

*Contra Costa
Mineral & Gem Society*

June 2004

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June 11 Meeting

Program

The program for June will be presented by Club member **Barrie Bieler**. Barrie thought it would be a good idea to start summer off on a "cool" note, so he has offered to give us a presentation on glaciers!

Dave Kleesattel, First VP

Refreshments

Mark Worley
Catalina Wright
Joe Yarbrough
Horace Young
Dave and Sue Zabaldano
Joe and Bonnie Zehring

Editor's Notes

Please provide June newsletter input by May 20th.



Sue Zabaldano, Editor

President's Message

I am sorry to report that our member, **Anne Pevahouse**, passed away May 5. She was a long time member of our club. Anne was not the family "rockhound," yet she supported her husband, **Bob**, and the club in many ways. Anne enjoyed sending cards, letters and articles to encourage people. She particularly enjoyed sending things to older people. She made a wonderful Greeter at our meetings.

She was famous for her pecan pies and when they were brought to the show they were gobbled up immediately. Visitors at the show probably never got a piece, as club members were all waiting for those pies to arrive! She will be missed.

I went on a wonderful historical trip to Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia with my granddaughter's 8th grade class recently. I managed to keep up with them (barely). We walked miles and climbed a million stairs (8th graders don't believe in elevators). The hardest day was leaving S.F. on the "red eye", being met by the bus and going right to Mt. Vernon where we spent the day, a beautiful place, then ending up that night in Williamsburg, VA. It was a LONG night and day. We spent the next two days at Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown and the surrounding historical areas and then back to D.C. We would leave early in the mornings and return late at night so we saw just about everything there was to see. I got to see the Smithsonian Gem and Mineral Hall - a WOW! Did you know they don't sell rock hammers at the Museum store there?

When we were at the archives where the Declaration of Independence was displayed, I felt like I was standing on holy ground. The weather cooperated wonderfully and we didn't get the promised rain until we had come from the Lincoln Memorial so we didn't get to see the WW II Memorial, which had opened that week, and made a fast trip by the Wall.

On Sat. morning we went to the Holocaust Memorial - very sobering to the kids - and spent the afternoon at Arlington National Cemetery. The teacher wanted to show the kids the inhumanity of man to man contrasting with the heroes who died for our freedom. The changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers was special. (I have been to Marble, CO where the white marble for the Lincoln Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers came from. We were not allowed to pick up any pieces of marble there but we were camped 20 miles away and found some marble along the Crystal river. There had been a flood in the 1940s and it washed downstream.) It was a great eight-day trip.

Ann Matthews, President

Meeting Display

We had four cab pro entries in May, from **Doug Rue, Barrie Bieler, Lee King, and Joe Yarbrough**. The contest winner was Lee King.

We still had no entries in the Novice categories. And, we know there's *some* novices out amongst our members – at least one or two. Just don't be so shy; everyone starts as a beginner!

MAY DISPLAY WINNERS

CABS – PRO

Lee King	Picture jasper
Doug Rue	Petrified wood
Joe Yarbrough	Graveyard plume agate
Barrie Bieler	Moss agate (West Australia)

CABS - NOVICE

C'mon, novices, it's time to show us your work!

FACETED WORK

Mary Bufton won this category with her faceted natural amethyst.

Mary Bufton	Natural amethyst
Barrie Bieler	Plagioclase

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dick Pankey Volcanic specimens, examples of material that can be found on the June trip

Betty Carpenter A unique glass container, which looked like a replica of an old glass bomb, filled with magnesium. If ignited, it would still explode! A relative gave it to her 40 years ago.

Rana Owen Brought in another of her paintings, plus flyers for sponsorship in a Breast Cancer walk held May 22.

We also had our first Silent Auction in May – see the article elsewhere, and join in for this new monthly meeting activity.

John Owen, Display

June



Membership

We have one new member this month. Please join me in welcoming **Michele Roma** to CCM&GS.

Birthdays

Jerry Theobald	6/09
Brownie Cameron	6/11
Loren Hill	6/15
Mary Bufton	6/17
Barrie Bieler	6/17
Gene Holcomb	6/17
Judy Brown	6/19

Anniversaries

Elfie and Aaron Pingree	6/06
Mary Ellen and Sam Johnston	6/06
Harry Short	6/08
Gary Walls	6/09
Sherry & Scott Pevahouse	6/12
Ken & Jean Williamson	6/12
Loren & Lynne Hill	6/14
Susan & Richard Dennis	6/23
Althea & Barrie Bieler	6/25

Kim Kleesattel, Membership

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 20TH!

