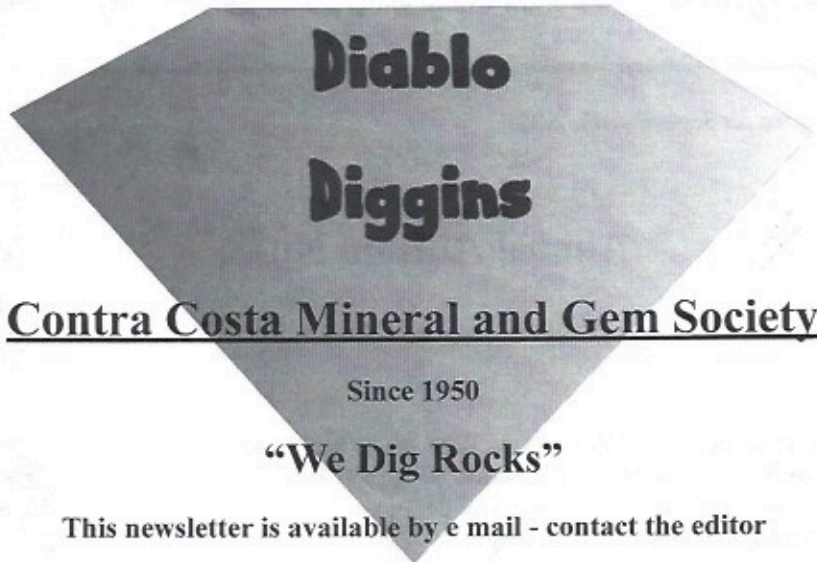




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September 2017 Presidents' Message



Please start thinking now about what you would like to volunteer to do for our November show! What a success it would be if every member participated! There are plenty of small jobs that won't take up your whole weekend. The kitchen has lots of small jobs during setup and some during tear down. Build hamburgers! Cut cakes! Greet guests at the door! Help with the raffle! Skirt tables! Be a demonstrator! I always need new demonstrators. Post signs the week before. Post flyers! What ideas do you have? There are all sorts of ways to support your club!

Chairperson, Mary Hicks needs to know soon who is available for what positions so we can start looking to fill anything left over. Check the bulletin board at meetings. Meanwhile, if you are interested in volunteering please give your contact information to any board member.

Kelly Plumb, President

REMINDER FOR GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
CENTRE CONCORD 7:30 p.m.

REMINDER FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND SHOW MEETINGS
Sunday, September 10, 2017

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CCM&GS Program for September 11, 2017

Annual Auction Night

Fun and Excitement for all

Bring your donations the night of the auction. What we auction comes from you. We ask that you limit your donations to Rocks, Minerals, Gems, Fossils, and Beads. Related equipment, jewelry, books, media, decorations etc. are also appreciated. Bring your donations as clean as possible and try to identify what each item is. We can help with the identification.

Doors open at 6:30 PM and we want to start promptly at 7:30 PM

We still need first time volunteers to help with the auction. Contact Dennis Freiburger.

Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. We are open to all.



Examples of typical auction items:



Dennis Freiburger, Program Chairman

Free Tables

The club is giving away their tables as they are taking up too much needed space. First opportunity is going to club members. Please contact Mary Hicks for more information.

Club Picnic

September 9, 2017

3 - 7 p.m.

Donna & Mike Albrecht's Home
Please sign up to bring a side dish at the next general meeting. See more information on Page 7.

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society August 2017 General Meeting

CCM&GS General Meeting

August 13, 2017, Centre Concord. President Kelly Plumb welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order around 7:30 pm. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 30 in attendance.

We had two visitors who were introduced by Betty Pankey, the Krueger's of Walnut Creek. They are interested in joining our club, which is a compliment for us all.

Door prizes were awarded.

Remember the Club Picnic on September 9th at Donna and Mike Albrecht's home in Concord, 3 pm, see the newsletter for details. We really do need to know if you are planning on coming to make sure there is room and to make sure we purchase enough burgers, sodas and water, etc. You bring your own items that you'd like to have like a chair and hat. See Page 7 for the details like bringing a side dish. Come and have fun and get to know other members. Call Donna or Secretary Mary Hicks if you are coming.

Mary Hicks put on the Show Chair Hat and said the show process is coming along. There were signup sheets set out for volunteering. She needs someone to volunteer to be in charge of the unloading and loading of the trailer at the show, a Trailer Guru.

