



Club Notes



General Meeting: April. 17th 2018

Those with the Last name that begins with L-P please bring finger food for the meeting. General Meetings are the third Tuesday off the Month at the church at 7:30pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a guest that might be interested in what we do. There is a silent auction and door prizes at every meeting.

Next Board Meeting The meeting will be April. 10th. 2018 at 7:30 until 9:00 pm at the shop downstairs.

Next Show Meeting:

Future show meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30- & 7:30



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Appointed

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BOARD MEETING

March. 13th 2017

None available at this time, they will be published in next month's Petrograph

GENERAL MEETING -March.20th, 2018

There are no minutes available at this time, they will be published in next month's Petrograph.

up from Patterson and left a donation for the club plus a bracelet for the door prize. Even **Ron Hassemeyer** found his way back. And **Pat Rigor** made it, for her, the first outing in two years. She and **Ed** worked in the demonstration room. Even **Teresa Tamaguchi** was well enough to spend two days demonstrating beads. She is still recovering from a brain tumor.

Thank you for bidding **Doc's** treasures up in the auction. He left behind a few unfinished pieces and my daughter, **Jodi Minshall** and **Ed Rigor** have volunteered to finish them

The displays this year were outstanding, especially the ones in Hall 4. **Norm** out did himself.

Paul Kozyrev has returned from a 5 year stint in Russia. His dad is the enamel expert. **Paul** was a hard worker setting up and spent two days demonstrating carving. His gem of choice is jade, and carving is slow on it. I suggested he try soapstone because it is so soft. "No challenge", his



ROCK RUMBLES

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By Shirley Buschke

One of the nicest things about our show is to see so many returning members and friends. Hope they also return to membership. **Nicki** and **Karl Churchill** came

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reply. Our other jade carver is **Michelle Bennett**. They compared notes.

Chris Pavel-Lignon came by way of Bart to demonstrate wire wrap. She finished one in rose "gold" for the auction. **Horace Robertson** furnished the stone. **Ed Rigor** has already donated the stone for next year's raffle.

Cathy Miller, show chair, said member response this year was great. Among outstanding workers were Pete Bergeron and **Greg Ordonez**. **Mike Cox** and **Julie Soychak** manned the geode booth. Lots of kids on Friday.

Another donation from former members **Nicki and Karl Churchill**. We thank you. We are a certified charity so you can donate to us. **Nicki** also made a bracelet for the door prize. They come from Patterson.

The kids sure to love the fossil rock the **Pasquinies** bring each year. Too bad more schools don't come. This spot alone is worth the trip for kids.

At our meeting, shop boss **Neil** explained proper use of saws, he also said there has been much abuse of equipment, so please, if you see someone misusing equipment, speak up. We can't afford new. Maybe they don't know proper method. Those who remember **Ozzie**, who worked at the Boy's club, whose advise was "The feather touch is the right touch." in making cabs.

There have been some complaints of late about shop hours. Please remember no one gets paid here. Shop Supervisors make a long term commitment, opening one day a

week for months. **Doc** and I did it on Tuesday nights for ten years. Finally we had to stop. I think **Mark Montgomery** and **Jim Ewing** may also have done it for ten years. So please understand if one misses occasionally. Or better still, why not volunteer be a supervisor. We know some come from a long distance, but we try to notify ahead of time.

Good to see **Bill Luna** at the shop. He missed the show and has been out of commission since then. Haven't heard how **Jerry Perko** is, he usually opened on Sunday.

SHOW SCHEDULES

APRIL

April 6, 7 & 8: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum

2040 North Santa Fe Avenue

Hours: 9 - 5 daily

Contact: Kelly Hickman, (760) 622-6501

Email: kellyahickman@hotmail.com

Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 7 - 8: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society

Mariposa County Fairgrounds

5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa off Hwy 49)

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: **Meredith Meehan**, (559) 868-3535

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Website: mariposagemclub.org Show Page

April 21 - 22: NEWBURY PARK, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club

Borchard Park Community Center

190 Reino Road at Borchard Road

Hours: 10 - 5 Saturday; 10 - 4 Sunday

Contact: **Chuck Borchart**, (805) 551-9946

Email: borchartcme@gmail.com

Website: www.cgamc.org

April 21 - 22: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rock Hounds

Paso Robles Event Center

2198 Riverside Ave.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: **Tina Clark**, (805) 305-0246

Email: slrockhounds@gmail.com

Website: slrockhounds.org Show Page

April 28 - 29: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Lancaster High School

