
CULVER CITY ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB
P.O. BOX 3324 Culver City, Ca 90231



April 2009

Monday, April 13, 2009 6:30 pm Executive Meeting
7:30 pm General Meeting and Program: *Intarsia with Dennis Batt*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is a curious time for our club. The Culver City Parks, Recreation and Services Dept. is currently working a (new to us) Master Plan for the Veterans Memorial Park and the lands and buildings associated with it. This plan started in 2007, but did not come to our attention until just recently.

On March 12 there was a meeting held at Veterans Auditorium Complex, at which the community was able to see the third installment of the Master Plan. For those in attendance (with over a dozen CCRMC members) we were able to see not only the third installment but also the first and second renditions of the plan. These three plans were drawn up by an outside consultant firm Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, Inc. (MIC) and were formed based on input from several community gatherings, individual conversations with citizens, and qusai-focus groups. In the first renditions the Boy Scout Shack and our workshop/annex is shown and identified. On the third it was not. Somewhere within the Parks Department, the consultant, or community groups the Scout Shack and Shop were replaced by other features. At this point in time there are no answers forthcoming about how this happened, and I will try to gain insight into how this happened during the coming weeks.

During the meeting there were ample questions from many members representing the Boy Scouts Troop 113 and our club members who attended that night. Unfortunately, there were one or more verbal outburst that were hostile in their context. The lack of a Scout Shack and our workshop is NOT what we want to see, but that said, we need to make sure the club is on the city's radar, and I mean this in a good way, a non-belligerent way, showing the city what an asset we are to the city and the community. Also every club member must remember that our shop sits on city property, we pay no rent, we have made only one upgrade to the property (Bruce Mensinger may know better on this) in all the years I've been with the club, and as such our shop exists at the whim of the city.

There will be a meeting in the City Council Chambers on April 7 to have all three proposals submitted to the Parks Commission. What will transpire at this meeting is anyone's guess, but we need to be represented at this and every other meeting on this subject.

There a many groups which mean to have their voices heard and their views known, and we need to join in any and all conversations about this topic with the city. What I'm proposing at this time is a joint meeting of the Executive Board and any interested members at a common location at which we can engage in a rational discussion of the facts and to formulate a plan as to the direction the CLUB should take. I will make it my highest priority to bring this meeting and hopefully a second together prior to the April 7th meeting with the city. The last thing we want is for individuals to be running around, representing the club without the consensus of the officers or our members.

Lastly, as quoted by the city, this may be a 20-year vision. This means that without sufficient funds nothing may happen, or more likely, the whole process may be accomplished in a piecemeal fashion spread out over decades. More to follow ...

Rick Shaffer
President

Message to Club concerning Senate Bill S.R. 22 "Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009."

After passing the Senate, this bill was in the House of Representatives, and going to a vote this winter. The bill had many qualities, but for rock hounds it had ingredients which were hard to take.

Without explaining the bill in detail I'll just informing our members that per the Washington watch group Govtrack. us, the bill was voted on in the House of Representatives, and did not attain a two thirds majority, so the bill has been described as DEAD as of March 11, 2009.

There may be similar bills in the future which we should be on the lookout for, but for now we've gotten a reprieve. Good rock hunting to all, and Tread Lightly on our public lands.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MTG
March 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Rick Shaffer who led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum being established, the minutes in the Nugget were approved as corrected, the name of the School being St. Mark's.

Old business: None

New business: Show Report - Ellen Moe, Field Trip chair, mentioned the CFMS show the weekend after Easter in San Jose. The Club will have a showcase with exhibits of the members' projects. Field trip information is available. The Club will be going to Apache Canyon March 28 & 29 for turquoise. It will be a camping trip. All future trips will require signing the CFMS waiver.

Membership: Leda Roger reminded all that dues are due this month. Anthony Ferrari Webmaster said application forms are now available online to be downloaded, filled out and brought to a meeting. Guests were introduced: Charlene, Fred and Stella Krieger, & Ron. The committee on badges was announced and participation was requested. Steve Dover and Minda Moe volunteered.

