



## CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **Saturday Nov., 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 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](mailto:president@mgscv.org) and request an invitation.virus

**. the General Meeting has been canceled due to the COVID virus look for updates in the future Petrographs**

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### 2020 MGSCV Officers

#### Elected

President - <b>Jodi Minshall</b>	<a href="mailto:President@mgscv.org">President@mgscv.org</a>	
Vice President - <b>Greg Croft</b>	<a href="mailto:VP@mgscv.org">VP@mgscv.org</a>	
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Director - <b>Norm Hodgson</b>	<a href="mailto:Director2@mgscv.org">Director2@mgscv.org</a>	
Director - <b>Michelle Bennette</b>	<a href="mailto:Director3@mgscv.org">Director3@mgscv.org</a>	
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Shop Manager <b>Neil Delfino</b>	<a href="mailto:ShopManager@mgscv.org">ShopManager@mgscv.org</a>	
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#### Appointed

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**  
Web Master - **Tony Cooper**  
[webmaster@MGSCV.org](mailto:webmaster@MGSCV.org)



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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 14, 2020**

**By Jodi Minshall**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 7 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Bonnie Andrade, Diana Cohoon, Beth Farmer, Michelle Bennett, Pete Bergeron, Greg Croft.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Vice President:** Greg Croft he and Rosita are working on a presentation for the next General meeting on photographing specimens using a light box.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report was not presented to the Board because Sheryl was not able to attend the meeting.

### **Shop Manager:**

Beth reported as acting Shop Manager in the absence of Neil Delfino. Beth reported the new hoist for the loft area has been installed with help from Phil and Greg, and she is looking into getting a cargo sling for it. The blade on the 18" saw is dished and she is looking for a replacement. The 36" saw is fully operational again with the new oil pump. She has moved a few Genies around to create socially distanced

work spaces. She cut the lock off the oil drum to fill the saws. The Board voted to allow her to cut the lock off the shop manager's locker so she can get parts as needed.

### **CFMS Representative:**

Beth reported she attended the virtual 2020 meeting. The 2021 CFMS show is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lodi County Fairgrounds. The AFMS show is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> in South Junction Utah. The CFMS is working to promote more junior activities. They award a yearly scholarship of \$2000, and if you know any earth sciences students who would like to apply, reach out to her for the details.

**Show Chairman:** **Cathy Miller** didn't report because she wasn't able to attend.

**Membership Coordinator:** No report available.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Unfinished Business:** Michelle Bennett reported that we were not approved for the Lawrence Livermore Lab grant, but they encouraged her to apply again next year once we have or non-profit status with the Secretary of State straightened out

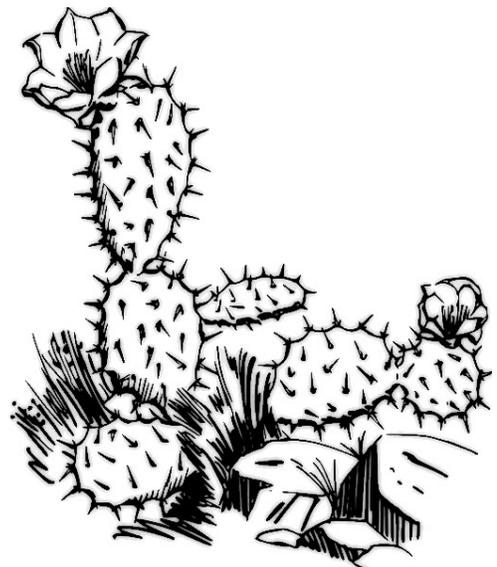


### GEM OF MONTH REPRISE

GEM OF MONTH Jan. 2017 By

**Shirley Buschke** Our gem was born in New Mexico and moved to Hayward, California when he was 5 years old. He graduated from Tennyson high school and went on to earn a degree from San Jose state University. He thinks he always was interested in rocks and became more so as his father became a vendor in the Bay Area. He worked with his dad , and was soon making jewelry on his own. He began working on a Master's Degree at Santa Clara University in counseling and went to work as a probation officer with the County of Santa Clara. His expertise was working with gangs, and he was a supervisor of his unit. Our gem's favorite stone is turquoise but he likes many others too, it must be the New Mexico influence. Our gem often visits his mother who still lives in Hayward. Not so long ago he decided

he wanted to make cabochons so he became one of Mark's students, and cut more than turquoise. Our gem is married and has three children; two of them, a daughter and son are married. Our gem said what started as a hobby has turned into a second career. He does southwestern designs in his jewelry as well as contemporary designs. By now you must know who our gem is, he teaches soldering at our shop, and is a vendor at our show and many other club's shows. Of course you know **Lee Chavez**.



