

CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **Saturday July 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 July and August are not being held for the summer. The next general meeting will be September 18th

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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**
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

June 12, 2021

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

There were 7 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Bonnie Andrade, Greg Croft, Beth Farmer, Lily Johnson, Norm Hodgson, and Sheryl Cooper**

Meeting minutes from the previous Board of Director's meetings for May were not reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Greg Croft gave a short talk on **Jadeite, Nephrite and Idocrase** for the General Meeting on Saturday, June 19th.

Treasurer: Sheryl Cooper discussed the possibility of closing the Wells Fargo Building fund account and the Bank of the West Special fund account because we are losing money due to the banking fees. **Greg Croft** moved the motion be accepted with **Norm Hodgson** seconding the motion.

A vote on the motion was taken and was passed unanimously.

Sheryl suggested perhaps we should look into opening accounts with a credit union instead. **Patelco** and **Uncle Credit Unions** were mentioned as suggestions to look into. **Beth Farmer** moved the motion be accepted and **Norm Hodgson** seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was taken and was passed unanimously.

Shop Manager: The shop manager was not present because **Neil Delfino** went to the shop thinking the meeting was going to be in person.

Sheryl Cooper was contacted by the Shop's landlord regarding the repaving of the parking lot next weekend. **The shop will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, June 19th and 20th.**

Beth Farmer mentioned that we received two donations that included a tumbler, grits, polishing media and some half polished quartz points that would be great for the Spinning Wheel. These items are now at the shop.

Neil Delfino collected an 18" slab saw, a 12" trim saw, and a faceting machine that needs a belt replacement from **Carl Mickey**. It

was suggested we could sell some of these items to raise funds.

We need to get a couple of people together to work on the shop equipment. We have a flat lap that isn't working that we could possibly sell. We need to know if **Neil Delfino** will be around for the summer, perhaps **Pete Bergeron** can help.

Reminder that we have a clean-up scheduled for Saturday, June 26th, from 9 am to 2 pm and an Open House tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 27th, from 10 am to 2 pm. It could take two days to clean up so we will play it by ear for the Open House and reschedule it if necessary.

Librarian: Not present

CFMS Representative: Nothing to report. There are a number of shows going on right now but nothing close by. Camp Paradise is still happening as scheduled.

Show Chairman: There was no show report because **Cathy Miller** went to the shop thinking the meeting was going to be in person.

Membership Coordinator: We have 2 new members: **Elliot Fineman** and **Tim Lawrence**.

Sunshine Report: **Joe Rigor** is having a Celebration of life for **Ed and Pat Rigor** on Saturday, June 19th at 5 pm via Zoom.

Karl Churchill had a massive heart attack and **Nicky** is having a hard time.

Procurements Report: N/A

Purchasing Agent: N/A

Education Coordinator: **Lily Johnson** will be teaching a Metals class July 8th - July 29th on Thursday evenings. She is looking for a list of member contact information she can use to contact possible instructors regarding teaching classes.

Editor: Not present

New Business: **Norm Hodgson** suggested we might want to look into auctioning items online. He heard that

a Reno Club was using Facebook Marketplace. **Lily Johnson** has tried this before and things did not sell. Facebook insists the money go to

them, they take a cut and then deposit what is left into your account.

Bonnie Andrade suggested we list the items in the newsletter we send to other clubs. **Beth Farmer** suggested **Nextdoor**. **Jodi Minshall** asked if someone would be willing to look into creating an account on **Nextdoor** for this purpose. No one volunteered for this task at the time. **Greg Croft** offered to post the announcement for the open house on **Nextdoor**.

Dr. Joyce Blueford from **Math Science Nucleus in Fremont** and at Tule Ponds is looking for volunteers to help her. **Norm Hodgson** thinks it is very important to help her as she has been very helpful to us. **Lily Johnson** suggested we put an article in the Petrograph.

