



Club Notes



General Meeting: Nov.17th 2015 7:30 PM at the Church of Christ. Those with the last name that begins with Q-T please bring finger foods for the 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 November 9th
Board Meeting at the shop 7p.m.

Next Show Meeting: Thursday November 5th at 7p.m. at the shop



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2015 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Bonnie Andrade	President@mgscv.org	
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Secretary - Sheryl Cooper	Secretary@mgscv.org	(510) 589-8858
Treasurer - Betty Milam	Treasurer@mgscv.org	
1 st Year Director - Jodi Minshall	Director1@mgscv.org	
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3 rd Year Director - Mike Cox	Director3@mgscv.org	
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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 - Brian Gray
Parliamentarian - Doc Buschke
Reception/Host - Jim Ewing
Sunshine Reporter - All members
Door Prizes - Bonnie Andrade
Web Master - Tony Cooper

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BOARD MEETING

Submitted by **Sheryl Cooper**

October 12th 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were **Bonnie Andrade, Betty Milam, Sheryl Cooper, Norm Hodgson, Jodi Minshall, Mike McBride and Mike Cox**

Minutes: **Norm Hodgson** moved to accept the September board minutes as printed in the Petrograph. **Betty Milam** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

Treasurer: We discussed the September treasurer's report by **Betty Milam**. **Jodi Minshall** moved to accept the reports as presented. **Mike McBride** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Federation: The CFMS business meeting is November 13-15. **Mike McBride** will be asking under what conditions we can cancel membership to any member. Can we bar members from the shop and how? Can a nonprofit take someone to small claims court? What is our coverage if we are sued? What is required to be 501c3 compliant and can we still get insurance CFMS if we are 501c3? The 2016 CFMS annual show is September 16-18th at the county fairgrounds in Placerville. The world gold panning championship will at the show. The El Dorado society will be hosting the show.

Shop: **Mike McBride** reported that someone left the large saw open part way so oil went all over the place around the saws. It flooded the floor all the way to the back door. The faceting machine in the polishing

area needs a new belt. We received several items from **Horace Robertson** from when he did school programs. **Mike** is setting up an educational resource area upstairs. **Jodi Minshall** reports *Genie's* are in bad shape - missing light, water spitters missing, on one the water only works for 10 mins and some wheels are delaminating. We agreed they need to be evaluated and a list created of parts and repairs needed by machine. Then come up with a plan to get repairs done.

Show: **Jim Ewing** donated 2 rolls of ivory fabric for liners and risers. We need to add a disclaimer to the live auction sheets.

Sunshine: **Tom Ford** passed away on September 29th.

Kelly Reinbolt's mother passed away.

Jodi Minshall's mother's Celebration of Life will be on November 7th.

Unfinished Business: A letter for the checked out books from February that have not been returned was discussed. It will be emailed to the person.

New Business: We discussed raising the membership fees and/or charging fees for using the shop each time you come. The show only pays for 6 months of the shop expenses. We need to come up with a solution. We discussed getting corporate sponsorships, but we need to be a 501c3 to get the donations.

We should also setup a shop safety program.

The next board meeting will be November 9, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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GENERAL MEETING - October 20, 2015

Submitted by **Sheryl Cooper**

Bonnie Andrade called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. There are 21 members present.

Minutes: **Jodi Minshall** moved to accept the September minutes as printed in the Petrograph. **Mike McBride** seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Federation: **Mike McBride** reported that next month is the business meeting for CFMS. He will bring back information on how to apply for their scholarships. He will ask about legal issues and how the CFMS can help us. The next CFMS show is Sept 16 - 18, 2016 at the Placerville fairgrounds hosted by the El Dorado club. The world class gold panning championships will be at the show also.

Shop: The Genie machines are now numbered at the shop. We are looking at what needs to be done and keeping logs of repairs by machine. There was a 20 foot puddle of oil in the back of the shop from one of the big saws that was not closed completely. The facetrone machine in the polish room is down for repairs.

Show: The next show meeting is November 5th at the shop at 7:00 pm. **Shirley Buschke** handed out several settings to members to put stones in for the door prize case.

Membership: There are currently 172 members. Don't forget to sign in when you use the shop.

Editor: Please send your articles to editor@mgscv.org

Junior: **Mark Montgomery** reports nothing is happening.

