



Pick & Shovel

**San Gorgonio
Mineral & Gem
Society**

President's Message

Our Rock Sale in April was a tremendous success and lots of fun for those who came out to participate with us. Everything looked great as our rock piles had been organized, the weeds cleared away, and signs put out to educate those in attendance of some of the types of rocks we had available. I was so proud of our club for what we had accomplished as many came to visit our club property for the first time. Keep up the good work of spreading the word

and helping with this important effort at least annually to promote the club and its mission in the community and beyond.

Hope we see many of you at our jewelry class this month, in the shop, at our upcoming meeting, and at our July picnic. We are always looking for volunteers to speak at meetings, take on leadership positions, or give classes. Helping others learn and grow in the study of gems and

minerals, lapidary arts and meeting the goals of our mission statement.

Thank you all for being so special and making this a great club to be a part of.

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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Pearl is the Birthstone for June

Pearls are the only gem found within living creatures, both salt and freshwater mollusks. However, most pearls on the market today are cultivated, since they

now occur rarely in nature. While they require special care, pearls have an enduring appeal for jewelry, particularly as the traditional June birthstone.



SGMGS — May 2, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 6 p.m., by President, Peggy Richard.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, we welcomed our guests: Pedro and Susana Velazquez and their daughters Susana and Alexa, and James Dotson.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last General Meeting was given and accepted.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Our thoughts and prayers for Sonia Zola, who was in a major auto accident. She came through surgery okay and was hoping to be released soon.

One of our favorite members recently celebrated her 102nd Birthday. Happy belated Birthday to Dorothy Worthington! We love and miss you!

FIELD TRIPS:

If you are interested in joining OBMS for a field trip to gather Kokoweef onyx, also known as cave onyx, be sure to go to the OBMS Facebook page for the information. The trip is

planned for Saturday, May 20th.



OLD BUSINESS:

Thank you to all the members that came out to help with the "Rock Sale". It was a great success. The best sale we have had so far.

The Club has a nice selection of books on rockhounding and collecting, gems and minerals, and lapidary that members can check out.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Club picnic is coming up, so be sure to sign up. This year will be "potluck" as done before Covid. The

Club will provide the chicken, and everyone will bring a side dish or dessert. We need to know how many people will be coming and what you will be bringing. The date is **Saturday, July 8th, at Wildwood Park.**

Sign ups for the jewelry class on Saturday, May 27th.

This month's "Shop Days" are Tuesday May 2nd 1 - 5 p.m., Saturday May 13th 8 - noon, Tuesday May 16th 1 - 5 p.m., Saturday May 27th 8 - noon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

This month's program was an interesting video on opal cutting.

Congratulations to Tammy Cardona for winning this month's raffle prize.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 16th at 6 p.m.

Next General meeting is Tuesday, June 6th at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Cardona, Secretary.

Birthday Wishes to These Club Members!

May

Samuel Sapienzae on the 1st.

Sylvia Mower on the 1st.

Emma Couveau on the 2nd.

Sabrina Miller on the 4th.

Pete Gould on the 17th.

Bert Grisham on the 23rd.

Debra Brauer on the 25th.

Karen Fitzpatrick on the 28th.

Sheryn Beck on the 30th.

Delvin Harbor on the 30th.

June

Lupe Barron on the 2nd.

David Good on the 19th.

Ann Davila on the 24th.

"Cheers to all for another trip around the sun!"



SGMGS — May 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President, Peggy Richard

Board members in attendance: Lee Grisham, Fred & Peggy Richard, Bob Fitzpatrick, Robert Rinaldi, and Tammy Cardona. Also present was Bert Grisham.

The minutes from last months board meeting was accepted and approved by the Board.

Treasurers report given by Lee Grisham, was accepted and approved by the board.

The Board accepted and approved the membership application for James Dotson. Welcome to our club James!

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Love and prayers for Sonia Zola, she is now in a rehab facility but hoping to be home very soon.

Love and prayers for Emma Couveau, she was back in the

hospital for a few days, and is back home now and feeling better.

