



## *Club Notes*



**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M. at Mt. Eden Presbyterian Church, 26236 Adrian Ave, Hayward (Next to Chabot College, behind Burger King). See map on back page.

**Program:** President's choice.

**February Refreshments:** Members with a last name starting with I-Q

**New Members:** Unless otherwise stated, General Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at the church at 7:30pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend! There is a silent auction and door prizes at every meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:**

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the shop.

**Show Meeting:**

TBD

**MGSCV Annual Rock and Gem Show:** March 25, 26 and 27, 2012

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## General Information

This publication is the bulletin of the Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley, Inc., a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the North Bay Field Trip Association.

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Submission deadline is the second Friday following the General Meeting (normally the second Wednesday of the month.) Anonymous contributions will not be considered for publication in the Petrograph; however, if requested at the time of submission, the contributor's name can be withheld. Members are encouraged to submit articles that may be of interest to the general membership. The bulletin editor reserves the right to edit any submitted articles or omit any submission from publication. Source must be cited for material quoted from other authors. Permission to reprint Petrograph articles is hereby granted provided properly cited.

### 2011 MGSCV Officers

#### Elected

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#### Appointed

Scholarship Chair - Mary Howell  
Librarian - Mary Howell  
Historian - Jamie McDonald  
Purchasing Agent - Beth Farmer  
Education Coordinator - Shirley Buschke  
Field Trip Coordinator - Ron Hasemeyer  
Parliamentarian - Doc Buschke  
Reception/Hostess - Ann Vargas/Dan Gilson  
Sunshine Reporter - All members  
Door Prizes - Bonnie Andrade  
Web Master - Tony Cooper

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Meeting - Mar. 7, 2011**

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance were Ron Miller, Betty Milam, Mary Jane Holmes, Sheryl Cooper, Beth Farmer, Jodi Minshall and Jim Ewing.

**Treasurer's Report:** We reviewed the February reports prepared by Betty Milam. Mary Jane Holmes moved to accept the treasurer's report. Beth Farmer seconded the motion, it was unanimously carried.

**Shop Manager:** There is a drainage system problem. Beth will be cleaning out the barrels and snaking out the sewer lines before the open house. The #2 trim saw now has a 1HP motor.

**Show Chairman:** Beth Farmer is putting together a procedure manual for the show. Only a few items were brought back to the shop after the show. So hopefully we can use pickups next year and save on the cost of renting a truck. The wrap up show meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** There are 133 current members. An email will go out reminding people that they have not renewed their membership.

**Federation:** The CFMS show is May 13-15 in Anderson, CA this year.

**Scholarship:** Elizabeth sent us a Thank You card and Jessica worked in the kitchen at the show.

**Education:** Mary Jane and Horace are going to a couple of local schools. Mary Howell was asked to head up the display at Palomares School in Castro Valley.

**New Business:** Betty looked up the rules about non-profits charging for newsletters. We cannot charge more than 10% of the annual dues. Betty moves to reimburse the members who paid for the printed copy. Beth seconded the motion, it was unanimously carried.

We discussed having telecom board meetings for officers who couldn't make, but we felt the shop noise would interfere.

An internet line at the shop was brought up. There is concern about security issues and blocking sites.

**Announcement:** Phil Carls informed the society that Judy Carls died over the weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**General Meeting - Mar. 9, 2011**

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. We had 21 members present.

**Announcements:** Judy Carls passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Delores Barnes is in a care home in Hayward awaiting cataract surgery. She will be moving to Montana to be closer to family.

**Shop Manager:** The #2 trim saw has a new 1 HP motor. There is still rock to look through and purchase at the shop. More will be available at the open house in April.

**Show Chairman:** The show next year will be the first weekend in March. The show went well and we haven't heard anything negative from the Pavilion. The weather behaved for the weekend. We fought some battles with the city and shouldn't have the same problems next year. Beth Farmer is putting together a procedure manual for the show. She is asking people to write down the procedure on how to do their position so it can be added to the binder.

**Editor:** Jodi asked us to submit our articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Librarian:** A lot of books sold at the show. The book "Dark Shadow" sold for \$40.

