



CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **Saturday November 13th. 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 and request an invitation.virus

. the General Meeting for November 20 will be at the church



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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**
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

October 9, 2021

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was held live at the shop and on Zoom for those who were not able to go to the shop. It was called to order at 3:11 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 6 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Greg Croft, Beth Farmer, Neil Delfino, Michelle Bennette** and **Diana Cohoon** attended via Zoom.

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

Committee Reports:

Vice President: **Greg Croft** is working on a short presentation for the upcoming General Meeting.

Treasurer: Not present

Procurements Report: N/A

Purchasing Agent: Nothing to report.

Membership Coordinator: Not present

Shop Manager: **Neil Delfino** said the 18" saw is broken again. We need to

get the shop supervisors to pay more attention to what people are doing with the equipment. **Genie #5** needed lubrication and is working again.

Neil Delfino brought a half ton of rocks from his storage area and put them upstairs. He also brought the faceting machine into the shop. **Neil** would like to buy the 18" saw that is frozen, it is rusted in place. **Beth Farmer** thinks it can be fixed and sold for about \$1,800.

Neil also moved the two flat lap machines that were donated by Laney College upstairs. They currently don't work, he is going to be looking at fixing them. He also moved the old type writer desk upstairs.

Librarian: Not present

CFMS Representative: **Beth Farmer** said the new suite of officers has come in and they now have a listing of the upcoming shows on their site.

Sunshine Report: **Sheryl Cooper** is responding to treatment.

Show Chairman: Not present

Education Coordinator: Not present

New Business: Beth Farmer and Lily Johnson have been looking at websites where we can advertise the Club for free and wanted to get permission to do so. **Jodi Minshall** said it was "OK" as long as the board approved it.

Greg Croft asked if it would be possible to keep a list of all of the sites where we post so we have a shared record of all MGSCV postings, including passwords if applicable. It was agreed that we should do this.

Beth Farmer mentioned that people wanted to buy **Lily Johnson's** slabs when she was at the Chabot College Flea Market. We need to get a business license for the city of Hayward, in order to sell anything. **Beth** is going to help **Lily** at the November Flea Market. They will be getting a license in the meantime.

Neil Delfino would like to move the meetings to Tuesday nights. Saturday afternoons do not work for him. **Jodi Minshall** said we needed to check with **Norm Hodgson** to see if he can Zoom in on Tuesday evenings.

Michelle Bennette, Neil Delfino, Beth Farmer, Greg Croft and Jodi Minshall are "OK" with the change if **Norm** agrees.

Michell Bennette brought up the fact that the Club has not filed the IRS 990-EZ forms for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. We are currently listed as "Delinquent" and do not want to be listed as "Suspended". **Michelle** is going to reach out to **Sheryl Cooper**. She will send an email and cc **Jodi Minshall**.

Beth Farmer will be moving her shop hours to Wednesday evenings and will be teaching the beginner lapidary class once **Phil** gets his keys. **Phil** filled in for **Beth** when she was gone. She reminded the Board it is time to start thinking about a new slate of officers for the Club. **Phil** would make a good shop manager.

Neil Delfino still has some slabs he cannot access at this time and a homemade saw that is very difficult to move. He is thinking of removing the blade from the homemade saw

for the shop and disposing of the rest of it.

Monday	Closed, looking for a lapidary instructor
Tuesday	Closed, need daytime supervisor, Lapidary - Closed
Wednesday	Lapidary - 11 AM to 2 PM, Cathy Miller Library open 11 AM to 12 PM. Beth Farmer Beginners from 6-9 Kirk Schultz, teaching faceting in the evenings, 6 PM to 9 PM
Thursday	Lapidary - Phil Gross 10 AM to 2 PM, Teresa Taniguchi, Lost Wax, 10:30 am metal work 6-9 Lily Johnson
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 Lily Johnson

October 16, 2021

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by **Jodi Minshall**. It was held in person at the Church. There were 8 club members present.

Presentation:

Greg Croft gave a short presentation on Opals.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting were not reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Nothing to report

Shop Manager: People are still breaking equipment. **Neil Delfino** has shown **Phil Gross** how to lubricate the Genies.

