

The MOROKS NEWSLETTER

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The Monrovia Rockhounds founded 1957

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Upcoming Meetings

November Board Meeting, November 1st
2 pm at 224 Oak Ave.
Monrovia, Ca. 91016

General Meeting, November 17th
7 pm United Methodist Church
In the Basement

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Jo Anna Ritchey

**VICE
PRESIDENT:** Thomas Witt

TREASURER: Jim Lloyd

SECRETARY: Coleen Chestnut

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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

In the coming weeks we will be participating in some exciting events.

On October 29-30, 2016 we have the MAFA (Monrovia Arts Festival Assn.) Show in Library Park. This is a time to show the citizens of Monrovia some beautiful rocks. Members should come too because Rudy Lopez donated some beautiful rocks left over from the MSSC Picnic.

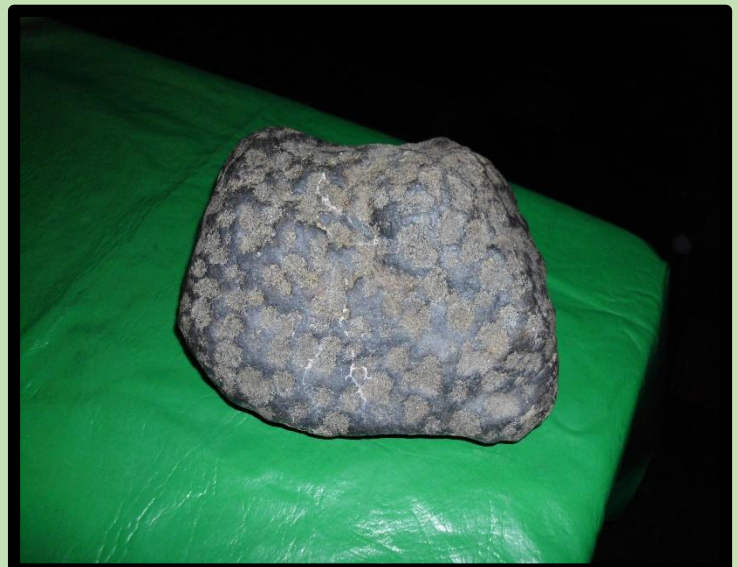
Then on November 19, 2016 we have been invited to the Jewel Tunnel Imports annual Open House. I have always described this event as a candy store for rockhound's. I specifically asked for an early date so most of the inventory will not have been picked over.

Then on December 15, 2016 we will be having our Christmas Party at Coco's on Colorado and Michilinda. I hope to see everyone.

Jo Anna Ritchey, President

The October Moroks Meeting

We had our Annual Silent Auction and guest to our meeting Jerry Wendt brought in his meteorite for identification. Found in the Patagonian Mining District in Arizona 30+ years ago, the specimen weighs in around 7.6kg.



The October 4, 2016 Board Meeting of the Monrovia Rock Club

Meeting was called to order at 2:00PM at the Ritchey's home in Monrovia.

Officers present were:

Jo Anna Ritchey, President
Thomas Witt, Vice President
Jim Lloyd, Treasurer
Colleen Chestnut, Secretary.

Thomas announced the program for the October 20th meeting will be the silent auction. He is still working on the November program. Possibilities are Janie Duncan speaking on Ammonites or Gabriel telling us about Ethiopian Opals.
December 15th will be the club Christmas Party.

Our treasurer, Jim reported 25 paid members and gave the balance of our checking account.

Field Trip: Thomas will plan on going to Quartzite in January to buy 3 or 4 inch geodes for our show in March.

Bulletin: The bulletin editor, Thomas, will change the format of the bulletin in November. There will be more articles on rocks. Advertising was discussed. We plan to contact Marty of Gem Fair to offer him advertising in our bulletin for \$50.00 a year.

Shows:

1. **CFMS Show** was September 15-18. Jo Anna has not received the club package from Angie yet.
2. **March Show**-money has been received from 3 vendors. Jo Anna will contact the vendors again.
3. **MAFA Show is October 29-30**. A discussion of what was needed from the garage took place. On Thursday October 27th Some club members will meet at 3:00PM at 430 W. Lemon, Monrovia (the garage) to load the needed items for the MAFA in a truck. Colleen will call members and ask them to sign up for a shift/ shifts during the MAFA show weekend. We will also have a sign up sheet at the October 20th meeting.

Christmas Party:

The board voted to have dinner at a restaurant rather than a potluck dinner at the UM church hall. After discussion, the board decided on Coco's Restaurant on Colorado Blvd. in Arcadia. Colleen will contact Coco's to reserve the room for the date of Thursday, December 15th at 6:30PM for 12 to 15 people. Further discussion regarding activities at the party to follow. More details will be in the bulletin.