**Updated Letter From The Prez  
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 started easing the restrictions of the Shelter in Place orders. The Board met and has decided that we are going to reopen the shop on October 24<sup>th</sup> subject to Social Distancing Guidelines.

The shop will be open on Saturdays starting October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Faceting instruction will not be offered until further notice, but one member will be able to work in the faceting room on Saturdays. There will be Sunday sessions from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday sessions from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, and Thursday sessions from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

All shop sessions will be limited to six total people in the shop at any time. Space is allocated on a first come first serve basis, and once there are six members in the shop no one else will be allowed in until someone leaves. No members will be allowed in the shop who are not wearing a face covering. Each member will be required to supply their own safety glasses and aprons. No personal protective equipment

(PPE) can be shared. If you come to the shop without your PPE, unless the PPE are available for purchase in Doc's store (no guarantee it will be there) you will not be allowed to use the machines. You will be required to maintain social distance of six feet in all work areas. If you have been ill or are running a fever, please do not come to the shop. The shop supervisor will have the final say on whether a member is following these guidelines and has the authority to ask a non-compliant member to leave. Here is a useful link that has more information about the latest revisions to the Shelter in Place orders.

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



### **Notice To All Members**

By Jodi Minishall, Director MGSCV  
June 20, 2017

The activities of current MGSCV members who use the shop are covered by our liability insurance while working in the shop, and non-members are not covered. For that reason, non-members are not allowed to use the shop equipment under any circumstances.

When you pay your membership dues for the year, you receive a membership card and your name is added to the roster of current members at the shop. The shop supervisors are required to check the roster posted in the shop to make sure people who wish to use the shop are current paid members. If you have paid your dues for the year but your name is not in the roster, you will be asked to show your current MGSCV membership card or proof of payment. The shop supervisor will ask you to leave the work area if your membership cannot be verified, and any discrepancies will be settled later by the Board of Directors and/or the Membership Chairperson.

Please comply with the shop supervisors' instructions and requests, they are following the shop rules as set forth by the Board of Directors and the Bylaws of the club. Also, please keep in mind that the

shop supervisors are volunteers who are there to ensure the facilities are available for club members to use, so at the very least they deserve to be treated with civility and respect.



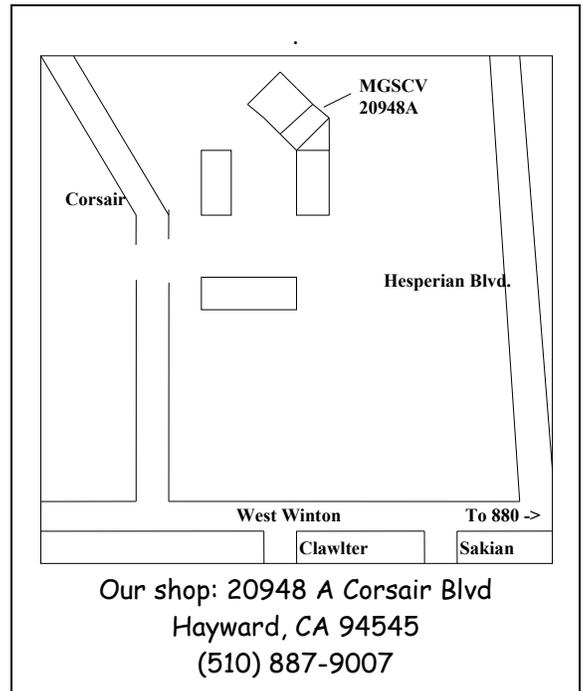
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**Shop Notes**  
(All shop session's members only)