The trailer party was successful in distributing half of the club tables to new homes. The Antioch Lapidary Club and Modesto club got some tables. Mike Hopkins took some tables to help him in giving classes to Boy Scouts and some members got tables to use.

Dave Kleesattel, Property Chair needs help with another trailer party to unload, inventory, and balance the trailers load (weight).

Dick Pankey announced that he and Betty are organizing the Exhibitions for the show. See page 10 of the newsletter. He and Betty started going to shows in 1991, and sometimes go to as many as 18 shows in a year. So talk to him or Betty if you have any questions about exhibiting.

September 23 will be a meeting of the North Bay Field Trip association and seminar in Pittsburg at the Presbyterian Church on 200 E. Leland Rd, 94565, check in starts at 8 am. This event is sponsored by our club and

besides a fun and informative meeting, we also need to help with the meeting such as working at the check in table, greeting attendees and setting out the silent auction donations. The lunch is being made by Stephen May of the Santa Clara Valley G&MS.

Dick brought Rock Hound stickers and other items for sale in the back of the room.

Kelly said that First time exhibitors have much to share.

Bring in rocks to donate for the Silent Auction.

Chuck talked about field trips see the newsletter. The Santa Cruz club is leading a trip to the Clear Creek area.

The scholarship for the jewelry class application is in the August newsletter.

Cheryl announced winner of displaying rock talent. Present tonight were Donna, Joe and Paul. She said there was a hot competition going on.

Gary Cassilas teaches a class at the end of October on Cabgbing at the ALC shop. See August's newsletter. He can teach 5.

Debbie Blevins was called up as she makes and organized items for the critters. She has been organizing rock collections for the show's Silent Auction. See her if you have some minerals or special rocks that are of the right size.

Dennis Freiburger, VP of Programs, spoke of the September meeting on 9/11-the Annual Auction. He then said that he remembers meeting member Barrie Bieler and learning so much about photographing rocks. It is difficult to do but can be learned.

Barrie had a setup at the front of the room. He showed pictures he has taken with a digital camera. He used Photoshop to put frames around his pictures. I am sure everyone had a favorite or many from the wonderful photos he showed. I liked the Herkimer diamond on dolomite and a picture of the native copper from Michigan.

Thank you for those members who brought in snacks. A special thank you to Vikki Hotopp for organizing the snacks and for bringing in the beverages.

We vacated the room before 9:30 pm. We left no trace.

Mary Hicks
Secretary

2017 Show Meeting at Mary Hicks' Home in Antioch, 94531

CCMGS Show Meeting took place August 6, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled on 9/10/2017, at 3 pm at Mary Hicks', Antioch, CA.

The meeting started at 3 pm. Present: Mary Hicks, Dick Pankey, Paul Black, Debbie Blevins, Kelly Plumb, Cheryl Morgan, Naomi Morgan, Hazel Woolsey, Mary Hanjes, Dave Kleesattel.

For the Wheel. 79 Ming Gem Trees for the show were created by Debbie Blevins (picture was in the August newsletter), Mary Jernigan, Annie Stevens, Taylor Thompson, Joanne Caskey, Barbara Paul and her daughter Lisa were the team. Thank You all.

Publicity. Christine Henningsson reported that she contacted and sent information to KFOG, KUIC, KKDV, and KKIQ. These radio stations cover areas from Vacaville to Pleasanton. KFOG is in San Francisco and has an audience across the Bay Area. She also asked about KKIQ having a truck come to our event and maybe attract people with their live broadcast. She will let us know what happens with the requests and if there are costs involved

Education Corner. Mike Hopkins has volunteered to organize the Education Corner in the Hallway. He was not able to make the show meeting but attendees thought that this activity needs four narrow tables. What about chairs? There will be signup sheets for this activity.

Show. Mary Hicks confirmed the permit for the sign on the Bart walkway in Orinda. She needs to go and see how the banner is placed.

A fourth monetary deposit for Dealer contracts was handed over to Mary Hanjes. There are two dealers who need to get their signed contracts and money in, they are not late yet. All tables are under promise.

There will be one area for a Rest Station near the entrance to the Activities Room. There is one Dealer Demonstrator and a Demonstrator in this area too. The payment to the Centre is due before September, Mary Hicks has requested a check per the contract with the City.

