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President's Message

Greetings!

The date to begin submitting Gem and Mineral entries into the February 2025 Riverside County Fair and Date Festival will be coming very soon. ALL INFORMATION regarding this topic can be found at datefest.org

There are different categories and divisions, and you will have to determine if you are at the amateur, advanced amateur, or ready to go to the open division. The definition for each division is explained on the datefest.org website as well as the cost for each entry and prize money for those divisions.

One category is General Lapidary which includes faceted stones, jewelry, cabochons, polished petrified wood, polished slabs, carvings, spheres and many other options.

Another category is Crystal & Mineral Specimens which includes different types of crystals, geodes, and minerals that can be found in different locations as specified. Fossils and artifacts are in this category as well as many other options. The final category is the Educational Class and includes Faceted Stones, Cabochons, Lapidary, Minerals or Crystals, Artifacts as well as Fossil Education.

The final day for submission is January 19th and if you have any questions, you can call me at 951-963-6751. If you would like to put Gems and/or Minerals into non-competitive cases for display during the Fair that is another option. You may display your name with your work or promote the club as well.

We will have sign-ups soon for working shifts at the Fair with us in the booth. Mark your schedules for February 13 thru March 2nd 2025, and come out to be a part of this very important fund raiser for our club. We also need to know if you're able to stay out there in your RV for duration of the Fair. Fred and I will head out there on February 7th.

Also, if your friends or family are interested in attending the Fair, keep in mind tickets are available for half price on black Friday and buying tickets online gives people a \$6 discount. Also, kids 12 and under are free on Thursday and kids under 5 are free everyday.

Fall blessings to all,

-Peggy Richard

San Geronio
Mineral & Gem
Society

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Our Mission Statement

The San Geronio 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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October 1, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

Call to order - 7pm

Flag Salute

Sunshine Report and correspondence -

Bob Zola had appointments he needed to attend and would not make the meeting.

Would like to thank Lou and Pedro for their help with weed clean up and critter party last shop day.

October 12 - 13th, is the Long Beach Rock club's rock sale.

October 12th and 26th are our shop days. Shop opens at 8am until 12 noon.

Critter making shop day will be on the 26th, come and enjoy making critters and painting rocks.

October 15th will be our next board meeting starting at 6pm.

Reminder about the Joshua Tee Gem and Mineral show on October 2nd - 6th from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday 9am to 4pm.

Dr. Stephanie shared with us that there is the Hi-Desert Museum in Yucca Valley open on Wednesday - Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

Located at 57090 - 29 Palms Highway and admission is free. Maybe both activities can be enjoyed on the same day.



October 18th - 20th there is another Gem and Mineral show at the Outpost in Pear Blossom from 9 - 5pm. Some of our club members will be venders at the show.

Sign up sheet is available, contact Fred for directions.

Fred gave an update on new shop equipment - a rotating show case.

December 3rd, at 6pm is our Christmas Party at the Beaumont First Assembly of God church. We will have a potluck dinner with entertainment by Eric Mandeson and gift exchange of \$20 value for male or female. Sign up sheet available for who is attending and food item you'll be bringing.

Plan ahead to be involved with us at the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival, more information coming soon.

Tonight's presentation with Dr. Stephanie is on the Grand Canyon Geology.

Raffle winner tonight was Patricia Neval.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Misuraca, Secretary

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

November

Alexa Velazquez on the 1st.

Tammy Cardona on the 8th.

Sonia Zola on the 15th.

Eric Mandeson on the 15th.

Bob Zola on the 15th.

Anjanette Lomas on the 22th.

Adriana Hamack on the 22th.



December

Roz Rizzo on the 13th.

Harlan Hancock on the 13th..

Sonia Zola on the 15th.

Elezabeth Landry on the 17th.

Peggy Richard on the 21st.

Fred Richard on the 23rd.

October 15, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order - 6:03pm

Sunshine Report/Correspondence

- Mike and Debby Brauer were unable to attend club meetings. Mike is scheduled for hip surgery but is still suffering from Covid. We wish him well. Debby Brauer is taking care of her elderly parents.

Bob Zola was able to attend the board meeting and is doing well.

Treasurer's Report - yearly property/equipment insurance for the club and Indio were paid along with Board insurance. Peggy and Lee will meet with the clubs bank and go over the cd the club has. Club finances are in good standing.

New and Old Business - The Board is reaching out to other clubs to help fill the cases in the Gem and Mineral building at the Indio Date Fair.

Next Shop Days are October 26th and November 9th, hours are 8am to 12pm. Peggy gave an update on the critters made so far is 570 critters.

The November 23rd shop day is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Fred and Lou checked out the equipment that was donated to the club and Fred and Peggy purchased the disk for the equipment.