Education: Dolores Dace Chair reported on her presentation to 4th graders at St. Mark's school.

Minerals: Ken Rogers Chair asked for suggestions for future articles.

President Rick Shaffer said we have the small and large Gem Show posters now available for distribution. Volunteers were asked to polish rocks for the Show grab bags since the price has gone way up. There were two volunteers, Wilbert and Max Hippensteel. The Show needs more volunteers. It was suggested the Club help Boy Scouts working on badges in earth sciences, since we share the building. It was also suggested that we donate \$600 for field trip buses to selected schools.

Board of Directors: Leda Rogers and Anthony Ferrari were elected to the Board.

A barbecue for members to be held at the Shop and in conjunction with refurbishing efforts was suggested. There will be a Trading Post tonight after the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Acosta
Recording Secretary

**APRIL PROGRAM
April 13, 2009 7:30 pm**

Our April 13 meeting will feature a visit from an expert and artist who specializes in the fine art of Intarsia. Dennis Batt will bring a Powerpoint presentation showing the work of different Intarsia artists – including that of the Grundke clan and his own pieces.

Intarsia is using selected pieces of various gemstones as color or texture components to render a complete pictorial presentation. Pictures made of gemstones can make your jaw drop and your mouth water; the vibrancy of the colors is intense.

Dennis is also the guest curator of a first-ever U.S. exhibition exclusively for American Intarsia. It is currently running at the Oceanside Museum of Art until May 1. (Oceanside, Calif.) No one should miss this! Rocks at their maximum best as revealed in superb close-up photography! See ya there.

Edgar
Program Chair

FIELD TRIPS

There are some great shows coming up so check out the listings under our Show Report on the next page. There are also some great field trips planned as follows:

April 25, 2009 Jalama Beach with the Conejo/Oxnard/Ventura Clubs For information e-mail Robert Sankovich at rmsorca@adelphia.net.

We had a field trip there in December and have another chance to find those elusive fish and plant fossils.

A Sunday, date-to-be-determined: Sierra Pelona Travertine Onyx claim near Boron. Please e-mail me at hmcx2@aol.com if you are interested (especially if you have a specific Sunday you would prefer. There will be a CFMS trip to this location in May or June but we can arrange a separate, smaller club trip before that if there is interest.

Attention: Help Needed! Whenever you are out in the field please gather a dozen or so nugget samples (about 1 inch cubes) for our Club's Rock & Mineral Kits for kids. Our members take these to schools and give them to the children as part of our educational and community outreach efforts. We also use them as giveaway prizes for kids at the Fiesta of Gems Show.

We are always looking for the next great field trip, so let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions to share.

Ellen Moe
Field Trip Chair

APRIL SHOWS

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MARCH 9, 2009

April 3 - 5 2009, Bakersfield, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South P. Street
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Lew Helfrich (661) 323-2663/cell (661) 378-4450, email: lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

April 3 - 5 2009, Vista, CA

San Diego Co. Council of G&M Societies
The Tractor Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave. & Museum Way
Hours: Fri. Noon-5; Sat. & Sun. 9-5
Contact: Ray Pearce (760) 7570
Email: raysrocks@cox.net

April 4 - 5: Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Highway 49
Hours: Sat.10-6; Sun.10-4
Diane Vereschagin, email: mineralmuseum@sti.net
Website: www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/events.html

April 11 - 12 2009, Paradise, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Paradise Elks Lodge, 6309 Clark Road
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Carol Eggleston (530) 343-0894 or (530) 321-6941
Email: cjeggy@chico.com
Website: www.goldnuggetwebs.com/PGMC

April 17, 18, 19, 2009, San Jose, CA

54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's Showcase
Host: Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Email: info@scvgms.org Website: www.scvgms.org

April 18 - 19 2009, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Lancaster High School, 44701-32nd St. West
Hours: 9-5 daily
Vivian Watts (760) 373-1309, vivea22@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com.av.gem

April 25 - 26 2009, Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Center St. & Church
Hours: 10-5 daily
Don Welder (408) 353-2675
Email: wdeanweder@yahoo.com
Website: www.scmgs.org/newsite/shows/index.html

