



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 is this month! What You Can Do to Help NOW:

- Volunteer your time by filling out the sign-up sheet at the end of this newsletter and emailing it to: [effieacct@att.net](mailto:effieacct@att.net). Help is especially needed on Sunday, June 30.
- Bake (or buy) 3-4 dozen cookies and deliver them on June 26 or 27, between 8 am and 9 pm, to: Adrienne Louie, 3200 Cheviot Vista Pl. #8, LA 90034 –OR– drop them off before 2 pm on Friday June 28 in the kitchen at the Auditorium. After 2 pm we'll need your help to assemble cookie plates for our vendors.
- Bring your donated books, DVDs, and magazines to the Shop before June 27 or to the Auditorium on Friday, June 28.
- Donate specimens, luxury cars, or finished jewelry for the hourly door prize.
- Donate plants, pots, and soil. Bring them to Friday set-up or Saturday morning before 10 am. Help is needed to transport plants as well.
- Sell raffle tickets. Members will receive \$10 in raffle tickets to sell on behalf of the Club. Proceeds are donated to local nonprofits.



*All of our members are needed to volunteer a few hours of their time. The Shop will be closed the entire weekend for the Show as this is our principal fundraiser and we need to ensure its success. Our sales tables - plants, kids table, grab bags and books table enable your Club to keep yearly dues at the same level year after year. But we can't do this without your support. Please choose an area to volunteer some of your time, Friday, Saturday or especially Sunday and support your Club! If you have any questions, please email [effieacct@att.net](mailto:effieacct@att.net).*

### Learn How to Live Stream!

**Serve as a Roving Reporter on Facebook and Instagram Live during our Fiesta of Gems Show**

No experience needed; we'll train you to:

- Live stream vendors
- Live stream demonstrations and workshops
- Live stream exhibits
- Live stream geode cutting
- Live stream interesting stories.

Great opportunity to add to your résumé!

Contact Janice Metz at [Jenft4@gmail.com](mailto:Jenft4@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The quality and health of any club is built on the energy of its leaders and the contributions of its members. CCRMC is surely blessed in both these areas.

In a few weeks we'll be putting on our 58th Fiesta of Gems show, and we'll need all hands onboard to make it successful.

You can help in a number of ways:

- Bring in sale plants to the Shop or to the Show
- Donate magazines for sale at the Show
- Bake some cookies as thanks to our vendors
- Buy extra raffle tickets and sell to friends

And by all means, plan to spend some time at the Show after you finish doing your couple hours of volunteer work. There will be 35 great vendor booths to browse for items to complete your next project, seven demonstrators of interesting skills to watch, and 20 display cases full of spectacular craftsmanship and interesting collections put together by other Club members.

Be sure to wear your badge at the Show.

See you there.

**Brad Smith**  
President



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## MAY 13 PROGRAM: FIESTA of GEMS WORK PARTY



## JUNE 10 PROGRAM: "OPALS 101"

Join us on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm, for a presentation by Pete Goetz, who has been president of The American Opal Society for 15+ years. He has been a member of the Society and an opal cutter for over 22 years and once had a garnet mine on the border of San Diego and Imperial County.

The program will feature an overall look at opals, including: what is opal; how opal forms, and why; types of opals; structure of opal; colors of opal; colorful fire in precious opal, and its causes; and common and precious opal.

Plus we'll hear about where to find opal bearing rock; opal mining techniques; cutting opal; buying rough and finished opals; and marketing opals.

Pete holds master's degrees in structural geomorphology and geology from San Diego State University and has taught chemistry and physics in the Anaheim Union High School district for some 20 years.

Pete will bring a display of various types of opal.

**WHEN:** Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium in the MultiPurpose Room\*  
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA  
(@ Culver Blvd)

**ADMISSION:** FREE, be our guest

**PARKING:** FREE in the parking lot and on the street.

\* The MultiPurpose Room is at the SW corner of the building, just off of the rear parking lot.

**Ken Rogers**  
Program Chair

**SAVE the DATE**  
**CCRMC Members'**  
**Annual**  
**SUMMER PICNIC**  
**August 17**



**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](mailto: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.

**MEMBERS' SALE! MAY 25**

Here are a few photos from the successful Members' Sale held at the Shop. Hope you were there for all the bargains!



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Janelle Williams	6/3
Ana Maria Guimaraes	6/4
Jan Ferguson	6/5
Adrienne Louie	6/5
Carole Zakkour	6/5
Grace Bruno	6/6
Scott Hale	6/11
Felice Ganz	6/13
Patricia Nomura-Feinberg	6/19
Mary Ellen Shaffer	6/21
Susan Acosta	6/24
Darrell Robb	6/24
Kevin Greber	6/25



## MAY 13 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President Brad Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made. A quorum was not established, so the April General Meeting Minutes could not be approved.

The following announcements were made:

-Brad Smith announced there would be a Members' Sale on May 25 from 9 am to 2 pm at the shop. Members could bring minerals, gem stones and equipment to sell or trade.

-Brad Smith announced Anderson Plywood is organizing an Old Tools Sale on May 18 from 6 am to Noon.

-The following requests and announcements were made by various members regarding the upcoming Fiesta of Gems:

- Eight workshops were scheduled.

- Donations of books, magazines and DVDs were welcome.

