

Rock Writings

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Newsletter of the Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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Volunteer Opportunities

Help is needed in so many ways, in our community and in organizations such as ours, the Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society (NCGMS), is no different.

We are an all-volunteer group that helps promote education and advancement of geology, mineralogy, and lapidary arts. As a volunteer in the NCGMS, many opportunities exist to support and organize the annual show in October, the club committees and officer positions, organize fundraisers, promotions, education, coordinate outings, just to mention a few.

As a member of NCGMS, volunteering is essential to keeping the club working and thriving. Relying on just a few people risks losing the club we all enjoy. This recently happened at the Sutter Buttes Club in Yuba City – only a few people were carrying all the club’s weight, and when they got tired and stopped, so did the club.

Please, find something within the club which you are passionate about, or quite good at, and we will find a volunteer opportunity that will be a good fit.

NCGMS 2023 Field Trips *(please double check before the trip to ensure it is still planned):*

Summer is here it seems, access is opening up after the great winter, get out there and get some rocks!!

Other members are considering putting on additional local trips this summer, and possible long range multi-day fall trips, stay tuned. . . .



2023 TRIPS	HOST
May 6 - Ford Point, CA – Fossils, maybe crystals	John Dolman
May 13 - Concow, CA (near Paradise)	John Dolman
May 27-29 - Tonopah, NV area (Details Below)	John Dolman
June 3-5 - Chinese Camp and Bagby, CA (Details Below) Mariposite, quartz crystals, jade.	John Dolman
June 10 – Argillite near Washington, CA	John Dolman
June 24-25 - Wellington, NV -- Nevada Lapis	John Dolman
July 15-16 - Markleeville, CA Crystals in Rhyolite, silver ore, agate	John Dolman
Sept. 9 - Red Dumortierite. New Hogan Lake near boat ramp at Acorn Campground (Details Below)	John Dolman

Field Trip for Wonderstone Agate; Apache tears, Jasper & maybe Turquoise

Where: Tonopah, NV.

When: May 27-29, 2023

Sponsoring Societies: El Dorado County, Nevada County Mineral and Gem Societies

Field Trip Leader info: John Dolman;

Proposed Schedule:

Day 1: At 9:00am on May 27; meet the trip leader at US Route 95-south, 2.4 miles north of Goldfield, NV (37.744801°,-117.247314°).

Day 2: At 8:00am on May 28, meet the trip leader at Miller Rest Area (38.140391°,-117.453703°) which is 12 mi. northwest of Tonopah and 26 mi. east of Coaldale Jct., on US Route 6/95.

Day 3: To be determined by the trip leader.

Directions: From Placerville, CA, take US 50 eastbound to Carson City, NV. Take US 395 south to Nevada State Route 208, then take Route 208 to Yerington, NV. Take US 95 ALT eastward to US 95 (near Schurz, NV) and head southward through Hawthorne, Luning, and Mina, NV, to the junction with US Route 6 at Coaldale. Continue east on US 6/95 to Tonopah.

Vehicle Reqs: 4 X 4 is best

Camp / Facilities: From Tonopah, take US-6 east to State Route 376 to BLM's free campsite. Motels in Tonopah, book 2 months early. Jim Butler Inn is good.

Tools: Hard rock hammer, chisels, screens, buckets, bags.

Other: Bring plenty of water, lunch, and snacks. Bring sunscreen and wear a hat.

Remarks: If you plan to attend, you must contact the field trip leader, John Dolman, prior to May 25, 2023. The wonderstone agate is a FEE dig, at \$35.00 per five-gallon bucket.

Field Trip for Opalite, Magnesite, Mariposite, Quartz Crystals & Jade

Where: Chinese Camp and Bagby, CA.

When: June 3-5, 2023

Sponsoring Societies: El Dorado County, Nevada County Mineral and Gem Societies

Field Trip Leader info: John Dolman;

Proposed Schedule:

Day 1: At 8:00am on June 3, meet the trip leader at Hwy 120 in Chinese Camp on Enterprise Drive (37.877992°,-120.461933°). To get there, take Hwy 49 south to the junction with Hwy 120 just north of Chinese Camp, then follow Hwy 120 northwest about 1 mile to Enterprise Drive.

