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Monrovia Rockhounds Newsletter

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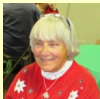


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Mission Statement : Our Purpose is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, and related subjects; to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of persons and groups with similar interests; and by and through such means to strive toward greater community and international good will and fellowship. 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 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: Annual donations are \$15.00 per member and \$5.00 per each additional member at the same address. \$10.00 per name badge is payable on the date of initiation.

Meetings: MOROKS 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 always 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, mineralogy, and other related fields. Members enjoy slide shows, lectures, demonstrations, displays, lapidary classes, our club library as well as field trips for exploration, study and collecting specimens.

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 Janie Duncan please email her at janieduncan@altrionet.com

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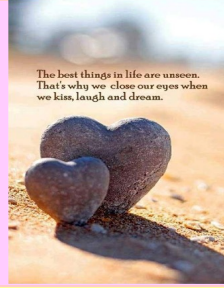
Rockhounds

FEBRUARY
Birthdays

Micheal Vannatta

Mark Batatian

Thomas Witt



The best things in life are unseen.
That's why we close our eyes when
we kiss, laugh and dream.



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T-Shirt order due Jun. 6th



2014 MULTI-CLUB FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE Distributed to the representatives of the Del Air – Glendora -- Monrovia -- North Orange County -- Pasadena -- Whittier Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Clubs

FEBRUARY 15 -17 : BAXTER WASH - Exploring the North Cady Mountains for Red and yellow and blue/white agate, jasper, (plume & sagenite) opalite, calcite rhombs, chalcedony roses, amygdules, green fluorite, onyx and more.

MARCH 22 & 23 : LAVIC SIDING AREA - Jasper, thulite, agates and others.

APRIL 26 & 27 : PINTO BASIN - Mines and mining history, turquoise and other minerals from the Dale Mining District.

MAY 17 : WRIGHTWOOD - Actinolite and visits to sites along the San Andreas Fault

JUNE: CERRO GORDO MINE - Historical Ghost Town and minerals associated with the mining of silver, lead, zinc.

JULY 12 : PALOS VERDES -: Glaucofane, barite and agate minerals.

AUGUST 2 : LOS OLIVOS to collect Serpentine, the California State Rock. Possibly and collecting Cinnabar and a stop at Tajiguas Creek for fossilized whale bone.

SEPTEMBER 20 & 21 : JALAMA BEACH - Agate, jasper, petrified whale bone, travertine onyx, Marcasite and fossils.

OCTOBER 11 : SEARLES LAKE CLUB SHOW & field trips: Pink halite crystals & borax minerals.

NOVEMBER 1 & 2 : WHITTIER CLAIM AREA - honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root, etc.

NOVEMBER 28 - 30 : WILEY WELL AREA - Geodes, Agates and other good stuff.

DECEMBER 6 : HIMALAYA MINE TOURMALINES - Dig your own pink and green California tourmalines from the world's most famous tourmaline mine, the near beautiful Lake Henshaw in San Diego County, 20 miles east of Pala. Over 200,000 lbs. produced since 1898 including quartz crystals, lepidolite, topaz, morganite, and other pegmatite minerals.

JANUARY 24 & 25 : QUARTZSITE ARIZONA SHOWS

For up-to-date information on these field trips and how to joining the trip please see your club's field trip leader or call Joe Goetz at (626)-622-9420.



PREZ SEZ It is only 2 months till our show! Time to plan ahead. **PLEASE** think about putting in a case this year. The club has liners and we will help you with labels and setting it up. I have all the sign up sheets if you know when you want to volunteer for our booths. *I am needing your t-shirt order by February 6th. You can pay when you pick up. Please call me with your order.*

Janie Duncan



VICE PREZ SEZ The programs are all lined up till June and we some fabulous ones. Please invite people to come. We need to grow the club but it can only happen if you bring guests. The show is almost here and we need everyone to participate. Let's make this a great rock show!

Camille Rutkowski

January 2nd

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING

President: *Janie Duncan* called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

Vice President: *Camille Rutkowski* January is a program by Joan Licari on Dinosaurs in the garden. A talk on plants you can grow today that were alive at the time of the dinosaurs. Joan is from the Whittier Garden Club.

Secretary: *Michele Silcock* The minutes were approved as corrected from the bulletin. There were misspellings.

Representative: *Ray Ritchey* was absent **Representative:** *Cal Matthews* was absent

Treasurer: Jim Lloyd. We have 41 paid members.

