



Club Notes



General Meeting: Tuesday May 15th , 7:30 P.M.
at Church of Christ, 22307 Montgomery Ave.,
Hayward, 94541

Program: Open program

April Refreshments: Members with a last name
starting with P-R please bring snacks.

New Members: Unless otherwise stated, General
Meetings are on the third Tuesday 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 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the shop is the
next Board Meeting.



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2012 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Ron Miller	President@mgscv.org	
Vice President - Jim Ewing	VP@mgscv.org	
Secretary - Sheryl Cooper	Secretary@mgscv.org	(510) 589-8858
Treasurer - Betty Milam	Treasurer@mgscv.org	
1 st Year Director - Mike McBride	Director1@mgscv.org	
2 nd Year Director - Norm Hodgson	Director2@mgscv.org	
3 rd Year Director - Mary Jane Holmes	Director3@mgscv.org	
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Shop Manager - Beth Farmer	ShopManager@mgscv.org	
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Membership - Tony Cooper	membership@mgscv.org	510-589-5292
Editor - Diana Cohoon	Editor@mgscv.org	
Past President - Bonnie Andrade	pastpresident@mgscv.org	

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

webmaster@MGSCV.org



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Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING - April 9th, 2012 **Submitted by Betty Milam**

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Ron Miller, Beth Farmer, Mike McBride, Cathy Miller, Mary Jane Holmes, Jim Ewing, Betty Milam, and guest Mike Tice.

Minutes: Betty Milam moved to accept the March 12th, 2012 board minutes as printed in the Petrograph, Ron Miller seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Treasurer: The March treasurer's report from Betty Milam was reviewed. Mike McBride moved to accept the report. Mary Jane Holmes seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Shop: Beth Farmer reported the shop passed the inspection by the city of Hayward. One fire extinguisher will be relocated at the inspector's suggestion. Beth is making arrangements to have the shop carpets cleaned professionally before the Open House on April 29th. Management is being asked to replace the tiles in the bathrooms.

Show: Cathy Miller said the Wrap-Up meeting has been held. The first meeting for the 2013 show will be held Thursday, September 6, 2012. We will be discussing the electrical set-up at the Pavilion and will be checking into offering geode breaking for the children. Mike Tice will make a progress report on Publicity at the September meeting. During the summer he will start sending publicity notices to the Events Editor of various publications. The

kitchen will not be serving food. The committee is looking into inviting food trucks to the site. Mike McBride said the show needs a 'Big Bang' similar to the cave bear to bring in the public.

Editor: It was a consensus that the new editor is doing a bang up job on the Petrograph.

Membership: no report

New Business: The Board discussed the feasibility of participating in the annual Castro Valley Street Fair in order to bring in new members. It was a consensus that the cost of the application fee, entry fee, and new 10' x10' cover is not justified. At no cost, a table could be put up at the Castro Valley and/or Hayward weekly farmer's markets to reach out to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 17TH, 2012 **Submitted by Sheryl Cooper**

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. We had 23 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes: John Gullak moved to accept the February minutes as printed in the Petrograph. Cathy Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Shop: The shop clean up is April 28th starting at 9:00 am. The Open House is Sunday, April 29th from 9:00 am to 1:00pm. There will be tailgating and several items for sale including jade slabs.

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Show: Thursday, Sept. 6th is the next show meeting. We are looking into food trucks instead of the kitchen and snack bar next year. We are thinking about getting a geode splitter and geodes to sell and crack open at the show. The building inspector had questions and concerns about the electrical outlets in the ceilings. We will be talking to the Pavilion to see what they plan on doing with the electrical.

Editor: Articles are coming in for the Petrograph. Diana is working hard on the field trips section.

Library: A dealer donated a collection of books. Mary will have them for sale at the Open House and at the show next year.

Membership: We have 153 current members. This count is up 9 from March. 7 of them are new members including 1 new junior.

Education: The classes are posted on the faceting room door. The opal class with Ed Rigor went really well. We may have a carving teacher soon.

Announcements: The Santa Clara show is this weekend, April 20th - 22nd. The Santa Cruz show is April 28th & 29th.

Adrian Dyette has a gold claim near Nome, Alaska along Anvil Creek. They are looking for virtual miners. There are looking for donations. At the \$25 level you get access to the miner's blog, weekly videos, and the gold counter. At the \$125 level you also get a 1/8 ounce sample of Raw Alaskan Placer Gold at the end of the mining season. For

more information go to
<http://www.anvilcreekgoldmine.com/>

Drawings: The name pulled for \$100 member drawing was Richard Leathers, but he was not present to collect the money.