44701 - 32nd Street West

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: **Susan Chaisson-Walblom**, (661) 406-0143

Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 28 - 29: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society

Reno Reno/Sparks Livestock Event Center

1350 North Wells Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 359-6068

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Website: www.renorockhounds.com

CFMS Field Trips - North

Field Trip to Davis Creek/Lassen Creek

July 26 - 29, 2018

Hosted by Contra Costa M&GS

Davis Creek is the premier obsidian collecting area in California with an abundance of a great variety of beautiful obsidian. This area is located on Buck Mt. in the heart of the Modoc National Forest. The altitude ranges from 5000 to 7000 feet. A free permit is required for collecting which will be available at camp.

Directions: Take your favorite route to Alturas, CA in the far northeast corner of California (I-5/US299 or US395). From Alturas, go north on US Route 395. Approximately 22 miles from Alturas is the small town of Davis Creek (stop here to visit the Davis Creek Mercantile, a very interesting little store). Continue another 11 miles to South Willow Ranch Rd/County Rd. 47 where you should see the first orange paper plate with arrows that direct you to camp. Turn right and follow this road and the orange paper plates 5.5 miles. Turn right and cross the small bridge. After you cross the bridge turn left; you will see the Lassen Creek Campgrounds on your left, turn left into the campground.

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Facilities: The campground is a large meadow with some large pine trees and two small streams. This is a "dry camping" area with one very nice pit toilet. It can accommodate all sizes of motorhomes and trailers and is also very good for tenters. At Davis Creek there is gas and some groceries, and a great place to get ice cream on a hot afternoon. At Alturas and Lakeview, OR there is gas, food, motels, RV parks and medical facilities.

Collecting Trips: The organized collecting trips will start on Friday morning. All trips will leave at 8:30 AM, SHARP, from the campgrounds. Assemble at 8:15 for details and instructions for each day's trip. We will be collecting at 5 major sites: Rainbow, Electric Blue, Pink Lady, Needles, and Mahogany Gold Sheen. You have to dig for the biggest and the best, but there is a lot of good obsidian to be found as float and in the discards from previous diggers. Because of the expected size of the group and limited parking at the collecting sites, we will divide up into small groups, each going to a different site. Everyone will get to go to every site.

Thursday, July 26 Arrive at camp
Friday, July 27 Daily collecting trips
Saturday, July 28 Daily collecting trips and Potluck Dinner
Sunday, July 29 Daily collecting trips
Monday, July 30 Depart to home or to other adventures

Plan on a potluck dinner and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some great obsidian. Come join us for a great rockhound time of collecting, fun and fellowship.

Safety Note: Obsidian is Mother Nature's glass and like glass it shatters and is extremely sharp. Goggles or safety glasses, long sleeve shirts and gloves are strongly recommended.

Please notify me by 7/23/18 if you plan to attend, call if you have questions or need more information:

Dick Pankey

Email: dickpankey@juno.com (preferred)
Ph. 925-439-7509

General Information

This is a CFMS FT-N trip - **Jim Barton**, CFMS Field Trips-North chairman

Davis Creek/Lassen Creek is the premier California obsidian collecting area with an abundance of a great variety of beautiful obsidian. This area is noted for sheen obsidian: multi-colored rainbow, electric blue, green, mahogany-gold, silver, gold and pink sheen. Also to be found is mahogany, lace, double flow and needle obsidian. This area is located on Buck Mountain in the heart of the Modoc National Forest. The altitude ranges from 5000 to 7000 feet. A free permit is required for collecting which will be available at camp or at the Davis Creek Store. In addition to the daily collecting trips we will have potluck dinners, happy hours, evening campfires, knapping

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demonstrations, and a great rockhound get-together. This is an Archeological and Historic area; take care not to disturb nor pickup any artifacts that you discover.

Plan on a potluck dinner and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some great obsidian. Come join us for a great rockhound time of collecting, fun and fellowship.

Daily Field Trips:

All trips will leave at 8:30 AM (Pacific Time), SHARP, from the Lassen Creek Campgrounds. Assemble at 8:15 for details and instructions for each day's trip. High clearance vehicles recommended to collecting areas.

All participants are requested to read and sign a Waiver of Liability.

We will be collecting at 4 to 6 different sites for sheen obsidian: multi-colored rainbow, electric blue, green, mahogany-gold, silver, gold and pink sheen. Also to be found is mahogany, lace, double flow and needle obsidian.

