



Pick & Shovel

**San Geronio
Mineral & Gem
Society**

President's Message

Hello! I hope you're all doing well. It was good to come back together for our last general meeting, although many of you were missed. I had a wonderful time up at CFMS's Camp Paradise in August for two weeks. I'll be sharing my experiences and projects during our next general meeting. I'm already hoping I can go again next year and that some of our members will be able to go.

We will be busy at the shop this month getting critters and

spheres made for our time at the fair next February. We also have lots of weeds and stuff to deal with after the summer rains. Come on out if you can join us and learn and share your talents with others. Also, if you're able to join in, there are two field trips happening in October.

Cast your votes for the board members and Rockhound of the Year no later than October 17th. Also, we will be voting at the next general meeting on an amendment to our

By-laws. Check the meeting minutes for the names of those running, and for details related to the amendment.

Best wishes to you all as we say goodbye to the summer and welcome the fall weather.

Peggy Richard



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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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Our Club is on the Web & Facebook

Word of mouth about our club is one of the best ways for the club to recruit new members. Remember to let them know of both our website and our Facebook page,

where interested people can learn more about our club and find our meeting and event dates and times. We try to show our club activities and how much fun we

have! Have them look for our website and Facebook page and check us out!

sgmgs.org (website)
Search for sgmgs on Facebook.

September 5, 2023 - General Meeting Minutes

After a nice potluck dinner, the meeting was brought to order at 6:55 p.m., by President, Peggy Richard.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, we welcomed our guest for her second visit: Dr. Stephanie Slahor

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Please keep Tanya Sauer and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Her Grandson was shot and killed during the summer. She is also dealing with bronchitis and a sinus infection. Also, keep Liz Landry and family in your thoughts and prayers, her "Mother-in-law" passed away.

FIELD TRIPS:

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

OLD BUSINESS: The fair in

Indio is coming up in less than 5 months. Approximately 280 critters have been painted, 1000 are needed. Instead of our classes we usually have we will have critter painting parties each shop day starting with this coming Saturday, Sept. 9th. Doors open at 9 a.m. If you bring critters you have painted at home, be sure to mark down the amount you bring, so we can keep track of them, on the clipboard above the trash can.

Some of our members will be vendors for the Joshua Tree show in its new location, so be sure to go and show your support. Sept. 28th - Oct. 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board elections are next month. Currently have 5 board positions are vacant. Unfortunately, so far we only have two members who are willing to step up and become a board member. According to our by-laws, we must have a quorum of 5 board members in order to actually make any decisions regarding the club. A board member is only able to serve a two year term and then must be

off of the board for at least one year before they can serve again. Peggy has suggested an amendment to the by-laws that will allow a board member that is due to step down, after their two year term, to remain for an extra year if there is no one to fill the position. It is important that we get every member to come to the meeting in October to vote on this. It would be even better if someone take a board position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

This month's program was a rousing game of Jeopardy. Congratulations to the "Hounds" for their win. Thank you Tracy!

Congratulations to Peggy Richard who won this months raffle prize.

This months "Shop Days" are: Saturday Sept. 9th 8 - noon and Saturday Sept. 23rd 8 - noon.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Next General meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd. Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Cardona, Secretary.

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

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.

August

Lance Albrecht on the 8th.
Jan Spinney on the 31st.
September
Louis Harnandez on the 1st.
Terri Randolph on the 1st.
Gloria Gurrola on the 4th.
Debbie Gonzalez on the 12th.
Suzie Gomez on the 13th.

Donna Taber on the 15th.

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.



September 19, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Peggy Richard. Other board members present were Rob Rinaldi, Bob Fitzpatrick, Fred Richard, Lee Grisham, Pete and Angel Gould attending via phone. Bert Grisham was also in attendance.

The application for membership for Todd Zola was reviewed and the board enthusiastically approved his membership. Welcome to the club Todd Zola.

The treasurer's report was given and approved for the months June-August by Treasurer Lee Grisham. There was also discussion about increasing our insurance coverage for the club property and machines/items in Cabazon and our machines/items at the Gem & Mineral Building in Indio. Lee will contact our insurance company and find out about any increased costs and get back to the board. The board will meet prior to the next general meeting to discuss and vote on this decision.

