

# MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS

## AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey

**VICE**

**PRESIDENT:** Thomas Witt



**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd

**SECRETARY:** Coleen Chestnut



### A WORD FROM THE PREZ

August Birthstone. Three birthstones are available for August birthdays: **peridot**, **sardonyx**, and **spinel**. **Peridot.** **Peridot** is said to host magical powers and healing properties to protect against nightmares and to bring the wearer power, influence, and a wonderful year.



**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 lology, 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

**AUGUST 2, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey, President, Thomas Witt, VP, Jim Lloyd, Treasurer, and Colleen Chestnut, Secretary. Victor Castellano, Representative was not present.

**MEETING PROGRAMS:**

August we will see a presentation from Alan and Claudia Heller from the Duarte Historical Society will present their powerpoint presentation on "Curiosities of the California Desert"?

**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd said we have 22 paid members. Due were due April 1 and delinquent July 1.

**FIELD TRIP:** Talks of future Museum tours.

**MAFA Show in October:** Jo Anna has sent the application and the club will have a booth at the show.

**BULLETIN:** Judi Romine has stepped down from doing the bulletin. Thomas Witt has stepped up to continue, Judi has forward the bulletin format program to Thomas

**NEW BUSINESS:**

--Jo Anna reported on the June 1 scholarship ceremony. She said that \$41,000 in scholarships were given out by local clubs (mostly in \$500 and \$1,000 amounts). She said the ceremony was interesting and impressive. Juan Esparza thanked us.

Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

## July 21, 2016 General Meeting

**Officers present:** Jo Anna Ritchey, president, Thomas Witt, VP, Jim Lloyd, Treasurer, Colleen Chestnut, Secretary.

**Programs:** Thomas Witt, VP announced tonight's program is Victor's Theory of Water has been CANCELED, (due to the report was not ready). A DVD was provided by Jo Anna on the --August 18th. Alan and Claudia Heller from the Duarte Historical Society,

**Field Trips:** **Treasurer:** Jim Lloyd reported 23 paid members

**Fellowship:** Linda Doran said we have 6 members and 4 guests present.

### July Birthdays:

**Show Chairman:** Jo Anna has reserved Ayres Hall for the March 2017 show.

**Federation Director:** Jo Anna said that Victor Castellano, representative, will attend the CFMS Show in Placerville from September 15-18, 2016.

**Bulletin Editor:** Judi Romine has stepped down from being the editor. Thomas Witt has picked up the position.

### New Business:

**Scholarship Winner:** Jo Anna presented the \$500.00 scholarship to Juan Esparza on June 1st. She was impressed how many clubs and individuals gave out scholarships totalling \$41,000.00.

### Picnic:

**Refreshments:** Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

## WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW

NOV. 11 - 13, 2016

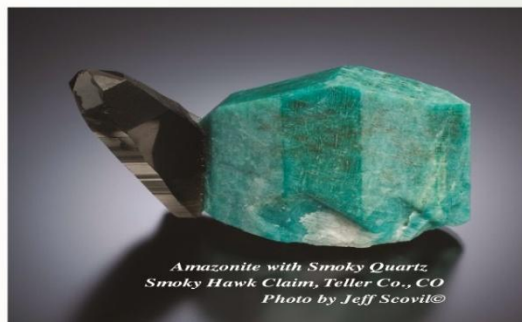
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**August Birthdays**  
 Nancy Hamrick – Aug. 19  
 Thomas Fuentes – Aug. 21  
 Shane Hamm – Aug. 25



## MESSAGE FROM THE V. PRES

Hello Moroks,

Well, here we are with another Hot, Hot, month of August! A word of caution: stay cool and hydrate! Drink your water and be careful with any outdoor activities.

For July, Victor Castellanos report on Water was canceled. So Jo Anna was able to bring a DVD, “Minerals of Madagascar” informative information on Tourmaline mining .

For the month of August a change in the programming line up took place. So this month Alan and Claudia Heller from the Duarte Historical Society will present their powerpoint presentation on “Curiosities of the California Desert”. I hope we will get some informative information on different things and sights to see in our deserts.

Hope to see more of you at the meeting.

Thomas Witt, VP



Blue Minerals from the  
 Bisbee Arizona  
 From the collection of  
 Richard W. Graeme IV  
 and Douglas L. Graeme

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 Petrified Wood from  
 Tom Wolfe Minerals

# DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THE JUMPING CHOLLA

What's [more terrifying](#) than a cactus with a mind of its own? Kidding. The [teddy bear](#) cactus, more commonly known as the jumping cholla, received that nickname because if you get too close...a segment will break off and fly at your body. Yes, a [flying cactus](#) . Don't become a victim! Keep friends, children and pets at least 3 feet away from this plant monster at all times.





## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

2:00 pm at the Ritchey's

224 Oaks Ave

Monrovia, CA 91016

All members welcome

### GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

7:00 pm United Methodist Church Basement



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