



## Club Notes



**General Meeting:** March 18th 2013 7:30 PM at the Church of Christ. Members with the last name that begins with E-H please bring snacks for the general meeting.

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

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday March. 10th Board Meeting at the shop 7p.m.

**Show Meeting:** Thurs. March 27th 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.

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#### Appointed

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Librarian - Mary Howell	
Historian - Jamie McDonald	
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Education Coordinator - Shirley Buschke	
Field Trip Coordinator - Ron Hasemeyer	
Parliamentarian - Doc Buschke	
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**BOARD MEETING**

February 10th 2013

**Submitted by Sheryl Cooper**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

In attendance were **Bonnie Andrade, Sheryl Cooper, Betty Milam, Beth Farmer, Mike Cox, Cathy Miller, Jodi Minshall, and Tony Cooper.**

**Show:** The building inspector did not approve the use of the new stage area in Hall 4 because there is no permit on file for the work. We discussed the ramifications of the Pavilion not getting permits and have decided to block off the stage area and move the dealer into the last available slot. Beth Farmer moved to table the decision to explore our options with legal representation until after the show this year. **Cathy Miller** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Betty Milam** has received the special events insurance paperwork in the mail.

**Shop:** Things are getting broken and things are getting fixed. Beth Farmer will address the issue of the shop cleanliness and saw fees. We do not have enough lockers available for the people using the shop on a regular basis and will be discussing some options and creating guidelines in the near future.

**Editor: Diana Cohoon** has been doing a great job on the Petrograph. Thank you.

**Membership:** We currently have 86 members for 2014. If you provided an envelope then they have been mailed out. Otherwise they are available at the shop near the sign in book. Most members renew during the show and these will be handled after the show.

**Treasurer:** The January treasurer's report by **Betty Milam** was reviewed. A new copier/printer was purchased for the shop. **Beth Farmer** moved to accept the reports as presented. **Jodi Minshall** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** **Beth Farmer** moved to accept the January board minutes as printed in the Petrograph. **Mike Cox** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**New Business:** Since we have no VP maybe the directors could take turns handling the general meeting programs in the interim. We discussed allowing the directors to temporarily fill in for vacant board positions.

**Unfinished Business:** The proposed change to Article VIII - Committees - Section 1 is "The Budget Committee shall complete their work in time to email the Proposed Budget to all members of MGSCV who have email, and to mail the Proposed Budget to those members who do not yet have email prior to the January General meeting."

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**Mike Cox** moves to accept the proposed changes to Article VIII Section 1. **Jodi Minshall** seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The next board meeting will be Mar. 10th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

### GENEREAL MEETING

Submitted by **Sheryl Cooper**

**February 11th, 2014**

**Bonnie Andrade** called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. There were 23 members and 1 guest present.

**Margo** joined us tonight. Member **Amy Burroughs** brought her along and is trying to convince her to join the club. **Margo** has collected rocks for a long time.

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

**Shop:** **Beth Farmer** has ordered saw blades for the trim saws. The general membership saw has been repaired. The *Genie's* are being fixed. The rest of the rock in the back of the shop is being hauled away. The polishing wheels are being worked on and you can use the rubber to polish your rocks for now. Shop cleanup will be on Saturday, April 5 and the Open House will be on Sunday, April 6th

**Editor:** **Diana Cohoon** could use a few articles. Did anybody go on a trip? Did anyone go to Quartzsite? Keep sending in your articles to **Diana Cohoon** at

editor@mgscv.org before the last week of the month.

**Membership:** There are now 89 current members. Don't forget to renew your membership to keep your name in the bucket for the general meeting drawing. The membership drawing amount is going up \$5 each month until we have a winner.

**Field Trips:** **Brian Gray** is planning on having a field trip in May. He has not decided where to go yet. He visited Area 54 and brought in some samples to show everyone.

**Education:** **Lee Chavez** is offering another silver class for 3 people only on a Saturday. The date is still to be determined. Look on the faceting room door for class information and sign-up sheets. **Lee Daguman** has agreed to take over as education coordinator.

**Juniors:** No changes at this moment.

**Sunshine:** **Mike McBride** went back east to help put his father's estate in order and help move his mother to his brother's house. He will be back at the end of March. The weather is not cooperating to get the repairs finished.

