



Pick & Shovel

**San Gorgonio
Mineral & Gem
Society**

President's Message

It's hard to believe it's almost July already which means we will be taking time off from general and board meetings in July and August. Fred and I will be out to the club on most Saturday shop days to keep up with the grounds and making rock related items. Give us a call if you are able to come out and have something you'd like to make or learn to be sure we will be there. Come back in September and share with us any interesting rock related events you may have enjoyed

over the summer months. We look forward also to seeing many of you at our annual July club picnic. This gives us a chance to meet some of our other family members and club members we haven't seen in a while. It's a relaxing time under the beautiful trees and we will enjoy a great meal together as well have fun with our silent auction. In your free time, be thinking about entering items in showcases at the 2024 Fair in Indio. We hope to get more competitive entries and of course want all



Bob and Fred cut a geode with the clubhouse saw.

of our 108 cases filled. We will be talking about this more in the fall but feel free to call with any questions that you might have.

Peggy Richard

Ruby is the Birthstone for July



Ruby is the world's most popular red gem. Rubies range in color from orangy-red, to red, to slightly purplish-red. The most desirable and valuable colors are pure red and slightly

purplish red. Natural rubies have been considered expensive gems, but recent discoveries in Africa bring many attractive natural rubies into the market at affordable prices.

Lab-grown ruby is very common in jewelry stores in the United States. Lab-grown rubies have been in the U.S. jewelry market since the early 1900s.

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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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SGMGS — June 6, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 6:05 p.m., by President, Peggy Richard.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, we welcomed our guests: Dr. Stephanie Slahor and Todd Zola.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last general meeting was given and accepted.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Keep the love and prayers going for Sonia Zola, she is doing better but still has a ways to go.

Love and prayers for Mike Brauer, who still is waiting on surgery.

FIELD TRIPS:

A few members joined the OBMS club for the field trip to the Koweeef caves near the Nevada border on May 20th. John Scofield was kind enough to give us a brief outline on the trip and shared some of the items that was collected. A repeat SGMGS field trip may be organized.

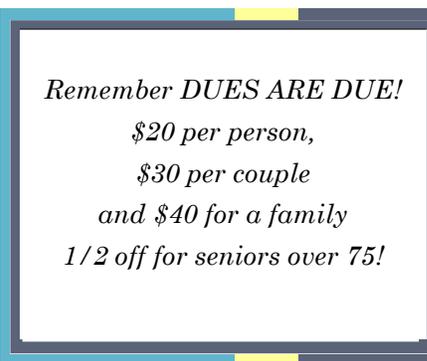
OLD BUSINESS:

Our annual picnic is coming up next month! If you have not signed up for it yet please give Fred Richard a call to let him know how many people will be with you and what you are planning to bring for the potluck. Don't forget to bring your chairs, drinks, and utensils. The club will provide the chicken, tables and fun. We are also looking for donations for our silent auction.

The 2024 Date Festival is coming up fast! "Critters" are needed. Please help paint the rocks. If you would like, you can pick up

some rocks and we can loan you the paints and brushes, during the next shop day.

Just a reminder that there are no meetings in July or August. There are some shop days if any of you would be interested, contact Peggy or Fred.



There is a need for someone to step up and accept the CFMS chairman position for our club. If you are interested contact Peggy for details.

NEW BUSINESS:

Another jewelry class will be on Saturday, June 24th from 9 - noon. Peggy will be our instructor. We will be making earrings this month. \$5 for the class and a small fee for the materials used.

Members voted and approved the idea of having potlucks/general meetings again. A few rules that will need to be followed:

- 1) The dish you bring should not be washed at the clubhouse, as kitchen space and hot water are limited. Please wash at home or consider disposable containers.
- 2) Plan to help with clean up after the meal and before the meeting begins.

3) Bring your own plate, utensils and drinks.

Ballots will be going out in the near future. PLEASE, consider being on the board. It is very important that every member put some effort into keeping our club going. It is very fulfilling to be a board member and takes very little of your time or energy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

This month's program was an interesting discussion by Bob Fitzpatrick about a field trip he led to Holbrook AZ in 2006, to a ranch that bordered the Petrified Forest National Park. Bob is one of our most knowledgeable members who grew up in our desert and became a CFMS director and put together many field trips for different clubs. An audio recording is available on our website's home page.

Congratulations to Lance Albrecht for winning this months raffle prize.

This June "Shop Days" are:
 Tuesday, June 6th 1 - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, June 10th 8 - noon
 Tuesday, June 20th 1 - 5 p.m.
 Saturday, June 24th 8 - noon.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, June 20th at 6 p.m.

Next General meeting is Tuesday, September 5th and it will be a potluck at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Cardona, Secretary.

SGMGS — June 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Board members in attendance: Lee Grisham, Fred & Peggy Richard, Angel & Pete Gould, Bob Fitzpatrick, and Tammy Cardona. Also present was Bert Grisham, Bob Zola and Fred's daughter Angela.

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

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

Four membership applications were approved. Welcome newest club members: Pedro and Susana Velazquez and their daughters Susana and Alexa.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Keep Mike Brauer in your thoughts and prayers. He just got out of the hospital. Happy to hear Sonia Zola is doing well. Also, Pete and Angel Gould are feeling better.

