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San Gorgonio
Mineral & Gem
Society

President's Message

Fred and I just returned from a three-week trip to the Midwest to spend time with his family. This included an overnight stay at Bryce Canyon National Park. If you have not been there, put it on your list to visit. It's breath taking to see the beautiful rock formations.

It was great to hear the September meeting went so well. A special thank you to Bob Zola, his family, and John Scofield for making sure things ran smoothly and for all the members who came out to enjoy the evening.

The 2025 board members will gather to determine their positions. The new board will be installed at our Christmas party which will be on December 3rd. Put the date on your calendar and try and make it. It's always an enjoyable evening.

Come on out for upcoming shop days. Our equipment is in good working condition. The next shop day, September 28th, will include a critter party with pizza. Contact Peggy by Friday the 27th @ 951-963-6751 if you can make it.

Also, I want to thank club members for your thoughts and prayers for our family at the loss of my father Bert Grisham in August. He contributed much to our club, and we all reap the benefits of his hard work and lapidary knowledge and skills. He will definitely be missed and may we all take up where he left off, with a zeal to learn and grow in the knowledge of minerals and lapidary arts.

Hoping to see many of you at the clubhouse soon,

-Peggy Richard

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Our Mission Statement

The San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society is organized to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the Earth sciences, and shall endeavor to unite and associate those persons who are interested in the collecting of semi-precious stones and the study of minerals and sciences; to encourage and practice the study of the lapidary art; to provide field excursions to localities of interest; and for enlarging our fund of geological knowledge.

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A Rockhound Looks Up by Betsy Oberheim

When a rainbow's colors
arc the skies,
To me they're
gemstones in disguise.

The violet of amethyst
starts the parade,
With that gem's quality
all arrayed.

Then ruby, a red so
lovely and bright,
It burns your eyes, a
scorching sight!

Deep in that fire, the
orange will glide,
To stand alone
carnelian will bide

Then lighter to
yellow's still fiery
glow, Citrine,
sunlight's gem, such a
show

So the lovely, lovely
green The clear cool
gaze of aventurine.

The indigo of lapis so
deep and blue
A Velvety rich
indulgent hue,

Rows of gem like
strings of beads,
Decorate the storm's
Montana steeds.

So when after the
storm, with a rainbow
we're blessed, I stare
and wonder

"Am I obsessed??"

September 3, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:45pm and welcome back after summer break.

Tonight's meeting due to the absent of Peggy and Fred, Bob Zola and John Scofield will address the meeting.

Flag Salute

Sunshine Report and correspondence -

Our condolences to Lee on Berts passing. The service held for Bert was a beautiful celebration of life with numerous family members, grandchildren, friends and more attended the service.

Bob shared his memories of Bert and Lee, other rockhounds of long past, in the formation of SGMGS and purchasing the building.

Shop days this month are Sept.14th, shop times 8-12n.

September 28th, will be a critter making party with pizza lunch.

Please let Peggy or Fred know if you'll be attending on the 28th for critter party.

September 17th, is the next board meeting which starts at 6pm.

You may turn your ballots in anytime into the ballot box on the desk between now and October 15th when they will be counted. Any questions about voting?

October 2nd - 6th, The Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral show
Wednesday - Saturday hours are from 9:00am to 5:00pm.
Hours on Sunday, last day are

9:00am to 4:00pm. Address is 2601 SunFair Road, Joshua Tree. one of the better shows in southern California.

Presentation by Dr. Stephenie on feldspar minerals, sixty percent of the earth's crust is feldspar.

Feldspar is either sedimentary or metamorphic. Chemistry of feldspar is heat and pressure, change in other variety of rocks. Country's you can locate feldspar in are Italy, Turkey and USA.

Tonight's raffle winner is Alexa.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by
Jackie Misuraca,
Secretary

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

August

Lance Albrecht on the 8th.

Jan Spinney on the 31st.

September

Debbie Gonzalez on the 12th.

Donna Taber on the 15th.

Patricia Neville on the 28th.



October

Victoria Melton on the 4th.

Joyce Sessions on the 4th..

Mike Brauer on the 5th.

Mark Beck on the 15th.

Robert Rochelle on the 30th.

September 17, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order 6:07pm

Sunshine Report/Correspondence
- Pat Neville is recovering well.

Lee to share about CFMS letter
and conversation with OBMS.

There was some discussion San Bernardino Rock and Mineral Club are having some financial problems and want to merge/join with our club. If some of their members want to join our club, it was decided that their members are welcome, but no merging of clubs or changing club name.

Treasure Report/New Membership - Financially the club is doing well.

The club would like to welcome new member Harvey Marcell.
Voted on and approved.

New Business - Next shop days are on September 28th from 8-12 noon. and also a critter making party with pizza lunch.

Please contact Peggy or Fred if you are planning to attend the critter party.