Property. Dave Kleesattel gave an update on the trailer table work party. About half of the tables were removed by members and other clubs. The remaining tables are under cases and was not possible to get to those. A tire was blown on the trailer and we need to replace all four tires. This will be brought to the BOD this afternoon for budget approval and we'll need to plan on this expense in the future budgets. We still need to schedule a work party date to unload the trailer. To do this it must be pulled out of the storage spot, unloaded and repacked. It may be a work party of Dave, Terry, Chuck, Larry and Dick at this time. But we need more members to help out. Dick's truck can pull the trailer away from the hill. We will need more helpers to unload and help with inventory along with reloading the contents. Mary will do another sign-up sheet for the August General Meeting. The club is still looking for someone to pull the trailer to the show and back. We considered taking the trailer to the Centre Thursday afternoon before the show and take it back on Monday after the show. Taking the trailer to the Centre on Thursday afternoon avoids having to do so in the dark early hours on Friday. Everyone thought this is a good idea. Mary will check with the Centre to see about when the spots come open in the afternoon to park the trailer Thursday.

Sign Up Sheets. The Silent Auction signup sheet will be at the August meeting so people can indicate when they will be bringing items. Drop-offs can occur on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This year we will have a sign up for bringing relief to the volunteers. No one should be STUCK doing an activity. Other sign-up sheets will be for helping prepare Friday Lunch and Friday Dinner, Sign placement starting Sunday before the show, sign placements the morning of the show, balloons, pickup signs after show, setup on Friday, tear down on Sunday, trailer overseer to monitor unloading and loading of the trailer, front door, education corner, wheel, grab bags, raffle, membership information, sand digging, rock painting, show evaluator, recruiting to fill empty spots, placing mailing labels and stamps on postcards, and email show announcements. Stations that are not covered for a period of time at the show will have a sign saying it will be open soon. This way, people can be guaranteed a break. Larry Blevins has helium gas, Mary Hicks will get the mylar balloons.

Post Cards. We need someone to fabricate a cardboard drop box for attendees in which to deposit self-addressed, 2018 post cards. Mary is going to contact Margaret and Don about applying labels and stamps for this coming 2017 show post cards. Bob Rigor brought an example of the front and back of the 4 by 6 inch postcard to the meeting. It contains a map on the back side and looks great. We will be ordering postcards for the 2017 and 2018 shows. The 2018 postcards can be addressed by attendees and dropped in a collection box. Mary is going to check to make sure the postage amount is sufficient on the existing post cards. We need another design by Bob with the 2018 November dates. Mary is finishing adding 2016 attendee information into the 2015 database for the mailing/email master list. She will be able to know how many postcards are needed when this is done. This is a priority item time-wise. Bob was asked to include active military bring ID, as not all off duty military men and women wear their uniform. The postcards with incorrect information from past shows were repurposed by Mary Hanjes and so were not thrown in the trash.

Critters. Debbie Blevins is asking for members to get river rocks to her for the Critter day which is on 8/19, 9 am to 1 pm. Debbie reported that Connie Klein gave her all the critter day supplies and tools she had at her place.

Grab Bags. Hazel Woolsey brought all the tumbled rocks that were being stored at her home. Thank you Hazel for being the depository for the rocks and bags for Grab Bags. As room becomes available in the Storage Room and the Trailer these items will be stored there. Hazel has slabs to donate to the club and she spoke with Mary Hanjes about that.

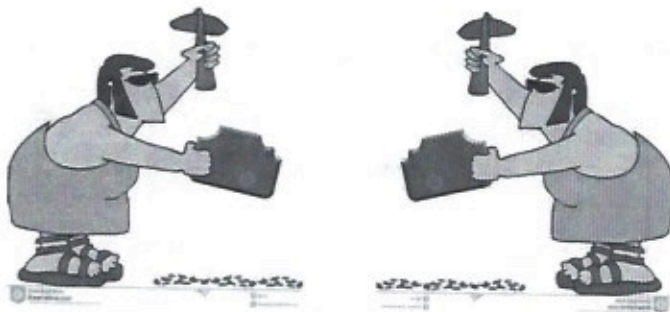
Tables. Terry Caskey and Paul Black met with Party Time table supplier. We are renting from them this year and they will pick up the tables on Sunday. They are giving the club a discount for being a non-profit organization.....thank you to Party Props.

Activity Room Layout. Terry Caskey had a proposed layout change for the Activity Room. After discussion, it was decided to review this Sunday after the show and any change would be developed for the 2018 show.

