

# Pick & Shovel

## Member Interview: Susy Velazquez

*How did you initially hear about the club and approximately how many years have you been a member?*

I heard about the club, because we went to a rock sale and we met really nice people from the club. We got the form and the next thing you know we were in the club. I have been in the club for about two years.

*How do you think your previous job(s) or current position gave you a unique understanding of or creativity involving rocks and minerals? What is your current job?*

I am an elementary school student. It helps me tie in what I am learning at school with what we learn at rocks. I am in third grade.

*What was your favorite rock related topic in the place that you grew up in?*

My favorite thing related to rocks unique to California involves mountains and how different particles trap different rocks.

*What has been your favorite part of being a member?*

My favorite thing is making stuff, like

suncatchers and jewelry. The club allows me to learn more about rocks and that makes life more interesting.

*What is your favorite rock?*

Rose Quartz.

*What hobbies and clubs do you enjoy outside of the club? Are you a part of any other clubs?*

Outside the club, I enjoy dancing. I am part of the student council at school and my job is Spokesperson. I am in charge of letting the other students know what's going on.



*What is a wish you have for the club? What is something that you'd like to learn more about, in regards to rocks and minerals? What is a place you think that the club would like to go to as part of a field trip?*

A wish I have for the club is that we get a gumball machine to put rocks in for raffles. You spin the machine and get a rock. I would like to learn more about rocks in space, like meteorites. I think we should go to the Grand Canyon, but be careful not to fall. I can't pull people out of craters.

*What has been your favorite part of the fair? Do you have a favorite case? What is your favorite activity at the fair?*

My favorite part of the

fair as a volunteer is getting to meet different people. I have not participated in competitions but I help my sister to take her stuff for her cases. My favorite is selling critters. It's really fun.

**San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society**

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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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## April 1, 2025 - General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:12 pm

Flag Salute: Lead by Robbie

Guests:

Carol Ellis

Chrissy Jackson

Bob Rochel

Sunshine Report: Bob Zola is ill with COVID. Harlan Hancock is also ill. Prayers and well wishes to both members

Treasurer Report: Peggy reported that the board voted to extend this year's charitable donation to St. Jude Hospital.

Shop Report - upcoming shop days- 4/12/25 & 4/26/25. 4/26/25 will be a club cleanup day. May shop days are 5/10/25 & 5/24/25.

A very special thanks to:

Tom and Fred for rebuilding the ramp from the clubhouse to the back lot.

Helen and Peggy for cleaning and organizing the paint supplies

Lou and Tom for cleaning up the landscaping in front of our clubhouse.

Tom, Fred and mostly Lou cleaned all the oil and sludge out of all three rock saws, inspected them for any mechanical issues and refilled them so they are now ready for member use.

### President's Report

The board revisited the topic of pets at the club and events. After discussion it was voted to not have pets other than certified service animals.

Discussion of shop fees vs equipment fees vs class fees was shared with the membership. There is a standard "shop fee" for anyone taking advantage of the shop day. There is an additional fee for use of equipment. These fees are posted in various places in the clubhouse and the shop. People taking classes will pay the predetermined "class/material" fee only. But if they decide to use the shop after the class it is an additional fee. Shop and classes are separate activities and are paid separately.

Next general meeting is on May 6th.

Next board meeting is May 20th.

Board is requesting any suggestions for next years fair. Also pictures and articles for the newsletter.

Yucaipa Street show is May 2nd and 3rd.

Program: Dr Stephanie gave a fun, interesting talk about the history of Area 51 in Nevada.

Meeting adjourned

Additional Information: YVGMS and OBMS clubs have invited our club and anyone else that is interested to go with them May 24th on a field trip to the Kokoweef Mine on BLM land in the Mojave Desert. More information will be made available.

The legend of Kokoweef Mine says that, in the 1920's, miner E.P. Dorr alleges he found a vast cavern with a subterranean river whose sand banks are rich in gold. The river has never been found and continues to be a mystery.

Respectfully submitted by  
Judy Mifflin

## Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

### June

Chuck Cully on the 10th.

David Good on the 19th.

Ann Davila on the 24th.

### July

Robert Rinaldi on the 3rd.

Robert Fox on the 7th.

Lee Grisham on the 8th.



Angel Gould on the 9th.

Keith Bagnell on the 11th.

Helen Sapienzae on the 11th.

Loretta Rinaldi on the 17th.

Dr. Stephenie Slahor on the 18th.

Susana Valazquez on the 27th.

Todd Zola on the 29th.

# March 18, 2025 - Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Alexa Velazquez President

Board members in attendance: Alexa Velazquez, Peggy Richard, Helen Sapientzae, Bob Zola and Tammy Cardona. Also present was Fred Richard and Pedro Velazquez.

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers: Debbie Kehret , who is recovering from surgery; Judy Millfin, who will be going for surgery on the 17th; and Bob Zola, going in for surgery on May 6th.

A new member request was submitted to the board, which voted on and accepted the request. Welcome Rhonda Smoot. We look forward to having you become an active member and asset to our club!