Day 2: At 8:00am on June 4, meet the trip leader at the large pullout (37.613267°,-120.139481°) on Hwy 49, about 1/4-mile north of the Merced River Bridge.

Vehicle Req's: 2 WD; NO RVS or TRAILERS at the camping site - they might get hung up.

Camping: Limited to 8 tent spots around the dig site. This is DRY camping (bring food, water, etc.).

Facilities: None at the camp site.

Tools: Gloves, small hammer, chisel, bag, bucket, pry-bar, hand truck, etc. Bring sunscreen and wear a hat.

Weather: May be cold/cool/warm/hot. Check weather reports.

Lunch: Bring your lunch, plenty of water; a pop-up can be useful for shade.

Safety Concerns: The risk of encountering rattlesnakes is real but very low. Personal falls are more possible.



FIELD TRIP for Red Dumortierite

Where: New Hogan Lake near the boat ramp at Acorn Campground.

When: Sept. 9, 2023

Field Trip Leader info: John Dolman;

Proposed Schedule: Meet the trip leader at the Taco Bell parking lot in Valley Springs, CA, at 9:00am. Look for the orange plate on John's vehicle.

Directions: Take Hwy 49 south to Hwy 26; take Hwy 26 westbound to Valley Springs, CA.

Taco Bell is at 200 E. Hwy 12 in Valley Springs. We will caravan to the collecting site and park at the overflow parking lot.

Other: Members may bring guests (The area is open to the public.)

Camp / Facilities: None at the collecting site.

Weather: May be cold/cool/warm/hot. Check weather reports.

Lunch: Bring your lunch and plenty of water.

Tools: Rock pick, shovel, 3-pound hammer w/chisels, and a bucket to carry stones. A hand truck comes in handy. Bring sunscreen and wear a hat.

Safety Concerns: Encountering rattlesnakes is possible, but personal falls are more likely.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Tuledad Agate, Petrified Wood, Chalcedony, types of Obsidian, yard rocks

TRIP LOCATION: Duck Lake, NV

TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE: Vehicle Access; Parking - 5, 2-wheel drive, parking on the dirt access road. Collection or View site - 6, 1/4 to 1/2 mile with trails on hillsides, or through brush and creek beds

WHEN: TBD, 2023

SPONSOR: El Dorado/Nevada County/Paradise Clubs

MEMBERS GUESTS: Allowed

LEADER CONTACT INFO: John Dolman

MEET: Duck lake loop road campsite is five miles off Highway 447. A Left turn-off of County road# 447.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE: I-80 east of Sparks NV, exit goes northbound from Wadsworth, NV, on county road# 447-

Then turn left. On, Duck Lake road, which is about 130 miles north of Wadsworth, NV, look for the orange plate at the turn for Duck lake road.

VEHICLE REQ: Most 2-wheel drive

FACILITIES: Nearest motel to the site is in Cedarville-35 miles. Dry camping near the site.

TOOLS: Safety glasses, rock pick, shovel, hammer, pry bar, buckets, bags

SAFETY CONCERNS: Snakes, high desert critters, with no facilities

CLIMATE / WEATHER: warm, windy, showers, cool-cold

OTHER REMARKS: Lots of possibilities in this area-Davis creek, Cedarville, Black rock desert, Lost Creek area, Virgin Valley.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: From campsite departure time 8 am each day.

There's a \$25K reward for anyone who can recover the Down East Meteorite

Bangor Daily News, April 11, 2023

It's not every day an opportunity like this falls out of the sky, but some ambitious Mainer could earn an easy \$25,000 if they're able to find a meteorite that fell over Washington County.

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel, which has the single largest specimens of both the moon and Mars on Earth, is offering the reward for the first meteorite it receives weighing one kilogram or more.

A bright fireball was seen in the sky over eastern Maine and New Brunswick around noon Saturday. Shortly after, multiple sonic booms were heard in nearby Calais.

Shawn Laatsch, the director of the Versant Power Astronomy Center at the University of Maine in Orono, speculated the fireball was possibly a larger kind of meteor called a bolide.