**Librarian:** **Mark Montgomery** reminded everyone to bring their book donations to the show, not the shop. Please only Lapidary magazines.

**Scholarship:** Our contact at **CSUEB**, **Jeff Sikes**, has become very busy. We are looking for another contact and hoping we can give the scholarship money at the April general Meeting.

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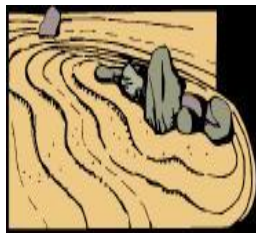
**Show:** The show wrap up meeting will be on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the shop starting at 7:00 pm. If you cannot make it to this meeting please let someone know your concerns, suggestions, and comments so we can keep improving on our annual show.

**Old Business:** We are still looking for a VP.

**Drawings:** The name for the \$105 member drawing was **Austin Bradford**; unfortunately he was not present to win. Next month the amount will be \$110.

**Attending Member Tickets - Shirley Buschke, George Kozakura, Vijaya Setheraman, Jodi Minshall, Margo (guest tonight), Cathy Miller, Cheryl Gullak, Lisa Lafferty, Sheryl Cooper, Doc Buschke, Beth Farmer, Mike Tice and Amy Burroughs**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm and then the silent auction was wrapped up.



### ROCK RUMBLES

By Shirley Buschke

I Loved the show! It's reunion time. **Mike Alves** came back to direct the children's visit on Friday. Probably about 250 kids, not like the old days when schools could take field trips. **Monte Cook** used to be the busy dish washer at Centennial Hall even

though he was the food chair. And **Buzz Odom** found us again as did **Art Shiffrar**. Maybe they will come back to the shop one of these days. **Snooky Flowers** renewed his membership, and told some members that all he does these days is fish for Bass in his boat. **Joan Miller** (Bead Shop) dropped in for a few minutes. **Jesus** and **Ann Ruiz** now belong to the Santa Clara club. **Tom Ford** also returned. And I lost my list of some of the other returnees. Member **Mike MacBride** missed the show. He went east to help his family who had been hit hard by the bad weather and found there was more damage than he had expected. So he is still there.

Couldn't have happened to a nicer person. For years **Doc Buschke** and Petrograph editor **Diana Cahoon** have taken charge of the record keeping, selling of tickets for three days at the show of the raffle pendant made by **Ed Rigor**. **Michelle Bennette** was in charge of record keeping this year. **Diana** and **Doc** sold tickets during the show with help from some members. A very young lady drew the winning number and the winner was **Diana Cahoon**.

**Jami d'Spain** tells us she has decided it is time to return to school. She has enrolled at Merritt College. Wonder if they have a jewelry program. She could probably teach it.

Field trip **Brian Gray** expects to be in Taiwan soon on a business trip. He's the earthquake study guy. He is planning a field

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trip for members when his life settles down. I think he went to school there, too.

There were Lots of complements from attendees about the demonstration room. The kids always love the opportunity to pick at the **Darlene Pasquini's** fossil exhibit. It was Nice to have the gemologist in attendance.

**Arland Stokes** added to his turquoise tree forest when he was high bidder for the turquoise tree at the auction. Wasn't our auctioneer great? **Rita Frazier** was a member until she moved to Colorado about eight years ago and she was our auctioneer then, great of her to come back and give us a hand.

Don't forget to return the yard stands so we can use them again next year. They are very costly.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to all of you who agreed to volunteer to work at the 2014 show. 72 club members responded to the call !! Many of our dependable volunteers continue to work in the same positions year after year. Thank you for your expertise and dependability. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the new members.

The profits from the show make possible the outstanding shop we offer to our members. This annual event is the main source of funding for our hobby. The club offers you a lot. The show is your chance to give a little back. Mark your 2015 calendar and be prepared to work the weekend of March 6, 7 & 8. When you sign

your Membership form as you renew your annual membership in our club, you commit to at least 4 hours of volunteer work during the show... The raffle brought in a total of \$1579.85, \$85 previously (gen. meetings and shop sales) and \$1494.85 during the show. Great work !

The Wrap-up show meeting will be March 27, 2014, at 7pm upstairs at the shop. Bring your suggestions. We even accept criticism.

