



## Club Notes



**General Meeting:** Sept. 17, 2013 7:30 PM

If your last name is **J-M** 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, Sept. 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the shop is the next Board Meeting.

**Show Meeting:** Thurs. August 29, 7 p.m. at the shop upstairs.



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### **Bulletin Submission Policy**

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.

### **2013 MGSCV Officers**

#### Elected

President - Bonnie Andrade	<a href="mailto:President@mgscv.org">President@mgscv.org</a>	
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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	<a href="mailto:webmaster@MGSCV.org">webmaster@MGSCV.org</a>

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## Meeting Minutes

### **BOARD MEETING June 10th, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance were **Bonnie Andrade, Mike McBride, Sheryl Cooper, Betty Milam, Mike Cox, Cathy Miller, Diana Cohoon and Brian Gray.**

Treasurer: The May treasurer's report by Betty Milam was reviewed. **Diana Cohoon** moved to accept the reports as presented. **Mike McBride** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Minutes: **Betty Milam** moved to accept the May board minutes as printed in the Petrograph. **Mike McBride** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Show: **Beth Farmer** will be sending out the contracts in September. The show date change may cause the dealers coming from the Tucson show problems. A letter with the 2014 show date will go out to the dealers in August. **Cathy Miller** is working with the dealer table layouts and will be talking to the dealers to make sure they want the additional space. We will need to purchase more six foot tables. Some dealers may be moved around. A geode cutter has been priced from \$400 to \$600 dollars. We are looking into making our own cutter. She is still looking into where to purchase geodes. The next show meeting will be Aug. 29th.

Editor: **Diana Cohoon** will continue publishing the Petrograph through the summer again this year. The deadline for articles is the end of the month.

Membership: We have 154 current members. The current membership list is at the shop in the red binder.

Field Trips: **Brian Gray** is hoping to have time to scope out some places to rock hunt near San Luis Obispo.

Old Business: The lights upstairs should be upgraded or replaced. The board would rather replace the receptacles. **Mike Cox** will look into the pricing and we will discuss it over the summer.

The Cab of the Month program - should it be a show and tell? **Mike McBride** has heard from some that it is too subjective instead of being based on craftsmanship. We have decided in September to change it and call it Lapidary of the Month. It will be for members to bring in their items for show and tell instead of judging. We discussed possible themes for each month.

The next board meeting will be Sept. 9th. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Submitted By Sheryl Cooper**  
**GENERAL MEETING June.18th, 2013**

**Submitted by Sheryl Cooper**

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**Bonnie Andrade** called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. There were 23 members present and 2 guests.

Welcome everyone. This will be our last meeting until September.

**Emily** joined us tonight. She is a 4th grader who loves rocks and art.

**Rick Webb** joined us tonight also. He has been a rock collector for years and is getting back into the hobby. He was an instructor for another club for a while.

Minutes: **Doc Buschke** moved to accept the May minutes as printed in the Petrograph.

**John Caudill** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Correction for the Petrograph - The next show meeting is Aug 29th instead of June 30th.

Program: Poppy Jasper by **Lawrence Keyte and Robert Frederickson**

They had handouts for everyone with a piece of Poppy Jasper attached to it. They went over the different classifications - oceanic, volcanic, pseudomorph in fossils and chemical. They discussed several categories in each classification. They brought in a piece of jasper and asked the attendees to identify what kind it was. After a few guesses we were able to narrow it down and come up with chemical classification and the Jasp-agates category. The floor was opened up for questions and it turned into where can you find Poppy Jasper. We were told to head to San Martin. If you want to see some Morgan Hill Jasper go to the El Toro Bar in Morgan Hill. The whole bar counter is made out of Morgan Hill Jasper. A few people agreed it

was a must see. Thank you **Lawrence Keyte** and **Robert Frederickson** for an informative presentation.

Show: The next show meeting will be Aug. 29th at 7:00 at the shop. **Cathy Miller** says we still have a few positions to fill or we can always use your assistance on any of the committees.

Editor: **Diana Cohoon** is always looking for articles and things to include in the Petrograph. She will be publishing the Petrograph through the summer, so send your items to editor@mgscv.org by the end of the month.

Membership: There are 155 current members. The list has been updated at the shop in the red binder.

Juniors: Nothing changing right now. **Mark Montgomery** is leaving between noon and one on Saturdays.

Sunshine: **Jim Ewing** has contracted Hepatitis A from frozen berries and is at home resting.