Education: **Lee Chavez** will be teaching a beginner soldering class on a Saturday afternoon. The cost will be \$20.

Victor Arca will be teaching a wire wrap class. The cost is \$10.

Signup sheets are on the faceting room door.

Field Trips: Reminder that members can go on any field trips offered by other clubs. You need to show your membership card and follow their rules. In the lobby is a binder with field trip information. **Mike Cox** hosted the field trip club meeting at our shop last month. There were about 10 people present.

Sunshine: **Marjorie Stokes** is in assisted living for Alzheimer patients.

Tom Ford was diagnosed with ALS last year. He passed away on September 29.

Pat Rigor is doing great. A chairlift was installed and she went upstairs for the first time in three years. She declared it needed dusting.

Teresa Taniguchi says "Hello." They have been taking care of their parents and are very busy. They don't even have time for ballroom dancing.

Kelly Reinbolt recently lost her mother.

The Celebration of Life for **Jodi Minshall's** mother will be on November 7th. Look for information at the shop.

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Betty Robertson is going in for surgery.

Announcement: The annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 12th. Doors will open at noon and food will be served at 1:00 pm. **Doc Buschke's** turquoise tree is ready for the drawing. Ticket sales start at the November general meeting.

Money Drawing: The name drawn tonight for \$100 was **Cathy Miller** and she was not present to win. In November the amount goes to \$105

Ticket Drawing: **Bear Dean, Maya Caudill-Merida, Maya Caudill-Merida, Lillian Pate, Lee Daguman, Charles Meyers, Stephen Caudill-Merida, Mark Montgomery, Shirley Buschke, Jason Pate, Mike McBride, Betty Milam, George Kozakura, Doc Buschke, Maya Caudill-Merida, Sheryl Cooper, Charles Meyers, Stephen Caudill-Merida, Jodi Minshall and Lee Daguman.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm and the silent auction wrapped up. The next general meeting will be on November 17, 2015.



ROCK RUMBLES

By **Shirley Buschke**

Don't forget change of date of our Christmas party. It's a lunch, on a Saturday

and it is pot luck. Our regular November meeting is November 17.

Good to see **Bill Luna** back at the shop. He was out for about 8 weeks with severe leg injuries suffered in his fall. He even had surgery.

Ann Vargas came in recently with a donation of three boxes of stones and stuff in memory of **Dan Gilson**. She said **Dan** died April 4th. Thank you **Ann**. **Jodi Minshall** keeps making donations. This time we have several gold filled or sterling silver rings. They retail at \$16 but they are yours for a donation of \$10.00.

More bad news. **Tom Ford** died. We have no details. Also **Betty Robertson** has had surgery and will probably have chemo. **Horace** said she's holding up fine.

Ed Rigor and his son put a chair riser in their home so now **Pat** can go up stairs. We love her comment upon arriving there the first time she used her "elevator". She had not been upstairs in three years since her fall. Loved her comment --"It's dusty!!!" **Ed** is rearranging things so she can work up there. The beaders have been meeting at her home for several months. **Ed** said **Pat** is finally managing to get around and do many things in the house... He sure appreciates housewifery now.

It's time for **Doc Buschke's** turquoise tree raffle. Tickets will be on sale at our November meeting, at the shop and at our Christmas feast. You need not be present to win. All proceeds go to the club. Last year the club was \$400 richer .

Members are finishing up many of the door prizes to be used at our show. See

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Shirley Buschke if you want to help. And the auction case can also use your contribution. If you don't feel it is worthy of the auction, we can use it for door prizes or prizes on the Spin-a-Wheel. **Ed Rigor** just made a big donation for the spin a wheel, he gave us many necklaces for the small fry.

Arland and Margorie Stokes recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with friends and family. **Margery** is recovering from a fall. She broke her hip about 3 months ago. She is hoping to return home soon.

Teresa Yamaguchi reports they have been so busy with family problems, both parents are ill, that she has not been able to come to the shop. They have even had to give up their ball room dancing for lack of time. Guess that means they really are busy.

Arland Stokes had quite a time recently. His Cadillac (about a year old) was invaded by rats while it was stored. To the tune of \$1200 worth of damage. The rats even tried to eat the steering wheel. Repair shop said they had only seen this happen once before. Don't forget the Christmas lunch and it's time to finish those Christmas presents.. Turn in your finished door prizes, too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MGSCV Gem and Mineral show will be held March 4, 5 & 6, 2016. Mark your calendars. All club members are required to donate at least 4 hours of time to work the show. The 2016 show will be held at

the Newark Pavilion again. The same weekend as MGSCV has its show, the Bay Area Faceters will be holding a Faceters Frolic at the Math-Science Nucleus in Fremont. This additional venue will offer to the public Dealers, Vendors, Presentations, and Education.

