

Pick & Shovel

President's Message

Hello everyone,

It has been a great time spent at the Riverside County fair and I hope that everyone that went enjoyed their stay. I did want to thank everyone that stayed and volunteered for the fair.

It is wonderful to see so many people volunteer every year and how as a club we really have made it our tradition to come together at the fair.

It was also great to see all the amazing competitive and noncompetitive cases filled. That being said, I hope that this year at the fair has brought you many unforgettable memories!

Sincerely,
Alexa Velazquez
Club President



Photos by Alexa

Mineral of the Month: Corundum

Corundum is a remarkable mineral known for its exceptional hardness, making it a highly sought-after gemstone material. Trace amounts of specific metals determine the corundum's color. The type of metal involved during the mineral's formation dictates the final color it will exhibit. In its purest form, when corundum is devoid of metal

impurities, it remains colorless and is referred to as a clear sapphire. However, When chromium is present during the formation process, the corundum takes on a striking red color, earning it the designation of a ruby. Similarly, when titanium is present,

the corundum assumes a mesmerizing blue hue, resulting in the most widely recognized and coveted sapphire color.



San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society

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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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February 9, 2025 - General/Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 10:00am

This is a combined general/board meeting held at Indio fairgrounds in the Gem and Mineral Building

Sunshine Report – Robby, has been very ill. Jackie, is recovering at home after 2 weeks in the hospital. Our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery for both.

Treasurer Report – Peggy distributed the current treasurers report. There have been expenditures getting ready for this year's fair. The fair is a major revenue source for the club.

Shop Report - upcoming shop days- 3/8/25 & 3/22/25. Fred and Lou will be doing some work on the clubhouse, expanding our storage and display capabilities. This will not impose on member shop days.

Program – Alexa put together an activity/game to test members knowledge of fair rules for display cases, which also proved to be very informative on the subject.

The Date Festival/Fair in Indio opens on 2/13/25 and runs

through 3/2/25. Except for the first Monday (Presidents Day 2/17/25) The fair will be open Thursday – Sunday each week. Monday through Wednesday the fair will be closed.

Club members have been on site at the fair since 2/4/25 preparing the building. Cleaning, repairing, painting and sprucing up the space all around.

Competitive and non-competitive cases are now being set up. Judging for competition cases will be 2/12/25 before the fair opening on 2/13/25.



The annual club cleanup day at the fair building was 2/8/25. A lot was accomplished and cases opened to be ready for set up.

Presidents Report

Alexa thanked members for volunteering their time at the

fair and those who have designed cases, competitive and noncompetitive.

Tammy C, vice president is a co-signer now on the club bank account.

The fair work schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the booth. Club rules will be posted in the booth as well as the kitchen. Water bottles need to stay off the active counters in the booth. There are several money boxes behind the counters. Ask Peggy before putting funds away to make sure we are separating money appropriately for accounting purposes. This year geodes will be sold by weight.

There is request for members to be thinking of possible 2025 classes, programs and field trips. There is mention by member that CFMS has program speakers available for Zoom Meetings.

The annual club charitable contributions were discussed. We can make up to three(3) contributions, not to exceed \$150.00. Suggestions were St Jude, Red Cross or organizations directly helping people after the devastating LA

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

February

Debbie Keret on the 2nd.

Jenie Wilson on the 17th.

Jackie Misuraca on the 23rd.



March

Tracy Albrecht on the 9th.

January 25, 2025 - General/Board Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

County fires. This will be brought to the next board meeting.

A special thanks to Raul Walker of Radiant Rocks from Connecticut, a vendor at Desert Gardens in Quartzite for donating a large nodule for raffle (geode possibly).

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 and the potluck began!