**Membership:** We have 134 current members.

**Juniors:** A new junior is coming in with her dad.

**Education:** In the near future there will be a Sunday class on advanced cabochon techniques. At the show someone offered to teach "carving in the round" which is carving on cylinders. Diana Cohoon is under the weather. Her classes will continue once she is better. At the last minute, two classes from Milani Elementary in Newark couldn't make it to the show. Shirley went and talked to 57 students

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and gave each one a rock to take home. They thank the club for coming and talking. We are still looking for a soldering teacher.

**New Business:** We have recently found out we can't charge fees with our non-profit status for the Petrograph. The collected fees will be refunded and they will still receive the Petrograph.

Installation of officers by Shirley Buschke – Shirley read the list of officers for the current year and thanked everyone for their service.

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Shop Manager – Beth Farmer  
Show Chairman – Cathy Miller  
Membership – Tony Cooper  
Editor – Jodi Minshall  
Past President – Bonnie Andrade

**Drawing Winners:**

Membership Drawing: Clara Minor was not present.  
Members Tickets: Ann Vargas, Mary Jane Holmes, Niki Churchill, Sheryl Cooper, Peggy Cooper, Lisa Lafferty, Mark Montgomery, Tom Debley, Shirley Buschke, and Beth Farmer

**Reminders:** Shop clean-up April 16<sup>th</sup> and the Open House April 17<sup>th</sup>

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Minutes submitted by Sheryl Cooper, recording Secretary**



**President's Message -**

by Ron Miller

**You did it!!!** Great show! I cannot tell you guys how proud you should be of yourselves. The quality of the volunteer turnout was fantastic! The growing pains because of the new venue continued. Kathy Miller had to resize the halls a couple of

times to satisfy some sketchy code violations and Mark Isaacs and crew had to rebuild the light baffle for the fluorescent room to satisfy a (*persnickety*) inspector leave that unsaid! That aside, the auction and raffles were successes, we had good crowds. I talked to dealers, members of other clubs, and friends of mine that had never been to a show, and everyone was happy and impressed with the Show. Special thanks to the Ewing-Cooper-Miller (not mine) Clan for all their work, Beth of course, Mike McBride, a new crew member who did an over and above amount of work. I could, quite honestly, just print the club roster out here there are so many of you guys to thank for all your hard work. Once again: take pride in yourselves, you guys are the reason that the MGSCV is the best club in the world!!

Thanks! Ron...



**Kitchen Cutups -**

by Beth Farmer

Once again, I am humbled and so happy to see so much capable help volunteer to work in the Annual Show Kitchen. Kitchen duty is hard work that isolates a club member from what's going on at the show but lets them personally help everyone attending have a healthy and tasty experience. It is hard work and I appreciate each and every person who worked in the kitchen.

I have a partial list of people who made our food experience successful. If you didn't sign in, you are appreciated by me, but not personally mentioned. Friday: Peggy Cooper put together a great crew putting together sandwiches and sweet snacks. Thanks Nell Klass, Robert Moller, Tony Weiss (front line guy), Jon Karemzad (an all day volunteer, thanks!), AnnMarie Korchendorfer, and Jessie Jeans. This doesn't include the Cooper kids, who were lots of steady help but didn't sign in. Saturday: Paul Kenney took the all day spot, and Judy Mulleague brought her Mom. Other members who worked were Bill Hadley, Scott Mullin and Victoria Tran (who gave us lots of time throughout the weekend), Susan Klas, Tony Weiss, Maggie Naylor spent the entire afternoon.

Sunday: Judy Mulleague spent the entire day in the kitchen. Cristine and Patrick (sp) Watte put in a shift, as did Diane Medrano, Elizabeth DeRubels. Maggie Naylor added much needed energy through the afternoon and packing up. One of our UCSEB

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students worked her 4 hours serving the public in fine fashion.

I want to thank Terry, a newer member, for helping with the pack up, transporting of kitchen returns and the Monday "truck epic" work, as well as Misters McBride, Miller, Steve (last name), Dianne the Spanish speaking woman and Mark. I also want to thank the construction savvy woman member who caulked our storage container to prevent leaks like this year and building the florescent light baffle with Mike M.

