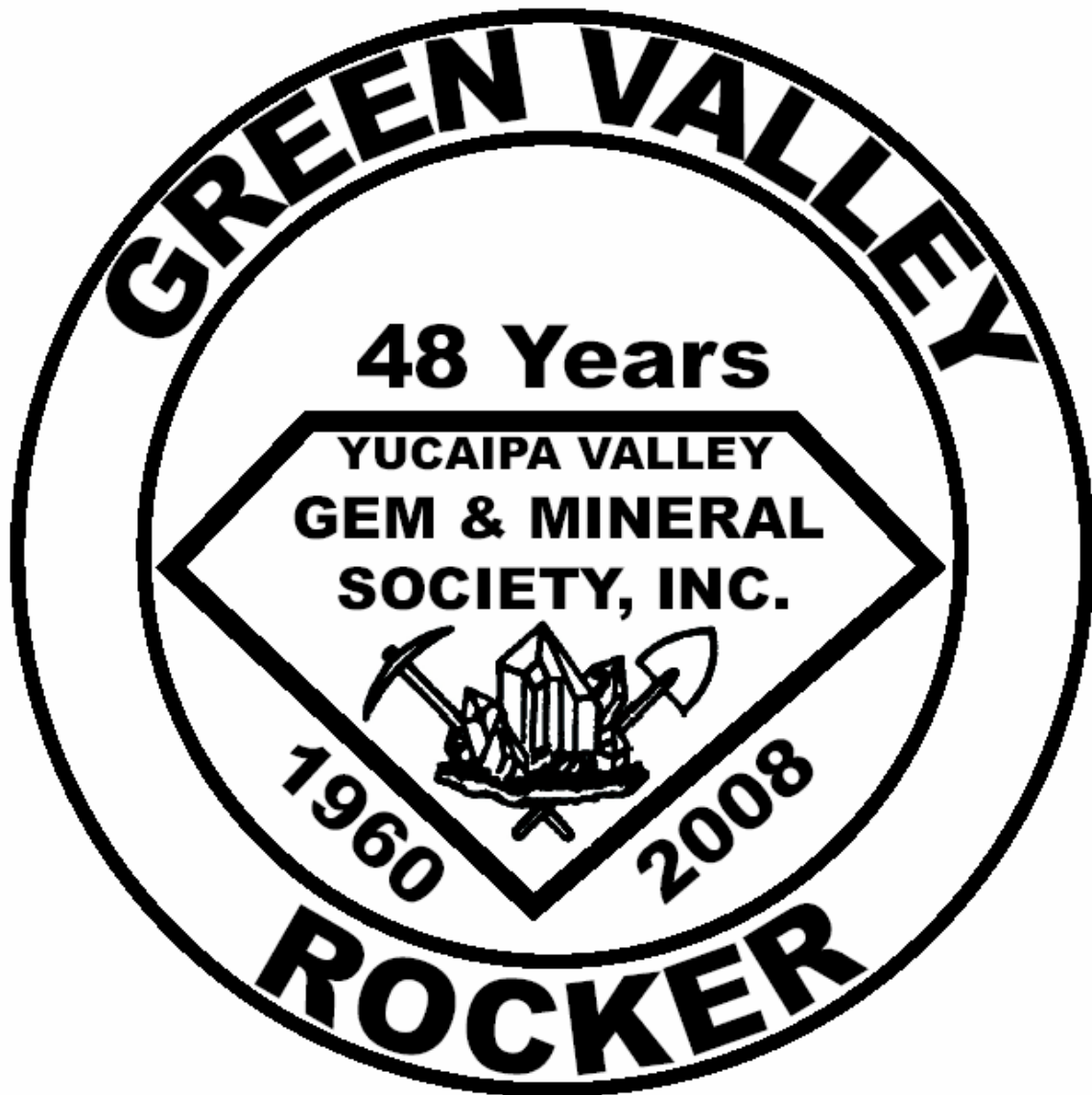


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MARCH, 2008

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The specific purpose of the Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. is to promote the earth sciences, paleontology, and the lapidary arts within the community. The objectives are to have educational meetings, earth science field trips, and exhibitions with members and the community invited.

Member of California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Mousley Museum, on the corner of Bryant Street and Panorama near Date Street.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Workshop, 34861 Yucaipa Blvd, across from Del Taco, west of 2nd.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must file an application which can be obtained from the Membership Chairman. Annual dues are required: Individuals - \$15.00 Families - \$25.00

WORKSHOP

Workshop is located at 34861 Yucaipa Blvd, across from Del Taco, west of 2nd Street.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights 6pm to 9pm

Saturday 9am to 1pm & Sunday 1pm to 5pm.