Colleen will bring the refreshments for the October 20th meeting. Thomas suggested that unused soda be given away at the end of each meeting because it goes flat.

Colleen and Thomas will bring new soda and juice in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40PM.

Colleen Chestnut
Secretary



The October 20, 2016 General Meeting of the Monrovia Rock Club

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.

Officers present were:

Jo Anna Ritchey, president,
Thomas Witt, vice president,
Jim Lloyd, treasurers
Colleen Chestnut, secretary.

The flag salute was led by Jo Anna Ritchey.

Tonight's program will be: "The Moroks Annual Silent Auction." For November Janie Duncan will deliver a presentation on Ammonites. If you don't know what an Ammonite is, you need to come to the meeting and find out.

Treasurer, Jim, told us we have 25 paid members.

Field Trip Chairman, Kevin Doran, Nov. 5 & 6 Rainbow Ledge, Looking for **Rainbow Ledge Jasper Agate** located in the Randsburg / Inyo-kern area.

Fellowship Chairman, Linda Doran, announced that we had 8 members and 1 guest present tonight, Jerry Wendt brought in his 30+ year old meteorite for identification.

Show Chairman, Jo Anna Ritchey

1. March 2017 Show -- Money has been received from some of the vendors.

2. 2017 CFMS Show will be held in June at the Ventura Fairgrounds. Ventura will also have their show in March.

3. MAFA Show -- It is October 29-30, 2016. We plan to have the Treasure Wheel, grab bags, rock store and handouts regarding MOROKS Club.

There will be show flyers also. Sign up sheets for both Saturday and Sunday will be at the October 20th General Meeting.

Bulletin Editor, Thomas Witt: the bulletin has been increased to ten pages to include more stories and articles.

Photographer, the position is open, but Thomas Witt will take photos next month at the silent auction.

Auditor, Kevin Doran, is still working on the audit of the books.

Thank you to Colleen Chestnut for providing the refreshments for our meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM. We enjoyed The Silent Auction with everyone in attendance.

Colleen Chestnut
Secretary

Moroks Club Information

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 fellow-ship. 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 al-ways 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, mineral logy, 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 Thomas Witt (760) 552-2404.

Rock of the Month

Aquamarine

known as The Stone of the Sea



Aquamarines color, a shade between green and blue and clear, a gemstone-quality blue beryl.

Aquamarine stones are beautiful crystals that heighten courage, and aid clear communication with the Divine source of all that is.

They have strong metaphysical properties that help you to let go of old emotional issues you may be holding on to, by assisting you to release anger and reduce stress, it may help you to make positive changes in your life.

These lovely stones help to heighten your courage when you are handling grief, and are powerful to assist self healing.

Aquamarine is a Water element stone, powerful for cleansing the emotional body and opening communication. Aquamarine is used in astrology, feng shui, elixirs, meditation, with angels, healing, and so much more!

Quartzsite, Arizona

A Rockhound's Paradise

Location / Description

Quartzsite is located in western Arizona, just 20 miles east of the Colorado River on I-10. It's been a rockhound's paradise since the 1960s. These days, it's also a mecca to well over a million visitors each year, most of whom converge on this small town in a wave of RVs during the months of January and February. At this time of the year, 2,000 vendors of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and everything else imaginable create one of the world's largest open air flea markets in Quartzsite. Eight major gem and mineral shows as well as vendors of raw and handcrafted merchandise peddle their wares to snowbirds, collectors and enthusiasts, making Quartzsite the place to be the first two months of each year.

History

In 1856, settler Charles Tyson built a fort at the present site of Quartzsite to protect his water supply from attacks by Native Americans. Fort Tyson soon became a stopover on the Ehrenburg-to-Prescott stagecoach route, eventually becoming known as Tyson's Wells. After the stage stopped running, it became a ghost town.

A small mining boom revitalized the town and it became known as Quartzsite in 1897. It remained a mining town until 1965, when the Pow Wow Rock, Gem & Mineral Show initiated the rockhound winter migration to Quartzsite each year. These days, the population can swell to almost a million during January and February as rockhounds, jewelers and vendors, mostly in thousands of RVs, attend the eight major gem and mineral shows.