“Sometimes you can have meteorites that are visible during the daytime. A bolide is very bright and leaves a trail,” Laatsch told the Machias Valley News Observer. “If it’s visible in the daytime, it’s usually a large meteor that hits that atmosphere and lights up. The different colors you see depend on what it was made up of.”

Some described the meteorite’s fall as a “red flare” or like a “firework,” according to the Machias paper.

It was the first time radar ever caught a meteorite falling in Maine, according to NASA. So far, no one has claimed to have found any fragments of the meteorite.

But Darryl Pitt, the chair of the museum’s meteorite division, is optimistic that fragments will be recovered.

“When a fireball is sufficiently bright to be seen in broad daylight, it would have been extraordinarily bright had this been at night,” Pitt said. “The existence of positive Doppler radar returns — meteorites detected descending through the atmosphere just several miles above ground — assures us there are meteorites waiting to be found.”

The most likely area for recovering any meteorites is a mile-wide field extending from just north of Waite, Maine, to the border town of Canoose in New Brunswick.



The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum in Bethel is offering a \$25,000 reward for anyone who can recover a fragment of a meteorite that came down over Washington County on Saturday.

CFMS Updates & Shows (<https://www.cfmsinc.org/>)

2023 CFMS Shows



<p>May 5-6, 2023 – Yucaipa Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society Yucaipa Blvd at Adams Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399 Hours: Friday 6 PM – 10 PM, Saturday Noon to 10 PM Our annual show will have 15 dealers, kids activities, geode cracker, club store, and great raffle. Held in conjunction with city’s Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival which will include artisan and other vendors, kids rides, music, food and beer/wine garden. Attendance and parking are free. Festival and show is held along Yucaipa Blvd. This is a great event for everyone in the family. Contact: grandpasgems@gmail.com Website: https://www.yvgms.org/</p>	<p>May 6-7, 2023 – Lancaster, CA Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536 Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM Admission and Parking are free. Please note that dogs are only allowed if they are Service Animals. Contact: marylandoriele@gmail.com Website: http://avgem.weebly.com flyer: antelopeshow</p>
<p>June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, VA Amador County Gem & Mineral Society Gem and Craft Show at Kennedy Mine, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, VA 95642 Hours: 10 AM -4 PM</p>	<p>June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA Palomar Gem and Mineral Club The Convention Center at the California Center for the Arts – 340 North Escondido Blvd, Escondido CA Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, 10 AM – 4 PM</p>

<p>Contact: (916) 698-9853, mountaingirl@volcano.net Website: http://amadorgemandmineral.org</p>	<p>9000 sq ft selling handmade silver, gold, beaded and fabricated jewelry, vintage jewelry, commercial quality gold & silver faceted stone jewelry, specialty cabochons, mineral specimens, gem trees. Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com Website: http://palomargem.org</p>
<p>June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA Delvers Gem & Mineral Society DELVERS PARKING LOT SALE, 14515 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706 Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM Website: https://delversgemclub.wordpress.com/</p>	<p>JUNE 23-25, 2023 – LODI, CA CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS, 413 E. LOCKEFORD ST., LODI, CA 95240 Hours: Fri-Sat 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Educational Exhibits, Speakers Adults \$6, Kids 12 & under FREE Free admission to MILITARY Active, Veterans and their Dependents with valid Military ID card. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE For information: rocksbob@sbcglobal.net Dealer information: slchaisson@yahoo.com</p>
<p>July 8-9, 2023 – Culver City, CA Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM Culver City Gem and Mineral Society Culver City Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90203 60th Annual Fiesta of Gems – 2023 Theme: Druzy Free Admission – Free Parking – Free Hourly Drawings 35 Vendors Featuring Minerals, Gems, Jewelry, Fossils, Lapidary & Jewelry making supplies, Books, Etc. Free Exhibits of Minerals, Gems, Fossils, Crystals, Handcrafted Jewelry, Meteorites, Etc. Free Demonstrations of Jewelry Making and Earth Sciences Free Mineral Specimen for the Kids plus Rock Games & Earth Science Education Displays Grand Prize Raffle drawing on Sunday Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com Website: http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/</p>	<p>August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA Orcutt Mineral Society 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444 Hours: Aug 4 & 5 – 10 AM – 5 PM, Aug 6 – 10 AM – 4 PM The 55th Annual Rockhound Tailgating Rock & Gem Festival Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com Website: http://www.omsinc.org</p>
<p>August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society Roebbelen Event Center, @the Grounds – Roseville, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM 61st Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show Over 60 vendors, inside and out, featuring Crystals, Fossils, Minerals from around the world, Opal, Amethyst, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, Gold, and for Kids – “Education Station”, Gold Nuggets, Prospecting equipment, detectors and supplies, Petrified Wood, Stone carvings. Watch Demonstrations in the Lapidary Arts and bid on Silent Rock Auctions. Free – Scientific Mineral and Gem ID! Bring your Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Meteorites and treasures, for a no-cost Scientific Identification. General Admission \$8, Seniors 60+ \$7, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10. Discount coupon. Contact: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com</p>	<p>August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society Annual Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Show 500 East “F” Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561 Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM Gems and minerals, jewelry, activities for kids and much more. Free admission. Contact: (661) 972-1117, travis462@outlook.com Website: https://www.tvgms.rocks</p>

