

MOROKS

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Monrovia Rockhounds Newsletter

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Club Information Our Website is www.moroks.com

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Janie Duncan	(626) 358-8157
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REPRESENTATIVE – Gail Parks	(626) 359-6811
REPRESENTATIVE – Camille Rutkowski	(626) 289-2621

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.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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We reserve the right to edit all material submitted for publication.

Monrovia
Rockhounds
MAY
Birthdays



Connie Rieman 11
Jim Lloyd 19

Field Trip Schedule for 2012

This is a combined Schedule from the Whittier, Pasadena, North Orange County and Monrovia Clubs. Each club sponsoring a trip will have a form to sign before each trip with the person leading that trip.

This link is the waiver.

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/forms10/waiver/waiver.pdf>
Websites for these club may have maps and detailed information. Call Ray Ritchey or Cal Matthews for more help.

May 26-28 Lone Pine/Cerro Gordo Mine

Jun 16 Wrightwood (day trip): Actinolite and possibly rhodonite

July 28 Palos Verdes (day trip):

Aug 11 L.A. Museum (day trip)

Aug 31 - Sept 2 Snyder's Ranch

Oct 6 Trona - Searles Lake

Nov 3-4 Whittier Club Claim (Barstow)

Nov 22-25 Stonewall Pass, NV

Dec 8 Pinto Mountains copper minerals

Jan 19-20 Quartzsite

Becky Fregoso's Pumpkin Dump Cake

Mix together

3 cups Libby's Pumpkin

1 cup sugar

1 13oz can evaporated milk

3 eggs

1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

Pour into ungreased 9 X 12 pan

Sprinkle on top

1 box yellow cake mix (break up any large clumps)

1 cup pecans (whole or chopped)

1 cup melted butter (drizzle slowly. You may use 1/2 cup)

Bake 1 hour 10 minutes at 350' She brought this to a meeting and you all asked for the recipe! Yummy!



PREZ SEZ



I had a great time at our Installation Dinner. Good friends. Good food and lots of fun. Thanks for having a good sense of humor. Our April Silent Auction was terrific. We have tons of exciting events and meeting coming up. See you there!

Janie Duncan

VICE PREZ SEZ



We have has strange, somewhat unpredictable weather this past month for fieldtrips or anything else outside. Our installation of officers, however, was a most entertaining event where everyone wore shaped, colorful insect antenna of their own design and ate "chocolate dirt" for dessert. The silent auction was well attended and many good bargains were attained through strategic bidding. Enjoy the cool weather while you can.

Cal Matthews

April 5th

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING

President: *Janie Duncan* called The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM

Vice President: *Cal Matthews* April is silent auction.

Secretary: *Michele Silcock* was absent. The minutes were approved as corrected in the bulletin. Louise is not a Louse! Sorry. We fixed after the meeting. Janie forgot to put Camille Rutkowski's Birthday in. Sorry!

Representative: Camille Rutkowski was absent **Representative:** *Gail Parks* was absent

Website: *Jo Anna Ritchey* was absent. 2013 Show date is on the site.

Federation: *Jo Anna Ritchey* was absent. CFMS 2012 Show in Riverside at the City Auditorium in July 13-15. 2013 will be in Ventura with 3 Clubs hosting the show. Janie thinks we should carpool for a day trip.

Fellowship: *Louise Stack* No report.

Treasurer: *Jim Lloyd* He reported 14 paid members.

Photographer: Donald Sneberger Donald took good pics at the installation dinner.

Field trip: *Ray Ritchey* is getting the maps and coordinates for the combined club field trip April 21 & 22.

Rock of the Month Talk: Ray Ritchey will do a talk on Howlite for May.

Bulletin: *Janie Duncan* Janie will put in the tri club Field trip schedule.

Great Rock Drawing: *Louise Stack* Ray Ritchey will bring one for April.

Custodian: *Jim Lloyd* No report.

Picnic: Donald Sneberger The date is June 16th in the late afternoon at Gail Koon's house.

Refreshments: Michele Silcock will bring them in April. Colleen Chestnut will do May.

Show: *Jo Anna Ritchey* was absent Jim found more money from the show in the Kids Corner box and we figured out where it was from. We have 1 T-shirt left XL.