Shows and Events

2016 - 2017

Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair

Oct. 31, 2016 - March 1, 2017

Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet

Oct 01, 2016 - March 31, 2017

Rice Ranch "Yawl Come" Show

November 1, 2016 - April 1, 2017

Grease Wood Swap Meet

November 2016 - April, 2017

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral

January 01 - February 28, 2017

Prospectors Panorama

January 02 - January 15, 2017

Annual Hi Jolly Daze Parade - Town Park

New Christy Minstrels - QIA 2 pm & 7 pm

January 14, 2017

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry

January 18 - January 22, 2017

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

January 06 - January 15, 2017

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 20 - January 29, 2017

Sports, Vacation & RV Show (The Big Tent)

January 21 - January 29, 2017

Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts

February 03 - February 12, 2017

Gold, Treasure & Craft Show - QIA 9 am - 5 pm

February 10 - 12, 2017

Quartzsite Quilt Show - Quartzsite SR Center

February 3 - 4, 2017

Quartzsite Gold Show

February 10-12, 2017 QIA building. Friday - Saturday 9-4 Sunday.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 5th & 6th Ridgecrest, field trip to
Rainbow Ledge

**Nov. 19th Jewel Tunnel Imports
we have been invited to the annual Open
House**

Gem Faire Costa Mesa
OC Fair & Event Center
December 9, 10, 11
Friday 12pm to 6pm
Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday 10am to 5pm

**Dec. 15th Moroks Christmas Party
Date: Thursday December 15, 2016 at
6:30PM**

**Location: Coco's Bakery Restaurant
1150 W. Colorado Blvd.
Arcadia, CA 91007**

Dec. 25th Christmas Day

January 1st New Years Day

January 2017 Quartzite Begins

March 4th & 5th Moroks Gem
and Mineral Show

VP's Message

For October we had our Annual Moroks Silent Auction. A guest, Jerry Wendt brought is some fine necklaces to donate to the auction. He also brought in a meteorite for identification, a 7.6 kg. specimen. Found in Arizona some 30 years ago.

The Moroks made an appearance at the Monrovia Art Festival Association Show "MAFA" on October 29th & 30th. We set up for the weekend with the Rock Shop, Treasure Wheel and Grab Bags. A full weekend of entertainment to be had. The club did pretty well, even with the rain on Sunday.

Thank you to all our volunteers for coming out to lend a hand, even with the poor weather. It did not stop the shoppers. Thank you to MAFA.



WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW

NOV. 11 - 13, 2016

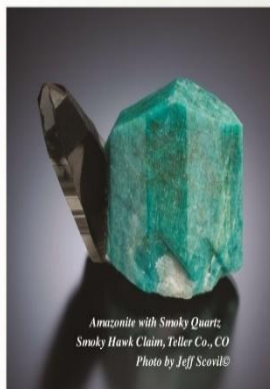
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November Birthdays

George Brown	11/20
Colleen Chestnut	11/19
Marcus Look	11/8
Jo Anna Ritchey	11/23
Edie Stovall	11/13



November Birthstones

Two gems are appropriate for November birthdays -
Topaz and *Citrine*.

Topaz, is a gemstone available in a rich rainbow of colors. Prized for several thousands of years in antiquity, all yellow gems for a time were called *topaz*.

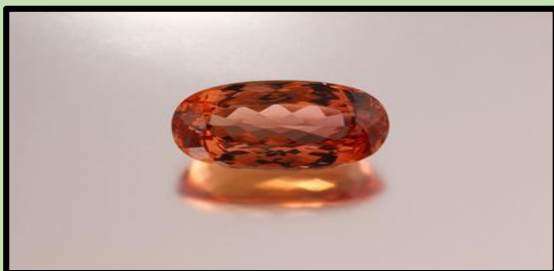
Often confused with citrine quartz (yellow) and smoky quartz (brown), quartz and topaz are separate and unrelated mineral species.

The most prized color of topaz is called *Imperial topaz* after the Russian Czars of the 1800s, and features a magnificent orange body color with pink undertones.

Topaz also comes in yellow, pink, purple, orange, and the many popular blue tones.

Citrine, the other birthstone for November, is known as the "healing quartz". This golden gemstone is said to support vitality and health while encouraging and guiding hope, energy and warmth within the wearer.

Citrine can be found in a variety of shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish orange. It is one of the most affordable of gemstones and plentiful in nature. Citrine is found most frequently in Brazil, Bolivia, and Spain.



It's That Time of Year Again The Annual Moroks Christmas Party

This Year, we will be celebrating with a
meal out on the town.

Date: Thursday December 15, 2016 at 6:30PM

Location: Coco's Bakery Restaurant
1150 W. Colorado Blvd.
Arcadia, CA 91007
(626) 446-5611

Everyone is invited, Members and guest included
We are inviting any and all guest to also attend.
Diners will contribute for their own meals.

