

Pick & Shovel

President's Message

Greetings

I want to finish my time as President by saying thank you to everyone in our Mineral and Gem Club. It has been a wonderful experience having you all as a part of the club and my life. As we start a new year with a new board of directors, let's all give them our full support. Remember this Club is run by volunteers and everyone is important in keeping things going. It's your club and if you have suggestions or ideas, please let a board member know. If you see that something needs to be taken care

of and you can help, please feel free to do so!

I want to especially thank Lee Grisham for her 14 years as treasurer. She has also done many other jobs in the club throughout the last 30 years. Her commitment has been amazing and the club has definitely benefited from all her hard work and accomplishments. She is stepping down from her position and I will do my best to take over and do as well as she has in the role of treasurer.

Fred and I would like to wish you all a very

happy holiday. Hopefully, we will see most of you at our upcoming Christmas party.

Many Blessings,



San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society

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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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Quartzite Arizona Schedule 2025!

Jan 1-Feb 28
Desert Gardens Rock Gem & Mineral Show
(1055 Kuehn St)

Jan 2-Feb 28
Prospectors Panorama
(35 West Kuehn St)

Jan 5-14
Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show
(121 West Keuhn St)

Jan 17-22
QIA Pow Wow Gem & Mineral Show
(Quartzite Improvement Building, 235 E Ironwood St)

Jan 19-28
Tyson Wells Sell A Rama
(121 West Kuehn St)

Jan 20-28
Sports, Vacation & RV Show
South Central Blvd)

Feb 2-11
Tyson Wells Arts & Crafts
(121 West Keuhn St)

Feb 9-11
Quartzite Gold Show
(Quartzite Improvement Building, 235 E Ironwood St)

November 5, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

Call to order - 7:00pm

Flag Salute

Welcome guest - Frank and Alih Wagner

Sunshine Report - Robert Fox is having shoulder surgery. We wish him a good recovery.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

November 9th is shop day, from 8- 12pm. Peggy will present to OBMS the opportunity of putting n showcases at the Indio Fair, she will also share with the Yucaipa club in January.

Brian from Sun City Association, donated the flat lab. We thank them for this donation.

Fred gave us an update on shop and machine. Fred and Lou are working on the machine to get it up and running to use. Lou is the shop foreman. So any questions you have on using the equipment or training contact Lou. Also, Hoss shared his unfortunate experience with the cab machine, please be careful when using the

shop equipment, use caution and keep fingers safe.

Nov. 19th is a double board meeting at 6pm we will be introducing new board members and to determine positions for next years board of directors.

Dec. 3rd is our Christmas Party at 6pm held at the Beaumont First Assembly of God church, 1166 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont. We will meet around 2pm to begin decorating and plan to arrive anytime after that. We are looking for silent auction items. We will have club hats and t-shirts for purchase.

Sign up with the food item you'll bring.

Don't forget the gift exchange with a \$20 gift. Also, members often exchange Christmas cards at the party.

We have 671 critters as of last shop day. Way to go! We are on our way for the fair in February. A very special thank you to Helen for all her contributions.

We will have a sign-up sheet for the fair. Check your availability. Consider entering a showcase at the Fair in Feb. 13th - Mar. 2nd, 2025.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4th, looking for 2 volunteers to help Fred and Peggy with clean-up at the fair. On Sunday Feb. 8th to set up showcases, we need to fill 108 cases.

Correction in our bulletin calendar. We will not have a board meeting in Dec.

We want to wish happy birthday to a few members who got missed in the bulletin. These include Hoss/James Brown on Nov. 27th, Pedro Velazquez on Nov. 15th, Judy Mifflin on Nov. 12th and Harvey on Dec. 29th.

Program; Entering showcases into the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival.

Raffle winner - Helen and Sam Sapientae.

Respectfully submitted by
Jackie Misuraca,
Secretary

Birthday Wishes to these Club Members!

December

Roz Rizzo on the 13th.

Harlan Hancock on the 13th.

Sonia Zola on the 15th.

Elizabeth Landry on the 17th

Peggy Richard on the 21st.

Harvey on the 29th.



January

Susana Valazquez on the 10th.

John Scofield on the 14th.

Marty Contreras on the 16th.

November 19, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order - 6:04pm.

Flag Salute

Sunshine Report - none to report

Treasurer’s report– Our clubs finances in good standing.

Peggy to share about the CD in the Wells Fargo account. Last board meeting it was voted to transfer funds from club account to clubs CD account at Wells Fargo Bank.

New & Old Business - Fred- Next shop day on December 14th from 8-12 pm. In January shop days will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in the month. Any comments to change the time in the winter or updates to share with the board.

January 11th and 25th are shop days and critter pizza party.

Field Trip - Fred to share. Quartzite Roadrunner Club has on going field trips during the Gem and Mineral Show in January 18th - 26th, 2025.

