

# MOROKS

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Monrovia Rockhounds Newsletter

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## MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS



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### ELECTED OFFICERS



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:janieduncan@altrionet.com)

Monrovia  
Rockhounds  
July Birthdays

Gail Parks  
Laura Lloyd

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**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

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

AUGUST 2 : LOS OLIVOS to collect Serpentine, Cinnabar and 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

Summer is here and it is time for our **picnic**. We are having it on our regular meeting night in the same location as our meeting. Weekends are so busy for many of us I thought we could try something new and see if more people can come. We will be **starting at 6:00 pm** and we will still be having BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Please remember to bring wrapped and labeled bingo gifts. Guests are welcome just \$3.00 each and kids are free.

*Janie Duncan*



### VICE PREZ SEZ

The program for July is our annual picnic. Please come and join in the fun! Don't forget to bring your favorite dish or dessert to share! **It starts at 6:00 pm!**

*Camille Rutkowski*

June 4th

**MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING**

**President:** *Janie Duncan* called the meeting to order at 2:25 PM.

**Vice President:** *Camille Rutkowski* was absent. June is Gabriel Mosesson on Wello Opals from Ethiopia. July is the picnic at 6:009 pm at the Church. Don't forget your Bingo gifts. September is Montana sapphire dig.

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

**Representative:** *Ray Ritchey* was absent **Representative:** *Colleen Chestnut* was absent

**Treasurer:** Jim Lloyd. We have 28 paid members.

**Auditor:** *Louise Stack* Janie Duncan will ask Aynn Freeman to send get well cards to Ray Ritchey. Michele Silcock is still having a hard time.

**Website:** *Jo Anna Ritchey* It is up to date.

**Photographer:** Donald Sneberger gave Janie the card.

**Federation:** *Jo Anna Ritchey* The 2015 Show will be in Lodi and hosted by the CFMS officers. The 2016 in Placerville. They are near gold panning areas.

**Fellowship:** *Louise Stack* Michele Silcock has a sprained ankle and a bone spur in her foot. Her wrist is healing.

**Field trip:** We need a field trip Chairman. Any volunteers?

**Bulletin:** *Janie Duncan* Janie won the small Bulletin completion first place at the CFMS Editor's Breakfast. She got a lovely plaque and a certificate.

**Historian:** *Nancy Hamrick* Janie will do it with Nancy soon.

**Picnic:** *Donald Sneberger* We will have the picnic and have decided to do it at the **July meeting at 6pm.** Maybe more people will come if it is not on a Saturday when people are so busy.

**Great Rock Drawing:** *Louise Stack* snakeskin agate.

**Custodian:** *Jim Lloyd* no report.

**MOROKS Fun Day** Go to the Culver City Show.

**Refreshments:** Nancy Hamrick and Michele Silcock are doing June.

**Show:** *Jo Anna Ritchey* has assigned sub chairmen for show. Michele will do the Main Prizes, Janie will do Kids, Kitchen and ticket printing. Louise Stack will do Volunteers. Aynn Freeman will do the Treasure Wheel. We still need someone for publicity, Silent Auction is not filled. William has been asked to do Security and Denise Davis main prize tickets. We hope Tom will do the truck and Thomas Witt the overnight security.

**Old Business:** *Janie Duncan*

1. The letter back to the Department of Justice was received and we do not have to register as a trust.

2. Judy Romaine is a new member.3. Janie gave out our scholarship. She was a very nice girl!

**New Business:** *Janie Duncan*

**Janie Duncan** Adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm

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

**SAWING SMALL TUBING** When making a hinged bracelet, I needed to cut 16 pieces of small diameter silver tubing. These were to be just approximate lengths and trimmed to final size after soldering. Not having a tube cutter, I had trouble holding the tubing on the bench pin while trying to saw through it. So here's what I did. I drilled a hole in the side of the bench pin just large enough for the tubing to slide into and almost as deep as the length of cut tubing I wanted. Sawing became quick and easy. With my free hand, I inserted the tubing and held it from rotating while sawing off each length.



June 19th

**MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING**

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

**Vice President:** *Camille Rutkowski* was absent Tonight is Gabriel Mosesson on Welo Opals from Ethiopia. July is the picnic at 6pm same place. August will be an Introduction to Wire Wrapping Class by Becky Fregoso. September is Sapphires hunting in Monrovia. October is the Silent Auction.

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**Fellowship:** *Louise Stack* was absent. *Aynn Freeman* helped. We had 5 guests present. Ray Audette and Holly Galluzzo. Melissia Art Hoagland's, Gabriel Mosesson and another guest. Sorry I did not get her name. Michele Silcock is slowing healing her ankle and wrist. Sonya, Ray and Jo Anna's granddaughter is graduating from college at San Luis Obispo. Rudy got his cast off. Ray has a bout a hundred doctor appointments!

**Photographer:** Donald Sneberger took pictures.

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**Field trip:** Looking for a chairman.