FIELD TRIP:

This months field trip is with the OBMS club to collect Kokoweef onyx, Saturday, May 20th. If you are interested register with the OBMS on their Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual picnic is coming up on Saturday, July 8th. Please sign up so we can know how much chicken we need. It will be at Wildwood Park in Yuciapa. It will be a "Potluck" with the club providing the chicken and club members bringing side dishes or dessert. Be sure to sign up at the June general meeting or contact Fred Richard for more info.

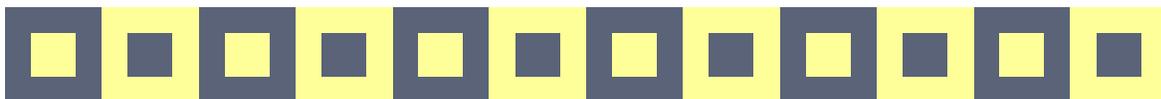
A jewelry class will be on Saturday, May 27th. 9-noon. \$5 cost with a small fee for supplies. Peggy will teach how to make a "suncatcher" or a bracelet and matching earrings.

NEW BUSINESS:

We need "Critters" for the next Indio fair so everyone needs to start painting! We have 4 shop days each month. Bring a friend or 5 to help if you would like. Anyone is welcome to paint critters.

We invite every Club member to sit in on our board meetings, you are always welcome to attend.

Once again, in the near future, ballots will be sent out to vote for new Board members. Please think about becoming a board member. Members are encouraged to step up and volunteer. Think about how much you will be helping the Club by just spending only 2 hours extra a month attending the Board meetings.



Dorothy Worthington, April 1921—May 2, 2023



Dorothy was a loyal Club member for decades. Her love of rocks was shared on collecting trips where she collected for her colorful assemblages. Her friends



and family have more than one of her framed images made of small stones. When one looks around the Clubhouse, seeing a work Dorothy created is guaranteed.



She is remembered in many ways, including the Club cactus garden, her talent for seeing potential in ordinary rocks, and creating picturesque heirlooms.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Shop Day 1-5pm Club Meeting 6pm, Clubhouse	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Shop Day 8am-12pm
14	15	16 Shop Day 1-5pm Board Meeting 6pm, Clubhouse	17	18	19	20 OBMS Field Trip to Kokoweef
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Shop Day & Jewel- ry class 8-12pm
28	29	30	31			

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Shop Day 1-5pm Club Meeting 6pm Clubhouse	7	8	9	10 Shop Day 8am-12pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Shop Day 1-5pm Board Meeting 6pm, Clubhouse	21	22	23	24 Shop Day 8am-12pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	Save the Date! Annual Club Picnic Sat— July 8th!

Rockhound Humor

What do you call it when two carbons are in a relationship?

Carbon dating.

Why was the meteor shower that wiped out the dinosaurs necessary for Earth?

Because it was for the crater good.

Why are miners carefree?

Because they mine their own business!

You might be a rockhound if:

-A truck throws a rock into your windshield and you examine the rock first.

-The rockpile in your garage is taller than you are.

-Your children are named Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.

Finally, you might be a rockhound if:

-The local university's geology department requests permission to hold field trips in your backyard.



Unscramble These Words from the Newsletter!

(answers at the June meeting)

lrmnaei _____

rndsiousa _____

rlywjee _____

lrpae _____

ccnpii _____

ssnrcxouei _____

tmngea _____

ttrrcsie _____

lovesh _____

Board of Directors—2023

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Tools for Determining Collectible Specimens

It's easier to identify rocks and minerals that are worth collecting when you have these tools in your rockhounding gear:

Magnifying glass - This tool helps you examine the qualities of the specimen you're holding. You can also use a loupe for this purpose.



Local field guide - Consider this as your map which provides you specific information on where to go and what specimens to look for when in the location.

Magnet - Any kind of magnet is a perfect tool for determining

rocks that contain iron such as magnetite and hematite.

Spray bottle filled with water - It's hard to examine a rock sample when it's covered in dust. Clean it up by spraying water on it and wiping off the dirt with a rag.