Yucaipa Club has a field trip on November 24th to Afton Canyon, 4 Wheel drive to search for Florite. Meeting at 9:00am, Eddie World off hwy 15.

Christmas party at the Beaumont First Assembly of God church,

1166 Beaumont Ave. on Dec. 3rd at 6pm. Park in back of church. Doors open at about 2 pm to set up and decorate. We have the church MPR room until 8 pm. Will any board members be able to come out to help decorate or make calls to some members

T-shirts, sweatshirts and hat orders-will bring what we have on hand to the Christmas party for those who wish to purchase them and allow others to place an order that evening.

The work sign-in sheet for our involvement at the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival for the weekend prior to opening and when the fair runs from Feb. 13 thru March 2nd, 2025.

Possible general meeting program ideas include Dr. Stephanie and Ron James, a rock carver. Share pictures of his work and tell his story with the board. Any other ideas for possible programs in 2025?

New board positions for 2025.
President - Alexa Velazquez
First Vice President - Tammy Cardona - in charge of programs
Asst. to First Vice President Lou Mifflin
Second Vice President Jackie Misuraca - in charge of

picnic

Asst. to Second Vice President - Bob Zola

Secretary - Judy Mifflin - Alternate - Jackie Misuraca

Treasurer - Peggy Richard

Director of Christmas Party - Helen Sapienzae

Assistant - Jackie Misuraca

Bulletin Editor - Lance Albrecht

Other Important Positions

Gem Building Supervisor - Peggy Richard

Fair Chairman - Eric Mandeson

Hospitality & Hostess Helen Sapienza

Sunshine Report Alexa Velazquez

P.O. Box & Alternate Peggy & Fred Richard

Field Trip Chairman Fred Richard, Alternates - Tracy Albrecht & John Scofield

CFMS Director & Alternate Judy & Lou Mifflin, Fred & Peggy Richard

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Misuraca, Secretary



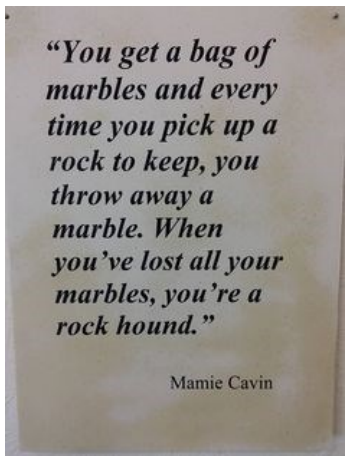
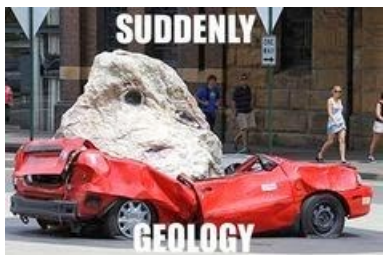
December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Christmas Party 6-8pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Shop Day 8am-12pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 General Meeting 6pm, potluck 7pm	8	9	10	11 Shop Day/ Critter Party 8am-12pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting 6pm	22	23	24	25 Shop Day/ Critter Party 8am-12pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Rockhound Humor



Board of Directors - 2025

President	Alexa Velazquez	C (442) 294-8916	
First Vice-President	Tammy Cardona	H (951) 230-4966	(In charge of programs)
Assistant to First Vice-President	Lou Mifflin	C (253) 261-5123	
Second Vice-President	Jackie Misuraca	C (760) 250-3636	(In charge of picnic)
Assistant to Second Vice-President	Bob Zola	H (951) 845-5517	
Secretary/Alternate	Judy Mifflin	C (253) 261-5123	
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Director Christmas party	Helen Sapienzae	H (760) 507-7070	
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Hospitality & Hostess	Helen Sapienza	H (760) 507-7070	
Sunshine Report	Alexa Velazquez	C (442) 294-8916	
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Field Trip Chairman/Alternate	Fred Richard	H (316) 519-8505	
	Tracy Albrecht	C (760) 641-8832	
	John Scofield	C (951) 314-8486	
CFMS Director/Alternate	Judy & Lou Mifflin	H (253) 261-5123	
	Fred & Peggy Richard	C (951) 963-6751	
Fair Chairman	Eric Mandeson	C (626) 290-4795	

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Upcoming Shows and Events

Quartzite Roadrunner Club

Will have field trips during
Quartzite's Gem & Mineral
Show, January 18th - 26th

Riverside County Fair & Date Festival

This year's Fair runs from
Feb. 13 thru March 2nd.
Work sign-up sheets for the
fare are available, please
sign-up. Check your
availability and make plans
to attend!

Plan a trip to Quartzite Arizona

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Club Shop Days! 8 am -12 pm

December 14th
January 11th*
January 25th*

*Critter making party

Let Peggy or Fred know if
you will be attending.



*The Riverside County Fair
and Date Festival is coming!*