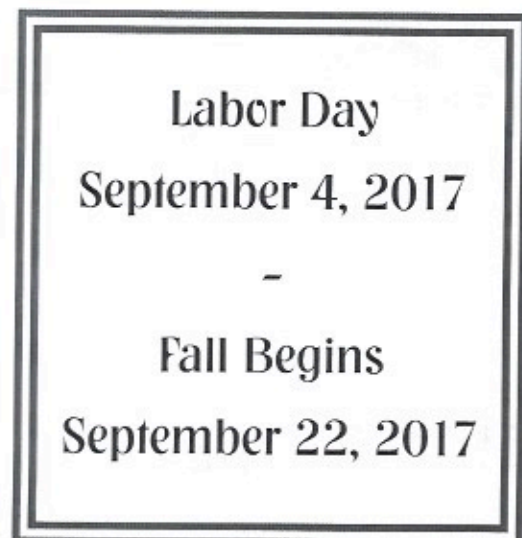
Exhibits. Dick and Betty Pankey are organizing the Exhibitor activity this year. They are sending out invitation letters to 8 to 10 guest exhibitors and there is an article in the newsletter for members. Applications will also be brought to the General Meeting. Dick asked Kelly about any demonstrators who are interested in displaying an exhibit. Mary reported that 'Just Bead It' wants a case. Dick will be purchasing the stamps and envelopes for this work. Chuck Olson is on point for redoing the Case Ends.

Menu. An item from the last show meeting outstanding is that Mary needs to talk to Scott Pevahouse about adding sloppy joes as a possible menu item. Mary Hicks will talk to the Health Department about any regulations of which we need to be aware. Mary Hicks asked Mary Hanjes for the 2016 Raffle income/expenses so she can send in the annual raffle report to the Justice Department. She will also get the permit for 9/1/2017 thru 8/31/2018 at the same time. END

Mary Hicks
Secretary



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August 6, 2017 CCMGS BOD Meeting at 2418 Larkin Court, Antioch, CA 94531

August 6 BOD Agenda. Start Time 5:10 pm. End Time 6:10 pm. Ending of the meeting was called by Cheryl Morgan and 2nded by Mary Hanjes

Next BOD is September 10th, 2017. Location 2418 Larkin Court, Antioch, CA.

President Kelly Plumb welcomed everyone. Present: Officers and hairs, Kelly Plumb, Mary Hicks, Dave Kleesattel, Paul Black, Dick Pankey, Debbie Blevins, Cheryl Morgan, Naomi Morgan, Mary Hanjes. Member Bob Rigor. Absent: Membership Mary Jernigan, Education Bonnie Eichler. The application for the Scholarship program is in the newsletter. **Program Dennis Freiburger** See the newsletter for the August program.

Field Trip Chuck Olson -See the newsletter for field trip opportunities. Last BOD meeting (July) minutes were approved, moved by Dick Pankey, 2nd by Cheryl Morgan. All ayes.

Secretary Mary Hicks reported on communication, mail and show report. A person, Kenneth Jays, spoke with Valley Jewelers, and is interested in the club. (Mary will returned the call at 707-654-7726. Called twice, left voice mail. 2nd time she asked him to email her so she could send the newsletter and told him a meeting was occurring this coming Monday evening. He never got back to her.) The club received a hardcopy of CFMS newsletter, monthly bank statement, and notice of CD renewal.

Show Report highlights were that Mike Hopkins volunteered to manage the Education Corner. She requested information to be able to send in the 2016 Raffle Report and she will request the 2017 raffle permit at the same time. A check is needed to pay Centre Concord for show rental. She will be ordering post cards for 2017 show and the 2018 show. This year the show attendees will fill out a 2018 show postcard with their address, reducing data entry into the data base. Labels will be printed for the 2018 mailer for addresses in the database that did not get a postcard filled out at the 2017 show.

Cheryl Morgan stated her Rock Painting area needs to be arranged so she can get out to get water.

Nominating Committee Mary Jernigan was not present.

Other member opportunities currently are Ecology and Public Lands, Publicity, Hospitality, Refreshments.

Property/Past President Dave Kleesattel reported about half of the tables were removed from the trailer during the trailer work party. Tables were picked up Bob Moore and Bill Jones of the Lodi Mineral & Gem Society, Gary Casillas of the Antioch Lapidary Club, the Blevins', and tables also made their way to Mike Hopkins for his Boy Scout presentations. Now it is necessary to pull out the trailer to unload and organize the contents to balance the load. Remaining tables can be given away at the next trailer work party and at the show in November. The trailer needs four new tires. It was estimated the tires are 12 years old. One tire had tread separation last month. Replacement of the four tires may need to be planned on approximately 5 year cycles. Storage facility staff may have a recommendation for on-site installation. New locks will be obtained.

