



# Pick & Shovel

**San Gorgonio  
Mineral & Gem  
Society**

## President's Message

Hello everyone. I wanted to remind you that the terms will end for members of the Board of Directors. The Board is made up of eight members, each serving a 2 year term. The terms will end for Fred and I along with Bert Grisham. Remaining Board members are Jackie Misuraca, John Scofield and Bob Zola. Therefore, five new members are needed. The Treasurer (Lee Grisham) and Bulletin Editor (Lance Albrecht) are appointed positions, and are also able to vote with the Board on decisions.

Three Club members have confirmed they can take positions and two others are considering it. When you get your ballot, It will include the names of members who would like to be on the Board to help you in the voting process.

The job of the Board is to establish a budget, pay the bills, arrange for programs and vote on new members. The Board is responsible to act within the by-laws and help meet the objectives of the Club. Board meetings are open to Club members.

Members will also be selecting Rockhound of the Year. Each year, someone new is chosen for this position based on their significant contributions to the Club. So be thinking of who is most deserving. Your vote is needed before the October Board meeting, where your ballots are counted.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy summer, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Club Picnic July 13.

*-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.

## Guest Speaker Lachlan McWhorter

Gold panning, a blend of art and patience, connects enthusiasts to history. With proper gear and technique, this age-old tradition offers the thrill of discovering gold in every pan. Success lies in persistence and the right location. Gold samples and equipment were shared at the June meeting.



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## June 6, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:00pm  
 Flag Salute  
 Sunshine Report/Correspondence  
 Please keep Bert in your thoughts he is not feeling well.  
 Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and thanks for all you do.  
 New and Old Business -  
 Welcome guest speaker, Lachlan Mc Whorter. Along with his wife Doriann and baby Freys,  
 Welcome other guest Jacob Hopkins and Harvey Marcell.  
 Club directory is available if anyone didn't get one at the last meeting.  
 Review of field trip on Saturday, June 1st, to Big Bear with Fred to search for crystals. They had a good turn out and a wonderful day to collect crystals. Thank you to all that came.  
 Shop day June 8th, sign up sheet so that we know who will be there and to open the building. Fred and Peggy will be away and Lee Grisham or Bob Zola will be available to help you,

Next Board meeting is on June 18th at 6:00pm.  
 Next Shop day is June 22nd, sign up sheet is available.  
 July 6th is our next field trip to collect Actinolite, location is off I-138 on the way to Wrightwood. Meet at Chevron station on Hwy 15 and I-138 at 9:00am.  
 Club picnic is on July 13th at Wildwood Park. Arrive early and enjoy the park, check out the silent auction, lunch is served at 12:00 noon and silent auction will be concluded. Bring items for auction. There is a sign up sheet for side dishes to bring, Club provides main dish of fried/baked chicken. Any questions contact Bob Zola  
 We have 3 volunteers that have offered to take board positions for 2024-2025, and they are Helen Sapienzae, Alexa Velazquez, and Tammy Cardona. We need one more to fill positions on the board to be voted on. Thank you so much for each of these members who are willing to take on leadership positions on the board starting next year.

We will take a break from our general and board meeting in July and August. If Fred is in town on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of those months for shop days he will be there. So, contact Fred if you plan to come to those shop days.

We had a show and tell, members bring in rocks for identification or showing.

Nights Program - Gold Mining, speaker was Lachlan McWhorter. He explained the chemical formation of gold, it's beginning and formation. The locations of gold mines in San Bernardino County and 29 Palms and showed and explain how to use the equipment to mine for gold. Very interesting program. For more information on gold mining contact Lachlan at email

majaveprospector@gmail.com or Jacobhopkins@me.com.

Tonights raffle winner was Judy Mifflin.

Respectfully submitted by  
 Jackie Misuraca,  
 Secretary

## Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

### June

Chuck Cully on the 10th.  
 David Good on the 19th.  
 Ann Davila on the 24th.

### July

Robert Rinaldi on the 3rd.  
 Robert Fox 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.  
 Dr. Stephenie Salakor on the 18th.  
 Susana Velazquez on the 27th.  
 Todd Zola on the 29th.

# June 18, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - 6:55pm

SunShine Report - Do to Bert's health he will be spending more time at home. We wish him will. John Scolfold wife recovering from triple by-pass surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Treasures Report/ New Membership -

May's financial report club doing well. We give a big welcome to our new member Dr. Stephenie Salakor.

