



Club Notes



General Meeting: Mar. 19th 7:30 PM

If your last name is **U-W** please bring snacks.

New Members: Unless otherwise stated, General Meetings are on the third with 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, Mar. 11th, 7:00 p.m. at the shop is the next Board Meeting.



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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
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Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING -
Submitted By Sheryl Cooper
Board Meeting - Feb. 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance were **Bonnie Andrade, Betty Milam, Diana Cohoon, Mike McBride, Sheryl Cooper, Jodi Minshall and Beth Farmer**

Show: Two dealers are not returning this year. **Ron Miller** is contacting old dealers from Centennial Hall first and then from the waiting list. Checking on the permit. Some people are picking up the geodes.

Treasurer: We reviewed the January treasurer's report from **Betty Milam**. **Beth Farmer** moved to accept the reports as presented. **Diana Cohoon** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Minutes: **Betty Milam** moved to accept the December and January board minutes as printed in the Petrograph. **Jodi Minshall** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Shop: An 18" flat lap machine was donated to the society. We are asking \$300 for it. **Beth Farmer** thinks she has a buyer already. She is looking for a drive motor for the 14" saw with the correct ratio.

Education: Everything going OK.

Membership: A few new people coming in and looking around. We have 52 renewals, 9

new members and 29 lifetime for a total of 90 current members.

New Business: We are looking for a field trip coordinator. This person needs to be able to attend the federation meeting.

The scholarship presentation will be moved to a future general meeting.

Betty Milam asked on behalf of **Pat Rigor** if the scholarship amount could be raised to \$750. **Jodi Minshall** moves to make the scholarship \$750 per student each year with a maximum of two students per year. **Beth Farmer** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mike McBride is lining up presentations for the upcoming general meetings. April - **Dennis Frerburger** "Gemstone Safari to Tanzania" May - **Lawrence Keyote & Rob Rickerson** "Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper" The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

GENERAL MEETING Feb. 19th, 2013

Submitted by Sheryl Cooper

Bonnie Andrade called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Betty Carpenter loves rocks and is looking to get back into the hobby. She has her daughter **Sonya Carpenter** hooked also. Then **Sonya** introduced her husband **John Carpenter** to rocks. It looks like it won't be long before he has the rock fever too.

Jason Pate is the grandson of **Mike McBride**. He likes baseball and rocks. He took his grandfather to one of our shows and got him hooked.

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Minutes: **Betty Milam** moved to accept the January minutes as printed in the Petrograph. **Diana Cohoon** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Show: For the Thursday night dinner you can bring homemade desserts, but not to sell at the show. We start setting up everyday at 9:00 am. and go until 4 or 5 pm. There will be sign in sheets. This show is what keeps the shop doors open all year, so we need everyone to volunteer their time before, during and after the show. Security people while you are wearing the yellow jackets you cannot be shopping. Do your shopping once you take your jacket off.

Editor: Send your articles to editor@mgscv.org

Diana needs them this week.

Librarian: **Mary** will get the books from the shop for the book table. You have any donations please bring them to the show.

Membership: We have 90 current members. 52 renewals, 9 new members and 29 lifetime members. Applications will be available at the show.

Juniors: Nothing new.

Sunshine: **John Gullak** fell and broke his hip. He is recuperating and saying he will be at the show. **Cheryl** says he won't be there. There is a picture of **John** on the faceting room door.

Education: There are no classes right now. Check the faceting room door after the show.

New Business: The Castro Valley Science Festival will be Sat., May 4th. Setup is at 8:30 am. The show runs from 10 am to 2 pm. After our show we will look for volunteers.

Announcements: We received another donation of findings. They are being sold out of **Doc's** store on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. In the past long-time members have received a certificate stating how many years they have been with the club. We would like to start doing this again if we find a volunteer. Also in the past we had a cabochon of the month. A material and size was selected for the month and members would make it. The cabochons were collected and judged. Is this something we want to do again? We would need someone to run it. We will continue this discussion after the show.

Program:

Maybe twice a year we could have a new member and a longtime member share their experiences with us at the meeting.

So this month new member **Mike McBride**, our VP, and long time member **Bonnie Andrade**, our President.

