

# MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS

## APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey

**VICE**

**PRESIDENT:** Thomas Witt



**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd

**SECRETARY:** Coleen Chestnut



### DUES ARE DUE

Dues are due as of January 2, 2016. Please submit your renewals to Jim Lloyd. The dues are currently \$20 for each member and \$10 for each additional member at the same address.

### A WORD FROM THE PREZ

The Annual Show is over. Amazing that we look forward to it each year in anticipation and breathe a sigh of relief when it is over. The Show made more money than last year (if interested in more details, come to the April Board Meeting) and it went off smoothly with lots of participation from club members. Club members, visitors and vendors all told me they were happy. I have made Outstanding Volunteer certificates for each member that participated. I am having to mail quite a few as they, for various reasons, did not attend the March meeting. I am extremely grateful for their participation but I hope to see them more than once a year. Our April Program will be our Silent Auction, which is more fun when we have lots of participation. Our aim this year is to have fun and have exciting meetings where we learn a lot with friends.

Jo Anna

**Mission Statement :** Our Purpose is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, and related subjects; to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of persons and groups with similar interests; and by and through such means to strive toward greater community and international goodwill and fellow-ship. We also support promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational rock hunting and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes related to the earth sciences. We are a registered 501 C 3 education non profit organization.

**Affiliations & Accreditations:** The Monrovia Rockhounds is affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (CFMS), the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA).

**Membership:** Dues are \$20.00 per member per year due by April 1st and \$10.00 per each additional member at the same address. Initiation Fee is \$10.00 per name per new member and includes membership packet and MOROK name badge.

**Meetings:** Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. at 7:00 pm, in the basement of the United Methodist Church of Monrovia, located at 140 E. Palm Ave. Monrovia CA 91016. The building is on the corner of Ivy & Palm Ave. We use the door where there is handicapped access in the alley on the west side of the building. Do not try to enter from the front of the building. Guests are al-ways welcome at our General Meetings. Please come and share our love of rocks.

**Information:** Monrovia Rock Hounds Inc. was founded August 28th, 1957. The club colors are green & white. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing knowledge of the lapidary arts, geology, mineral logy, and other related fields. Members enjoy slide shows, lectures, demonstrations, displays, lapidary classes, as well as field trips for exploration, study and collecting specimens.

**Newsletter:** We reserve the right to edit all material submitted for publication. If you have any submissions for this newsletter or need to contact the editor Judi Romine (626) 941-6455.

**September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA**

**77th CFMS Show & Convention**

Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

El Dorado County Fairgrounds - 100 Placerville Drive

Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Barbara Terrill - 530 676-2375 - Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)

Website: CFMS Show Web Site Coming Soon

**March 1, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey, Pres., Thomas Witt, V.P. President, Jim Lloyd, Treasurer and Colleen Chestnut, Secretary.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Thomas Witt said the program for the March General Meeting will be Dr. George Rossman speaking on purple jade from Burma. The club will encourage visitors and prospective members to attend this at our upcoming Gem and Mineral show. The April meeting will be the silent auction.

**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd reported that there are 14 current members with 37 paid through March 31st.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Michele Silcock is recuperating from 2 recent surgeries. Gail Parks was in the hospital with the flu but she is at home now and has bronchitis and hip pain.

**GEM & MINERAL SHOW 3/4-6/2016**

1. Discussion of time and people involved in picking up cases, treasure wheel, prizes, supplies, etc. needed from the garage for the show. There will be 10 cases at the show.
2. Staffing for the clubs venues were reviewed. Colleen will make calls to recruit more volunteer workers for the show. Yvette and Kendra Fitzgerald will be at the kids table, Jim Lloyd at geode cracking, Cal Matthews in charge of the treasure wheel table, Victor will handle raffle tickets.
3. Refreshments: Jo Anna is negotiating with Subway. Members are asked to bring water and sodas. Becky Fregoso will prepare a donation jar.
4. Jo Anna reported on the PA system and kitchen at the Arboretum. She said new tables are available for our

**MESSAGE FROM THE V. PRES**

Greetings Moroks: Well, we survived the 2016 Monrovia Rockhounds Annual Show at the Arboretum, and it turned out to be a pretty good event. The vendors seemed to do pretty well and were very happy to be there. The Club made a profit. The weather was cooperative even though it rained all night long Saturday night, it broke and cleared a couple of hours before the show on Sunday, which made for a beautiful day.

Getting down to some business, as your new Vice President, I need to learn some of the duties of the office. One of the duties is to book guest speakers for the monthly meetings. The other item that needs to be addressed is our membership, as everyone can see it has fallen off. With membership enrollment and meeting attendance at a low, this is something I feel we need to work on.