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Jun. 5 Rock Swap and BBQ
Antioch, CA *Antioch Lapidary Club* contact
Charlie Taylor at (925) 229-3215.

Jun. 11 - 13 Echo Mtn. Field Trip
Tule Lake, CA Volcanic material at Echo Mt.
Stone, south of Tule Lake; tour Lava Beds
National Monument. *Contra Costa M&GS*
contact **Dick Pankey** (925) 439-7509,
dickpankey@juno.com.

Jun. 14 - 18 Davis/Lassen Field Trip
Davis Creek, CA More volcanic material
(rainbow, mahogany, etc.) at Davis Creek (north
of Alturas) and Lassen Creek. *Contra Costa
M&GS* contact **Dick Pankey** (925) 439-7509,
dickpankey@juno.com.

Jun. 27 - 29 Lucky Strike Mine Trip
Prineville, OR Thunder eggs. *CFMS - North*
contact **John Stockwell** (510) 526-1646,
jpstock@ix.net.com.

Jul. 3 - 5 Austin Trip
Austin, NV Fluorite, jasper, verisite, agate. *El
Dorado County Club* contact **Barbara Terrill** (530)
676-2375, rockit@directcon.net.

Jul. 3 - 5 Buffalo Canyon Trip
Buffalo Canyon, ?? Leaf fossils. *Fossils for Fun
Club* contact **Keith Lindholm** (916) 638-2314,
gaias@softcom.net.

Jul. 10 Black Chasm Cavern Tour
Volcano, CA *Fossils for Fun Club* contact **Keith
Lindholm** (916) 638-2314, gaias@softcom.net.

Jul. 17 Crystal Peak Trip
Verdi, NV *Carmichael Club* contact **Carole
Lockhart** (916) 638-2314, cjlockhart@softcom
.net.

Jul. 30 - Aug. 2 Virgin Valley Trip
Virgin Valley, NV Opal. *El Dorado County Club*
contact **Fred Ott** (530) 677-8440, fred.ott.b8t5
@statefarm.com.

More information, fliers and details available
from **Dick Pankey** at the meetings or call (925)
439-7509; e-mail me at dickpankey@juno.com.

Dare to think! (It isn't illegal yet.)

It's kind of FUN to do the
impossible!

Walt Disney

Field Trip Chairman's Report

SNYDER'S POW WOW 2004

Sunny skies. Temperatures in the 70's. And spending the weekend with a great bunch of Rockhounds. We had fun Happy Hours each day and two delicious potluck dinners. We enjoyed all the sights and sounds of the Snyder's Pow Wow. **Betty** and I arrived on Wednesday and staked out the campsite for the combined group of North Bay Field Trips and Ye Old Timers Mineral Club. We camped together this year because of declining attendance by both groups. Most of the 35 people who camped with us arrived on Thursday and Friday with a couple of stragglers coming in on Saturday.

The Old Timers started out with a Margarita Happy Hour on Friday, in honor of Cinco de Mayo, followed by their potluck dinner that was attended by more than 55 people. After dinner the Old Timers held their annual auction. We had spirited bidding from over 100 people who attended. Highlights of the auction was a carving by **Dick Friesen** from Livermore, a great selection of several large pieces of Valley Springs moss agate, and **Bob Pevahouse's** jams and jellies. **John Shoemaker** and **Dick Pankey** were the auctioneers, with help from **Wayne Meissner** and **Dick Friesen**.

The Margarita Happy Hour was so good we repeated it on Saturday. Over 35 people attended the NBFT potluck dinner Saturday evening. After dinner we had the Grab Bag exchange. Only five people participated and we exchanged seven grab bags.

This year we had 35 campers in 7 trailers, 7 motorhomes and the rest in tents, cars, vans, and pick-ups. This is a big increase over last year, and it was great to have such a large group of campers. Twenty-two people (Old Timers, NBFTers and guests) helped direct traffic and people at the busy entrance gate at

the Pow Wow. Most of us worked all three days and some double shifts. It is fun helping and being part of the Pow Wow. This "work" earned each organization \$75. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped out.

