



CLUB NOTES



Next Board Meeting and Show Meeting will be **Saturday December 11th. 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 December 20 will be at the church Oct



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2020 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Jodi Minshall	President@mgscv.org	
Vice President - Greg Croft	VP@mgscv.org	
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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	
Show Chairman - Cathy Miller	ShowChair@mgscv.org	
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Editor - Diana Cohoon	Editor@mgscv.org	925-348-3000
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**
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 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 3:08 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 9 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Norm Hodgson, Neil Delfino, Beth Farmer, Cathy Miller, Lily Johnson, Greg Croft, Diana Cohoon and Pete Bergeron** attended via Zoom.

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

The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, November 20th at 3:00 pm at the Church of Christ located at 22307 Montgomery Street, Hayward, CA.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: **Greg Croft** usually contacts the Geology Department at

CSUEB regarding the scholarships in January but could do it in December.

Treasurer: Not present

Procurements Report: Nothing to report

Purchasing Agent: Nothing to report

Membership Coordinator: Not present

Shop Manager: **Neil Delfino** reports that all of the Genies are running again. The cerium oxide buffer has been replaced and the two saws are ready to sell.

Librarian: Not present

CFMS Representative: Nothing to report

Show Chairman: **Cathy Miller** doesn't know if Alameda County is going to allow us to have the Gem Show in March. **Beth Farmer** has the dealer contracts and invitations ready to go.

Jodi Minshall mentioned that Alameda County's restrictions are now fully aligned with the State's restrictions. **Beth Farmer** thinks we should discuss this later.

Neil Delfino attended the Concord show last weekend and reported that attendance was good but not great and that people were wearing masks. Food was restricted to outdoors only.

Editor: Diana Cohoon asked that people send her listings or photos of anything they want to sell and she will post them in the Petrograph.

Norm Hodgson is working on the Petrograph classifieds. He asked for suggestions on how we should handle payment for the ads for people selling their own items. It was decided that they should send a check in to us.

Neil Delfino sent **Diana Cohoon** photos of the Malachite with Azurite specimen that will be raffled at the Christmas meeting for posting in the Petrograph.

Beth Farmer has the tickets ready to go.

Education Coordinator: Lily Johnson is still meeting for the metalsmithing class on Thursday nights and **Kirk Schultz** is still holding the faceting class on Wednesday nights.

Historian: Norm Hodgson is writing an article about the origin of the Club. It started out with five or six people and grew to about six hundred people at its peak. The rosters go back to the 50's.

Jodi Minshall would like to have Norm make a presentation at the End-of-year meeting on this if possible.

Sunshine Report: Sheryl Cooper is finishing up her treatment and is doing well.

Mary Howell is not doing very well, we should send her notes and cards. She would appreciate it.

Old Business: Greg Croft inquired about the IRS forms that had been missing for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. **Jodi Minshall** spoke to **Sheryl Cooper** about them and **Sheryl** said she had tried to submit them but for some reason the system did not record them and her checks were never cashed. She is looking into this again.

New Business: Jodi Minshall thinks we should redefine the board rolls and decide who should be going to the

libraries and schools and start setting up exhibits again.

Cathy Miller mentioned that the schools are now requiring TB and other kinds of testing for anyone who goes to the schools. This makes it difficult for people to go and do things at the schools.

Beth Farmer is going to be helping **Lily Johnson** at the Chabot Flea Market on Saturday, November 20th. The hours are 7:30 am to about 3:00 pm. This includes setup and breakdown. Anyone else who would like to come is welcome. We have booth numbers 608, 609 and 610. They could use some more fliers to hand out. **Jodi Minshall** has some things in her storage that **Lily** and **Beth** can look through for the Flea Market.

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* Note: the red lettering indicates the person was nominated without their input.

Monday	Closed, looking for a lapidary instructor
Tuesday	Closed, need daytime supervisor
Wednesday	Lapidary - Cathy Miller, 11 AM to 2 PM, Beginner's Night - Beth Farmer, 6 PM to 9 PM Faceting - Kirk Schultz, 6 PM to 9 PM Library open 11 AM to 12 PM
Thursday	Lapidary - Phil Gross, 10 AM to 2 PM, Teresa Taniguchi, Lost Wax, 10:30 AM Metalwork- Anealing- Lily Johnson, 6 PM to 9 PM
Friday	Closed
Saturday	Lapidary - Pete Bergeron, 9 AM to 12 PM, (Juniors, w/supervisor's approval)

	Library open 10 AM to 12 PM.
Sunday	Lapidary - Lily Johnson, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

General Meeting

November 20, 2021

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by **Greg Croft**. It was held in person at the Church. There were 11 club members present.