**Dave Gordon** has been seen down at the shop following his throat surgery.

Education: It is about time to start up classes again. See the faceting room door for the sign-up sheets. **John Gullak** says he will return to teach faceting soon.

**Doc and Shirley Buschke** presented two Certificates of Appreciation tonight. The first went to Sally Lacey in appreciation for all of the printing she has done for the show. The second one went to **Cathy Miller** in appreciation for stepping up as show

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chairman and doing a wonderful job in keeping all of us on task.

New Business: **Maggie Naylor** has agreed to organize painting parties for the shop. The tables and cabinets need a fresh coat of paint. She has heard from a couple of people but needs some more volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet near the sign-in sheet at the shop. She is looking for donations of painting supplies also, like rollers, tape, plastic clothes, etc...

Announcements: Look for the club case at the Alameda County Fair. Norm Hodgson and Beth Farmer pulled items from our cases upstairs at the shop. **Chloe Hodgson** and **Betty Milam** made the labels. There is information about the club included in the case along with a banner made by **Peggy Cooper**. Also look for displays by Doc and **Shirley Buschke**, **Terry Goesch** and the Math, and Science Nucleus. The fairgrounds are renting six cases from us because they over booked the available cases.

Cab of the Month: We had 3 cabs submitted this month. Congratulations to **Lawrence Keyte**.

Drawings: The name for the \$100 member drawing was **Chris PaVel-Ligon**, unfortunately she was not present to win.

Guest Tickets -**Rick Webb and Emily**

Attending Member Tickets - **Lawrence Keyte, Betty Milam, Stephen Caudill-Merida, Cathy Miller, Mike McBride, Maggie Naylor, Amy Burroughs, Jason Pate, Mark Montgomery, Neil Delfino and Mike Cox**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm and the silent auction was closed at 9:10 pm.

Winners of the Gem of The month are **Mike Mac Bride & Lawrence Kyte**.



### ROCK RUMBLES June, 2013 By Shirley Buschke

We honored our own at the last meeting. Citations were awarded to **Sally Lacy** for all the designing, printing and work at the show. She and her mother only charged us for materials. Thank you Sally (that Rigor clan, again) Our other recipient was our show chairman, **Cathy Miller** and she is from the Ewing clan. This is her second year as chairman. She wants helpers for our next show so sign up now.

Our speaker at the meeting explained how poppy jasper and few other jaspers are formed. Poppy jasper is a "local" stone.

We had a new member join us, **Rick Webb** from the San Leandro Boy's Club. He knew Ozzie. Must have been a member when he was a kid. He won a slab of rhodonite.

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**Beth Farmer, Jodie Minshall and Norm Hodgson** set up a display of our club work at the Alameda county Fair. **Doc Buschke** won a red ribbon and wife **Shirley** won a blue.

Nice to see **David Gordon** back in the faceting room. He had quite a bout of surgery recently. Our other faceter, **Jim Ewing** was a victim of the contaminated fruit from Costco and is recovering slowly. The doctor told him at least 4-5 weeks before he feels normal again. Jim said he can't seem to eat. He's afraid to get on a scale.

Give **Maggie Naylor** a hand. She is coordinating painting of our shop tables and cabinets. They need it. Willy K. did them a few years ago. She plans to have a crew do one table at a time so the shop can still be in use. She could use paint, brushes, etc. Sign up sheet is by entry sign up sheet.

Nice to see **Pat Rigor** back at the shop. With help from her daughter, **Kathy Roney**, she makes it up the stairs at the shop. Check out the beautiful necklace and ear rings Kathy has donated to the auction case.

Sadly we announce the death of **Bill Luna's** son of a heart attack.

Some interesting field trips for the summer are listed on the bulletin board. Latch onto another club, but call first to make sure the trip has not been cancelled.

It's been wonderful to see some interested youngsters at our recent club meetings. Some have even won a rock and one has been bidding on the silent auction.

It's vacation time and teacher **Kelly McCoy** has returned to the shop. She said cutting rocks gets rid of all her frustrations. She also visited the County fair and out of curiosity decided to try the Krispy Kreme doughnut Hamburger and was very surprised to find it was really good. "Just the right combination of sweet and salty"

**Beth Farmer** enjoyed her vacation to Yellowstone National Park. They stayed in several of the famous lodges. One was of logs and she bet the maintenance problem was great. You could see daylight between logs. No problem in the summer. And of course they enjoyed Old Faithful.