Old Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. The club decided to do a one day free booth for Monrovia Days on May 19th. 10-4 pm Library Park. We will get sign ups at the May general meeting right before.

2. They will be a rock sale at Carol Quackenbush's home this Sat. at 2pm.

3. we need to give Cal a reimbursement for his \$50 President's gift. He went to LA and got beads.

4. We received the applications for the scholarship are Monrovia High. We have 5 applications and need to vote at the general meeting.

5. The wire wrap calls was a success. Janie showed the rings she made.

6. We voted to put the new bi-Laws and MOROKS Procedures on our website.

7. Janie printed a letter for a tax donation to Carol Quackenbush.

New Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. We have been asked to pay our MAFA dues now. Jim gave Janie the check.

2. Janie will print new rosters.

Janie Duncan Adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm

Dues are due for 2012



Bench Tips by Brad Smith More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at Face Book [facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips) or at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips

GARNET BULLETS A cool fact about garnets is that they were actually used in ancient Asia and the American Southwest as bullets in guns. The strong, deep red of the stone was said to cause wounds worse than bullets. Read more about it on the Omnigems Blog - <http://omigems.com/blog/category/gemstones/>

QUICK CLOSE-UPS There's a quick way to grab a close-up photo from your iPhone or Android shown

April 19th

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING

President: *Janie Duncan* called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. and we said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President: *Cal Matthews* Tonight is our Silent Auction. Upcoming programs are coming soon.

Secretary: *Michele Silcock* The minutes were approved as corrected in the bulletin. Louise Stacks name is corrected. Janie sorry she for to put Camille Rutkowski's birthday in.

Representative: *Camille Rutkowski* No report

Representative: *Gail Parks* No report.

Website: *Jo Anna Ritchey* The 2013 Show date is updated.

Federation: *Jo Anna Ritchey* was absent CFMS 2012 Show in Riverside at the City Auditorium July 13-15.

Fellowship: *Louise Stack* 21 members and 4 guests present. Aynn Freeman has been in the hospital but is home now and doing much better. Welcome guests Rudy Lopez, Em. Brian and Vincent. 1 t-shirt left XL

Treasurer: *Jim Lloyd* was absent **2012 Dues are Due!** Many members paid tonight. A special donation was accepted from Harold Vannatta. Thank you Harold!

Photographer: Donald Sneberger took lots of pictures for the club.

Field trip: *Ray Ritchey* Janie printed info on the combined trip this weekend. There is a trip to the Himalaya Mine for Tourmaline. Is anyone interested? Ray has put together maps and GPS for the combined club trip.

Rock of the Month Talk: Ray was absent but will talk on Howlite in May. Tom Freeman will to June.

Thomas Fuentes showed us the beautiful stone inlaid tile he made. He has 9 others at home. Thanks Thomas.

Bulletin: *Janie Duncan* did it as usual.

Picnic: *Donald Sneberger* The date is June 16th in the late afternoon at Gail Koon's house.

Great Rock Drawing: *Louise Stack* We had a Cave onyx and it was won by Becky Fregoso.

Custodian: *Jim Lloyd* was absent. Big Thank you to Cal Matthews for setting up all the tables and chairs for the meeting and auction tonight!

Refreshments: . *Michele Silcock* did them tonight Colleen Chestnut volunteered for May. Janie June

Show: *Jo Anna Ritchey* Great show. We did well financially.

Historian: *Nancy Hamrick* had no report

Old Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. The wire wrapping class a success. Do we want to do another class in six months? 2. The installation Lunch was fun. 2. The board has accepted 5 new members. Janie will get the name badges before the next meeting. We were waiting to get the dues paid first. 3. Janie has printed new rosters for us. 4. We have the scholarship applications from Monrovia High. We passed them around tonight and voted after the break. We chose between the applicants that have already been accepted into a college. McCall Williams was the winner of the \$500. Janie will represent the club by presenting it at MHS on June 4th 6:30 pm. 5. The following are new members voted in by the board. Tom Bono, Mark Batatian, Ronnie Lewis, Veronica Ramirez and Michele Ramirez. Marsha Miller also sent in a request for membership. Janie sent her a letter asking for her phone number and email. Janie will get name badges for those who paid before the next meeting.

