



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.



JANUARY 14 PROGRAM REPORT

Daniel Ballard from Precious Metals West discussed how changes in regulations, computer-aided design (CAD) and modern metallurgy and machinery together provide for a unique opportunity to make better jewelry.

Unusual gems, shapes and colors are no longer obstacles to produce a piece of jewelry. Downtown LA offers a concentration of expert service providers that can take a project from concept to production efficiently. There one can easily find CAD, rapid prototype, finishing, assembling, and shipping service providers.

Daniel discussed how changes in the FTC rules favor the use of unique, nontraditional metals. The old rules considered only 10, 14 and 18 karat as legitimate gold; other karats were not acceptable. New rules accept any karat as legitimate gold, making room for atypical alloys to be considered precious metals and to be openly disclosed. For example, electrum is a new metal made of copper, silver, gold and other proprietary materials. At 12 karats, it costs \$720/oz, compared to 14 karat gold at \$750/oz and platinum at \$800/oz. Daniel pointed out that the demographics were changing in Downtown LA, with more people with disposable income coming in, and those taking advantage of the available technology and expertise early on, while still affordable and accessible, would be in a better position to fully benefit from this opportunity.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 @ 7:30 pm MEMBER'S SHOW & TELL *and* SILENT AUCTION

February's program will be a member Show & Tell, followed by a Silent Auction.

Club members will have five minutes each to show and discuss an item(s) from their collection or creations. Please send an email to Program Chair Ken Rogers at: kenrogers4u@juno.com with your name, phone and description of what you would like to show.

Afterward, we'll have our fun and exciting member **Silent Auction**.

Items up for bid may include slabs, rough, specimens,

tools, jewelry, jewelry supplies, collecting gear, books and more. Items will be displayed for preview. When the auction begins, bids can be written on the bidding sheets, or raised from a previous bid. The auction will end after a one-minute warning. Bidding ends after the "all pencils

down" notice. The last and highest bid gets that item, at that price.

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

Please donate items to our auction! We request that each member 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 identify specimens. 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, please email: kenrogers4u@juno.com.

Join us for the fun at 7:30 pm on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Veterans Memorial Building at 4117 Overland Ave. Enter in the rear of the building, off the park.

Ken Rogers
Programs Chair



Sample alloys displayed by Daniel Ballard of Precious Metals West.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In last month's Nugget, I asked for ideas and suggestions we could work on to improve our Club this year. Some of the ideas raised include:

- More 'How-To' Workshops;
- Museum Visits;
- Show-and-Tell Programs at our monthly meetings; and
- Rock and Mineral Identification Programs.

We discussed these ideas at the Executive meeting and decided to try a show-and-tell program at our April meeting and a rock identification program at our July meeting.

For those who haven't been to the Club's Shop in a while, you'll be pleasantly surprised by some of the changes and new equipment. We have great facilities for working on lapidary, jewelry and general metalworking.

The Shop is open five times a week including two week-days, one evening session, and both weekend days. The schedule is on our website. Shop instructors are glad to show you the basics of using each piece of equipment, there's plenty of raw material to practice on, and our Club library at the Shop has detailed books and videos for free checkout.

Join us this month for our meeting on February 11 and stop by the Shop to work on your projects!

Brad Smith
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Christina L. Arnold
Serena Chang
Patricia (Pat) Feinberg
Veronique Gautherot
Marva Gilbert
Michial Smith

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Festivities included installation of Officers and Chairpersons at the Annual Holiday Party in December.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all the people who made the Holiday Party a huge success!

Thanks to John Riordan for his generous donations to the raffle. Lucky winners are always thankful for this unexpected windfall!

Thanks to Grace Sato, Joyce Watanabe, Mary Ellen and

Rick Shaffer, Darrell Robb and Ana Maria Guimaraes for all the help in setting up and cleaning after the Holiday Party.

There were many others who pitched in to help and we appreciate the energy and fun that you all brought to the party!

UPCOMING SHOWS

for more Shows go to:

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

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Contact: Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net
10 am - 10 pm daily

February 16 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
10 am - 5 pm daily
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 23 - 24: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
10 am - 5 pm daily
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 1, 2 & 3: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue
Contact: Beth Farmer, (510) 731-8664
Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbor Blvd.
Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467 email: info@vgms.org
Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm
Website: www.vgms.org

JANUARY 14 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Brad Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made and a quorum was established.

Two guests were introduced.

The following reports were provided:

- Brad Smith informed that the 2019 Fiesta of Gems flyers were available for members to distribute to friends and family and given to vendors for distribution.

Brad Smith announced that the February meeting program would be a silent auction. Donations should be dropped off at the Shop or brought to the meeting.

- Ken Rogers informed the March meeting program would be a new lecture about opals by the Webers.

- Brad Smith requested suggestions about activities on which the Club should focus in 2019; members could call or email him.

- Rick Shaffer informed that details on the upcoming Federation show were available in The Nugget.

