



# Pick & Shovel

San Gorgonio  
Mineral & Gem  
Society

## President's Message

Thank you to everyone putting case entries in for February's Riverside County Fair and Date Festival. It's a challenge each year to get our 108 competitive cases filled, so it's important that all participate. If you did not enter a competition case but are able to put items into a non-competition case, please let me know.

Also, thank you to those who helped with painting rocks and making critters. We have over 900 painted rock items to take to the fair with more coming in. We look forward to getting out there and enjoying our



time working together and interacting with the public and demonstrating some lapidary skills. We hope to make it a fun and productive time for all involved in this very important fund raising and outreach opportunity.

Looking ahead, our Rock Sale is March 23rd.

*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.

## In Memoriam (Continued on back page)

We would like to remember a dear member of our club who touched the lives of so many in the rockhounding community through the years. While battling pneumonia, Emma passed away on January 15 at the age of 87 years.

For many years, Emma was in charge



EMMA ROSE COUVEAU  
May 2, 1937 - January 15, 2024

of the "critter parties" and made so many very cute and creative critters to be sold at

the fair which was so appreciated. She was also a member of other local clubs. A few members would like to remember their friend Emma.

Karen Fitzpatrick appreciated "Emma's unconditional friendship that blessed her life and so many others for many years and was a

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## January 2, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

After a very good potluck dinner, the meeting was called to order at about 6:45 pm by President, Peggy Richard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rob Rinaldi. Guests were welcomed and it was wonderful to see some members who had been away for a while such as Bob Norberg and Anjanette Lomas and her grandson Nolan.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Your thoughts and prayers would be appreciated for the following people: Emma who is in the hospital with heart problems and pneumonia. Also, Pete who is hopefully going to start treatment soon for lung cancer and Tammy who recently lost her mother with funeral services scheduled on January 12th. at 11:00 a.m.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Please sign-up to work at Riverside County Fair and Date Festival while the fair is open February 16-25th. Peggy has the sign-up sheet and the times. We are looking for lots of volunteers.

We also have a work day on Saturday, February 10th starting at 9 am until we finish and we could use help the day after fair closes, February 26th with packing up and putting everything away. The Fair address is 46350 Arabia Street in Indio.

**There will be no February meetings at the clubhouse. Instead, the general and board meetings will be at the fairgrounds, in the Gem and Mineral building on Sunday, February 11th at 10 am. It will be followed by a potluck at about 11:30 am. Those who have display entries can place their items in the cases between 1-5 pm.**

We need to have a count on those who can stay at the fairground in the RV lot to help us with the work to be done at the building. Please let Peggy or Fred know if you are able to be there so we can inform Fair Management.

January dates: Friday, the 12th (5 pm-8 pm) and Saturday, 13th (9 am-12 pm) critter making

parties/shop days with pizza. If you are available for either day, let Peggy know.

January 16th at 6 pm, Will be the first board meeting of the year with the new board. Shop days on January 16 at 1 pm-5 pm and the 27th 9-12 pm.

T-shirt and sweatshirt orders ready for pick tonight.

The Quartzsite PowWow is scheduled from January 17-21 with more information available QIAarizona.org John Scofield shared information about this and that he will be a vendor at this show. Lee shared the opportunity to enjoy the food they prepare as well.

Program for the evening was on putting in Blue Ribbon Showcase entries at the upcoming Riverside County Fair and Date festival by Peggy Richard.

Congratulations to our raffle winner of the evening, Susana Velazquez. The meeting adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Richard, Vice-President

## Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

### January

Susana Velazquez on the 10th.  
John Scofield on the 14th.  
Marty Contreras on the 16th.  
Ed Reich on the 26th.



### February

Debbie Kehret on the 2nd.  
Scott Naples on the 2nd.  
Jean Younger on the 16th.  
Sarah Higgins on the 17th.  
Jackie Misuraca on the 23rd.

## January 16, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President, Peggy Richard. Also present at the meeting was Bert & Lee Grisham, Fred Richard, Rob Rinaldi, Jackie Misuraca, and Bob Zola. Tracy Albrecht was also present for part of the meeting.

The Sunshine Report was given including Jackie recovering well after shoulder surgery and will require surgery on her other shoulder sometime down the line. Also, in addition we were made aware by Emma Couveau's family that she passed away yesterday while in the hospital with pneumonia. She will be missed and we are so grateful for all her hard work making critters for our club.