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Mifflin,
SGMGS Secretary



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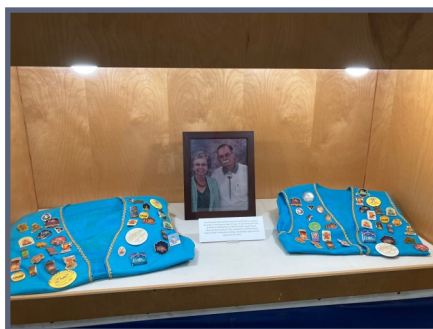


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February 2025

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March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 General Meeting 6pm, potluck 7pm	5	6	7	8 Shop Day 8am -12pm
9	10	11	12	13	14 Rock & Gem Show Lucerne Valley 9-5	15 Rock & Gem Show Garnet Hill field Trip
16 Rock & Gem Show Lucerne Valley 9-5	17	18 Board Meeting 6pm	19	20	21	22 Shop Day 8am—12pm Agate Sun Catcher Workshop 9-12
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Rockhound Humor!

What do rocks use for personal hygiene?

Geoderant

What do you call a periodic table when the gold is missing?

Au revoir

What happens when you keep reading geology jokes in your free time?

You know that you have really hit rock bottom

How did the rock feel about going to jail?

He was petrified

What did the rock say to the word processor?

Boulder

Why was the sedimentary rock extra cheap?

Because it was on shale

Which famous rock group is made up of four men who can't sing?

Mount Rushmore

Where do you take an injured rock?

To the Rocktor

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

A sham rock

Why was the ground concerned after the earthquake?

Because it became the epi-center of attention

Why shouldn't you let a geologist drive your car?

Because they get hammered and stoned

What do you call a dog who collects rocks?

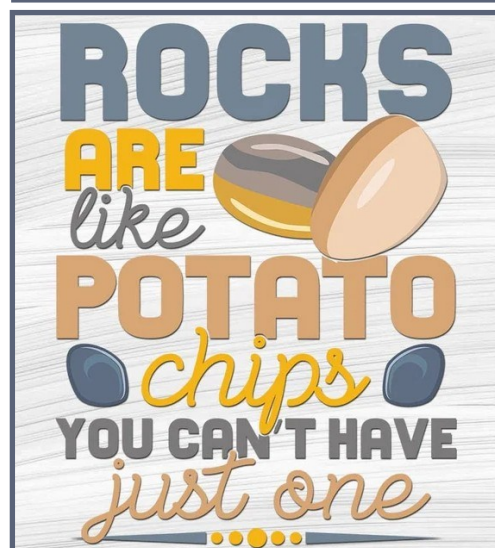
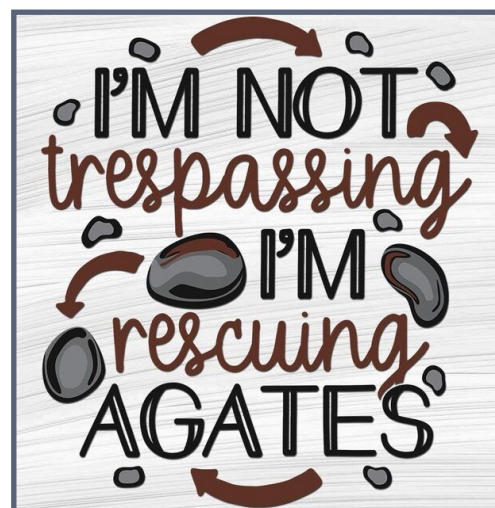
A Rockhound

When were rock puns the funniest?

During the stone age

How did the rock feel when he got covered in algae?

He was lichen it



Board of Directors - 2025

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Upcoming Shows and Events

Club Shop Days!

Saturdays
March 8 and 22
8am to 12pm



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Agate Sun Catcher

Workshop
9-12 Mar 22



Prime Cuts Gem Show

March 14-16

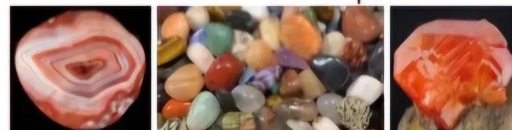
Garnet Hill Field Trip

Saturday March 15, 9-12
Info, RSVP, call Tracy A

Come out & enjoy!



Friday, Saturday, Sunday
March 14 - 16, 2025
9:00am - 5:00pm



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Come join us for a wonderful
sale featuring gems, minerals, & fossils
from the world over!

Multiple vendors showcasing their incredible
specimens.