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**Historian:** *Nancy Hamrick* Janie will help Nancy soon

**Picnic:** *Donald Sneberger* The picnic will be at 6pm before the July regular meeting. Don't forget the bingo prizes. The club will furnish the meat, condiments, paper goods and drinks. The rest will be potluck. Guests are welcome.

**Great Rock Drawing:** *Louise Stack* was absent. Aynn Freeman helped out. The snakeskin agate was won by Jo Anna Ritchey.

**Custodian:** *Jim Lloyd* no report.

**Refreshments:** Michele Silcock and Nancy Hamrick brought them tonight. Nothing for July as it is the picnic and Hally and Ray will do August.

**Old Business:** *Janie Duncan* We turned in the money from the nickel drive into the CFMS endowment fund.

Janie gave the scholarship to our recipient. She was a very nice girl and was very happy.

**New Business:** *Janie Duncan*

Malissia Art Hoaglands daughter told us he passed away at 96 and invited all the club members to come and get rocks this weekend. We were sorry to hear about Art a long time club member.

Ray Audette and Holly Galluzzo were voted in as new members. Welcome to the Monrovia Rockhounds.

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

Rock Quote of the Month: **PAPA WAS A ROLLIN STONE ... THE TEMPTATIONS**

**July Program is our Potluck Picnic & Bingo 6pm same place**

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



## CFMS Board of Director's Meeting

Next year's CFMS Show will be in Lodi on 6/12, 6/13, 6/14/15. The CFMS is hosting this show. The following year Placerville will be hosting the CFMS Show on 9/17, 9/18, 9/19/2016--this will also include the World Gold Panning Championship which will start on the previous Sunday.

We welcomed in 2 new clubs and had 3 on the delinquent list. So we are a little less than even. It is always sad to see any society on the way out.

The Education Through Sharing Committee Changed its name to Rockhound of the Year. And there will now be a Junior Rockhound of the Year category. Remember we all have people in our club that deserves to be recognized for their work--so make an effort to write 1 or 2 paragraphs re why they deserve to be recognized, and then have the Board of Directors send it in.

Rock and Gem has changed ownership. There should be no interruption in individual subscriptions. Things will be a little more settled by the AFMS Show in Tulsa in 3 weeks time. More information will be announced there.

As Speaker (Program) Chairman for the CFMS Show I was privileged to hear great speakers on a wide variety of subjects (from feathered dinos to colors in minerals). I learned so much. Many of the speakers are available for club meetings and I will be giving that information to the CFMS Programs Aids Chairman.

Jo Anna Ritchey

CMFS Director

# MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS PICNIC

## Thursday July 17th 2014 6:00 pm



**140 E. Palm Ave. United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall downstairs.**

**The club will furnish the hot dogs, hamburgers, paper goods, beverages and silverware. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We will be playing bingo and we need everyone to please bring along wrapped bingo prizes. Please label man, woman or leave blank if they are for either. We have not had any kids for a while so we will not need kids prizes.**

**The picnic is free for members. Guests are \$3.00 each.**

**John M. Grieger** (1910-1981) via The Mineralogical Record [www.mineralogicalrecord.com](http://www.mineralogicalrecord.com) edited by Janie Duncan

John Miller Grieger was born in Indiana on June 17, 1910, the son of a clothing merchant and insurance/real estate salesman. His family moved to Pasadena around 1930 where he attended the California Institute of Technology for a year. He had apparently been collecting minerals at an early age, and in 1930 felt confident enough to start his own mineral business, collecting and selling specimens from a converted garage at his family's home at 405 Ninita Parkway in Pasadena. He joined the Mineralogical Society of Southern California when it was formed in 1931.

Field collecting was an important source of specimens for Grieger in his early years. In the spring of 1935 Grieger and his partner, Thomas W. Warner Jr., spent eight weeks in Pala, California making an exhaustive survey of the local gem pegmatites, and intensively mining three claims for kunzite spodumene. By 1936 he was considered to be one of the leading distributors of mineral specimens, mineralogy books and gem materials in the West. His first love was always crystal specimens, and his early ads in the 1930's dealt almost entirely with collector crystals and specimens, but the economics of running a business meant that he eventually had to deal primarily in gem rough and lapidary equipment.

