

CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **Saturday January 9th 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 and request an invitation.virus

. the General Meeting for January via Zoom will be on January 16th at 4:00



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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, but if requested, the contributor's name can be withheld. Members are encouraged to submit articles that may be of interest to the general membership. The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit any submitted articles. Sources must be cited for material quoted from other authors. Permission to reprint Petrograph articles is hereby granted provided properly cited.

2020 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Jodi Minshall	President@mgscv.org	
Vice President - Greg Croft	VP@mgscv.org	
Secretary - Sheryl Cooper	Secretary@mgscv.org	(510) 589-8858
Treasurer - Sheryl Cooper	Treasurer@mgscv.org	
Director - Pete Bergeron	Director1@mgscv.org	
Director - Norm Hodgson	Director2@mgscv.org	
Director - Michelle Bennette	Director3@mgscv.org	
CFMS Director - Beth Farmer	Federation@mgscv.org	
Shop Manager Neil Delfino	ShopManager@mgscv.org	
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Membership - Tony Cooper	membership@mgscv.org	510-589-5292
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Past President - Bonnie Andrade	pastpresident@mgscv.org	

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



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2020

By **Beth Farmer**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 7 Board members in attendance: **Jodi, Norm Hodgson, Pete Bergeron, Bonnie Andrade, Lily Johnson, Cathy Miller, Beth Farmer**.

Committee Reports:

No November meeting minutes.

No November Treasurers report.

Beth Farmer volunteered to help **Sheryl Cooper** with 2021 membership drive.

The board decided to call a Zoom meeting for *General Membership*, as a slate of officers needs to be voted on.

Lily Johnson offered to help members who are having problems logging into the meeting.

The meeting will occur January 16, 2021 at 4:00.

Meeting adjourned 4:14



GEM OF MONTH REPRISE

GEM OF MONTH Feb. 2015 By **Shirley Buschke**

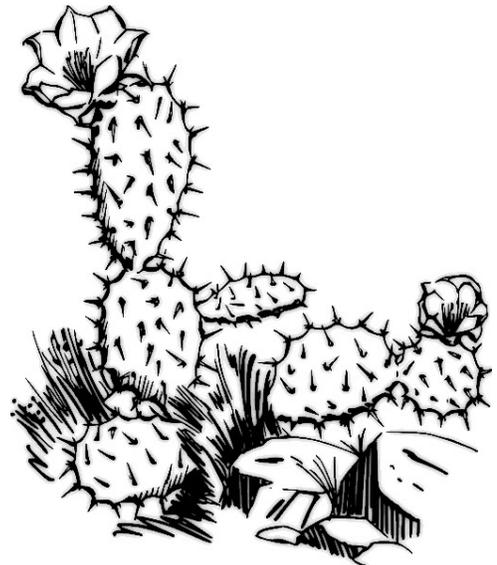
This month's gem was born in Hawaii and lived about 7 miles from Pearl Harbor. In 1939 his family visited the Philippines and his grandfather wanted him to stay. Fortunately, they returned home. When he was about 11, his family moved to the States and he attended Elmhurst Elementary school and then Hayward High School. Six months before graduation he joined the Army and spent four years in Guam where he trained as a mechanic fixing jeeps and tanks. This trade helped him in a few years as he made his living as a mechanic. At one time he operated a service station on Bachman Rd. He also sold tomatoes at this site and many of his customers were very upset when he closed- -no more shed cabacontomatoes. Our gem has always liked rocks and he and his two kids, a son and daughter, loved the idea of

collecting. Someone told him about a rock club but he said it took him awhile to find us. After finding the gem club he started selling jewelry and said "Buy or I won't fix your car." Anyway he had so much fun doing his hobby, he decided to become a dealer and stuck to it until he retired this last year. He and his wife (married in 1952) hit the gem trail for several years. He said his favorite stone is opal and his second favorite is everything else. His favorite activity is wax and his wife is an expert with beads. She used to make beads, too, but she quit when some of the chemical makeup of enamels changed and the results were too unpredictable. She also taught faceting and was responsible for the club's collection of faceting machines. Our gem said he faceted 8 stones and when he started going to MGSCV Petrograph February 2015 Monthly Bulletin of the Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, inc. - 9 - Tucson, he found his time wasn't worth faceting, it was cheaper to buy the stones. I am sure you guessed a long time ago our gem is **Ed Rigor**.

Unfortunately, we have lost this vintage gem on December 27, 2020.

This Editor had the privilege of learning lost wax from him in the classes at our shop. He also taught students how to cut opals and supplied the opals for the class free of charge. He donated finished cabochons for students in the wax classes that I was teaching, later he started working with clay and gave classes on that subject. Every year he donated opals for the front door raffle desk at our show that I sold tickets for three days.

I have never met a more kind and giving man of his time and knowledge to those who were interested. I will personally miss him a lot. Editor



**Updated Letter From The Prez
By Jodi Minshall**

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.



GARNET GEMSTONE FOR JANUARY

Garnets ([/ˈɡɑːrniːt/](#)) are a group of [silicate minerals](#) that have been used since the [Bronze Age](#) as [gemstones](#) and [abrasives](#).