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual picnic is Saturday, July 8th. If you haven't confirmed you are coming it is important you do so prior to the day. Call Fred or Peggy to let them know how many will be coming and what you will bring. There won't be enough chicken if you don't confirm.

The CFMS Representative position is open. Please think about becoming one. Bob Fitzpatrick, who was a rep for several years, explained what is

required: Attending the two meetings a year, which the club covers the cost to attend the 3 day event. The benefits from being a rep is meeting many "rockhounds" from all over California and some from other states, while learning new things from so many knowledgeable people.

The May jewelry class was a great success. 19 people attended and we all had a good time and made some very nice things. This months class will be this coming Saturday, June 24th, at 9 a.m. There is a \$5 charge for the class which does not include the cost of the material. (around \$3). If you didn't sign up be sure to call Peggy.

Shop day is also this coming Saturday, June 24th. There is a need for "critters" for next years fair. There are many machines waiting for you to learn how to operate. There is yard work needing to be done and lots of other things to keep you busy, along with wonderful people that would enjoy your company.

NEW BUSINESS:

The representatives from the Indio Date Festival had requested we send in a "Review" of our time at the fair. Peggy had typed one up and the board discussed and approved the review.

As the year progresses, an updated contract for the fair will be developed to clear up some issues we had from the last fair.

Over this summer break, think about a way to recruit new members into our club. Talk to your neighbors and friends to see if they would be interested in joining or maybe they know someone who might be. We need to build our club membership so help figure out how.

The board voted on and approved the idea of updating our security system for the clubhouse, which will get rid of the land line phone and switch the system to cell.

The club is dark for the months of July and August. Please stay safe and enjoy your summer

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The shop may be open occasionally on the normal Saturday shop days during the summer. If you would like to come, give Peggy or Fred a call to confirm that they will be here.

Next General meeting is September 5, 2023, Potluck is at 6 p.m. meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Next Board meeting is September 19, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Cardona, Secretary.



Creativity in action at the June 24 jewelry workshop.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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!

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Annual Club Picnic Sat 9am to 3pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

June

Lupe Barron on the 2nd.
David Good on the 19th.
Ann Davila on the 24th.

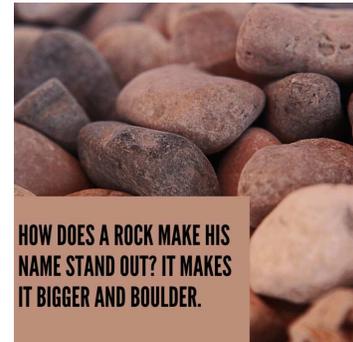
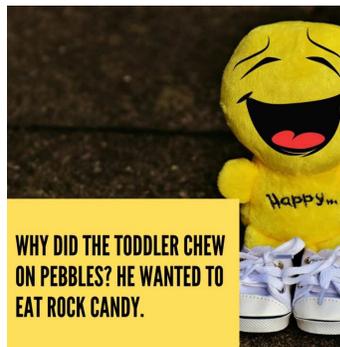
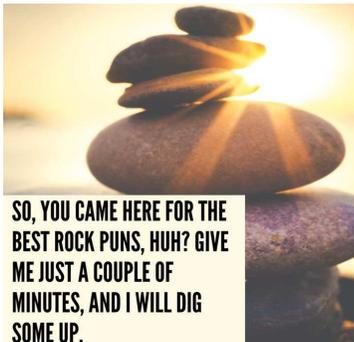


July

Robert Rinaldi on the 3rd.
Dee Reich on the 7th.
Angel Gould on the 9th.
Lee Grisham on the 9th.
Keith Bagnell on the 11th.
Helen Sapienzae on the 11th.
Loretta Rinaldi on the 17th.
Susana Velazquez on the 27th.



Rockhound Humor



Board of Directors—2023

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So You Want to Be a Rockhound!

What is rockhounding? Simply put, rockhounding is the hobby of collecting and studying rocks and minerals. Avid rock collectors may refer to themselves as rockhounds.

Why do they do it? While everyone enjoys this activity for different reasons, many rockhounds just appreciate the beauty they find in nature. Start by reading up on some essential rockhounding tips.

One key guideline is respecting public and private lands.

Public lands include places like national and state parks. Do not take rocks from these areas; the National Park System prohibits

it. Be respectful of private property, too. The last thing you want is an angry stranger approaching you or pressing charges because you went digging around their land.

No matter where you go, do your best to treat the environment with consideration.

Ecosystems can be fragile, and your actions have an impact.

How to build an awesome rock collection.

For many, this is as easy as picking up cool stones around the neighborhood. Still, studious rockhounds can elevate their collection with a few basic tips.

A quality collection begins with “properly labeled specimens.”

While you may not immediately know what kind of rock you have collected, you can still note important information about the stone. Later, you can use a rock identification app to determine the exact mineral type.

Speaking of the rockhounding community, interacting with fellow rockhounds is a great way to expand your collection. Here at SGMGS our club members have a wealth of information, connecting with these members and collectors can help you discover cool finds from regions far and wide. Ready, Set, Go!