

# MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS

## JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey

**VICE**

**PRESIDENT:** Thomas Witt



**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd

**SECRETARY:** Coleen Chestnut



### A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Our membership is increasing. Jim reported that we have 25 members and a couple more will be joining next meeting (when they bring their check books). Things are looking up!

Ray Ritchey gave the May talk on geodes and brought lots of samples. Very interesting.

June will be Tony and Sandi Fender on "50 Strange Things to be Found in the Mojave Desert." They have followed the directions given by Bill Mann in his books. You will see pictures of many fascinating things, including a box car buried in sand. Do come and enjoy the fun and fellowship..

Jo Anna

### JUNE BIRTHSTONE

Alexandrite (Diaphanite) is a variety of Chrysoberyl. Normally green in color, Alexandrite will change to red in artificial light.



**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 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 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 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, 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

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

Website: CFMS Show Web Site Coming Soon

**MAY 3, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

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

**MEETING PROGRAMS:**

May 19th. Ray Ritchey will do a talk on geodes

June 16th. Tony and Sandi Fender program on 50 Weird Things the Mohave (follows Bill Mann's book)

July 21st. Victor Castellano's topic will be Where is Water Going?

**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd said we have 20 paid members. Due are past due for those who have not paid. Kevin Doran will do an annual audit of the books.

**FIELD TRIP:** On May 19-20 Kris Rowe of the Rockhound Fieldtrip Fanatics announced there will be a Lavic Siding Roundup. May 19th will be collecting refuse. On May 20th at 2:00PM will be the event. More information will be given at our General Meeting.

**MONROVIA MUSIC FESTIVAL:** May 15th. We did not get our application in on time so we will not be participating.

**BUDGET:** Jo Anna presented a budget for 2017. The board discussed, updated and modified the budget. It will be presented to the membership for approval.

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** The picnic will be held on Saturday June 18th at 2:00PM at Victor Castellano's, 401 Colorado Blvd., Monrovia (the corner of Colorado and Alta Vista, across the street from Monroe School). The club will provide cheeseburger sliders, the fixings, drinks, paper goods, plastic utensils and music. Members are requested to bring chips, salads or a dessert to share. Instead of bingo we will share our favorite rockhounding or rock story. Guests and perspective members are welcome. A flyer and more information to follow at the General Meeting.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Victor and Colleen will bring them in June.

Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

**MESSAGE FROM THE V. PRES**

Hi everyone—

While the club is still moving along, our membership is still low. Attendance at the monthly meetings has been a bit sparse. However we must endure this down side and look to rebuild.

I would like to thank Ray Ritchie for his presentation on Geodes and Thunder Eggs for the month of May meeting. He brought forth some really nice specimens. Even a good fake with glued in quartz crystals?

For our June lecture, we will have Tony and Sandie Fender giving a lecture on “50 unusual things in the Mojave Desert”. I am looking forward to hearing this one as I have been making regular trips to Lucerne Valley!

I hope to see a few more people at our June 16th meeting. Thanks to everyone for hanging in there. We shall see you on the flip side.

Thomas Witt, VP

## MAY 19 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jo Anna Ritchey, President; Thomas Witt, Vice President; Jim Lloyd, Treasurer; and Colleen Chestnut, Secretary.

**PROGRAM:** VP Thomas Witt said tonight's program will be Ray Ritchey doing a presentation on geodes. The program in June will be Tony and Sandi Fenderon, "50 Unusual Things Found in the Mohave Desert." In July Victor Castellano's topic will be "The Theory Of Water."

**TREASURER:** Jim Lloyd said we now have 21 1/2 paid members. Several members said they will pay their dues next month. Dues are past due.

**FELLOWSHIP CHAIR;** Linda Doran said we had 10 members and 2 guests present tonight. The guests picked a rock from the chest. Both May birthdays were today-Jim Lloyd and Kevin Doran. Guest Pamela Osburn celebrated hers on the 14th.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Jo Anna will research information on the UCLA Meteorite Museum so the club can go one Sunday. Victor plans to attend the Lavic Siting field trip this weekend with Pasadena Lapidary. Thomas said there was a BLM meeting today regarding changes in the desert and keeping Rt. 66 as it is.

**MONROVIA DAYS:** A few members attended. A brief discussion of the 2 day event took place. There seemed to be a lot of booths on Sunday.

**BULLETIN:** Because Judi Romine did not receive articles from the president or vice president she did not do a May bulletin.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Scholarship--Jo Anna Ritchey will present the \$500.00 scholarship to Juan Esparza the evening of June 1st at Monrovia High School.

**BUDGET:** Jo Anna went over the new budget with the members. The budget was unanimously approved.

**GENERAL:** We enjoyed delicious bacon wrapped dates prepared by Victor Castellano. Ray Ritchey gave a very interesting program on geodes and showed us some of his spectacular geodes from his own collection. Geodes are formed in lava and found In Mexico, Brazil and Uruguay. Ray's beautiful collection is from various places.

Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

## WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW

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**June Birthdays**  
Becky Fregoso – June 21  
Michael Machlis – June 14



### **Spring California Desert Advisory Council Meeting**

BLM's California Desert Advisory Council (DAC) held a field tour and public meeting in the BLM Barstow Field Office resource area on May 21-22, 2016.

The Friday field tour covered stops at the Desert Discovery Center, Amboy Crater – off of Route 66, the Ludlow-Granite Quarry, the Lavic jasper and agate rockhounding site, and the Hanson Aggregates wildlife guzzler site. The Lavic rockhounding stop saw over 40 rock hounders participating to discuss their passion and desire to continue to have rockhounding opportunities in the newly designated Mojave Trails National Monument. Former DAC member, Kim Campbell Erb, coordinated presentations by various rockhounding clubs and was herself, recognized for her many contributions to public land management while serving on the DAC.

The Saturday formal public meeting included council briefings and discussions on the Palen Renewable Energy Solar Project, the Route 66 Corridor Management Plan, Bighorn Sheep, the West Mojave Route Network Project, and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP).

Of interest was the council decision to pursue formation of a Mojave Trails National Monument subgroup. The mission statement, application process, as well as qualifications for membership, are still to be discussed and finalized prior to a formal call for applications.

The council also took part in the signing of the Hauser Geode Beds MOU between the El Centro Field Office and several rockhound organizations in the El Centro Field Office area. The MOU provides for the continual recreational and educational use of the Hauser Geode Beds while maintaining the health of the public land.

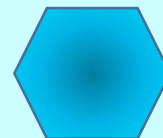
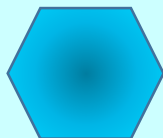
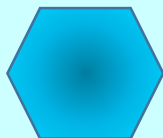
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*Members of the Desert Advisory Council and the public receive a briefing on the programs and resources available at the BLM Desert Discovery Center in Barstow, California.*



*Members of the Desert Advisory Council and the public observe the workings of installed wildlife drinkers in the Newberry Springs area.*





## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2016**

2:00 pm at the Ritchey's

224 Oaks Ave

Monrovia, CA 91016

All members welcome

### GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016**

7:00 pm United Methodist Church Basement

### ANNUAL PICNIC

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016**

2:00 pm Victor Castellano's

401 Colorado Blvd., Monrovia



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