



CLUB NOTES



The next Board Meeting will be **Saturday, May 14th at 3:00 PM at the shop**

There will be an open house **Saturday, May 21st from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM at the shop (see map on page 13), with the May general meeting also at the shop at 3:00.**

Members and Non-members are all welcome at both the open house and the general meeting. Because of the open house, there will not be a silent auction this month.

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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
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

May 2022

By Neil Delfino

MGSCV is not out of the woods as far as the financial picture. We have enough money in the bank, including show proceeds, to last 9 months. This is not a good situation for the shop.

We need to find ways to get more money coming in. There are several ways to increase club income: Increase the membership dues; have an hourly fee for use of the shop; sell rock, display cases and equipment that is stored upstairs at the shop; obtain corporate sponsorship for the club.

If a member with experience with posting on Face Book will step up and help us to get announcements out, we can plan to have a few tailgate sales at our shop. These would take place on Saturdays. These tailgates will be open to any and all to sell at our shop parking lot and pay the club a set fee for the opportunity to sell.

In discussions with other clubs, I have been told that the best way to draw people is to post on Face Book, as

people share post quite readily amongst their friends.

If we are not able to gain new sources of income for the club, we will have to consider increasing membership dues. Other clubs that have shops, have fees for their various training classes and use of their shop equipment. As such, our club is a bargain.

Please bring forward your ideas on how we can increase the income for the club. Along with the ideas, we need to know how to execute those ideas.

Classes

New class sign up sheets are posted at the shop

CFMS news:

California Federation show will be held May 6-8, at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Lancaster 93536. Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4

MGSCV Shop news:

By Beth Farmer

On April 20 and 21 we had our second set of cleanup days. We had the following people show up and put their talent of cleaning to the test:

Lawrence Kyte, Lily Johnson, Pete B., Judith Hutchins, Phil Gross, Norm H., Julie Lowe, Theresa T., Jodi Minshall, and Rosita and Greg.

We managed to get in a lot of the neglected crannies that have been swept out, mopped and picked up. We decided to avoid replacing the carpet this year. We also decided to remove and sell the Soda Machine.

A huge THANK YOU to membership who contributed to March and April cleanup!

Your effort will pay off when the public and other clubs members come to admire our killer workshop at the Open House on May 21!

Announcing new members!

March and April has been a very busy time in the Beginners classes. All of these folks have finished their first cabochons with excellence. Please introduce yourself to them when they migrate to different shop hours.

This is a partial list: Jenn King, Robert Wuepper, Joseph Alvarado, Debra Gilmore, Julie Lowe, Amy Marks, Alesha Larkins, Matt Jamison, and Erik. Sorry Erik, I'm working off of the sign in sheet.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2022

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was held live at the shop. It was called to order at 3:12 pm by **Neil Delfino**.

There were 9 Board members in attendance: **Norm Hodgson, Neil Delfino, Beth Farmer, Cathy Miller, Greg Croft, Pete Bergeron and Lily Johnson, Dylan Dantzig, Sheryl Cooper**.

Meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting were reviewed. **Norm Hodgson** moved the minutes be accepted as printed in the Petrograph with **Pete Bergeron** seconding the motion. A vote on the motion was taken and was passed unanimously. The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, April 16th at 3:00 pm at the Church of Christ located at 22307 Montgomery Street, Hayward, CA. We are also going to have a silent auction during the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: This month we are going to try having a theme for the General meeting. The program is a petrified wood theme. **Greg Croft** will be giving a talk on the formation of petrified wood and **Neil Delfino** will

be speaking about collecting localities. We will have 3 cottage cheese size containers of petrified wood chips at the silent auction. They are sized for cabbing. All of the other items at the Silent Auction will also be petrified wood. An email blast will be sent out to all of the members and **Dylan Dantzig** will be posting an announcement on Instagram and Facebook. The Instagram address is https://www.instagram.com/mineralgem_societycastrovalley/

Scholarship Chairman: Sheryl Cooper confirmed the scholarship checks have been cashed.

