



Club Notes



General Meeting: May 16th 2017

Those with the last name that starts with E-H please bring finger food for the meeting. General Meetings are the third Tuesday off 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 The meeting will be May 9th 2017 at 7pm at the shop upstairs

Next Show Meeting



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2015 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Bonnie Andrade	President@mgscv.org	
Vice President - Neil Delfino	VP@mgscv.org	
Secretary - Betty Milam	Secretary@mgscv.org	
Treasurer - Sheryl Cooper	Treasurer@mgscv.org	(510) 589-8858
1 st Year Director - Michelle Bennette	Director1@mgscv.org	
2 nd Year Director - Jodi Minshall	Director2@mgscv.org	
3 rd Year Director - Norm Hodgson	Director3@mgscv.org	
Federation Director - Mike McBride	Federation@mgscv.org	
Shop Manager - Beth Farmer	ShopManager@mgscv.org	
2014 Show Chairman - Cathy Miller	ShowChair@mgscv.org">ShowChair@mgscv.org	
Membership - Tony Cooper	membership@mgscv.org	510-589-5292 925-348-3000
Editor -Diana Cohoon	Editor@mgscv.org	
Past President - Doc Buschke	pastpresident@mgscv.org	

Appointed

Scholarship Chair - Mary Howell
Librarian - Mark Montgomery

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Historian - Norm Hodgson

Purchasing Agent - Beth Farmer

Education Coordinator - Shirley
Buschke

Field Trip Coordinator-Mike Cox

Mikecox.34ford@gmail.com

Parliamentarian - Doc Buschke

Reception/Host - Jim Ewing

Sunshine Reporter - All members

Door Prizes - Bonnie Andrade

Web Master - Tony Cooper

webmaster@MGSCV.org



Publication Staff



✧Contributors: Shirley Buschke, Betty Milam, Sheryl Cooper, Mike McBride, Beth Farmer

BOARD MEETING

March 2017,

BOARD MEETING - March 13,
2017Submitted by **Sheryl Cooper**

We started the meeting at 7:10 pm. In attendance was **Bonnie Andrade, Neil Delfino, Doc Buschke, Mike McBride, Beth Farmer, Cathy Miller, Sheryl Cooper and Michelle Bennette.**

The treasurer reports were discussed. **Beth Farmer** moved to accept the February treasure's reports and **Neil Delfino** seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Federation: Mike McBride says if we need judges for our show the CFMS can provide them. The federal government is talking about giving land back to the states for them to manage.

Shop: Beth Farmer let us know that 800 pounds of rock was donated from the Napa

Society's past president's estate. Shop cleanup is April 8th and the open house will be April 9th. The shop is now open on Wednesday nights again. Welcome back **Mike McBride.**

Show: Cathy Miller reported that dealers said they were happy. We need more advertising. Does anyone have any ideas on where to place ads or flyers? Next year we are looking into having a table for club information and someone to answer questions. The show wrap up meeting is April 6th. We would like items labeled in exhibit cases so we educate the public.

Membership: We currently have 100 members. Applications are available at the shop.

The next board meeting will be April 11, 2017

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Submitted by **Sheryl Cooper**

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The treasurer reports were discussed. **Jodi Minshall** moved to accept the March treasure's reports and **Mike McBride** seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Federation: **Mike McBride** started a discussion for the 2017 Rockhound of the Year. Suggestions were made and final decision will be made later.

Shop: **Beth Farmer** said we had a successful shop cleanup. The open house had a few people but we still made \$900. In May she wants to empty the grit barrels and sump pumps.

Show: **Cathy Miller** is recruiting more people for positions. **Jodi Minshall** volunteered to submit publicity. If you have any ideas on where to submit the information email her at jminshal@earthlink.net The 2018 show will be our 70th annual and we want to find some big pieces for display. We decided on a theme for the show "Smoky Quartz Jubilee". Search through your rocks and see if you have some for a club display case.

Editor: Is there anyone willing to help **Diana Cohoon** gather information and email it to her for the Petrograph? She needs an assistant. If you are interested email her at editor@mgscv.org

New Business: **Doc Buschke** nominated someone for Life Membership. **Jodi Minshall** moved to accept the nomination and **Mike McBride** seconded the motion.

