



Club Notes



General Meeting: May, 8th, 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 May 15th, 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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Elected

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Appointed

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Education Coordinator - Shirley

Buschke

Field Trip Coordinator-Mike Cox

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Parliamentarian -

Reception/Host - Jim Ewing

Sunshine Reporter - All members

Door Prizes - Bonnie Andrade

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BOARD MEETING

May 8th.2018

By **Sheryl Cooper**

Present were **Michelle Bennette, Sheryl Cooper, Mike McBride, Bonnie Andrade and Cathy Miller**

Meeting brought to order at 7:00. There is no quorum so nothing was approved or voted on.

We talked about updating the asset list. We are now a 501c3 and need to keep better records of all donations including equipment, rock and cash. Also, when and how they were used or disposed. The committee to pick up donations and go through them needs to be updated so it doesn't fall on one individual and accountability is restored.

We discussed needing to find a new location. We talked about what we are looking and questions to ask the realtors. **Mike McBride** is going to make some phone calls for places near the shop.

Michelle Bennette is working on a grant and worked the final information on the application.

It was brought up that the shop is being opened with no supervisor. We need to find supervisors for when the shop is open or close the shop when there is no supervisor.

We ended the meeting at 8:30.

CENERAL MEETING MINUTES

5/15/2018

Submitted by **Sheryl Cooper**

We celebrated our 70th year with a cake with about 18 people at the meeting.

The minutes were discussed. **Mark Montgomery** moved to accept the minutes and **Jodi Minshall** seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved

Neil Delfino announced Shop cleanup was May 5th and Open House on May 6th. Thank you **Mark Montgomery, George Kozakura and Mike McBride** for desludging the water barrels. During cleanup a polish wheel was replaced, 3 Genie wheels were changed out

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and the shop auction case was replaced with a donated case. Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the cleanup.

Does anyone know what happened to the door stop rock for the interior door? Or where the small burnout oven went to? Please let a supervisor know if you have any information.

The open house had very few people show up. **Annemarie Kochendorfer** and **Mark Montgomery** also had tables. Need to get the word out for our club activities. We need more people helping out to keep the shop alive. More dedication from the members.

Mike McBride let us know the federation show will be in September in Chico, CA

Cathy Miller reminded us the next show meeting will be September 11th at the shop.

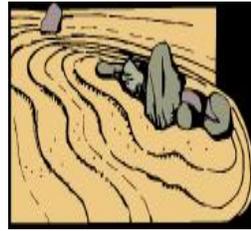
Sheryl Cooper reported the current membership is 103.

Mark Montgomery reported no juniors right now. Suggestion made to recruit junior members from Middle schools and High Schools

Sunshine - Diana's husband **Ronnie Cohoon** is out of the hospital and recovering. **Gerry Perko** is slowly recovering.

Teresa Taniguchi was the name drawn, but she was not present. So the amount goes to \$150 for the June meeting.

The meeting ended with door prize tickets and the silent auction.



ROCK RUMBLES

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By Shirley Buschke

Several gem shows are coming up this summer, why not think of them as an indoor field trip or a mini vacation.? Santa Cruz can be covered in a day . It is at the Municipal Auditorium and is a small show, then you can go to the beach, ride the merry -go-round, have a fish dinner and head for home. A trip to Chico is a little further. Maybe an overnight. Motels are usually cheaper out in the sticks and the motels can usually recommend a good local restaurant, and there is usually a Denny's near the Freeway exit. Good senior citizen menu and they accept your ARRP card.

Bill Luna has been the Good Samaritan lately. One of his many lady friends has been in the hospital, no local relatives, and he visits her regularly.

Terea Tamaguchi came in one Wednesday with several donations for the auction case, door prizes for our show and items for the silent auction at meetings. Amazing what one finds when cleaning out closets. She is also trying her hand at carving Jade. Just like **Michelle Bennette** our other jade carver. They both agree it is a hard stone

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Pat Rigor finally got brave enough to take the elevator. Ed's son set up on their stairway. First time upstairs in her studio since her leg amputation. All the stuff was still there.

