Program: Tree Stories.

Tuesday October 1
7:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange Guild
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

** Bring a Friend! **
Hello everyone. I was happy to see so many of you at Camp Paradise this time. For those of you who were there the first week I’m sorry that the weather was on the warm side and hope that you had brought fans for your rooms with you. I’ve learned to always bring one when I come. There were some new instructors up there this year. The soft stone group had a man who was new. We always had a canopy to work under but he didn’t think that it would be needed as we were under the trees. We carried on so that we don’t do heat that we put one up and all were happy. He was good for beginners and let me do my thing.

The second week was somewhat cooler. I was so happy to see so many people that I’ve seen before. There were hugs and kisses among us. Some I haven’t seen for years. So much happiness going around. Happiness. Some lady had a piece of dichroic glass that I had given her 10 years ago. I didn’t remember it but it meant something to her that she’s been telling and showing it to friends. That surprised me. I only hope that all of you who have attended Camp Paradise this time had a wonderful time and learned what you wanted to learn.

Tuesday’s meeting will be our last meeting before OUR SHOW. It’s yours and mine. We all have to work together to make this show work. We’re a Society and as such we’re a group with a common interest and that’s rocks and lapidary and all of it’s sections or areas. I’m asking you to please come together to help me and the show people to help in any way that you can. Tables need to be set up and skirted. Cases need to be placed in the right places and just all sort of things need to be done. I will be putting in two cases this year besides setting up my display area. I’m showing my Educational case of how early and modern Indians of the South West held Turquoise on their jewelry. It won a masters trophy from the CFMS. It took me six years to receive it, because judges would find this or that wrong with it. That’s competition for you.

Well be thinking of showing your wonderful displays for the show. If you need help do ask and we’ll be happy to help. Please do plan on attending this Tuesday’s meeting That’s Oct. 1, at 7pm and brings goodies you birthday people.

See you then. Be good to each other and treat them the way you’d like to be treated.

Edwina
VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello fellow mineral enthusiasts, the month of our show is upon us. The year went by quick it seems and eleven days from now our annual show will be on. So any of you who would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Frank or me to let us know how you’d like to help.

At this point we’ve got most everything lined up and ready to go other than some display case repairs which I’ll be attending to shortly and a few other odds and ends.

In addition to our show month it’s also time for nominations of new officers for the club. Our Mineral Society needs a lot of help to keep functioning in smooth running manner. This translates into having a number of volunteers who are able and willing to put in the time to make that happen. So, if you’ve ever considered or wanted to be a club officer or board member, please let us know at the upcoming meeting so you can be included in the nominations.

As an example, the Vice Presidents’ duties entails a considerable amount of time and effort throughout the year in order to function properly. The VP is responsible for providing monthly programs to keep our members and guests informed, educated and entertained. This is not always an easy task to do and sometimes entails much effort and time but is vitally important to help keep the interest and enthusiasm of the club moving forward.

As the VP of the club you’re also automatically the Show Chairman for our annual show. (You can have another Show Chairman to assist as we have for the last two years). In addition, you’re expected to help out with putting up and taking down signs, getting vendors and exhibitors lined up, making sure all facets necessary to make the show run properly are addressed, attending board meetings and assisting with the of the club functions on a monthly basis. Being a good VP for our club means putting in a lot of time and effort over the year. If this officer position is something you’d be interested in doing let us know at the meeting.

I had two possible speakers lined up for this month which didn’t work out nor did a DVD program on Oregon Thundereggs. Due to the amount of club business we need to wrap up before the show and nominations too, I did find us a short and fascinating DVD program for October. Called “Tree Stories,” this is an AFMS 2004 award winning program that goes into the many aspects of petrified wood and is only 28 minutes long. It will be informative and enjoyable.

This is one of our club’s most important meetings of the year, so please attend if you can. I hope to see you all there. Until then, take care.

David Phillips

VP NCG&MS
NEVADA COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Meeting called to order 6:05pm. In attendance David, Eric, Frank, Christy B. and Gwen

No changes were submitted to the last month’s board minutes

Treasurer’s report – vests have been made and will be available for the show.

