

Pick & Shovel

President's Message

Hello Everyone,
I hope that you have been doing well. I was happy to hear from everyone over the summer about your travels. That being said, I am excited for the fun events we have planned for the rest of the year.

It did bring me a great deal of happiness to see the Club Welcome Back

Picnic be a fun time for members to interact with each other. I enjoyed it myself, and was delighted to see the art entered for the Rock Art Competition. Congratulations to Rhonda Smoot for having won the competition.

We also had our voting table out at the party. This is a reminder that if you

have not yet voted for the incoming board members as well as Rockhound of the Year Award, please do so. I hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Sincerely,
Alexa Velazquez

**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.

Tips When Working with Gems

-When mounting a cab and you're not sure of the size, take the mounting, press the bezel on a stamp pad and then transfer to a card. Now you have the outline of the opening. Cut out and use the opening as you would a template.



-Remember do not put water filled stones, such as opals in the freezer to remove the cab from the dipstick. The water will freeze and crack the stone.

-To keep opals, put a few drops of rubbing alcohol in the bottles of water in which they

are kept. It will keep them from turning black and the water from getting stagnant.



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September 2, 2025 - General Meeting Minutes

The September 2nd General Meeting was canceled,



FREE EVENT

Rock Sale!



Saturday
Nov 15
2025
9 am - 3 pm



Raw and polished rocks and gems, fossils, craft supplies, unique jewelry. Grab bags, rock critters and a spinning wheel for kids!

Buy a geode and get it cut!



GREAT BARGAINS!



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Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

October

Donna Taber on the 15th.

Patricia Neville on the 28th.



November

Victoria Melton on the 4th.

Mike Brauer on the 5th.

Mark Beck on the 5th.

Hoss Brown on the 27th.

Robert Rochelle on the 30th.

September 16, 2025 - Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:00 pm Sunshine Report: Nothing to report Correspondence Report: Received information on the Long Beach Rock & Gem Show 10/11 & 10/12. Fliers available with location information. We received several correspondences requesting charitable contributions. It was voted to make a 2nd \$150 contribution to St. Jude. Treasurer Report – Peggy Richards, Treasurer gave current report. Shop Report - upcoming shop days- 10/11/25 and 10/25/25. Field Trips and club events 9/20/25 is the club Welcome Back Picnic at the Club House. Our Club is providing Chicken and members will provide side dishes. The picnic is from 11am-3pm. It is scheduled to have a silent auction and a “Best Rock Craft 2025” competition. This is an anonymous contest with members voting on their favorite submission. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate and two free shop days!	New and Old Business The club has a 10 minute segment in the General Meeting format for “Show and Tell” about their rock collection, projects or adventures. There will be a sign up sheet. Rhonda has volunteered to get the first meeting after summer break to help kick us off. President’s Report There will be a Holiday Theme Critter Party on 10/11/25. It is time to vote for Board Members. There are three volunteers to join the Board. Ballots are available at the club house and at the picnic on 10/20. The votes will be counted at the next Board Meeting. The club will have its annual rock sale on 11/18/25 from 9:00-3:00. Tracy created a flier for the event, which the board voted to approve. It was discussed how to best to advertise the event. The Christmas Party is being planned. We have a new venue which is the Lutheran Church in Banning . The date is 12/2/25. More information will be available soon.	The club is still working on the Junior Rock Hound program through CFMS. Discussion on how to track qualifying activities. Volunteer time cards have been printed. The 2026 fair dates are February 12th – March 1st. We began the discussion on how we can improve at our booth. Suggested a restaurant list for members not familiar with Indio. Tom and Lisa Spencer brought information about the Banning Art Gallery. Hours are 11am to 3pm Friday and Saturday. It is located at 42 W. Ramsey St Ste C, Banning, Ca 92220 A big thank you to Karen Fitzpatrick who donated bird houses and stickers we can paint and decorate at Critter Parties. Next General Meeting 10/7/25. Next Board Meeting 10/21/25 Meeting Adjourned Respectfully submitted by Judy Mifflin, Secretary
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September 2025

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

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 General Meeting 7pm, potluck 6pm	8	9	10	11 Shop Day Holiday Critters 8am -12pm Signal Hill Library Gem Show
12 Signal Hill Library Gem Show	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting 6pm	22	23	24	25 Shop Day 8am -12pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Rockhound Humor!

Why did the ghost go to the club?

For the boos!

What do you call a bear that is a member of a club?

A bare club member!

Why did the club hire a DJ who only played nursery rhymes?

Because he knew how to get the party jumping!

Why did the tree never get into the club?

Because it couldn't "leaf" its friends behind!

Why did the clock join the club?

It wanted to "hand" out with like-minded individuals!

Why did the pencil go to the club?

To get the "lead" out and have some fun!

It takes a boulder person to read through this list of puns.



Why was music coming from the printer?
The paper was jamming.



The geologist quit his job to become a musician.

He was tired of all the pressure!

A rock walked into a bar. The bartender said,

"Sorry, we don't serve minerals here."

Why did the rock start a podcast?

It wanted to share its ground-breaking stories.

When rocks play poker, they never bluff.

They always have a solid hand.

Rocks don't party often, but when they do,

"it's a total boulder dash."

A rock applied for a job but got rejected.

It lacked the qualifications—they needed someone more polished.

Board of Directors - 2025

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Children's activities
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Beads
Rocks
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Jewelry
Fossils
Books
Meteorites
Tools
Lapidary



Chrysanthemum stone

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Saturday October 11th 10am - 5pm
Sunday October 12th 10am - 4pm

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GEM DIEGO SHOW

November 1-2, 2025
Sat 10am - 6pm | Sun 10am - 4pm

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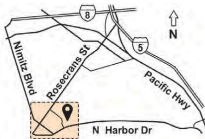
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