



## CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **Saturday October 9th. at 3:00 PM at the shop and possibly via zoom.** 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 for October will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at the church**



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### 2020 MGSCV Officers

#### Elected

President - <b>Jodi Minshall</b>	<a href="mailto:President@mgscv.org">President@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)



Publication Staff



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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**By Rosita Alvarez Croft**

September 11, 2021

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was held live at the shop and was called to order at 3:12 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 6 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Greg Croft, Lily Johnson, Norm Hodgson, Cathy Miller and Pete Bergeron**.

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

**Jodi Minshall** mentioned she had gotten several complaints regarding people not wearing face masks at the last General Meeting and reminded us that we are required to wear them when in an enclosed location.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Vice President: Greg Croft**

presented some photos taken using a scanner and a light box. These photos could be used on Instagram, Facebook, other social media and

possibly the classified ads as another means of raising funds for the club. He volunteered to come to the Church at 2:30 pm and bring the light box and camera to the upcoming **General Membership Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** and assist members with taking photos of items they might want to sell online or in the classified section of the Petrograph.

**Show Chairman: Cathy Miller** said that **Beth Farmer** had contacted the Fire Department regarding the permit for the show but they are not issuing any at this time.

**Jodi Minshall** said she had received a unanimous "Nay" from the board members to cancel the show. September 11<sup>th</sup> was the decided deadline to return the checks to the vendors. She will contact **Sheryl Cooper** and ask her to do so.

**Education Coordinator: Lily Johnson** is looking for more students for her Thursday night Metalsmithing Class.

**Teresa Taniguchi** is at the shop on Thursdays at 10:30 am teaching the Lost Wax Class.

**Kurt Schultz** is teaching a Faceting Class on Wednesday evenings from 6-9 pm.

**Lily Johnson** will be writing up a class description for each class that will be included in the Petrograph.

**Jodi Minshall** mentioned that **Diana Cohoon** doesn't get all emails sent to her personal email. It is better if we send email to her at her work email. Jodi will send us Diana's work email address.

**New Business:** We need to think about finding other ways to make money to cover our bills.

The **Buschke** family wants to sell their stuff. **Norm Hodgson** volunteered to manage a Classified Section in the Petrograph. He suggested that we charge club members \$10 to post an ad if they are selling their personal items on the club's media. And \$50 to vendors who would like to sell their items through our club. **Norm Hodgson** will send **Diana Cohoon** an email regarding access to the Classified Section.

**Lily Johnson** said that Chabot College is having a Flea Market which we can participate in for free because we are a nonprofit Organization we just need to provide our 501C3 number. The next one is on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and she is willing to go and hand out cards advertising the March tentative dates for our show. We can register for a spot for the next 3 months and do outreach. Perhaps we can bring the Spinning Wheel and use some of the cut-off pieces from the shop. Lily will be in the shop tomorrow and look around the shop for things we can use.

**Cathy Miller** mentioned that **Sheryl Cooper** already has a business license she got in case we were allowed to do the show.

**Lily Johnson** said **Kirk Schultz** had mentioned he might be able to get a live band to play at our Open House if we had one.

**Cathy Miller** mentioned she had seen a flier from a member of the Livermore Valley Lithophiles who was selling some of his personal stuff at

his home this weekend. She suggested we could also have an estate sale along with the Open House since we get so many private donations. She also mentioned that someone needs to check the shop phone messages on a regular basis.

**Cathy Miller** mentioned that the spinning wheel is currently at the shop but we could get the rocks from the container when we get the 6' display cases. There are 2 or 3 containers of cut-offs with the crates.

**Jodi Minshall** reminded us that we need to get someone to manage the shop on Monday nights. **Lily Johnson** said **Beth Farmer** is tentatively willing to change her schedule and cover Monday nights.

