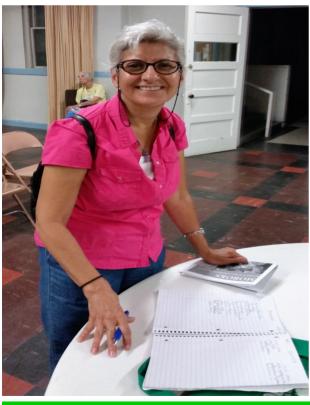
# MOROKS

Newsletter of the Monrovia Rockhounds, Monrovia CA

November 2015

OCTOBER
SILENT
AUCTION
BRINGS OUT
MOROKS &
SMILES







Clockwise: Members Frankie Greenham & Ray Ritchey.

Linda Doran & Nancy Hamrick at an auction table.

Newest member, Roxann Sanchez signs in.

(Photos courtesy of Denise Davis.)

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 BOARD NOW OPEN

# **MOROKS NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**



# **MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS**



Website: www.moroks.com



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



PRESIDENT – Cal Matthews (626) 798 -7481



VICE PRESIDENT – Michele Silcock (626) 260-1132



SECRETARY – Denise Davis (626) 294-9043



TREASURER – Jim Lloyd (626) 793-9239



AUDITOR – Kevin Doran (626) 775-4185. Mission Statement: Our Purpose is to promote popular interest & education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, & related subjects. We also support promoting & ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational rock hunting & the use of public & private lands for educational & recreational purposes related to the earth sciences. We are a registered 501 (c)(3) education non profit organization.

**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 a membership packet and MOROK name badge.

**Meetings:** 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 Palm Ave near Ivy St. 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.

Mailing Address: Monrovia Rockhounds
PO Box 553

From The Desk Of...President Cal Matthews Last month our board meeting featured a vigorous discussion of the proposed Bylaws, mainly about the change in fiscal year. For our general meeting we voted on the Bylaw changes that had been proposed in the newsletter. The age limit for was lowered to 12 to permit Junior members. Dues were revoted & will be increased to \$20 for individual and \$10 for additional members at the same address. The change in the fiscal year starting January 1st was also ratified. Changes in the board to eliminate the Auditor & add a Membership representative with their respective duties was defeated. Copies of the new Bylaws will be made available through the internet & mailed to members without internet access. *Cal Matthews* 

A Message from Michele: MAFA went well again this year. Thank you to Allen Silcock and Jimmy Bates for unloading Jim's van at the park as well as Janie's car and setting up the canopies and tables. It was so nice to have the manpower for the rocks too. I want to apologize for not being there more but I was sick and quite contagious. I was able to donate treats like Little Debbie's and Trader Joe's corn puffs which I think were welcomed by the members. I appreciate everyone coming together and working all the long hours in the heat at MAFA.

The heat was still there for our Silent Auction but we got through it. Looking to the future, the Webers are coming again for our November Program. Our December Meeting/Party will be at Mimi's Restaurant in Monrovia. I must have RSVPs from everyone, whether you plan to attend or not. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for more details.

Michele Silcock

**UPCOMING MOROK EVENTS** <u>November Meeting</u>-Richard & Mary Pat Weber of the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club will talk about Rain Forest Jasper in Western Australia.

<u>December Meeting-Mimi's Café in Monrovia on Huntington Drive.</u> Full menu, separate checks, cash or credit card only. Full Menu includes the American Comfort menu. Menu at: http://www.mimiscafe.com/dinner.aspx



NOVEMBER
PROGRAM
The Rainforest
Jasper
of
Queensland,
Australia

This month's program will be the "The Rainforest Jasper of Queensland, Australia" presented by Dick and Mary Pat Weber. This beautiful green rhyolite has a distinctive look making it a favorite of mineral collectors and lapidary enthusiasts for the past 50 years. Along with the Mt. Hay thundereggs, this unique material is only found in one location in the world.

Mary Pat & Dick are retired geologists. While touring Australia they formed a friendship with the family that discovered and currently operates the Rainforest Jasper mine. They were granted access to restricted areas of the mine and able to examine the private collection of the owners. The Weber's will bring display specimens from their own personal-collection for viewing.