Guest Tickets - Lee Dagumam and Rick Kennedy

Attending Member Tickets - Cathy Miller, Jim Ewing, George Kozakura, Mike McBride, Linda Davenport, Anitra Raju, Mark Montgomery, Beth Farmer, Diana Cohoon, Chrissy Cody, Maggie Naylor, Shirley Buschke, Katrina Ordonez and Greg Ordonez

Program: The California Blue Mine: A New Gem Pegmatite in California presented by **Rick Kennedy**

The mine is in Yucca Valley with 110 degree summers and freezing winters. Dave went exploring one day and he saw something that looked different. The further he went the more interesting the rocks got. He found pegmatite. A pegmatite is a very crystalline, intrusive igneous rock composed of interlocking crystals. Then he found beryl crystal. He dug some and then started making claims and digging further down finding more crystals. He didn't realize there was stuff in the dirt he left behind as he hauled the items home. He found aquamarine, clear topaz and fluorite. Everything was dug by hand to this point.

In November 2011 they started using an excavator. They found Clevelandite with aquamarine growing through it. As time went on they found more and more crystals.

They started naming the pockets to help identify items and keep track of where they were found for the collectors.

At the end of the presentation there was a question and answer session with Rick. He also brought a table full of specimens to view and touch. He happily answered everyone's questions and listened to our comments.

The meeting adjourned at ? I forgot to check the time as I listened to Rick's answers and checked in on the silent auction.



ROCK RUMBLES May 2012 By Shirley Buschke

Those who were members at the old shop will remember **Adreinne Dyette**. When we were evicted from the Y building, Adrienne searched and finally found the spot we are now in. The real estate market was hot and vacancies were negligible. The Y developed a Head Start program and we were out. Adrienne was a very active member, being dealer chairman among other jobs before he moved to Nevada. He currently is working on a gold mine in Alaska, Anvil Creek and you may buy a share of this mine.

Try www.anvilcreekgoldmine.com for further information.

Terry Goesche is recovering from knee surgery. All was going well, until he fell and broke his wrist, that was a small set back, but he is back on his feet and raring to go.

At the meeting Tuesday night, shop boss **Beth Farmer** announced clean up day and said if you couldn't make it Saturday, she had suggestions for early work and John Gordon took her literally and showed up Wednesday, he was busy cleaning up the casting room from floor to ceiling, what a job! Mary Howell always washes down the windows because she can't make it on clean up day, she has been doing this for years. Then Sunday time for treats. We had some items from the **Leo Gautier** estate for sale, a saw and sphere blocks. We also sold jade slabs, and some good bargains from our tail gating members, all in a clean shop!

It's a small world. **Mike McBride** spotted a faceted stone in the auction case. The donor had sent it from Hawaii just in time for the auction. He noticed the name Austin as the donor and said he used to know a guy named Austin, an unusual name, when suddenly it came to him. He remembered the guy worked in the grocery business when Mike's wife was payroll clerk, he was sorry he missed him at the show. **Val and Austin Mc Thorn** had flown in for the show. They, too, had been members for years.

Our monthly meeting was great. **Rick Kennedy** told us about the Blue Mine in southern California. The man who found it

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started as a hard rock miner with shovels, picks, etc. Mainly he has found Aquamarines and Topaz by digging through hard rock granite. Eventually they sold enough stones in the thousand dollar bracket, to afford an earth digger. There were examples Kennedy brought to show us and some were for sale. Aquamarines are not supposed to be in California. I guess it's like the story--gold is where you find it.

Terry Jones, a new member, brought in a wire wrap scorpion. He promised Jody Minshall, and Diana Cohoon, wire wrap instructors, that he would hold a class on how to make them and he did. He promised this about a week after joining. He also carves rings out of Peach and walnut pits, and treats them with some kind of silicone to make it stronger, they make beautiful rings. He also cast peach pits and made earrings out of them. With members like this, we have a great future.

Mark Montgomery and **Victor Arca** came back to the shop raving about the bargains at the Santa Clara club's show.

One of our juniors who left us four years ago is graduating from Sonoma State University. Melissa Lira is earning her degree in mathematics, I Always knew she was smart.

The local Castro Valley newspaper had a nice picture of volunteers at Eden Hospital. Our own wire wrap instructor and historian **Jamie McDonald** was included in the picture but they neglected to name her. Jamie has volunteered there for years.

