



CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **June 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom virtual room**. If you have not received a link to the meeting, and would like to attend, please email president@mgscv.org and request an invitation. Show meeting to follow.

In addition to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, we will hold a Special Board Meeting for Return to Operations Planning for the shop on **Saturday June 7th at 6:00 PM via Zoom virtual room**.

General Meeting scheduled for **June 21, 2020: *General Meeting postponed due to Covid-19 Shelter-In-Place orders.*** The Board hopes the next meeting will be held at the church in September. More info will be provided at a later time.

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Scholarship Chair - **Greg Croft**
Librarian - **Mike Mc Bride**
Historian - **Norm Hodgson**
Purchasing Agent - **Beth Farmer**
Education Coordinator - **Lily Johnson**
Sunshine Reporter - **All members**
Door Prizes - **Neil Delfino**
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2020

By Sheryl Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 10 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Greg Croft, Norm Hodgson, Bonnie Andrade, Neil Delfino, Lily Johnson, Beth Farmer, Pete Bergeron, Cathy Miller and Sheryl Cooper**.

Meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting were reviewed. **Beth Farmer** moved the minutes be accepted as printed in the Petrograph with **Norm Hodgson** seconding the motion. A vote was taken and was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was presented to the Board. After review, **Beth Farmer** moved that the report be accepted as given, and **Neil Delfino** seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was passed unanimously.

Shop Manager:

Neil Delfino is working on the 24" saw. He reminds us to run the Genies before the shop reopens.

CFMS Representative:

Beth Farmer informed us Camp ZZYZX, and the annual CFMS show have both been cancelled for this year.

Show Chairman: **Cathy Miller** said we are lucky that we got our show in. The worker raffle is on hold until we reopen. We hope the dealers will still be around next year. Some are doing a little online or social media sales.

Membership Coordinator: Nothing to report at this time.

Education Coordinator: **Lily** says to check out the local libraries for their online offerings. Many of the Gem and Lapidary monthly publications are available online. There are also online course offerings available to the public. If you don't have a library card most libraries will allow you to apply for one online.

Sunshine: **Diana Cohoon** took a bad fall and has been in the hospital healing from a couple of broken bones.

New Business: 1) We need to have a plan in place to reopen the shop. Faceting room is small. **Neil Delfino** is creating procedures. 2) Voted to hold off on General meetings until the shelter in place order is lifted. We are considering a zoom general meeting. May try Zoom when the meetings resume to provide access to the meetings for those people who cannot physically attend them. 3) **Pete Bergeron** reminded us the County Fair has been cancelled. This is the first time in 108 years. 4) Shop Cleanup. **Beth Farmer** is organizing two people at a time to repair and cleanup the shop in preparation for re-opening ASAP after the Shelter in Place order is lifted.

Special Board Meeting Minutes May 30, 2020

The Special Board Meeting on May 30, 2020 via Zoom, was held to discuss the requirements for returning to operation once the Shelter in Place order is lifted, and to create a Protection Plan for the club's shop facility.

There were 8 members in attendance at the Special Board meeting: **Jodi Minshall, Greg Croft, Norm Hodgson, Bonnie Andrade, Lily Johnson, Cathy Miller, Beth Farmer, and Sheryl Cooper.**

There are 7 specific items the county says we must have in our Site Specific Protection Plan document.

Physical Distancing - Neil Delfino has already drafted a Physical Distancing plan and the Board members present discussed it. The Board recommends that two people could be in the faceting room, and the casting room at one time, if they wear face shields. We also discussed potentially putting up plastic barriers between the banks of Genies. We need to move some of the chairs upstairs, and mask off spaces at the work tables to keep people 6' apart.

Administrative Controls - Explore creating an online calendar, or sign up list, so members can sign up for time at the shop, and we are able to limit the total number of people in the shop at any one time. **Sheryl Cooper** will work on this. Need to decide what the maximum number of people can be in the shop at one time.