Every member of the club is on the Publicity Committee. Show flyers are available at the shop to pass out. Spread the word about our show. Encourage all to attend. MGSCV's purpose is to educate the public. We have much to offer. Attend the Show Committee meetings. Your help - suggestions - criticism is welcome.

Our annual show is the club's main source of income. Besides donating your hours during the show, help is also needed during the week before to set up the show and to take down the show on Sunday evening. Do not shy away from this responsibility. This is a big event for a small membership.



History Lesson

By Betty Milam

The purpose of our Mineral and Gem Society is to 'educate the public.' As members we strive to teach each other the skills we have learned and to extend that knowledge through our general meetings, classroom visits, science fair, and our annual presentation of two \$750

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scholarships to geology students at Cal State East Bay - Hayward.

The first scholarship was presented at the January 1985 general meeting - 15 years ago! The solid 'seed money' for the scholarships is due to the vision and perseverance of **Pat Rigor, Jamie McDonald** and the Board of Directors at that time. To set up the scholarship award, meetings were held with the professors of the Geology Department at Cal State in Hayward. In the first years, one \$200 scholarship was awarded at the January General meeting.

Through the years, items donated to the club are sold to other club members. The first donations were UltraTec faceting machines donated by the owner of the company. This income was invested wisely and it became the basis of the Scholarship fund.

A Live Auction was added to our annual show the year the Faceted Guild contest between Australia and America was held. At that time we had a 'Sister Club' in Australia. Currently the proceeds from the Live Auction held during our annual show, the monthly meeting Silent Auctions, as well as items sold from the donated items in the shop store these constitute the 'scholarship fund.' All club members are encouraged to donate items to the auction case. The donations are on display in the case at the shop near the front door. Donations of rocks to the Silent Auction are also encouraged. And if you need supplies check the 'store' on the right as

you enter the shop. It may have just the item you need.

Working at our Annual show as well as supporting our Scholarship fund continue to be an unconditional requirement of membership.

SHOW SCHEDULES

AMERICAN OPAL SOCIETY

November 7-8th; Sat. 10-6pm; Sun. 10-5pm
Anaheim, Ca

The Phoenix Club

1340 So. Sanderson Ave.

Veronica Purpura 714-501-9959

info@opalsociety.org

www.opalsociety.org

INDIAN WELLS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Nov. 7th & 8th; 8-5pm daily

Ridgecrest, Ca.

Desert Empire Fairgrounds

520 South Richmond Rd.

John De Rosa 760-375-7905

SACRAMENTO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Nov. 14 & 15th; 10-5pm

Sacramento, Ca

Scottish Rite Temple

6151 H. St.

www.sacgemshow.com

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SUTTER BUTTES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Nov. 15 & 16th

Yuba City Sat.

10-5, Sun. 10-4pm

Kartie Slightam 530-673-9649

mktalternatives@comcast.net

VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB

Nov. 21st & 22nd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3pm

Victor Valley Museum

11873 Apple Valley Rd. (x Bear Valley Rd.)

Ed Skidmore 760-243-2330

Vp-shows@vvgmc.org

www.vvgmc.org

SANTA CRUZ MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

Nov. 21st & 22nd 10-5pm daily

Santa Cruz, Ca

Live Oak Grange Hall

1900 17th ave.

Julia Cornblatt 831-687-0509

Julia.cornblatt@gmail.com

www.scmgs.org

FIELD TRIPS CO-OP

STOCKTON LAPIDARY & MINERAL CLUB

Panoche Hills, Ca for Jasper, Agate, Jade, Serpentine, Blue G, and Chocolate Magnesite

Phyllis Kyle, boomakyle@yahoo.com.