Workshop committee meetings are at the workshop on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

METAL DETECTOR GROUP

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Mousley Museum, on the corner of Bryant Street and Panorama, near Date Street.

BULLETIN

Your contributions to the Green Valley Rocker are appreciated.

Please submit your items *by the 20th of each month* to be included in the next month's issue.

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President's Corner

Ever wonder what desert varnish is? I did. I was curious, because there did not seem to be any relationship between the material in the rock and the color of the varnish, yet the varnish seems to come in different colors...

After a brief search on the internet, I found the following site:

<http://www.canyoneering.com/environment/colors.html>.

Desert varnish is a thin coating of clay minerals, oxides and hydroxides of manganese and/or iron. A greater concentration of manganese makes the varnish black, where more iron will make it red to orange.

The clay and other particles are cemented to the surface by the manganese emplaced and oxidized by the bacteria living there. Think about that next time you lick a rock!

Frank F, President

March's Display & More

by Aimee F

The following are the display subjects for the year 2008: *March*, Purple colored rock/mineral; *April*, Green colored rock/mineral; *May*, Grey colored rock/mineral; *June*, Jasper; *July*, Multi-colored colored rock/mineral; *August*, Fossil; *September*, Blue colored rock/mineral; *October*, Silver colored rock/mineral; *November*, Brown colored rock/mineral. *January 2009*, Gold/Yellow colored rock/mineral; *February 2009*, Pink/Red colored rock/mineral.

Remember, for competition purposes *PLEASE* limit your display to one item, or one set of items like a necklace with matching earrings and bracelet. Remember to participate and show off your creations!



March's Program

by Hank Cobb

I made contact with Marvin Talbert and he will be giving the March program. Marv will talk about his gold trip to Australia and he has wonderful pictures to go with his talk. Marvin also knows his gems and minerals quite well and has been a YVG&MS member off and on for many years.

If you missed his presentation at the Metal Detectors meeting, here is another chance learn from this experienced gold miner.

Workshop News

by Hank C

Most of the display cases have been moved to the workshop by Dan, Dave and Hank. Now it is time to create a work-party to repair, paint and check the wiring on all of the cases. Anyone wishing to help on this project please contact Dan N or Hank C. Soon a date will be decided and the party members will be contacted. Participate in this activity, have fun, and learn about display cases!

The club has received another rock collection. Help will be needed to fill buckets and transport the rocks to the rock yard. More information will be available after the rain lets up.

Members who have lockers at the workshop, your locker fee was due on January 1st, 2008. Please see Dan N or pay your fees at the shop.

YVG&MS Field Trips

by Frank F

March 7,8,9 (Fri, Sat, Sun) Stoddard Wells rock show/tailgate: This is another car pool type trip. As of now, only Jay has signed up, and no one has volunteered to lead/organize this trip. Call me or email me if you want to car pool to Stoddard wells. Let me know the day you wish to go, and if you are willing to lead the trip. This is a great trip to be a first time leader since leading the trip simply involves: 1. making sure everyone gets a ride, 2. making sure the cars left at the shop are parked well, & 3. driving lead position to Stoddard Wells.

March 30 (Sun) Kaiser Mine/Eagle Mountain: This exciting trip is to a site that has been closed for a long time. Thanks go to Jay P for arranging access for the club. Currently 44 people have signed up to attend! We will meet at the shop at 6am. The total cost is \$200 for the group which will be split between all the folks who go. (\$200/44 people=\$4.45/person)

Signup sheets for these trips can be found at the shop.



Your e-Bulletin

by Mike R

Club membership has soared over the past year. Imagine being tasked with stapling, folding, sealing, addressing, and stamping more than 150 newsletters per month (we appreciate the effort, Hank!). How can you help? Sign up for electronic delivery of the newsletter. With e-mail delivery, you'll save the club printing costs, postage, and labor for the person in charge of distribution. Another benefit will be color photographs (coming soon). And active links to relevant web sites

Test messages have been sent out to the e-mail addresses on file and to those who indicated a desire to receive electronic newsletters. If you didn't get a test message, it could be that your email bounced. To be included on the list, please send an email to me. There could be some hiccups during the trial period, so please be patient. Just remember - if half of the membership signs up for e-delivery, the club will save nearly a half-month's shop rent in postage per year.

