



CLUB NOTES



The next Board Meeting will be **Saturday, January 8th at 3:00 PM at the shop and 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.

The general Meeting for January will be **Saturday, January 15th at 3:00 PM at the church (see map on page 10)**.

Members and Non-members are all welcome at the general meeting. There will be a short presentation on lapis lazuli and sodalite, door prizes and a silent auction. Some of the silent auction items are previewed on pages 7 and 8.

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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.

2022 MGSCV Officers

Elected

President - Neil Delfino	President@mgscv.org
Vice President - Greg Croft	VP@mgscv.org
Secretary - Rosita Croft	Secretary@mgscv.org
Treasurer - Sheryl Cooper	Treasurer@mgscv.org
Director - Pete Bergeron	Director1@mgscv.org
Director - Norm Hodgson	Director2@mgscv.org
Director - Jodi Minshall	Director3@mgscv.org
CFMS Director - Beth Farmer	Federation@mgscv.org
Shop Manager - Beth Farmer	ShopManager@mgscv.org
Show Chairman - Cathy Miller and Jodi Minshall	ShowChair@mgscv.org">ShowChair@mgscv.org
Membership - Tony Cooper	membership@mgscv.org
Petrograph Editor - Greg Croft	Editor@mgscv.org
Past President - Jodi Minshall	pastpresident@mgscv.org

Appointed

Scholarship Chair - Greg Croft
Librarian - Norm Hodgson and Lily Johnson
Historian - Norm Hodgson
Purchasing Agent - Beth Farmer
Education Coordinator - Lily Johnson
Sunshine Reporter - All members
Door Prizes - Neil Delfino
Web Master - Dylan Dantzig

webmaster@MGSCV.org

Letter from the President

January 2022

By Neil Delfino

Welcome to the new year. The club faces a difficult year ahead. The shop is funded by our annual show in March. Without the show income, we face an end to our existence as a gem and mineral society with a shop.

At the December general meeting and Christmas dinner, we sold some \$300+ of raffle tickets for the malachite and azurite specimen. There was also nearly \$500 in silent auction sales. This was a good start to raising money for the club, but we need to do more.

I would like to see more members attending the general meetings.

Everybody including life members need to volunteer for tasks at the show. We will be starting setup on Wednesday March 2nd and carry on through Friday morning March 4th. If you cannot get down to the shop, to sign-up for the plentiful jobs, email the show chair at ShowChair@mgscv.org with the date/time/jobs you are volunteering for.

Editor's Note

January 2022

By Greg Croft

With this issue, I will be taking over editing the Petrograph. Let's all give a big thank you to Diana Cohoon for editing the Petrograph for these last ten years. Thank you, Diana!

Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 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 3:10 PM by **Jodi Minshall**.

There were 7 Board members in attendance: **Jodi Minshall, Norm Hodgson, Neil Delfino, Beth Farmer, Cathy Miller, Greg Croft and Pete Bergeron** attended via Zoom.

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

The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, December 18th at 3:00 pm at the Church of Christ located at

22307 Montgomery Street, Hayward, CA. A Potluck lunch will be served prior to the meeting from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

Neil Delfino is donating an Azurite/Malachite specimen to be raffled off at the next General Meeting. **Beth Farmer** has the tickets.

We are also going to have a silent auction during the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: **Greg Croft** will be contacting the Geology Department at CSUEB regarding the scholarships in January.

Treasurer: Not present

Procurements Report: Nothing to report

Purchasing Agent: Nothing to report

Membership Coordinator: Not present

Shop Manager: **Neil Delfino** discovered that Hobby Lobby is a good source for leather to be used for the polishing wheels and laps.

Beth Farmer has a water pump bearing for the polishing machine.

We now have lighting upstairs. **Phil Gross** did the work.

Neil Delfino brought in several hundred more lbs. of rocks and put them upstairs.

Librarian: **Mike McBride** was not present but **Norm Hodgson** has been keeping an eye on it. There has been some discussion regarding giving library keys to the shop supervisors in order to make the library more accessible to club members.

CFMS Representative: **Beth Farmer** entered our show on their calendar.

Show Chairman: No change, we are still waiting to hear from Alameda County. We are not on the Newark Pavillion's schedule yet. **Cathy Miller** is going to check with **Sheryl Cooper** to see if she has contacted them.

Editor: Not present

Education Coordinator: Not present

Historian: Nothing to report

Sunshine Report: **Beth Farmer** has a card for Mary Howell if case anyone would like to sign it.

Old Business: Nothing to discuss

New Business: We've raised a little more than \$3K selling equipment. Enough to cover one month's rent.

Jodi Minshall has an Ultra-Tec faceting machine she is thinking of donating to the Club.

Nominations for next year's Club Officers.