VOLCANIC BONANZA in June

We still have openings for this most interesting and unique collecting trip. I have been getting e-mails and phone calls to sign-up for the trip to Echo Mountain Stone. This is a fee dig and limited to 30 people. Contact me to reserve your spot. Contra Costa M&GS will host two field trips to northern California in the middle of June: the first to Echo Stone Mountain on June 11 – 13, then on to Lassen Creek/Davis Creek on June 14 – 19. Lassen Creek/Davis Creek is one of the premier obsidian collecting areas in the western United States. No limit; everyone welcome.

Dick Pankey, Field Trip Chairman

Field trips too boring for you?

The September (2003) headlines in the *Wenatchee World* read, "Chelan Man Finds 450 lb. Geode on Red Top Mtn."

Dave Fache said when his pick kept hitting something, he realized it was "BIG." The oblong geode is about 30 inches wide by 36 inches long and 18 inches tall. Even in the photograph, the interior looked blue.

Fred Fowler of Chelan found a geode weighing about 185 lbs. in 1954.

Dave has submitted photos of the geode to the Guinness Book of Records and has contacted several museums. He isn't sure what he'll do with it – he would like to see it shown in certain museums.

From *Chips*, 02/04, Fresno Gem & Mineral Society, via *The Petrified Digest*, 09/03, via *Rock Rollers*, 10/03, via *The Pegmatite*, 02/04. *Wenatchee* is in Washington State.

Join a field trip today; enter the Guinness Book tomorrow!

Special Interest Groups

At the May Board meeting we decided to survey our Club membership to see what interest there might be for starting a few small special interest groups this September (or in the Fall). The groups would probably meet once a month, and each group would decide how things would work for their group.

The Club/Board would support the effort by helping get people of like interests together, and by encouraging each group to submit a newsletter article from time to time, sharing info on what their group is doing.

Please locate the one-page flyer included in this newsletter and return it to me, so that we can assess the various interests of our Club members.

Eva Umholtz

In Memoriam

Anne Brown Pevahouse passed away on May 5, 2004, surrounded by her family. Anne, a thirty-four year resident of Concord, was active in the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society. Anne will be missed by her husband of fifty-four years, **Bob Pevahouse**; son and daughter-in-law, **Scott and Sherrie Pevahouse**; daughter and son-in-law, **Pamela and Alan Fass**; adopted son, **Nobuyuki Suzuki**, two brothers, granddaughter **Kristy**, two great-grand-daughters, and her beloved grandson, **Joey**.

Anne will be remembered for her delicious baked goods, her prolific letter writing, and her bountiful gardens. A remembrance service was held at the Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, May 8, where friends and family gathered to celebrate her life.

Our thoughts are with you, **Bob**.

May you wake each day with His blessings,
sleep each night in His keeping,
and always walk in His tender care.

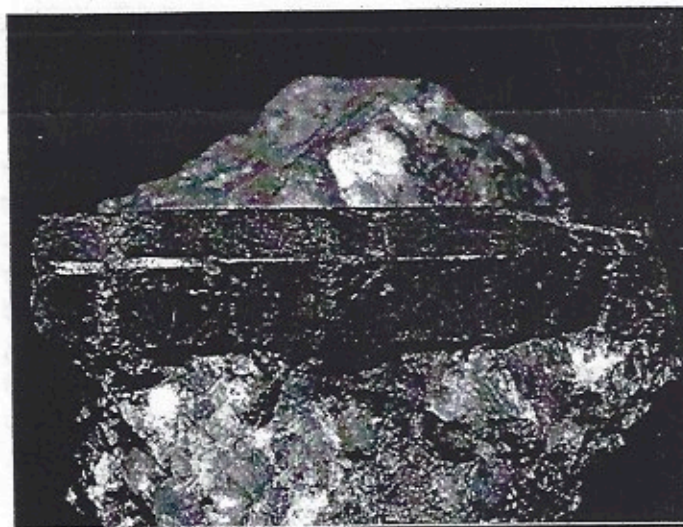
On rocks...

Okay, it's confession time. As your editor, I provide the news, schedules, events, and goodies of which you are familiar. I should also contribute a "column or two of interest to rockhounds."

