



Club Notes



General Meeting Dec. 17th. 2019

Those with the Last name that begins with A-f please bring salad for the Christmas Luncheon, G-M bring a dessert, N-Z bring a hot dish. There will be a silent auction and door prizes at every meeting. **Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting** The meeting will be Dec. 12th at 6:30 until 7:30 pm at the shop downstairs. Show meeting 7:30-?



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Bulletin Submission Policy

Submission deadline is the second Friday following the General Meeting (normally the second Wednesday of the month.) Anonymous contributions will not be considered for publication in the Petrograph; however, if requested at the time of submission, the contributor's name can be withheld. Members are encouraged to submit articles that may be of interest to the general membership. The bulletin editor reserves the right to edit any submitted articles or omit any submission from publication. Source must be cited for material quoted from other authors. Permission to reprint Petrograph articles is hereby granted provided properly cited.

2018 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Jodi Minshall	President@mgscv.org	
Vice President - Greg Croft	VP@mgscv.org	
Secretary - Betty Milam	Secretary@mgscv.org	(510) 589-8858
Treasurer - Sheryl Cooper	Treasurer@mgscv.org	
1 st Year Director - Lily Johnson	Director1@mgscv.org	
2 nd Year Director - Norm Hodgson	Director2@mgscv.org	
3 rd Year Director - Michelle Bennette	Director3@mgscv.org	
Federation Director - Beth Farmer	Federation@mgscv.org	
Shop Manager Neil Delfino	ShopManager@mgscv.org	
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Past President - Bonnie Andrade	pastpresident@mgscv.org	

Appointed

Scholarship Chair -
Librarian - **Mike Mc Bride**
Historian - **Norm Hodgson**

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Purchasing Agent - **Beth Farmer**

Education Coordinator -

Parliamentarian-

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Reception/Host - Jim Ewing

Sunshine Reporter - All members

Door Prizes - Bonnie Andrade

Web Master - Tony Cooper

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BOARD MEETING

Not available at this time^h

General meeting

Not available at this time



GEM OF MONTH

Gem of The Month

By **Jodi Minshall**

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 grandchildren. 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 beading to club members and she is still beading. She was often hostess 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!!!!**

BENCH TIPS BY BRAD

None available at this time.

Our Christmas luncheon should be great we have a fabulous specimen available for bid in the silent auction. The person who gets it will be very happy.

I want to take this moment to wish everyone in our club a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. An old time member's wife passed away and the service is tomorrow. Our member's name is Horace Robinson. He has been a long time member of our club and has always been anxious to help anyone that needed help at the shop with things he was efficient at. Our entire club wishes him and his family all of the support and love that he needs during this time of transition.

I wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

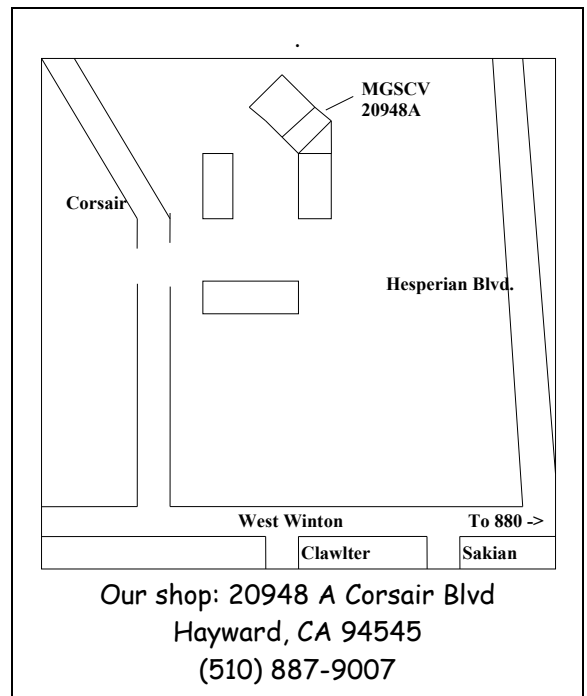
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Shop Schedule
(All shop session's members only)