Alameda County Fair time, we need to show off our accomplishments for information contact: <http://alamed.fairmanager.com>. There is information on the fair and categories available posted on the board in the lobby at the shop. This is the 100th anniversary of the fair, and we would like to see more rock and mineral collections in cases for the anniversary, as well as jewelry made by our members. Jane Panico and Diana Cohoon have both won best of show at the fair. Doc and Shirley Buschke have also taken away some ribbons.

We had a wonderful turnout for the cleanup April 28, now, let's keep it clean. We could use a paint job, on the tables and benches, any volunteers? There were some good buys at the tailgating, and we even made some money for the shop selling equipment, jade, etc.

SHOW SCHEDULES

Lone Pine Mineral and Gem Society

May 4th, 5th & 6th, Fri. 9-6PM, Sat. 9:30-5:30 PM Sun., 9:30 - 3PM

Tri County fairgrounds

Corner of Sierra St & Fair Dr.

Francee Graham 760-876-4319

www.scmgs.org

Reno Gem & Mineral Society

May 12th & 13th Sat. 10-5pm, Sun. 10-4pm

Reno Livestock Events Center

1350 North Wells Avenue

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John Peterson 775-849-1522

www.renorockhounds.com

Fossils for fun society

Jackson, Ca.

May 12th & 13th, 9-5pm daily

Kennedy Gold Mine

12954 Kennedy Mine Rd.

Debbie Bunn 916-929-6665

fossilsforfun@hotmail.com

www.fossilsforfun.org

Yucaipa Valley Mineral and Gem Society

Yucaipa, Ca

May 19th & 20th

Sat. 9-5PM, Sun. 10-4PM

Yucaipa community center

34900 Oak Glen Rd.

Lee Peterson 909-794-0731

Res09ayd@verison.net

www.yvgms.org

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club

Sat. 10-6PM, Sun.10-5PM

Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium

4117 Overland Ave.

Robert Thirlway 310-462-2269

fiestaofgems@gmail.com

www.culvercityrocks.org

CFMS GOLD & GEM SHOW

Riverside, Ca

July 13th -15th

Fri & Sat. 10-5PM, Sun. 10-4PM

Riverside Municipal Auditorium

3485 Mission Inn Ave

Steve Schubert 951-943-0535

meschubert@hotmail.com

Field Trips

May 5-6

Spring Royston Turquoise Fee Dig - for turquoise.

This is a fee dig, not sponsored by a CFMS Society, rather coordinated by Duncan Penman, (408) 203-6056, dwpmail2@yahoo.com

May 19, 20

Silver Springs & Yerington areas, NV for Agate, Jasper, Verdi Antique, copper minerals, Selenite crystals. Nevada Co. G & M Society, Vicki Black and Terry Bartels.

May 25-28

Buchanan Thunderegg Fee Dig. Bend OR area. Please ask for the detailed write up from your field trip leader or go to http://orerockon.com/ore_rock.htm - scroll down to the link at bottom of page, under Gem & Mineral Clubs

May 27

Spider Mine for Rhodonite. (fee dig) (West of Red Bluff, CA) SFG&MS, Barb Matz

June 9 - ?

Virgin Valley, NV for opal. (Total dates to be determined) El Dorado M & G Society, Fred Ott

June 13th -16th

Tri-federation to Vale area, Oregon for petrified wood, plume Agates, Jaspers

AFMS/CFMS/NFMS

Contact Doug True,
dtruefossils@yahoo.com

June 16

Malakoff Diggins SHP for a guided tour, gold panning. Roseville Rock Rollers, CO-OP, CFMS North, Gordon Standlee and Jim Barton, or contact Jim Barton for sign ups @geologist@surewest.net; 916-847-7321

June 23

Monitor Pass for crystals in rhyolite. Calaveras G & M Society, Bob Young. (Alt. date, July 7, 2012.)

Aug. 4, 5

Monitor Valley, Pete's Summit near Austin, NV for fossils. Fossils for Fun Society, Vicki Blackand Terry Bartels.



GEM OF THE MONTH

He's from Norfolk, Virginia (when you can finally understand the accent) and attended Chaufan college before entering the service. After four years in the Air Force he decided to complete college and headed

for Chicago Art Institute where he got a degree in fine arts with emphasis on photography. Soon after he headed for California where he found a job with the city of Oakland. There he worked as a materials manager until retirement in 2005.

His interest in lapidary had a strange beginning. His fourth grader grandson had an assignment on geology and he begged grandpa for help and maybe a trip to a gem show. How can one refuse such a request? So off to a gem show he saw some huge cabochons. He told his grandson he could do that. Grandpas can do anything, as we know. He later found they were Mark Montgomery's work. He decided to attend an Open House and that was it. He joined and has been having fun ever since.