Mike McBride didn't know lapidary, geology or anything about rocks until three years ago. He has been a photographer, racer, done pottery and book binding. He found us through our show he attended with his grandson. He learned to make a cabochon from **Jim Ewing**. You know you polished enough if you can read the watts of the light bulb in your stone. He saw **Mark Montgomery's** cabochons at the shop and

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became star struck. He has a case full of his 1st year cabs displayed at the meeting. He is always listening and learning from everybody. Started working by whatever color caught his eye. Loves the challenge of big cabochons. He didn't want to cut the slabs into small cabs and lose the overall design. His second case has a "Shades of Green" concept. He picked up any green rock he could find in the back of the shop and made a cab, then bought a Genie and supplies to work at home. He loves looking and admiring the cabochons. He procured most of his material at the back of the shop in the tubs, club meetings and at the shows. He has flat lapped thunder eggs and worked with petrified wood and dinosaur bone. He has perfected his technique and now has some wonderful cabs in stone canyon jasper, Montana agate, crazy lace and more. He visited the Calistoga Petrified Forest and talked about flat lapping with the lady in the store. She showed him the pieces in the back that were not polished yet and he bought some. He likes the social aspect of the club. He feels he is among friends and calls everyone a friend.

Bonnie Andrade was born in Oakland and grew up in Hayward. She has been an electronic assembler, building transformers for audio electronic units, supervisor, and more. Bonnie currently is a school bus driver for 13 year olds. She brought a variety of items to share - parrots painted on a slab, a carnelian necklace, abalone covered onyx egg, abalone picture, nodules and more. She was 14 years old when she joined the club in Sept. 1966 with her guardians **Blue and Betty Andrade. Jack**

Peters was teaching the beginners. They went on field trips from California to North Carolina and Washington to Mexico collecting rocks. All three had display cases in different shows. **Blue** did cabochons and education. **Betty** had abalone pictures. Bonnie had geodes, nodules and paintings on rocks. They entered competitions in CFMS shows and came home with red and blue ribbons and trophies. They had cases in the Alameda County Fair for 15 years. **Blue** passed away in 1979 and many members miss him. He asked Bonnie to continue showing the education case. Bonnie and her mom enjoyed growing fruits and vegetables, traveling all over California and exhibiting at gem shows. **Betty** passed away in 1989. Bonnie still puts in an education and abalone case in many shows. She enjoys this club because everyone is friendly and helpful. She has been on committees and a board member. One day **Doc Buschke** asked her if she would be Vice President. She was new and nervous but learned from **Vern Korstad** how to give programs and survived. While in the middle of finding a new shop location, the President **Bill Collins** died suddenly. Bonnie stepped up and along with the board, moved into our present location and still had a show that year. A few months later she was selected as a lifetime member. She held membership chair for 3 years. She enjoys meeting new people that join the club. She loves helping people and teaching new members what the club did in the past. "This is a fun rock club to be with." Bonnie belongs to Lake Merritt United Methodist Church in Oakland and to the Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. She

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is our president again and will do her best for the club and the best gem show in the bay area.

Drawings: The name pulled for the \$100 member drawing was **Allen Ashley** this month.

For the March meeting the names will be removed from the bucket and replaced with only the current paid members.

Guest Tickets - **Sonya Carpenter, John Carpenter and Betty Carpenter**

Attending Member Tickets - **Barbara Ganitch, Katrina Ordonez, Cathy Miller, Diana Cohoon, Jason Pate, George Kozakura, Betty Milam, Mike Cox, Cheryl Gullak, Stephen Caudill-Merida, Sheryl Cooper, Mike McBride, Shirley Buschke and Maggie Naylor**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm and the silent auction was closed at 8:50 pm.



ROCK RUMBLES Jan. 2013

By Shirley Buschke

You heard it here first. A pink diamond sold recently for \$338,500. It was in a tiffany setting. Didn't find out how big it was.

We had two eager new members at our recent meeting. John and Sonya Carpenter were excited about their door prize winnings. In fact, Sonya won a piece of

Rhodonite and even though she hasn't made her first cabochon yet, she purchased one of the findings donated by either **Jodi Minshall** or **Bonnie Andrade**. We could use more enthusiastic beginners.