Phil Gross is the new Shop Supervisor on Thursday mornings and **Beth Farmer** is moving to Wednesday evenings for the Beginner's lapidary class.

CFMS Representative: Not present

General Meeting

Show Chairman: Nothing to report

Membership: Not present

Education Coordinator:

Lily Johnson and **Beth Farmer** attended the Chabot College Flea Market today. **Lily** would like to make up some brochures to hand out at the November 20th Flea Market. **Greg Croft** offered to help if needed; the hours are 7:30 am to about 3:00 pm. This includes setup and breakdown. We need to advertise to get new members in the club. If we can get our business license, we can ask members if they would like to donate slabs that we can sell. Even if we can get \$1 or \$2 a piece it would help. **Lily** is going to start getting info out to the local libraries all the way down to Fremont.

Lily Johnson's Thursday night Metal Smith class is open for walk-ins. She is thinking of charging a kit fee for beginners. **Neil Delfino** is going to email **Lily** a sample list of course charges from other clubs.

Wire wrappers are welcome to work along using videos, books and YouTube on Thursday nights. **Neil Delfino** has two Wire Wrap

Instruction books he can donate to the club for people to use.

We are the only organization in the East Bay teaching lapidary classes.

Halstead Bead and Rio Grande are places where people can purchase supplies.

Sunshine Report:

Sheryl Cooper is responding to treatment.

New Business:

Neil Delfino would like to move the club meetings back to Tuesday evenings.

If we have a Christmas lunch, **Neil** has another Azurite Malachite specimen to raffle off.

Lily Johnson is concerned about having the Christmas lunch because it will be held indoors also because of the presence of food.

SHOW SCHEDULES

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@ironhorsedesign.net

[Annual Show](#)

Website: <https://contracostamineralandgemsociety.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

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

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

Website: Facebook: Lake Elsinore
Gem & Mineral Society

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GEM OF THE MONTH
No Gem at this time

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

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

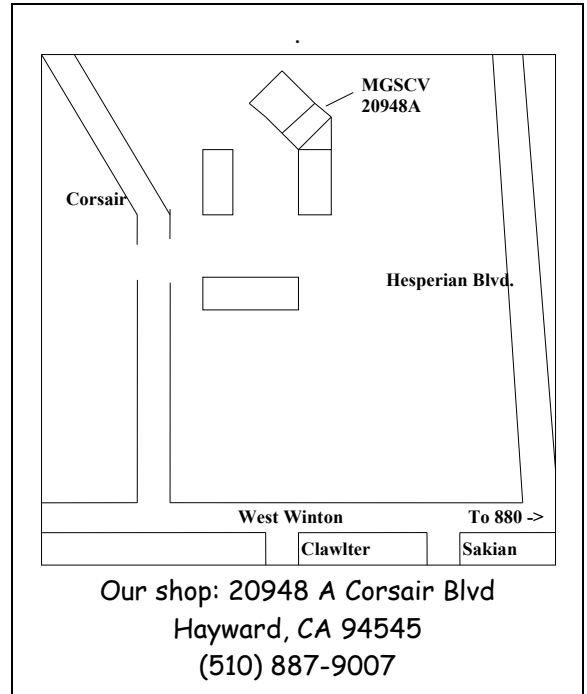
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PLACING A CLASSIFIED AD FOR
ITEMS THAT CONTACT THE
SUPERVISORS AND LET THEM
KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE AND
WHAT YOU WANT TO SELL IN
THE CLASSIFIED ADS. THE
COST IS 10.00 FOR MEMBERS,
AND ANY CLUBS THAT WANT TO
ADVERTISE THE COST WILL BE
HIGHER, ON THE SAME NOTE WE
WILL BE CATALOGING MANY OF
THE DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB,
INCLUDING MACHINES, GEMS,
RAW MATERIAL AND ROCKS,
LOOK FOR THESE ITEMS IN THE
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THANK YOU. EDITOR

Shop Notes
(All shop session's members only)