Skirting- Dave will get an idea of the skirting inventory. Kelly Plumb and Mary Hicks said we can use a different color skirting for certain areas at the show like the lobby, raffle table, etc. if we need. Kelly has purple material and also an eight foot length of a shiny hula style drape.

Program for the meeting on September 11th is the annual club auction. Dave Kleesattel will pull items from storage and Debbie Blevins will bring these to the meeting. Members bring donated items to the meeting.

Treasurer Mary Hanjes- Cash flow at an apex. (Large expensive items coming are the Show rental check, postcards, and new tires for the trailer, food for the cafe.) Blum Road storage went up about \$10.00 per month.

Newsletter budget increased was approved for 2017. Mary will send the information needed for the Raffle Report to Mary Hicks to complete the paperwork.

Federation Dick Pankey-See the newsletter for his report. Dick reminded attendees of the North Bay Field Trip meeting on September 23rd. This meeting is sponsored by our club.

Display Cheryl Morgan is working on a new category, perhaps it will be more inclusive such as wearable art.

Librarian Paul Black did not have a report. Sergeant at Arms Naomi Morgan did not have a report.

Historian/Bulletin Editor Debbie Blevins reported the cost to mail a hardcopy of the newsletter to about 25 individuals is higher than budgeted for. The budget of \$500 per year was raised to \$750. Moved by Mary Hicks, seconded by Paul Black, all ayes. Debbie will see if a lighter bond paper can help reduce the mailing cost. The post office charges more for an item that is over a certain thickness.

Critters- Debbie is hosting Critter Day on August 19, Debbie said she has 5 members signed up to work on this project.

Newsletter- Deadline for the September newsletter items is September 13th. August due date was not changed.

New items-

Education activity organized by Bonnie is the scholarship for the jewelry class at Mt. Diablo Adult Education.

Apparel- Bob Rigor reported on the possibility of club hats and shirts and other ideas. Bob has developed a graphic design of Diablo Dan adjusted for silk screening or embroidery. He had examples of possible items from a baseball hat, sun hat, t-shirts, sweat shirts, etc.

Parking lot.

Slate- Report on officer slate for 2018.

Venues- Possible new venues for the General Meeting as the attendance and membership decrease could be accommodated in a smaller less expensive location. Contract with Centre Concord ends on December 31st.

Important dates. Critter day 8/19 at Debbie's. Applications for jewelry class due 8/31, Raffle Report 2016 to Justice Department before 8/31. Club Picnic 9/9 at 3 pm. North Bay Field Trip meeting 9/23. September newsletter items due 9/13.

Mary Hicks
Secretary



CCM&GS PICNIC!

There's still time left to sign up for the CCM&GS annual picnic. It will be held at Donna Albrecht's home on September 9 beginning at 3 pm. The club will provide the meat that will be grilled. You can bring your favorite side dish and an appetite!

In case you're tired of the heat, the forecast call for a high of 86 degrees that day, and we have a lot of shade as well as an air conditioned house. Bring along a favorite rock to give a brief (about 3 min) talk about to share with fellow members.

Please make a reservation with Mary Hicks at maryhicks@comcast.net so we'll be sure to have enough food. Just click on her link to let her know and to get my address.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Donna Albrecht, host



Rockhounding With Sally!

Hi Folks,



It's mid August and I just got back from scouting out a few sites around Fresno, for a possible field trip this fall and I'm back to report, it's still hot down there! But I did pick up some fresh cherries for Sally, (who had the good sense to wait at home).

We're headed out for the Labor Day weekend field trip to Wild Horse Reservoir, about 70 miles north of Elko, Nv. It looks to be pretty remote, dry camping, with the closest services back in Elko. But that's the adventure of it, and the reason to be prepared. So we're getting geared up.

The calendar is filling up, so I can't say yet, where we'll be next, but we're shooting for the Clear Creek trip, Sept.17.

We'll watch for you, Chuck

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS**September 2 - 4 (Labor Day Weekend)**

Wild Horse Reservoir & Willow Creek Reservoir
70 Miles North of Elko, NV
Fossils For Fun

For petrified wood, maybe other fossils and materials.

Contact Vicki Black (530)205-8382

gvblack@peoplepc.com or Terry Bartels, (530)346-8345,
terrybartels@hotmail.com.