Website: https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html	
August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA Pasadena Lapidary Society Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia CA 91007 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Contact: (626) 260-7239 Website: https://pasadenalapidary.org	September 16-17, 2023 – Monterey, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Contact: (831) 801-5887, susieharlow@gmail.com Website: http://cvgms.rocks
October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA -- <u>OUR SHOW!</u> Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM 7th Annual Earth’s Treasurers Show: 25+ vendors, gem and mineral exhibits, Gold panning, lapidary arts demonstrations. Kids Corner, food and ice cream trucks. Admissions – Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an “active military” I.D. Free, FREE PARKING Contact: 4vanclan5@att.net	October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society 123 W. Alvarado St. (show on street a& in parking lot), Fallbrook CA 92028 Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM Rock Fallbrook! Over 40 mineral gemstone, jewelry and fossil vendors at the annual Fallbrook Festival of Gems & Minerals. Gem ID, Bargain Booth, Wheel of Fortune, kids activities, food booth, and a GIANT raffle of some gorgeous items. Free admission and free parking. Vendor applications due August 1, 2023. Email info@fgms.org if you’re interested. Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org Website: http://www.fgms.org
October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Contact: (650) 575-3144, cci@pacbell.net Website: http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org	October 28-29, 2023 – San Diego, CA San Diego Mineral & Gem Society Liberty Station Conference Center/Point Loma Nazarene University, 2660 Lanir, San Diego, CA 92106 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Contact: luannz@att.net Website: http://SDMG.org
October 28-29, 2023 – Orange, CA American Opal Society Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 S. Flower St., Orange, CA 92868 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM- 5 PM 53rd Annual Opal, Gem & Jewelry Show Rough & cut opals and gemstones, jewelry, supplies. Hugh drawing. Free demonstrations. Contact: (714) 501-9959, info@opalsociety.org Website: http://opalsociety.org	November 3, 4 & 5, 2023 – Eureka, CA Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society 68th Annual Show 3750 Harris St., Eureka, CA 95503 Hours: Friday 9 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM Live Demonstrations, Games for the kids, Geode Cutting, Vendors with Gemstones, Rocks, Lapidary Tools & Equipment, Fossils and Jewelry
November 18-19, 2023 – Lakeside, CA El Cajon Valley Rock Round Up! El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society 12584 Mapleview St., Lakeside, CA 92040 Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM Contact: (619) 277-4981, ecvgms@gmail.com Website: http://ecvgms.org	<p style="color: green;">Check websites or call to ensure shows and field trips are still planned during the pandemic (cancelled shows have been removed or not listed here – also, watch the CFMS listings closely).</p> <p style="color: green;">Also, “Google” the words “oregon gem and mineral society shows”: many shows (closer than the SoCal shows – and no state tax) show up. Nationally: http://www.amfed.org/fed_shows.htm</p>

NEVADA COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

General Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2023

The NCGMS General meeting was held at the Grange Building, Grass Valley, CA. 95945

President Dennis Gere called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

Members present: 30 Guests: 4

Blaze talked about the concept of having a tailgate show by club members at the Grange on McCourtney Road, sometime in June 2023. There was a good show of hands of interested members who would like to show/sell their wares. Date to be determined.