Auditor: *Louise Stack* No report

Website: *Jo Anna Ritchey* no report

Federation: *Jo Anna Ritchey* Ray reported Pasadena club plans to host the 2014 CFMS Show & Convention at the Pomona fairground building 5 by the Sheraton Hotel May 31-June 2 Janie has been asked to do a children's table. And Louise Stack will help. They will need lots of volunteers.

Fellowship: *Louise Stack* was absent.

Photographer: Donald Sneberger no report.

Field trip: *Ray Ritchey* Rudy will plan one to San Pedro for agates.

Bulletin: *Janie Duncan* entered the CFMS contest.

Historian: *Nancy Hamrick* was absent **Picnic:** *Donald Sneberger* was absent

Great Rock Drawing: *Louise Stack* Obsidian sphere for February.

Custodian: *Jim Lloyd* New contract signed.

MOROKS Fun Day will be on January 24th. We will put labels on gold bottles and cut grab bags. 10 am at Janie's

Refreshments: Camille Rutkowski is doing January.

Show: *Rudy Lopez* We need donations of gift cards, jewelry, good rocks and items for the lunch. Please take forms to pass out to stores. Rudy has made grab bags. Jo Anna is getting tumbled stones from Quartzite. Rudy has tickets to sell. Janie mailed show flyers to local clubs. Jo Anna has the insurance. We need lots more auction and raffle prizes. We have lots of geodes. Rudy will do his own change box at the auction.

Old Business: *Janie Duncan* Janie and Louise are doing the Girl Scout Cookie Kickoff in January.

New Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. Camille Rutkowski has volunteered to be chairman of the 2014 nominating committee. The proposed slate of officers is the same as last year. If you wasn't to nominate someone or run for office with their permission please see Camille. PRESIDENT – Janie Duncan VICE PRESIDENT – Camille Rutkowski SECRETARY – Michele Silcock TREASURER – Jim Lloyd AUDITOR – Louise Stack

Janie Duncan Adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm



Bench Tips by Brad Smith More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at FaceBook facebook.com/BenchTips or at groups.yahoo.com/group/ Get all 101 of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon

MODIFYING PLIERS Sometimes a few changes to your tools can significantly improve productivity and quality at the same time. Stock tools can be customized and improved using standard jewelry skills. Here's an example: Making jump rings and weaving them into chainmail designs involves a lot of opening and closing of the rings. I typically use two square jaw pliers to do this, one for each hand. But sometimes the rings would slip out of the pliers, getting scratched, and requiring extra cleanup time. I solved the problem by forming a groove at the end of the jaw that would grasp the ring gently without scratching it. Use a triangular file or cutoff disk to cut the grooves about 1.5 mm back from the tip. Then to make the grooves round so they grasp the wire without distorting it, close the jaws and run a drill through the opening formed by the two rough grooves. Start with a small drill and follow up with a drill just slightly smaller than the wire size you want to grip. In my case that was 14 gauge wire, so I chose a #53 drill. Finally, polish the grooves with a rubberized disk.

January 16th

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING

President: *Janie Duncan* called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Vice President: *Camille Rutkowski* January is a program on the gold camp claim Cerro Gordo.

Secretary: *Michele Silcock* The minutes were approved as printed in the bulletin.

Representative: *Ray Ritchey* has nothing new to report.

Representative: *Cal Matthews* was absent

Treasurer: *Jim Lloyd*. We have 41 paid members.

Auditor *Louise Stack*: No report.

Website: *Jo Anna Ritchey* was absent.

Federation: *Jo Anna Ritchey* was absent. Janie reported Pasadena club is hosting the 2014 CFMS Show.& convention at the Pomona fairground Building 5 by the Sheraton Hotel May 30-June 1 Janie has been asked to do a children's table. They will need volunteers.

Fellowship: *Louise Stack* We had one guest present. Our speaker Joan Licari. Thomas Will is recovering from arm surgery. We wish him well. Denise has a birthday this month and William sent a wonderful cake for us.

Photographer: Donald Sneberger took pics.