New and Old Business -

Next shop days on June 22nd from 8-12noon.

Field trip on July 6th to collect actinolite off the 1-138 on the way to Wrightwood. So far 13 people have signed up. There is still time to sign up, contact Fred for details.

July 13th is our club picnic at Wildwood Park. Eating at 12noon and silent auction will be included. Bob Zola to give updates and make board aware of any help needed. Contact Bob for questions.

We have 3 volunteers that have offered to take board positions for 2025 and they are Helen Sapienzae, Alexa Velazquez and Tammy Cardona. Seeking 1 - 2

additional members for the board.

We will take a break from schedule general and board meetings in July and August. If Fred is in town on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the above months, he plans to come n for shop days, between 8 - 12noon. Contact Fred if you are interested.



Planning for the September general meeting: Peggy and Fred will be out of state and Bob Zola and John Scofield will be running the meeting. Idea for programs is rock or regular bingo and items can be place out for possible prizes. Peggy can put together the business portion of the meeting for someone to read to the members. Guest speaker Dr. Stephenie on minerals.

Up date your directory with new numbers and names, Karen Fitzpatrick (951) 260-9723, 7373 E. 29th Str., #W205, Wichita, KS

67226. Any other corrections needed please contact Peggy. Lance or Tracy can also make changes to the directory.

Lachlan's (speaker from last general meeting & member of First Class Miners club) shared comments about the recent meeting held on June 14th which deceased Management of Southern California's Public Lands. He felt many areas will be lost for collection and this may include the Hauser geode beds. He felt their was a lot of support for the land grab and those net supporting it new limited in being able to share there thoughts, He suggested that rock clubs collect in their areas of choice before the land use designations changes.

Any additional thoughts or concerns to discuss?

Meeting adjourn 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Misuraca, Secretary



# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Big Bear Field Trip
2	3	4 General Meeting 7:00pm, Potluck 6pm	5	6	7	8 Shop Day 8-12pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 6pm	19	20	21	22 Shop Day 8-12pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Annual Club Picnic Wildwood Park, Yucaipa.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Don't Take These Jokes for Granite

1. Which rock group is composed of four men who can't sing?  
**Mount Rushmore.**
2. Why can't minerals lie?  
**They're always in their pure form.**
3. Why was the coal's alibi suspicious?  
**Because it wasn't crystal clear.**
4. Why was the gemstone scared for his exams?  
**He thought he wasn't going topaz.**
5. What do you do with a baby stone?  
**Rock it.**
6. What did the metamorphic rock say during the test?  
**"This is too much pressure!"**
7. What do you call an unpleasant pebble?  
**A rude-ite.**
8. Why can't you purchase minerals by the gallon?  
**They only come in quartz.**
9. What did the motivational rock say?  
**"Don't take life for granite."**
10. How does a geologist relax?  
**In rocking chairs.**
11. What do you call small rocks?  
**Mini-rals.**
12. What do you call a fake Irish gem?  
**A sham rock.**
13. What does a geologist say before making a commitment?  
**It's all ore nothing."**
14. Why shouldn't you give a geologist money?  
**They consider a million years ago to be recent.**
15. What did the geologist say after her date?  
**Hematype.**



## Board of Directors - 2024

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## 100 Years Young... by Peggy Richard

There's a special member of our Club turning 100 years old on July 17th. Her name is Loretta Rinaldi and many of you know her son Rob who is very active in our Club. Loretta and her husband Neil joined SGMGS in the 1980's. They especially enjoyed helping at the Fair. She enjoyed making and selling critters and visiting with the many vendors in the Fairgrounds Gem and Mineral building. For many years Loretta took care of Hospitality & Hostess and oversaw the Sunshine Report. She did an outstanding job of welcoming people to Club meetings and faithfully sent out cards to members who were ill. We so appreciate her handling these tasks for many years.

Loretta recently shared with me that times were so much simpler when she was growing up. She remembers a man delivering ice regularly to keep their food cold as well as milk bottles being delivered. Her schoolbooks were black and white without any colored pages. While writing, she used an inkwell. This involved dipping her pen in the ink container. She would go on to teach high school students. Today, Loretta stays busy attending her local Catholic church and reaches out to her neighbors in need. As a Club, Loretta, we wish you a very Happy 100th Birthday! We celebrate your life and service to SGMGS.



*With Lee at her side, Loretta celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023*