Grand Tetons was also part of their trip.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rubber Mold Wax Models

**John Gullak** and his daughter, **Cheryl**, took on the job of making wax samples of the over 400 rubber molds that **Ed Rigor** donated to the shop.

It took a lot of time to shoot the waxes and then organize them into categories, but it was interesting.

There are a wide variety of rings, buckles, charms and other oddities. Everything from a King Tut ring, to a Steer head skull buckle. See these and many more rubber molds upstairs in the Rubber mold Locker. But make your OWN waxes. DO NOT USE THE SAMPLES.

Thanks John and Cheryl, for your hours of work.

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### SHOW SCHEDULES

#### **Culver City Rock & Mineral club**

Culver City, Ca

July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 10-6 Sat.; 10-5pm Sun.

Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Rick Shaffer 310-391-8429

[info@culvercityrocks.org](mailto:info@culvercityrocks.org)

[www.culvercityrocks.org](http://www.culvercityrocks.org)

#### **Mendicino Coast Gem & Mineral Society**

Fort Bragg, Ca

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>-Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Fri. –Sun. 10-6pm; Mon.  
10-4pm

Town Hall Main & Laurel

Jerry Sommer 707-937-1833

#### **Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club**

Lodi, Ca

Sept. 28 & 29 10-5pm daily

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

413 East Lockford St.

Jerold Kyle 209-368-9411

[jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com)

[www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

#### **Carmel Valley Gem & mineral Society**

Monterey, Ca.

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>; Sat. 10-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm

Monterey Fairgrounds

2004 Fairgrounds Rd.

Janis Rovetti 831-372-1311

[Janis12@sbcglobe.net](mailto:Janis12@sbcglobe.net)

[www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.org)

#### **Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society**

Santa Rosa, Ca

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>; Sat. 10-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm

Wells Fargo Center

50 Mark West Springs Rd.

Jolene Coon 707- 849—9551

[jolene@SRMGS.org](mailto:jolene@SRMGS.org)

[www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)

#### **El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society**

Placerville, Ca

Oct. 19-20<sup>th</sup>; 10-5pm daily

El Dorado County Fair Grounds

100 Placerville Drive

Arlene Williams 530-676-2472

[info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)

[www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)

[www.eldoradomineralsandgems.org](http://www.eldoradomineralsandgems.org)

### Field Trips

#### **Roseville Rock Rollers**

Duncan Canyon, Ca

July 21

Gold Panning

Jim Hutchins 530-367-5108 or

916-995-7380

#### **Mother Lode Mineral Society**

Sonora Pass Hwy 108

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Geology tour & collect petrified wood

Mary Watson 209-214-3547

[Mistywatsonc21@hotmail.com](mailto:Mistywatsonc21@hotmail.com)

Cell Fri. & Sat. (reception poor)

209-408-3176

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### GEM OF THE MONTH

#### Submitted by Shirley Buschke

Our gem this month was born in Oakland and graduated from Alameda High School in her hometown, Alameda. She attended Diablo Valley College and UC Berkeley, and for some reason, she and a friend decided to try the University of Iowa, a very good school. They both agreed it was a great school but the winter did them in and they came back to California as soon as the school year ended.

In March of 1964 she joined a group of Native Americans in the occupation of Alcatraz Island on San Francisco Bay. She remained on the island running the field kitchen for the occupiers until she was evacuated from the island after developing a severe case of pneumonia. Fortunately she was not there when the government removed the occupiers from the island.

Eventually she found time to get married and have a baby. Unfortunately the marriage didn't survive, but she has a beautiful daughter to cherish for the experience, and has since remarried.

It seems she has had many jobs, and along the way helped build a boat harbor Glen Cove Marina, and she spent some time

in Hollywood Florida developing a shopping center called the Bouganvilla shopping center off Davie Road extension. She also worked for Red Carpet Realty. No wonder she and John Gullak get along so well. He also had numerous job experiences.

The wanderlust got hold of her again (remember University of Iowa) and she found herself teaching conversational English to students at the Autonomo University Medical School in Guadalajara, but she finally returned to California to stay.

She was working in property management when she suffered in an accident while at a local hospital but, is good as new again. However, she may set off the airport security screening alarms because, as she says, she is partly "a bionic woman" with Two hip implants and knee, and a plate holding together her right femur.