Those present: Rick and Mary Ellen Shaffer, Dolores Dace, Leda Rogers, Bruce Mensinger, Steve Dover, Grace Sato, Lynne Lukert, Ellen Moe, Ken Rogers, Sylvia Binkley, Anthony Ferrari, Sue Acosta

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Rick Shaffer. The minutes were approved as corrected - St. Mark's School not St. Margaret. It was brought up that for field trips we need to get signed waiver forms if we are involved in any way, plus a sign up sheet of those going. The turquoise mine trip has been changed to March 27-29. We also need to be sensitive about members' data and disseminate it carefully. However for club purposes we do need accurate and complete information for internal matters only. Barbara Fier will do the Nugget this month but do send a copy to Lynne Lukert.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ellen Shaffer said Audit was perfect. Unfortunately our investments lost value like the rest of the country. We are still solvent.

Fiesta of Gems Show: In Robert Thirlaway's absence, Rick Shaffer said we need to make a \$3,000 rental deposit now with the balance due in June.

Education: We did not donate last year. The matter was tabled.

Membership: Leda Rogers Co-Chair said we need badges. There was discussion about having a permanent one with yearly membership cards. Types of badges were discussed. A committee was formed of Leda Rogers, Sue Acosta, Mary Ellen Shaffer and Dolores Dace to come up with a proposal to present to the Club for approval.

Steve Dover announced there would be a Trading Post tonight featuring jade objects to coordinate with the program. Items were turned in to Ellen Moe for the CFMS show case display.

The Culver City Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. We will have representation by Rick Shaffer and Bruce Mensinger. Anyone else is invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Acosta
Recording Secretary

MINERAL REPORT

Quartz...SiO₂. It's on the front of our website. Often overlooked for its value in the world today, one may pass over it every time they walk on a beach, drive through a desert, or hike through the mountains. It is one of the most common minerals on the planet and is used in solar panels, radio transistors, computer chips, watches and clocks, sandpaper, and in making glass. Some of the gems people enjoy and use in jewelry that come from quartz are Citrine, Amethyst, Smokey Quartz, and many agates, including carnelian. They are used in rings, earrings, pendants, bracelets, bow ties, belt buckles, and just about any type of jewelry art one can imagine.

So much can be written about quartz. So today we'll stick to some of the things I've learned in twenty years of interest.

The SiO₂ molecule is tetrahedral in shape. It forms a typical quartz crystal that has six sides, each offset 60 degrees from the other (360 degrees equals a circle). The points on the crystals are usually formed at 37 to 42 degrees from the sides. The mineral has no line of cleavage, that means when you break it, it looks more like an irregular break, much like a glass chip, but it is not amorphous like glass is, it is crystalline. The bond in the molecule makes it a strong mineral with a hardness of 7 on the Mohs scale allowing us to use it in sandpaper, because it works to break down many surfaces, and its abundance makes it practical for this use.

However, the kind we need for computers and electronics is optical, meaning flawless, and that is not so abundant. That is why industry has perfected the ability to grow it in labs in Silicon Valley and Russia for example for computer uses. They use large hollow cylinders, about twenty feet high, that can produce intense heat and pressure within. They start the crystal by providing a 'seed' for SiO₂ molecules to combine with. The seeds can be as thin as a few millimeters and made of natural or already grown lab quartz. They are placed around the walls inside of the cylinder and broken 'non-optical' abundant quartz is placed at the bottom. As the heated solution moves within the chamber, the broken down mineral from beneath makes its way to the sides and begins combining with the seeds. Within a few months, crystals that weigh over ten pounds and are over a foot long can grow. They can even grow it into a shape that will be the most conducive for machining into a computer chip instead of the typical six-sided crystal.

There are two ways quartz crystals can grow and form in nature, geothermal, and hydro-thermal. Hydro-thermal quartz is found in areas where there are usually silicon rich clays and hydro-thermal vents within the earth's crust that push up mineral rich water through fissures and fractures and the SiO₂ molecules bond together within them in this solution. They are mostly found in Arkansas, but if one examines the soils found around the Lemurian Mine in Brazil, they seem to have similar makings.