Here's the rough part. I'm not a rockhound, I'm not an artist, I'm not into lapidary work, I don't even wear jewelry. However, I participate in this "rock sport" very willingly (since I get to hike and camp). I also collect buckets of leaverite – ask Dave!

I'm taking clues from two members who have submitted ideas (and even material!) for a column. I'll gracefully accept your feedback and input! Here's my first column, on a gem of which I had never heard (start with the unknown – there's more of it).

Iolite – the water sapphire

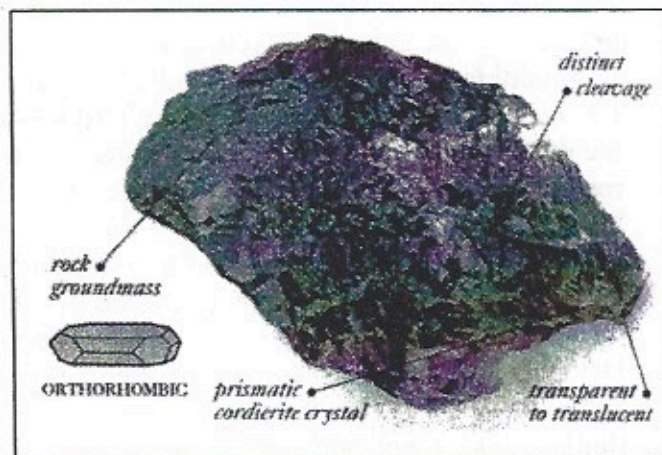


An outstanding specimen of cordierite (Orijärvi, Finland).

This stone is the gem variety of **cordierite** (after the French geologist P.L.A. Cordier), or **dichroite** (due to its very strong pleochroism), and was once known as a water sapphire from its pale blue color. Iolite represents faith, and was used in France and England in the 18th century to form acrostics, expressing one's sentiment by combining the first letters of various gem names in a piece of jewelry.

The clear hues of iolite range from a medium cornflower blue, to a greyish-pink blue/purple, to a ripe grape purple. These colors never look quite the

same from different angles, as iolite is built on a three-color axis (a pleochroic stone). This color configuration can be cut to bring out the stone's true beauty, exposing darker violets, colorless to light blues, and into honey-yellow tones, for some outstanding results. This is not a color-change property, such as alexandrite, but rather a blending of the colors. Iolite will sometimes produce cats-eyes.



Iolite forms in igneous and contact metamorphic rocks, with short, prismatic crystals.

This vitreous mineral is a silicate of magnesium and aluminum, occurring in irregular grains or masses, and closely resembles quartz. It has a distinct cleavage and conchoidal fractures. Iolite rates from 7 to 7.5 on the Mohs hardness scale, making it a choice gem for jewelry. Cordierite is most frequently found as pebbles, and can be located in the Chilean copper mines, in Finland, Germany, Greenland, and Madagascar, as well as various spots in the US, from Vermont through to North Dakota. Ceylon produces the gem quality material.

Resources:

- The Stuller Standard*, Stuller, Inc., Lafayette, LA
- Gem Hunter's Guide*, Russell P. MacFall, 1951
- The Encyclopaedia of Minerals and Gemstones*, Michael O'Donoghue, 1983
- The Mineral Kingdom*, Paul Desautels, 1968
- The Curious Lore of Precious Stones*, George Frederick Kunz, 1913
- Gems Minerals Crystals and Ores, The Collector's Encyclopedia*, Richard M. Pearl, 1964
- Rocks and Minerals*, Chris Pellant, 1992

[Please excuse the poor quality of photos and art; the bulletin isn't meant for "coffee table format" – just info.]

Board Meeting – May 10, 2004

The meeting was held at **Matt and Ann Matthews** home in Martinez, CA. Members present: **Ann and Matt Matthews, Kim and Dave Kleesattel, Mary Ann King, Dick Pankey, Glen Hubbard, Sharon Neuhauser, Bill McKay, Sam and Hazel Woolsey, Mary Hicks, Eva Umholtz, Joe Yarbrough, Bob Pevahouse, Mary and Jim Bufton.**

PRESIDENT Ann Matthews opened the May Board of Directors (BOD) meeting at 7:30 p.m. The minutes from the April 2004 BOD meeting were accepted as published in the bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Kim Kleesattel reported mailing out three badges; two badges are ready to hand out this Friday.

PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT Dave Kleesattel reported **Mary Hicks** will be giving the program for this month.

EDUCATION CHAIR Mary Ann King reported that **Naomi Morgan's** daughter **Cheryl** has volunteered to do a class this month on painting rocks. The class is the third Thursday, May 20th at Ann Matthews home and no class on the fourth Thursday. Ann has sent an application to the Adult Education business office to start renting a classroom for club classes.

The class in July will be given by **Barrie Bieler**, who will do a course on gem and mineral identification at his home in Walnut Creek. June is still open for someone to volunteer to give a class.

A class on wire wrapping by **Glen MacKenzie** may be later this year. **Betty Pankey** is doing a stained glass class in September.

FIELD TRIP CHAIR Dick Pankey announced that the CFMS show, which is at the end of May, will have a field trip for soapstone. Dick also reported a trip in June to Echo Mountain, which is located off of Hwy. 139, due west of Davis Creek and south of Tule Lake. The group will then go to Davis Creek. Dick is making sure the cleanup activity in the camping sites will be completed in time for the trip. More information will be on hand at the Friday meeting.

June 5th, the Antioch Rock Club will have a rock swap at their club house.

Unrelated, but if anyone needs a fold-up exhibit case, Dick has one for sale that needs a little re-finishing. Money from this sale goes to the Old Timers Mineral Club.

Dick then gave a good report on the recent activity at Snyder's Pow Wow. Members had a good time at the Pow Wow and there were two great potluck dinners. The dinners and an auction were lit up by a "new" electrical system that was donated by our club. The electric box will be stored at Snyder's.

PROPERTY CHAIR Glen Hubbard is trying to resurrect the silver pin depicting Diablo Dan. None of the molds have been up to standard. **Eva Umholtz** has a good looking Diablo Dan so this unit will be used to make a mold.

HOSPITALITY CHAIR Sharon Neuhauser thanks everyone for helping at the funeral for **Anne Pevahouse**. **Ann Matthews** did a nice speech and she also made a beautiful cake for after the service. A remaining portion of the cake was enjoyed after the BOD meeting. **Bob Pevahouse** thanks everyone for their support.

DISPLAY CHAIR John Owen had no report at this time but asked for members to make cabs for competition.

SHOW CHAIR Sam Woolsey stated show meetings will start in July. **Hazel Woolsey** is going to call **Linda Minich** to see if she has enough critters for the show.

CFMS REP Bob Pevahouse reported on the CFMS Annual Show in Mariposa, 5/28 to 5/30. Camping is first-come, first-serve. Over a hundred camping sites are available. They can provide power to all campers; bathroom and showers and a pump station are included. There is also an Editors breakfast. Camping is \$20 per night, even for car sleepers. Exhibits are usually great at the annual show, so plan on attending the show. Bob spoke next on the Earth Science seminar in September at Camp Paradise; the CFMS forms are not out yet. Most likely the registration forms will be available at the CFMS Mariposa show. There may still be room for the summer workshop for juniors.

No report from **Hazel Woolsey**.

TREASURER **Eva Umholtz** reported that she went to Washington Mutual about a money market account. The interest rate is too low at this time to make any use of this type of account. Eva was not on the approved signature card for the lock box. The BOD approved Eva be added to the lock box signature card and she may get a replacement box at the same branch as the checking account.

LIBRARIAN **Bill McKay** has been out of town. **Dick Pankey** has located a book, "Secrets of Petrified Plants," for \$65; it will be purchased in memory of **Doctor Carr**. Bill will be looking for a book for **Anne Pevahouse's** memory. **Anne's Pecan Pie** recipe was remembered.

Jim Bufton did not have anything to add to the meeting.

PUBLICITY CHAIR **Mary Bufton** had 25 extra bulletin copies for someone to take to the CFMS Show. Eva will take them since she will be attending as the CFMS secretary.

PAST PRESIDENT **Joe Yarbrough** did not have a report.

NEW BUSINESS **John Owen** asked about the need for jewelry saws and files for the classes. **Dick Pankey** asked how the telephone tree worked. **Eva Umholtz** brought up the Santa Clara club's study groups on items such as beading, carvers, fossils,

etc. These groups meet once per month to allow members to work on specialty items, and their bulletin includes the list of groups and meeting information. There are also little write-ups of what the groups are doing. Members are encouraged to put a standing item notice in the newsletter so people can learn about focus group meetings.

