



# SAN GORGONIO MINERAL



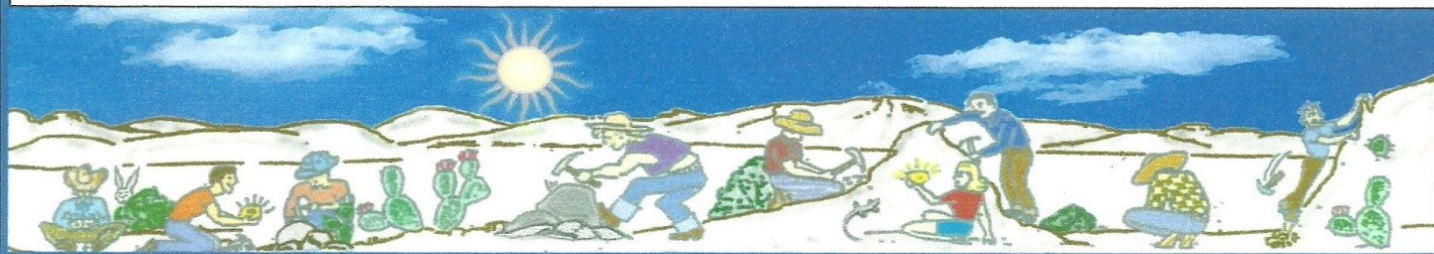
# AND GEM SOCIETY

September 2022

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

50171 Ramona Street  
Cabazon, Calif. 92230



SGMGS General Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2022

The meeting was brought to order at 6:07 p.m., by President, Lance Albrecht. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we welcomed returning guest Elizabeth Landry and our new guest, Jan Kelza. It was good to see everyone after our time off.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:**

Sending our love and prayer out to Anne Davila and her husband Dave, who is battling cancer. (Update: our hearts go out to Anne as Dave passed away on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. May he rest in peace)

Good to see Bob Rochelle is recovering from his accident and joined us tonight. Prayer does work.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Upcoming shop days: Sept. 10th and 24th. We need your ideas for new classes and for field trip destinations. Voting for new board members. Ballots MUST be in by Oct. 1st.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There will be a Riverside County Fair/ Date Festival for 2023! Details will be coming soon.

Joshua tree gem and mineral show is coming up. Many of our members will be there selling so be sure to go and check it out.

Becky Pike will be offering another jewelry class on Saturday, Sept. 24th, 9:00 a.m. - noon. She will be teaching how to make wire wrapped bangles. We will have some supplies available for sale or you can bring your own. 20 gauge wire approx. 6-8 ft., 20-25 beads 6 or 8 mm. The class fee is \$5.

Instead of a program for tonight we all competed in a fun filled version of Jeopardy. We split up into 3 teams, and the competition was intense. Thank you Tracy for all of your hard work!

Congratulations to Tracy Albrecht and Tammy Cardona, for winning this month's raffle prizes.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Next General meeting is Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Tammy Cardona, Secretary



SGMGS board meeting minutes for September 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m., by President, Lance Albrecht. Board members in attendance: Lance Albrecht, Bert & Lee Grisham, Fred & Peggy Richard, Bob & Sonia Zola, Karen Fitzpatrick, Robby Rinaldi, and Tammy Cardona.

Treasurer's report given by Lee Grisham.

The board approved the membership application for Elizabeth Landry. Welcome to the club Elizabeth!

Thank you Tracy Albrecht for the great program at the last general meeting. We all had a great time and we appreciate all of your hard work putting it together.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There is still no word on the Indio Date Festival but we will pass the info on as soon as we hear anything.

Be sure to turn in your ballot by the next general meeting on October 4th. Members keep in mind we are always looking for board members and also have many ways you can volunteer to help.

Since the Trona trip was cancelled for October 8<sup>th</sup>, Fred will lead a field trip, to Ludlow/Lavic Sidling for jasper, agate and various other treasures. Meet at 8:00 am at the Chevron Station at I-15 & Hwy 138.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Keep in mind we will be having a Spring Rock Sale sometime next year. We will keep you posted on the actual date once we get into the new year.

Shop day is every 2nd and 4th Saturday each month. This time can be used for any project you would like to work on, or any of our machines you want to learn to use. If you are in the mood to paint critters or does some yard work, there is always something that you can find to do.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Next General meeting is October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting is October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and the ballots will be counted.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Cardona, Secretary.



