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San Gorgonio
Mineral & Gem
Society

President's Message

Happy Easter and spring to everyone. A big thank you to all who helped with the recent rock sale. We had a nice turnout and met more in the community and shared what we do. It was great to see the kids who heard about it from the outreach classes.

Tracy did a great job teaching local kids how to start a rock collection and things to know when searching for rocks.

It was fun to be a part of it and observe their interest in rocks.

Let us know if there's something you can teach that's rock related or if there's something you'd like to learn.

Looking forward to our April meeting with Dr. Stephanie sharing with us about geodes.

Until then,
Peggy Richard



Ann Davila showed useful books at the March 5th meeting

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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.

In Memoriam

It is with a saddened heart to share that Pete Gould passed away on March 4. Members got to know Pete in the six years since he and his wife Angel joined the Club. In that time Pete made a positive difference serving on the Board, organizing the Christmas party, taking lapidary and jewelry classes, helped organize rock piles in the Club yard and with weed removal. He and Angel shared a great attitude on field trips and donated specimens for kids classes. Pete will be greatly missed.



Angel and Pete in 2022 at the Club Christmas party

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March 5, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

Call to order - Welcome everyone

Flag Salute

Introduction of guests - Welcome to Jeanine Wilson and Robert Fox

Sunshine Report - A condolence card was sent around for members to sign for Angel Gould whose husband recently passed.

Treasurer's Report - tabled

New Business:

Big thank you to everyone for all your help in making our big annual fund raiser in Indio at the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival such a great success! It took many people to help us get ready and be there on schedule to run the booth. We beat our record in critter and geode sales. On behalf of the Board, your time and effort is appreciated.

Shop Day is this Saturday, March 9th from 9am -12pm. A time to get some things done and ready for the upcoming rock sale. Make poster boards and signs that can be hung up in the community for

the Rock Sale, gather up items needed such as jewelry making items, critters, helping Tracy get items together for her booth, etc. Also, Fred will be around helping people make items at the cab machine or using the saw.



A Club outreach program, "Making Friends with Rocks", will be at the Cabazon Library on March 12th and an after-school program with the Cabazon Boys and Girls Club. Signup sheet for volunteers needed.

Camp Paradise information and handout to be sent around.

Applications to be turned in by March 15th for summer class.

March 23rd, is our Rock Sale from 9 - 3pm. There is a sign-up sheet to help set up and tear down. Gates open at 7am to begin set up.

April 6th and 7th field trip to Ludlow led by Fred Richard. If interested there is a sign-up sheet. We will be looking for agates and jasper materials.

April 13th, Gem Tree making class from 9am -12pm. Sign-up sheet if interested.

The night's program was led by Fred Richard, John Scofield, and Ann Davila. Members bought in their rocks to be identified. Ann stressed the importance of researching the type of rocks you'll be looking for on the field trip, and that the club has many books you can check out.

Raffle and adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Misuraca, Secretary

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

April

Bonnie Lynk on the 14th.

Robert Norberg on the 16th.

Tanya Sauer on the 19th.

Becky Dugan on the 22th.

Sandra Hernandez on the 27th.



May

Samuel Sapienzae on the 1st.

Sylvia Mower on the 1st.

Sabrina Miller on the 4th.

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.

March 19, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 6:11pm

Sunshine report, club members and friends attended Pete Gould's Celebration of Life last week. It was a very nice celebration, about 20 to 25 friends attended. Mike and Debbie Brauer came down with Covid again but are getting better. Bob Rochelle is recovering well from his auto accident. Bob Norborg is having hip replacement surgery on March 25th, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Treasure's report, the club did a fantastic job at the Indio Fair, much better than last year. Love them critters!

New Business:

Riverside County Fair and Date Festival review and suggestions for improvements and plans for 2025. Decision on having equal hours between shifts and better advertisement with directions to the Gem and Mineral building when entering the fairgrounds. As it was, fairgoers passed the building as they were leaving, losing potential customers because they were tired and spent their money. This will be discussed at the next meeting with the fair ground management.

Club Rock Sale is March 23, from 9 to 3pm. Volunteers to help, gates open at 7am to begin set up. The club purchased a banner in hopes of bringing in more customers to the rock sale.