CALAVERAS GMS

Coaldale, Nv for Moss Agate, Agates, Jaspers, Petrified Wood

Robert Young cell- 530-545-0932, home- 209-728-8454 ryoung1738@aol.com



GEM OF THE MONTH

VINTAGE GEM

This month's gem was born in Germany where she attended school and came to California by way of Canada. While in Canada she was a nanny. Her agreement was to go to school to learn English. Through mutual friends she met her husband who was also from Germany. She says the hoops they went through to enter the USA were unbelievable but the two of them finally made it to Castro Valley. She worked in a plumbing establishment before retiring. She said she learned how to read mostly through comic books. She has two sons and grand children. Both boys graduated from college. One from Berkeley, and the other from Cal State Hayward. She said both boys grew up without TV.

Flat lapping is our gem's favorite activity, maybe because her husband was so good at everything.. Today mostly she works with beads. She taught my 7 year old grand daughter Annikka (now grown) beading and she is still beading. She was often hostess

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at many of our club socials. She has won many ribbons for her flat lapping. She has donated many of her polished slabs along with her late husband's work for our auction. She is also famous for her zucchini bread and Bundt cakes. Can you guess who? How about Anne Marie Kochendorfer!!!!

BRAD SMITH BENCH TIPS

HOMEMADE WAX TOOLS

Save your used X-Acto or scalpel blades for utility work on the bench, they're wonderful for delicate wax work. Use a cutoff wheel or other type of grinding wheel to shape the blades to what you need. For instance, you can carve away excess metal on the spine to make yourself some narrow carving knives that do a great job of detailing small pierced areas of your waxes.

1 Picture attached

REMOVING A STONE FROM BEZEL SETTING

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry.

Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank.

But if the stone is really stuck, there are two other tricks - but each with risks and consequences. The first is to pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade being very careful not to wrinkle or tear the bezel.

If you try this, make sure to pry gently in several passes around the stone.

The last solution is to drill a small hole into the bezel setting from the back side so that you can push the stone out. Note that this does leave a hole, but in some cases you can use it to saw out a design under the stone.



KIDS KORNER

The International Gem and Jewelry Show

By: **Isabelle Bennette, 10 years old**

On September 13th, my mom and I went to the International Gem and Jewelry Show, located in San Mateo where we saw lots of booths and jewelry. The warehouse was larger than the norm, never seeming to end. The show had lines of booths, side by side, back to back. Each booth was brightly lit, full of items to buy and admire. The warehouse was full of people, but they were so spread out at the different booths, it didn't seem packed at all. I saw a mix of people coming from the entrances, some looking tired, while others were bouncing with energy. The crowd was filled with the young and old and they were all leaning in, trying to take a closer look at the gems inside the glass cases. I was surprised to

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see how few kids there were since the age limit for admissions was eight years or older. There was a spectrum of items, stones ranging from black opal to metals like silver, were available for sale.

One of my favorite booths we browsed was owned by a knowledgeable dealer selling ancient Chinese jade and other artifacts, most from the 19th century. The vendor sold statues of people and animals, bangles, and much more. Each piece was beautiful and unique in its own way. One of the most memorable pieces was a statue of Confucius, carved from a beautiful stone of both white and green jade. I had never seen white jade before, so I was very interested. It had a milky, cream color, which seemed very unique to me.

Near the exit sat a booth that was quite long, the length of three cars. The vendor was selling beads which sparkled very brilliantly, each attached on pieces of plastic string. The beads had a range of different colors and finishes. Most of them were made of glass or crystal while a few were made of stone. I liked the booth because of the large selection of stones and the different shades and shapes of certain beads. Some of the beads resembled rock candy with crystals branching off in different directions.

Opal was quite popular among the different vendors at the show. Each booth seemed to have many pieces, large and small. All of them were radiant, even though they were different colors. Some were blue or green, but most were white. I was also amazed at how the dealers polished and

shaped their pieces of opal, some of them resembling ants. A few of the opal pieces had crevices, so they looked like modern art. My mom picked out two pieces of opal, one white, one blue, and every other spot on the stones sparkled brightly.

At the show, I met **Steve Buliavac**, the owner of Ameritool Incorporated. Ameritool Inc. sells supplies such as pliers and wheels. **Mr. Buliavac** showed me a selection of grinders and small tools in metal containers. His was the only booth selling tools. **Mr. Buliavac** has been to the International Show many times and has been involved in the gem and mineral field for a long time. His interest in rocks began when he was a college student. His school had a site especially for rocks and stones. He said that the International Gem and Mineral Show is a wonderful show. His partner also noted that they had attended the Castro Valley Mineral and Gem Society Show many times over the years and enjoyed it a great deal!