In a test email sent to available addresses, messages to the following members bounced, either due to inactive accounts or possible typos on my end: Phil A, Leah C, Vicki H, Garry & Barbara M, Mike & Margo O, Kelley O, Ray P, Victoria P, and Mike W. Please send me an email if you would like to receive electronic copies of the newsletter.

Metal Detecting

by Phil A

There's a bug going around Yucaipa and it must be "gold fever", because the metal detecting group is growing in numbers. The February meeting was well attending, with a wealth of information shared between members and yes, new gold was displayed, along with interesting artifacts from an old mining operation.

An outing is in the works for coin shooting and artifact hunting in conjunction with the Gem and Mineral Society.

It looks like we will travel to the Eagle Mountain Mine on or about March 30, 31. Be sure to be present at the **March 6, meeting at 6:00 p.m.**, to get the latest information. In preparation for the Eagle Mountain trip, Bob D will conduct a review of Basic Metal Detecting, which will include proven techniques, use of various loops, and the difference between Normal and G.E.B. settings.

Don't be left behind.

DUES ARE OVERDUE

by Hank C, Treasurer

To anyone who has not paid 2008 Dues, this will be your last bulletin!

A new Roster will be created March 1st.

**Those with Dues unpaid will be excluded from the roster
& will need to reapply to rejoin the club.**



Upcoming Shows & Events

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

.....March, 2008.....

1-2--ARCADIA, CA: Monrovia Rockhounds; Los Angeles Arboretum, Ayers Hall, 301 N. Baldwin Ave.; Sat & Sun 9-4:30; adults \$7, students/ seniors \$5, children \$2.50; access to all facilities included; contact Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624; e-mail: j.ritchey@verizon.net; www.moroks.com

1-2--VENTURA, CA: Ventura Gem & Mineral Society; Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; free admission; gem, mineral, rock, fossil and jewelry exhibits, 15 dealers, jewelry making demonstrations, door prize raffles, kids' activities, country store, plant sale; contact Abe Bar-Shai, (818) 991-7735; e-mail: Barshai3@aol.com; www.vgms.org

1-2--ESCONDIDO, CA: Palomar Gem & Mineral Club; Escondido National Guard Armory, 304 Park Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; contact Van Lynch, (760) 749-4164; e-mail: michelleandvan@hotmail.com

7-9--DEL MAR, CA: Gem Faire; Del Mar Fairgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.; Fri 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; \$5 wknd pass; Yooy Nelson, e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; www.gemfaire.com

6-9--DEMING, N M: "Rockhound Roundup"; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; Southwestern NM Fairgrounds; Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun 9-5; free admission; displays, demos, drawings, field trips, silent auction,

14-16--ALBUQUERQUE, N M: "Treasures of the Earth"; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; School Arts/Flower Bldg., N M State Fairgrounds (EXPO-NM); Fri & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$1 Fri., \$3 Sat. and Sun., kids under 13 free with adult

14-16--VICTORVILLE, CA: Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Stoddard Wells, Stoddard Wells Rd.; Fri, Sat, Sun 9-5; free admission; findings, books, jewelry, slabs, cabs, equipment, tons of rough, field trips, prizes; Web site: <http://fosse.schema-root.org/wgmc/>

15-16--VALLEJO, CA: Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Solano County Fairground, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., County Bldg.; Sat, Sun 10-5; free admission; door prizes, silent auction, "Wheel" of Fortune;

22-23--ANGELS CAMP, CA: "Jump for the Gold"; Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society; Calaveras "Frogtown" Fairgrounds; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, kids under 12 free; rocks, minerals, slabs, tools, jewelry, findings, exhibits, demonstrators, raffle, door prizes; Web site: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

22-23--ROSEVILLE, CA: "Nature's Wonders"; Roseville Rock Rollers, Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All America City Blvd. (off Washington Ave.); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, children 12 and under free; more than 30 vendors, crystals, gemstones, jewelry, tourmaline, beads, findings, mineral specimens, amber, fossils, opal, sunstones, hand-crafted jewelry, kids' activities, discount coupon on Web site; Web site: www.rockrollers.com

29-30--TORRANCE, CA: "Nature's Treasures"; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society; Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.; free admission; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

.....April, 2008.....

