



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.



July Virtul Program: A Geologist's Visit to the Australia Argyle Diamond Mine

Our Club is happy to present Dick Weber, Geologist on July 13 at 7:00 PM.

The Argyle Diamond mine was discovered in 1979 in an extremely remote area of Western Australia. It is one of the richest diamond mines in the world and the source of almost all of the worlds natural pink diamonds.

Geologist Dick Weber was able to visit and photograph this mine during his year-long "walkabout" in Australia. He will tell the fascinating story of the exploration that lead to the discovery of this deposit. He will also describe the geology of the formation of the lamprolite pipe that forms the host rock for these unusual multicolored diamonds and their connection with our own U. S. diamond deposit in Arkansas.



Check your email a few days before the presentation for the Zoom meeting link. For additional Zoom instructions, see page 5.

Submitted by
Ken Rogers
Programs Chair

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General Meetings

General meetings will be held the second Monday of every month at **7:00 PM on Zoom** until it is safe to resume in person meetings. **Guests are always welcomed!**

- Upcoming Programs
July 13 – Australia Argyole Diamond Mine
August 10 – To be announced
September 14 – To be announced

General Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Brad Smith.

The May General Meeting minutes were approved as read in the June Nugget.

Janelle Williams reported that feedback from the show vendors had not yet been obtained regarding the possibility to advertise their products on the Club's website, given that the show had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

Ken Rogers informed that the next program would be about pink diamonds from the Argyle Mine in Australia, by Dick and Mary Pat Weber.

Submitted by
Ana Maria Strambi Guimaraes
Recording Secretary

President's Message

Hope you are well!

I would never have imagined living in a world like this. In just a few months, our lives have been remolded into something you might read in a post-apocalyptic science fiction book. But here we are, and all of us are learning to live and function in a new world. Part of that is staying in touch with each other. Cabin fever is what I call the isolation of staying safe at home for a long time. You just want to get out and chat with friends. Phone calls and emails only go so far in providing a social life.

The one thing our club can provide is an interesting program for you each month. We have not missed a monthly meeting yet this year. This month will be our fourth online session. You can participate by phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop and it's all free. In fact, you can use the Zoom application to chat with friends anytime. Calls of up to 40 minutes are no charge.

If you haven't tried Zoom yet, now's the time to have some fun. Just click on the link in the email you'll receive from Jette. That will download the app and open up the session for you. We have a great program lined up this month on how they dig for diamonds. If you've missed one of the meetings, please email me and I'll send you the link.

The most important thing nowadays is for everyone to be safe. Please try to keep in touch with your close friends and family and be open enough to share any problems you have maintained your health, your food and your finances.

We'll get through this.

Brad Smith, President

Meet Our Member

Kenny Rogers

Programs Chair

Why did you join CCRMC?

I'm a "Rock-aholic" and enjoy being with others like me, and so I can help, when needed.

What is your favorite rock, color, food, season, or car?

My favorite rock was Tourmaline, but my favorite rock, color, and food constantly change. As to favorite season, spring & fall when things are good for rockhounding. As to my favorite car. It was my Isuzu Trooper 4WD, that some %#@&^ totaled while it was parked.

Where were you born?

Detroit, Michigan (a suburb of Winsor, Ontario)

What languages you speak?

English. Some Spanish, Japanese, Yiddish, etc. And a little Andramidian.

Have you lived in another state or country?

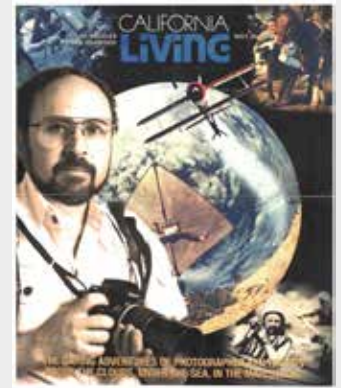
Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, and Japan

What brought you to California?

The first time (a family move), it was a car. But the last time, it was an aeroplane.

Words to live by.

We are all in this (life) journey together, and to survive we must help each other, and we must treat one another as we would like to be treated. When one sees someone in need of help, do what you can, and don't put "stumbling blocks" in front of them. Listen, or research both sides before making an informed decision.



Sports Photojournalist



Silversmithing in high school



Cover for a beading symposium



If you would like to be featured in a future Nugget, please send your story to: nugget@culvercityrocks.org

June Program Report

Terry Wilson, from the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society, lectured about obsidian from Davis Creek, CA. The place is located in the Modoc National Forest, at the Northwest corner of the state. Terry discussed four locations at Davis Creek, and the different types of obsidian they offer.

The first location is the Lassen Creek Campground, where rainbow obsidian can be found. These obsidians display multiple colors when they are chipped at an angle and their layers are looked on straight down. The chip exposes only a fraction of as many as 50 layers.

The second location is the Pink Lady Mine, where obsidian with pink layers can be found, as well as pink mixed with green layers. In order to find the layers, it is necessary to chip a shard off, dunk the piece in water and look it up in the sun.

The third location is Needles Pit, where needles of mahogany obsidian can be found. The needles, which are quite strong, are popular for making wind chimes.

Cinnamon and black mahogany obsidian, as well as obsidian with deep emerald and mahogany color is also found at this location.

The final location is the Rainbow Mine, where rainbow obsidian and obsidian in a vibrant electric blue color can be found.

Terry explained that permits are available July through September for free, for two days, to collect in the forest designated areas for a limit of one hundred pounds. Only 25 permits a day are issued.

