



Pick & Shovel

San Geronio
Mineral & Gem
Society

President's Message

Hello!

This has been a great month at the clubhouse with lots of activity with painting rocks and making critters. Thank you all and it's been fun working together and seeing all the talent we have in the club. We will have 2 more shop days in November to keep making critters in preparation for our time at the Indio Fair & Date Festival in February. Also, a big thank you for all who have helped Fred

with weed removal on the clubhouse property. The "backyard" looks so good now!

Keep in mind we have 108 competitive cases to fill at the Fair. There will be an opportunity to go online on the Fair website and put in entries hopefully in the next couple of months. When they have the site open, we will be letting you all know. It gives you an opportunity to showcase your work and collections and

hopefully win some rewards for them.

Wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving and looking forward to a special time at our Dec. 5th Christmas party.

Peggy Richard



The Purpose Richard Braun, 1st Place AFMS Poetry 2023

A shattered stone lay on the ground

In hopes one day it would be found.

The life it led was sure and good

Its many uses were understood.

Tumbled in sand by the river's bed

A thing of beauty it was said.

Tapped and knapped to a razor's edge,

To serve you well was its humble pledge.

An ax or knife for a hunter's attire.

Struck against steel

for warmth from fire.

Truly a stone from heaven sent

This stone, this stone, the mighty Flint.



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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 3, 2023 - General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 7 p.m., by President, Peggy Richard.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, we welcomed our guests: Victoria Melton, Debbie Kehret, Sarena Nelson and Angela Janus.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Karen Fitzpatrick is having shoulder surgery this month so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

FIELD TRIPS:

October 21st. a trip down to the Oceanview mine located near Pala. Price is \$75 per person. This area is known for many different crystals especially Tourmaline. If you are interested contact Fred or Peggy.

Tour of the Seven Oaks Dam, in Mentone. Thursday, October 26th, if interested contact Peggy or Fred.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ballots for new board members must be turned in prior to the board meeting on October 17th. 6 p.m. Votes will be counted at this meeting. We have 5 open positions on the board.

We still need lots of critters! We are running out of time so we need your help. If you can't make it to a shop day to paint, think about painting some at home. If you have questions or need some ideas contact Peggy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Each member at the general meeting voted on, and approved the amendment to our by-laws regarding the length of the board members term.

Our Christmas potluck/party will be on Tuesday, December 5th. Doors open at 5 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. We will have the sign-up sheet at the club house from now until then. If you can't sign the sheet then be sure to call Pete or

Angel with how many guests you have and what you plan to bring for the side dish, or if you have questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

This months program was put on by Peggy Richard. She spoke about her 2 weeks up at Camp Paradise and showing all of her beautiful pieces she made there.

Congratulations to Bert Grisham this months raffle prize winner.

This months "Shop Days" are:
Tuesday Oct. 3rd 1 - 5 p.m.,
Saturday Oct. 14th 8 - noon,
Tuesday Oct. 17th 1 - 5 p.m.,
Saturday Oct. 28th 8 - noon.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, October 17th at 6 p.m.

Next General meeting is Tuesday, November 5th. Potluck starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Cardona, Secretary.

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

October

Joyce Sessions on the 4th.
Mike Brauer on the 5th.
Judy Thompson on the 9th.
Mary Beck on the 15th.
Robert Rochelle on the 30th.



November

Alexa Velazquez on the 1st.
Tammy Cardona on the 6th.
Pedro Velazquez on the 15th.
Bob Zola on the 15th.
Eric Mandeson on the 15th.
Anjanette Lomas on the 22nd.
Adriana Hammack on the 22nd.

October 17, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m., by President, Peggy Richard

Board members in attendance: Lee Grisham, Fred & Peggy Richard, Angel & Pete Gould (via cell phone), Bob Fitzpatrick, Robby Rinaldi, and Tammy Cardona (via cell phone). Also present was Bert Grisham & Bob Zola.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Happy to inform everyone that Sam Sapienzae is doing well. He was not feeling well and had to leave early from our general meeting. Also, Karen Fitzpatrick had a procedure done and is doing fine.