He has made some jewelry for his wife and granddaughter. He also loves thunder eggs and petrified wood. He plans on learning the other skills we offer. He also is an officer on our board being a first year director. His wife of 40 years and his daughter have put in orders for jewelry so he will be around for awhile. Have you figured out who our gem is? How about **Mike McBride!**



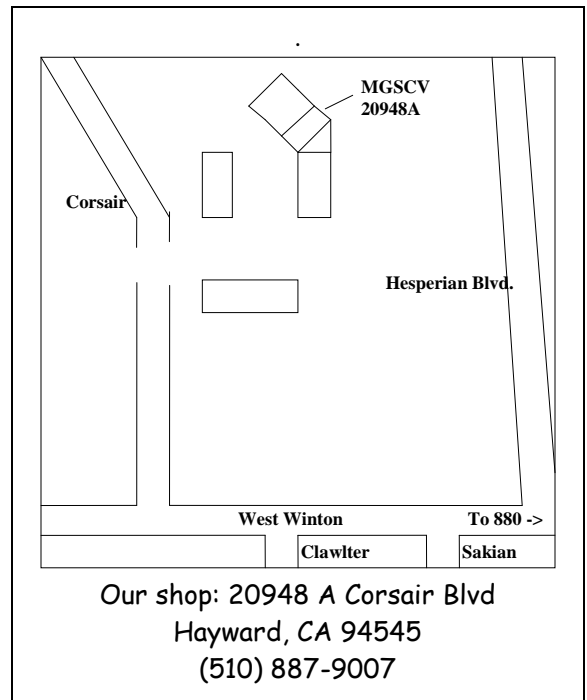
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Shop Schedule (All shop sessions members only)

- Monday** 10AM to 1PM, Lapidary
 6PM to 9PM, Beginners only
 in lapidary, Faceting (no beginners)
- Tuesday** 9:30AM to 12:30PM, need daytime supervisor
 6PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary, beading,
 Faceting, Library open 10AM to noon.
 6PM to 9PM, Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Lapidary
 5PM to 9PM, Lapidary, faceting (no beginners)
- Friday** Need Daytime and Night Supervisors!
 Temporarily closed
- Saturday** 9AM to 3PM, Faceting Class 9-12, Juniors,
 Adults w/supervisor's approval
 Library open 10AM to noon.
- Sunday** 9:30AM to 12:30PM, Lapidary