Dennis reported that Cheryl Henderson, the children's club leader, would like to have the kids attend our next general meeting.

Dennis advised the dates for the Show Trailer work party are 4/20-21 and "you know who you are".

Historian, Beverly Glenn, stated that there are books at the library available to be checked out by members.

Charles Lindquist welcomed new members Mike and Cathy Field.

Gwen Fissel advised of the CFMS show to be held June 23, 24, 25 at the Lodi Fair Grounds, in Frank Van Hecke's absence. They are looking for interested folks to help with set up, etc. of the event. Please see Frank for details.

Publicity Chairperson, Lori Garcia, advised she has been talking to the various local chambers about our club becoming members. She has applications for GV and NC and is waiting for the PV application.

Scholarship Chairperson, Polly Marie, advised the Board has approved two \$500 scholarships – 1 for NUJHSD and the other for Sierra College, for students interested in geology. Polly also reported that the Board approved two 50% scholarships for Camp Paradise with preference going to folks who have not attended before. Cut off date is 8/4/2023 and cost is \$500 per person. Interested parties will need to see Polly long before that date for applications and Board approval.

Trip Chairperson John Dolman advised there is a trip this Friday 4/7/2023 to Concow/Paradise area. See John for details. Dennis advised that a committee has been formed to help John organize trips consisting of Rich Cross and Frank Van Hecke.

Sandy Dent advised there is a Crystal Show 4/8-9 at the Miner's Foundry put on by the Nevada County Crisis Center.

Dennis reviewed the e-mail and suggestions that Rich Cross has presented to purchase items by the club for member use. There was some interest in the document camera and UV light. No decisions were made.

Dennis advised that the club urgently needs someone to step up and become the club secretary. Please see him if you might be interested. Note – this is a Board position.

Director Blaze Baker advised of the El Dorado County Gem Club show scheduled for 4/15-16. Members are encouraged to attend as it will be a good show.

Program: Blaze presented an interesting program on "Fakes" and how to detect them. His slide show presentation along with specimens gave a very thorough insight on how detect them. Bottom line "buyer beware".

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheila Baker, Acting Secretary



NEVADA COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Board Minutes, April 3, 2023 (Virtual)

The NCGMS Board of Director's meeting was held virtually on April 3, 2023.

President Dennis Geare called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

It was determined there was a quorum present.

Board Members Present:

President – Dennis Geare

Vice-President – Eric Trygg

Treasurer- Sheila Baker

Director – Polly Marie

Director – Christie Harris

Director – Blaze Baker

Others Present – Charles Lindquist and John Dolman

1. **Motion I:** - made by Christie to approve the minutes of January and February 2023 meetings.
 - a. Seconded by: Polly
 - b. Vote – Carried unanimously
2. CORRESPONDENCE: None.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Sheila provided the balances of the various accounts to the Board members.
Motion II: made by Christie to approve the Treasurer's Report as stated.
 - a. Seconded by: Eric
 - b. Vote- Carried unanimously

Sheila presented the Proposed Budget (copies previously e-mailed to Board) and after discussion it was agreed to add the two scholarship items to the proposal. It should be noted the budget is out of balance. There will be a need to increase revenue this year.

Motion III: made by Blaze to approve the budget with the scholarship additions.

- a. Seconded by Eric
 - b. Vote – Carried unanimously
4. Blaze noted that our show dates are not appearing on the CFMS website. Frank Van Hecke, CFMS representative, will be contacted about this.
 5. Dennis pointed out that there is a work party formed to organize the show trailer and they know who they are. Date to be determined.
 6. It appears the Scholarship Chairperson position is vacant and after discussion Polly agreed to take the position of Scholarship Chairperson.
Motion IV: made by Sheila to provide a \$500 scholarship each for NUJHSD and Sierra College to a qualifying student with an interest in geology.
 - a. Seconded by: Blaze
 - b. Vote – carried unanimously
 7. Discussion about giving John Dolman some help planning field trips took place. Dennis will ask Rich Cross and Frank Van Hecke to be a part of this committee.
 8. Blaze discussed having a tailgate show for club members at the Grange on McCourtney Road to sell/exchange their rocks. This will be brought up at the general meeting to see if there is interest. Time frame would be in June 2023 far away from our show dates.
 9. Dennis said the Casino Night would be tabled until Frank Van Hecke could address it.