MOROKS Fun Day will be on January 24th. We will put labels on gold bottles and cut grab bags. 10 am at Janie's **Show:** *Rudy Lopez* is going to check on the banners. Janie will reserve the truck. Janie will ask Tom if he may drive it. We need to make sure there are flyers at the Arboretum. Rudy has tickets for presale tonight. Please get them at the break. The tumbled stones are in next week. Janie and Nancy are buying some. Sign up sheets will be available at the February meeting or call Janie to sign up. Non members can volunteer also. Nancy Bird will help on Sat. only. We need more volunteers than ever with the new Silent Auction. Rudy is doing a presale of items for club members only on Friday at 2pm. We still need donations and also lunch donations and gift cards. Janie will ask Tom about driving the truck.

Field trip: *Ray Ritchey* Rudy is going to plan a day trip to San Pedro for agate in February.

Bulletin: *Janie Duncan* no report

Historian: *Nancy Hamrick* no report

Picnic: *Donald Sneberger* no report.

Great Rock Drawing: *Louise Stack* Petrified wood was won by Thomas Will. Colleen won a geode half from Rudy. Obsidian sphere for February

Custodian: *Jim Lloyd* No report.

Refreshments: Camille Rutkowski will do January.

Old Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. Camille Rutkowski has volunteered to be chairman of the 2014 nominating committee. The proposed slate of officers is the same as last year. If you wasn't to nominate someone or run for office with their permission please see Camille Rutkowski The proposed slate of officers for 2014 is: Janie Duncan PRESIDENT Camille VICE PRESIDENT Michele Silcock SECRETARY – Jim Lloyd TREASURER – Louise Stack AUDITOR

2. Louise Stack has volunteered to help Janie do a kids booth for the Girl Scout Cookie Kickoff.

3. Jim and Jo Anna are trying to get us a resale #.

New Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. Janie needs a check for \$8.00 for SCRIBE dues.

2. Do we want to order t-shirts? The members said yes. Janie will work on an order.

3. Shane Hamm has asked to be a member. Janie will get his name badge.

4. We need new rosters again.

5. **Janie Duncan** Adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm

February program is by Troy Phipps on Local Mountain History.



<http://www.amlands.org> for more information on what you can do to protect our rock sites.

MOROKS PICTURE PAGE



Joan Licari



Before & After William's Cake



Thomas Witt wins Petrified Wood!



Colleen Chestnut won a geode!



SHOW REPORT BY RUDY LOPEZ**MOROKS SHOW MARCH 1-2, 2014**

The show is just around the corner and there are still things we need. The sale of raffle tickets is really important for us. The need to start selling tickets now is a must! I have the tickets and will have them at all the meetings. Help for the show is really important! We will have the greeting table, ticket table, wheel table, grab bag table, kids/teachers table, door greeter, silent auction table, food serving, setting up and take down of the show. All the areas with the exception of the silent auction were covered last year and I will spend most of my time at the silent auction table. At the next meeting, please let me know what areas you want to work and call Janie to sign up now. Donations are still needed for the raffles, door prizes, silent auction, lunch items (food, chips) and coverings for the display tables and display cases. I will give a donation form to anyone who request one for their donations. Any one that wants me to pick up their donation can send me an e-mail: rlopez002@verizon.net or call me on my cell 626-993-7989. We need door prizes. We will give a prize every half hour or every hour. We will need 28 prizes for every half hour or 14 prizes for every hour. The Main Raffle prizes can be something made by club members, donations of gift cards, items from vendors or friends of club members. The vendors selling at our show will make a donation towards the main raffle. At the present time we have geodes, quartz crystals, petrified wood, and various other minerals. We need items that relate to our show theme "Gem & Minerals".

Remember this is our big money maker for the year. Your help to volunteer, promote, donate is needed for the success of our show. Let's make this show the best ever and the only way to do this is with your help.

Thanks Rudy Lopez

**T-Shirts Orders Due Now!**

We are placing an order for 24 t-shirts. They are \$10 each and 2X or larger are \$13. Please call Janie by February 6th to place your order. You can pay when you pick them up or at the show. They run a little small after you wash them. After Presale T-Shirts will be \$15.00 each.





THE HEARTBEAT OF CFMS

By Jennifer Haley, CFMS 2014 President

Often I am asked what CFMS is and what we are here for. When Terry asked me to write an article about it, I said "yes" in a heartbeat. There is so much I could write about the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Perhaps the best place to start is to give you some historical background.

