by all. I would like to thank Sue Acosta and all her helpers for another great party. And thanks to John Riordan for his generosity with this candy number game and prizes, thanks John.

Returning this year you'll find an enclosed envelope for your 2010 dues. Please use it to return you dues as well as filling out all the necessary information asked for on the envelope. There will be discussions the first two months of the year to finalize a new club badge. We're aiming to have the badges in time for the Fiesta of Gems show in July.

Please check the field trip article, as I believe Quartzsite is on the agenda for January. Hopefully you'll get a chance to meet use out there, as there are lots of things to see, do and buy. This is one destination that the club used to always make.

The club made a \$250 donation to the Senior Center (our city sponsor) for their annual holiday food drive. The club has always tried to help our sponsor at this time of year, and this year it was needed more than ever.

There's no real news from the city on our shop except that the city counsel has taken the first step in allowing city employees to begin negotiations with us in regards to the two sites. Again, more to follow on this subject.

Again, Happy New Year and best wishes for 2010 to all.

Rick Shaffer

Your 2010 Dues envelope is enclosed in this issue.

Please Support Your Club and Return Promptly.

Thank you for your membership!

JANUARY PROGRAM

50 Unusual Things in the Mojave Desert
January 11, 2010

The speakers for our January 11 program come to us from the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) Podium People. Tony and Sandie Fender are both past presidents of the Pasadena Lapidary Society. They are both teachers and enjoy spending as much time as possible in the Mojave Desert. The program they will bring to us is titled "50 Unusual Things in the Mojave Desert."

The presentation by the Fenders will bring to life their experiences in their quest to find the sites from Bill Mann's first book "*Bill Mann's Guide to 50 Interesting and Mysterious Sites in the Mojave Desert.*"

When they are not doing lapidary work, silver-smithing, glass fusing or attending gem & mineral shows throughout the state, Tony and Sandie are usually hiding out in the wide-open spaces of the Mojave.

Ellen Moe

Program Chair

SAVE THE DATE
Fiesta of Gems Show
July 10 & 11, 2010

**DECEMBER PROGRAM
December 13, 2009**

A rather sedate White Elephant gift exchange occurred (Lynne, where were you?). The entertainment part of the program was holiday music presented by Bill Sinclair on keyboard and Tina Latora singing. It was very enjoyable especially when members embarrassed themselves by soloing. There was also a sing along included. Many thanks go to Lili Gelberg for obtaining the room and the entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Acosta
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MTG
December 13, 2009**

After a delicious potluck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by president Rick Shaffer. The minutes were approved as published in the Nugget.

The membership envelopes will be in the January Nugget.

Rick read a letter from the Senior Center, which sponsors the Club, asking for a donation for their holiday food drive. It was moved and seconded that we contribute \$250. It passed.

The new roster was passed out. Extra copies will be available at the Shop for members to pick up. He also had some information on Quartzite.

Gary Mitchell Field Trip Chair announced a field trip to Quartzite for Club members. More details will be available in the *Nugget*.

The winner of the candy filled stein contest sponsored by John Riordon was Ingrid Russ who won the \$100 bill.

The officers for 2010 were duly installed and the requisite photos were taken by Sylvia Binkley, photography co-chair and others. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Acosta
Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MTG
December 13, 2009**

There was no Executive Committee meeting this month.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas! I'd also like to wish all a very joyous and prosperous New Year!

How time flies! It seems like only yesterday that I was paying my membership dues to Leda. Well, that happy event is now here again! This year the club has included an envelope for your convenience. So please send in your dues as soon as possible along with the membership application.

We want to get the roster printed and available by the April meeting. In order for that to happen, I will need to have your dues in by the close of the Club's March meeting, which is March 8. I will still accept dues after that date, but your name and information will not be included in the 2010 club roster. You may also bring in your dues and application to the club meetings, which are always the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

If you know of others who might enjoy belonging to our club, give them our club web address, which is: www.culvercityrocks.org and let them see how fun it would be to join our club!

Well, that's it for this month. Hope to see everyone at the next Club meeting January 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Grace Sato
Membership Chair



▲ Karaoke singing at the Holiday Party brought out the best in our Club singers!

SHOP REPORT: Shop Status Update

CCR&MC and the Boy Scouts want to renovate the deteriorated roof of our shared, City-owned building, known as the Boy Scout Shack and Lapidary Shop. We have been meeting with City employees for over a year with the intent to bring this about. All our prior meetings with City employees have been information, not action oriented. At the most recent meeting the Assistant City Manager indicated that the next step would be presentation of our proposal in a closed session City Council meeting. Before any formal work by City departments can proceed the Council must give its approval. We have been waiting for our proposal to be presented to the City Council by the City Manager.

This meeting has taken place. The City Council

directed the City employees to go ahead. Now the City departments are funded to work on our proposal and can proceed to determine what work is to be done, draw-up contracts, and prepare any other agreements need. Because of the great expense of the roof replacement and other necessary work we are trying to negotiate a long lease.

Bruce Mensinger
Shop Chairman



SHOP REPORT: Library Report

The Club lending library, located at the Lapidary Shop, is available to all members whenever the shop is open. You can come to browse, to look-up some specific topic, or to check-out material.

The library consists of over 450 books, VHS tapes, and current and back-issues of lapidary magazines. All material relates to lapidary, rock-hounding, minerals, collecting, gems, and other related subjects likely to interest club members.