**Do not forget Shop Clean-Up day Saturday, April 5, and the Workshop Open House pot luck luncheon on Sunday, April 6, 2014 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. It is the day we get to show off our outstanding shop!**

It looks like the Clear Creek BLM Management Area will soon be reopened to rock hounds and other geoenthusiasts. Yes, there will be restrictions within the Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), but these are open to modification as valid scientific evidence is developed in regards to long term serpentine exposure. I've barely begun to read the ROD, and look forward to a hearty, ongoing discussion of the RMP in the coming weeks, month & years. Suffice to say, the fight to keep Clear Creek open to the public isn't over yet.

Here's the Press Release from the BLM's Hollister Field Office.

Best regards, Kris Rowe

Rock hound Field Trip Fanatics!

Hand-2-Mouth Mining

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From: "Murphy, Sky" <smurphy@blm.gov>

Date: February 12, 2014 at 11:54:44 AM PST

To: BLM\_CA Hollister RMP  
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Subject: BLM Releases Record of Decision for Clear Creek Management Area Field Office has released the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The BLM's notice of availability for the CCMA ROD marks the beginning of a 30-day appeal period for the public to challenge implementation decisions in the document. The temporary closure order for CCMA that was issued on May 1, 2008, will remain in effect until the end of the 30-day appeal period on March 14, 2014.

Under the ROD and approved RMP, highway licensed vehicles are allowed on 32 miles of major roads in the Serpentine ACEC to provide access to key areas of interest for non-motorized recreation. Access into the Serpentine ACEC is authorized by permit only, with vehicle touring limited to five days per year and pedestrian activity limited to 12 days per year.

"This decision marks a starting point that will reopen the management area to public use and begin to evaluate future use through an adaptive management approach" said Rick Cooper, BLM Hollister Field Office manager.

Based on the concerns regarding the health risks of naturally occurring asbestos, criteria were added to the management plan to allow the BLM to reassess land use plan decisions if significant new information on human health risks from exposure to airborne asbestos fibers becomes available.

BLM will continue to work with California State Parks, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to identify opportunities for activity-based studies on asbestos exposure to recreational users in the Serpentine ACEC portion of the CCMA. BLM will also consult with the BLM Central California Resource Advisory Council to assist with plan implementation and adaptive management.

The CCMA ROD and approved RMP is available for review at the BLM Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023; and on-line at:  
[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear\\_creek\\_management\\_area/CCMA\\_RMP.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area/CCMA_RMP.html).

For additional information contact the Hollister Field Office at (831) 630-5000.

Sky Painter Murphy

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### SHOW SCHEDULES

#### **Salinas Valley Rock & Gem**

Spreckels, Ca.

March 8-9 10-5p.m. daily

Spreckelsa Vetrans Hall

5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Sts.

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[www.salinasrock&gem.com](http://www.salinasrock&gem.com)

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

Modesto, Ca.

March 8-9; 10-5p.m. daily

Stanislaus county fairgrounds

900 Braodway

Bud & Terry McMillin 209-524-3494

[terry.cmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.cmillin@yahoo.com)

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

#### **Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society**

Vallejo, Ca

March 15-16<sup>th</sup>; 10-5 daily

Salono County Fairgrounds

900 Fairgrounds Dr.

Dan Wolke 707-745-1816

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

#### **Loomore Gem & Mineral**

Leemore, Ca

March 15-16<sup>th</sup>; Sat. 10-6p.m., Sun.10-4p.m.

Trinity Hall

470 Champion St.

Chris Wartenberger 559-309-3433

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#### **Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society**

Angels Camp, Ca

March 22<sup>nd</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>; Sat. 10-5 p.m. Sun. 10-4p.m.

Calaveras County Fairgrounds

101 Frogtown Rd.

Robin Williams 209-728-8277

[Amy95247@yahoo.com](mailto:Amy95247@yahoo.com)

[www.calaverasgem&minereal.org](http://www.calaverasgem&minereal.org)

#### **Roseville Rock Rollers**

Roseville, Ca. March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>; Sat 10-5p.m., Sun.10-4p.m.

Roseville (Placer county) fairgrounds

800 All American City blvd.

Gloria Marie 916-216-1114

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

#### **South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society of Torrence**

Torrence, Ca.