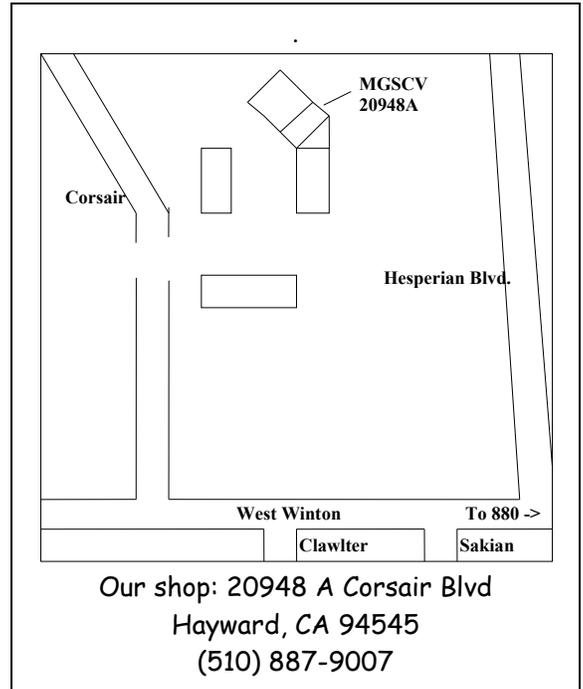
All species of garnets possess similar physical properties and crystal forms, but differ in [chemical composition](#). The different species are [pyrope](#), [almandine](#), [spessartine](#), [grossular](#) (varieties of which are [hessonite](#) or cinnamon-stone and [tsavorite](#)), [uvarovite](#) and [andradite](#). The garnets make up two [solid solution](#) series: pyrope-almandine-spessartine (pyralspite) and uvarovite-grossular-andradite (ugrandite).

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Shop Notes
(All shop session's members only)

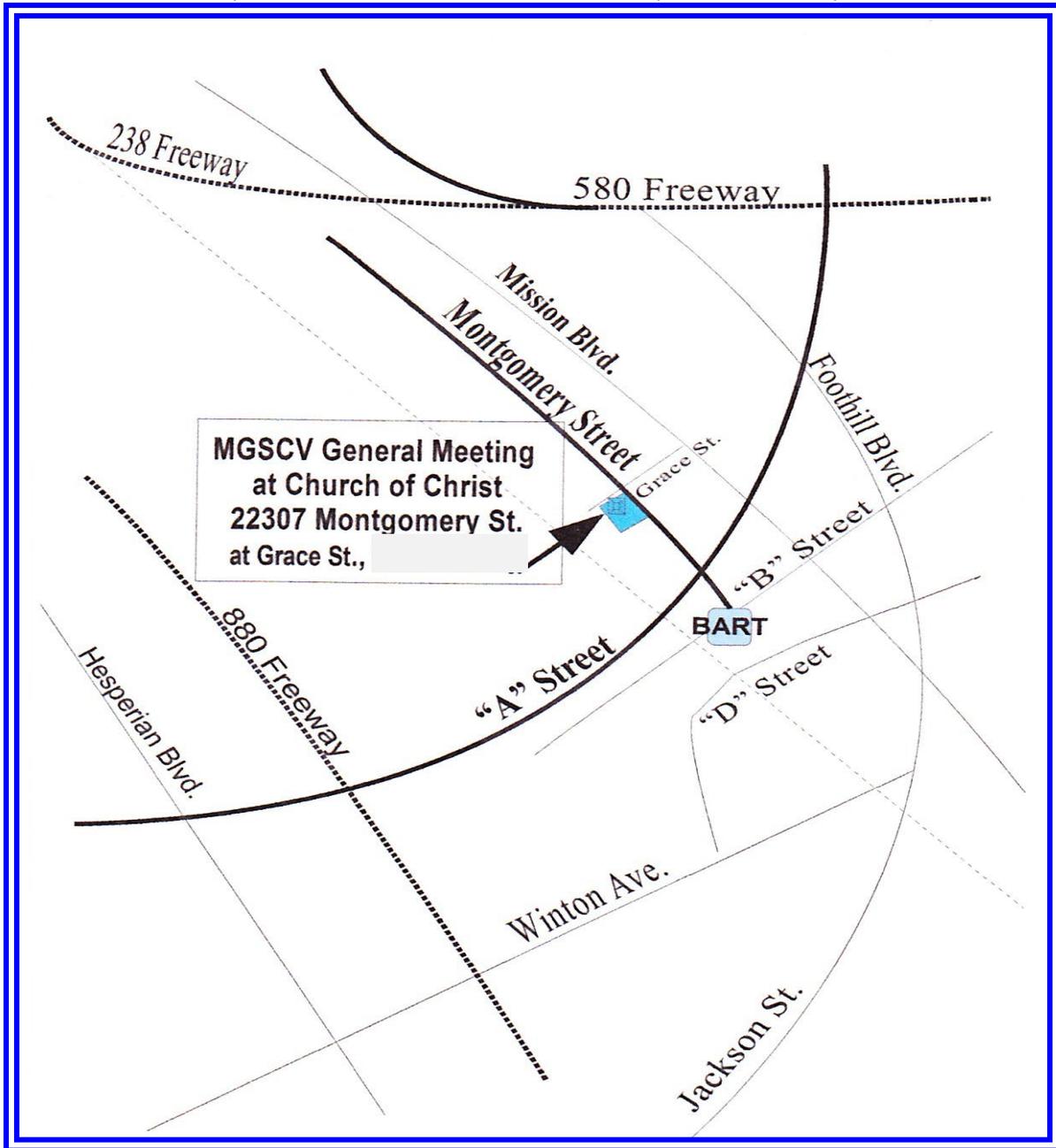
- Monday** 10 AM to 1 PM, Lapidary
6 PM to 9 PM, Beginners only in lapidary
- Tuesday** 12-to 5 PM, need daytime supervisor
6 PM to 9:00 PM, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 9AM to 12:00PM, Lapidary
Library open 10AM to noon.
5:30 - 8:00 PM Lapidary
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
7 PM to 9 PM, Lapidary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



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	NO Shop Privileges
_____ Single - \$45	_____ Junior (11-17 with adult) - \$1	_____ Single - \$35
_____ Couple - \$80	_____ Junior (11-17 without adult) - \$5	_____ 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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