We will divide up into small groups, each group going to a different site each day. Everyone will be able to collect at least once at each site. There will be a signup sheet each day for each site.

There is float collecting and digging. Bring the following tools: rock bags, rock hammer, shovel, small picks, hoe, rock scoop, spray bottle, safety equipment and what ever else you usually bring.

· High clearance vehicles recommended to collecting sites. We will help arrange rides for those who need them.

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There are full hook-up, RV parks in Alturas and Lakeview. There are motels in Alturas and Lakeview. E-mail **Dick Pankey** for names and phone numbers.

We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Bring food to share and your own plates, eating utensils, tables and chairs. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share for Happy Hour each afternoon. We will try to have a campfire each evening so bring firewood.

Bring rocks and specimens, etc. from your favorite collecting areas for show and tell at the tailgate display. This will be a good time to swap maps, GPS readings and information about your favorite collecting areas.

There are a lot of other rockhounding opportunities within 100 miles of the Lassen Creek site: sunstones, opal, petrified wood, other obsidian sites, geodes and more.

We will conduct a cleanup of the collecting sites and campgrounds.

Please notify me by 7/23/18 to signup if you plan to attend; contact me if you have questions or need more information:

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GEM OF MONTH

By Shirley Buschke

April 2018

This month's gem was born in Moscow, Idaho, but grew up in Vallejo. When it came time to go off to college, He selected Sacramento State University because the climate there was hot. He hated the dampness in Vallejo. He majored in business Administration and spent most of his career marketing heavy duty trucks. He retired about six years ago. He has one sister and their grandchildren. He has been making rings for his 21 year old grandson. He has finished enough for one for each finger. Toes Next? He said his daughter is not jewelry conscious but has reacted favorably to his recent product. She seemed happy with one ring.

Growing up our gem said his family did a lot of traveling on vacations. He remembered collecting thunder eggs in Oregon, sapphires in Montana and finding arrow heads. His dad belonged to a rock club.

Working hard kept him to do anything with rocks. When his dad died, he inherited lots of rocks. Maybe now was the time to do something with them. He found our club on the internet and discovered we had a great shop. He has early learned many of the skills we teach. He has worked on many rings. Because **Jim Ewing** could no longer cast, there was a long delay in casting. In the meantime, he learned how to make molds and is now one of our instructors in mold making. Since he wanted to finish those rings for his grandson, he has volunteered to learn to cast. He and **Beth Farmer** are going to try their hand at it. If anyone else wants to learn, speak up. Call him, **Beth** or shop boss.

Our gem can be found at the shop on most Wednesday mornings and sometimes Saturday. He lives in San Francisco and he spends about 3 1/2 hours commuting back and forth to get to Hayward —Muni not Bart to AC Transit and then in reverse. Now that is a dedicated rock hound.

Guess who Yet? **Lyle Schoeff**, that is who.

Here is a message from **Dick Panky**, field trip co-ordinator for the **Contra Costa Gem and Mineral society**.

We are hosting a Silver Pick Field Trip, again!

We had such a great time in July of 2016 that we decided to do it again this year. Announcing our Silver Pick Field Trip 2.0! There will be over 6 tons of rocks, a lot of equipment, and rock related items for sale.

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Dick and Betty Pankey are hosting this Silver Pick Field Trip. What is a Silver Pick field trip? You don't need a rock hammer, shovel, gads, pick or any other tools, just bring your rock bag and CASH (aka your silver coins/Silver Pick) and come collect in our back yard. After over 30 years of field trips and collecting we are sharing our adventures. and memories. We did the digging, hauling, sorting and cleaning so that all you have to do is choose and pay. We have collected in many of the western states and in a few Midwest and Eastern states. We collected: obsidian at Davis Creek and Glass Butte; petrified wood in UT, WY, AZ, CA, NV, OR and WA; geodes and nodules at Wiley Wells, NM, NV, OR, UT, TN and IA; chalcedony roses and nodules at Round Mountain, NM; volcanics in northern CA; travertine in AZ and CA; jasper and agates from all over the place; bertrandite from UT; quartz crystals from AR, CA, and NM; Trona mineral specimens; and a whole lot more.

