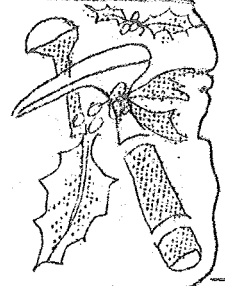


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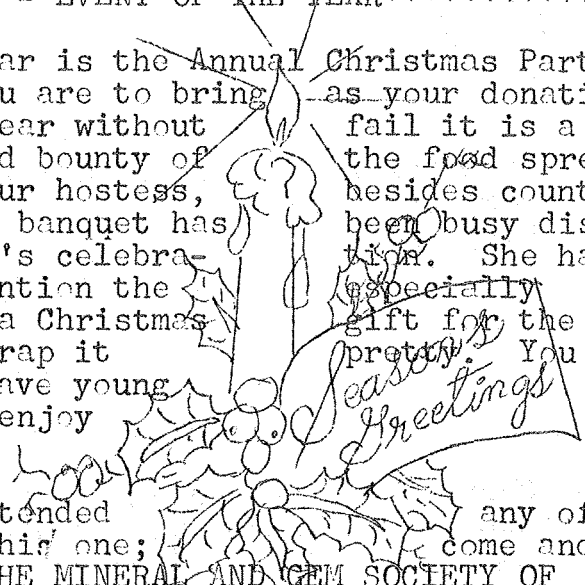
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\*\*\*\*\*YULETIDE CELEBRATION - EVENT OF THE YEAR\*\*\*\*\*

One of the social gatherings of the year is the Annual Christmas Party. You have already been notified what you are to bring as your donation to laden the Christmas Board. Every year without fail it is a beautiful sight to see the grandeur and bounty of the food spread before your eyes. Jeanette Korstad, our hostess, besides counting out the type of food we need for a banquet has been busy discovering talent to go with the evening's celebration. She has reminded me to remind the Editor to mention the especially wrapped nice rock you should bring as a Christmas gift for the young of the club; make it nice and wrap it pretty. You should bring as many packages as you have young ones yourself, who will be present to enjoy the festivities.



If throughout the year you have not attended any of the social gatherings, be present at this one; come and let the others who make up with you THE MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY OF CASTRO VALLEY. Come and have a good time with the rest of us.

After all that, as said above, it's hard to get down to mundane things, but we have work to be done such as getting the new cases in readiness for the ANNUAL SHOW. Even though that event seems a long way off, February 29th and March 1st, 1964, getting it ready starts NOW so that we may be proud of it before the public and the hundreds of other rock-minded people. It will be upon us sooner than we think.

We need committees for the following to help build the new cases:

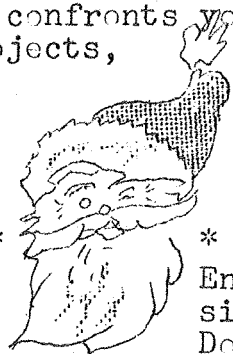
- CARPENTER WORK
- SANDING & PUTTYING
- ELECTRICAL WIRING (and)
- PAINTING

Sign up with Ben Owens, Bill Walsh, or Lester Kent.

Sheldon LaFollette has his committees working for the SHOW. Don't be afraid to sign-up when he confronts you with a plea for aid. When you work on some of these projects, then and then only can you say you really belong.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

SINCERELY,  
/s/Lester Kent, President



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Christmas Party - Potluck -  
served PROMPTLY at 6:30 PM  
School by 10:30 P.M.  
knives, forks & spoons. The Program will start promptly at 8:00 P.M.

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Entertainment - Dinner will be  
since we have to leave the  
Don't forget your plates, cups,  
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TREASURER'S REPORT as of Nov. 31, 1963

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Balance in Commercial Acct as of 9/30/63		\$ 676.15
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Membership Dues	\$230.25	
Shop Income	121.94	
Misc.	30.75	
Total receipts		<u>382.94</u>
		\$1059.09
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
Shop Expense	85.85	
Misc.	57.67	
Show Expense	83.49	
Shop Equipment	88.08	
Shop Rent	<u>130.00</u>	
Total disbursements		<u>445.09</u>
Balance Commercial Acct as of 10/31/63		614.00
Savings Acct (Bldg Fund)		2041.10
Total Cash in Bank		\$2655.10

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Edith G. Jensen, Treasurer

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NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

We left Winchell's Donut Shop, in San Lorenzo, at 10 A.M. Sunday, November 10, 1963, and headed for the Berkeley Hills. The trip had been scouted by several members of the Club, and it paid off well.

It was a new location, and after vigorous digging, agate was being found by all. Those who were diggin in the cave found nodules from one to five pounds or more, all a beautiful blue - some light, some dark! They should produce a very lovely iris.