Treasurer: Sheryl Cooper provided MGSCV Accounting reports for the months of January through March 2022 and a report on the Show income and expenses for 2012 through 2022 for comparison. Our balance at the end of March is \$15,287.66 which means we can cover our shop rent for about 9 months. We still need to find other ways to raise funds to keep the Club going. Getting more people to join the club would be a good start.

Beth Farmer reminded us that we have a lot of material we can sell at the Open House.

Dylan Dantzig suggested we put together advertisement packages and distribute them to different places. Perhaps we could also try a progressive fee structure. We could try things like tabling at the local colleges, and posting items that will be at the Silent Auction on Facebook and Instagram. We also need to raise our membership and other fees and start charging for classes like all of the other clubs do.

Lily Johnson and **Teresa Taniguchi** have already started to charge \$50 plus materials for each of their classes.

Pete Bergeron looked into the possibility of getting COVID funding for the club but all he could find was rent relief in the form of low interest loans and a grant. When he looked into it, the loan relief was already closed. It was not clear if the grants could have been used to pay the loans.

Norm Hodgson will inquire with Dr. Joyce Bluford regarding any possible grants.

Beth Farmer proposed we accept the Treasurer's report with **Greg Croft** seconding the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It was suggested that we should do an audit every couple of years like one of the previous treasurers did.

Procurements Report: Nothing to report.

Purchasing Agent: Nothing to report.

Membership Coordinator: Not present
Cathy Miller is willing to take on this job once someone takes over the Show Chairman Job.

Shop Manager: We had a good turnout for the Shop Cleanup days. Several of the new members showed up as well as a couple of the board members who never use the shop.

Beth Farmer replaced 3 Genie boards to keep them from moving around and rebuilt one pump.

Librarian: **Norm Hodgson** subscribed to Rocks and Minerals (\$295) and contacted Sheryl Cooper regarding the purchase of Lapidary Journal and a few other journals for the library.

Beth Farmer mentioned there some books on the library floor that need to be cataloged. She also suggested we should try to sell any duplicated books.

CFMS Representative: The CFMS Meeting and Show are happening on May 6-8, 2022 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster, CA. We are still waiting for CFMS to pick up the cabochon display they loaned us for our show.

Show Chairman: **Cathy Miller** is working on updating the job descriptions for the show positions. The Show Chair is responsible for layouts and assembly coordination.

Editor: **Greg Croft** was able to get the April issue of the Petrograph out by April 1st. He and **Neil Delfino** are coordinating on a petrified wood theme for the General Meeting on April 16th.

Norm Hodgson was contacted regarding his Classified Listing in the Petrograph. However, he did not sell it.

Mark Montgomery might want to sell some of his things in the Classifieds.

Sheryl Cooper and **Dylan Dantzig** are going to send out a flash to the Club members regarding the upcoming themed General Meeting.

Education Coordinator: The new sign-up sheets for the Basic Metalsmithing, Faceting and Lost Wax classes are up. Teresa Taniguchi, the lost wax instructor, is accepting sign-ups by appointment only and she requires that people be vaccinated for in person classes. Otherwise, she is willing to teach them via Zoom.

Historian: Nothing to report

Sunshine Report: **Mary Howell** is still on the decline.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business:

Sheryl Cooper is going to get together with **Dylan Dantzig** and show him how to send the Blast messages to the Club members.

Neil Delfino will mention the increased membership fees and donations in the President's Letter for the upcoming Petrograph. **Sheryl Cooper** will look into the Paypal

account so we could use it for donations.

Norm Hodgson mentioned he had talked with Peter Adams regarding the possibility of making videos of Federation shows and field trips and posting them online. Maureen Bankhead from the Alameda County Fair contacted him regarding the possibility of having some of the club display at the Alameda County Fair. He thinks we should have at least one club case that is ready to go when the opportunity arises.