Training for Members - **Jodi Minshall** will put together something to post and go over with the members in regard to Best Practices for hygiene as it relates to self-protection in the work shop, and for the protection of others.

Disinfection protocols - We need routines for when the shop is open and for deep cleaning **Beth Farmer** will work on this.

Industry-Specific Best Practices - **Beth Farmer** will let us know what chemicals can be safely used on our equipment.

Notification of COVID-19 Positive Cases - Greg will look into the requirements for this element of the plan.

Compliance and Documentation - Beth will put this together.

The next zoom meeting this discuss the Site Specific Protection Plan above will be **Saturday, June 6th at 6:00 pm** via Zoom.

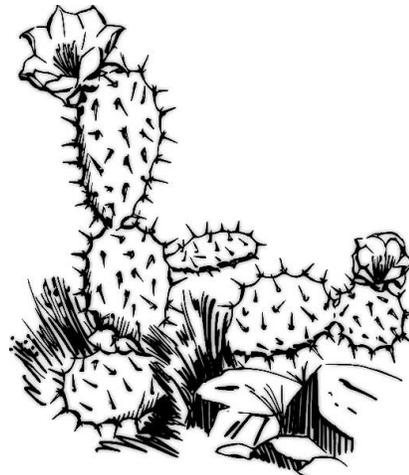


GEM OF MONTH REPRISE
Originally Posted June 2018
By Shirley Buschke

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**.



**Updated Letter From The Prez
May 30, 2020
By Jodi Minshall**

I am sure you are all aware that the Governor of the State of California, and the Alameda County Public Health Officer have extended the orders for all citizens to shelter in place until the end of June. Unfortunately, this means our shop will still remain closed until further notice as per the Shelter In Place orders. We currently have small teams of two persons working in the shop to take care of what cleaning and maintenance needs to be done to safely maintain, and eventually reopen our shop. Thank you in advance for your patience and please stay safe and healthy. Here is a useful link that has more information about the Shelter In Place orders.

[Alameda Co Health Dept Covid-19 Index Page](#)

There's Gold In Them Thar Hills!!!

By Jodi Minshall, reprinted from 2016



4,121 gm Friday's Joy Gold Nugget

A 145-ounce (~9 lbs.) gold nugget has been reportedly found in Victoria, Australia by a metal detector prospector and could be worth more than \$190,710 USD when it goes to auction. The big nugget has been named "Friday's Joy" for the day of the week on which it was found.



Friday's Joy nugget on top of a metal detector with two other nuggets from the same area

The anonymous prospector initially found a nine-ounce tennis ball shaped gold nugget, and returned the next day to see if there were any more in the area, according to a statement from metal detector manufacturer Minelab, and halleluiaah, gold was struck again. Eureka!

"About 12 inches below the ground, I could just barely make out the top of something. As I began to

scrape away the clay and dig deeper, I really couldn't believe my eyes — this wasn't an old piece of steel in front of me," the prospector said in the statement. "I had just unearthed a colossal gold nugget — a once in a lifetime find! I was in total disbelief as I didn't think nuggets of this size were still around."

The gold nugget is apparently now safely stowed away in a bank vault, but the prospector *did* hide it in the oven the first night after it was found. "It's like catching a big fish and not knowing what to do with it! Where do we put it? I washed it in water, covered it in aluminum foil and kept it in my oven on the first night," he said. The prospector and partners are planning to purchase a van and travel Australia with their newfound wealth, and of course their metal detectors.