We discussed additional items to add to the website now that we are a 501c3

We received a generous donation from the **Arland and Marjorie Stokes** trust along with a wonderful anonymous donation at the show.

The next board meeting will be May 9, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

Submitted by **Betty Milam**

GENERAL MEETING -April 18, 2017

President Bonnie Andrade called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Guests: **John Simalen** and **Dick Milam** were introduced. **Phil Karls** is a returning member.

Program: **Member Neil Delfino** spoke on the rock formations at Pescadero Beach in San Mateo County. He has collected agates, to show to the members from Pescadero Beach, both polished and unpolished, to show to the members. The agates appear as white chalky pebbles leaning toward clear pebbles with tan lines tending to light grey. From the Pescadero parking lot you can get to the water's edge by the steps in the cliff. The rocks can be collected below the high tide mark. This is considered public land. You need zip lock bags or socks for collecting as well as walking shoes and a walking stick. Collecting is good on the south side of the Peninsula. The agates can be found all along the base of the cliffs.

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The rock Travertine is deposited all along the shore. The agates come from far away as The Santa Cruz Mountains. The bedrock is Monterey Shale. Morning low tide is the best time for collecting agates especially after a storm. Particularly low tides will come Monday May 29TH, and Wednesday, May 3rd may also offer good collecting along the shore. There is a possibility of a future field trip. Lawrence would be organizing the trip and the bus will accommodate 8-12 passengers.

CFMS: Mike Mc Bride said CFMS is hosting a show in Southern California. For details check www.2017CFMS-AFMSshow.com.

SHOP MANAGER: Beth said there was a good turnout for the shop clean up. There was only a modest turn out for the open house on Sunday.

Show Chairman: Cathy said the wrap up show meeting has been held, Jody agreed to help with the publicity for the 2018 show. The first meeting will be held in August. This will be the 70th Annual show for our club. It will be called the "Smokey Quartz Jubilee". We're asking for members who have nice specimens of Smokey Quartz to consider displaying at the show. **Neil** said we are also looking for large specimens of any kind to display during the show.

Editor: Not present.

Juniors: Mark said he has no juniors to instruct at this time.

Education: Lee announced there is a new instructor for wire wrap. The casting class is starting up again.

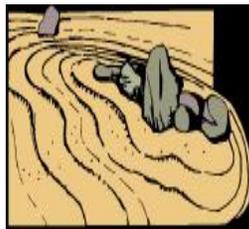
Sunahine: Mark is recovering eye surgery. It was announced that Carlos Castillo has passed away.

Books: Mark has announced there is a good amount of beading books available at the meeting for sale.

Money Drawing: There are 113 names in the can. Richard Leathers's name was drawn but he was not present to win the \$140.00 so the amount will increase to \$145.00,

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm after the silent auction.

The next general meeting will be held at May 16th, 2017, at 7:30 pm.



ROCK RUMBLES

By Shirley Buschke

ROCK RUMBLES

Rock rumbles May 2017

So nice to see **Roger Thornton** at the shop. He usually arrives at Christmas time. This is an extra trip this year. He's the guy who makes those beautiful jade knives, usually with a deer antler handle. He says our shop is the best in California and maybe everywhere and our members are all friendly. He always feels welcome.

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Mark Montgomery is recovering from eye surgery. He said the worse part he has to sleep on his stomach and during the day he must keep his head down. He had a detached retina.

Cheryl Gullak called just before Easter and wished everyone at the shop a Happy Easter. The crowds at the shop have sure increased recently. Good news. We want to keep this shop operating. The recent Open House had some terrific bargains. We try to save estate donations for Open House day. Lots of fantastic grab bags and lots of !0 cents a pound rocks etc. also great potato salad from **Mary Wilson** and big hot dogs. Mostly cookies for dessert.

Naomi Morgan has made it to the shop. She lives on Morgan Territory Road that has a big strip missing. Many ranchers leave their car on the road and use a wagon to bring in groceries, etc. to their home. They have to walk about half a mile. Hopefully there will be at least a make-shift road soon so they would not be so isolated. The road was washed out. Fixing will take a long time. **Phil Karls** was back in the area and visited at our meeting. He had a shoulder injury and was using a sling.