10. The subject of having T-shirts for the club came up and Blaze suggested we look into getting a “screen” made and it could be a “BYO” T-shirt activity for the club.

11. Rich Cross has submitted an e-mail with suggestions for items for the club to purchase for club use. There was some discussion of these items. Copy of e-mail attached to these minutes. It was suggested that perhaps before we buy new things that there be an inventory of the clubs stored items to see what we actually have before buying new. These items will be discussed at the general meeting tomorrow night.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Dennis tabled the idea of David Phillips suggestion for a plaque commemorating past members as he was not present. There was a question as to where a plaque would be placed?

13. Charles Lindquist requested approval of three new members and following took place.

Motion V: made by Christie made a motion to approve the following three new members as presented by Membership Chair Charles Lindquist. Mike and Cathy Field and Kaley Andrieu.

a. Seconded by Blaze

b. Vote – Carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

14. Lengthy discussion on the upcoming Camp Paradise scholarship topic. Issues to be resolved were how much to pay and who might be eligible for a scholarship by the club. Eric suggested that any person wishing to go can apply for scholarship and the member should pay at least 50% of the \$500 fee to attend. Dates are the weeks of 8/20 and 8/27/2023 for the camp. Approval would be made by the Board.

Motion VI: made by Dennis to approve the club pay 50% of the \$500 for two club members each to attend, with preference given for folks that have not attended before with one for each week of the camp, increasing the club’s exposure.

a. Seconded by: Blaze

b. Vote – Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Baker, Acting Secretary



Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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2023 Officers

PRESIDENT	Dennis Geare
VICE PRESIDENT	Eric Trygg
SECRETARY	Vacant
TREASURER	Sheila Baker
DIRECTORS	Christie Harris Polly Marie Blaze Baker

2023 Committee Chairpersons

CLUB PICNIC	Lori Woodhall	
FEDERATION DIRECTOR	Frank Van Hecke	
HISTORIAN	Beverly Glenn	
HOSPITALITY	Christie Harris	
JUNIOR PROGRAM	Julie DeHollander Cheryl Hendrickson	
LIBRARIAN	Beverly Glenn	
MEMBERSHIP	Charles Lindquist	webmaster@ncgms.org
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Vacant, Blaze Baker acting	
NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER	Charles Lindquist	webmaster@ncgms.org
REFRESHMENTS	Monthly Birthday Honorees	
SCHOLARSHIP	Vacant	
SHOW ORGANIZER	Frank Van Hecke	
SUNSHINE	Lori Woodhall	
TREK LEADER (Field Trips)	John Dolman	
WEBMASTER	Charles Lindquist	webmaster@ncgms.org

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society meets monthly with few exceptions. Membership is informed of exceptions on the website, at meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

General Membership Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange Building, 11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA

NCG&MS is a non-profit organization with the following objectives:

Membership Information

- To promote the study of mineralogy, geology & fossils
- To encourage the collection of minerals and gems
- To foster the study and practice of the lapidary arts
- To provide field trips to mineral localities
- To promote good fellowship, education and recreation

Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are \$25.00 for singles and \$30.00 for families. *Deduct \$5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email* For information or an application, email our Membership Chairperson Charlie Lindquist

Check out our website at: <https://www.ncgms.org>



First Class Mail



May, 2023

May 2023 Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 PM
Virtual board meeting Monday May 1, 6:00 PM
Program: No topic submitted by press time

First Tuesdays Monthly at 7:00 p.m.
(no meeting in July - Picnic)
Golden Empire Grange Guild
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

 **Bring a Friend!** 

2023 Membership dues

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