New member applications were reviewed by the board for Victoria Melton and Debbie Kehret. The board would like to welcome these two women as new members and look forward them being a part of our club.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Lee with a review of the expenses and earning from last year and also of the 2024 budget. All of these items were approved by the board and Bob Zola expressed his gratitude for Lee's hard work.

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

The board reviewed and approved the brochure made by Tracy that can be used to

distribute by members along with our current one page flyer. Also reviewed were phone plan options for a cell phone donated to our club that can be used at club sales for credit card purchases. The board approved a three month plan to cover the months of February and March when it will be needed. Peggy will look into Mint Mobile which may be the best option for our use.

The board approved buying 600 grab bags from John Scofield for one dollar each for the Fair. Critter count is over 900. If there is time or people available, the club can make an additional 100 grab bags, and Fred and Peggy are taking care of purchasing geodes for the fair as well.



In regards to the Indio Date Festival, the work schedule during the fair is filling up. More help is needed on the last weekend of the fair dates. If members are coming out on February 10th to help with clean up, please notify Fred.

Club member expansion was

discussed. Ideas given this evening were to make flyers available at meetings for people to give out to others about our club and also for members to call and reach out to members who have been absent. Also, we will plan to get some classes going in March or April as time allows. This will be an ongoing topic at future meetings.

**The board approved a Rock Sale on club property on Saturday, March 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm.**

Ideas for monthly general programs for March and April were discussed. Fred will contact John Scofield and Dr. Stephanie to speak at upcoming general meetings.

Discussion on some possible future field trips was done. Fred is putting a list of possible locations to start up soon. Tracy is trying to put together field trips as well.

The board voted to increase shop fees to \$7.00 starting now until the rest of the year when using equipment. It was also decided to stop having shop days on the first and third Tuesdays and go back to shop days on the second and fourth Saturdays. If members would like additional days, please reach out to Fred or Peggy to make arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Misuraca, Secretary



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Club meeting 6pm Clubhouse	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Shop Day 5-8pm	13 Shop Day 9-12pm
14	15	16 Board meeting 6pm Clubhouse	17 Quartzsite PowWow	18 Quartzsite PowWow	19 Quartzsite PowWow	20 Quartzsite PowWow
21 Quartzsite PowWow	22	23	24	25	26	27 Shop Day 9-12pm
28 Deadline for Fair entries!	29	30	31			

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Work Day at Festival location
11 10am Gen Mtg/Pot luck, set-up cases at 1pm	12	13	14	15	16 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival	17 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival
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## 10 Rock Jokes to Boulder You Over!

1. *Why was the sedimentary rock collection so cheap?*

**Because it was on Shale**

2. *What did the young rock say about failing his tests?*

**I don't want to talc about it.**

3. *What did the rock do when it rolled down the road?*

**It rock 'n' rolled.**

4. *Why do geologists tell old jokes?*

**Because they dig them out!**

5. *Why was the geologist puzzled at the comedy show?*

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

6. *Where do the posh stones live?*

**Rockefeller Street!**

7. *Why was the criminal rock acquitted?*

**Because his alibi was rock solid.**

8. *Where do you take an injured rock?*

**To the Rocktor!**

9. *Why were the limestones inseparable?*

**Because they were a tufa one deal!**

10. *Why was the coal's alibi suspicious?*

**Because it wasn't crystal clear.**

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



## Board of Directors - 2024

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## **In Memoriam** (Continued from front page)

*treasure we will cherish forever! I thank God for the gift of friendship and for the special times we shared together. “*

Anne Davilla was one of many who thought of her as friend and AKA Mama. They met while doing gem and mineral shows for about 25 years. She shared that “*Mama always had a positive attitude towards life, fun, and work. No matter what the day would bring, she had an amazing positive outlook on life. She was a beautiful person with a wonderful spirit that is*

*soaring high above, looking down on us with a big smile on her face.”*

Debra Brauer and her family would like to describe Emma as “*eccentric, gypsy, animated, creative, crafty, teacher, dancing queen, crazy, funny, great cook and most of all a FRIEND. So many of us rock-hounds were taken under her wings, she adopted all of us...I can gladly say she adopted our family. We called her our second mom and grandma. Most of all, a great friend.”*

“True friends are the gems that make life’s journey more beautiful.” – Unknown