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, Teresa Taniguchi, Lost Wax, 10:30 am
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

## SHOW SCHEDULES

**October 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2021,  
 Clovis CA**

Fresno Gem & Mineral Society  
 Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 445 Clovis, CA  
 93613

Time: Friday-Sunday Oct. 8th-10th -  
 10 AM - 5 PM, Monday Oct. 11th - 10  
 AM - 4 PM

*Central Valley Gem & Mineral Show* is sponsored by Fresno Gem & Mineral Society. The show will be held outside and indoors where vendors

will be displaying and selling their rocks, minerals and fossils. From rough to cabs, from jewelry to wind chimes you will find a great variety! Adults and children will enjoy the fossilized sharks teeth, dinosaur bones, sparkling minerals in all their forms plus beautiful handcrafted jewelry.

Contact: 1 (708) 821-7575,  
danielbolm096@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.fgms.us/>

### **October 9, 2021 - Antioch, CA**

Antioch Lapidary Club

Antioch Lapidary Club's Annual  
Artisan Jewelry and Rock Show  
Antioch Lapidary Club's clubhouse,  
425 Fulton Shipyard Rd., Antioch

Time: 10 AM - 4 PM

Directions: Take Highway 4 to  
Antioch; exit at A Street and go  
north, towards the water. Turn right  
on E 18th Street; go approximately  
3/4 mile; turn left of Cavallo Road.  
Follow Cavallo, across Wilbur Avenue.  
You are now on Fulton Shipyard Road.  
Cross the railroad tracks and  
immediately turn right into the  
parking lot.

Or...Coming across the Antioch  
Bridge, turn right on Wilbur Avenue

to Fulton Shipyard Road. Turn right,  
cross the railroad tracks and  
immediately turn right into the  
parking lot.

Contact: (925) 240-2954,  
vicmcpherson@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

### **October 10, 2021 - Fallbrook, CA**

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
Fall Festival of Gems

Location: Across the street from the  
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum,  
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in  
the parking lot.

October 10th, 9 AM - 4 PM

Contact (760) 728-1130

Email: info@fgms.org

We will be following all CDC and  
government guidelines at this event.

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
proudly presents our annual Fall  
Festival of Gems - Reinvented! At  
this family-friendly swap meet you  
will discover gems, minerals, fossils,  
jewelry treasures and more! Visit  
amazing vendors featuring from

rough stone to finished jewelry. Meet our team of friendly volunteers! Learn more about geology! and much, much more! Food will not be offered at this event but there are several amazing local restaurants ready to serve!

**October 16-17, 2021 - Santa Rosa**

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351  
Maple Ave, Santa Rosa 95405  
"Agates Abound" Gem and Mineral  
Show

Hours: Saturday 10 AM-6PM, Sunday  
10 AM - 5 PM

Contact: Janyce Vickers (707) 217-  
0636, jvz@namaste333.com

Website: <http://www.srmgs.org>

**October 16-17, 2021 - Placerville,  
CA**

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem  
Society

El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100  
Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667

This show will be held indoors at the  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds with  
secure spaces for 25-30 vendors.

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM  
- 4 PM

Contact: (530) 676-2472

Website: <https://eldoradomineralandgem.org>

**November 6-7, 2021 - Ridgecrest,  
CA**

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society,  
Inc.

Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S.  
Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest CA 93555

Time: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 5  
PM

Fieldtrip November 7th at 9 AM

Free admission!! Vendor spaces  
available. Goede purchasing and  
cutting, petroglyph slab paintings,  
gems and minerals and jewelry.

Contact: (760) 375-7905,  
fjrocks@dslextreme.com

**November 6-7, 2021, Concord, CA**

Contra Costa Mineral and Gem  
Society

Contra Costa Annual Mineral and Gem  
Show

Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd.,  
Concord, CA 94518

Time: 10 AM - 5 PM each day

Mineral & Gem Show & Sale -

Admission \$6, Under 16 Free with  
adult. Scouts in Uniform Free.

Military and First Responders Free

with ID. Gems, jewelry, mineral  
specimens, fossils, meteorites, beads,

tools, equipment, fluorescent room.  
Demonstrations, displays, kids  
activities, door prizes, raffle and  
auction materials.