Dylan Dantzig asked about any possible field trips that could be arranged. The Almaden Mine, Jade Cove, Sunstone Mine, Highland Park and Agate Beach in Marin County are possibilities.

Cathy Miller mentioned a rock shop called Stories in Stones located on 1249 S Main St, Angels Camp, CA 95222, Phone: (209) 736-1300. They are open 12-5 pm daily, closed on Wednesday and Saturdays. Reminder: We have two more Shop Cleanup days scheduled on April 23 and 24 starting at 9:30 am.

General Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2022

By Rosita Alvarez Croft

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by **Neil Delfino**. It was held in person at the Church. There were 10 club members and 4 guests present; Joseph Alvarado from Livermore and Amber, Pedram and Mica H. from San Jose.

Meeting Minutes: The Meeting minutes from the previous General Meeting were not reviewed today.

Announcements:

Many thanks to **Mica H.** for making 2 donations for the Silent Auction. We raised \$175 from the Petrified Wood-themed Silent Auction today.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: **Greg Croft** and **Neil Delfino** coordinated a talk on Petrified Wood this month. **Greg** discussed the formation process and **Neil** talked about the locations of the specific specimens that were auctioned off today.

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Show Report: We are on the Pavilion's calendar for next year, hopefully we will have a normal show. We will start planning for it in August and September. There are lots of small jobs available for the club members to help with.

Neil Delfino attended the Mariposa show and it was not a good show. Some of the dealers who decided to go there instead of our show would like to come back.

Shop Manager: Reminder, we have Shop Cleanup scheduled for next weekend. We need to concentrate on the floors and the saws. **Neil Delfino** will ask **Dylan Dantzig** to post on Facebook and Instagram. We wanted **Sheryl Cooper** to send out a blast but she and **Tony Cooper** are gone until after that weekend.

Treasurer: Not present.

Financially we have enough funds to pay for 9 months' rent at the shop. We pay about \$3,000 per month plus

utilities. The upcoming open house in May might raise some income

We need to think more about how we can raise funds to keep the club going. For example, the Reno Club has about half of the equipment we have and they charge for everything people use there. They have about 700 members.

Perhaps we can get some corporate sponsors to donate. In some cases they will match funds if their employees make donations. **Erik Jensen** is wondering if we could get together and brainstorm some fund raising ideas. Perhaps we could try using GoFundMe or Indiegogo to raise funds.

CFMS Representative:

CFMS is going to try to hold their Northern and Southern California camps as before.

Editor: If you would like to post anything in the May Petrograph please send it to Greg Croft by April 30th.

Membership Chairman: Not present

Education Coordinator: The new class schedules are posted on the faceting room door at the shop. Metalsmithing has one more slot to fill starting the first week of May. Faceting and Beginning Cabochon classes are happening from 6-9 pm on Wednesday evenings. It is a good idea to check the calendar at the shop for the schedule. There is a fee for the faceting class but the stone and dop are provided free for the Beginning Cabochon class.

Sunshine Report: **Diana Cohoon** and her husband are selling their house in San Leandro and moving into assisted living facilities.

Librarian: Not present.

New Business: Nothing to discuss.

California Show Schedule

April 30 - May 1, 2022 - Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center, 2271
W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801
Hours: Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday
10AM - 4:30 PM

61st Annual Searchers Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Show
Fun activities for kids! Free. See rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, rough, slabs, gold panning, door prizes, tools, supplies and exhibits.
Contact: (909) 815-3045,
searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com
Website: <https://searchersrocks.org>

May 6-7-8, 2022 - Lancaster, CA
CFMS Gems, Minerals, Fossils & Jewelry Show
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536
Hours: Friday, Saturday 9 AM -5 PM, Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM
Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Demonstrations, Exhibits, Dealers, Kid's and Family Activities. Free parking and Free Admission.