Geothermal formed quartz crystals are formed from a process of cooling of the earth's magma, deep within the earth. Gas bubbles in huge magma chambers beneath the earth's crust form pockets trapped within the intense heat and pressure from the weight of the crust. As the molten magma cools (this can take hundreds of thousands of years) the SiO₂ molecules within the gas pockets keep attaching to each other and some of the most beautiful crystals are formed this way. The slower the area cools, the larger the crystals can grow. These are classically found in great abundance in Brazil, but are also found in many other parts of the world including California.

Quartz has been used throughout time as a tool in ancient civilizations by village shamans and priests. It has emerged as a spiritual tool for many new age thinkers in the last century. Marcel Vogel, a scientific researcher for IBM studied its physio electric qualities and further researched its effects as a tool for healing. The Vogel crystal emerged from his research.

As we can see, much can be said about the inventive and numerous properties of quartz. It is certainly an amazing mineral with many uses and perhaps more to come.

Nic Panagos
Mineral Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have had lots of members renew their membership last month. I thank those who have gotten their dues in so far. If you have not sent in your dues for this year please do so at your earliest convenience. Send to:

Leda Rogers
317 N Orlando Ave
Los Angeles CA 90048

Welcome to our new members; Mattie Thompson and Delores Penton.

That's all for now.

Leda Rogers
Membership Chairperson

MARCH PROGRAM FEATURED JADE

The March 9 program on Jade was presented by Fred Ward and his wife Charlotte Ward.

There are two forms of jade: jadeite and nephrite. Jadeite has intense colors, is glossy, has a hardness of 6.5 to 7 and is crystalline. It is composed of a silicate of sodium and aluminum.

Nephrite is tough, interwoven and resists breaking. It is composed of a silicate of sodium and magnesium. Jade is found all over the world including the west coasts of Canada and the US, mainly nephrite.

Two pre-historic sites exist: the Swiss Alps 3500-1800BC where both types were found; and China 1100-770 BC and 475 - 221 BC where nephrite was first used for weapons and tools and later became an object of reverence. There were jade burial suits - the Emperor's was tied with gold wire. In Mexico, jadeite was used for funerary masks. A dragon pendant c. 1027-770BC was shown as were horse carvings of nephrite from the Ming and Sung dynasties. White jadeite was reserved for royalty. The Boston Museum has a great collection. Nephrite was found in Western China, Khotan, not in a mine but in the conjunction of two rivers where it was washed down in the spring and collected by hand - it was white and black. Fred Ward bought a carved prize winning Fu Dog carved in a workshop in modern times.

Up to 1784 AD nephrite ruled. However in 1784 jadeite arrived from Burma and became the "Stone of Heaven". It was green and mauve and brighter than nephrite. Around 1000-600 BC in Meso-America, the Olmecs, Mayas, and Aztecs used jadeite from Guatemala for tools, weapons and ritual items, jewelry and other objects. Examples shown were: Tikal funeral mask AD 527, Teotihuacan AD600-800 - Aztec rabbit and inlaid teeth, Zapotec mosaic mask. Also there were gods incised on axes and blades from Costa Rica 300BC - AD 500. Guatemala jadeite, rather granular, comes in a wide range of colors. The "galactid Gold" form is a black jadeite with a mixture of minerals - gold, silver, cadmium, nickel, platinum and pyrite.