We will have a "Secret Santa Gift Exchange"
Please bring a new wrapped gift / rock, etc.
With a value of \$5 to \$10 from each person participating.

Please RSVP to Thomas Witt
email: fixit056@hotmail.com
Phone: 760-552-2404



Holiday Food Drives

This is the time of year when many families need a little extra help for the holiday. If you would like to donate and find a local organization that can help someone in need.

To make a donation with some canned or dry goods or even a frozen turkey or ham, you can donate to a local Food Bank. If you need more information on finding a local charity. Call Thomas Witt, 760-552-2404

Thank You Moroks



Pet Rocks by Theresa



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12 National Pizza Day
13	14 World Diabetes Day	15	16	17 Great American Smokeout	18	19 PLS Field Trip Boron Jewel Tunnel Imports Sale
20 PLS Field Trip Boron and Kramer Junction	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving Day	25 Black Friday	26 Small Business Saturday
27 Advent begins	28 Cyber Monday	29	30 St Andrew			



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**An invitation for the members and friends of the
Monrovia Rock Hounds
Attend an open house at Jewel Tunnel Imports
Saturday November 19th 10 AM to 4PM**

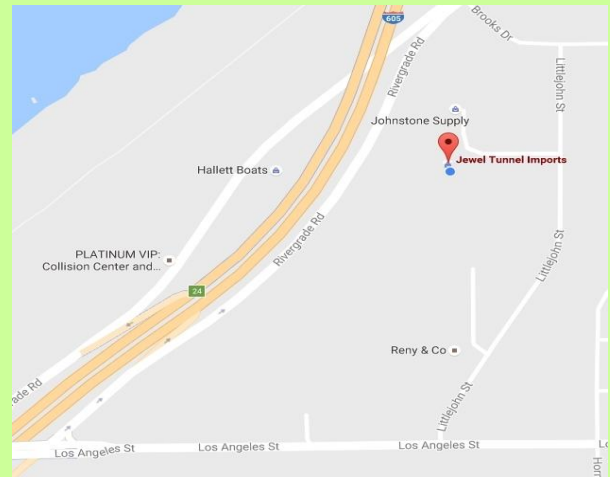
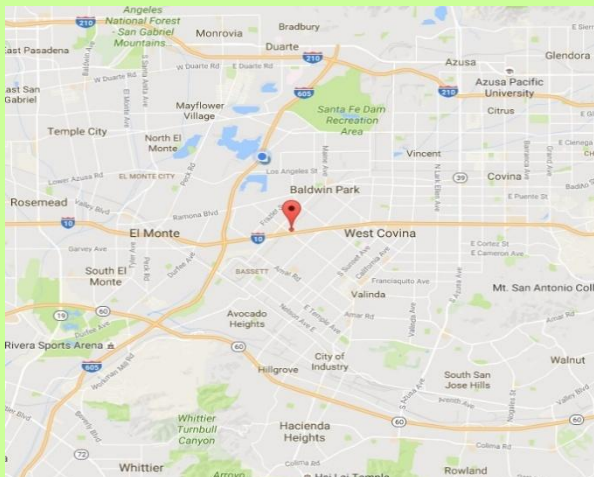
Jewel Tunnel Imports is a leading wholesale distributor of mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, tumbled stones and many different kinds of lapidary items. We have a warehouse in excess of 10,000 sq. feet full of mineral-related natural history items, perhaps the largest of its kind in the United States. To see some of our inventory ahead of your visit, please visit our website, <https://www.jeweltunnel.com/>

This popular annual event is just for mineral and geology oriented groups such as the students and faculty of various colleges and universities and members of local gem and mineral societies. These open houses, by invitation only, held a few weekends preceding the winter holidays, offer a chance for individuals belonging to these groups to buy minerals and crystals at wholesale prices and to learn something about the wholesale gem and mineral business. Refreshments will be served.

Jewel Tunnel Imports is a wholesale-only warehouse and this invitation is only for the date of the open house. If you wish to return during the year to purchase items, you will need to obtain your own resale permit (only if you will be reselling your purchases) from the California State Board of Equalization. For the open house, 9% sales tax will be charged unless you can provide your resale permit. All sales are final.

PLEASE NOTE: Out of consideration to our staff and to customers who will be in on the Monday following the open house, we ask that your group takes care to keep shelves neat and orderly, by returning items exactly as they find them, replacing lids to the proper boxes and keeping stacks neat. As the group leader, please help supervise your participants.

Directions to Jewel Tunnel Import's warehouse. (Also at jeweltunnel.com)



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