March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>; Sat. 10-5p.m., Sun. 10-4p.m.

Ken Miller Recreations center

3341 Torrence Blvd. (entrance on Madonna ave)



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### Field Trips

#### Topaz Mt., North West of Delta Utah

Courtesy Roseville Rockrollers sponser club

Open to all affiliate clubs

May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>

Collection materials: topaz crystals, Red Beryl, Pseudobrookite crystals, hematite crystals.

Jim Hutchings 530-367-5108, cell: 916-995-7380

[Jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:Jhutchings22@hotmail.com)



#### Virgin Valley, Nevada

Memorial day weekend May 23- Monday  
May 26<sup>th</sup>

Roseville RockRollers are the sponsors

Materials are; opals, preserved petrified wood, selenite, and opalite. Apache Tears, Carnelian, and colorful Agates and Jaspers are found in the region nearby.

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#### Public Lands for Field Trips

On the Mendocino Coast one hundred and thirty miles north of San Francisco, the incorporation of the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands gives hikers new access to a 12 mile stretch of coastline and fields of wildflowers, cypress forests, and cliff areas overlooking some blowholes, pinnacles and sea caves. Congressional proposals to include the north coast lands as part of the California Coastal National Monument have been introduced, and plans also exist to extend the California Coastal Trail through the new preserve. The 1,132 acre Stornetta Public Lands are located just above the town of Point Arena. They include over 2 miles of coastline, the estuary of the Garcia River, and adjacent beach, and historic Point and a small island accessible during low tide. Stornetta borders the Pacific Ocean and historic Point Arena Lighthouse on the on the west. The small island, Sea LionRocks, will become a portion of the California Coastal National Monument system.

The property contains natural resources including wildlife habitat, riparian corridors, wetlands, ponds and other water sources, cypress groves, meadows and sand

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dunes. This is open to the public for hiking, picnicking, nature photography. Motor vehicles, bicycles, horses, and overnight camping is prohibited, pending a final management plan. **NO WATER IS AVAILABLE!** The area also has many hazards, such as sink holes and unstable cliffs, and at high tide the rocks are underwater and not passable.

Courtesy of: Peninsula Gem & Geology Society of Los Altos



### GEM OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Shirley Buschke

This month's gem is from Shreveport, Oregon. He went to school at Oregon State and Central Washington University where he majored in geology and where he met his wife, who is a physicist..

Like all kids he has always loved rocks and enjoyed rock climbing while in high school.

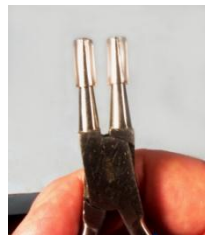
After graduating he spent a year as an engineering geologist creating plans for building pads..He later turned to plate tectonics and earth land form movements I think the title is Geomorphologist technician. That is a mouthful.

He says he has amassed an enormous collection of rocks, partly because of his on the job sources, and decided maybe he should consider doing something with them. He loves to cut and polish stones. He found out about our club and decided to join. So far his wife is only interested in the product. He says she doesn't like the dirty part of rock collecting.

Our gem is planning a field trip for our members. So watch the Petrograph and the bulletin board at the shop. He is scheduled for a field trip, because of his job, so plans will be made upon his return.

Saying he is planning a field trip should have given it away. Our gem is field trip chairman **Brian Grey**. Does he have any interests other than rocks? Yes, golf. And he has a claim to fame. He has made TWO holes in one on the golf course.

### BRAD SMITH BENCH TIPS



### NO - MAR PLIERS

Pliers can often leave nicks and scratches on your work. If this is giving you a problem, first take a close look at the pliers jaws. New tools can be a little rough. I typically relieve any sharp edges, sand away any tool marks and give working areas a quick polish.

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If that doesn't solve the problem, you probably need to cover the jaws. Plastic electrical tape provides a quick fix but can leave messy adhesive on the jaws. Dips don't seem to last very long.

A quick and easy way I've found is to slip a length of 1/8 dia vinyl tubing over each jaw. It's quick and leaves no sticky residue. Only problem is that it increases the size of the plier jaws a bit. The tubing can be found in a store that sells aquarium supplies.