The **Bonnie** and **Mac** show was great! Both shared their products. **Bonnie** joined the club at the age of 14. She was practically a charter member. She showed abalone work, rock paintings and bead necklaces. **Bonnie** is invited to exhibit at many shows throughout the state. She especially enjoys showing off her father's Federation winning cabs. **Mike McBride**, our VP, became interested when his 8 year old grandson wanted to see the Care Bear fossil at our show. **Mark Montgomery's** cabs interested him and he has proceeded to join us make many. He loves his new hobby and his grandson is now old enough to officially be a member at 11 years of age. It's great to see new members take on leadership positions.

Maggie Naylor has decided to return to the shop on Tuesday nights. She missed out on the \$100 prize because she wasn't present at our meeting a couple of months ago, But she won one of the door prizes this month. **Maggie** was our Petrograph editor for a couple years.

Our faceter instructor **John Gullak** fell and broke his hip. He is in a care facility and must be recovering because his daughter **Cheryl** said he is beginning to complain. He will probably miss the show. **David Howell** is also in a care home after his stroke. We miss you guys. **Ed Rigor** may soon join the knee replacement crowd. His

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doctor is sending him to therapy sessions and then will evaluate what to do.

Our gold plater, Bill Luna says we need more solution and since the price of gold keeps going up we may have to raise our prices. Just like the cost of gas, food etc.

Good to see **Arland Stokes** at the shop. Ask to see the opal napkin rings he is making for his wife

"OLD Home Week"

The first week in March is "Old home week" for the MGSCV club at our annual show. a time when so many members of yesteryear return to renew old friendships.

Lily Johnson joined about 15 years ago to work on her cache of opals. She still has some left which she hopes to finish when she rejoins us. **Monte Cook** was always the dish washer at Centennial hall. He lives at Rossmore . He said they have a complete lapidary shop supported by about 80 members. **Ann and Dan Vargus** were monitoring the auction case. They were hospitality chairs for years.

Kurt Schultz demonstrated his jump ring jewelry. **Joan Miller** who owns the bead shop, Bead Asylum in Newark, also popped in Joan's specialty was silver fabrication. **Nell Klass** always worked in the kitchen.

Charlotte Snyder says she has lots of rocks that she needs to use up so we hope she find her way back to the shop. She should bring her sister, too. Think her name was Jeanette. My memory may be slipping.

Ron Hassemeyer finally found us. In the good old days Ron always took a week of his vacation to work at the show.

The memorial case reminded us of the talent some of our members shared with us.



Diane and Mike Alves managed the school visitation program. About 300 students traipsed through on Friday anxious to see the locally collected fossils. Diane was a stone carver among her other talents. Mike was our treasurer. **Darlene and Vic Pasquini** let the kids pick at their fossils and they loved it. **Naomi Morgan's** daughter **Cheryl** demonstrated beading. She usually paints rocks for the kids. Cheryl is not a member, just a good volunteer. **Chris Pavel-Ligon** demonstrated wire wrap. She comes all the way from Pittsburg by way of BART to do her part. That is dedication. Kurt took her to Hayward so she didn't have quite so far to ride BART home.

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Snooky Flowers renewed his membership. Former Petrograph editor **Lenore Brest** was at the show. She has always been helpful printing our thank you awards. **John Snyder** always returns to help at the show.

Eloise Rudiger always directed the spinning wheel but health problems snuck in. She had a great display of jade necklaces.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

'The Castro Valley Science Festival has asked our club to participate in this year's Science Fair to be held at the Castro Valley High School on the first Saturday in May - May 4, 2013 from 10am to 2pm. Set up can begin as early as 8:30am. Last year the Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley had 2 8' tables for displaying rough rocks to finished cabochons. All grades are invited to the Fair- from kindergarten to High School. The younger children loved touching the rocks. Any member that is interested in helping at the Science Fair and/or showing a display, please contact **Betty Milam** for more details.'

The shop clean up is April 13th at 8:30 am, and the open house will be April 14th from 10 to 3pm.