Beth Farmer mentioned that we have a lot of stuff stored at **Betty's** and her daughter has asked when we can clean out their shop. **Norm Hodgson** asked if anyone knows where to pan for gold? **Greg Croft** mentioned Columbia State Historical Park, Plumas Eureka State Park and Whiskeytown National Recreation

Area as possibilities. **Beth Farmer** has a riffle and pan if anyone would like to borrow them.

The Shop will remain open for member work sessions at the hours below. **Beth** will update the hours on the board at the Shop.

Monday Closed, looking for a lapidary Instructor

Tuesday Closed, need daytime supervisor, Lapidary - Closed

Wednesday Lapidary - 11 AM to 2 PM, Library open 11 AM to 12 PM. **Kirk Schultz**, teaching faceting in the evenings, 6 PM to 9 PM

Thursday Lapidary - 10 AM to 1 PM

Friday Closed

Saturday Faceting - 9 AM to 12 PM, Lapidary - 9 AM-12 PM, Juniors, w/supervisor's approval, Library open 10 AM to 12 PM.

Sunday Lapidary - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

GENERAL MEETING

By **Rosita Alvarez Croft**

June 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 pm by **Jodi Minshall**. It was held in person and via a Zoom meeting space.

There were 10 club members in person and 1 member via zoom in attendance.

Presentation: **Greg Croft** gave a short presentation called "Jade, Nephrite and Idocrase".

Meeting Minutes:

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

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Nothing to report

Shop Manager:

There was a shop clean-up scheduled for Saturday, June 26th from 9 am to 2 pm. And a tentative Open House for Sunday, June 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. We need lots of help getting things upstairs. We need to clear the faceting room, the library and other

areas and move things upstairs. If we don't finish the clean-up on Saturday, we will need to return on Sunday, June 27th and reschedule the Open House for another day.

Three vibratory tumblers have been rebuilt. **Neil Delfino** has grid, stones and tumblers that can be sold for use at home. Someone needs to be present when the tumblers are working because they will vibrate their way off of tables or benches. **Neil** has put new feet on the tumblers so they are not so noisy.

The motor from Harbor Freight on the 24" saw does not really work. **Pete** has tried to use it and it heats up. **Neil Delfino** needs to replace it with a better motor but it will cost about \$300.00.

Show Chairman:

We are tentatively planning on having the show on October 16 & 17 but are still waiting on the Alameda County Health Department to allow indoor events. We currently have over 20 dealers confirmed. The current layouts have 6 foot aisles, no back to back vendors, and no shared tables.

The number of display cases will be cut in half. We will only use the 4 foot cases and place them against the bar. The 6 foot cases will be coming back to the shop. We also need an Exhibit Chair to contact people to fill the display cases.

Sunshine Report:

Nicki Churchill is losing her eyesight and **Karl Churchill** has a heart condition. He had a massive heart attack.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony for Pat and Ed Rigor is took place at 5 pm today via Zoom.

New or Unfinished Business:

We have a **Taylor faceting** machine that was donated by **Carlton Mickey**. It has a cabinet and a user's manual. The belt is loose and needs to be replaced but we could possibly get \$250.00 to \$300.00 for it.

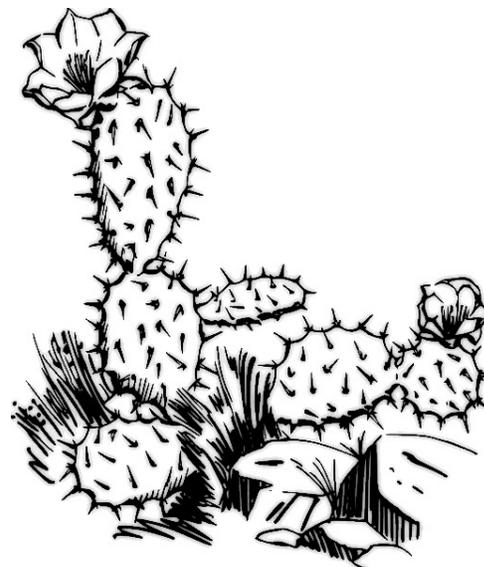
We have a huge variety of rock, slabs and rough material from **Vern's** that can be sold at the Open House. He did intarsia.