To borrow library material, enter your selections and personal data in the Library Data Book, one line per item. Yes, this is primitive and tedious, but also temporary. My plans for the future include software database record keeping. Library materials circulate for one month, renewal for one additional month if no one else has requested it.

Come in and check it out!

Bruce Mensinger
Librarian

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Ryan, Jan 15

Shirley Hanf, Jan 20

Flint Smith, Jan 22

Evelyn McKernan, Jan 25



▲ Don't even think about taking that White Elephant gift away from her!

UPCOMING SHOWS

Quartzsite Chamber of Commerce - 928-927-5600
<http://www.quartzsitetourism.us/>

January 1 - 10, 2010, Quartzsite, AZ

Tyson Wells Rock/Gem/Mineral Show
South-West Corner of I-10 Freeway and Highway 95
<http://www.tysonwells.com/rockshow.html>

January 1 - February 28, 2010, Quartzsite, AZ

Desert Gardens International Rock, Gem & Mineral Show
928-927-6361 www.desertgardensrvpark.net
dggemshow@ureach.com

January 9 - 24, 2010, Quartzsite, AZ

The Main Event; General swapmeeting/rocks/gems/arts/crafts/Hit & Miss Engine Show/food concessions
928-927-5213 or mainevent@raz.net

January 16-17 2010, Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exter Memorial Bldg.
420 N Kaweah (Hwy 65), Exter
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842
Don Vieira (559) 733-7739
Webpage: tulegem.org

January 20 - 24, 2010, Quartzsite, AZ

Pow Wow

January 27 - 31, 2010, Quartzsite, AZ
Hobby, Craft & Gem Show, Quartzsite, AZ
800-969-5464 or www.quartzsiterivshow.com

February 11-14, 2010, Tucson, AZ

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™
Tucson Convention Center
Hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat; 10 am - 6 pm, Sun, 10 am - 5 pm
For information call the Tucson Convention Center Ticket Office at 520-321-1000.
Website: <http://www.tgms.org/showinfo.htm>

February 12-21, 2010, Indio, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 26-27 2010, Northridge, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Club
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.)
Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. -9:30 p.m. - Sat. 10-5
Julie Marin (818) 886-7190
Website: <http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

The purpose of the CULVER CITY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB is to bring together persons interested in the earth sciences, to engage in research and study in this realm, and to assist members in the collection and preservation of rocks and minerals and in the study of lapidary and related arts.....<http://www.culvercityrocks.org>

Officers for 2010

President - Rick Shaffer
Vice President - Steve Dover
Treasurer - Mary Ellen Shaffer
Recording Secretary - Sue Acosta
Corresponding Secretary - Leda Rogers
Federation Director - Anthony Ferrari
Field Trips - Gary Mitchell
 Co-chair - Open
Historian - Bruce Mensinger
Librarian - Bruce Mensinger
Membership - Grace Sato
 Co-chair - Grace Sato
Minerals - Nic Panagos
Parliamentarian - Ed Montgomery
Photography - Co-chair - Sylvia Binkley
 Co-chair - Leda Rogers
Programs - Ellen Moe
Publications - Lynne Lukert
 Co-chair - Barbara Fier
Publicity - Sylvia Binkley
Shop - Bruce Mensinger
Show - Robert Thirlaway
Social - Sue Acosta
Sunshine - Lili Gelberg
Trading Post - Steve Dover
Web Master - Anthony Ferrari
Workshops - Yolanda Lumel

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bruce Mensinger (2010)
 Ellen Moe (2010)

Anthony Ferrari (2011)
 Leda Rogers (2011)

MEETING SCHEDULES

General Meetings are held the second Monday of every month* at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Veterans Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave. Enter from the rear door. Guests are always welcome.

Executive Committee Meetings are held the second Monday of every month* in a meeting room behind the Veterans Auditorium. All club members are welcome.

*Meeting days occasionally change due to Monday holidays or in July due to the Fiesta of Gems Show (July 10 & 11, 2010).

DUES & FEES

One time Initiation Fees:

Individuals	\$20.00
2 Persons/Same Address	\$25.00
Juniors	\$15.00

Yearly Membership Dues:

Individuals	\$25.00
2 Persons/Same Address	\$35.00
Juniors	\$10.00

(After July 1, dues are \$15.00, \$25.00 and \$5.00 respectively.)

SHOP INFORMATION

The shop is open to all members in good standing over the age of 13 (13-18 have certain restrictions) who sign an indemnification form. Instruction is available at all sessions. Practice slabs are available.

Location: 10866 Culver Blvd. in Culver City (behind the Boy Scout clubhouse and next to the paddle tennis courts)

Shop Phone: (310) 836-4611

Hours:

Tuesday	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Mensinger
Wednesday	10 am - 2 pm	Vern Lowe - <i>by appointment</i>
Thursday	10 am - 2 pm	Woody Shaffer
Saturday	Noon - 4 pm	Lynne Lukert
Sunday	1 pm - 4 pm	Bruce Mensinger

If no one shows, the shop may close early. If you plan to arrive at the shop more than a half hour after the opening time, phone the instructor.

The Nugget

The deadline for all submissions is generally the 15th of every month. All articles or notes without a byline are written by the Editor. Permission to copy is freely given as long as proper credit is noted.

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