PREDICTIONS

By the time you read this the Academy Awards will be a thing of the past. A noted stylist predicted emerald green is the color of the year and lots of green jewelry will be worn by the stars. Emeralds and diamonds will be the stones of choice.

Large ear rings with multicolored stone will be picked by a couple short haired actresses. And necklaces will be the newest thing. A bow diamond pendant with cascading drop petals will be one while another will show bubbles of cascading diamonds showing the variety of color in diamonds. Still another necklace will feature a pear shaped Morganite with diamonds. All of these necklaces are in the 40 to 475 thousand dollar category.

A vintage look will be a result of oxidized platinum, gold and silver. A handcrafted silver bracelet will be set with amethyst and another cuff will have diamonds for accent. For the unusual dangling spiders and skull diamond ear rings will also show off diamonds.

SHOW SCHEDULES

Mineral & Gem society of Castro Valley

Newark, Ca

March 1st -3rd, Fri. & Sat. 10-6pm, Sun. 10-5

Newark Pavilion

6430 Thornton Ave

Cathy Miller cdmiller59@gmail.com

www.mgscv.org

Monrovia Rockhounds

Arcadia Ca.

March 3rd & 4th 9-4:30 daily

The Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

301 So. Baldwin ave.

Jo Anna Ritchey 626- 359-1624

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Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura, Ca

March 2nd & 3rd Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4pm

Ventura county fairgrounds

10 W. Harbor Blvd.

Krishna Juarez 805-320-1094

Abaris2007@gmail.com

www.vgms.org

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Victorville, Ca

March 8th-10th, 9-5 PM

Stoddard Wells Rd. (12 Mi. East of I-15)

36th Annual Outdoor Tailgate

760-243-2330, info. Map on website

www.vvgmc.org

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem

Spreckels, Ca.

March 9th & 10th 10-5pm daily

Spreckle's Vets Hall

5th & Llano sts.

Karen Saloman 831-375-5233

Kcbakes27@yahoo.com

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Turlock, Ca

March 9th & 10th 10-5PM daily

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

900 N. Broadway

Bud & Terry Mc Millin 209-524-3494

Budmcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com

Lemoore gem & Mineral Club

Leemore, Ca

March 16th & 17th Sat. 10-6pm, Sun. 10-4pm

Trinity Hall

470 Chapman St.

Chris Wartenberger 559-309-3433

leemoregemandmineral@gmail.com

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Vallejo, Ca

March 16th & 17th 10-5pm daily

Solano county fairgrounds

900 Fairgrounds Dr.

Dan Wolke 707-745-1816

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Torrance, Ca

March 23rd & 24th Sat. 10-5 & Sun.10-4pm

Ken Miller Recreation center

3341 Torrance Blvd.

Bill Sudduth 310-787-7851

Sudduth3@msn.com

Roseville Rock Rollers

Roseville, ca

March 23rd & 24th, Sat. 10-5PM, Sun.

Placer County fairgrounds

800 All American City Blvd.

Gloria Marie 530-367-2262

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Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Angels Camp, Ca

March 23rd & 24th

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

Calaveras County fairgrounds

101 Frogtown Rd.

Robin Williams 209-728-8277

Amy95247@yahoo.com

Santa Clara Valley Mineral & Gem Society

San Jose, Ca

April 20 & 21st, Sat, 10-6PM, Sun.10-5PM

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

334 Tully Rd.

Frank Mullany 408-265-1422

info@scvgms.org

Field Trips

Rock Hound Field Trip Fanatics

April 13th Area 54, Panoche Hills, Nees ave & I-5, city of Firebaugh, Western Fresno county,, Ca Meet @the Chevron Travel Plaza@ 9am Sat. more info @

<http://rockhound-field-trips.com/events>

Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society

CFMS Co-OP.