Terry also provided a live demo of the various obsidian cabs she had cut and polished, explaining the different ways obsidian can be cut to display layers and colors.

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Deep Green Obsidian



Pink Lady Obsidian



Rainbow Obsidian



Needles



Needles Pit



Terry Wilson



Upcoming CFMS Shows

Many clubs have cancelled or changed their show dates due to Covid-19 social distancing orders. Please check the CFMS website for the most up to date information on upcoming shows.

<https://www.cfmsinc.org/shows-2/>

July 4-5: Roseville, CA **RESCHEDULED**

Roseville Rock Rollers

@the Grounds

700 Event Center Drive

Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4

Contact: James Hutchings, 916-995-7380

Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com

Website: www.rockrollers.com

August 15-16; Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society

500 East "F" Street

Hours: 9 am – 5 pm

Contact: (661) 821-7103

Web site: <http://www.tvgms>

September 12-13; Arroyo Grande, CA **CANCELLED**

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club

South County Regional Center

800 W. Branch Street

Hours: 10 am – 5 pm

Email: show@slogem.org

September 26-27; Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

2551 West Ave H

Hours: 10-5 Daily

Contact: Allison McClung; 661-839-7403

Email: ali_cares@aol.com

Website: palmdalegemandmineral.org

September 26-27; Lodi, CA

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

413 East Lockeford Street

Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily

Web site: <http://stocktonlapidary.org>

September 26-27; Long Beach, CA

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society

Long Beach Expo Arts Center

4321 Atlantic Avenue

Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 4 pm

Contact: Carol Kron & Karin Alvarez, (562) 577-9044

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS>

Zoom Instructions

Zoom can be used on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. If you do not have a webcam or smartphone, you will still be able to participate. You will view the presentation with any computer, and may call in with a regular phone to take part in the discussion.

You can install the Zoom app on your device from their website, or the appropriate app store:

[Zoom Website](#)

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The Lapidary Shop is closed
until further notice

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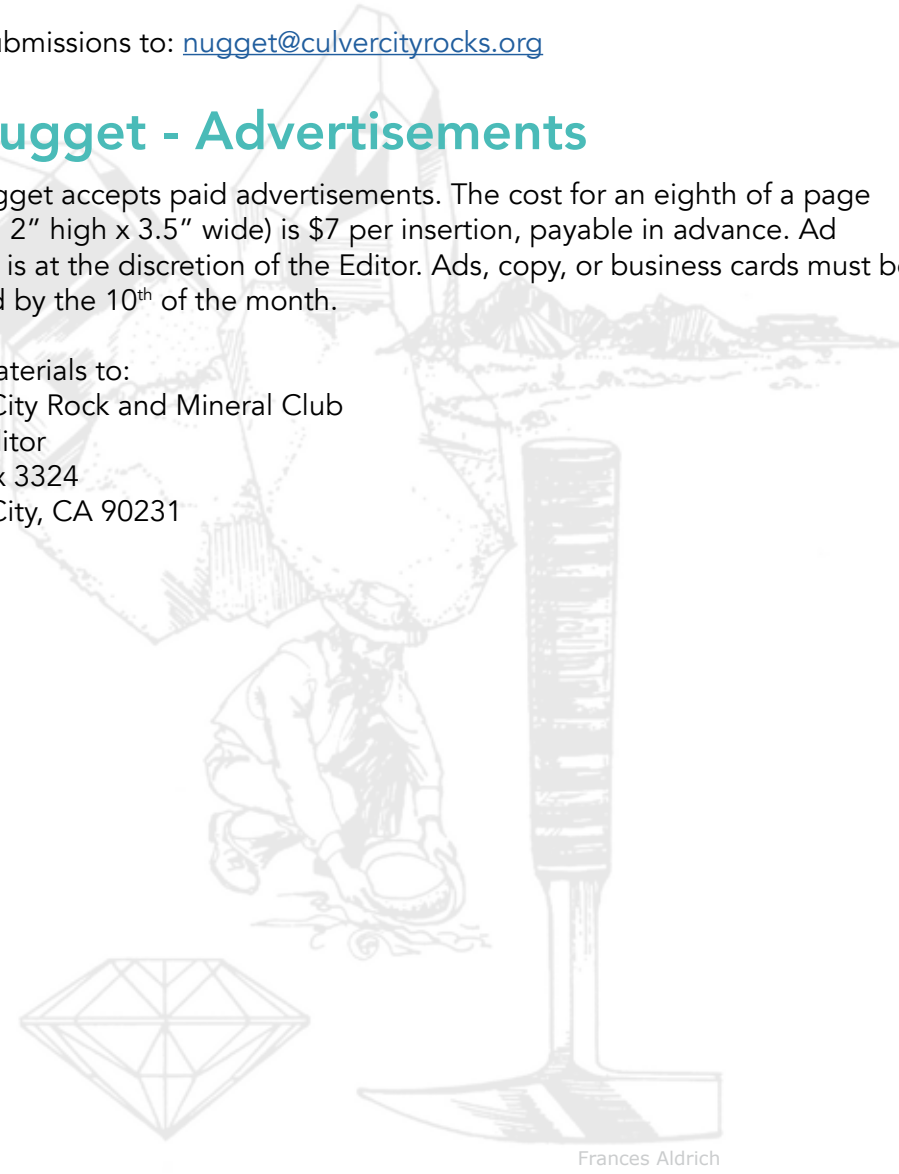
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Email submissions to: nugget@culvercityrocks.org

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