It is good to see **Jim Ewing** is still coming to the shop. His daughter brings him. We enjoy visiting with him and he is still available to identify stones. Another expert for ID is **Mark Montgomery** who always has coffee ready on his stints. Are you remembering to feed the kitty so we can buy the coffee, cups and sugar and cream.? Costs \$2 or more at most restaurants.

Beth Farmer pops in now and then. We miss her. More trips in the near future. Wonder where this time? I think maybe she has not been to the Arctic. No orchids there. Maybe in a hot house.

Shop will continue to be open during the summer but no meetings until Fall. Don't forget that Auction Case..It is pretty empty just now. Except for **Ed Rigor's** many donations.

SHOW SCHEDULES

JUNE

June 8 - 10: 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: forestandsun@yahoo.com

Website: www.nocgms.com

June 9 - 10: ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

California Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N. Escondido Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Michele Shephard

Email: pgmcshow@palomargem.org

Website: www.palomargem.org Show Page

June 9 - 10, 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 23 - 24: 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

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August 3 - 5: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society

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Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 -4
Contact: **Sylvia Nasholm**, (805) 481-0923
Email: sylviaandon@cs.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: **William Spence**, (408) 398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website:
www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org
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August 4 - 5: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Contact: **Ellen Nott**
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgemshow.org Show Page

September 22 - 23: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: **Mike Mathis**, (510) 301-3612
Email: mmathis@nwp.org

October 6 - 7: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily

SEPTEMBER

September 15 - 16: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: **Janis Rovetti**, (831) 372-1311
Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org

Contact: **Mitchell Frank Van Hecke**, (530) 274-2425
Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org Show Page

October 13 - 14: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street (corner of Main & Trona Rd)
Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4

September 15 - 16: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building

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Contact: **Jim & Bonnie Fairchild**, (760) 372-5356

Email: slgms@iwvisp.com

Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub
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October 14: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum

123 West Alvarado Street

Hours: 9 - 4

Contact: **Janice Bricker**, (760) 728-1130

Email: info@fgms.org

Website: www.fgms.org

October 13 -14: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society

Los Altos Youth Center

One North San Antonio Road

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: **Steve Jobe**, (408) 834-5384

Email: steve_job@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.pggs.org Show Page

October 20 - 21: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society

The Veterans Memorial

1351 Maple Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: **Jolene**, (707) 849-9551

Email: coons@sonic.net

Website: www.srmgs.org

Email: sailondan55@aol.com

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.

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

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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 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.

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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:

Dick Pankey

Email: dickpankey@juno.com (preferred)
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GEM OF MONTH

By Shirley Buschke

June 2018

You have seen him at the shop testing the smoke alarms, sawing, etc. He is always ready to help. He was born in Texas where his family had a farm. But the depression did them in and after losing the farm they moved in with his grandparents in Gatesville.

He graduated from high school and joined the Navy. He started in San Diego and then was stationed in Fallon, Nevada where he learned how to fix airplanes. He also learned not to gamble. Ask him about this sometime. Seems he lost all of his pay check.

While in Reno our gem saw a cute young lady in a yellow dress. He tried to pick her up. She was waiting for her parents. Remember it was all right to talk to sailors during the war. Her parents invited him home for dinner and he spent a lot of time there. After discharge, he married her. Since he wasn't sold on Texas they headed for Alameda. Where he found work with Ma Bell. His last job was installing PBX set ups.

At church they met the Ashleys who suggested they go on a field trip with them

and our gem was hooked. He joined our club. His favorites are picture rocks. He and his wife operated a book shop and sadly his wife was killed in an armed robbery. We are so glad years later he found Betty. He and Betty do lots of things for their church and for the hospice. Until recent years he visited schools with his vast collection, especially the picture rocks. He still fixes things at the shop. Recently he finished an opal and has been working on a ring for himself. However, he still hasn't finished his intarsia. It is a sun dial. I think he avoids coming in on Thursday because his teacher, Naomi Morgan, may get after him. You guessed by now. It's **Horace Robertson**.

Here is a message from Dick Pankey We are having an open house at our home in Pittsburg 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 13

There is no Kids Korner for June.