Those who signed up were: Bill Walsh, Carl Westcott, Bob Ducey, Chuck Nash, Howard Michener, Roy Christensen, Floyd Bagley, O.W. Ferrer, Ed and Leeann Coffelt, Ted, Martha and Rose Peters, Roy, Emmy and Nancy Pierce, Edward and Corothy Grekel, Al Avery, Mr. & Mrs. H. L. McGommes & Robert, guests from the East Bay Mineral Society, Joy, Susan & Rusty McFate, Nancy Posley, Brian Wilfley, Lester Kent, Russell Greig, John Harbour, Ernie & Barbara Nunes, Senior & Junior Vic Newtons, and your truly

Harold, Florence & David Bickerdyke

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Five Pound Berkeley Blue Iris Agate - hoooooeeeeee! Hope we see some slices of that real soon. Ye Ed.

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Thanks to Ernie Nunes' clever hands the paper feed on the mimeograph is once again in working order. It is a never ending source of pleasure to discover the variety of talent this Society enjoys.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 1963

The meeting was called to order by President Lester Kent at 8:05 P.M.

There was a correction to the minutes for October 11, 1963. The class in Mineral Identification is on Mondays from 7 to 10 at San Lorenzo High.

Ben Owens introduced the guests and new members. Joe Popick, one of the new members, showed us a beautiful wood carving, and said he is very interested in learning stone carving.

Vic LaFollette gave a progress report on the coming Show.

The new ribbons for last year's show were given out to the winners who were present; the balance will be given out at the Christmas party.

It was MSC Jones/McFate that tickets be sold to finance the cost of Show Cases. These tickets will be 50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. The winner may take a show case or a case of bourbon. All members are expected to assist in this fund raising project.

The parking lot behind the auditorium is available for parking.

George Ashby is the new librarian, replacing Joe Duarte; and Hal Watson is taking the job as Shop Foreman in place of Vic Newton.

Jeanette Korstad announced the program for the Christmas Party will be a Magic Show and Hootenanny. Postcards requesting the food will be sent out very shortly.

The field trip to Wentworth Springs was cancelled due to rain. An alternate trip to Burlingame for Scepter crystals was suggested. Anyone wishing to go was to get in touch with Hal Bickerdyke.

"The Eternal Gem" was the movie shown.

Door prizes were drawn and Ev Pittenger asked that anyone who wishes to donate door prizes to please get in touch with him or bring them to the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Mary Jones, Secretary

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF NOV. 22, 1963

Present: Lester Kent, Edna Pittenger, Mary Jones, Del Jones, Hal Bickerdyke, Bill Walsh, Joe Engbeck, Bea Engbeck, Bill Walker, Virginia Owens, Loren Dowell and Roy Christensen.

Absent: Edith Jensen, Hal Watson, Phil Johnston, Louise Palmer, Jeanette Korstad, George Ashby and Jean Pfefer.

The November meeting was held at Loren Dowell's home. President Lester Kent called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes - Continued:

The treasurer's report was read and approved:

Bal. Comm. Acct as of 9-30-63	\$676.15
Receipts	382.94
Disbursements	445.09
Bal. Comm. Acct as of 10-30-63	614.00
Savings Accg.	2041.10
Total Cash in Banks	\$ 2655.10

Vic LaFollette reported on the Show Committee progress. Al Stepka has undertaken the kitchen. The posters have been oked and it was suggested the posters for the dealers be made by us so they will be uniform. The dealers who have accepted are Dye, Oregon Lapidary, George George, Woodworth, Plummers and Von McBride. Plummers have offered to bring their display of copies of the world's famous diamonds. The board accepted their offer and Ben Owens said he would try to get the General Electric display of man-made diamonds that have been at the Seattle World's Fair.

It was MSC Walker/Jones that Lidstrom be eliminated from the list of dealers to be asked to the Show; Alden Clark, the 1st alternate, to be asked in his place. MSC Jones/Walsh that Grapes be placed on the list as 2nd alternate.

The budget meeting for the Show will be held at Vic LaFollette's home December 7th at 7:30 P:M.

Joe Engbeck reported on the Bakersfield meeting, that the Federation now has 202 clubs and over 16,000 members. Ennis Scott was elected to the office of Vice President of Lapidary for the Federation.

The Jrs. will not have a meeting in December because of the Christmas Party. They would like to help in decorating the school for the Club Show. It was suggested they have a grab bag booth at the Show if at all possible for them to be ready at such short notice. If not this year, then next year.

Bea Engbeck was appointed to draft a letter to all dealers who are now members that due to the number of dealers wishing to participate in our Show it may be necessary to curtail the member dealers in the future.