Announcements: The Shop will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday November 23rd and 24th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

New officer elections will be held at the December General Meeting.

The Silent Auction brought in \$36 today.

Presentation: **Greg Croft** gave a short presentation on fossils.

Meeting Minutes:

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printed in the Petrograph were reviewed. **Beth Farmer** moved the minutes be accepted with **Lily Johnson** seconding the motion. A vote on the motion was taken and was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Nothing to report

Shop Manager: Things are currently running "OK" at the shop. **Neil Delfino** recently saw a posting from the Reno Gem and Mineral Society where they reported losing four wheels in one evening. Apparently, people were grinding crystals with broken faces on them and ruined the wheels. Please use the flat laps if you are doing something like this.

Neil Delfino has a Malachite/Azurite specimen to be raffled at the Christmas meeting. **Beth Farmer** has the tickets and takes the money for that.

It was suggested that we could have a Christmas luncheon starting at 1:00 or 1:30 pm for anyone who would like

to eat and then have the meeting at 3:00 pm. **Neil Delfino** moved that we should have the meeting at 3:00 pm and then have dinner for those who would like to eat. **Beth Farmer** seconded the motion.

CFMS Representative: CFMS held their yearly meeting in person last weekend. **Beth Farmer** did not attend. She will report on it later.

Show Chairman: We are still planning on having our Gem and Mineral Show in March. **Cathy Miller** is waiting for the approval from Alameda County. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday only. We will be doing set-up on Wednesday and Friday and the dealers can come in on Friday to setup.

We could still use more items to raffle off at the show. **Neil Delfino** will be donating some items for this.

Membership: New member, **Jordan Lorenz**, attended the meeting. He is a nurse at UCSF who likes rocks and would like to learn more about them.

Education Coordinator:

Lily Johnson and **Beth Farmer** attended the Chabot College Flea Market today. There is lots of interest in the club. We even had repeat customers.

Lily Johnson is still teaching the Metalsmith class on Thursday evenings and **Beth Farmer** is teaching the Beginning Cabs class on Wednesday evenings.

Sunshine Report:

Mary Howell is having Dementia issues. **Beth Farmer** has a card at the shop for people to sign for her. **Kirk Schultz** was hospitalized overnight but should be back soon.

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SHOW SCHEDULES

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.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN
PLACING A CLASSIFIED AD FOR
ITEMS THAT YOU WANT TO
SELL. 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 CLASSIFIED ADS.

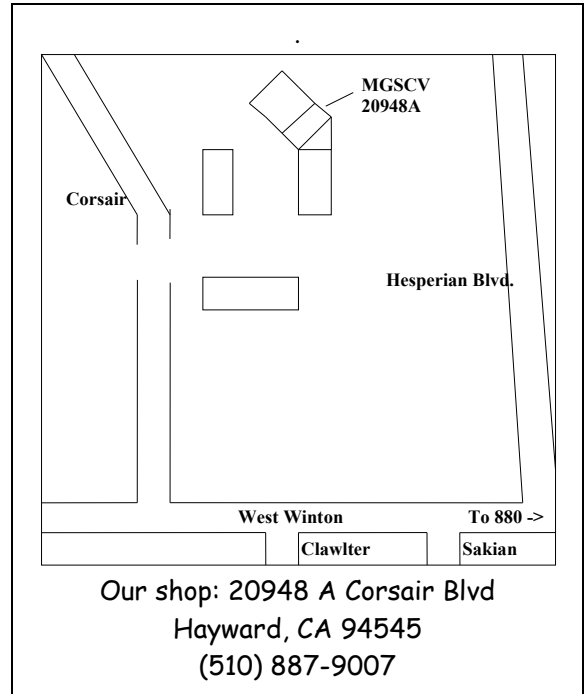
DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP.



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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