

The Green Valley Rocker

Golden Anniversary Year! No. 2

REFRESHMENTS

Once again, please join us in thanking Jennifer Ackerman and Steve Williams for the delicious refreshments they provided for our January monthly meeting. Lee Peterson and Janice Torres have generously volunteered to bring the refreshments for the February meeting. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteers are needed. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set up and break down of the refreshments tables during the monthly meetings. If you arrive early for the meeting, we would really appreciate your help in setting up the tables, coffee maker, hot water kettle, etc. Just step up and we'll show you how to help out. And extra hands are always appreciated after the meetings to help us break down the refreshment tables and to put everything back into storage. Thank you!

Things To Do In Quartzsite

January 01 - February 28, 2010 Desert Gardens
- Annual Gem & Mineral Show
January 09 - February 24, 2010 Main Event
January 29 - February 7, 2010 Tyson Wells Arts
& Craft Fair
January 30 - January 31, 2010 Rock & Roll Car
Show
February 13, 2010 Blue Grass Festival at Tyson
Wells
February 27, 2010 Chili Cook-Off & State Salsa
Championship

2010 Display Themes

by Aimée Fitch

February - Most Unusual Shape



Turtle Rock Island – one of the Hundred Islands in Pangasinan, Philippines. It's called it "Turtle Rock Island" not because it's a breeding ground for turtles, but due to the striking similarity of the rock island to a turtle.

<http://sciencera.com/Earth-Sciences/Geology/Amazing-Animal-Shaped-Rock-Formations/>

February Program

By Brian Ragsdale

February's presentation is undetermined at press time.



President's Message

By Frank Fitch

It's February already and that means only 3 short months until our show. Get ready for rock washing parties, rock bag making and filling parties, and all the other fun activities require to make our show a success. Think about how you want to help out during the show itself. There are many different positions to fill: check in/out, security, silent auction, demonstrations, and more. Check with Bill Jochimsen to see where folks are needed.

We have a new workshop class committee team! Margaret Thielemann and Hank are working together to organize our classes. If you have a desire to teach others your skill, see Hank or Margaret.

Field Trips

Sign up sheets will be at the shop.

I am always looking for folks to lead trips. If you are interested, let me know. We also need some new collecting spots. Ideas are welcome.

Feb 6: Southern Pacific Silica Quarry
Leader: Frank Fitch

Meeting place: the gas station at route 74 & Menifee Road at 8am

If someone is willing to lead the group from the shop, folks can meet up there as well. We will be looking for Garnets, Black Tourmaline, very nice Quartz, maybe, if we are really lucky, aquamarine

Feb 20: Calico Mountains, near Barstow
Leader: Frank Fitch

Meet at the shop to leave at 7am
We will be going for many different materials.

March, date tbd by attendees: Benitoite Mine
Leader: Frank Fitch

The exact details will be determined once we get a list of attendees.

The benitoite mine is about 6 hours from Yucaipa, so a lot of planning is needed.

There are motels nearby (15-30 min away), and a place to camp a couple miles away. For more information, see the mine web site: <http://www.calstategemmine.com/>

DUES are Due

Please pay 2010 dues now. You can send them in to Hank Cobb at the PO Box 494, Yucaipa, CA 92399, or give it to him at the shop or meeting or even leave it at the shop in the "till" and write it down on the sign-in sheet.

Dues for 2010 are \$20 individual member or \$30 family. If you elect to have the bulletin sent to you by email, your dues are reduced to \$15 single or \$25 family. If you do want to have the electronic bulletin, make sure that Hank Cobb or Aimée Fitch has your email address.

Shop Locker Rentals Are Due

For those members who rent shop lockers, please pay at the shop. Large locker rentals are \$20 and small lockers are \$10.

Federation News

Copied from December 2009 newsletter

Calendar of CFMS Activities

May 16-22 - Camp Paradise Lapidary & Geology School

May 23-29 - Camp Paradise Lapidary & Geology School

June 18-20 - AFMS/CFMS Federation Big Show, La Habra, So. Cal.

Metal Detector's Corner

by Gary Crabtree

The recent much-needed rain has its positive and negative aspects: good for our water storage needs, and bad for the folks who are in the burn areas where mud is going to be a problem. One hopeful plus for nugget hunters is the possibility that the desert washes have been churned up with new/old gold being brought to the surface.