# SHOP SCHEDULE WILL RESUME STARTING OCTOBER 24TH

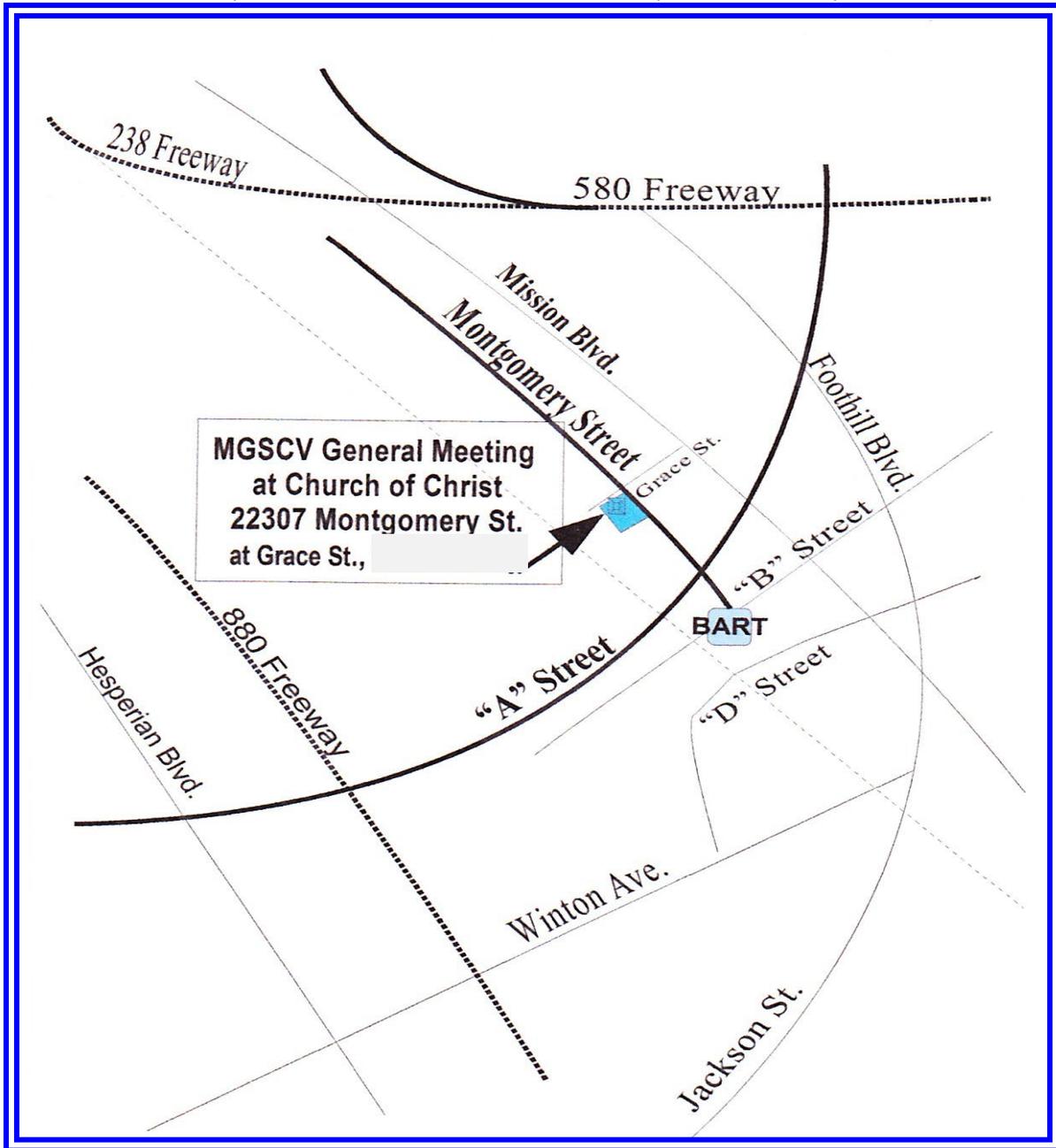
- Monday** 10 AM to 1 PM, Lapidary  
6 PM to 9 PM, Beginners only in lapidary
- Tuesday** 12-to 5 PM, need daytime supervisor  
6 PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary  
Library open 10AM to noon.  
5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary  
7 PM to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



## SHOP NOTICES:

Email us at [info@mgscv.org](mailto: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
_____ Single - \$45	_____ Junior (11-17 with adult) - \$1
_____ Couple - \$80	_____ Junior (11-17 without adult) - \$5

NO Shop Privileges
_____ Single - \$35
_____ 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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