Our program was presented by **Neil DelFino**. He told us about collecting agates at Pescadero Beach. He warned us about being careful not to collect on state beach property. He also suggested a stop at nearby Duarte's Tavern. Excellent artichoke soup among other delicacies. Collect in the AM, during low tide, and then off to lunch.

Our shop boss, **Beth Farmer**, and member **Susan Klass** have been staying home for awhile, saving up energy for another trip. I guess. These two are truly globe trotters. New Education Chairman **Lee Dagaman** is off to London for two weeks, her first trip abroad. She is really organizing our education programs.

Setting up ed programs is a lot of work. Respond when called and for heaven's sake, show up with your money and stone on the day of the class. Our teacher's donate their time because they love what they do and are eager to share. They are not paid.

SHOW SCHEDULES

MAY

May 5 - 7: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival

Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street

Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 12 - 10, Sun 12 - 6

Contact: **Lee Peterson**, (909) 794-0731

Website: www.yvgms.org Show Page

May 6 - 7: JACKSON, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society

Kennedy Mine

12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49/88)

Hours: 10 - 4 daily

Contact: **Gaylene Lichty**, (209) 245-5388

Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net

Website: amadorgemandmineral.org

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May 6 - 7, 2017: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society

Reno Livestock Event Center

1350 North Wells Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 359-6068

Email: sailondan55@aol.com

Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 6 - 7: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

Brookhurst Community Center

2271 W. Crescent Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30

Contact: Margaret Hogarth, 909 815-3045

Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

June 2 - 4: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat & Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Armando Perdoza, (909) 455-6800

Email: forestandson@yahoo.com

Website: www.nocgms.com

June 3 - 4: ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

California Center for the Arts

340 N. Escondido Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Dawn Vickers

Email: dawnjvickers@gmail.com

Website: www.palomargem.org Show
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June 3 - 4, 2017: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems

Goddard Middle School

859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638

Email: ybidwell2@aol.com

June 9, 10 & 11, 2017: VENTURA, CA

VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION!

2017 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention

Hosted by Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 West Harbor Boulevard

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467

Email: info@vgms.org

Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

2017 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention,
Ventura, California

June 17 - 18: CAMBRIA, CA

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San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club

Cambria Vets Hall

1000 Main Street

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603

Email: kim@slogem.org

Website: www.slogem.org

July 8 - 9: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club

Veterans Memorial Auditorium

4117 Overland Blvd

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398

Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com

Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

August 4 - 6: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society

Nipomo High School

525 Thompson Avenue

Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Contact: Wayne Mills, (805) 481-3495

Email: wwmills50@hotmail.com

Website: www.omsinc.org

August 19 - 20: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

San Francisco County Fair Building

9th Avenue & Lincoln Way

Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5

Contact: Ellen Nott

Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com

Website: www.sfgemshow.org Show Page

September 23 - 24: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

413 East Lockford Street

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411

Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com

Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com



GEM OF MONTH May. 2017

By Shirley Buschke

This month's gem was born in Winslow, Arizona. after graduating, he joined the Air force and began a series of transfers. He started out in San Antonio, Texas where he had his basic training and then off to Pleasanton and then Alaska (King Salmon) and then to Eglin field in florida and finally Tyndal field in Florida. Enough seeing the US. He headed for Los Angeles where he went to work for Western Union and then to Honolulu, Hawaii. where he worked as a cryptographer for Holmes and Navar.

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Homesick for the states, he returned to Los Angeles where he rejoined Western Union. Guess they liked him to have hired him back. He moved to Sacramento to be near his sister. He said he ran out of money and thought he'd try Oakland, where Western union had a spot for him.

He worked for the naval Supply Depot but he did not like the shift work so he found another job, this time with a brokerage firm. He met his wife at the supply depot. When he married her, he inherited 4 children. Unfortunately she died a couple years ago.

He always has liked rocks and finally decided he had better do something with them. He checked his computer and found our club. A phone call to us invited him to come down and see the shop and he immediately joined. He hasn't been around long enough to have perfected many skills but he is eager to learn. Right now he has completed several cabs and picks Obsidian on petrified wood are his favorites. When told obsidian was one of the hardest to do, he was surprised. He Herr

Shop Manager's Report:

By Beth Farmer

Our shop cleanup was a great success, I want to thank those of you who came in and scrubbed, washed and cleaned the shop and its equipment. Even the upstairs was cleaned up! Thank you!