Panoche hills

April 13th W. San Joaquin Valley

Agate, Jasper and Jade

Gordon Standlee 916-752-5322

standleebrn@aol.com

Denise Hansen 530-613-0531

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Eldorado Co. M & G Society

Virgin Valley, Nevada

June 8th & 9th

Petrified wood, Opal, & Fossils

Fred Ott 530-677-8440

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Nevada Co. G & M Society

Austin, Nevada

June 8th & 9th

Fluorite & Snakeskin Agate

Dan Chaplin 530-271-7283

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GEM OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Shirley Buschke

Our gem of the month is a native Californian born in Oakland, attended san Lorenzo High took classes at Chabot and Cal State. On a trip north with her family discovered Humboldt State and decided that this was the school for her. She started out in the education field.

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Somewhere about this time she took a trip to Finland and loved it, only one problem, she couldn't speak their language and they did not speak hers, so homeward bound. In San Francisco she discovered her future husband. They corresponded for ages. Love bloomed and she landed in his home country, Canada. Loved the Canadian winters. She has been married for thirty years. He is now retired.

When asked about her interest in lapidary she said while visiting an uncle in Washington, her uncle showed her some cut stones so when they returned home, she and her dad visited the Adobe craft center which had an extensive lapidary set up. So she really got her dad started at the same time. Together they discovered the Mineral and Gem society and the bug really hit them. Her favorite activity is probably fabrication and she also liked lost wax. Designing was what she liked most but to carry out her designs she had to learn fabrication and lost wax. She tried faceting but did not much care for that. It did not seem to fit in her designs. Her favorite stone is spectrolite for its rich color. This stone is a relative of labradorite.

Her job at home was acrylic fabrication. As time went on there were slow times and she was able to take off to visit her local family. After her mother died she tried to visit her father more often. She also timed her visit around our show time and has worked on the show for years. This year she will be helping **Mary Howell** in the demonstration room. By now you should

have guessed the name of our gem. And thank her for introducing her father to the art of gem stones for he is our faceting teacher John and she is his daughter **Cheryl Gullak**.

BRAD SMITH BENCH TIPS



BEZEL SETTING PROBLEMS

When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.

In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the

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necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.

CHEAPER & BETTER PICKLE

Most jewelers use a granular pickle mixed with water. The active ingredient is **Sodium Bisulfate**. This can be purchased from local stores as a common pool chemical used for adjusting the acidity of the water. It's sold under various names, so be sure to check the list of active ingredients for a brand that is 95% or more sodium bisulfate.

An added benefit is that the pool chemical is more pure in form than what is sold for jewelry use and does not cause the often found brown grime floating on the top of a pickle pot.

NEWS ITEM - Trillions in Diamonds

Russia has just declassified news that will shake world gem markets to their core: the discovery of a vast new diamond field containing "trillions of carats," enough to supply global markets for another 3,000 years.

The Soviets discovered the bonanza back in the 1970s beneath a 35-million-year-old, 62-mile diameter asteroid crater in eastern Serbia known as **Popigai Astroblem**.

More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at [facebook.com/BenchTips/](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips/) or see the book "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon

KIDS KORNER

By: Elizabeth Bennette, 14 yrs old

With the Mineral and Gem Society show arriving soon, everyone at the shop is excited. I know that all of the members will love what's to come, and try our best to put in our share of work to make it the best one yet. But one question I ask myself almost every year is how something as spectacular and organized as the three day show is put together. How many dealers are there? How long does it take to set everything up? And what makes this show so irresistible to everyone? After asking around at the shop, I soon discovered that the preparation for the show is intense. With 4.5 full days of work prior to the show, the halls are cleaned and the electrical wiring is put together for all of the halls by our own members. Also, the dealers set up each of their several displays. Each dealer has happily kept all of their spots. With approximately 45 dealers on the waiting list (about the same amount of dealers attending the show) it is well known that within the three day show, these dealers will make money. **Jim Ewing**, an incredibly active member, tells me about his experiences with the dealers: "Some of the oldest dealers have been here for 20 years, and wouldn't dream of giving up their spot. I don't that think people realize how popular our show really is. One year, two dealers told us that they wouldn't be able to attend a few days before the show and we were able to fill their spot overnight!" The popularity of the show is matched by the work put in to it by each member. Not only

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are all of our staff there on a volunteer basis, but they look forward to coming. Even members that aren't usually seen at the shop make an appearance, whether it be doing a demo or working at the raffle table. But those aren't the only jobs that are available. Working as security, at the snack counter, doing announcements, demonstrating your favorite jewelry making, or working the ticket stand are all jobs that let you have a nice time and meet everyone that is there to enjoy the show. But, what is enjoyed the most has to be the shopping. The variety of gems sold pleases everyone. From the intricate settings to the beautiful opals, I've always found something that had caught my eye. My mom always takes her time to look at the jades that are displayed and get some inspiration from the turquoises. The vendors also sell carvings, wax molds, cases, settings, and gems. I hope all members find something spectacular, and I'll see you there!