### PATINA RECIPIES

In a recent class we did a little work with patinas. I came across a couple web sites for those of you who'd like to explore this area, especially for copper and bronze.

The first is The Science Company at <http://www.sciencecompany.com/Do-It-Yourself-Patina-Formulas-W12C672.aspx> with plenty of formulas for a variety of colors. And there's more formulas at Tim McCreight's Brynmorgen Press web site at <http://www.brynmorgen.com/resources.html>

Small quantities of chemicals for making your own patinas are available from The Science Company at <http://www.sciencecompany.com/Patina-Chemicals-C672.aspx>

If you prefer to buy the patinas already for use, one of the best sources I've come across is Sculpt Nouveau at <http://www.sculptnouveau.com/> Don't miss all the instructional pdf's on the site and be sure to take a look at the videos

showing how to use their products at <http://www.youtube.com/sculptnouveau>

Get all 101 of Brad's Tips on "Bench Tips for Jewelry making" on Amazon.com

### KIDS KORNER

**By Elizabeth Bennette 15 yrs. Old**

About a week ago, our mineral and gem society successfully organized another annual show. At the event, there were multiple dealers, a variety of door and raffle prizes, and a fantastic display of our member's beautiful work. In order to make sure that our show runs as smoothly and successful as possible, our members take time to evaluate the high and low points of the show, to really consider what we want to keep or adjust in the future. One of the biggest changes that I noticed at this year's show was that there was an influx of new dealers who were mostly located in Hall 4. All of these sellers were eager to share their expansive collections of rocks with visitors. And fortunately for me, many of them were willing to spare a few minutes to discuss with me their passion for gems and minerals and their experiences participating in shows like ours.

Two sellers from "From Rocks to Gems" described their first rock hounding experience as not being intentional. In 1996, they visited Jade Cove for a scuba diving trip, and found beautiful pieces of jade. This discovery led he and his wife to take an interest in the gem and mineral collecting business. Another dealer from "Fault Line Trading" explained how she

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received an inheritance, and wanted something to do after retirement. She's always been a rockhound, and created her business two years ago so she could continue her hobby participating in several shows in Northern California. Similar to the dealer at "Fault Line Trading," the dealer from "Agate Hill" recounted his early experiences with rocks: "I've specifically taken an interest with rocks about ten years ago, but I've liked them ever since I was a kid." He made his first debut as a dealer at our show this year, and described his experience as "fantastic." Bob and Helen, the founders of the company "Nature's Collectables," have been attending shows in San Francisco, Concord, Turlock, Monterey and now, Fremont, for the past 15-20 years, and really enjoy it. They pride themselves on their motto: "beauty by nature, enhanced by artists," which characterizes their beautiful products. The two have been able to combine their passions in their work: Helen's love of art, and Bob's love of rock hounding, to sell items that are popular and well-crafted.

Many of the dealers have been involved with the mineral and gem community for over ten years, and do shows in California and around the world. For example, David from "Heart Medicine Creations" has been a dealer at shows in Santa Clara, Contra Costa, and Monterey for the past three years. He explained how he's made changes to his collection in order to remain successful. His lifelong fascination with carvings has led him to assemble a wide

selection of bone and rock carvings for sale. However, he found that he needed to diversify and create a broader range of pricing to attract more attention to his business. Consequently, he added quartz clusters, agates, and necklaces to his collection, and they've been met with success in the Northern California region. Although some dealers prefer to remain in this part of the state, other dealers, like Alfredo Petrov from "Petrov Rare Minerals," travels around the world in order to attend 14 different shows in Japan, Europe, and all over America. What he's noticed from show to show, are the variety of different people who are interested in his minerals. For example, in his visits to Japan, he has found that young Japanese collectors are much more interested in the "scientific side of the minerals, and are able to identify which elements are in each one." Alfredo has found that each country's culture fascinating, and is happy to be able to be involved with a community that shares his long time interest in minerals.

Though all of these new dealers come from a variety of backgrounds, with different experiences with rock hounding and selling, they all come to shows with a few common purposes: to enjoy themselves and to share in their mineral and gem collecting passion.

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**(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:**

Email us at [info@mgs](mailto:info@mgs)

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**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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## Monthly Bulletin of the Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, inc. Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley (MGSCV) Membership Application and Information



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: \_\_\_\_\_