- Donations of plants and plant pots were welcome. Volunteers were needed to help pick up the plants and bring them to the show venue.

- Four display cases were still available.

- Donations for the hourly prizes were welcome.

- Raffle tickets were mailed out to members; stubs were to be returned to Jette Sorensen.

-Brad Smith informed a combination lapidary unit was available in exchange for a donation; those interested were to contact him.

-Ken Rogers informed the June and July programs were still tentative. The June program would be about basics of opals, put on by the Opal Society. The July program would be about rocks, gems, crystals, and metals in the history of adornment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Submitted by  
**Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes**  
Recording Secretary

## MAY 13 EXECUTIVE MEETING

Those present: Stephanie Dangott, Steve Dover, Fran Einberg, Hellena Jones-Elbling, D.J. Gervais, Sabrina Keep, Janice Metz, Darrell Robb, Ken Rogers, Mary Ellen Shaffer, Rick Shaffer, Brad Smith, Jette Sorensen, Ana Strambi Guimaraes, Janelle Williams.

The meeting called to order by Vice-President Steve Dover at 6:44 pm.

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

The following reports were made:

-Treasurer: Darrell Robb provided the Club's bank account balances. He informed the Club paid the second installment of the auditorium rent.

-Federation: Rick Shaffer informed upcoming Federation events had been printed in the Nugget.

-Membership: Stephanie Dangott informed three new memberships had been received by mail. Jette Sorensen inquired whether an adult accompanying a minor member to the Shop must be a member as well. Rick Shaffer committed to inquiring with the insurance company.

### Show Business:

- Fran Einberg emphasized that, for insurance coverage purposes, it was important to refer specifically to "demonstrators" or "workshop teachers" and "workshops" when advertising the workshops organized by the Club, including for the Show.

- Fran Einberg informed volunteers were needed for Sunday.

-Brad Smith noted that someone needed to take over as Show Chair during the Show so that Fran could take breaks.

-It was determined that the table cloths did not need to be cleaned.

-Steve Dover indicated there were five display cases still available.

- Janice Metz confirmed that two of three demonstrators had become members and the third demonstrator had shown her proof of insurance.

-Janice Metz informed all publicity had been completed and people were already signing up to attend the show on EventsBright.

-Brad Smith indicated he would pick up the geode cutter and table.

-A motion was approved to purchase 200 coloring books for the Show.

-Spaghetti Dinner: A motion was approved to purchase \$180 in tickets for the seniors.

-Programs: Ken Rogers indicated he was not certain whether the June program on opals would come through. The July program would be about rocks, gems, crystals and metals in the history of adornments.

-Shop: Jette Sorensen indicated the need for a Shop Committee meeting.

-Board of Directors: Brad Smith indicated a Board of Directors meeting should be called soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by  
**Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes**  
Recording Secretary

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Henry Gillman  
Ku'umele Black  
Miriam Ben-Ora  
Aurora Rysanek

## UPCOMING SHOWS

for more Shows go to:

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

### June 7, 8 & 9: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Fri 5 - 8; Sat 10 - 8 & Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Armando Perdoza, (909) 598-2456

Email: [forestandsun@yahoo.com](mailto:forestandsun@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)

### June 8 - 9: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems

Goddard Middle School

859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue

Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638

Email: [ybidwell2@aol.com](mailto:ybidwell2@aol.com)

### June 29 - 30: ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

California Center for the Arts

340 N. Escondido Blvd.

10 - 5 daily

Contact: Michele Shephard

Email: [pgmcshow@palomargem.org](mailto:pgmcshow@palomargem.org)

Website: [palomargem.org](http://palomargem.org)

### August 2, 3 & 4: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society

Nipomo High School

525 Thompson Avenue

Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Wayne Mills, (805) 481-3495

Email: [wwmills50@hotmail.com](mailto:wwmills50@hotmail.com)

Website: [omsinc.org](http://omsinc.org)

## 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.

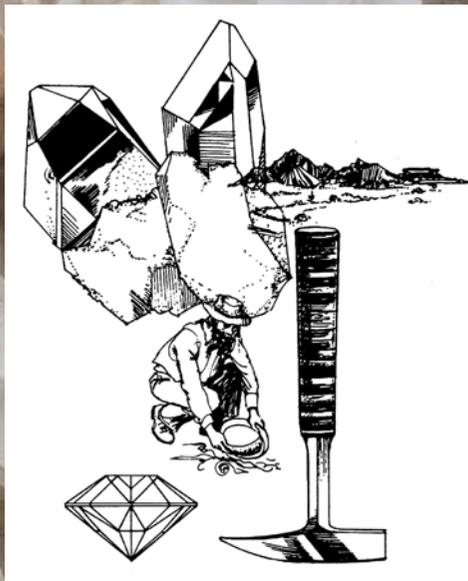
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<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/CCRMC/info>

## Elected Officers for 2019

President - Brad Smith

Vice President - Steve Dover

Treasurer - Darrell Robb

Recording Secretary - Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes

Corresponding Secretary - Sabrina Keep

Parliamentarian - Vacant

## Committee Chairs

Education - Alexa Hunter

Federation Director - Rick Shaffer

Field Trips Chair - Devon Lloyd

Historian - Vacant

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:

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 - Janice Metz

## Board of Directors:

2019

Brad Smith - Grace Sato

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Ana M. Strambi Guimaraes

Bruce Mensinger