MAP

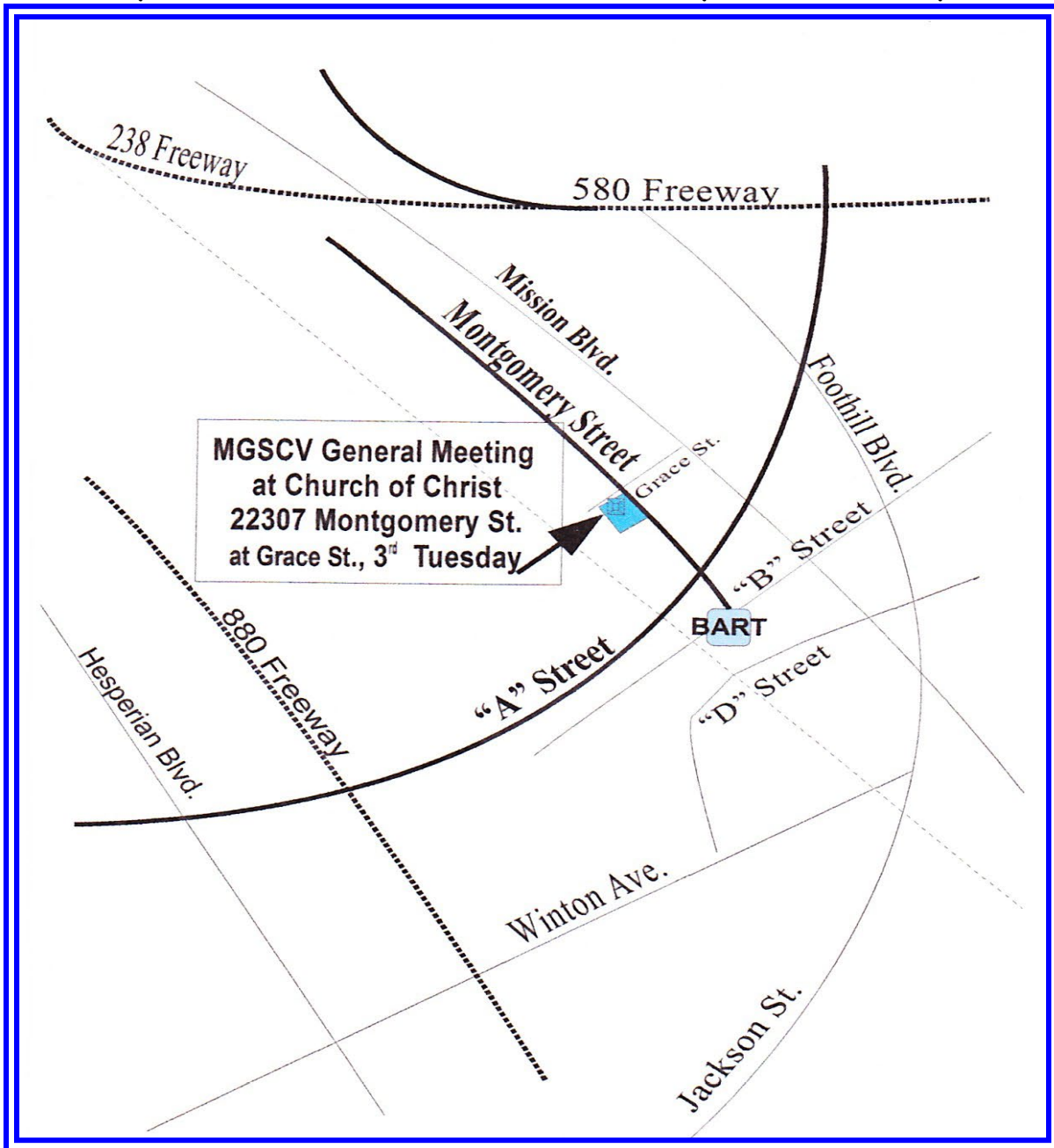
- Monday** 10 AM to 1 PM, Lapidary
 6 PM to 9 PM, Beginners only in lapidary
- Tuesday** 12-to 5 PM, need daytime supervisor
 6 PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary
 Library open 10AM to noon.
 5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
 7 PM to 9 PM,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

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