We will host this Silver Pick Field Trip on Friday, Saturday, Sunday (each weekend), June 15th to 24th; 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Monday thru Thursday by appointment, at our home in Pittsburg, CA. Directions: 4310 Kingsly Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565 In Pittsburg take Buchanan Rd. to Suzanne (stoplight) turn south and follow signs with orange paper plates. Go south about 1/2 mile and turn right on to Kingsly Dr. Drive up the hill to 4310 Kingsly Dr.

We will be selling rough rocks by the crate, by the flat and by the piece; slabs by the piece and by the flat; minerals and

specimens by the flat and by the piece; and garden rocks by the piece.

In addition to rocks and minerals there are: tumblers, a 20" rock saw, Richardson Dry Sander and Bull wheel, miscellaneous equipment, tools, supplies, grit & polish, books, posters, findings, magazines, T-Shirts, stained glass and much, much more.

Bring your pick-up truck and your Silver Pick and join us in June for two weekends of Rockhound fun. For more information contact dickpankey@juno.com or 925-439-7509

Dick and Betty Pankey

KIDS KORNER

By: **Isabelle Bennette Age 12**

Annual Show

In the beginning of this month, our MGSCV club held a successful annual show. Families, kids, and hobbyists were able to explore the different dealers, attractions, and showcases. After months of planning, the club board, especially those who spent their valuable time planning, has created a notable **Smoky Quartz Jubilee** show. Everyone who volunteered their pieces, time, and ideas to the show contributed to our great event. Some of the highlights of the show included unique dealers, interesting showcases, and the effort every member put in.

As I surveyed the show, I met three very interesting, new dealers. The first was one called **Eidos**, a vendor owned by a couple. **Eidos** is Greek for form, essence, type, or species. As I looked at their

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product, I noticed a theme; each piece was unique. They were selling objects such as beaver incisors, porcupine quills, and beetle wings, along with beautifully polished slabs. I asked the dealer how he first got into minerals and gems. Like many of us, he heard about it from a friend and slowly got interested in it, and has now been doing rock-related work since 1972. Not only is **Eidos** good for interesting things, but great advice. They told me, to do my best work, I must enjoy what I do, not only at the club, but in life.

The next dealer I chose to explore was **Starstruck Meteorites**, which sold thin slabs of meteors which had fallen to Earth. The dealer has been interested in meteorites for 50 years. When he was 5 years old, his grandparents would teach him about astronomy, where his interest for meteorites sprouted from. He also sold bismuth crystals of varying size. Which represented his intrigue for exotic chemistry. He believes bismuth is interesting because it is the only element which expands when it cools and repels magnets, which I thought was a cool fact. The dealer has even gone to Northwest Africa to search for meteorites.

Both vendors and volunteers have made the show even better than the last year. There were dozens more dealers who possessed great items and showcases as well. Members who volunteered their own pieces for showcases contributed not only their work, but stories as well. Many visitors, as well as members, traveled around the show reading about how to

create a cabochon, or **Miss Beth's** souvenirs from around the world.

We have had an exciting March with our show, and it sounds like a great Field Trip to the Lassen area for July as well as **Dick Panky** and His wife's **Silver Pick Field Trip** for collectors right from their back yard.

All in all this year is going to be another great one for rock hounds everywhere.

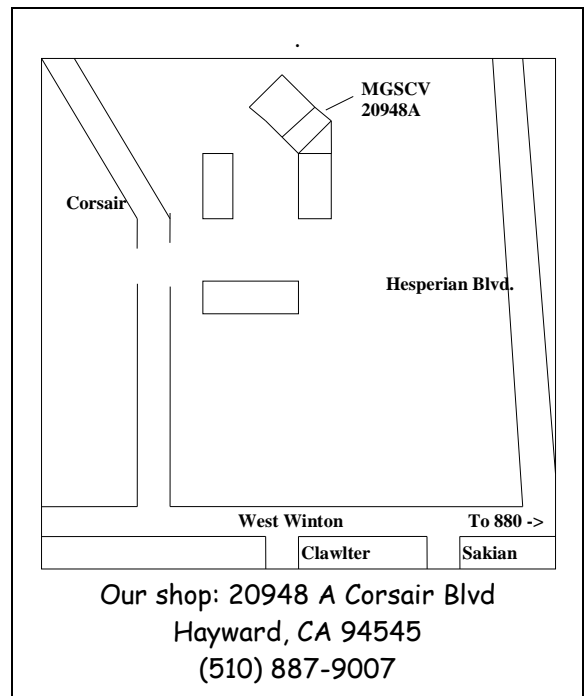
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Shop Schedule
(All shop session's members only)