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Shop Schedule
(All shop session's members only)

MAP

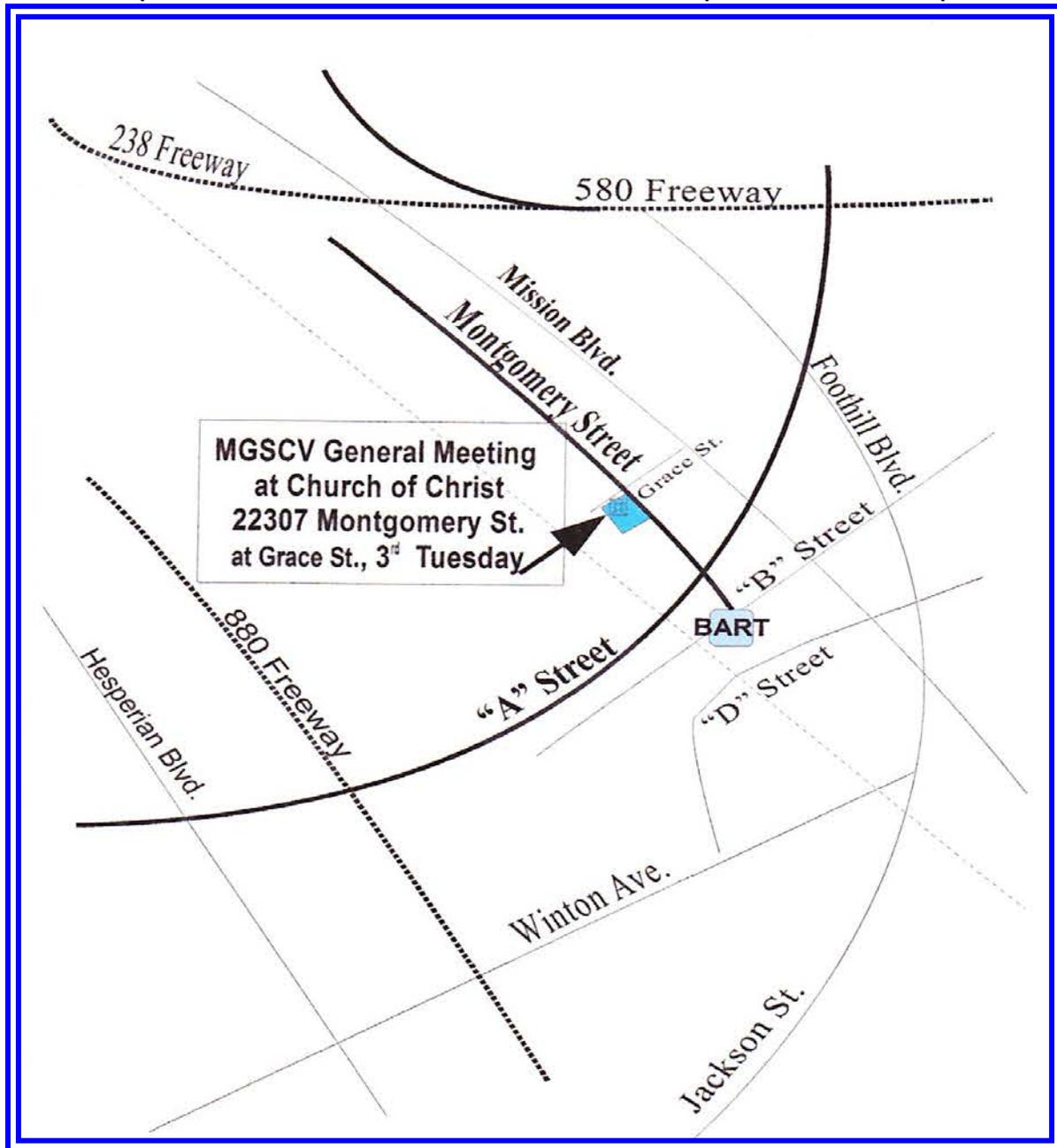
- Monday** 10 AM to 1 PM, Lapidary
6 PM to 9 PM, Beginners only in lapidary
- Tuesday** 12-to 5 PM, need daytime supervisor
6 PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary
Library open 10AM to noon.
5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
7 PM to 9 PM, Lapidary
- 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 3 columns: * With Shop privileges, Junior Membership, NO Shop Privileges. Rows include Single and Couple rates for each category.

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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