September 9, 12:00 pm check-in

Field Trip Leaders Association

Co-op's Quarterly Seminar

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

2500 Mecham Road, Angels Camp, CA

Much like North Bay Field Trips, the Co-op coordinates field trips among a cooperative of Northern CA Clubs and Societies. This seminar is open to anyone who has an interest in field trips, past and future.

Contact me for further information

September 17

Clear Creek Management Area

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society

For plasma agate, peridotite, serpentine, chromite, jadeite

Contact Dale Bruce, (408)605-2081

September 23, 8:00 - 9:00 am check-in

North Bay Field Trips Fall Meeting

200 E. Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA

NBFT's President, Dick Pankey and I have been talking for a few years about sponsoring a Field Trip Leaders Seminar. Well the time has finally arrived! Dick will present the seminar, focusing on the expectations and responsibilities of field trip leaders. This seminar will be valuable to field trip attendees as well. So it is open to all. If you have, or think you might have an interest in field trips, you don't want to miss this. AS A BONUS, NBFT'S SECRETARY, BETTY PANKEY, WILL DISCUSS THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF FIELD TRIPS. And if that's not enough, the Santa Clara Gem & Mineral Society will sponsor a spaghetti lunch! So wake up on Saturday morning and bring something for the auction, and I'll see you there.

September 30 - October 1

Lovelock, NV Area

Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society

For petrified wood, emeralds, magnetite, druzy quartz, common opal

Contact Jim Hutchings (530)367-5108, (916)995-7380
jhutchings22@hotmail.com

October 13 - 17

Crystal Mine and Dog Valley

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

For quartz crystals (clear, rutilated, milky and smokey)

Contact Rich Cross (530)401-7066

crosstechtrek@gmail.com**October 28**

Wilson Canyon

Smith Valley, NV

El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society

For green agatized and opalized petrified wood, moss and plume agate, gypsum cakes, peach calcite and various colors of jade

(Contact information next page)

Contact Thaleia Georgiades (530)957-3800

thaleia@thaleia.com

Let me know if you'd like a copy of the announcement for any of these field trips and I'll send you all that I have. As always, contact the Field trip Leader to sign onto a trip.

As long as I'm within range of a cellular signal, I'm here or there, and will share any information that I may have.

olson86@yahoo.com, or (925) 890-7116

Olson86

Rockhound Raffle Needs Your Donations for the 2017 Annual CCM&GS Show!

Greetings, CCM&GS Members - Our favorite Rockhound Raffle needs your donations to keep going!

Donations of crafted Jewelry items, Rock & Mineral specimens, Books and Rockhound Treasures are greatly needed for our Rockhound Raffle case. Share prized specimens from a fun fieldtrip or those cool "Silver-pick-purchased" items. Your donations are definitely appreciated and admired! Do you have an interesting item that you could offer for our Rockhound Raffle case? Please bring your Rockhound Raffle items to the General Meetings on September 11th, October 9th, or just give me a phone call to pick-up your donations. Thank you for your support!

Rockhounds Always ROCK!!

Mary Jernigan
Membership & Rockhound Raffle
(925) 852-1133

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Attention All CCMG&S Members!

**Nominees for the 2018 Officers Slate
are requested**

It's time again to seek out CCMG&S Members to be part of our nominees for the 2018 Officers Slate.

Are you an active Club Member interested in keeping CCMG&S a viable entity representing our Rockhound hobby? We Want YOU to consider being part of the Board of Directors and Committees for the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society. Qualified members in good standing are definitely needed to support our CCM&GS Club and members activities.

The Officer Slate for 2018 will be for the following positions: (to be announced at the September General Meeting)

- * President
- * 1st Vice President of Programs
- * 2nd Vice President of Field Trips
- * Treasurer
- * Secretary
- * Federation Director

Please contact me or any of the current Board of Directors for more information regarding these honored positions.

Mary Jernigan -
Nomination Committee Lead/ CCM&GS
Membership

Show Time Opportunities!

I put out several 'sign-up' sheets for members to volunteer to help with the show. Every member who can, can find something to do to support the show as this is how your club makes money to pay for operating costs. Yes, it is your show, not mine or the Board's, but you as a member are expected to support your show and your show. Save the date(s). I just came back from attending the San Francisco Club's show and was impressed at how many members were doing something during the show, not to say how many members do their setup and teardown and put out signs. Call me at 925.779.0698 or send me an email at maryhicks@comcast.net to have me contact you about show opportunities.

Support Your Club. Much thanks, Mary Hicks 2017 Show Chair, I am working for you.

Mary Hicks

Love Your Club Opportunities!