(Photo Courtesy of Mary Pat Weber)

#### FROM American Lands Access Association, courtesy of Jo Anna Ritchey

JoAnna received this notice via email. I was unable to copy the info directly into the newsletter so you will need to copy/paste the link into your browser if you cannot click on it to connect to it. There was a Public Meeting held October 13th but I was not able to find out the outcome on the ALLA website.

Attached is what is coming to your Southern California Deserts and some background on why!

There is also a Public Meeting Notice where all will be revealed. All of this information and more on S 414 and HR 3668 is available at <a href="http://www.amlands.org/6652/67112.html">http://www.amlands.org/6652/67112.html</a> mid page under: <a href="California Desert Conservation">California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015</a>

This action will have a MAJOR IMPACT on Rockhounding in all of the Southern California Deserts.

#### 2015 SHOWS-Southern California Shows in BOLD

November 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA

**American Opal Society** 

The Phoenix Club 1340 South Sanderson Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959

Email: info@opalsociety.org Website: www.opalsociety.org/

November 7 - 8: OXNARD, CA Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Oxnard Performing Arts Center

800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Josephine Martinez, (805) 701-1826

Email: josephinecmartinez@gmail.com

Website: www.oxnardgem.com Show Page

#### November 7 - 8: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society

Desert Empire Fairgrounds 520 South Richmond Road Hours: 8 - 5 daily Contact: John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905

Email: ifrocks@dslextreme.com

#### November 7 - 8: SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society Al Bahr Shrine Center 5440 Kearny Mesa Road Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886

#### November 14 - 15: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Hours: Sat 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 662-5819

Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org

Website: www.sacramentomineralsociety.org Show Page

#### November 14 - 15: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall 442 Franklin AvenueHours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Katie Slightam, (530) 673-9649

Email: mktalternatives@comcast.net

Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

#### November 21 - 22: APPLE VALLEY, CA

Valley Gem & Mineral Club Victor Valley Museum 11873 Apple Valley Road (x Bear Valley Rd.)

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 3 Contact: Ed Skidmore, (760) 243-

2330 Email: <u>vp-shows@vvgmc.org</u>

Website: www.vvgmc.org Show Page

#### November 21 - 22: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society

Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 – 17th Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509

Email: julia.comblatt@gmail.com

Website: <u>www.scmgs.org</u>

#### Monrovia Rockhounds

#### **Education Report**

The Monrovia Rockhounds offers free presentations to elementary students and home school groups throughout the Los Angeles area. Our goal is to provide an informative and educational program that will encourage youth to develop an interest in rock hunting and the lapidary arts. Janie Duncan, Education Chairman offers 2 talks.

The Dinosaur Talk is geared for Kindergarten through 3rd grade and is about 25 minutes long. She teaches how fossils are created, types of dinosaurs and brings real fossils and her hadrosaurus dinosaur egg to the classroom. Each child receives a free tumbled stone to take home.

"Rock Talk" is for 4th grade and up. This talk is also offered to other groups such as Senior Citizens. The program is about 1 hour long and teaches the 3 types of rocks, local LA area Geology, Mohs Hardness scale, Crystal structure, erosion, meteorites, fossils and dinosaurs. The talk is hands on and the specimens are generally passed around for tactile learning. Each person gets a free tumbled stone and Monrovia Rockhounds Show flyers.

Janie Duncan also offers free tours of the "Good Old Days Museum" at her home in Monrovia by appointment only. See thousands of rocks, fossils and minerals and much more. Groups are welcome.

The Monrovia Rockhounds will help teachers upon request with building up a classroom rock collection or supply egg carton collections for a nominal fee.

Janie Duncan is also a Cub Scout Geology expert and has helped over 5,000 scout earn their activity pins as well as other cub level requirements. Janie also works with Girl Scouts of various ages meeting requirements in both rocks, geology, collecting and beading. All Scout programs must be scheduled and are free of charge.

If the Monrovia Rockhounds meetings has regular attending juniors a monthly education program and or rock craft class will be offered.

#### OCTOBER 2015 MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING

Date: October 1, 2015. Location: Hastings Ranch Public Library, 3325 East Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena. Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 PM

Present: Board of Directors: Cal Matthews – President, Denise Davis – Secretary, Jim Lloyd – Treasurer. Auditor - Kevin Doran. Not present: Michele Silcock - Vice President.