Last meeting saw a good turnout of detectorists showing off old or new finds that held a special story of past discoveries: from Bob Perkins' gold crowns found at the beach to Phil Alford's story of his early detector coin finds that funded his gold India coin purchases.

The next meeting will feature new member Bob Crompton and his video presentation on the "Calimesa Stagecoach Stop", a local historical transportation site. Bob was the 2009, past President of the Riverside Treasure Hunter's Club and is the Club's current Historian. He is a member of both the West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters' Association and the Gold Prospectors' Association of America (GPAA). He also keeps busy as an Inland Empire historian and lecturer.

I brought some baked goodies to last month's meeting, courtesy of my wife. If you have a baking talent or want to bring some nibbles to share at break, by all means do so. Henry Cobb even said he would provide coffee, next meeting.

Hope you can attend the February 4th meeting at the Mousley Museum (start time is 6 p.m.), and be sure to read Master Dectectorist Bob Dunham's column.

Good hunting,
Gary Crabtree

Shop News

By Dan Norcross

I will try to explain the new fee scheduling at the shop. You will have to pay \$7.00 to play (work) at the shop. You will not have to pay sphere fees, or saw fees, except for the 30 inch saw the fees will still apply. The fees for silver, grit, polish, misc., will remain at the clubs cost, and paid for by each member as needed. This will be effective as of February 1st. The addition of fees on the saws, sphere machines, and the super grinder, were put in place when the use went up, and the expenses were outside. Now the club has almost all diamond wheels inside, making the expense move inside. The shop committee has determined that the balance would be a raise across the board, and the board agreed, and approved it.

We are looking for more teachers to teach anything (most anything). Please contact Henry, Margaret, or Dan.

Donations are still needed: paper towels, rags, scrub brushes, spray bottles, a house with a big parking area.

Short this month.

Come down and see the shop!

Rock On
Dan



Found in LaVonne Ames' yard!

General Meeting Minutes

January 14th 2010

By Rainy Baldwin

Meeting was called to order by President Frank Fitch.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Parker.

The minutes were approved as written.

Guests: Brent Gaborko, Lori Hamilton, Carol and Robert Martindale, and Eugene Reber.

Treasure Report: Henry Cobb.

Correspondence: Newsletter from ALLA-American Lands Access Association. This organization helps keep our access to public lands. Federation News- Ann Boatman- None at this time.

Committee Reports:

- A. Refreshments- Kelly Templeton-We need volunteers for March to bring lots of goodies for our meeting. Please call Kelly.
- B. Membership- Linda Gibbs-We have 257 members. We need to have our dues in by March 1st. We have new members- Barbara and Jerry Kennedy, Bob Cromptor, Dave Herman and Brenda Carlson, Jerri and Dina Williams, Kevin and Susan Walton, Leonard and Ruth Steck, Robert Elkin and Jessica Reynoso. If you want the newsletter mailed to you, please see Frank or Henry.
- C. Metal Detecting- Henry Cobb- we had several people at our meeting. A few people went out but did not find anything.
- D. Youth Program- Bill Jochimsen- we have a few new members. The kids are doing very well and some are learning how to make spheres. Our show is coming up May 15th and 16th at the Community Center. We already have 4 dealers

asking to come back. This show will be our 50th anniversary so we want to make this show special.

- E. Shop Classes-Margret Thielemann- We have several classes: wire wrapping, silver smithing, sphere making, cabs, faceting, casting, and silver woven bracelet.
- F. Shop- Dan Norcross- We will have a change in fees to use the shop. The new shop fee will be \$7.00 a visit. This will start Feb 1st. There will no longer be sphere fees and saw cutting fees. You will still have to pay for your grit. If you use the big saw, you will still have to pay to use this saw. We will have more lockers to rent by Monday. The lockers are \$10.00 a cube.
- G. Field Trips-Frank Fitch-
 - 1. Jan. 23rd to Quartzsite for the Pow Wow. We will leave from the shop at 5 am.
 - 2. Feb 6th-Southern Pacific Silica Quarry in Nuevo. Leader will be Frank Fitch. Meet at the gas station at Route 74 and Menifee at 8 am. Near Perris. Lots of quartz and garnets here.
 - 3. Feb 20th-Calico Mountains, leader will be Frank Fitch. We will leave the shop at 7 am. May be difficult for young children.
 - 4. March – unknown date – Benitoite Mine-leader will be Frank Fitch. Coalinga is nearby and has hotels. This is a 5 hr. drive from Yucaipa. We would like to go for at last 3 days.