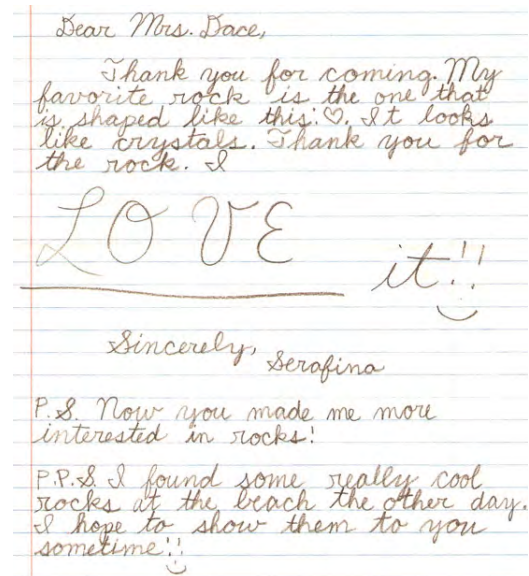
In New Zealand, Maoris made nephrite "hei-tikis" talismans and was clubs. There is a group of modern Maori carvers. In Canada Kirk Makepeace mines more jade in British Columbia than anyone else in the world. He found an

18 ton boulder called "Polar Pride". It is the brightest, hardest, and greenest form. A nephrite Buddha was cut from a 70,000 lb. boulder and is in a temple in Bangkok. Russian jade has different colors and has small black spot. Cowell, Australia has the best black jade, 9 percent iron, with a red rind and deep black interior.

The Wards showed photos of a huge mechanized mine and also mentioned a website that shares information: friendsofjade.com.

It was an entertaining and informative presentation. Respectfully submitted,

Sue Acosta
Recording Secretary



Dear Mrs. Dace,

Thank you for coming. My favorite rock is the one that is shaped like this. It looks like crystals. Thank you for the rock. I

LOVE it!!

Sincerely, Serafina

P.S. Now you made me more interested in rocks!

P.P.S. I found some really cool rocks at the beach the other day. I hope to show them to you sometime!!

▲ Fourth-grade students from Mrs. Soto Campos' class at St. Mark's School in Venice wrote letters thanking Education Liaison Delores Dace for her recent presentation on rocks

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Dennis Chavez	April 4
Rick Shaffer	April 8
Frederick Reinhorn	April 13
Ilene Siegel	April 20
Kisa Sato	April 23

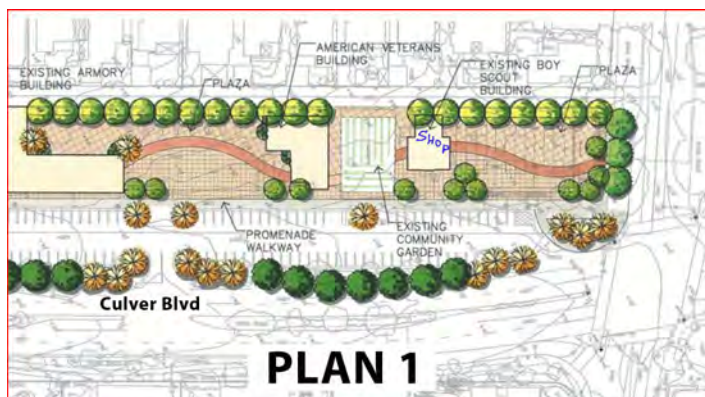
SHOP REPORT: LAPIDARY SHOP REMAINS ON ENDANGERED LIST

On Wednesday, March 11 the Culver City Parks & Recreation Department held a community meeting to show the latest (third) version of proposed/possible changes to the Veteran's Park and adjacent City land. The City owned building we use for our Lapidary Shop and our storage sheds are located on this adjacent land. We were represented by about 15 members (about one-quarter of all attendees) including several officers and directors of CCR&MC. I thank all of you who were able to attend this meeting and speak-up for our Club and our interest in being able to continue using the present building for our Shop.

At the meeting we learned or had confirmed that the City is considering demolishing the City owned building we presently use as our Lapidary Shop, that no plans were in place to replace it, and that the Lease Agreement the Boy Scouts had with the city, which includes and allows us to use the Shop building and land adjacent, is lapsed. This means we no longer have a contract covering our use of the Shop building and land.

The Conceptual Plans

Plan #1 retained our Shop and the Boy Scout Shack; Plans #2 and #3 eliminated it. You can view these plans and download PDF files of them. The Conceptual Plans may be viewed in the display case adjacent to the Recreation Registration Office at the Veterans' Memorial Building or by visiting the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Plan-It Culver City page on the City website at <http://www.culvercity.org/articles/articles.asp?id=320&sec=>. Comments on the Veterans' Memorial Park Conceptual Plans may be submitted via email on this same web page or at PRCS.Department@Culver-City.org. If you choose to comment please keep your



remarks constructive, positive and based on true facts.