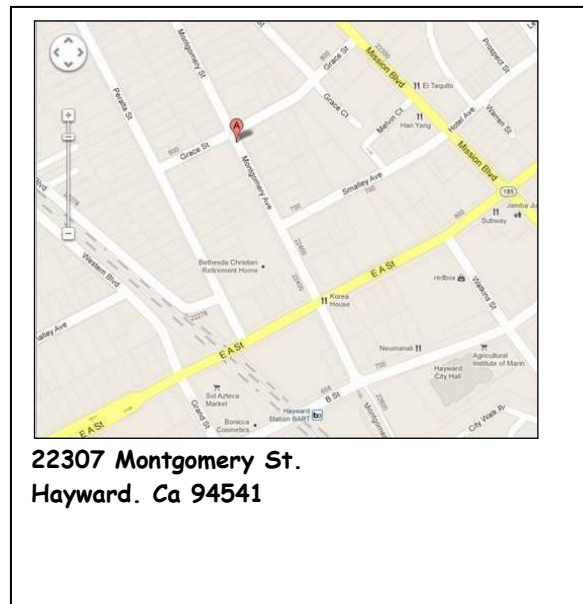
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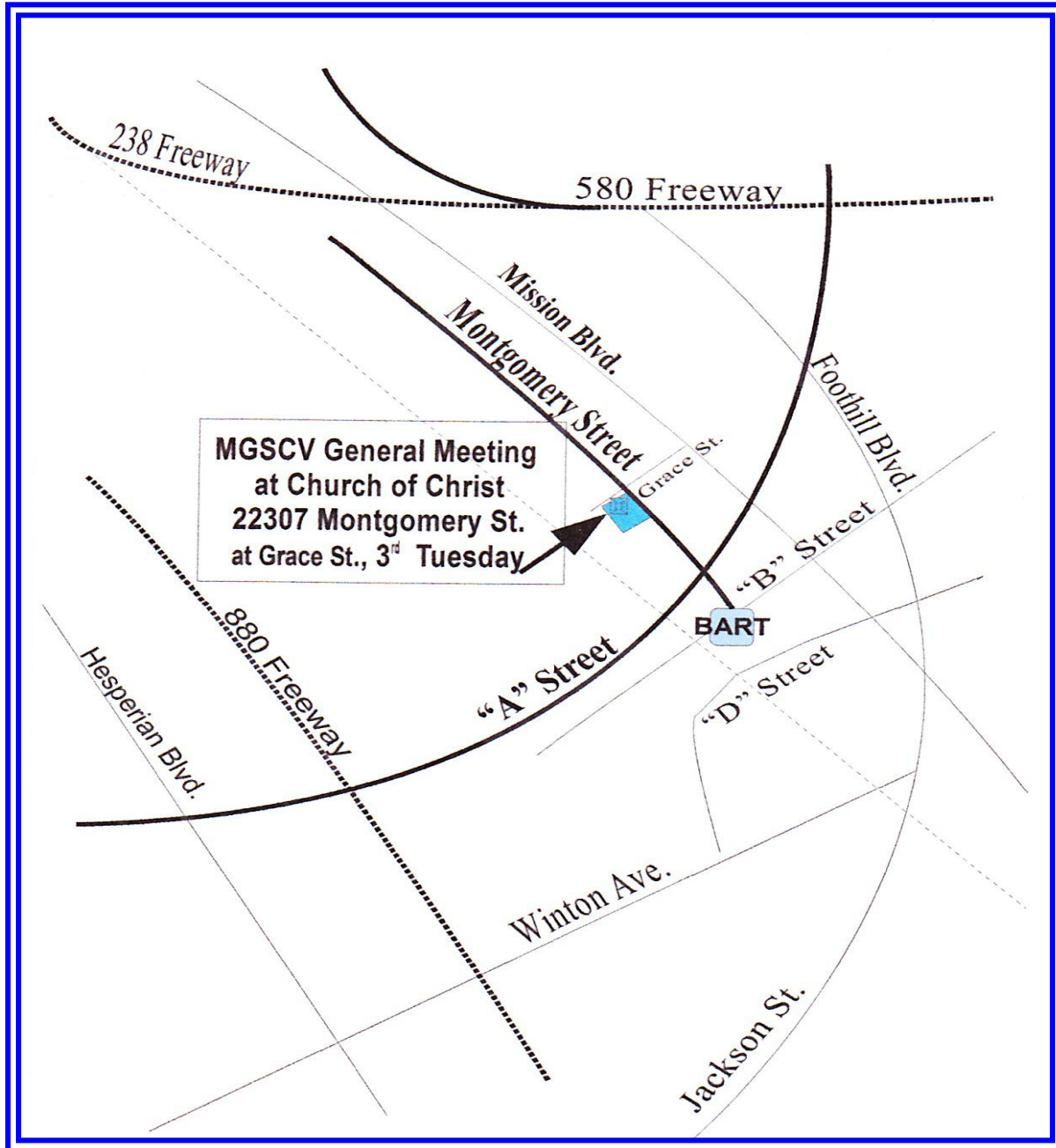
SHOP NOTICES:

There are only a few people who are authorized to invest in the casting room. If You are interested in learning how to invest, Contact **Jim Ewing**, or **Diana Cohoon**

Website: www.mgscv.org
 Email us at info@mgscv.org



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From I 580: Take the A Street exit and go west, turn right on Montgomery Street and go to 22307 Montgomery Street.

From I 880: Take the A Street exit and go East. Turn left on Montgomery Street and go to 22307 Montgomery.

From Jackson Street: Go north on Mission Boulevard, turn left onto A Street, then right on Montgomery Street and go to 22307 Montgomery Street.

THANK YOU SHOP CLEAN UP CREW

Thank You!!! To every who helped clean the shop, it is pristine! Christine Cody can't be beat with her steam cleaning of the bathrooms; they look so fresh and clean and smell good!

The following names were the people who worked so hard;

Ken Panico
Jody Minshall
Ann Marie Kochendorfer
Diana Cohoon
Cristine Cody
Mark Montgomery
James Kennedy
John Gulak
Don Gordon
Jim Ewing
M.T. Mc Bride
Betty Milam
Greg Odonez
Bonnie Andrade
Doc Buschke
Shirley Buschke
Carlos Castillo
Sub Nishimoto
Don Roaden
Owen Brand
Linda Davenport
Pavel Kozyrev
Andrei Kozrev
Sheryl Cooper
Maggie Naylor

Thank you again for the wonderful job done for our shop!!!!

DON'T FORGET MOTHERS DAY ON MAY 13TH