Chairs: Custodian-Jim Lloyd, Newsletter/Membership- Denise Davis, Field Trips-Kevin Doran, Show/Webmaster-Jo Anna Ritchey. Not Present: Fellowship- Linda Doran, Education-Janie Duncan, Programs/Bylaws-Michele Silcock

Representatives & Members: Representative-Ray Ritchey. Members Present: none.

A Teleconference was attempted to include Michele in the meeting but the connection was too poor.

Minutes corrected from last month's minutes to read October for the next Board meeting.-Ray Ritchey.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

JoAnna started the meeting with her issues. She requested the Board to clarify their determination that the March 2016 Show would not have any free or heavily discounted booths for anyone. The matter was discussed and the Board instructed Jo Anna to send letters to anyone involved in this matter that they would not get a free or almost free booth.

Jo Anna brought up issue of the Fiscal year change and forewarned the Board she would voice her objections at the General Membership meeting.

Jo Anna complained that Michele did not call another meeting of the Bylaws Committee when she was asked to. Michele was not present to issue a counter-statement but Denise & Kevin stated they knew nothing about a second meeting about Bylaw changes.

Denise requested that the Agenda be followed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim busy paying some bills, no final amount provided. Said total checks written were for garage rent, meeting space and Nancy Bird fee for September Program. (Gas money only.) Paid Members: 33. Income was stated as \$924 from Vendors for the 2016 Show. Denise noted that quarterly audits have not been done.

Membership: No new members, 1 resigned. (William Davis.) Visitors at last Meeting: 5. Members at Meeting: 13. The resignation was discussed.

Custodian: Jim said the garage rent is going up to \$200/month from \$150. The Board requested Kevin to get some comparison rates from Public Storage etc. Jim suggested not moving the garage items until the 2016 Show. Shelving for storage was discussed if a move was made. No actions taken. Jim is to measure current space & get info to Kevin. MAFA Show: Income was \$513.

March 2016 Show: Jo Anna presented bill for \$300 for Arboretum sponsorship. This is required to use the facility. Jo Anna mentioned use of her tax ID number related to Club Business for MAFA/Show and resale license. Cal approved payment to Arboretum. Denise again requested that Arboretum memberships that comes with this sponsorhip is offered to the membership at a General meeting.

Education: No Info. Chair Janie Duncan declines to attend Board meeting in Pasadena.

Field Trips: Kevin was requested to plan Field Trips that is appropriate for the current group of members, such as UCLA meteorite display, museums, etc. It was requested that Kevin supply the Field Trip schedule in the newsletter 3 months in advance.

Newsletter: Eleven (11) copies were mailed at a cost of \$7.50 and Nancy Hamrick donated \$5.39 in postage.

Webmaster: Jo Anna was requested again to update the Website to the current Board, the annual show page to 2016, the Field Trip wording, the member application and renewal forms.

Representative Input: Good speaker for September, no issues per Ray Ritchey.

Discussion of effect of Fiscal year change on budget and Cal felt there would be no effect.

Inventory-still needs to be scheduled and completed. It was said that the auditor needs to be involved in the inventory of the garage.

Treasury: The Board recommends that there be dual signatures by Board members on all outgoing checks as a safe-guard to our account. All monies are held in 1 account. Currently Jim Lloyd, Janie Duncan, & Jo Anna Ritchey are on the bank account as signers. There is a 4th person but they say they cannot remember who it is.

New Business: Tabled until November.

Motion to adjourn by Denise Davis, second by Cal. Time of Adjournment: 8:26 PM.

Next Board Meeting Nov. 5, 2015 at 7 PM, Hastings Ranch Library, 3325 East Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena.

#### 2015 MULTI-CLUB FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Expanded and current information for these collecting opportunities will be published in the Bulletin for the particular month. As always, you should to contact the field trip leader ahead of time because: 1. Sometimes field trips are canceled or changed for various reasons including inclement weather or areas being closed. 2. If we don't know you are coming we won't wait for you and you may not find out the planned camp site was moved until too late. Distributed to the representatives of the Delvers – Long Beach – North Orange County – Pasadena – Whittier – Searchers Gem - Monrovia Rockhounds Mineral and Lapidary Clubs For up-to-date information on these field trips and how to join the trip please see Kevin Doran, our club's field trip leader or call him at (626) 775-4185.

**NOV 7-8: WHITTIER CLAIM AREA** - Barstow for honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root.

NOV 27-29: THANKSGIVING TRIP - Owens Valley or Afton Canvon.