Robby Rinaldi and Fred Richard are coming out to the club the day before the sale to do clear the weeds and some painting. There was a discussion about allowing more vendors as long as they are not in competition with the club's items, The question, would we have the room and would they have to be members of the club.

Tracy Albrecht's class at the Cabazon Library, "Making Friends with Rocks", on March 5th, had a great turn-out. The first half of the class we had about 10 interested adults, and the second half of the class there were 12 second graders and 3 teachers that attended. Those second graders showed a lot of interest and excitement in learning and playing for prizes after giving a correct answer. Tracy will also be teaching another class on March 20th, at the Cabazon Boys and Girls Club, it's estimated about 75 children attending. Another great and exciting learning experience for children.

Camp Paradise, do we want to help sponsor anyone. The decision was to keep money local if we were to sponsor someone. Suggestions were to help pay for our workshop classes, how to attract new members or attend classes at another Gem and Mineral Club. Also mentioned was to reach out to local Junior collage students in the geology and or arts department to recruit new members.

Field trip to Ludlow on April 6th led by Fred Richard. If you wish to arrive on Friday and camp or if you have questions contact Fred at (316)519-8505, for directions to the camp site. We will meet at the Ludlow Cafe at 9am (Exit 50 off I-40).

How to make a Gem Tree class on April 13th, from 9 -12 noon. A sign-up sheet will be at an upcoming meeting or talk to Peggy. Also, April 13th and April 27th are our shop days for April, for those interested.

Joshua Tree Gem & Mineral Show is April 24-28, The new location is Joshua Tree Lake RV & Campground, 2601 Sunfair Road, Joshua Tree. Wed to Sat hours are 9-5, Sunday 9-4.

Field trip to Kramer Junction will be on May 18th led by John Scofield. There will be a sign-up sheet with more information at the next meeting.

Ventura Gem & Mineral Show on May 24th - 26th.

AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention, more information to come.

Our next general meeting will be on April 2nd. The program will be on geodes, presented by Dr. Stephanie.

Respectfully submitted by
Jackie Misuraca,
Secretary



▶ April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 General Meeting 7pm, Potluck 6pm Program on Geodes	3	4	5	6 Field Trip Hwy 40/Ludlow
7 Field Trip Hwy 40 with Vista Gem Club	8	9	10	11	12	13 Shop Day 8-12 Jewelry Class 9-12
14	15	16 Board Meeting 6pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Joshua Tree Gem Show thru April 28	25	26	27 Shop Day 8-12
28 Joshua Tree Gem Show ends	29	30				

▶ May 2024

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 8-12
12 Happy Mothers Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Field Trip to Kramer Junction
19	20	21 Board Meeting 6pm	22	23	24 Ventura Gem & Mineral Show	25 Shop Day 8-12 Ventura Gem & Mineral Show
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

10 Rock Jokes To Throw To Friends

1. Multi faceted hobby

Pick n choose

2. Good evening, ladies and gems.

3. What do rocks eat?

Pom-a-granites

4. What did the metamorphic rock say during the test?

This is too much pressure

5. What did the diamond say to its friend copper?

Nothing, silly, minerals don't talc

6. What weapon can you make from potassium, nickel and iron?

A KNiFe

7. How did the geology student drown?

His grades were below C level



8. What happened to the rock after continuous hours of interrogation?

It finally cracked



9. What did the miner say when he was asked to take over his friend's shift?

"Don't quarry I've got this!"

10. Why did the two volcanoes face problems in their relationship?

Because they were star crossed lavas

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”Making Friends With Rocks” by Tracy Albrecht

Club members shared their love for rocks in three March outreach programs. Through the Cabazon Library and Boys and Girls Clubs, about 100 youth had a hands-on workshop to learn what rockhounds do and start a collection of their own. These classes serve as a vehicle for both change and preservation. New members will emerge from the community while rockhounding interest and ethics were shared. Thanks to Peggy and Jackie for their involvement and Whitewater Rock & Supply for donating materials.



Megan Grisham, great niece of Bert and Lee is the CEO of Cabazon Boys & Girls Club