Here is a good trip for kids;

Dino Day @ Sierra College

March 10th 9-4PM

Where: Rocklin Campus 5 events both inside Sewell Hall and outside on the grounds.

Cost: children 4-12 \$7.00, adults \$10.00, children under 4 are free. Free parking.

Contact: **Kim Stevens** 916-660-7955, or 1800-242-4004 ext. 7955

kstevens@sierracollege.edu

I hope some of our adult members take their kids to this event and email me a

short story to put in the petrograph about their experiences.

This is a chance to meet lots of other kids and adults who love rocks and fossils too.

Any stories about adventures and trips that kids in our club take can be sent in to me an email and I can share it with everyone else who reads our monthly publication.

I am looking forward to articles from all of you like **Elizabeth Bennette** writes for us in the kids Korner. Diana Cohoon, editor editor@mgscv.org



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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, need daytime supervisor
6PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary
Library open 10AM to noon.
5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
7PM to 9 PM, Lapidary
- Friday** 9-1 PM Lapidary, Faceting (experienced only)
- Saturday** 9AM to 3PM, Faceting Class 9-12, Juniors,
w/supervisor's approval, lapidary
Library open 10AM to noon.
- Sunday** 9:30AM to 12:30PM, Lapidary

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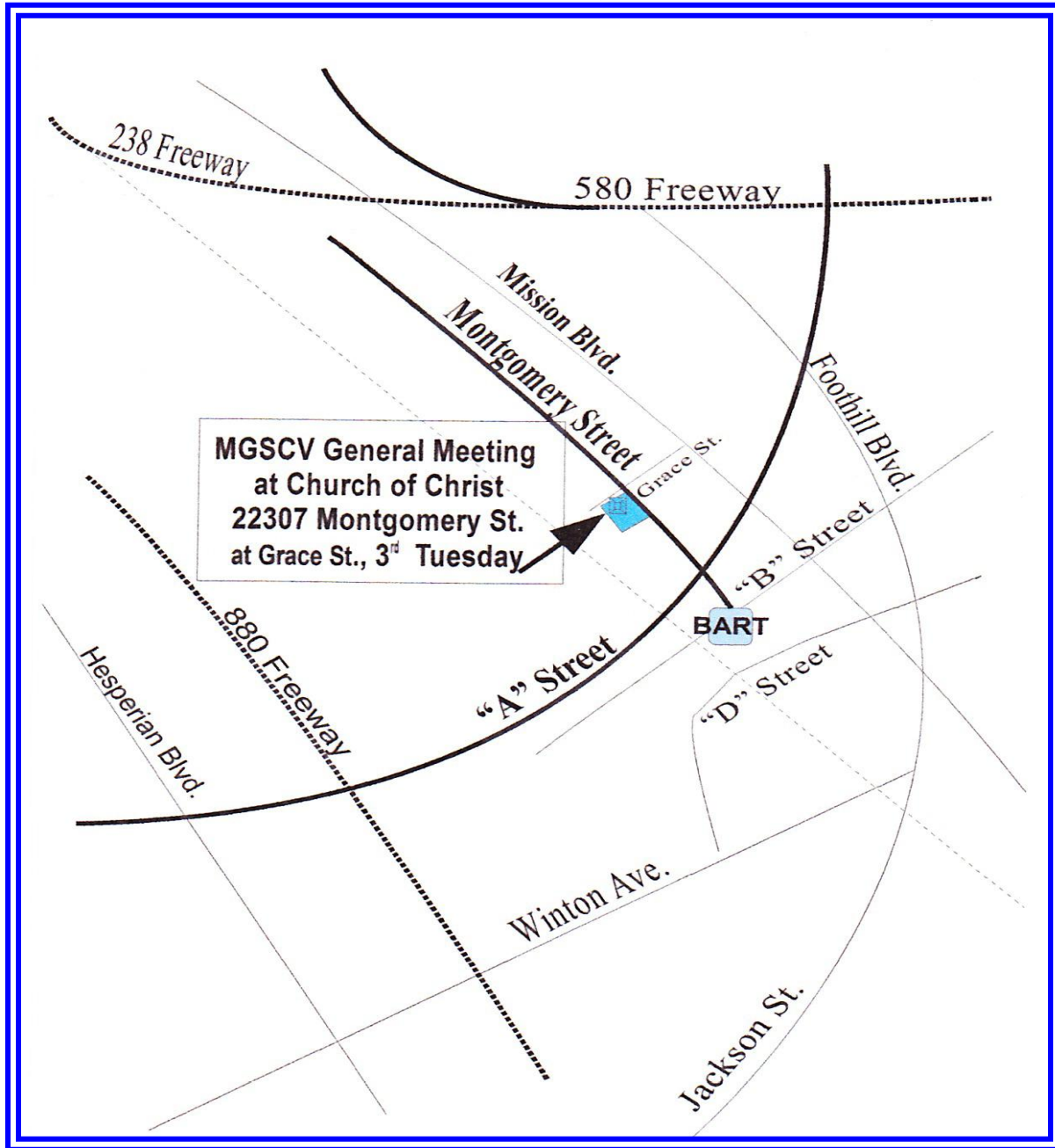