Old Business- dues are due. Tonight will be the book raffle. We have a few more tickets left. Tickets are \$5.00.

New Business-Budgets are due by the end of January for committee chair persons.

On January 29th -31st there will be the Annual Pacific Micro mount Conference. This is the Mineralogical Society of Southern Calif. The San Bernardino County Museum will host this conference.

Frank and Aimee put together a list of upcoming shows and this list will be posted on the web site.

If anyone would like to think of a name for our upcoming show, let Frank know. This is our special 50th anniversary show.

Rock of the month- Next month's rock of the month will be the most unusual shape. Winner of the display case was Frank Fitch, winner of the shop show and tell was Jacob, winner of the badge drawing was Ruth Hamilton, and winner of the mini raffle was Brian Ragsdale.

Program: By Brian Ragsdale- Bruno Canyon in Idaho. Where to find Jasper.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM.



From the Hauser Geode Bed, Wiley's Well, CA/AZ Found by John M, Joshua Tree, CA

WEST COAST SHOW MOVES TO FAIRPLEX AT POMONA

The Holiday Inn - Costa Mesa is no longer. The site of the semi-annual West Coast Gem & Mineral Show for the last 20 years has become The Hotel Hanford. It is being converted to a "Boutique Hotel" and the renovation will include smaller guest rooms and much larger beds which could not be moved during the semi-annual mineral & gem show. The conversion of the hotel made it very "unfriendly" for dealers in a trade show. Time to move.

Not too long ago, four MSSC shows were conducted at Fairplex in Pomona, with great success. Fairplex at Pomona offers a central location and plenty of exhibitor space in a wide-open exhibit building format. Moving the show to Fairplex will overcome two of the most serious problems encountered by show management in recent years. There is plenty of parking at Fairplex (7000 spaces) and there's plenty of room for dealer displays. Fairplex at Pomona is about a 30-minute drive from Costa Mesa, so it's more distant from San Diego but closer to major metropolitan areas to the north, west and east.

The West Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, at Fairplex Buildings 7 and 9, will include demonstrations, speakers, door prizes, special exhibits and much more to see. The May 2010 show will include about 80 retail dealers and 15 wholesale dealers. Speakers will include Rock Currier and Marty Zinn. There will be a \$5/adult admission charge and one free admission is offered with each parking receipt. Parking is \$9/day.

For more information, visit www.mzexpos.com/westcoast_spring.htm.

Mark your calendar NOW and plan to visit the show May 14-16, and Nov. 12-14, 2010.

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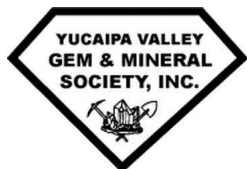
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The specific purpose of the Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. is to promote the earth sciences, paleontology, and the lapidary arts within the community. The objectives are to have educational meetings, earth science field trips, and exhibitions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



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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 between Date Street and Oak Glen Road.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Workshop, 34861 Yucaipa Blvd, across from Del Taco, between Second and Third Streets.

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, between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Workshop Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 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, between Date Street and Oak Glen Road.

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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February 2010

	1 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	2 Board Mtg 6:30 – shop Kenneth Barron	3 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Frank Fitch Richard Hughes	4 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM Barbara & Joe Pawlowski	5 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Randall Witowski	6 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
7 SHOP: 1PM-5PM Jack Templeton	8 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	9	10 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Marge Chapin Frank Heiser Loren Murphy	11 GENERAL MTG 7:00 PM	12 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Lee Peterson	13 SHOP: 9AM-1PM Ralph Powers
14 SHOP: 1PM-5PM David Thielemann Steve Williams	15 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Bruce Smith	16	17 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Gail Harmon Mike Reason	18 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM Tim Miller	19 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Darla Lewis	20 SHOP: 9AM-1PM Paula Ekema Glenda Toews
21 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	22 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Zac Ariola	23 Libby Plsek	24 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	25 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM	26 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Summer Rogers Becky Rudkin	27 SHOP: 9AM-1PM Denise Reason
28 SHOP: 1PM-5PM Nathan McDonald						

YVGMS Events, Holidays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

February birthstone: Amethyst is a variety of quartz which occurs in transparent light to dark purple. The darker more intense colors are more valuable than the lighter smoky or lavender color. Dark rich, royal colors of amethyst have been treasured by kings and queens for centuries and can be traced back to the Minoan period in Greece (c.2500 B.C.). During the 15th century the French fleur-de-lis brooch could only be worn by the Royal family on ceremonial occasions.