Membership: the board would like to see the membership chair attend and contribute to the board meeting. There was a request for input, brainstorming when applicable and willingness was expressed from all board members to verbally show support the membership chair. This was explained to Sue when she entered just after the board agreed to do so. Great timing!!

Newsletter: It was decided to send the June minutes to Charles since they had not been printed in the newsletter and we legally need to publish them. After the board meeting we found out that the webmaster, Charles would be out of town for an unknown time.

Federation: Several of the members missed the meeting and were at the Earth Science camp put on by the Federation.

Show Chairmen – Show planning going well. Cases have been repaired and piano hinges will be put on the newer cases from the El Dorado Club. We have heard from most of the vendors. There is enough room in the storage area to store the heavy Carousel that the club has previously displayed the prizes in. In its place will be some of the new cases. This will be easier to display and lighter to handle. There was a request for help to clean the basement before the show. Christy B volunteered to check with her previous club to see about buying items for grab bags.

Juniors: The junior leaders were at Camp Paradise so Treasurer, Frank ran the meeting. He introduced “Impactites” to the attending juniors.

New Business: It was voted and passed by the board to limit the silent auction to no more than ten to twelve items in order to help the meeting meet a timely conclusion.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm.

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Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Attendance: Members – 29, guests – 4

Sunshine – several members at Federation Earth Science Camp Paradise

No changes or additions to last month’s business

Treasurer’s report given

Show chairman – Request for members to sign up for volunteer positions at break. Frank will set up display at Rotary on 9/16. The signs are out. Many new vendors and have space for another outside vendor. Show will have popcorn this year. It is a level three Health Dept risk but since it is inside the fees have been waived. We will need signage for popcorn and a hand washing station. The kid’s corner and kid’s cases will be in the back of the hall. The rock “food” display will be re-done and moved from the entrance to the kid’s corner. The UCLA meteorite expert that we met at the CFMS Pomona show will be coming up as a vendor for the show. The show trailer was successfully re-organized Sat the 17th. Thank you all for volunteering and Frank and Cindy for great food.

Federation: This is the concluding week of the Earth Science Camp. The next CFMS show will be in Lodi. The business meeting will be in Visalia in November.

Webmaster – will be out of town for indefinite period. Need someone to send out the next newsletter.

Librarian – stop and look at books during the break.

Field trips – Rich reported on trip to Forresthill area. They focused on burnt areas and found several outcroppings that had been previously covered with vegetation. Rich brought interesting specimen of crystals found on the trip. The next trip will be in November.

Break

Raffle suspended to spend time watching AFMS CD.

Education: “Rhodochrosite, Red Treasure of the Rockies, the story of the Sweet Home Mine.” The specimens shown were spectacular and the CD chronicled the history and mining operation in an easy to follow narrative. It was exciting to watch as they actually showed opening the pockets or vugs where the crystals are found in the mine. The specimens were uncovered and pulled out as we watched.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by G. Fissel
PLEASE VOLUNTEER

TO

HELP

AT THE

GEM SHOW

OCTOBER 5 & 6

Upcoming Field Trips

9/28/19 - 9/29/19 Tuledad Canyon, NV. agate, petrified wood
SHOW NEWS

Please be considering the exhibit case you would like display at the show, and where you will be able to help setting up, helping to run, and breaking down this years show. The sign up board will be at the next two meetings. Don't be shy.
David Phillips and Frank Van Hecke, 2019 Show Chairs

The first job for the show is Publicity. Richard Pell can use help getting the word out. Please see Richard and volunteer for some of the jobs needed to publicize the show.

Rock Tumblers Needed

The club purchased a rock crusher to process rock merial to a size needed for tumbling. We need a home for the crusher and someone to run the crusher. Someone please consider this as this is a critical component in the process.
Those born in October enjoy two spectacular birthstones to commemorate their birthdays – opal and tourmaline. Both October birthstones have endless color combinations and beautiful coloring characteristics. Learn more about these two October birthstones and discover the perfect gift for those born in the tenth month.