When I first heard that my mom wanted to go to the San Mateo International Gem and Jewelry Show, I was expecting to find a small show with only a few dealers and a limited number of different types of stones. Instead, I was amazed at the quality and variety of the stones and other goods for sale as well as the friendly dealers.

HAPPY THANKS GIVING TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Diana Cohoon

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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

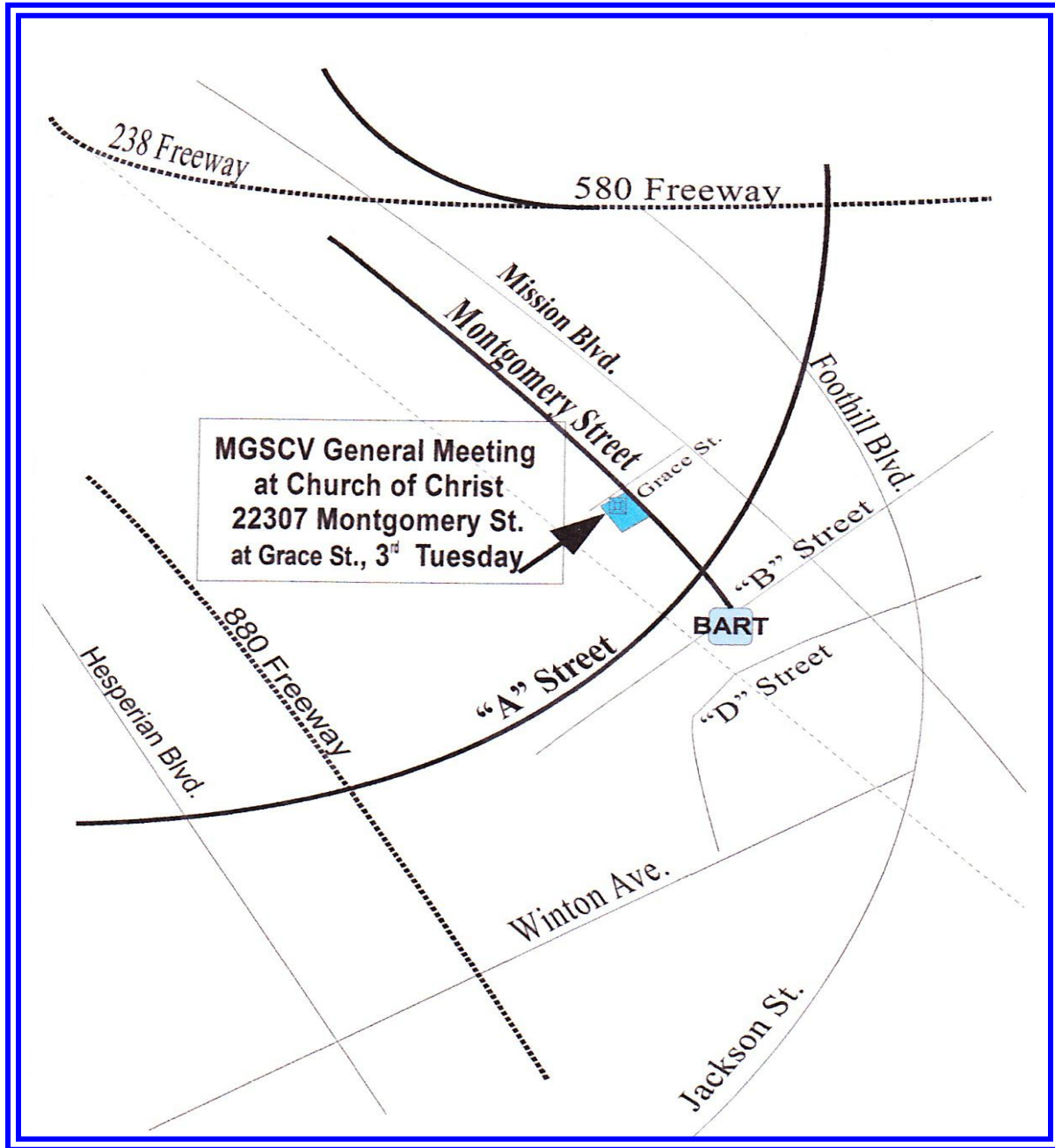


SHOP NOTICES:

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.

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.

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: _____