4-6--BAKERSFIELD, CA: "Rock and Gem Rendezvous"; San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society; Kern County Fair Grounds Carnival lot, 1142 South P. St., corner of Belle Terrace and P. St.; Fri. 9-7, Sat Sun. 9-5; free admission; free hourly drawings, dealers, jewelry, gems, beads, pearls, new/used tools-supplies, demos, arrowhead & sphere making, wire wrapping, silversmithing, Calif geology displays, kids' day Fri., gold panning, mining, "Wheel of Fortune," prizes; e-mail: lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

5-6--MEDFORD, OR: "Treasures of the Earth"; Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Society; Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Hwy.; Sat. 9-5:30, Sun 10 4:30?; adults \$3, kids 6-18 \$1, 6 and under free; gems, jewelry, lapidary, minerals, exhibits, dealers, demos, door prizes, speakers; e-mail: triciac@clearwire.net; Web site: www.craterrock.com



CFMS Report

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)

By Don Tracy, CFMS Director
Items from the January, February, 2008 Newsletter

Start planning now for next year's 9th Annual Petrified Wood Identification Seminar – March 2009. It's always held at Sierra College in Rocklin, California northeast of Sacramento. The lecturer will be Walt Wright who is renowned for identifying more petrified wood than anyone else in the world. The fee this year was \$75 per person for the two and half day seminar.

It's too late; March 1 was the deadline to apply for the Earth Sciences Seminar to be held March 23 thru March 30 at the Soda Springs Desert Studies Center off the Zyzyx Road exit of Interstate 15 near Baker, California. But look forward to the Seminar to be held at Camp Paradise with two weekly sessions this year: August 31 to September 6 and September 7 to the 13th. The fee will be \$300 per person per week.

There will be a training seminar on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in Pittsburg, CA, near the Bay area. The topics will be about determining land status for collecting rights and owner permissions, map reading, GPS and other information sources.

A field trip to Texas Springs, Nevada for all members of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend: Wednesday, May 21 thru Monday, May 26, 2008. The gathering is known as the Tri-Federation Rock Hound Rendezvous and is hosted by the Northwest FMS, Rocky Mountain FMS, and California FMS. Texas Springs Canyon is located about 25 miles southeast of the town of Jackpot, Nevada in the northeast corner of the state. Texas Springs Canyon is well known for spectacular pink agate limb casts along with other agates and petrified wood. In addition to collecting trips, there will be potluck dinners, happy hours, speakers, evening campfires, tailgate displays, map exchanges, and a great rock hound get-together.

The annual CFMS Show will be held in Ventura Friday, June 27 thru Sunday, June 29, 2008. All members (including Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society members) are encouraged to apply for exhibiting displays. There is a choice between either competitive displays or non-competitive displays (for evaluation only). Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own cases but rentals are available for \$10. If anyone is interested in learning about the judging process they should just show up on Friday at 7:30am and volunteer as a clerk to the experienced judges. All exhibitors will receive two 3-day guest passes.

Fluorite

from Chips 'N Splinters

Mineral collectors prize fluorite for its very wide range of colors, but it's best known for purple. It also often shows different fluorescent colors under ultraviolet light, and some specimens emit light as they are heated. No other mineral displays so many kinds of visual interest. Fluorite also occurs in several different crystal forms ranging from simple cubes to complex combinations showing as many as 48 faces or more.

Though much too soft to be a jewelry mineral, it is extensively used in carvings, in interior decorating and inexpensive art objects.



YUCAIPA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 14th 2008

CALL TO ORDER: President Frank F called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Led by Bill J.

MINUTES: Accepted with one correction; display case winner was Patrice C, not Patricia.

GUEST: Diana C, Kenny P, Gloria L, Pappa J.

TREASURE REPORT: Given by Henry C.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you from the Crafton Hill College Foundation for the Duane H Memorial Scholarship. 4-12-08 Crafton Hills will be having it's Annual Fund Raising Gala in the Grand Ballroom of the San Bernardino Hilton. Proceeds will go to the Crafton Hills College Foundation to be used for student scholarships & other student needs. We received E-mail from Don M on teaching classes on silversmith work. We received the March newsletter from the CFMS & the March newsletter from the AFMS. A BLM office is in Moreno Valley. Flyers on collecting fossils on public land.

FEDERATION NEWS: Given by Don T.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Membership- Valesca D introduced 12 new members: Vincent M, JoAnne E, Rodney R, Robert M, Curt M, Rachelle R & Hope R, Gena P & David O, David D, Bruce S and Darla L. **B. Show-** Bill J- Annual Gem And Mineral Show May 16th, 17th, and 18th. We have our dealers set up with one new dealer that makes diamond products. Jack Templeton will be setting up the raffle tickets. We are asking each of our members to donate a prize for the show worth at least \$15.00. We had almost 150 prizes last year. 1st prize will be \$200.00, and 2nd prize will be \$100.00. If anyone took pictures of last year's show please give them to Bill J. **C. Shop Report-** Dan N- the 14-inch drop saw is still out of commission. Covington's is going to allow us to try out some new diamond sphere cups for the sphere machine. The shop has been very busy, up to 18 members in one day. We need buckets for the shop. The silver smith class is by sign up. A committee is being formed to teach classes.