At the meeting, reaction to the Conceptual Plans was spirited and mostly negative by attendees, most of whom were adversely affected by the changes to the areas or facilities they use. At one point a 'show of hands' was requested by an attendee of all those who 'preferred that the Park and adjacent land remain as it is today.' Nearly everyone present raised his or her hand. Nevertheless, the Plans will be incorporated into a detailed proposal (described as an approximately 250 page book) and sent to the City Planning Commission. This Proposal covers much more than just the Veteran's Park and adjacent City land. We will have an opportunity to review this document when it is made available by the City. We will be able to make comments (limited to three minutes, as I understand it now) at a Planning Commission Meeting on April 7.

What We Are Doing

As I write this report (March 18) meetings are being scheduled to plan procedures addressing how to represent our Club's interests and concerns to the City and to do so in a coordinated, positive and constructive way. Over the years we have had a good relationship with the City; we wish for it to continue and will work toward this outcome.

We will remind City officials that we have long been an asset to Culver City. We donate cash, materials and/or provide free speakers to its schools, libraries, Senior Center and other charitable or civic organizations; we bring people (who shop, dine, and directly or indirectly, pay tax in the City) with events such as our Fiesta of

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Gems and users of the Shop; we run Youth programs, help with Boy Scout Merit Badge activity, and more. The City has no cost associated with Lapidary Shop use or maintenance; the Boy Scouts and our Club have done it all under the now-lapsed Contract.

We will work to establish a new Lease Contract that is the same as or similar to the old Contract, or for some other workable arrangement that allows us to continue to bring the benefits to ourselves and to the City that have existed over the years.

What You Can Do To Help

- Keep informed. For example, go to the Culver City web site and learn what you can; we need our ideas and actions to be based on true facts.
- Send us your thoughts and ideas. When the officers of the Club meet, we need to know what direction the rest of the members want to go. More ideas make for better chances for good plans and actions.
- Attend meetings if you can.
- Avoid emotional or threatening reactions to the City the Media (including newspapers, radio and TV, Blogs and email campaigns) or to the creation or spread of rumors.
- Remain optimistic. Good ideas resulting in sound plans and actions come from believing that the future can be every bit as good, or better, than what went before.

So far, none of the losses (exception: the lease contract really has lapsed) has yet occurred. There are still things we can do to avert this impending loss to us and to Culver City.

Bruce Mensinger
Shop Chairman



48th ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS SHOW

As the days grow longer, time grows closer to our Annual Fiesta of Gems Show. We are looking forward to a great show with premium vendors bringing great treasures for the collector, jewelry maker, and lover of nature's beauty. As Chairman of the Show, I know this can be a financially stressful time, some of us may lose our source of income, you may know someone who needs help now. I understand discretionary income is limited and purchases are scrutinized using need vs. want. I'm asking you to look into your ability to donate time to assist with the show – keeping in mind the vendors have the same stress and this is how they support themselves and their families.

In addition I would like everyone to think about requesting a display case and show off the items you have created or collected. I would like all of the display cases filled with CCRMC member treasures. By displaying your treasures you may give Fiesta of Gems visitors inspiration for a possible source of income or hobby, the gift of hope is powerful. The Display Case Request forms will be available at the Club Meetings until our last meeting in June before the show in July. Even if you only have a couple of items to display please fill out the form and indicate you would like to share display case space.

I'm also looking for ideas on how to expose our Club to the public at the show. This should be our biggest and best recruitment event of the year. I would like to collect photos and stories that we can display to entice visitors to join our club. The focus on this and future shows will be the Club, Members, and Events that make our club great. The days grow longer, time grows closer this is the year we come together to donate, display and create hope for our fellow citizens as we go forward into a better world.

Peace.