OLD BUSINESS:

Voting ballots will be counted at the next board meeting for board members and Rockhound of the year. Ballots must be submitted by October 17th. At this time, we have Bob Zola, Jackie Misuraca, Bert Grisham, John Scofield and Sonia Zola offering to serve on the board for next year. Rob Rinaldi has offered to stay on the board an additional year to fill an open spot. We have a drop off box at the clubhouse with extra ballots and envelopes or mail them to our P.O. Box 424 in Banning, CA. There will be voting at the

October general meeting on an Amendment to our Constitution and By-laws. This is "If there are not enough people stepping forward to fill open positions each year, then one or more members from the current board due to go off the board for a year may offer to stay on for an additional year to help keep the board of director positions filled for the next year".

Upcoming shop days are September 23rd, October 14th, and October 28th from 8-12 pm. The board decided to continue shop hours on the first and third Tuesdays from 1 – 5pm before the general and board meetings for the months of October and November. Come out and use the shop equipment or help with things being done at the clubhouse.

There will be a zoom meeting set up on October 11th at 11 am with Fair management. At this point, Bob Zola would like to participate, and Pete and Angel also requested to join the zoom meeting. If there are other members who are part of the leadership of our fair participation, notify Peggy who will seek to get you access to the zoom meeting.

Joshua Tree Gem & Mineral Show is happening at a new location Sept. 28-Oct. 1st at 2601 Sunfair Rd. with about 40 vendors including some from our club: Pete & Angel, John Scofield, Eric Mandeson, Fred & Peggy, and Scott & Dede Naples.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed ways to help the club grow. Ideas included: asking our members vending at

the Joshua Tree Show to distribute flyers about our club, continue to invite others we meet and know to come to club events, continue to offer classes and opportunities for people to learn, look for opportunities to promote ourselves including looking into placing an ad in a magazine that is distributed in Sun Lakes.

October Field Trips:

1) Oceanview Gem Mine on October 21st (Saturday) @ 9 am-3pm. The address is 37304 Magee Rd. in Pala. Cost would be \$75/person or for groups over 20 the cost is \$65. This may include a jeep tour of the facility.

2) Free Field Trip to Seven Oaks Dam October 26th (Thursday). It's a very informative tour of how we obtain and manage water and work to prevent flooding in San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties. We meet at the Dam Visitor Center at 9:30 am. This includes an van ride to the top and facilities inside the dam. Sign up at an upcoming general meeting or let Fred (316-519-8505) know you would like to go on either trip.

Next general meeting on October 3rd starts at 6 pm with a potluck and program including a show and tell talk about Peggy's experience and projects made at Camp Paradise.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Richard, Second Vice-President

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Club meeting 6pm Clubhouse	6	7	8	9 Shop Day 8am-12pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28 Joshua Tree show	29 Joshua Tree show	30 Joshua Tree show

October 2023

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1 Joshua Tree show	2	3 Shop Day 1-5pm Club Meeting 6pm	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31				

Rockhound Humor! 10 Rock Jokes to throw to friends.

1. Where do rocks like to sleep?

In bedrocks.

2. How do geologists like to relax?

In rocking chairs, of course.

3. Why was the sedimentary rock extra cheap?

Because it was on shale.

4. What did the gold say to the pyrite?

You're a fool and a fake.

5. How did the rock feel about going to jail?

He was petrified.

6. Where do geologists study?

At sedimentary school.

Remember DUES ARE DUE!

\$20 per person, \$30 per couple

and \$40 for a family. 1/2 off

for seniors over 75!

7. What do you do with dead geologists?

You barium.

8. What do you call small rocks?

Mini-rals.

9. What do you call an Irish gem that's a fake?

A sham rock.

10. What do you call a rock that complains?

A whin-estone.



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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Petrified Wood Show and Tell

A presentation by Bob Fitzpatrick at Club Meeting June 6, 2023

Bob took us on an armchair adventure when he took us back to April 14, 2006, to revisit a site he termed “The Ranch” a sweet spot for petrified wood located outside of Petrified National Forest. Special arrangements were made with the ranch owner to see undisturbed petrified wood deposits including full trees. Merely a ten-hour drive for him, from Beaumont to west Arizona’s town of Holbrook, Bob described meeting up with over fifty people from several different

locations. After gathering and paying an entrance fee they joined a caravan to Dinosaur Park, a huge cattle ranch with an abundance of petrified wood 225 million years old. In only forty-five minutes of driving, they arrived at the first collecting area, rich in petrified wood. Along with his travel partner Ken Baron, Bob loaded his truck with beautiful pieces, large and small, of petrified wood. Bob passed around pictures and specimens. His last stop was Jim Gray’s rock shop where

Bob felt “like a kid in a candy store.” When asked, “Did he need to go to the Petrified Forest? Bob replied, ‘No, we did not need to, it's like we were in it!’”