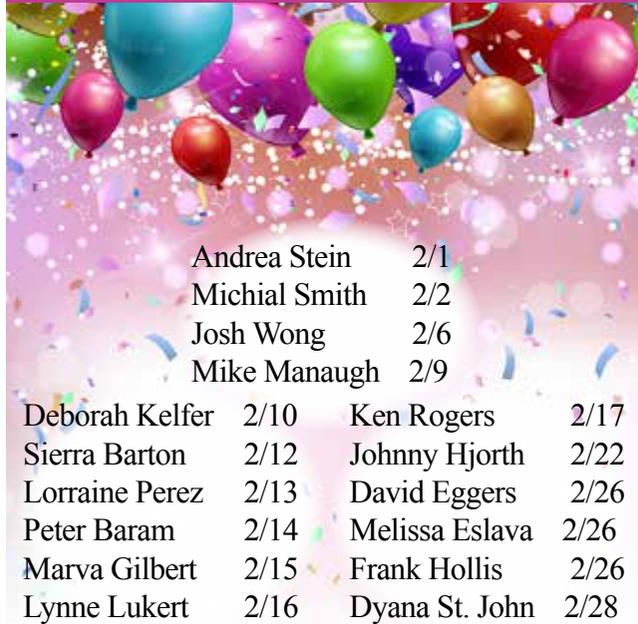
- Brad Smith informed that the 2019 membership renewal was due by the March meeting. He asked members to fill out the membership form with any information that needed to be updated. Brad reminded members that the Club Bylaws had changed and now required members to donate four hours of their time to the Show and that volunteer sign-up sheets were available.

- Steve Dover announced that the Shop had a new 24-inch saw.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Andrea Stein	2/1		
Michial Smith	2/2		
Josh Wong	2/6		
Mike Manaugh	2/9		
Deborah Kelfer	2/10	Ken Rogers	2/17
Sierra Barton	2/12	Johnny Hjorth	2/22
Lorraine Perez	2/13	David Eggers	2/26
Peter Baram	2/14	Melissa Eslava	2/26
Marva Gilbert	2/15	Frank Hollis	2/26
Lynne Lukert	2/16	Dyana St. John	2/28

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.)

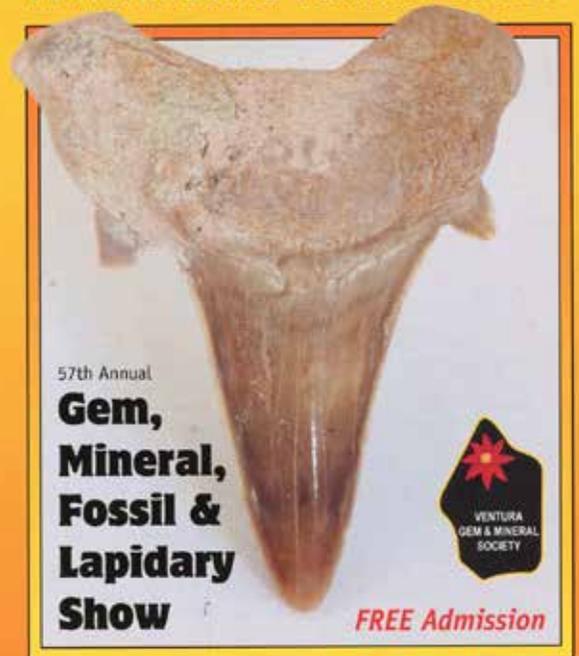
Shop Phone: (310) 836-4611

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.

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

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Alexa Hunter, Sabrina Keep, Janice Metz, Ken Rogers, Mary Ellen Shaffer, Rick Shaffer, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Smith at 6:45 pm.

2019 Fiesta of Gems Show - Brad Smith informed that the Show flyers were ready to be distributed.

Vacant Positions - Brad Smith indicated that the Historian, Parliamentarian and Corresponding Secretary positions were vacant.

Membership Report - Jette Sorensen reminded that the new membership form requires members to volunteer in the Club's activities. She indicated a sign-up sheet for this year's Show was already available at the Shop.

Program Report - Ken Rogers reported that the February program would be the Silent Auction and he and Steve Dover were to be contacted for donations. A discussion followed about means to keep donated items safeguarded at the Shop until the event. Ken indicated that the March program would be a new lecture on opals by the Webers.

Correspondence - Mary Ellen indicated a thank you letter should be sent to John Riordan. Alexa Hunter volunteered to send the letter as the Corresponding Secretary position was vacant.

Federation Report - Rich Shaffer indicated the Federation show would take place in Pomona and that display cases were available to member clubs.

New Business

- Brad Smith requested suggestions about activities on which the Club should focus in 2019. The following suggestions were made: workshops, museum visits, show-and-tell programs, rock and

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



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Bart and Janet Gampe welcomed their first little bundle of joy in the early morning of January 29. Her name is Ruby.



mineral identification programs. It was decided that a show-and-tell program would take place at the April meeting and a rock identification program would take place at the July meeting.

- Shop related items were discussed: Jette Sorensen indicated several Shop supplies need replenishment. Steve Dover mentioned that a rain gutter needs to be built in front of the Shop. Rick Shaffer indicated bids needed to be obtained for the restroom door and the front door. There was a discussion about acquiring new telephone equipment as the current one was not working properly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

Elected Officers for 2018

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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