Contact:
Bob Backus (661) 526-3564, email: lbbackus@aol.com
Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 406-0143, email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
More information coming!!

May 6-7, 2022 - Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street,
Yucaipa CA 92399
Hours: Friday 6 PM - 10 PM, Saturday

noon - 10 PM
The YVGMS annual show features great vendors, geode cracker, kids' activities, raffle, and club store. The YVGMS show is part of the Yucaipa city Music and Arts Festival with music, various local artists, kids' zone with rides and jumpers, other craft vendors, food vendors, and a beer/wine garden. It is a fun time for the entire family.
Contact: (909) 794-0731
Website: <http://yvgms.org>

May 7-8, 2022 - Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine Gem & Craft Show,
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, CA 95642
Hours: Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM,
Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM
Contact: (916) 698-9853
Website: <http://www.amadorgemandmineral.org>

June 11-12, 2022 - Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
Palomar Gem and Mineral Show
California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido, Escondido 92025
Hours: Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM,
Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM
Faceted gems, Slabs, Cabochons,
Unique custom jewelry, Rare and

common minerals, Fossils, Rough,
Beads, Crystals, exhibits,
Demonstrations, prizes.

Contact: (425) 281-6218,
tonifloyd41615@gmail.com

Website: <http://palomargem.org>

July 16-17, 2022 - Culver City, CA

Culver City Gem & Mineral Society
Fiesta of Gems

Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117
Overland Ave., Culver City, 90230

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

36 vendors plus exhibits, demos,
workshops and games. Fun for the
whole family - Free admission and
free parking.

Contact:

BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

Website: [http://CulverCityRocks.org/
fiesta.htm](http://CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm)

Classified Ads

20 inch Lorraine vibrating flat lap

20 inch Lorraine vibrating flat lap
with 2 pans, original paperwork. \$500
and will not ship. Contact
ShopManager@mgscv.org

20 inch Lorraine vibrating flat lap



Lake Berryessa Onyx from the
Berryessa Mine 6 pounds; 13.6 ounces;
\$140 w/20% of sale as donation to
MGSCV Shop Fund

The Story: I obtained this mineral
specimen from Arnold Barron who told
me it is call Lake Berryessa Onyx
from the Berryessa Mine. Arnold has
since passed away. Maybe other
members might know what this is
called and if Arnold was correct.
Sale can be completed at the Shop.
For details email Norman
Hodgson. norm2@earthlink.net
or call 510-582-1954

Lake Berryessa Onyx



Lake Berryessa Onyx



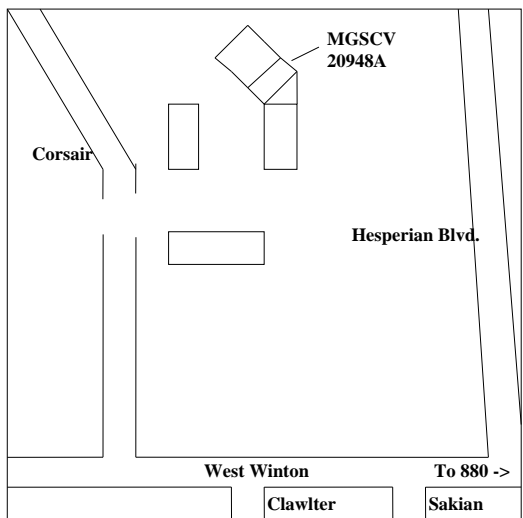
Shop Notes

(All shop sessions are members-only, except for the open house)