A request was submitted to the board, voted on and accepted the request, making Lee Grisham, an "Honorary Member". Lee has been such an important member of our club for many years.

Treasurers report given by Peggy Richard, was accepted and approved by the board.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The board has finalized the ongoing discussion regarding shop/class fees. Our shop/class fee will be \$7 . Some of the classes may also include a small fee, for the cost of materials.

It has been confirmed that we will not be having this year's picnic, due to many of our members being out of the area in the summer. We may have a



"welcome back party" in place of the picnic, possibly in September. More details will be following.

We have set a tentative date for the next "Rock Sale", November 15th. More details will be coming

from the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The AFMS suggests developing a traveling display, which Alexa has volunteered to create, with help from Helen. These displays will be placed at different locations in the area, such as libraries, museums, and elsewhere.

The club and its members have been invited to a special event, an Estate sale featuring lots of rough material and Lapidary equipment. May 10th. Info on our Facebook page and in the bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at-7:10 p.m.

Next shop days: Saturday April 26th. 8 - noon and

Saturday May 10th. 8 - noon.

Next General meeting is May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting is May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Judy Mifflin,  
SGMGS Secretary

## Interview (Continued)

*If you participate in shop days or critter parties what has been your favorite creation?*

My favorite creation was my painted critter. A frog, and I Named him Frederick a really good name for a frog since both start with the letters "fr"

*For the years you have been in the club, have you gone to the Christmas party? What has been the best thing about the party? What has been your favorite thing you have won in the silent auction? What has been your favorite song that has been sung?*

Yes, I have gone to the Christmas party. My favorite part of the party is that we get to taste everyone's Christmas cooking. I haven't gotten anything from the bidding. My favorite song has been Silent Night.



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Yucaipa Valley Gem & Jewelry	3 Yucaipa Valley Gem & Jewelry
4	5	6 General Meeting 6pm, potluck 7pm	7	8	9	10 Shop Day 8am -12pm Antelope Valley Gem Show
11 Antelope Valley Gem Show	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Board Meeting 6pm	21	22	23	24 Shop Day Field trip to the Kokoweef Mine.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# June 2025

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
15	16	17 Board Meeting 6pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## Rockhound Humor!

### Rock Puns You Won't Take for Granite...

Geologists love music, but their playlists get boring—they're only rock and roll.

There's no halfway with a geologist—it's all ore nothing.

This book about rocks is a fascinating pebble-cation.

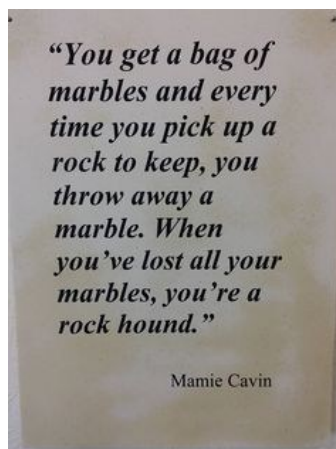
The new geology teacher hasn't had it easy—he got off to a rocky start.

A geologist's favorite movie is Pyrites of the Caribbean.

Oh, you were looking for rock jokes? Let's see what we can dig up.

Did you see the geologist towing a crate of rocks behind his car? He had a wide lode sign.

Rock climbers do hard work. Don't they Everest?



Q: What do you call a can of soft drink found in a conglomerate?

A: *Coca-Cola Clastic.*

Q: Why did the prospector throw his ore samples away?

A: *He took them for granite.*

Q: How do geologists like to relax?

A: *In rocking chairs, of course.*

Q: Why was the geologist puzzled at the comedy show?

A: *Because some of the jokes fluorite over his head.*

Q: What do you call a rock that complains?

A: *A whin-estone.*

Q: Why was the rock not quick to jump to a conclusion?

A: *Because it was a bit pegmatite.*

Q: What happens when you keep reading geology jokes in your free time?

A: *You know that you have really hit rock bottom*

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## Upcoming Shows and Events May/June 2025

GEM SHOW SCHEDULE		APRIL- AUGUST 2025	
<b>26-27</b> APRIL 2025	<b>SEARCHERS GEM &amp; JEWELRY SHOW</b> <b>SPC. P9</b> 10AM-5PM 2271 W. CRESCENT AVE. ANAHEIM, CA		
<b>2-3</b> MAY 2025	<b>YUCAIPA VALLEY GEM SHOW</b> <b>SPACE 12</b> 5PM-10PM MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL SAT 12PM-9PM YUCAIPA BLVD. & ADAMS ST.		
<b>10-11</b> MAY 2025	<b>ANTELOPE VALLEY GEM SHOW</b> 10AM-5PM 2251 W AVENUE H. SUN 10AM-4PM LANCASTER, CA. 93536		
<b>24-26</b> MAY 2025	<b>BIG BEAR ART &amp; GEM SHOW</b> 9AM-5PM 385 SUMMIT BLVD. BIG BEAR LAKE, CA. 92315		

CFMS Convention May 10 –11, 2025 Antelope Valley Fair & Events Center