Speaking of opportunities! Did you contact Mary Jernigan about what Office or Chair you can do for the club in 2018? If we have support from you-all, the members who love our club, no one gets "stuck" doing a job for years beyond their intended term. Perhaps you have not volunteered because you do not want to be viewed as the heir apparent of a "job" because you volunteered once. I say "Here Here" or is it "Hear Hear". I have been secretary for many years now and I am getting a little bored doing the same thing year after year. Help me out and other "active" members by volunteering. I love to be involved but I also enjoy doing something new too. Call me or Mary Jernigan or some other BOD member if you have questions about the "jobs". Help Support Your Club. Love Your Club.

Mary Hicks

Call for Exhibitors

Dick and Betty Pankey, Exhibit Chairmen

The Exhibitor Forms for the Contra Costa M&GS Annual Show are available. All of our members are invited and encouraged to enter a display case into our show. To all of our past exhibitors it is now time to get your application submitted. The sooner the better. No need to wait until the last minute. If you haven't put in a display case before now is the time to start. If you collect rocks, minerals or fossils, if you polish or make things with rocks, or if you do beading or make jewelry you have the makings of a display case. If you don't know how to get started just give me a call and I will help.

Exhibit Forms will be available at our meetings, but you don't have to wait. Just e-mail me and I will send you a form by return e-mail. We have over 50 display case spots to fill and we want your case to be one of them. Return your Exhibitor Form as soon as possible and no later than October 15. Loaner cases are available. Our space is limited and encourage you to sign up early. If you would like more information and tips to set up your display please give us a call.

Please complete all information on the entry form and return to the Exhibit Chairmen for acceptance and acknowledgement. Return to: **Dick and Betty Pankey, 4310 Kingsly Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565**. If your entry is not acknowledged within 14 days, please contact the Exhibit Chairmen.

For additional information, please contact Dick and Betty Pankey at 925-439-7509 or dickpankey@juno.com.

Dick and Betty Pankey, Exhibit Chairmen

Critters Galore

With the help of Joanne Caskey, Caryl Taraldson, Hazel Woolsey and Louise Gilley, we forged ahead and created all of these beautiful, creepy, cute, hideous, slithery and scary creations for the show's wheel spinning game. Be sure to drop by the activity center in the back room and take a look at all the talent.

Debbie Blevins



NBFT Fall Meeting and Field Trip Seminar

Over the past 25 years the Contra Costa M&GS has hosted many North Bay Field Trips and CFMS meetings and seminars at the Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg. It is a little bit of work to set up chairs and tables and take them down but we don't have to travel very far to attend these events. This year we will host the NBFT Fall Meeting and Field Trip Seminar on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Community Presbyterian Church on Leland Rd., in Pittsburg, CA. The announcement flyer with all of the details are available from me or at our meeting. All CCM&GS members who are interested in field trips are encouraged to attend this NBFT meeting and join in the fun and be active in NBFT events. It is a great place to socialize with other rockhound friends, enjoy a fine lunch and best of all hear about field trips to come and reports on field trips just taken. Bring rocks and rock related items for the silent auction. Also, bring Show-N-Tell from a recent trip. Part of this meeting is a seminar for Field Trip leaders **and** Field Trip attendees. We need your help starting at 7:30 AM to set up tables and chairs for the silent auction and for the meeting and lunch and then at the conclusion of the meeting to take it all down and to cleanup.

No potluck this year, but don't fret. Stephen May and the Santa Clara Valley G&MS will provide a free lunch of Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a drink. They will also provide plates and utensils. It would be great if some of you would contribute some fresh fruit or dessert items.

To help in the planning and preparation of the seminar please reserve your place by notifying Dick Pankey at dickpankey@juno.com, no later than September 20th.

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Dick Pankey
President - NBFT

**Please Support Your Club and
Make Donations to the Silent
Auction during the Annual
Show.**

(See Kelly Plumb for more information.)

**REMINDER FOR NEXT
GENERAL MEETING**

Monday September 11, 2017
7:30 p.m. at Centre Concord

Show/BOD Meetings

Dates and Times

Supporting the Show IS supporting your Club. We're announcing the next show meetings on September 10, and October 1, 2017 at Mary Hicks' home, 2418 Larkin Ct., Antioch at 3:00 p.m. There is plenty of parking which is handicap accessible. We hope to see many club members who can come and learn about the makings of a great 2017 Rockhound Show.

The Board of Director Meetings follow the Show Meetings and begins at 5:30 p.m.