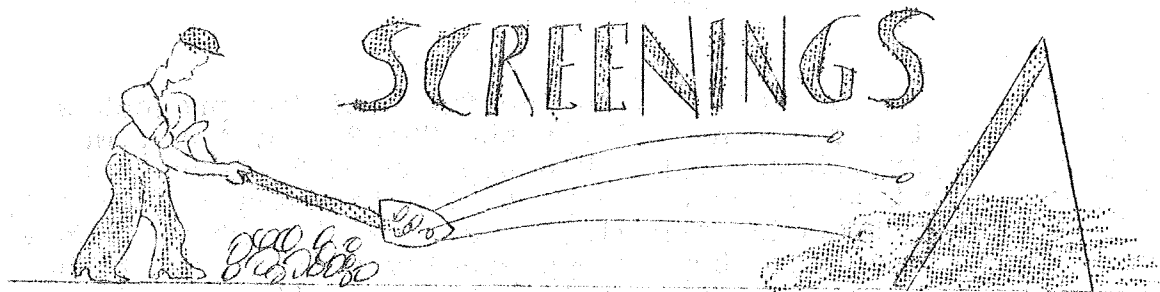
Lester Kent brought a full size sample case to the meeting and it was MSC that, after getting an estimate from the Pony Case Company to make them, he go ahead with the balance of the cases if the estimate is over the cost that he could build them for.

The casting machine and furnace have arrived and will be in the Shop soon.

Joe Engbeck reported the mimeograph has broken down again. It was decided to contact a lawyer about collecting the balance due from the Mayers on the other mimeograph.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Mary Jones, Secretary



Vic Newton has been forced to retire from the job of Shop Foreman on account of a change in his workaday job which forces him to travel more than ever. Vic has done a remarkable job in directing the activities of this important office. Our President was hard put to discover another member with the skill and time to devote to the job, but someone always comes along. Your new Shop Foreman is Hal Watson.

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Just heard from our old devotee, Charlie Bergren, who has had a double hernia operation. He knew that he was slightly cursed with this trouble and just put off having it corrected. His house needed some renewal alterations; that did it, a bit too much of lifting. He is now renewed and anxious to get back to rockhound activities.

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At the last membership meeting it was ordained that we were to set up a new activity in the Shop - THE LOST WAX METHOD OF SILVER CASTING. Most of the paraphernalia is now at hand with willing hands putting it together. This method of forming silver into desired form has been a long awaited dream-fulfillment of many members since we first started as a club sixteen years ago. So, now have at it!

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At least two people have anticipated the installation of the casting equipment: Bea Engbeck and Alice Rahn have been taking lessons at Studio One. Del Jones and Von McBride also have some knowledge to share.

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Did you ever stop to think that Man is a political animal. This differentiates him from other animals; if you don't believe it just watch as few as three people endeavoring to win a point. See how hard they strive to gain one of the three to their side. Such was the fracas as engendered the solution of whom should hold a certain office within the Federation. In our own Society, as of recent date, a situation came up that also proves the point. Because of the ruckus, the Executive Board has rescinded a practice of considering a rock-merchant, who happens also to be a member of our organization, as having first call in consideration of sellers at our annual exhibitions. All dealers will hereafter have to stand judgment of the Show Committee, from whom there will be no further judgments.

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On behalf of the Society, thanks are extended to Alice Rahn, Glenna Stephens, Louise Palmer and Jean Pfefer for their efforts in placing two extremely nice cases in the Sacramento Society's Show.

Have you done your share to help out in the fund-raising project we now have, to finance the cases needed for the Show? By that, we mean, have you sold your share of the Donation Award Tickets that must be sold in order that we do not deplete the treasury too greatly for the major investment needed for display cases? Remember, when you buy a ticket yourself you also buy an opportunity to own one of the new cases Lester Kent has devised. It is a beauty. If you didn't get a book of tickets at the last meeting, call Phyllis Calvert at 1208 Via Los Trancos, San Lorenzo, 'Phone # BR 8-2605; or Lester Kent at 22315 Western Blvd., Hayward, 'Phone # LU 1-7108. The tickets cost 50¢ each, or 3 for \$1.00 and have an interesting alternative if you don't want a display case. In any event, we want to raise \$600 so you can see we must all get in and pitch.

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Apropos of the new casting equipment - there ought to be some examples of the silverwork created by the lost wax method at our Show come this Leap Year Day. Since there are skeptics in every organization, see to it that we haven't spent the purchase price in vain. Come on, you dreamers - we want more than rumors on this carving business!

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The Publicity Chairman needs some help to get going with new ideas on how to interest the public in our rock collections. We have so many new members with whom personal contact has not been possible, will anyone interested in this phase of the Show business, please call Bea Engbeck, 164 Begier Ave., San Leandro, 'Phone 632-6215.

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Many thanks to those members who brought the delicious pumpkin pies to the last meeting. This month every one gets into the picture - the Christmas party will offer good food, and fun entertainment - a Hootenanny, a magician, and a whirl-wind dancer. The program will start at 8 p.m., but dinner will have to get under way promptly by 6:30 if we are to clear the school by the required time. See you at the Cherryland School, Willow & Western Aves., Hayward, as near to 6 PM as you can make it!