We will not have meetings in July and August except for board meetings to plan the up coming October show.

We sold everything on display and made \$66 in today's auction.



GEM OF THE MONTH



Updated Letter From The Prez By Jodi Minshall

We are hosting a Silver Pick Field Trip, -again!

Dick and Betty Pankey are hosting a Silver Pick Field Trip. What is a Silver Pick field trip? You don't need a rock hammer, shovel, gads, pick or any other tools, just bring your rock bag and CASH (aka your silver coins) and come collect in our back yard. After over 30 years of field trips and collecting we are sharing our adventures. and memories. We did the digging, hauling, sorting and cleaning so that all you have to do is choose and pay. We have collected in many of the western states and in a few Midwest and Eastern states. We collected: obsidian at Davis Creek and Glass Butte; petrified wood in UT, WY, AZ, CA and WA; geodes and nodules at Wiley Wells, NM, NV, OR, UT, TN and IA; chalcedony roses and nodules at Round Mountain, NM; volcanics in northern CA; travertine in AZ and CA; jasper and agates from all over the place; bertrandite from UT; quartz crystals from AR, CA, and NM; Trona mineral specimens; and a whole lot more.

We will host this Silver Pick Field Trip on Friday, Saturday, Sunday (each weekend), Aug. 6th to 14th;

dickpankey@juno.com 8:00 AM to 4:00PM and Monday thru Thursday by appointment at our home in Pittsburg, CA. Directions: 4310 Kingsly Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565 In Pittsburg take Buchannan Rd. to Suzanne (stoplight) turn south and follow signs with orange paper plates. Go south about 1/2 mile and turn right on to Kingsly Dr. For more information contact **dickpankey@juno.com** or 925-439-7509

We will be selling rough rocks by the crate, by the flat and by the piece; slabs by the piece and by the flat; minerals and specimens by the flat and by the piece; garden rocks by the piece.

In addition to rocks and minerals there are: tumblers and equipment, tools, supplies, grit & polish, books, posters, findings, books and magazines, T-Shirts, stained glass and much, much more.

Bring your pick-up truck and your Silver Pick and join us in August for two weekends of Rockhound fun.

Dick and Betty Pankey

BENCH TIPS BY BRAD SMITH

None this month

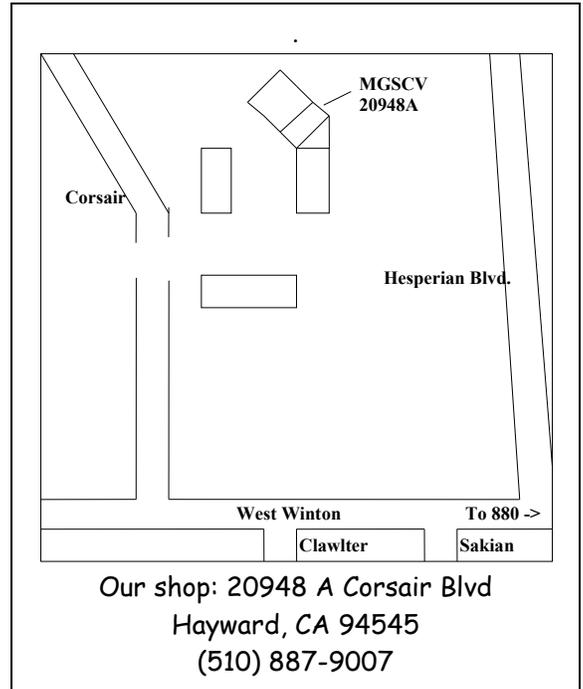
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IN AUGUST 2021

EDITOR

Shop Notes
(All shop session's members only)