If you missed our Open House, you missed a very nice swap meet! Although attendance was sparse, everyone had a great time.

Now for serious business. As every member knows, we are all required to pay for use of our shop. If you haven't found your membership card above the sign in book, and you are NOT on the roster, you **HAVENT PAID YOUR SHOP FEES!**

I am reviewing who is using our shop and if you aren't on the roster, I will be asking you to leave the shop until you pay your fees.

Please expect the Shop Supervisor to also be checking your paid status, and has the right to ask you to leave. As Shop Manager, I have spoken to each of them and support their actions to remove any member who is not a paid member.

I recognize that Rock Hounds are all strong characters. However, we are all expected to treat each other with respect. I will not tolerate any harassment or disrespect of any fellow members in the shop, or not recognize the direction of any of the Shop Supervisors. They are my agents and they are in charge of the shop- not you!

If you as a member do not agree with any of these statements, you are invited to attend a Board Meeting and bring your grievance.

Better yet, volunteer to be a Shop Supervisor!

KIDS KORNER

By: **Isabelle Bennette, 12 years old**

While most of us know that humans have been trying to copy nature by making man-made stones, crystals, and precious metals, we may be surprised to learn that nature

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Shop Schedule
(All shop session's members only)

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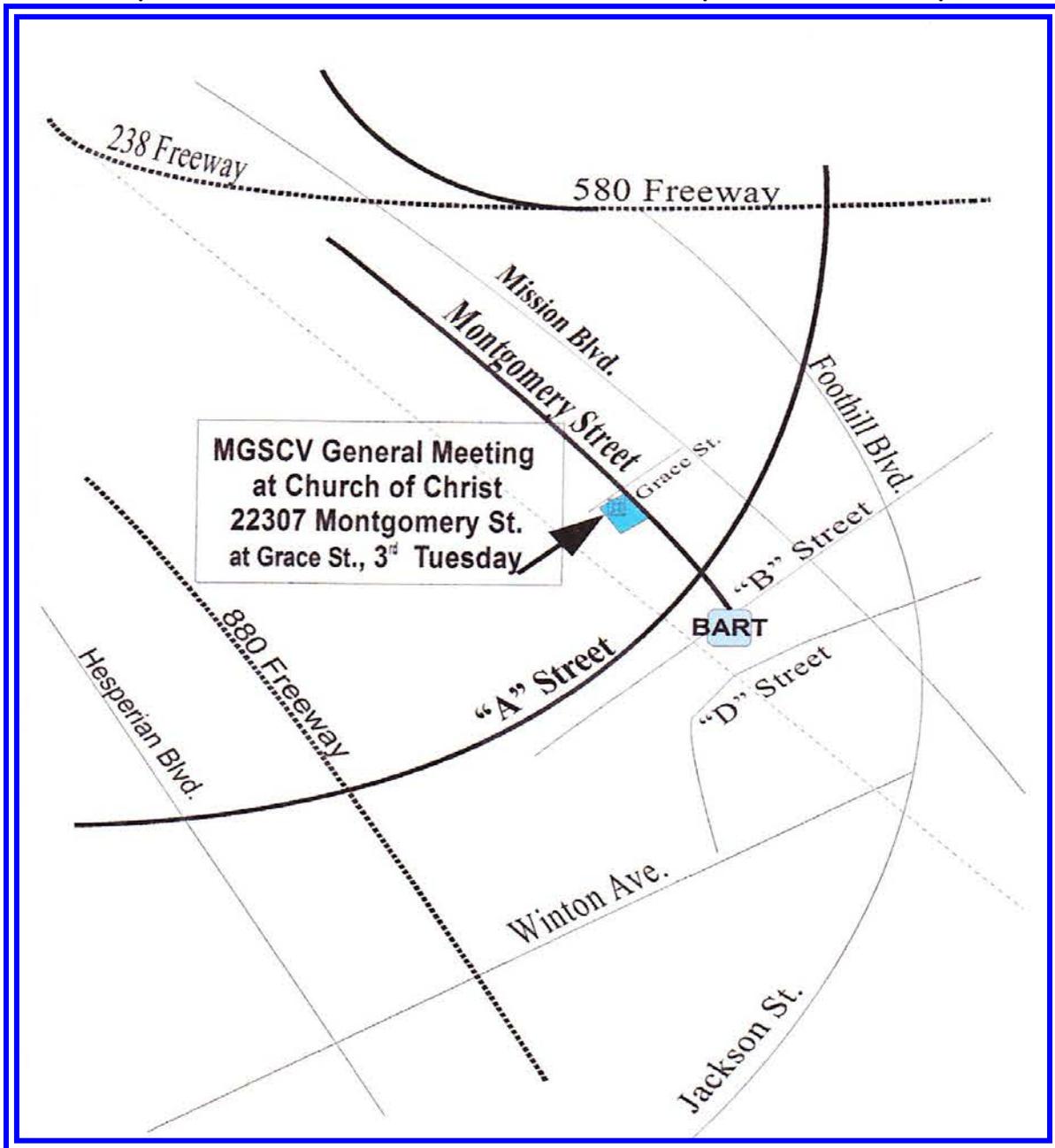
- Monday** 10 AM to 1 PM, Lapidary
 6 PM to 9 PM, Beginners only in lapidary
- Tuesday** 12-to 5 PM, need daytime supervisor
 6 PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary
 Library open 10AM to noon.
 5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
 7 PM to 9 PM, Lapidary
- Friday** 9-1 PM Lapidary, Faceting (experienced only)
- Saturday** 9 AM to 3 PM, Faceting Class 9-12, Juniors,
 w/supervisor's approval, lapidary
 Library open 10AM to noon.
- Sunday** 9:30AM to 12:30 PM, 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 at the shop 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): new membership renewal membership Lifetime (voted in by the board)