New Business: *Janie Duncan* 1. Janie needs to send in our application for Monrovia Arts Festival on October 6 & 7 2012. She gave out the wrong date at the meeting. Sorry. 2. We are going to do a one day free booth for Monrovia Days on Sat. May 19th at Library Park. We will get sign ups at the next general meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 by Janie Duncan President.

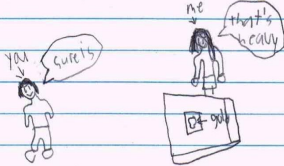


<http://www.amlands.org> for more information on what you can do to protect our rock sites.

Thank you letters from Camino Grove Elementary School Teacher Helen Conroy. 23 people came to visit Janie's Museum.

Dear Ms. Duncan, March 23, 2012

Thank you for coming to our class. You passed a lot of things and I liked them all but my favorite was the real gold. The gold was heavy for how small it is.



Thanks so much for coming! I loved it when you passed that shark tooth around, because it belonged to an ancient, extinct, shark. The minerals were so awesome! You were great! Now I know so much about fossils, rocks, and minerals. Just because of you, I got inspired and decided to rock collect! You truly are great.

Sincerely,
Clayton

Dear Ms. Duncan,
Thank you for coming to our class. I loved to see all of the different types of rocks. Also I learned a lot from you and your facts. I was impressed about the different and rare fossils, rocks, and minerals. My favorite one was the dinosaur egg. I can tell by your and your family's collection that you have worked very hard to find/buy those. I learned that rocks get round by the sea and the rocks rubbing around it. I also learned that ash gives more harm than lava. Thank you for every thing.

P.S. There is 2 Jordans Sincerely, Jordan in our class. (the girl)

I was sooo excited for you to come. I never ever knew that rocks were that interesting. I think every rock was so interesting. I really didn't know that 90% of the world had igneous rock. That's just amazing! Oh, you know that dinosaur shirt you were wearing it was so cute! I can't believe you actually found a stegasaurus bone in your yard. Your awesome. You are the smartest person I've ever seen with rocks. Even a scientist!

Dear Mrs. Duncan,
Thank you for sharing your interesting rocks. You telling your stories was very, very interesting. I liked the big and small rocks you shared. I really hope you continue being the greatest Rock Hand in the world just like your dad and Grandfather.

Dear Mrs. Duncan,
Thank you for coming to our class on Thursday. I learned some much from your rocks. My favorite was the gold. I'm looking forward to seeing you again.
From,
Jordan Law

Dear Janie,
Thank you very much for sharing your knowledge and passion for rocks + minerals with Room 28. You made science come to life for my students, forming real connections they will not forget. What a great way to learn! You are a wonderful, inspiring teacher and my kids just loved you.
Regards, Helen Conroy

EARLY GEOLOGY Author unknown via "EL Gambrisino"

Early speculations of a geologic nature occurred among the Greek natural philosophers and later among the Egyptians, Romans, and European naturalists. Thales, about 600 B.C., believed the earth to be a flat disc floating on water.

Anaximander believed the earth to be shaped like a cylinder floating on air. He was the first to make a map of the then-known world.

Xenophon believed that fossils of organic origin are found on dry land that at one time was mingled with the sea.

Herodotus believed that the face of the earth changes based on the fact that fertile soil of Egypt was produced by recurrent flooding of the Nile.

Eratosthenes calculated the circumference of the earth, over-estimating it by about one-seventh. He was from the third century B.C.

Pliny, the Elder, a Roman of the first century A.D., devoted five books of his 37-book "Historia Naturalis" to minerals. He died of asphyxiation when he got too close to Vesuvius in order to observe the eruption of 79 A.D.

George Bauer (a/k/a Agricola) wrote "De re Metallica." He was a German and considered the father of Geology.

Leonardo de Vinci, in an age when fossils were considered freaks of nature, recognized them as the remains of plants and animals.

Niels Steensen (a/k/a Nicolaus Steno), a Danish doctor, published the first outline of a scientific history of the earth in 1667.