The name of this, the traditional October birthstone, is believed to have originated in India (the source of the first opals brought to the Western world), where in Sanskrit it was called upala, a “precious stone.” In ancient Rome, this became opalus. Most opals are valued for their shifting colors in rainbow hues – a phenomenon known as “play-of-color.”

The October birthstone’s dramatic play-of-color has inspired writers to compare it to fireworks, galaxies and volcanoes. Bedouins once believed opal held lightning and fell from the sky during thunderstorms. Ancient Greeks thought opals bestowed the gift of prophesy and protection from disease. Europeans long maintained opal to be a symbol of purity, hope and truth. Hundreds of years ago, opal was believed to embody the virtues and powers of all colored stones.

The opal birthstone can be found in many places. The fields of Australia are the most productive in the world for the October birthstone. Ethiopia, Mexico and Brazil are also important sources. Additional deposits have been found in Central Europe, Honduras, Indonesia, Madagascar, Peru, Turkey and the United States.

Lightning Ridge, a small town in New South Wales, Australia, is famed for producing prized black opal. A dry and rocky region softened only by small trees and scrub brush, Lightning Ridge gets little rain and bakes in the scorching summer temperatures. The climate is so unforgiving that miners often live underground to find respite from the punishing heat.

Tourmaline is the newer October birthstone. The name comes from the Sinhalese word toramalli, which means “stone with mixed colors,” because it often has multiple colors in one crystal. Very few gems match tourmaline’s dazzling array of colors. Perhaps this is why ancient mystics believed this October birthstone could inspire artistic expression – it has a color palette for every mood. Among the most popular are the pink and red rubellites, the emerald green “chrome” tourmalines, and the neon green and blue-to-violet “paraiba” tourmalines.

Because of its vast range of colors, tourmaline was often mistaken for other gemstones. One of the “rubies” in the Russian crown jewels, the “Caesar’s Ruby” pendant, is actually red (rubellite) tourmaline. A Spanish conquistador found green tourmaline crystals in Brazil in the 1500s and confused the stones with emerald. These and other cases of mistaken identity continued for centuries until scientists recognized tourmaline as a distinct mineral species in the 1800s.
CFMS SHOWS 2019

**September 28-29; Lodi, CA**
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds 413 E. Lockeford St.
Contact: Mike Mathis, 510-301-3612
Email: mmatis@nwp.org
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.org/show

**October 5-6; Grass Valley, CA**
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 McCourtney Rd
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke 530-575-4252 Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org/show-info

**October 12-13;**
Los Altos Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Alton Youth Center
1 North San Antonio Rd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Beverly Morlock 707-328-5778 Email: bamorlock@gmail.com
Website: HTTPS://pggs.org/show/htm

**October 12-13, Trona, CA**
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Trona Gem Building 13337 Main St.
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-3
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, 760-372-5356 Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/Show

**October 19; West Hills, CA**
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers Gem Show
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Virginia Rotramel, Phone N/A
Email: whrc@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org/shows.html

**October 19 - 20: PLACERVILLE, CA**
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Debbie Winterson
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Website: eldoradorocks.org

**October 19 - 20: SANTA ROSA, CA**
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
The Veterans Memorial
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551
Website: jolene4rmgs@gmail.com
Website: srmgs.org  Show Page

**October 26 - 27: SACRAMENTO, CA**
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger, (916) 622-5819
Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Web Site: sacramentomineralsociety.org  Show Page

**November 2 - 3: ANAHEIM, CA**
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpora, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: opalsociety.org/  Show Page

**November 2 - 3: RIDGECREST, CA**
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: John De Rosa, (760) 375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslextreme.com
Website: indianwellsgemandmineral.com

**November 2 - 3: CONCORD, CA**
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mike Hopkins
Email: mhopkins@ironhorsedesign.net
Website: contradomineralandgmsociety.org  Show Page