Mineral clubs were formed in America as early as 1885, when the interest in the earth sciences really began blossoming. The first California club was formed in 1931 by the Mineralogical Society of Southern California in Pasadena. That club is still active today. In June 1935 a "Mineral Day," was held at the San Diego Exposition. Several representatives of various clubs met there (in those days that meant a good handful) to organize a state organization of mineral societies, and in January 1936 CFMS held their first convention. Their sole purpose was to bring together a closer association of clubs devoted to the earth sciences, and the practice of lapidary arts and crafts with a vision for the future. Soon rock and gem clubs were spouting up all over.

Grammar schools and middle schools were inviting their local rock and gem club to come in to teach their students programs in the earth sciences. This was one of the gifts the clubs gave to their communities very early on. Naturally this tradition became a charm magnet to inspire children of all ages to learn about the fascinating science hands on.

For generations, adult club members with their gracious personalities invited members to their personal work spaces to teach whoever wanted to learn about lapidary and the basics of jewelry making. Club field trips to collect rock material opened up a world of adventure and art, while at the same time everyone learned to hone their skills the more they learned.

The social relationships of belonging in a club were outstanding, and are what has always set a rock club apart from many other types of clubs. What people found when they discovered a rock club was a feeling of "home," and a good place to have fun while learning. What most people do not know is that CFMS suspended its activities during WWII, but resumed again in June 1946.

I think what people forget is that all the rock and gem clubs are the heartbeat of CFMS and visa versa. Every year the Federation with its family of clubs adds a new growth ring to their historical family tree based on the foundation of those who came before them. To all of them we owe a great sense of gratitude that will always be a part of who we are. What I like to tell people is when we lose those "golden ones" who touched our hearts and inspired us in the hobby, one of the best things you can do is to become in your own way a person who passes on the skills with the gifts of inspiration you were given.

Stay tuned next month for **The Heartbeat of CFMS Part II**, which will describe what the Federation does for the clubs.

To all of us who enjoy the earth sciences, and the practice of lapidary arts and crafts, *"go out and play, put your hearts and your souls into the hobby and make some wonderful memories. It's what we do best and it is our gift to give."* Let's make it great year!

EARLY JADE TRADE

Archaeologist Hsiao-Chun Hung of the Australian National University has studied 144 jade artifacts from the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand, including three-pointed ear-rings known as lingling-os and animal pendants. Tests using an electron probe microanalyzer revealed that 116 artifacts were from one jade mine on the eastern coast of Taiwan near Fengtian. Only one finished lingling-os was found on Taiwan itself, along with jade remnants, suggesting that jade "blanks" were shipped overseas and finished there. Dates for the jade artifacts ranged from 3,000 B.C. to 500 A.D.

summarized LA Times article by Thomas Maugh
via Chips n Spinters



Ancient Uses of Minerals - Author Unknown

It has always been interesting to learn about the strange ways in which minerals have been used. Tin, for instance, has been known for thousands of years. The Phoenicians and other ancient people mined it in the famous mines in Cornwall, England...and from that time to this, tin has been an important metal in the progress of civilization. But perhaps the most unusual use of tin was as an additive to put rustle in silk cloth. The luxurious swish of a lady's skin in the era of elaborate clothes at the turn of the century was produced by a silk that was up to 25% tin, by weight.

One of the strangest uses of lead ever recorded is found in the story of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. This wonder of the ancient world was contained in a square 400 feet on each side and built up as several large terraces which attained the height of the city walls. The whole structure is supported by arches, one above the other, strengthened by a wall 22 feet thick surrounding it on all sides. On top were first laid large flat stones, 16 feet long and 4 feet wide; over these were laid a layer of reeds mixed with a great quantity of bitumen upon which were set 2 rows of bricks cemented closely together. The whole was covered with thin sheets of lead which laid the mold of the garden and soil deep enough to take the roots of the biggest trees. Amyitis, wife of Nebuchadnezzar, longed for the hills and her husband, to please her, built this

magnificent structure. This ancient garden with its lead shielding suggests a modern bomb shelter.

We are all familiar with the crystal ball of the fortune teller, cut from flawless quartz. Another more practical use for these smooth spheres was discovered by the oriental needle workers. These women, skilled in the art of fine embroidery, used the balls to cool their hands and prevent moisture from soiling the fine silks on which they worked.

The long slender crystal selenites from the Cave of the Swords at Naica in Chihuahua, Mexico, are beautiful to look at but they too have been put to a practical use. Some of these crystals retain the water of crystallization in the form of a bubble in which the water moves as it is tipped to and fro. These crystals have been used as hand levels by the native miners.