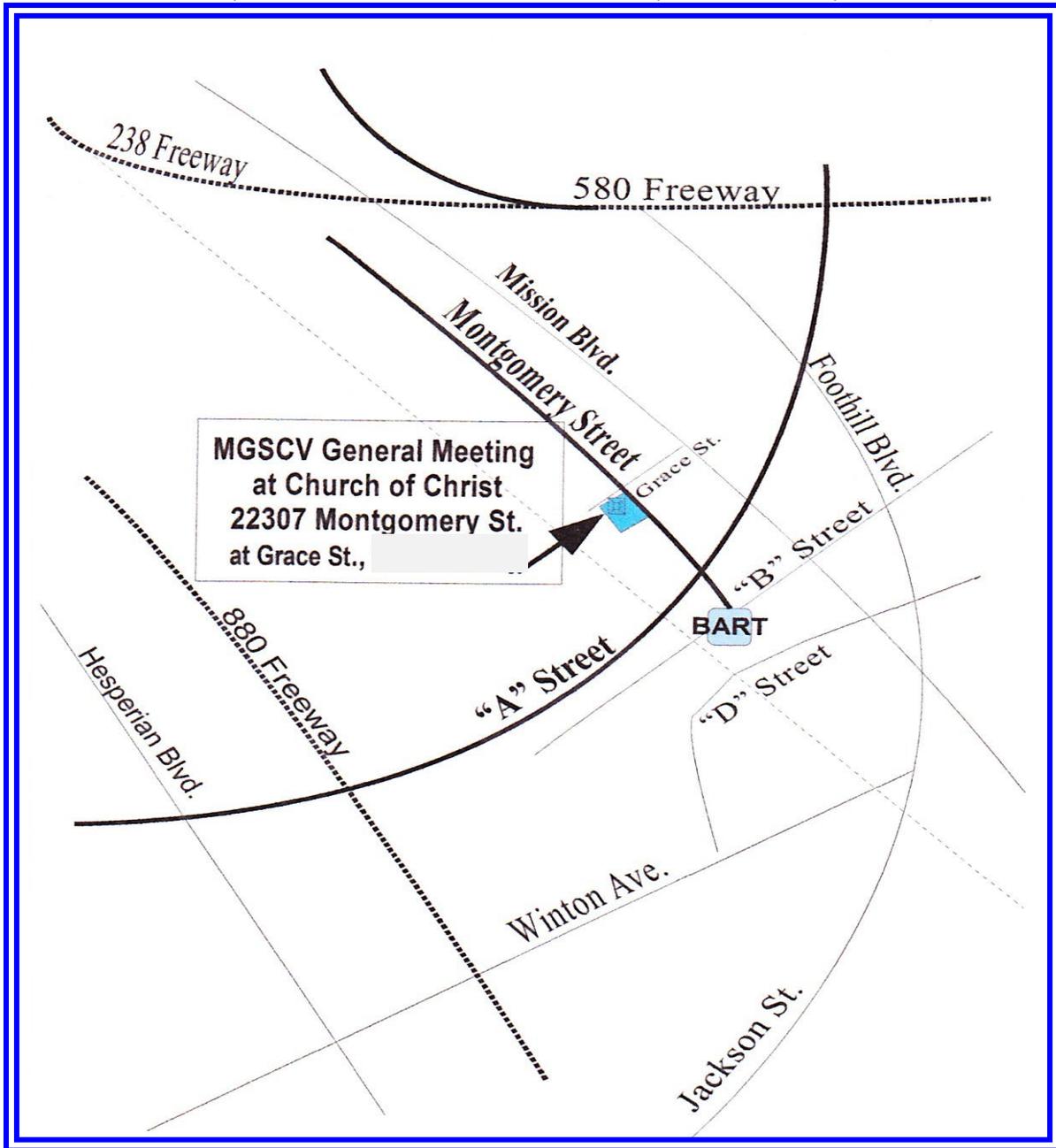
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- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
- Friday** closed
- Saturday** 9 AM to 12:00 PM, Faceting Class 9-12,
Juniors,
w/supervisor's approval, lapidary
Library open 10AM to noon.
- Sunday** 9:30AM to 12:30 PM, Lapidary

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
<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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