So ended the period of early geologists. Modern geology developed in the late eighteenth century.

Rock Poem

A Rockhound is a kind of nut
Whose mind is slightly undercut.
He swings a pick and drives a jeep,
And dreams of agate in his sleep.
He'll pick up any kind of stone
Or piece of glass, or even bone.
If he can't name it, he'll assert
That he has found a piece of chert!

Via NOC News

Lapidary Levity

T S Q W A S T T M O R F C L F	AGATE	JASPER
D Z G F A C E T B O T B A L S	ANGLE	LAPIDARY
O Z D Z D R U S Y R E F V M Y	BEVEL	MARBLE
U D P N Y Y I A I L E R A U I	CABOCHON	OBSIDIAN
B D J C O D O P G G L E V E B	CHALCEDONY	POLISH
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E K F N G C N V H A O H W N R	GENIE	
X A V Y R N V G L Z D N D T	GRIND	
S Q B X T I R G J A S P E R Z	GRIT	



OPAL

At 55,000 carats, this opal matrix recently found in the opal fields of South Australia is the world's largest. Discovered by Stuart Hughes and his partners, it is valued at over one million dollars and outweighs the previous record holder by an unbelievable 48,900 carats. (Photo: Stuart Hughes)

Via Rockette



MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS PICTURE PAGE
APRIL 2012 General Meeting Silent Auction
By Donald Sneberger



Ray Ritchey Bidding at the auction



Rings made at the wire wrap class



Thomas Fuentes Showing one of His stone inlaid tiles. WOW!!!



Club members in meeting

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS PICTURE PAGE

2012 Installation Luncheon

By Donald Sneberger



Cal Matthews Vice President
Jo Anna Ritchey Auditor



Jim Lloyd Treasurer



Michele Silcock Secretary
Janie Duncan President



CFMS APRIL SHOW DATES

May 4 - 6: BISHOP, CA Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society Tri-County Fairgrounds Corner of Sierra Street & Fair Drive Hours: Fri. 6pm-9; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 9:30-3 Contact: Francee Graham, (760) 876-4319 Email: franceem@qnet.com

May 5 - 6: ANAHEIM, CA Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30 Contact: Steve Duncan, (714) 724-7102 Email: wsd@iteris.com Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 12 -13: JACKSON, CA Fossils For Fun Society Kennedy Gold Mine 12954 Kennedy Mine Road (off Hwy 49) Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: Debbie Bunn, (916) 929-6665 Email: fossilsforfun@hotmail.com Website: www.fossilsforfun.org

May 12 - 13: RENO, NV Reno Gem & Mineral Society Reno Livestock Events Center 1350 N. Wells Ave. Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: John Peterson, (775) 849-1522 Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 19 - 20: YUCAIPA, CA Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Yucaipa Community Center 34900 Oak Glen Road Hours: Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731 Email: res09ayd@verizon.net Website: www.yvgms.org



West Coast

GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Holiday Inn - Orange County Airport
2726 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705

(Take 55 Fwy exit 8 for Dyer Rd. to S. Grand Ave.)

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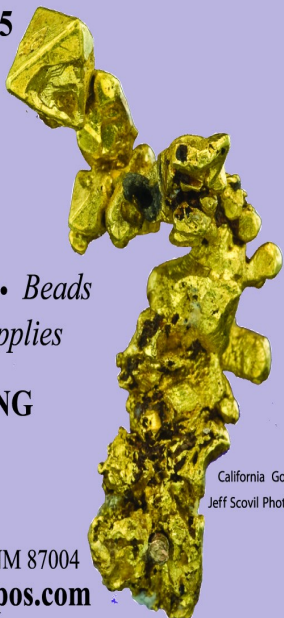
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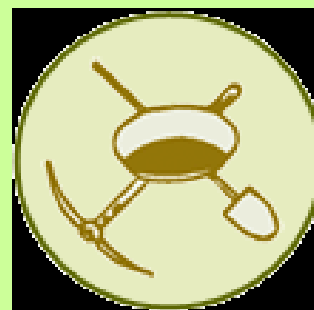
CFMS

Gold & Gem Show

Hosted by the Valley Prospectors

July 13 - 15, 2012

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4



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Auditorium**

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