The board decided to put a questionnaire in the bulletin for our club to see if people are interested in focus groups, and if they would be a leader for a group. Fall is a good time to plan for the focus groups to start up. **Barrie Bieler** already has a focus group on faceting. Questionnaire will be developed by **Eva Umholtz**. Participation will be limited to club members.

Dave Kleesattel says there are 200 mineral specimens in the club collection. There are duplicates and cutting material that will be brought to the general meetings for secret silent auctions with the money going into the general fund. Minimum bid will be set. Leftover items will be used for the show silent auction.

Ann Matthews will most likely miss the Friday meeting so **Dave** will be in charge of the general meeting

BOD meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Mary Hicks, Secretary

General Meeting – May 14, 2004

Vice President of Programs **Dave Kleesattel** chaired the meeting due to the absence of President **Ann Matthews**. Dave asked for a moment of silence to remember and honor **Anne Pevahouse**, who passed away recently.

Hospitality Chair **Sharon Neuhauser** introduced guests. **Bob Pevahouse** was accompanied by his daughter **Pam Foss**. The other guests present were **Madison, Pauline, and Cheryl Ann Morgan** and **Casey and Kevin Edwards**. Birthdays were announced.

Sharon thanked members for all the salads they brought to **Anne Pevahouse's** funeral. She reminded members that the Club Picnic will be scheduled for the later part of September.

Al Schleif collected for badges and the tickets were drawn for the winners of the thank-you gifts.

Cheryl Morgan won a Brazilian agate, and **Barrie Bieler** won a nice piece of Chinese writing rock.

Field Trip Chair **Dick Pankey** reported **Snyder's Pow Wow** was great. The weather was dry with sun shine and breezes. Pot Luck dinners occurred on Friday and Saturday night. The Old Timer club had an event Friday and North Bay Field Trips Association had an event on Saturday. There were 20 camping units, one tent and several folks who used their car or van. **Dick's** future news is that Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society is hosting a field trip June 12. The trip will be to northern California for volcanic minerals and rocks. One particular rock of interest is volcanic tree casts. The trip will be close to Lava Bed National Monument, Davis Creek and other sites. Check the bulletin board at the club meeting each month for trips and other items of interest. **Dick** mentioned local sites for members to

visit, such as the events going on at Black Diamond Mines, Antioch, CA. If you plan on attending a leader-lead trip, call or email the leader or Dick for more information.

Jeanie Russo will be holding a class at **Ann Matthews** home in Martinez for rock painting next Thursday. **Cheryl Morgan** is going to be giving the class; she painted rocks in Hayward and is looking forward to sharing the fun activity with club members. Bring a rock with flat surfaces (no obsidian, please); some simple techniques and models will be available. The class will start at 7 p.m. **Ann's** address is in the club roster.

Federation news: our Director **Bob Pevahouse** will be at the Directors Meeting at the Annual CFMS show, May 28-30. The show is just two weeks away and will be in Mariposa. Another highlight in the Mariposa area is State of California's Mineral Museum. This museum is a must see if you have not yet visited it. Two field trips that are available at the show were posted on the bulletin board.

Librarian **Bill McKay** announced some interesting books and videos and is adding to the club library. Contact Bill if you want a new library list and let him know before the meeting of any selections you wish to check out so he can bring the desired items with him.

November Club Show News. **Sam Woolsey** said all preliminary planning is in place. The month of June is the due date for first payments from the dealers. Sam will be setting up a July Show Committee meeting for members interested in getting involved in this fun project. Every member is asked to consider what they can do to contribute to work on and at the show.

Display Chair **John Owen** announced for members to remember we need novices to participate in the Monthly competition. **Rana Miller Owen** spoke

about a painting she did at her art class and announced she has signed up to support the American Cancer Society. She had signed up to do this fundraiser prior to learning she was positive for breast cancer. She will be walking at the track on Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Kleesattel announced a new display table is set up at the meeting and will be at subsequent monthly meetings. Last November the club accepted a donated rock collection. There are 200 nice mineral specimens prepared and catalogued. Some additional items from the collection are available for club members to bid for and some items will eventually be auctioned off at the November show. To make the items available to club members, there will be 5-6 specimens offered with a minimum bid and sale by secret bid. The rock and money exchange for the highest bidder will occur at the following meeting. An example of tonight's specimens are onyx, amethyst, jasper, and a small jar of tiny tumbled stones. Proceeds will go back to the club's general fund.

