

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS

FEBRUARY 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

We had our first meeting of the New Year and it was fabulous! We notified the membership of the Proposed Amendments to the By Laws, approved by the membership. Voting on these By Laws will be at the February meeting. The program and participation by the members was amazing. The general feeling of everyone was that hands on gold panning was wonderful. For the first time I think I could actually pan for gold and find something. We had sign up sheets for the Annual Show available and made a good start on filling them out.

Jo Anna Ritchey

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.

THE VICE PREZ

Thomas Witt is a novice Vice President and did a wonderful job of presenting his hands on program of panning for gold. The tubs we panned in were at the right height in the kitchen, the water was at a comfortable temperature and the explanations and demonstration were good. All had a good time. Can't wait to see what he does next month.

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

Website: CFMS Show Web Site Coming Soon

MOROKS January GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Monrovia Rock Club General Meeting of 1-21-16 was called to order by Jo Anna Ritchey at 7:04PM. Jo Anna led us in the flag salute. Officers present: Jo Anna Ritchey, President, Thomas Witt, Vice President, Jim Lloyd, Treasurer & Colleen Chestnut, Secretary.

Vice President, Thomas, announced that tonight's program will be gold panning. Each person present will have the opportunity to learn the techniques of gold panning with a hands on experience. The future programs are still pending.

Treasurer, Jim, said there are 37 paid members but only 9 for this year.

Field Trip Chairman, Kevin Doran, stated he would like to see the members show up for field trips. A field trip to UCLA Meteorite Museum on a Sunday was suggested.

Fellowship Chairman, Linda Doran, said there were 13 members present. Our 2 guests, Daniel Derayter and David Roberts, were introduced.

Federation Director, Jo Anna, told us that the CFMS Show will be held in Placerville, CA in conjunction with the World Wide Gold Panning Competition, September 15-18, 2016. She suggested getting reservations for motels or camping early.

Bulletin Editor, Jo Anna, stated the future bulletins will have pictures, birthdays and more. Judi Romine will be assisting with the bulletins.

Custodian, Jim, had nothing new to report.

Historian, who can also be in charge of the All American Club contest is needed.

The proposed changes for the bylaws were read and explained. The changes will be voted on at the next meeting. (the changes are outlined in the Board Meeting Minutes).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM.

Colleen Chestnut

Secretary

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS SHOW

March 5 - 6: ARCADIA, CA

Los Angeles Arboretum-Ayres Hall

301 Baldwin Avenue

Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily

Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 358-1624,

Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com

Website: www.Moroks.com

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on 1/5/16 at 2:05PM at the Ritchey's home in Monrovia.

Present: Joanna Ritchey-President, Thomas Witt-Vice President Jim Lloyd-Treasurer and Colleen Chestnut-Secretary.

Committees: The president needs to find chairmen for the committees. It was discussed and the president will talk to Janie Duncan about considering the position of Fellowship Committee.

Old Business: Instead of a lunch or dinner, the instillation of the new board will be at the January General Meeting. Since the former board voted not to read admits Ray Audette & Holly Galluzo as members, the new board will invite them as guests with certain understandings. They will be reviewed for membership next year.

New Business: Thomas Witt has planned a Pan for Gold activity for our January meeting. He will look for speakers & other activities for future meetings.

Show: Jo Anna has solicited Treecie and Daniel (people currently living at her home) and if needed her son, Ray, to get show material from the garage for set up & take down tables for the show. An additional person is needed. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. We need two people for each venue in the morning & two in the afternoon.

Show Committees:

Treasure Wheel Table- Cal Matthews (chairman)

Raffle Tickets-Victor

Welcome Table-

Grab Bags (Rocks)- Ray Ritchey, Marcus

Geode Cracking-

Tom and Aynn Freeman will help at the show. Ralph Fregoso will go with Jo Anna to the Arboretum to look at the PA system.

Motions made & approved:

Colleen made a motion to give the Monrovia Garden Club a free booth at the show. Jim seconded the motion and board approved.

Colleen made a motion to give money to Jo Anna for the following:

Raffle Tickets- Thomas will order 1,500 tickets.

Trankas Geodes for the **Geode Cracking** venue-Jo Anna will purchase.

\$600.00 check for Armando Pedrosa to purchase two saw blades and hollow geodes for an outside space. Armando, a volunteer, will staff his booth and give all the proceeds to the MOROKS.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Food for the Show- we decided on pre made sandwiches from Subway or a similar place. We will need approx. 60 sandwiches each day. We will purchase Little Caesar Pizza for Friday. We will ask our members to donate water & sodas. The Arboretum kitchen will be checked to see if we can make coffee and tea. Jim seconded the motion and the board approved.

Main Prizes- Vendors contribute to the grand prize. We will ask our members to contribute grand prizes and hourly prizes.

Changes to Bylaws:

Previously approved by the Board: Article 1 Section 6 The fiscal year of the organization will begin on January first of each calendar year. This motion shall be rescinded and become The fiscal year of the organization will begin on April first of each calendar year.

Article 2 Section 3 Dues are due and payable before the first (1st) day of January of each year shall be changed to Dues are payable before the first (1st) day of April each year.

Article 2 Section 1 Eliminate Auditor as an officer. This is a conflict of duty as the Auditor should not be making the rules he is auditing. Add Representative as an officer. Article 4 Section 6 Duties of Auditor to be eliminated. Article 6 Section 3 Shall be eliminated as Representative will become an officer. Article 6 Section 10 Should be moved to Article 4 Duties of Officers.

Remove the age limit for Pebble Pups in the Bylaws.

The board approved a motion that the Show Chairman can offer discount to entities like the Garden Club or Girl Scouts.

Jo Anna Ritchey will take care of the following items:

Complete Sales Tax forms

Complete California Raffle form

Go to the bank to check on the signatures to be on the checks.

Jo Anna gave the board members a copy of the letter that was sent to the show vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07PM.

Coleeen Chestnut, Secretary



February Birthdays

Mark Batatian 2/12

Thomas Witt 2/11



AMETHYST (February birthstone)

Amethyst usually grows in geodes, which are hollow rocks with crystal-filled interiors. The surface of the interior is called Druze, which is a term used to describe a natural layer of crystals formed on the crust of a mineral, like, for example, the inside of an Amethyst geode. From the outside, Amethyst geodes often look like ordinary rocks, but inside they contain a wonderland of crystals. Amethyst is a powerful and protective crystal, and is a first choice of many metaphysicians. Amethyst was used in ancient times to recover from both physical addictions as well as addictive relationships, and became known as the stone of sobriety. A natural stress reliever, Amethyst encourages and supports inner strength.

Amethyst connects the physical plane with higher realm, making it a good choice when working with the Third Eye Chakra. Amethyst also provides a wonderful peaceful energy for meditations, and helps with developing intuition and psychic abilities.

Amethyst opens and activates the Crown Chakra, allowing easier access to the divine. Amethyst enhances spiritual awareness and spiritual wisdom, promoting a higher state of consciousness. Amethyst clears and repairs holes in the aura and draws in Divine energy, as well as aligning and fostering cooperation between the energy bodies.

Please Note: Over time, Amethyst will fade in direct sunlight.



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Show Pictures





Board Meeting February 2, 2016 2 pm
224 Oaks Ave., Monrovia, CA
All members welcome



General Meeting February 18, 2016 7 pm
Methodist Church, basement
Stay tuned for Speaker Announcement



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