Via The Golden Nugget

Tin —>



Words to Dig By

Fossil: Farmers in medieval Europe dug trenches and ditches to drain rainwater off their fields. These trenches were called “fosses” after the Latin expression meaning “to dig.” Often enough, the ditch diggers uncovered what appeared to be ancient bones, teeth, or shells and called them “fossils” because they came from a fosse.

Erosion: Mice and other gnawing animals plagued the ancient Romans, and it is from their term *rodere*, “to gnaw,” that we derive the word “rodent.” Later, the alchemists experimented with acids and discovered that they would attack metals, slowly dissolving them. This slow corrosive action was labeled “erosion.” Geologist then adopted the term erosion to describe how glaciers, streams, and rivers gnawed away sediments and rocks.

Goldbrick: Goldbricking is the shirking of one's duties, but the term had its origins during the Gold Rush days. An unscrupulous promoter would cover a block of lead with a layer of gold and offer it at a “discount” to unwary investors. The man who bought the “goldbrick” was cheated and the word came to be a verb meaning “to swindle.” During World War I, however, the term acquired a somewhat different meaning. A soldier who avoided doing his duty was called a “goldbrick.” The term retains its original meaning as a secondary definition.

Bonanza: Bonanza is another word that entered general use during the Gold Rush days. Derived from the Latin *bonus* for “good,” the word *bonanza* was coined by Spanish sailors to describe days of clear weather coming on the heels of a storm. The term came to mean any good fortune and was applied to very rich gold discoveries. Today, the term is applied to any source of great wealth.

Source: Ref.: Garrison, W., 445 Fascinating Word Origins (Galahad Books, N. Y. 2000) 248 pp. ©2011, Andrew A. Sicree, Ph.D. via The Rockhounder



Go see a CFMS Show this !

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Banning Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival 46350 Arabia Street Hours: 10 - 10 daily Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674, (951) 288-9025 cell Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 21 - 23: NEWARK, CA Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley Newark Pavilion 6430 Thornton Avenue Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Cathy Miller Email: info@mgscv.org Website: www.mgscv.org

MARCH 1 - 2: ARCADIA, CA *Monrovia Rockhounds Los Angeles Arboretum & Botanic Gardens* 301 Baldwin Avenue Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624 Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com Website: www.Moroks.com

Wonders of a Crystal A crystal is one of the strangest objects of nature. It is not alive, yet it grows. A crystal attracts the same kind of materials of which it is composed, arranges them with great accuracy in geometrical forms, cements the parts together and holds them. Place a crystal in a liquid, or vapor composed of the same ingredients as the crystal and the process of accumulation immediately begins. If a crystal was broke in two parts and placed in a bath of liquefied crystal, the broken surface will be repaired and each part will grow into another crystal, providing the other conditions favorable for crystal growth are present.

Even after a crystal has been worn until it is but a rounded grain of sand, it will speedily become a crystal again if placed in a solution containing the ingredients of which it is composed. There is no known limit to the ability of a crystal thus to repair itself and resume its growth.

Under a microscope a crystalline solution can be seen forming into crystals, and it is a wonderful sight. First, innumerable dark spots form in the fluid; they stand still and then begin to move. It is soon seen that the movement arranges the spots in straight lines, like beads. The beads speedily coalesce into rods, and the rods arrange themselves into layers until a crystal is created. The process proceeds so rapidly that it is almost impossible to follow closely.

Via "EL Gambrisino"



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Collecting Rocks

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I THINK THAT THERE SHALL NEVER BE
AN IGNORAMUS JUST LIKE ME,
WHO ROAMS THE HILLS THROUGHOUT THE
DAY,
TO PICK UP ROCKS THAT DO NOT PAY
FOR THERE'S ONE THING I'VE BEEN TOLD
I TAKE THE ROCKS AND LEAVE THE GOLD.
O'ER DESERTS WILD OR MOUNTAINS BLUE
I SEARCH FOR ROCKS OF VARIED HUE.
A HUNDRED POUNDS OR MORE I PACK,
WITH BLISTERED FEET AND ACHING BACK
AND AFTER THIS IS SAID AND DONE
I CANNOT NAME A SINGLE ONE.
I PICK UP ROCKS WHERE E'RE I GO
THE REASON WHY I DO NOT KNOW,
FOR ROCKS ARE FOUND BY FOOLS LIKE ME
WHERE GOD INTENDED THEM TO BE.