Don't forget your Dues!

Reminder: ballots for board members and Rockhound of the year will be counted at our next board meeting on October 15th.

Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Show October 2nd - 6th from 9am to 5pm, Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm

Dr. Stephanie shared that there is a Hi-Desert Museum in Yucca Valley open from Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Located at 57090 29 Palms

Highway, admission is free. Maybe these actives can be enjoyed on the same day.

Pear Blossom Gem and Mineral Show on October 18th - 20th, more information later.

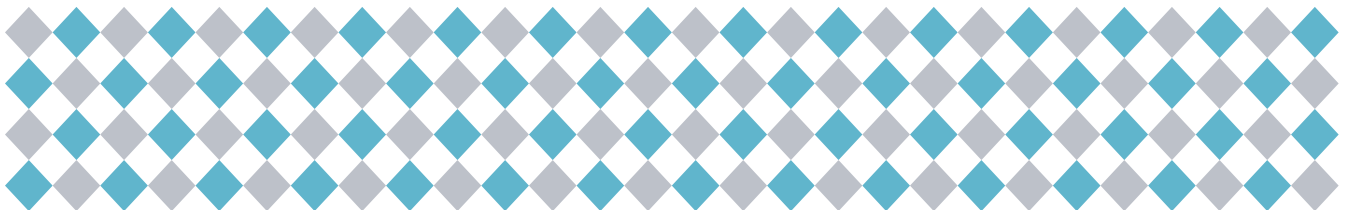
Christmas party on December 3rd, we need to start planning and organization? There, when, what, and who does what?

Lance obtained an offer from Riverside County for an equipment donation to the club. Fred and Lance to share more information.

Next month's general meeting program will be Dr. Stephanie and Rock Bingo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted by
Jackie Misuraca,
Secretary



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 General Meeting 6pm, potluck 7pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Shop Day 8-12pm
15	16	17 Board Meeting 6pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Critter Making Party 8-12pm
29	30					

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 General Meeting 6pm, potluck 7pm	2 Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Show	3 Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Show	4 Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Show	5 Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Show
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27	28	29	30	31		

17 Rockhound puns you won't take for Granite!

1. Some of your jokes fluorite over my head.

2. If you're going to claim to be the best stone mason, the least you could do is have some concrete proof.

3. The two tectonic plates just couldn't keep up the relationship anymore – said there was too much friction between them.

4. Taking about rock puns slowly eroded what was once a good friendship.

5. Where were you? I was quarried sick.

6. A bad rock pun really makes my blood run coal.

7. My rock collection isn't the best but it has sedimental value.
8. I love the beach, you could even say I was a pebble person.

9. That geologist gave me the coal shoulder.

10. Be patient with geologists—they all have their faults.
11. Do you like geology puns? They're not my idea of funny. My sediments exactly.

12. What did Sherlock say in the case of the missing geologist? Sedimentary, my dear Watson.

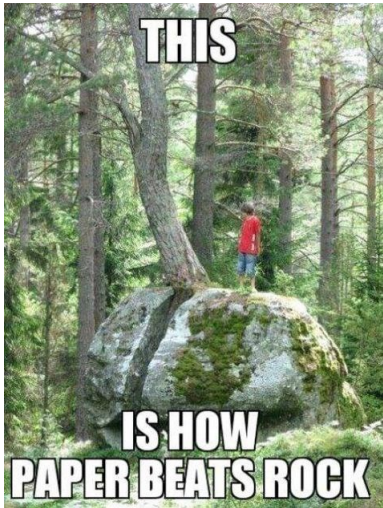
13. Which fruit do rocks buy most often? Pom-a-granites.

14. I hope you think we did a rock solid job today coming up with rock puns.

15. A tour of a volcano would really magma day.

16. This book about rocks is a fascinating pebble-cation.

17. We're running low on rock puns, so I'll call it quits before I hit rock bottom.



Board of Directors - 2024

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Upcoming Shows and Events

High Desert Nature Museum

Celebrating the Nature and
Culture of the Morongo Basin.
Wednesday thru Saturday
10:00am - 5:00pm

Go to:
HiDesertNatureMuseum.org for
more information.
Admission is FREE!

Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Show

October 2-6
Wednesday thru Saturday
9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday
9:00am - 4:00pm
Joshua Tree
Lake RV and Campground
2601 Sunfair Road,
Joshua Tree

Free admission & parking for all!

PearBlossom Gem and Mineral Show

October 18th - 20th
9:00am - 5:00pm Daily
At the Outpost
34141 116th St. East
PearBlossom, CA. 93553
Contact us for more info. call
(661)944-1200
ksandahl24@gmail.com

Club Shop Days!

September 14th
8:00am - 12:00pm
September 28th
Critter Making Party with Pizza!
Let Peggy or Fred know if you
will be attending.



Critter parties are wild!