Every year, whenever I start to feel tired, I look around and am so happy to be able to join up with such a great bunch of people to put on this wonderful event!

## **Rock Rumbles**

by Shirley Buschke



Hope this isn't too long. I wanted to mention lots of names. We usually also credit those who contributed food.

Another great show even though it seemed the weather gods and mother nature were against us, and against some of our students who were supposed to walk to the show. They didn't make it. It was nice to see familiar faces returning. Monte Cooke was here. He has been food chairman in the past and I remember always seeing him washing dishes at Centennial Hall. Doc Buschke said he and Mary Jane Holmes took his place early in the week.

Snooky Flowers showed up and renewed his membership. Former Petrograph editor and Secretary Mike Tice is back and even opens the shop on Wednesday. Lenore Brest was another past editor who was here Friday. Somewhere in this issue you will probably read the names of many of our preparation workers. It's just great to know so many of our newer members were here early in the week. We just heard that a former junior member, my how they grow up, is expecting to repeat as a new father. Chris Paquini was in a motor cycle accident about a year ago but has recovered. And Dolores Barnes is recovering from surgery. Sadly she is planning on joining her son when she recovers. Tom Ford says he will be back at the

shop soon. And Gordon Matsumoto thinks he has his dad's estate taken care of at last and he will be returning to the shop, too.

Ron Hasemeyer is quite the photographer. He has given the club permission to use any of his pictures in our publicity. It was his picture in the TriCity Tidings, the one about fluorescent rocks. One of Ron's pictures was of a crane. Several year ago the Pasquinis were in Canada and had car trouble. To pass the time she worked on a carving of a crane. When it was time to cross the border, the guard demanded a receipt for the crane. He would not believe she did it. She rummaged around and found some of the wood chips in the camping gear. Finally he believed her. Her exhibition case this year is green rocks. She's the gal who has done the critters. She demonstrates to the kids how to prepare fossils.

We have received another donation, this time from the daughter of Leo and Alietta Gauthier. It is his library (including a binder full of faceting patterns), findings, and clock mechanism. We thank her. Many of the pieces will be for sale at the open house.

Our new Petrograph editor is Jodi Minshall. If her name sounds familiar, she's Charlie's daughter. Hope we will still be seeing retiring editor Maggie occasionally.

Ron Hasemeyer told us that Marion Alden has passed on. She was often at our open house. Her husband won many international awards for his faceting.

Eloise Ruitiger was again managing the spin-a-wheel. She also tends to the Petrograph distribution. Her helper was Jackie who regrets the work on her masters is really taking lots of time. She is headed for Washington D.C. with a public health advocacy group. Hope she gets some time to see the city.

Gladys Janer couldn't make it for her shift so she sent her daughter (who is not a member). How's that for taking her commitment seriously? Nice to see Jane Panico feeling well enough to be at the show. Loved Carole Bauer's chocolate covered nuts. Judy Mullegue had an exhibit of her many bracelets. Lily Johnson has been traveling all over: Europe, New Zealand, and Nicaragua. She said she is finally going to make it back to the shop. I

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love teasing her about her opals which she showed us 15 years ago. Her opals were the reason she joined us. Still hasn't finished working on those opals.



## **Thank You Show Volunteers**

by Betty Milam

Many thanks to all of you who agreed to volunteer to work at the 2011 show. Many of our dependable volunteers continue to work in the same positions year after year. Thank you for your expertise and dependability. It was also a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the new members. Even the 2 scholarship winners from CSUEB-Hayward helped out.

The profits from the show make possible the outstanding shop facilities we provide for the use of our members. The annual show is the main source of funding for our hobby. The club really gives you a lot of equipment for a very small amount in the form of yearly dues; volunteering at the annual show is your chance to give a little of your expertise back to the club. Be sure to mark your 2012 calendar and be prepared to volunteer to work the weekend of March 2, 3 & 4.