FIELD TRIP:

October 26th is the tour of the Seven Oaks Dam. Contact Peggy or Fred if you are interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

The newly amended By-laws for the club was approved by the board. Copies will be available at the club house.

For our next general meeting, on Nov. 7th, we still have desserts from the last potluck so we would appreciate maybe a side dish or main dish instead of dessert.

The Zoom meeting, with the people in charge of the fair, was considered a positive beginning for the many issues from last year.

We still need lots of critters.

Be sure to sign up for the Dec. 5th, Christmas party, or you can give Pete & Angel a call, (909) 800-7155, to let them know how many people will be with you and what dish you will be bringing.

such a great club member!

The guest speaker for our general meeting program next month's Dr. Stephenie Slahor, discussing Turquoise.

The ballots are counted and the new board members have been elected! Congratulations to Bob Zola, Bert Grisham, John Scofield, Jackie Misuraca, and for returning member Robert Rinaldi.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

2023 shop days:

Oct, 28t 8 to noon
 Tuesday. Nov, 7,
 1 - 5 p.m.
 Saturday Nov, 11,
 8am - noon.

Next General meeting is Tuesday, November 7th. Potluck starts at 6 p.m. the meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Next Board meeting is November 14, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Cardona,



NEW BUSINESS:

The board made a motion and approved a special show of appreciation to Fred Richard for all of his hard work and dedication for this club, his choice of rock from the back lot and a monetary gift of \$100 to cover some of his gas expenses.

Thank you Fred for being



▶ October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Joshua Tree show	2	3 Shop Day 1-5pm Club Meeting 6pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Shop Day 8am-12pm
15	16	17 Board meeting 6pm Clubhouse	18	19	20	21 Field Trip: Oceanview Gem Mine. 9am -3pm
22	23	24	25	26 Field Trip: Seven Oaks Dam 9:30am -12pm	27	28 Shop Day 8am-12pm
29	30	31				

▶ November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Shop Day 1-5pm	8	9	10	11 Shop Day
12	13	14 Board meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25 Windy Point Dunes 9am-12pm
26	27	28	29	30	Reminder! Dec. 5th Christmas Party, Doors open at 5 Dinner at 6	

Rockhound Humor! No One Is Too Old To Laugh At!

1. Oh, you can't stand rock jokes?
I share that sediment with you!

2. What do you call the periodic table if 'gold' is missing?
Au revoir!

3. How do you get a baby astronaut to sleep?
You rock-it!

4. What do geologists say when they're getting ready for commitment?
It's all ore nothing!



5. Rock puns have always been funny.

They reached their height of popularity during the stone age!

6. What did the hipster rock say?

I liked carbon before it was coal!

7. I met this new rock the other day.
He was a gneiss guy!

8. What did the geologist's wife say when he didn't come home?

Where were you? I was quarried sick!



Board of Directors - 2023

President	Peggy Richard	C (951) 963-6751
First Vice-President	Bob Fitzpatrick	H (951) 845-3051 (In charge of programs)
Assistant to First Vice-President	Robert Rinaldi	C (951) 306-7104
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Assistant to Second Vice-President	TBD	
Secretary/Alternate	Tammy Cardona	C (951) 320-4966
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Field Trip....Oceanview Mine

Located near Pala, the Oceanview Mine area is known for many different crystals; Tourmalines, Kunzites, Morganites and more. Several club members enjoyed a club field trip on Saturday, October. 21st.



*Find Peggy and Fred looking
for Tourmaline.*

Explore Windy Point Dunes
Nov, 25th Meet 9am at
Whitewater, Rd, near RR
tracks, just N. of Highway 111
Call Tracy with questions and
to RSVP 760-641-8832.

Meet Up with other Clubs!

Rowley Mine Nov 11
Prism Mine Nov 12
Searchers Club
Contact Caleb Guyer
caleb.guyer@gmail.com



S. Cady Mtns. Nov 18
Orange Belt Mineral
Society
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