This month we enjoyed our program from guest speaker Dr. George Rossman, from Cal Tech. His talk about his trip to Bolivia to visit a Ametrien mine to verify the presence of natural Ametrien. He also talked some about his trip into Russia to see the process of making synthetic Ametrien. Dr. Rossman delivered a very interesting program and had us chuckling with his humor. Thank you Dr. Rossman.

For the month of **APRIL**, we have our **SILENT AUCTION**, so I'm extending an invitation to everyone to come and join us. Bring some items to donate to the cause and stay to bid on some great specimens and other gifts and collectables that will be on the tables.

I am currently working on speakers for the months of May, June, July and August. I will keep you all informed as to my progress.

Thank you everyone for your participation at the Annual Rock Show.

Thomas Witt, VP Moroks

## MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey, Pres.; Thomas Witt, V. Pres.; Jim Lloyd, Treas.; Colleen Chestnut, Sect'y.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Jo Anna Ritchey.

**V.P.:** Thomas Witt announced that Dr. George Rossman will present a program on Ametrine tonight. The April program will be a silent auction. Members were encouraged to bring items for the silent auction.

**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd said dues are due. We have 17 paid members.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Kevin Doran-no report

**FELLOWSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Linda Doran-11 members present and 3 guests. The guests were introduced. A 4th guest came in later. Cal Matthews has a March birthday.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Jo Anna Ritchey reported that we had a very successful show at the Arboretum. We netted more money than last year. Jo Anna said it was wonderful that so many members and volunteers came out to help with the show. She then handed out Outstanding Volunteer Certificates to those present.

**FEDERATION DIRECTOR:** Jo Anna Ritchey reminded us that the CFMS Show will be held in Placerville in conjunction with the World Wide Gold Panning Competition on September 15-18, 2016. Get your reservations for motels or camping early.

**BULLETIN EDITOR:** Judi Romine has put out her second bulletin. She needs articles and pictures for the next bulletin and future bulletins.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** position open

**CUSTODIAN:** Jim Lloyd-no report

**HISTORIAN:** position open

### NEW BUSINESS:

Victor Castellanos was voted in as club Representative and the duties were explained. Frankie Greenham and Victor Castellanos volunteered to bring cookies and/or refreshments for the April 21st General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM. Refreshments were served. Dr. George Rossman presented his very interesting talk and slide show on Ametrine.

Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

## WEST COAST ~ SPRING GEM & MINERAL SHOW

### MAY 13 - 15, 2016

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2726 S. Grand Ave.

(Take 55 Fwy Exit 8 for Dyer Rd. to S. Grand Ave.)

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**Show Hours:** Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6 ★ Sun. 10 - 5

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Plumbogummite on Pyromorphite  
Yangshuo Mine, Guangxi Prov. China  
Photo by Jeff Scovil©

## UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016**

**SILENT AUCTION** – It is time to start thinking about what you want to bring for the silent auction. You may just want to pick something up at the show to donate for this event.



### April Birthdays

Frankie Greenham – April 25

Gail Koons – April 13

Camille Rutkowski – April 7

Michele Silcock – April 12



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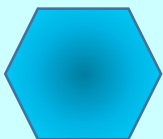


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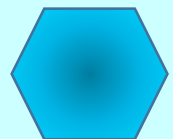


## HERKIMER DIAMONDS

Herkimer Diamonds are not actually Diamonds, but naturally six-sided, double terminated Quartz crystals. Herkimer Diamonds are often so bright and shiny that they resemble Diamonds. The name comes from Herkimer, New York where these bright, double terminated crystals were originally found. Herkimer Diamonds are called “attunement stones” and are useful in attuning you with others, your surroundings, or new energies. This makes Herkimer Diamonds a natural choice to assist in Reiki attunements and other types of energy work.



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Herkimer Diamonds help to relieve tension, producing a peaceful calm. Working with Herkimer Diamonds is said to bring visions and an increase in psychic experiences. Great for meditation, Herkimer Diamonds can help one to experience true Divine Grace and bring Divine energy down into the Third-Eye and Crown Chakras. As such, Herkimers have the capacity to aid in astral travel and lucid dreaming.

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Help!!

Can you identify this for me?  
(See Judi at the next  
meeting)



## MOROKS SHOW





**Board Meeting** April 5, 2016 - 2:00 PM  
224 Oaks Ave  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
All members welcome



**General Meeting** April 21, 2016 – 7:00 PM  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
Methodist Church, basement



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