We have 221 members in MGSCV. Sadly, only half the club members volunteered and worked at the show either in an assigned position in Security, the Kitchen and Snack Bar, in Admissions and Hospitality, with the Raffle sales and Auction, or as an unassigned behind-the-scenes worker. There was a noticeable shortage of volunteers to fill the many positions. Next year, make plans now to help out at the show March 2, 3 & 4, 2011. We ask you for 2 hours volunteer work on 2 days. Make it more than 4 hours next year. Give us more of your time, *please*.

By the way, several club members took pictures of the show and they have posted them in the Gallery on the MGSCV website. Take a look to see a great picture of our own John Gullak as well as many other club members who were kind enough to pose for a shot or two.



## **Gem Of The Month**

by Shirley Buschke

Would you ride a motorcycle 1 1/2 hours in the morning and 1 1/2 hours in the afternoon just to take a lapidary class? Guess we have a teacher and a shop that is inviting to this person. He was born in Illinois but soon moved to Stockton. At age ten his family moved to Texas where he finished school. He loved Austin growing up. When he returned for a class reunion, he decided it was way too big to enjoy anymore. All the things he did as a kid were now out of reach for kids, too urban.

Our gem joined the Navy and became a fireman. When he got out he decided that this was the career for him and he joined the Turlock Fire Department. He has since retired. He said his hobby while working was to get as much overtime as he could get. No time for hobbies. However he has always been interested in petrified wood. He has several large pieces. So what do you do with them? Somewhere he heard about our club and he thought he would pursue two dreams. Polish that petrified wood and maybe learning something about rocks. He discovered that if he wanted to cut that rock, he had to join our club, learn how to make a cabochon and work at our spring show. He also thought he would like to facet and he finds John an excellent instructor. He finds it hard to believe John is in his 90's. Somehow he and Larry and a couple other members figured out how to rig that petrified rock so that it could be sawed. It sits in his living room waiting to be polished. He also has the cut offs but no plans for those yet.

Our gem is married and is the last member in his family. His sole living relative is his wife. She loves the motorcycle as much as he and they take numerous trips around the country. They are joining a group setting off for Washington D C. arriving in time for memorial services Memorial Day. The motor cycle and faceting should tell you our gem this month is.....Michael Rollins.

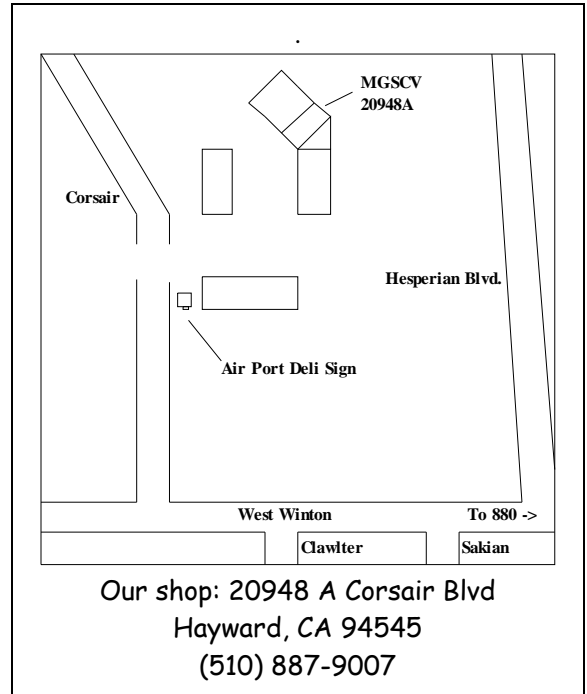


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**Shop Schedule (All shop sessions members only)**

- Monday** 10AM to 1PM, Lapidary  
6PM to 9PM, Beginners only  
in lapidary
- Tuesday** 9:30AM to 12:30PM, Lapidary  
6PM to 8:30PM, Lapidary,  
lost wax & beading.
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary,  
intarsia & beading.  
Library open 10AM to noon.  
6PM to 9PM, Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Lapidary  
5PM to 9PM, Lapidary
- Friday** Need Daytime and Night Supervisors!  
Temporarily closed
- Saturday** 9AM to 5PM, Juniors, adults  
w/supervisor's approval  
Library open 10AM to noon.
- Sunday** Need Daytime and Night Supervisors!  
Temporarily closed

**MAPS**



**SHOP NOTICES:**

None at this time...

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