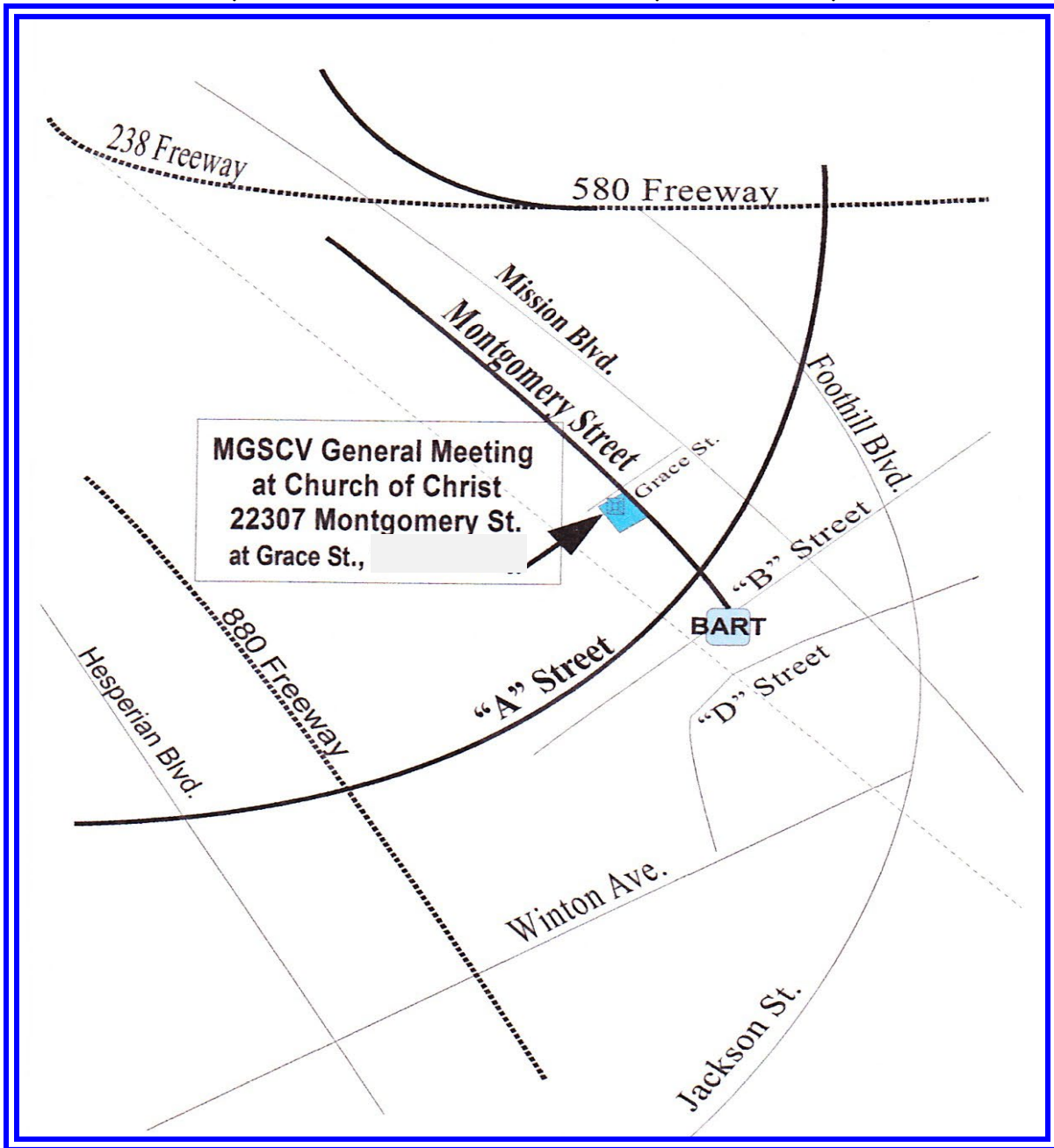
- Monday** closed, Lapidary
- Tuesday** closed, need daytime supervisor
closed, Lapidary,
- Wednesday** 11AM to 2:00PM, Lapidary
Library open 11AM to noon.
- Thursday** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lapidary
- Friday** closed
- Saturday** 9 AM to 12:00 PM, Faceting Class 9-12,
Juniors,
w/supervisor's approval, 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



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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