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\*\*\* Calendar Notes \*\*\*

- Sept. 24th Wire wrapped bangles bracelet jewelry class 9:00 a.m. – noon with Becky. Supplies available for sale: 20 gauge wire approx. 6-8 ft., 20-25 beads 6 or 8 mm (can bring your own) The class fee is \$5.
- Sept. 28-Oct.2 Joshua Tree Gem, Mineral and Craft Show at 6225 Sunburst St. in Joshua Tree. Admission is free and it's open from 9 am-5pm
- Oct. 4 General Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to Ludlow/Lavic Sidling for jasper, agate and various other treasures. Meet at 8:00 am at the Chevron Station at I-15 & Hwy 138. 4 wheel drive not required but no low rider vehicles. Be sure to have spare tire, lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, gloves, good shoes, collecting container, and pick hammer.
- Oct. 8 & 22 Shop Days 8-12 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Board Meeting at 6 p.m. Ballots will be counted.
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party. Put it on your calendar. It's always a special time.

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Belated birthday wishes to each of these members! Wishing you the best is the year ahead!!

<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>	
08	Lance Allbrecht	01	Louis Hernandez
16	Dennis Contreras	04	Gloria Gurrola
31	Jan Spinney	09	Debbie Gonzalez
		15	Donna Taber

## **FIELD TRIP SAFETY**

The U.S. Forest Service provides these safety tips for rockhounding field trips:

- Stay out and stay alive; abandoned mines are potential killers. Rotten timbers, open shafts, toxic gases, and a lack of oxygen can be deadly.
- Rockhounding is mostly a rugged and dirty pastime. Clothing, especially footwear, should be serviceable and adequate for hiking in rugged terrain, digging, and weather conditions. Boots are recommended.
- Be prepared for extreme weather conditions including rain or snow at any time of the year. Temperatures in the winter can drop below 0 degrees and summertime temperatures can be over 100 degrees. Carry extra food, water, clothing, fuel and other supplies.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back.
- Always wear proper protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, etc.) when striking or breaking rocks.
- Rockhounds may unknowingly create hazards through careless digging. Undermining the root of a tree is both destructive and dangerous, as it may cause the tree to fall. Tunneling through unsupported soil or under overhanging banks that may cave in on the digger are unsafe practices. Deep or steep-sided pits or trenches should be filled upon completion of digging, as they pose a hazard to both people and livestock.
- Be aware that the roads leading into the digging sites may be used by heavy trucks carrying logs, gravel, livestock or other products. Travel at your own risk. Unimproved roads can be dangerous to travel when wet, muddy or snowy. Rockhounds should inquire with the BLM or USFS about possible road closures and fire restrictions prior to visiting the rockhounding sites.
- Rattlesnakes may be found in certain areas during the warm months. Watch for them in rock slides, around damp areas, under old buildings, ledges, etc. Prompt medical treatment is always advisable if bitten.
- In the spring, wood ticks are found in sagebrush and timber fringe areas, where they can hang on the tips of bushy twigs and transfer to any person or animal that brushes past. Ticks can carry spotted fever and other infections. They should be removed promptly, and the bites should be treated.
- Protect your pets by keeping them under control at all times.

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## Tumbled Gemstone Identification Chart

Provided by [RockTumbler.com](http://RockTumbler.com)

 Amazonite	 Apache Tears	 Apricot Agate	 Banded Amethyst	 Banded Carnelian	 Black Chalcedony	 Bloodstone	 Blue Beryl
 Blue Lace Agate	 Blue Chalcedony	 Blue Tiger Eye	 Botswana Agate	 Brecciated Jasper	 Carnelian	 Chrysocolla in Quartz	 Citrine Quartz
 Citron Magnesite	 Clear Quartz	 Coral, Agatized	 Colored Moonstone	 Crazy Lace Agate	 Dalmatian Stone	 Dumortierite	 Fluorite
 Gold Tiger Eye	 Green Aventurine	 Green Moss Agate	 Grossularite Garnet	 Hematite	 Howlite	 Hypersthene	 Kambamba Jasper
 Labradorite	 Lake Superior	 Lapis Lazuli	 Leopard Skin	 Lepidolite	 Lilac Amethyst	 Lionskin	 Mahogany Obsidian
 Malachite	 Mookaite	 Ocean Jasper	 Olive Opal	 Orange Quartz	 Petrified Wood	 Picasso Stone	 Picture Jasper
 Pink Aventurine	 Pink Botswana	 Pink Opal	 Polychrome Jasper	 Prehnite	 Rain Forest Rhyolite	 Red Jasper	 Red Tiger Eye
 Rhodonite	 Rose Quartz	 Ruby in Zoisite	 Rutilated Quartz	 Serpentine	 Snowflake Obsidian	 Sodalite	 Sunstone
 Tree Agate	 Turritella Agate	 Unakite	 White Moonstone	 White Quartz	 Yellow Jasper	 Yellow Quartz	 Zebra Marble

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