BAKERSFIELD: CALIFORNIA'S 9th ANNUAL ROCK AND GEM SHOW
MARCH 20th & 21st 2010

We are in a new location and have plenty of room for vendors. We have a new park area with plenty of room for vendors with canopies. Spaces are really reasonable.

Inside \$ 75.00 VERY LIMITED
Covered Patio \$ 50.00 FULL
Park area \$ 50.00
Lot 25'x25 \$ 75.00
Lot 25x50 \$100.00
9TH ANNUAL
ROCK AND GEM
RENDEZVOUS

WHEN:

Saturday and Sunday March 20 & 21 2010
9:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M

WHERE:

Kern County Shrine Club
700 South P. Street
Bakersfield Ca 93304
Corner South P and Bell Terrace
Indoor/out door show

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Come join us for a fun filled weekend that the whole family will enjoy. And best of all, it's FREE!

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Jurupa Hills oak may be California's oldest plant

Researchers from UC Davis and UC Riverside say the 75-foot-wide Palmer's oak shrub has lived about 13,000 years despite inhospitable surroundings, regenerating itself with new shoots



Nestled between two boulders on a low rise in the Jurupa Hills of Riverside County, a good 30 miles from its nearest living relative, lies the ultimate survivor -- an oak bush that researchers believe is 13,000 years old.

That's 1,000 years older than a previously identified Palm Springs creosote bush that was thought to be the oldest plant in California, 8,000 years older than bristlecone pines and 10,000 years older than the redwoods.

While it is one of the world's oldest living plants, it is probably not the oldest. That distinction may belong to a quaking aspen in Utah that is thought to be as old as 80,000 years or a holly in Tasmania that may be 43,000 years old.

But the Jurupa oak, researchers reported Tuesday in the online journal PLoS One, is unusual in that it is well out of its normal environment, which would be high in the mountains. It took seed at its current location near the end of the last Ice Age, when the climate was cooler and wetter. As its brethren died out because of climatic change, it persisted.

"If you planted a seedling there now, I doubt very much whether it would grow," said plant scientist Jeffrey Ross-Ibarra of UC Davis, lead author of the paper by UC Davis and UC Riverside scientists.

Because there are no other members of its species -- *Quercus palmeri* or Palmer's oak -- around to pollinate it, the shrub is infertile and grows clonally. When the trunk is destroyed by burning, new shoots pop up all around it from the roots. Over the millenniums, the Jurupa oak has spread until it is now more than 75 feet across. Genetic testing of individual stems shows that all are part of the same organism, Ross-Ibarra said.

The researchers estimated the plant's age by measuring growth rings and the rate of its spread. Termites have destroyed dead wood, precluding the use of radiocarbon-dating to get a more precise age.

Although the plant has survived since the Ice Age, its future is unclear. On one side of its hill are suburban backyards; on the other, off-roaders ride bikes and other vehicles. How long the oak can withstand encroachment is anyone's guess, Ross-Ibarra said. The scientists are talking to local officials about possible measures to protect it.

Upcoming Shows and Events

January – Quartzsite, Arizona. Various shows all month. See

<http://www.desertusa.com/Cities/az/quartzsite.html>

February 12-21, 2010, Indio, CA, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Gem amp;& Mineral Building Bldg #1, 46-350 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 am - 10 pm, Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674, Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 26-27 2010, Northridge, CA, Del Air Rockhounds Club, United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.), Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. -9:30 p.m. - Sat. 10-5, Julie Marin (818) 886-7190, Website: <http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

Victorville Gem and Mineral Club Tailgate March 12, 13, and 14th. Same place of Interstate 15 and Stoddard Wells Rd. <http://www.vvgmc.org/tailgate.html>

The North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the 2010 AFMS/CFMS Show on June 18 through June 20. Additional info will follow; mark your 2010 calendars! To find out more now, go to: <http://www.networkingwave.com/afms2010/general-information.html#general>.