MAP

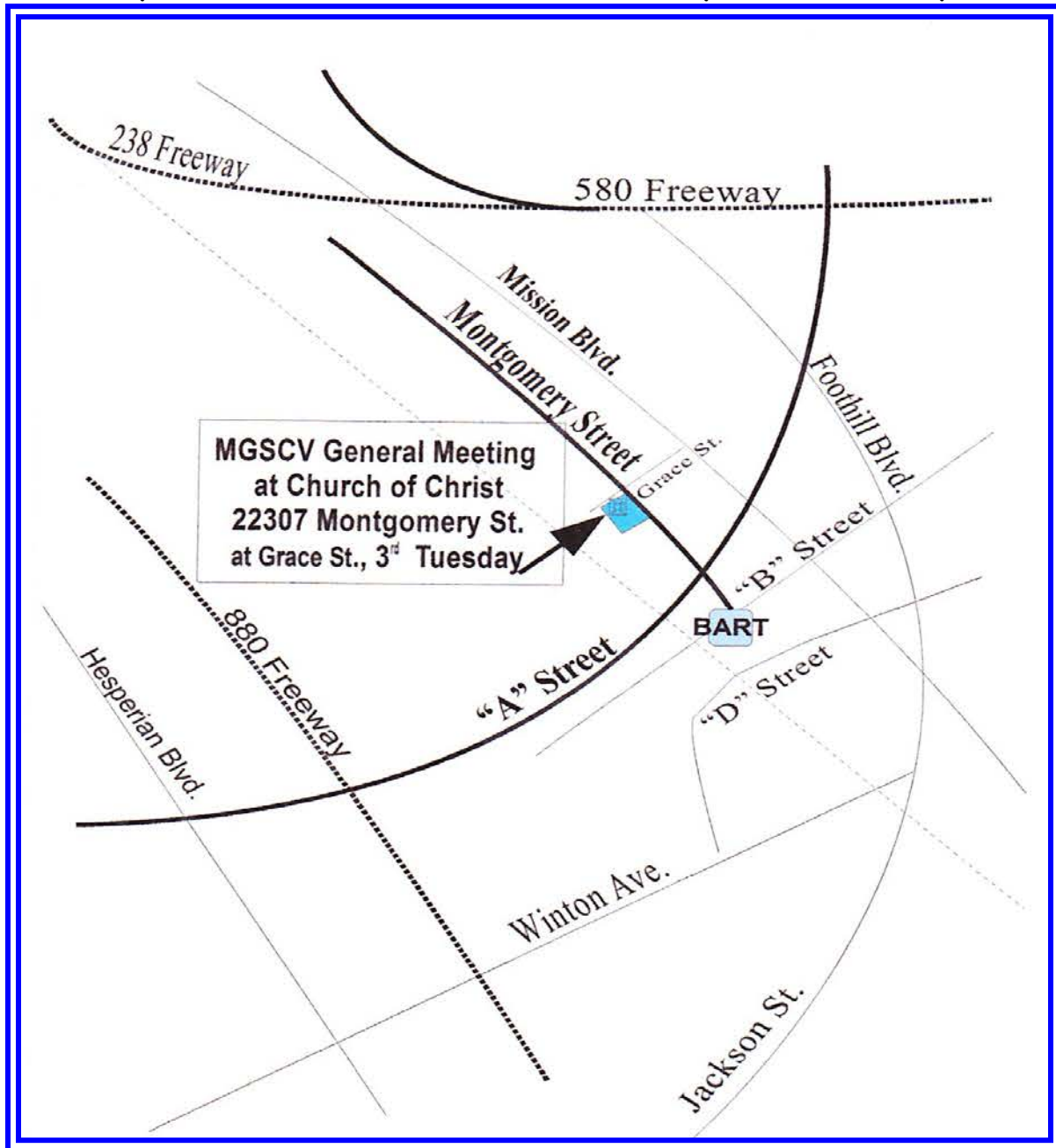
- Monday** 10 AM to 1 PM, Lapidary
6 PM to 9 PM, Beginners only in lapidary
- Tuesday** 12-to 5 PM, need daytime supervisor
6 PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary
Library open 10AM to noon.
5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
7 PM to 9 PM, Lapidary
- 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@mgscv

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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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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 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)

Table with membership rates: * With Shop privileges, Junior Membership, NO Shop Privileges. Includes rates for Single, Couple, and Junior (with/without adult).

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: _____

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