Email: [mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net](mailto:mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net)

[Annual Show](#)

Website: <https://contracostaminalandgemsociety.org/annual-show/>

**November 13-14, 2021 - Yuba City**  
Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral  
Society

29th Festival of Gems and Minerals

Yuba - Sutter Fairgrounds

442 Franklin Ave., Franklin Hall, Yuba  
City

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10  
AM - 4 PM

Contact 916 677-6696,

[horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)

Website: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

**November 20-21, 2021 - Santa  
Cruz, CA**

Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society

Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, 1900

17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Time: 10 AM to 5 PM both days

Free admission and parking. Santa  
Cruz Mineral and Gem Society annual  
holiday sale. Come and see wonderful  
gifts of nature and art from around

the world - gems, jewelry, rocks,  
minerals, and lapidary arts. Browse  
the bargains and pick up some great  
gifts for the holidays.

Contact: 408-644-



7848, [scruzmgms@gmail.com](mailto:scruzmgms@gmail.com)

Website: <http://scrockngem.org>

**December 5, 2021 - Lake Elsinore,  
CA**

Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Rock 'n Craft Winter Festival, 32097

Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Hours: Sunday, December 5 - 10 AM

- 4 PM

Contact: (909) 208-6956,

[berylman50@aol.com](mailto:berylman50@aol.com)

Website: Facebook: Lake Elsinore

Gem & Mineral Society





**GEM OF THE MONTH**

No Gem at this time

**OF THE DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB,, INCLUDING MACHINES, GEMS, RAW MATERIAL AND ROCKS, LOOK FOR THESE ITEMS IN THE CLASSIFIED ADS.**

**THANK YOU. EDITOR**

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

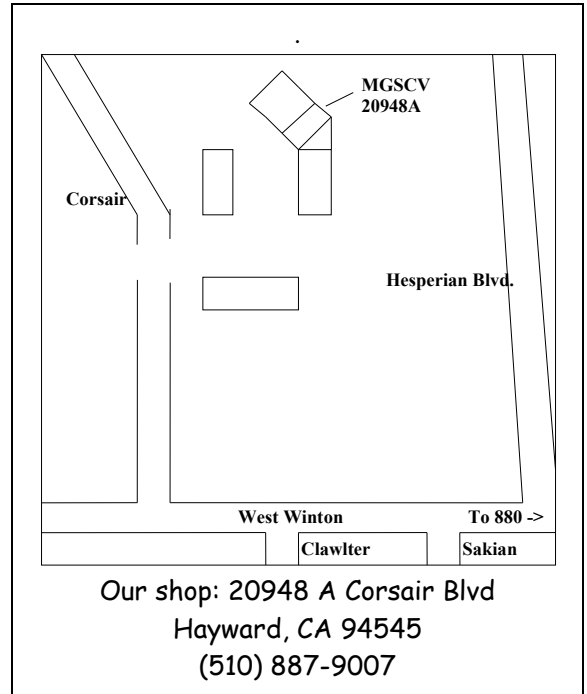
**I WANT TO MAKE AN  
ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE  
BOARD.**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN  
PLACING A CLASSIFIED AD FOR  
ITEMS THAT THONTACT THE  
SUPERVISORS AND LET THEM  
KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE AND  
WHAT YOU WHAT YOU HAVE  
AND WHAT YOU WANT TO SEELL  
IN THE CLASSIFIED ADS THE  
COST IS 10.00 FOR MEMBERS,  
AND ANY CUBS THAT WANT TO  
ADVERTISE THE COST WILL BE  
HIGHER, ON THE SAME NOTE  
WE WILL BE CATALOGING MANY**

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

- Monday** closed, Lapidary
- Tuesday** closed, need daytime supervisor  
closed, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 11AM to 2:00PM, Lapidary  
Library open 11AM to noon.
- 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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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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