SHOP NOTICES:

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

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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.

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Membership is good for one calendar year from January 1st through December 31st. Please fill out and sign the application. Mail the completed form, a check for the dues **payable to MGSCV**, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to - **MGSCV, Attn: Membership Chair, P.O. Box 2145, Castro Valley, CA 94546.**

Your membership is active upon receipt of your check and application. It will be processed and membership cards will be mailed to you within 4 weeks. Your email will be added to the list for the Petrograph, our newsletter. Your name will be added to the roster in the lobby at the workshop and in the drawing at the general meetings for cash prizes, if present.

We are a non-profit club whose sole purpose is the education of lapidary arts and geological sciences for all who are interested. **No products produced in the shop can be sold for profit.** All members should have or be familiar with the MGSCV Handbook. A copy is available for review in the club's lobby or one can be emailed to you by sending a request to info@mgscv.org.

Before any member may operate any equipment or take any class they must have completed an orientation and their first cabochon. **To schedule an orientation send an email to WorkShopManager@mgscv.org with your name, phone number, and a good time to call you.** During the orientation you will learn about the club and get a tour of the workshop. Monday evenings are reserved for beginners only.

Membership dues cover less than 10% of our annual operating costs. It is our annual show that funds the club, workshop and all activities. **A requirement of membership is that every member must work at the show for a minimum of 4 hours.** The show is always held the first full weekend of March, so mark your calendars. The show is fun to work and is the reason we have the best workshop/club in Northern California. Shop services such as rock sawing, casting, special classes (faceting, wire wrap, metal work, etc...) will not be available to members who do not work at the show.

Membership Chairperson

Type of Membership(s): (check all that apply) new membership renewal membership
 Single - \$35 Couple - \$60 Junior (11-17 with adult) - \$1 Junior (11-17 without adult) - \$5
 Associate - \$17.50 (former member living more than 100 miles away) Lifetime (voted in by the board)

After July 1st all new membership dues are half (½)

Name(s) (Please print all the names.)

Adults: _____

Juniors: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

(Our monthly newsletter, the Petrograph, will be emailed to this address.)

Occupational Skills: _____

(Sometimes we are in need of advice and/or help in regards to electrical, plumbing, mechanical, clerical or other skills.)

Confidentiality: (check all that apply)

I do not want my address printed in the roster at the shop.

I do not want my phone number printed in the roster at the shop.

I do not want my email address printed in the roster at the shop. I agree with the By-laws and rules of the Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley (MGSCV).

Members Signatures: _____