/s/ Jeanette Korstad, Hostess

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OFFICERS FOR 1963-64

PRESIDENT: Lester Kent 'Phone 581-7108  
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TREASURER: Edith Jensen " 357-9593  
SECRETARY: Mary Jones " 782-4178  
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Hal Bickerdyke " 196-65 " BR 8-2068  
Bill Walsh " 1963-66 " 351-6237  
FEDERATION DIRECTOR: Joe Engbeck " 1963-66 " 632-6215  
PAST PRESIDENT: Bill Walker " 537-7266

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Shop	- Vic Newton	* Show	- Sheldon LaFollette
Historian	- Louise Palmer	* Junior Mentor-	Roy Christensen
Editor	- Joe Engbeck	* Membership	- Jean Pfefer
Hostess	- Jeannette Korstad	* Publicity	- Beatrice Engbeck
Librarian	- Joe Duarte	* Receptionsts	- Virginia Owens
Field Trips	- Phil Johnston		Phyllis Calvert

\*These committee heads are without voting privileges within the scope of the Executive Committee.

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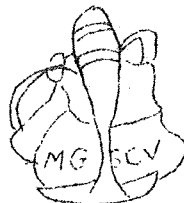
Membership meetings are held every second Friday of the month at the Cherryland School, Western at Willow, Hayward; convening at 8 PM. There are no membership meetings in June, July, or August. Refreshments are served; movies or guest speakers on pertinent subjects follow the strictly business part of the meetings. Field trips are announced through The PETROGRAPH.

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Blue & Gold

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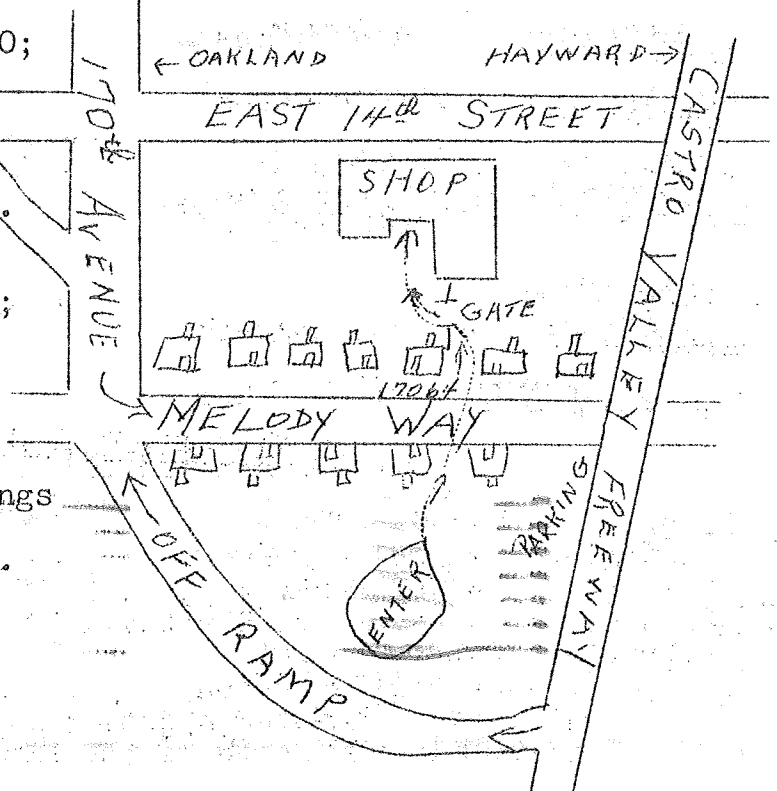


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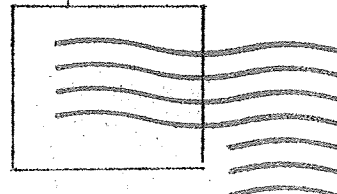
1. (a) Open to all members over 12 years of age.  
 (b) Under 12 years must be accompanied by responsible adult.
2. Shop Fee 65¢ per evening. Prepaid Fee Ticket \$5.00; (\$6.50 value).
3. Open 7:30 to 10 PM weekdays; Thursdays 12:30 to 3 PM
4. Slab saw run by Supervisors only. Slabbing rate 5¢ sq.in. Jade 10¢ sq.in.
5. Use of equipment subject to approval of Shop Supervisors; failure to heed rules may result in loss of shop privileges.
6. Co-operative clean-up after each work session.
7. Silver classes Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.
8. Other classes by arrangement.

BELOW IS SHOP SITE

Enter from 170th Avenue, off East 14th Street; then turn sharply on to Melody Way to #17064. Walk down the driveway, through a gate into the patio. Shop is at rear of yard.



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