Current Elected Officers:

President - Jodi Minshall
Vice President - Greg Croft
Secretary - Sheryl Cooper
Treasurer - Sheryl Cooper
Director - Pete Bergeron
Director - Norm Hodgson
Director - Michelle Bennette
CFMS Director - Beth Farmer
Shop Manager - Neil Delfino
Show Chairman - Cathy Miller
Membership - Tony Cooper
Editor - Diana Cohoon
Past President - Bonnie Andrade

Current Appointed Officers:

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

Nominations for Next Year's Club Officers

Elected Officers:

President - **Phil Gross***, **Michelle Bennette***, Neil Delfino
Vice President - Greg Croft
Secretary - Rosita Croft
Treasurer - **Sheryl Cooper***
Director - Pete Bergeron
Director - Norm Hodgson
Director - Jodi Minshall
CFMS Director - Beth Farmer
Shop Manager - Beth Farmer
Show Chairman - Cathy Miller, Jodi Minshall
Membership - Tony Cooper
Editor - Greg Croft

Next Year's Appointed Officers:

Scholarship Chair - Greg Croft
Librarian - Norm Hodgson, Lily Johnson
Historian - Norm Hodgson
Purchasing Agent - Beth Farmer
Education Coordinator - Lily Johnson, **Judith Hichens***
Sunshine Reporter - All members

Door Prizes - Neil Delfino

Web Master - Tony Cooper, **Dylan Dantzig.***

* Note: Red lettering indicates the person was not present to accept the nomination.

General Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2021

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 pm by **Jodi Minshall**. It was held in person at the Church. There were 16 club members present.

Announcements:

Neil Delfino donated a Malachite/Azurite specimen for the Club raffle.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Greg Croft will be contacting CSUEB regarding the scholarships in January.

Shop Manager: Hobby Lobby is a good place to buy tooling leather for the slab saws.

Neil Delfino is working on a drive shaft for the trim saw.

We cannot plate anything because we do not have the proper ventilation in the shop.

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 if the County, City and the Pavillion approve it. The Fire Marshall needs to review applications.

Membership: Not present

Education Coordinator: Not present

Sunshine Report:

Mary Howell is having Alzheimer issues. Beth Farmer has a card for her if people want to sign it.

Librarian: **Norm Hodgson** is working on the history of the Club. It was incorporated as a Nonprofit in 1948.

New Business:

The following people were elected and or appointed to the following positions:

Elected Officers:

President: Neil Delfino

Vice President: Greg Croft

Secretary: Rosita Croft

Treasurer: Sheryl Cooper

Director: Pete Bergeron

Director: Norm Hodgson

Director: Jodi Minshall

CFMS Director: Beth Farmer

Shop Manager: Beth Farmer

Show Chairman: Cathy Miller and
Jodi Minshall

Membership: Cathy Miller

Editor: Greg Croft

Past President: Jodi Minshall

Appointed Officers:

Scholarship Chair: Greg Croft

Librarian: Norm Hodgson and Lily
Johnson

Historian: Norm Hodgson

Purchasing Agent: Beth Farmer

Education Coordinator: Lily Johnson

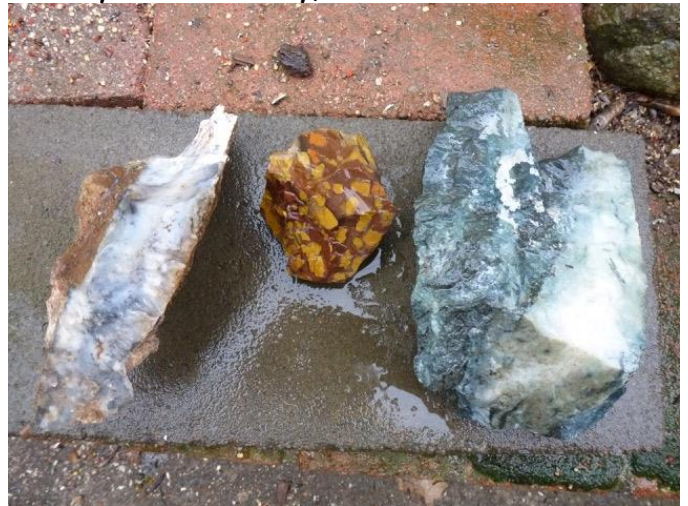
Sunshine Reporter: All members

Door Prizes: Neil Delfino

Web Master: Dylan Dantzig

Silent Auction Preview

These items will be auctioned at the January general meeting. Although they are grouped in the following photos, each will be sold individually. You do not need to be a member to participate in the silent auction; you just need to attend the meeting.



Dendritic opal, Franciscan jasper and
Clear Creek jadeite



Eye agate, Graveyard Point plume
agate and polka dot agate



Red flame agate and desert-polished petrified wood

California Show Schedule

January 15-16, 2022 - Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N.
Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA
Contact: (559) 802-6029

February 12-13, 2022 - Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Jewelry, Gem & Rock Show
1201 West 10th St., Antioch, CA
94509

Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

Admission: \$6

Contact: edysnyder@gmail.com

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

February 26-27, 2022 - Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County
Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA
900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA
Spring Bling 2022

Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM both days

Contact: (510) 377-4545

Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

March 5-6, 2022 - Newark, CA

Gem and Mineral Society of Castro
Valley
Newark Pavilion, 6530 Thornton Ave.,
Newark, CA 94560

Hours: Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM,

Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM

Contact: info@mgscv.org

Website: <http://mgscv.org>

Shop Notes
 (All shop session's members only)

Shop Schedule:

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 - 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

MAP TO THE SHOP





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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single - \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (11-17 with adult) - \$1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple - \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (11-17 without adult) - \$5	

NO Shop Privileges

Single - \$35
 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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