**DEC 12: SALTON SEA - YUHA** Fossil Beds, Tour Geothermal Power Plant, Mud Volcano Field.

JAN 24-25: **QUARTZSITE ARIZONA** 

#### MOROKS FIELD TRIP INFO

The next joint club field trip is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8, to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's claim area east of Barstow. Collecting material at this site consists of honey onyx, agate, jasper and chalcedony. Accommodations are available in Barstow at various motels or Yermo at the Oak Tree Inn. For more information, please contact Kevin Doran at (626) 775-4185.

Submitted by Kevin Doran

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND DUES

One result of the Fiscal year change for Monrovia Rockhounds is the date the annual dues are due. Previously members were paying dues anytime from November thru July, and there was much confusion regarding exactly what year they were paying dues for. Now annual dues are due January first of every year. Collection of annual dues should begin October of the previous year so that all monies are collected by January 1st of the new year and an accurate count can be given to CFMS when the Club submits the annual insurance payment. For Fiscal Year 2016, January 1st through December 31st 2016 dues are due NOW and payable to Treasurer Jim Lloyd. If you submit your dues by mail use the Club address, PO BOX 553, Monrovia CA 91016-0553. A renewal form is requested of all members and is attached with this newsletter as well as being available on the website for you to print at home.

However for those of us who paid a full year's dues in April for 2015, the 2016 dues will be prorated with a credit for one quarter of the year. The balance will still be due January first 2016.

Schedule of dues: 2015 paid individual members will pay \$15 for all of 2016. You must pay by January 1, 2016 to get this rate. (\$5 credit from 2015.)

Additional members in the same house hold who were members in 2015 will pay \$7.50 for all of 2016. You must pay by January 1, 2016 to get this rate. (\$2.50 credit for 2015.)

So for 2 people at the same address who were paid members in 2015, the dues will be \$22.50 for 2016. Those wishing to join for 2016 but were not paid members in 2015 will pay full dues of \$20 for individual membership and \$10 for each additional member at the same address. There is also an initiation fee of \$10 per person to be paid at the time the membership application is presented to the Board. No applications will be accepted without review by the Board. The full application form needs to be completed. The Club will not accept partial payments for dues.

Questions? Give me a call at 626-294-9043.

Denise Davis, Membership Chair





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**Show & Convention** 

is planned for Ventura California

#### MOROK 2016 Board Nominations

This email was sent to those who have email. Those without email are requested to respond to Janie Duncan, Committee Chair with a yes or no.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am sending this out on behalf on the Nominations Committee, Janie Duncan-Chair, Michele Silcock and myself as committee members.

It is now time for the nominations for the Monrovia Rockhounds 2016 Board of Directors nominations. The new Board needs to be ready to take over in January. We need to have the election in November. A complete Board is vital in order to have a viable Club in 2016.

The board has 5 positions: President, Vice President/ Programs, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor.

The duties of these officers are listed in the Bylaws on the website if you need more information. These are all working positions, no one person should be expected to carry the load for everyone else. Many of you have never held a Board position. Is it time for you to step forward? We request your response immediately. If there are 2 members in your household please provide a response from each one. We are requesting that you respond to this email even if you are not interested in being on the Board. If that is the case, please respond with a NO. If you agree to run for office, please indicate which office you are most interested/qualified to hold.

I (Denise Davis) have already stated that I will not be on the Board in 2016 and I will not be doing the newsletter in 2016.

Please respond immediately. Nominations Committee Janie Duncan, Nominating Committee Chair

# **WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

NOV. 13 - 15, 2015

#### SANTA ANA, CA

Holiday Inn - Orange County Airport 2726 S. Grand Ave.

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#### UPDATED NOMINATIONS NOVEMBER 1, 2015

As of this date I am not aware of anyone who has committed to functioning as part of the MOROK 2016 Board of Directors. Janie Duncan states she needed to think things over another week & has not enlisted anyone yet to be on the Board. The Board of Directors needs to determine the viability of the Club at the next Board meeting. Without a willing and able Board this Club will not continue into 2016. It is time for YOU to act now, or never. Per the Bylaws: In the event of the pending dissolution of this organization its assets will be transferred completely and entirely to THE CALIFORNIA FED-**ERATION of MINERALOGICAL** SOCIETIES ENDOWMENT FUND.