Robert Thirlaway
Fiesta of Gems Show Chair

Save the Date
48th Annual Fiesta of Gems Show
July 11 & 12, 2009

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 2009

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Vice President - Steve Dover
Treasurer - Mary Ellen Shaffer
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Social Activities - Sue Acosta
Sunshine - Lili Gelberg
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Web Master - Anthony Ferrari
Workshop - Brad Smith
Workshop Coordinator - Open

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dolores Dace (2009)
 Bruce Mensinger (2010)
 Ellen Moe (2010)

MEETING SCHEDULES

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

Executive Committee Meetings are held the first 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 & 12, 2009).

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, (ages 13-18 have 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.

The *Nugget* accepts paid advertisements by club members and non-members. 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 directly to Lynne Lukert, Editor, 513 1/2 N. Norton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004



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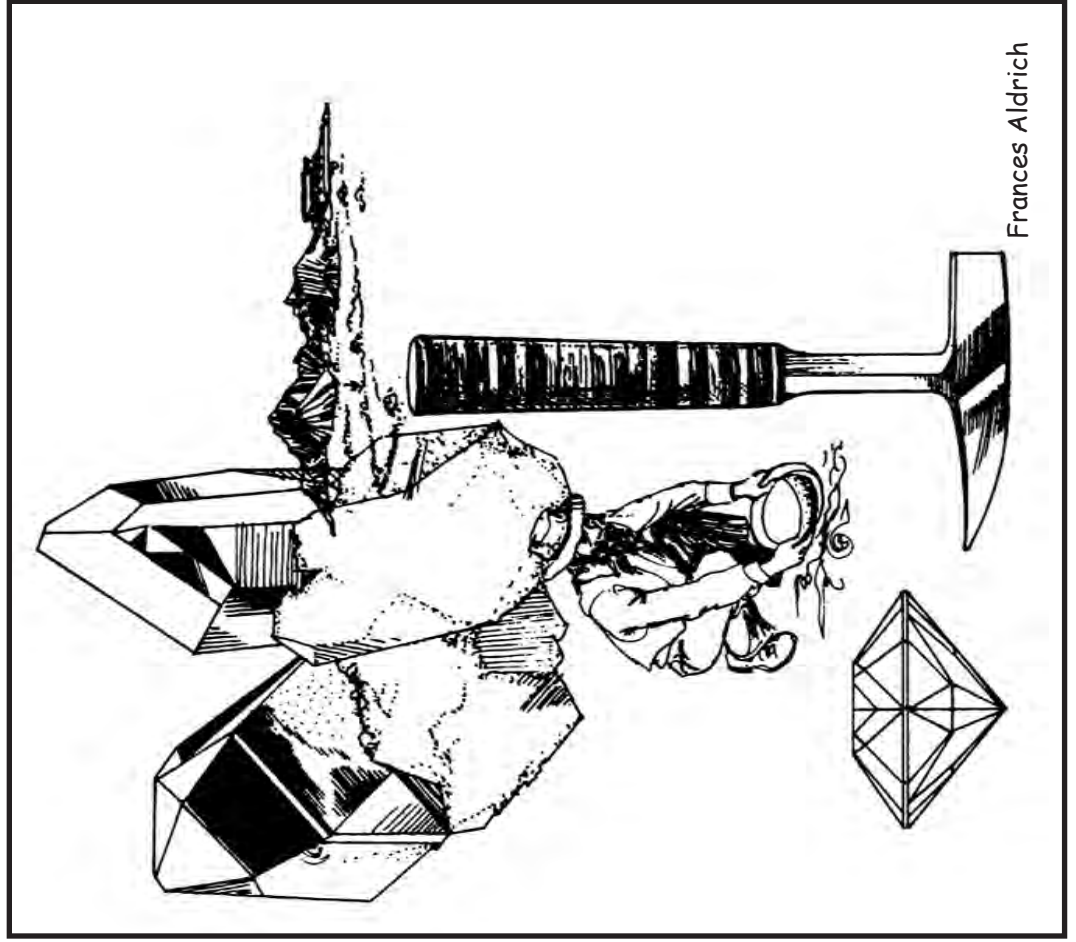
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