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OLD BUSINESS: We will be making a sign up list for people to help staple raffle tickets at someone's house for the show.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be having a yard sale this year and will need a new place for the sale and volunteers to help with the sale. We also need a place to store the items for the yard sale. Susan Mothersole volunteered to help with the yard sale.

ROCK OF THE MONTH: Next months rock color will be purple. Winners this month were: Valesca D – display case; Margaret T – shop; Bill C – badge drawing.

PROGRAM: Given by Steve M, Watermaster Support Services.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Rainy B, Secretary



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1-Year	Lynn P

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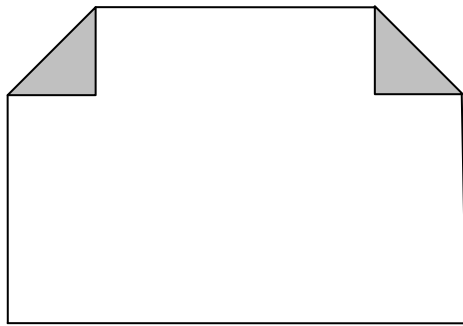
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Pattern for Rock Bingo Bags

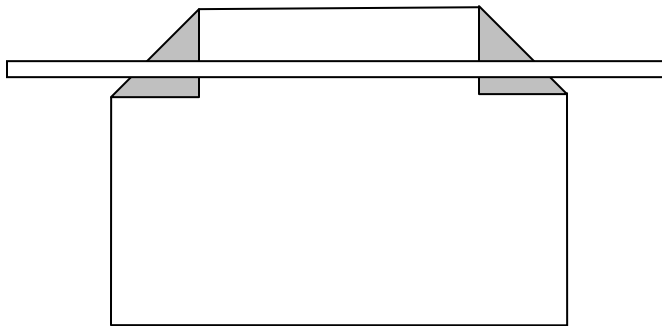
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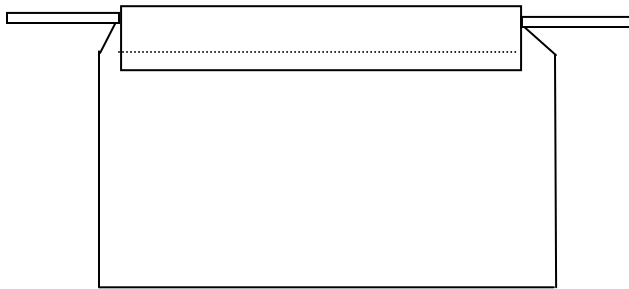
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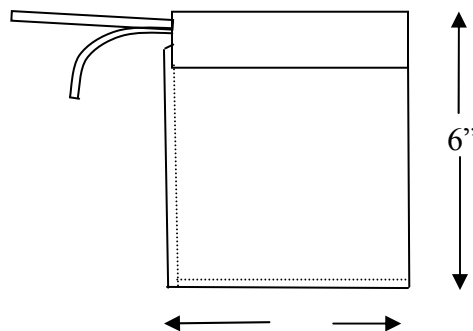
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3



Fold over and stitch

4



Fold in half, and then stitch across the bottom and up the side.



March 2008

Field Trips Meetings Holidays						1 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
2 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	3 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	4 BOARD MTG 6:30PM	5 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	6 METAL DTG MTG 6:00PM	7 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Stoddard Wells show/tailgate	8 SHOP: 9AM-1PM Stoddard Wells show/tailgate
9 SHOP: 1PM-5PM D'LIGHT SVINGS BEGINS Stoddard Wells show/tailgate	10 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	11	12 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	13 REG MTG 7:00PM	14 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	15 SHOP: 9AM-1PM 2PM Shop Committee Meeting
16 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	17 SHOP: 6 - 9PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	20 SPRING BEGINS	21 SHOP: 6 - 9PM GOOD FRIDAY	22 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
23 SHOP: 1PM-5PM EASTER	24 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	25	26 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	27	28 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	29 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
30 Eagle Mt SHOP: 1PM-5PM	31 SHOP: 6 - 9PM					

Birthdays

Mar 8 Linda N	Mar 24 Kelly T
Mar 13 Robert L	Mar 26 Valesca D
Mar 14 Don T	Mar 31 Walt H

& Anniversaries

Mar 19 James & Shelly S