The Friday's Joy nugget fresh from the dig

Shop Notes
(All shop session's members only)

SHOP SCHEDULE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- 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

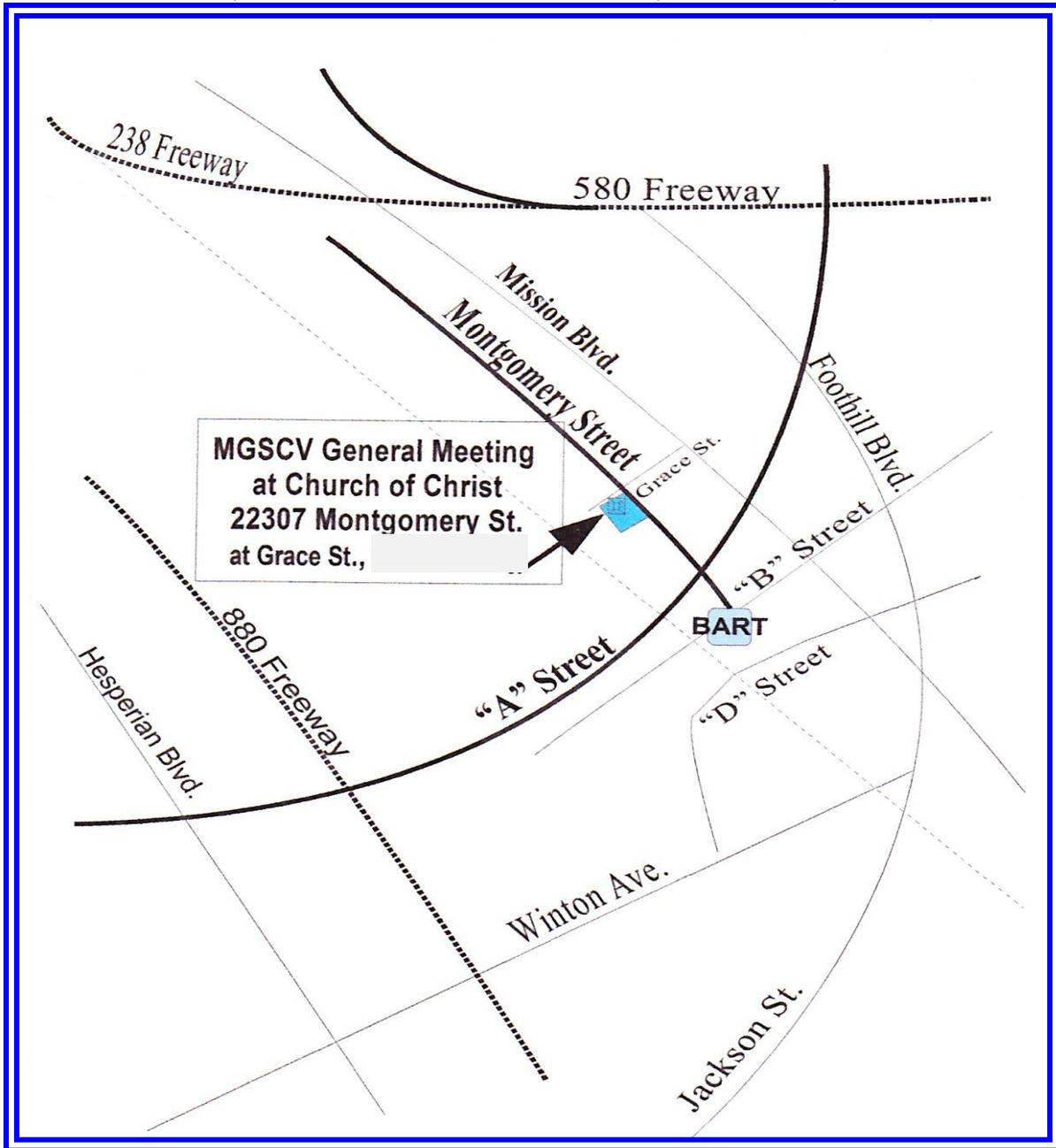
MAP TO THE SHOP



Our shop: 20948 A Corsair Blvd
Hayward, CA 94545
(510) 887-9007

SHOP NOTICES:

Email us at info@mgscv.org



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)

* With Shop privileges	Junior Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Single - \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (11-17 with adult) - \$1
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple - \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (11-17 without adult) - \$5

NO Shop Privileges
<input type="checkbox"/> Single - \$35
<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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