When was asked how she came to join us she said she had experience in bead work and took several classes at Studio One. Then, all of a sudden, the time was right so she joined our club. Her favorite lapidary tasks are working on opals and lost wax. We are so glad she is sharing her skills with members because she is now teaching. Have you guessed who our gem is? She is the one who is always helping friends. She has been chauffeur for John Gullak a lot lately. She has helped at the show, in transporting members places (including rock sales), purchased things for the club and last summer won "Best of Show" at the Alameda County Fair. You guessed it, **Diana Cohoon**



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is our gem of the month, our Petrograph editor.

### BRAD SMITH BENCH TIPS

Brad Smith on Vacation

### KIDS KORNER

By: Elizabeth Bennette, 14 yrs old

#### Birthstones

Like many other kids around my age, my first exposure to gemstones was birthstones. Stones assigned to a specific month in the year, birthstones are well known in the United States. Because each person has a stone somewhat specific to them, a sense of curiosity about their stone is evoked. I experienced this curiosity while in the second grade. As a second grader, owning your own birthstone made you achieve the highest level of "coolness." Birthstones almost gave you as much playground respect as if you owned a mood ring, another piece of jewelry that was held in high esteem in the eyes of these second graders. Even now, I don't really understand why these items were so fascinating to us. But thinking back, owning a topaz necklace (my birthstone) made me feel as if I had something unique to only me (and the other millions of people born in November, but I did not realize that at the time). Having a sense of individuality made me more confident, and I wore my topaz proudly. Only now am I more concerned as to the history of these stones, and why topaz had

to be the particular stone I was attached to. After doing some research, I found that these specific gems were worn on the breastplate of Aaron, as described in the bible. Later on, authors theorized that each stone was connected with astrological signs and that if the stones worn during that month, they would help you with your health and challenges you face. But, not until the 1700's did people begin to wear their birthstone month-round. But, the specified list of stones corresponding with their month was only released in 1912 by the National Association of Jewelers. Since then, birthstones have been assigned to specific months, and people wear their own birthstone year-round. Even though these stones began as a religious object, they are now quite well known to all people around the United States, and has helped the people wearing the stones feel more unique. No two gems are totally alike, which personalizes every stone. Once again, jewelry makes its owner even more proud in their pieces with deeper recognition of the history of their stone.



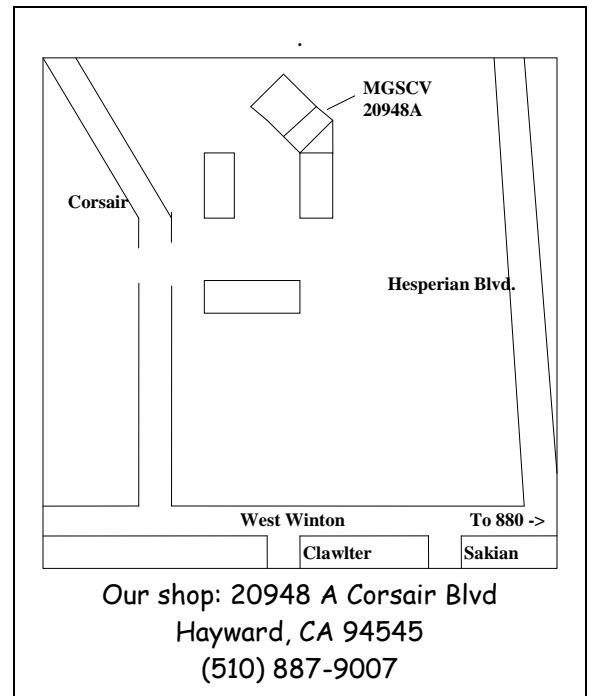
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**Shop Schedule**

**(All shop session's members only)**

**MAP**

- 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



**SHOP NOTICES:**

The shop needs painting volunteers! See article under announcement by Maggie Naylor. Part of the privilege of using the shop, is to keep it clean and painted and need some new members to get involved!!!!

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Email us at [info@mgs](mailto: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.**

**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.**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FOR OUR CLUB BADGE PURCHASE

The badges will be Blue background with gold lettering. They are 2x3". Please include your name (as it will appear on the badge), address, contact numbers and enclose a check in the amount of \$8.64 Make the checks payable to Rocky Five, and mail it to Rocky Five 5705 Begonia Dr. San Jose, Ca 95124-6535 email: [rockyfiv@aol.com](mailto:rockyfiv@aol.com) We encourage all members to wear their badges at our show, and when you visit other shows, to show our support of their club.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Badges \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_