## **MOROK PHOTO GALLERY**



MOROKS at the MAFA
ARTS FESTIVAL

Left: Rockhounds Nancy Hamrick & Cal Matthews trying to stay cool in the shade.

Below left: Customer looking at the vast array of rocks available. Below right: Jo Anna Ritchey with the Treasure Wheel.

(Photos courtesy of Michele Silcock.)





# BIRTHEAN

# **Happy Birthday to You!**

This month's birthday girls and boy are:

Edie Stovall, Colleen Chestnut, Marcus Look, & Jo Anna Ritchey Happy Birthday to all!

#### OCTOBER 2015 MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING

7:07PM Call to Order & Pledge (The flag was present this month.) President Cal Matthews welcomed the members. He announced the Silent Auction.. Snacks were provided by Janie Duncan. The Li'l Debbies were a big hit. Next month snacks are by members Em & Cal Matthews.

Previous minutes approved with motions by Michele and Kevin.

VP Report: Michele Silcock- Next month's Program will be Dick & Mary Pat Weber and Jaspers of the Austrailian Rainforest.

Fellowship: Linda Doran

- 1. Guests: Geoffrey Greenham, Charles Botsford & Lori Keele.
- 2. No one knew of anyone in the hospital. Janie Duncan announced that former Monrovia Mayor Bob Barkett had expired.
  - 3. No October birthdays that we knew of.

Newsletter: Denise reported that 15 copies were printed at a cost of \$7.50 and she thanked Nancy Hamrick for donating postage for many months. Nancy again provided postage tonight to Denise for the newsletter.

Treasurer report-stable account. Members now 33, one less than last month.

Education: Janie stated she is no longer doing programs for Boy Scouts, just Cub Scouts because of the new Boy Scout Geology Regulations.

Federation: Jo Anna will go to the meeting in Visalia. Michele has declined to go. Jo Anna mentioned that the Federation newsletter is online.

Field Trips: No report from Chair Kevin Doran. Ray Ritchey gave detailed reports of several trips that he did not attend. Webmaster– No new information from Jo Anna about the website.

#### **Previous Business:**

- 1. Bylaw changes tvoted on at the October meeting.
- A. Dues to be changed to \$20 per year for an individual member, \$10 for additional members at the same address. This was revoted on because the previous call for a vote at the April meeting was not done according to the Bylaws. Passed.
- B. The Board requested a change of the Fiscal Year to the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st starting January 2016, with credit for dues already paid for the first 3 months of 2016. After some discussion the motion was passed with only 3 opposing the change.
- C. The Board requested that Junior members be allowed at the age of 9 yrs. Janie Duncan recommended that the age be increased to 12 yrs. A new motion for this was made by Michele with Kevin seconding it and the item was passed. There was discussion regarding safeguarding the Club and Juniors. Policies will be put in the Procedures.
- D. It was requested that the position of Auditor on the Board be eliminated and that there be 1 Representative to sit as the fifth Board Member. There was discussion of this and the motion did not pass.

#### **New Business:**

A. Election of 2016 Board: Janie Duncan accepted the position of Nominating Committee Chair. She requested Michele Silcock and Denise Davis to be on the committee and they accepted. The new Board needs to be elected before January 1, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. For snacks and the Silent Auction No Rock Raffle tonight because of the silent auction.

# Club Apparel

If you need a T shirt, please see Linda Doran at the Meeting. There are a few available in limited sizes. Linda also has MOROK pins for sale. If you need a badge, please contact Denise Davis at 626-294-9043.

#### **Donations/Sales**

If you wish to make a donation to the Club or hear about a sale of rocks, tools or equipment please contact President Cal Matthews at 626-798-7481 or VP Michele Silcock at 626-260-1132 regarding any and all donations or sales. They will arrange for pickup or in the case of a sale they will inform the members of your event. Remember, one man's junk may be another man's treasure.

#### **Editor - Denise Davis**

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# Monrovia Rockhounds Newsletter November 2015

### Mark your Calendars!



November 5, Board Meeting Hastings Ranch Library, Pasadena 7 PM



November 19, 2015 7 PM Meeting & Program



November 26, 2015
Happy Thanksgiving!



December 17 2015, Meeting and Dinner, 6 PM, Mimi's Café.