MAP TO THE SHOP

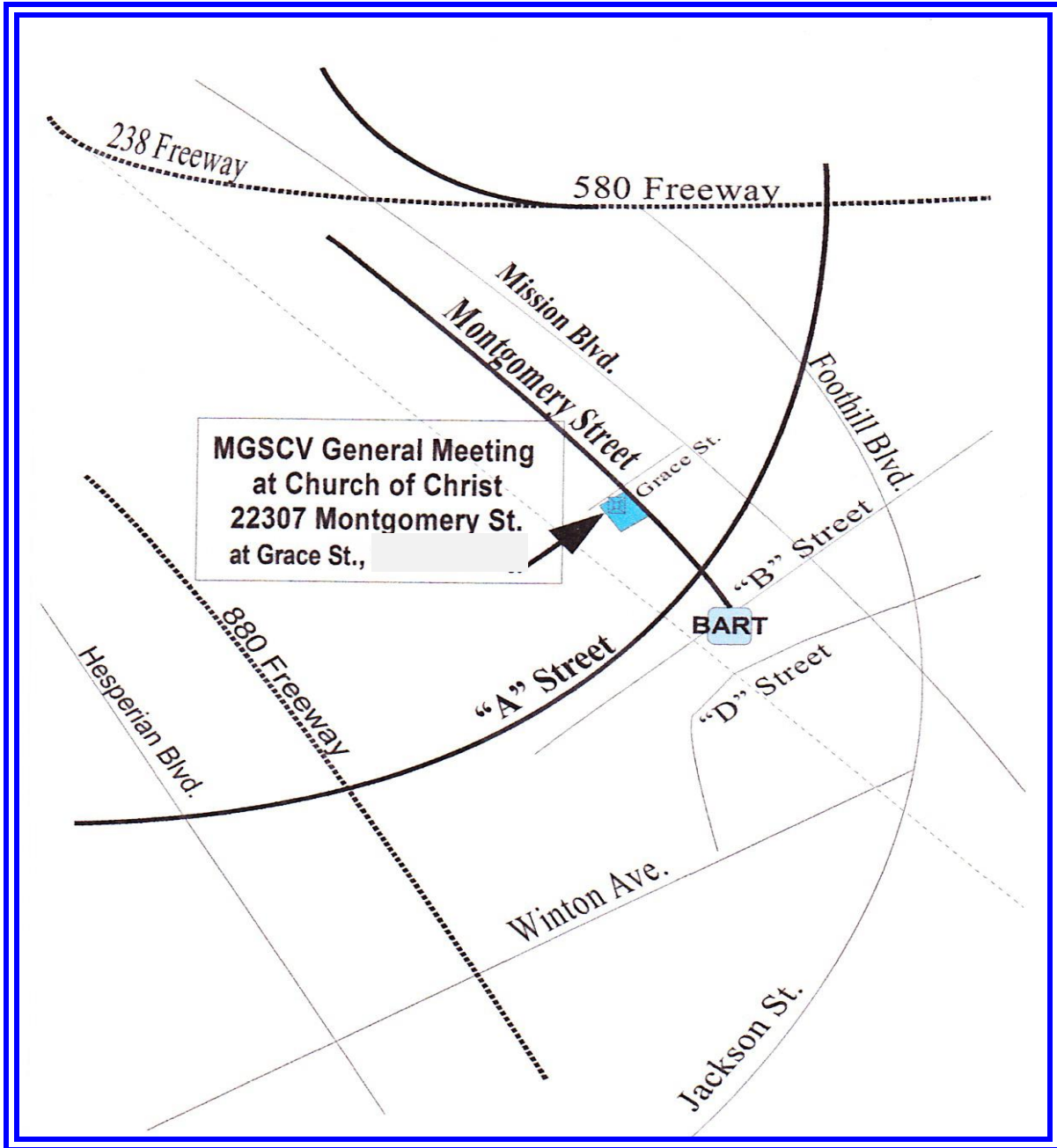
Shop Schedule:

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, by apt. Metalwork - Lily Johnson, 6 PM to 9 PM
Friday	Closed



Our shop: 20948 A Corsair Blvd
 Hayward, CA 94545
 (510) 887-9007

Saturday	Lapidary - Pete Bergeron, 8 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



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.



**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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