The Christmas party on December 3rd at 6:00pm at the Beaumont First Assembly of God church on Beaumont Avenue. Doors will be open at 2pm to set up decorations.

The event starts with a potluck meal and entertainment by Eric Mandeson. Sign-up for food are going will and please call Peggy with the item you are bringing if you haven't already done. The turkey and ham are taking care of as well as several side dishes and desserts so far. There is and optional \$20 value gift exchange with men bringing for men and women bringing for women. We will take time to acknowledge our 2024 board members and introduce the 2025 Board of Directors. So far we have 20 people signed up to attend the Christmas party, we would like more to attend.

Plan ahead to be involved with us again at the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival.

Dates for the Fair are Thursday February 13th - Sunday March 2nd, 2025.

The Fair will be open on Thursday - Sunday and President's day Fred or Peggy know if you plan on staying in the RV lot for the duration of the Fair or how you would like to help.

The work sign up sheet will be available in January

Next months general meeting program will be putting in Competitive Case and the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival.

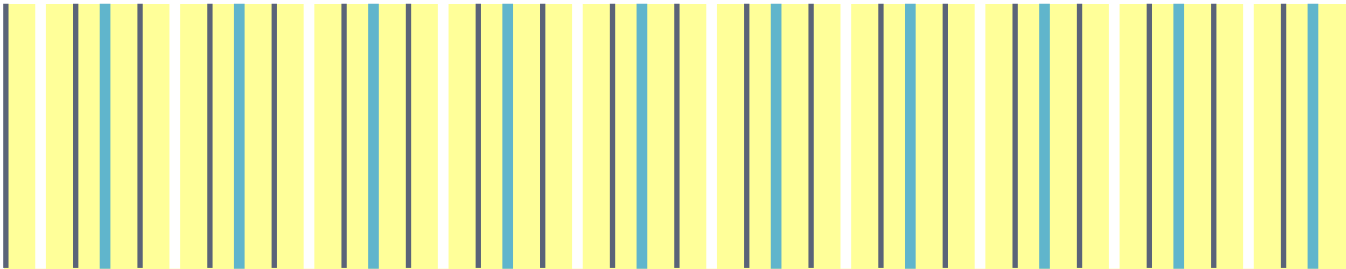
Officer ballots were counted.

Next General Meeting will be on November 5th.

Next Board meeting will be on November 19th.

Adjourn - 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by
Jackie Misuraca,
Secretary



▶ November 2024

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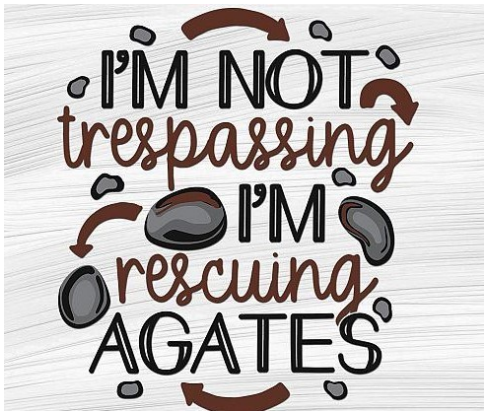
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24	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29	30

▶ December 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 Christmas Party 6-8pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Shop Day 8am-12pm
15	16	17 Board Meeting 6pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Rockhound Humor!



Board of Directors - 2024

President	Peggy Richard	C (951) 963-6751
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See us on the
Web! At
SGMGS.org

Upcoming Shows and Events

High Desert Nature Museum

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

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

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society Annual Christmas Party!

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our annual Christmas Party at
the Beaumont First Assembly of
God church. There will be a
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Club Shop Days!

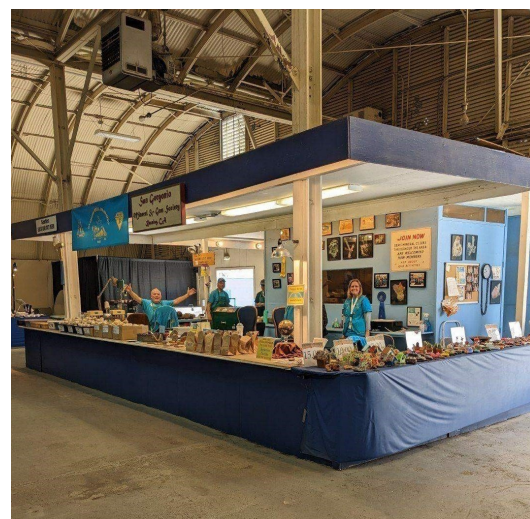
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General Meeting

November 5th
6pm - 8pm

Board Meeting

November 19th
6pm - 7pm



*Get Ready for the Big Show!
February 13 - March 2 2024*