September Refreshments

Thank You to the Club Members who bring snacks to our General Meeting each month.

If you are not able to attend the next meeting and your name is listed below, will you please contact another member and trade "snack responsibility" places with them?

Thank You!

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Jr.

September Birthdays

If you are a current member and do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please drop me a note so I can update my record.

Thanks, Mary Jernigan

Happy Birthday!!

Gary Casillas	9/10
Ken Caudel	9/19
Naomi Morgan	9/21

Next Show & Board Meetings

September 10, 2017

Show Meeting 3 p.m.

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Mary Hicks' Home - 2418 Larkin Ct.,
Antioch

**Show Time
Launch Date
November 3rd!**

September Anniversaries**Happy Anniversary !!**

Howard Shamy & Ann Howell	9/9
Michael Federoff	9/30

DISPLAYS

There are four competitive categories each month. Everyone is invited to vote on the entries in each category. The winner in each category receives a prize of five dollars, and the person who has won the most competitions for novice cab during the year will advance to "pro" status and be awarded a Diablo Dan silver pin.

ENTRIES

Novice

B. Bob Rigor. MARIPOSITE. Green rectangle on black B

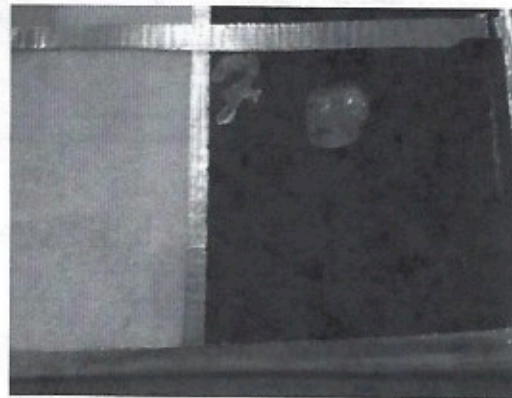
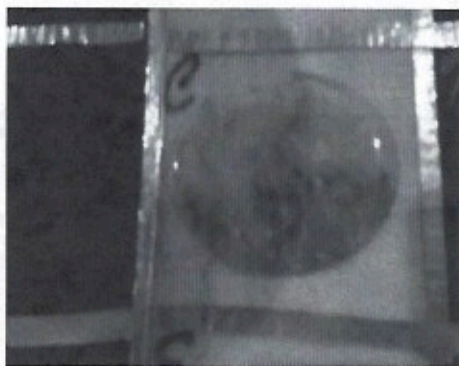
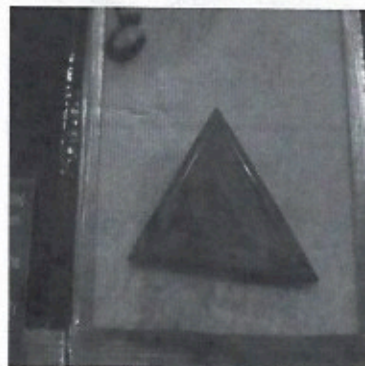
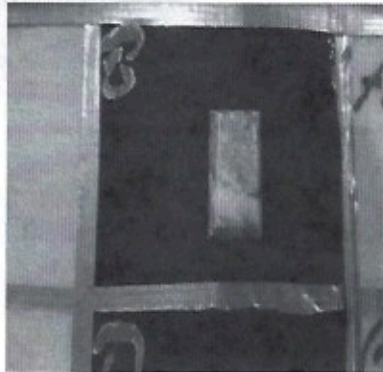
Shape of the Month

E. Donna Albrecht. Red Triangle on white E]

Professional

C. Joe Yarbough. Graveyard Plume Agate large multi colored oval on white

F. Donna Albrecht. Birdwell Stone. Green round on black F. WINNER👍👍👍



2017 Shape of the Month Cabs

September - Auction Night (no displays), October - Marquis (Cat's eye),
November - Oval, December - No Competition (Holiday Party)

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September 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2 Wild Horse & Willow Creek F/T	
3 Wild Horse & Willow Creek F/T	4 Wild Horse & Willow Creek F/T	5	6	7	8	9 F/T Leaders Assoc. Seminar	
10	Labor Day		12	13	14	15	
Show & BOD Mtgs	11 General Meeting (Auction)		Diablo Diggins Articles Due			16 Oktoberfest Begins	
17 Clear Creek F/T	18	19	20	21 Int'l Day of Peace	23 NBFT Meeting		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Lovelock F/T	
		World Tourism Day				Through 10-1-17	



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