* With Shop privileges	Junior Membership	NO Shop Privileges
<input type="checkbox"/> Single - \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (11-17 with adult) - \$1	<input type="checkbox"/> Single - \$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple - \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (11-17 without adult) - \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple - \$60

After July 1st all **new** membership dues are half (1/2)

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 _____ phone _____ email 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: _____

**Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley (MGSCV)
Membership Application and Information**

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An invitation to Members & friends of MGSCV
Show & Exhibit application

Business cards or mention of personal business is not acceptable for display in any case in the show

Your

Name: _____

Your

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Member of _____

I will exhibit _____ cases

Please indicate whether you will be entering this case in competition.

Exhibit Only _____ Competition _____

I have a case. Upright _____ Slant Front _____

Case Dimensions: H _____ W _____ D _____

I want to borrow a club case (4ft. Upright, no liners or risers) _____

Please describe the material to be exhibited. (carvings ,fossils, Jewelry, & Minerals etc.)

24 hour Security will be provided; however MGSCV assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to exhibitor's property. This form must be on file for all exhibitors for each individual show year. Contact: Norm Hodgson, Exhibit Chairman, P.O. Box 2665, Fremont, Ca 94536 or call 510-744-1564.

Your co-operation in returning this form **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** indicating whether or not you will be exhibit, will be greatly appreciated.

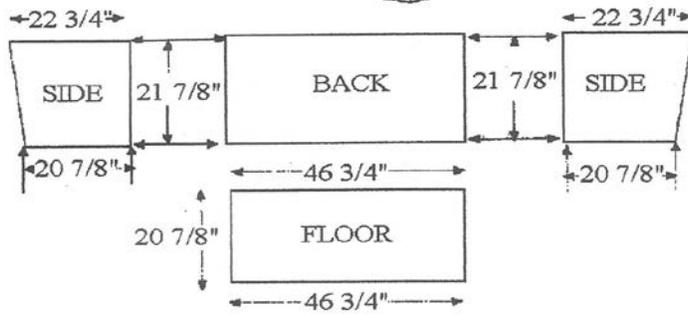
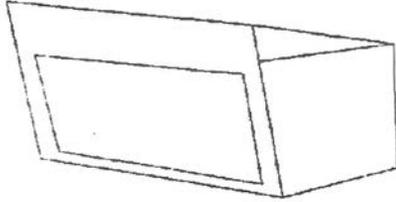
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CLUB SHOW CASE



Dimensions Shown are Inside Dimensions