Betty Carpenter brought in magnesium crystals. She described the process that created the crystal and said that if ignited they will burn.

Secretary Mary Hicks did the presentation for the evening. The program was a photographic presentation that took the audience to Alaska, Morocco, Fiji, New Zealand, and Tahiti. On display were a Berber rug and women's cotton skirt wrap from a Berber village in Morocco, Jade earrings and wool from New Zealand, a war club and brain fork from Fiji, a book about the New Zealand glow worms, a rock from the discovery site of Yukon gold, a bag of Alaskan pay dirt, a small vial of color, and coal.

Refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting.

Mary Hicks, Secretary

So many puppies...

A woman brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. She loved the puppies so much that she couldn't keep from remarking about their cute habits.

As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, the vet realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. He turned on the water faucet, wet his fingers, and moistened each dog's head when he had finished. After the fourth puppy, he noticed his talkative client had grown silent.

As he sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I never realized they had to be baptized."

CFMS Shows in Our Area

8/7 - 8/8 San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

San Francisco County Fair Building
Golden State Park at 9th Ave. & Lincoln, SF, CA
Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Ellen Nott, ellen_nott@yahoo.com

9/18 - 9/19 Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA
Both days: 10 - 5
Carol Corden (650) 776-5900, ccorden@earthlink.net

10/9 - 10/10 Antioch Lapidary Club

Contra Costa Fairgrounds, Flower Bldg.
10th and L Streets, Antioch, CA
Both days: 10 - 5
Ramona Bond (925) 229-3215

10/9 - 10/10 Nevada County Gem & Mineral Soc.

Nevada County Fairgrounds, Main Exhibit Hall.
11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA
Both days: 10 - 5
Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

11/6 - 11/7 Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA
Both days: 10 - 5
Sam Woolsey (925) 837-3287,
sdwools@earthlink.net



11/12 - 11/14 Sacramento Mineral Society

Scottish Rite Center
6151 H. St., Sacramento, CA
Fri. 10 - 5, Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 4
Boyd Lasater (916) 455-7075, fosback@aol.com

12/4 - 12/5 American River Gem & Mineral

Orangevale Grange
5807 Walnut Ave., Orangevale, CA
Both days: 10 - 5
Evelyn Tipton, e.k.tipton@worldnet.att.net

Before traveling, you can locate more show listings in *Rock and Gem* and *Lapidary Journal* magazines, as well as the CFMS website (www.cfmsinc.org).

SECRET AUCTIONS

The first monthly Secret Auction was a success! The following members were the winning bidders:

Louise Gilley - Onyx pieces, Amethyst

Catalina Wright - Jar of tumbled stones

Charlie Bon - Rhodonite rough

June's Secret Auction will include several nice pieces (6 pounds) of rose quartz, 6 pounds of petrified wood slices, an 8-pound piece of rhodonite, 3 pounds of chrysocolla (I think), a 3.5-pound piece of beautiful rainbow obsidian, and an old cigar box full of Monterey Jade nuggets (about 2 pounds). These are all wonderful items. Please make sure to stop by and have a look.

Rules

You can bid on as many of the Secret Auction Items as you like.

Bidding closes at the end of the monthly General Meeting (about 9:15 p.m.).

Bids will be reviewed after the monthly General meeting. The winning bidder will be notified before next month's General Meeting.

The highest bid wins. In case of a tie, the tied bidders will be given an opportunity to submit a new bid.

The Secret Auction Items will be available for the winning bidder at the next monthly General Meeting.

Payment is due from the winning bidder when you pick up your item. Checks can be made payable to **CCM&GS**. Cash works, too!

Instructions

1. Put your NAME on a yellow Bid Form (Very Important!).
2. Write down your **BEST OFFER** as your bid. Your best offer must be at least the amount of the Minimum Bid shown for that item.
3. Place your Bid Form in the Box that has the same number as the Item you're bidding for (Very Important!).

Dave Kleesattel



Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

PO Box 4667, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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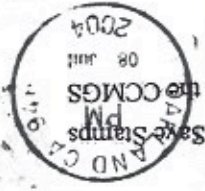
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