In 1936 Grieger joined in business with his friend and field-collecting partner, Tom Warner, under the company name of *Warner & Grieger*. *Grieger served in the Army in 1942, returning to his business in 1944. In April 1945 Warner & Grieger bought out the entire stock of Clarence L. Brock's mineral dealership, The American Mineral Exchange in Houston, Texas—10,000 pounds of specimens from Paterson and Franklin, New Jersey, Barringer Hill in Texas, and many other localities. By 1945 Grieger's father, William J. Grieger was also involved in the business, probably having stepped in during his son's stint in the Army. In March 1946 Warner & Grieger announced that, due to conflicts with a local zoning ordinance, the company was moving from the Grieger family's home at 405 Ninita Parkway in Pasadena to 1633 E. Walnut Street in Pasadena. When the shop reopened at the new location in April 1946 it was called Grieger's.. Tom Warner had no doubt moved on to other things; his father died the following year and he inherited a large fortune. In June 1947 it was time to remodel their shop, and Grieger once again chose to emphasize the mineral specimens, claiming that they would have 100,000 mineral specimens in stock ... "You will see more Rocks than Rockefeller—You will have more fun than Coney Island. Specimens from all over the world will be on display." That same year John married Kathleen Bowers.. In 1972 the opening of a lavish new building at 900 So. Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena was announced for October 1, 1972. It boasted a total of 25,000 sq. ft. of retail store space Grieger continued to promote his extensive showroom facilities, including the mineral specimens, well into the late 1970's. "Stop in and shop," his ads urged, "you'll find the world's largest collections of gems, minerals, jewelry mountings and supplies. Gems and minerals are displayed in museum-like surroundings."*

*John M. Grieger died in Pasadena, California on August 7, 1981, and with him went any interest the company had in minerals. The family continued to operate the business for some years thereafter, but ceased advertising the 900 S. Arroyo address in 1985, concentrating instead on mail-order business. The company eventually closed its doors in 1997. The new owners moved it to north Pasadena where it is closed in a few years under some mysterious circumstances.*

**References:** *California Death Index World War II US Army Enlistment Records (1938-1946) U.S. Federal Census Records, 1920, 1930*



## Griegers discount coupons



Biggest Opal in the World~ It was found in the out-back Opal Fields of South Australia. This precious stone weighs in at 55,000 carats. The length is about 30cm, height varies from 15-20cm and its around 4cm thick. It was valued at just over 1 million Dollars. via [pricy-spicy.com](http://pricy-spicy.com)





**Alejandra Esparza**  
 She received her \$500.00 scholarship from the Monrovia Rockhounds at Monrovia High School Achievement night. She is majoring in Environmental Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. She has a high grade point average and has put in many hours at the school in extra activities as well as volunteering in the community.  
 We wish her a great future!



Janie Duncan and Louise Stack volunteered at the CFMS Show to do a kid's booth for all 3 days of the show. Here is a picture of Nancy Hamrick and Michele Silcock visiting at the booth. Janie also attended the bulletin editors breakfast where she was given this certificate and a lovely plaque for winner in the editor's completion for MOROKS in the Small Bulletin category. Jo Anna Ritchey was in charge of wonderful Programs. Camille Rutkowski, and Denise Davis manned Ralph and Becky Fregoso's very successful Silent Auction booth. William Davis did security. I hope I have not forgotten anyone. else who helped.







Photos by Donald Sneberger

# MOROKS PICTURE PAGE

## June Program Wello Opals by Gabriel Mosesmon

**Gabriel Mosesmon**



**Gabriel Marcus Look and Denise Davis**

**Aynn Freeman helped do the Welcome table.**



**New members Holly Galluzzo and Ray Audette**



## No CFMS Show this July

**In Memoriam Art Hoalglund.** Art was a longtime member of the Monrovia Rockhounds. He passed away this year at the age of 96 in a nursing home. He had been able to stay in his home on Crescent Drive until his last years. Art was an avid rock collector and was a member of the club for over 40 years. He had a great workshop with all the lapidary equipment you can think of. He had a great ability in printing and calligraphy. Art did all of the club's signs, labels, case cards and maps for many years. His niche was in flint knapping. Art's Indian name was Oso Loco (Crazy Bear) and loved to be the center of attention at our rock shows dressed in his Indian outfit made of leather with fringed sleeves and pant leggings. He wore a real Indian headdress and made his own booth for demonstration. At the shows you would see a crowd surrounding his booth as the fascinated people observed his seemingly effortless art of making arrowheads of all kinds. Art's collection of obsidians could not be matched. He carefully engraved his OL initials and the location on each stone. Art was an active member until his health made it too hard for him to attend meetings the last 10 years or so. We will miss him. A big thank you to his daughter Melissa who invited our members to come and take the rest of Art's collection. I am sure many of the members who took the rocks will enjoy them and think of Art when they do.



## WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW

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July 13, 2:00 pm--"Little-known Stories of Famous Diamonds" George Stuart's entertaining and informative monologue sheds light on the human drama surrounding the world-famous diamonds,

July 27, 2:00 pm,-- "Cuts, Color & Conflict: How the Diamond Industry Has Changed", Hear George Fox of Fox Fine Jewelry in Ventura present the latest in diamond-cutting technology, color enhancements, new trends in diamond shapes, as well as the controversy around ethically sourced diamonds.

The Museum of Ventura County is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Hours are 11 a.m.--5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Paid events include free admission to the galleries, and the first Sundays of every month are free general admission for the public. For more museum information go to [www.venturamuseum.org](http://www.venturamuseum.org) or call [805-653-0323](tel:805-653-0323).