

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Newsletter July 2020

President's message

Wow, when we first had to call off our regular meetings for the Covid-19, I truly hoped we'd be back together by now. However, recent spikes in the rate of contagion and death mean we're not ready yet.

Your board has continued to meet by Zoom to make sure necessary items are taken care of and stay on top of the Show in case we can have it.

One possible action we are looking into is having a speaker for our August meeting by Zoom. That way, we can enjoy a nearly-normal meeting. Anyone who has a computer or phone with online capability would be able to watch and participate visually. Anyone who just has a phone, can call in and listen (not as great, but . . .). Let me know what you think of the idea at donna@albrechts.com

Did you send a picture of your favorite rock to Mario yet? I sent in a cool one of a slab I purchased that has what looks like the biggest honeybee fossilized inside. I can't wait to see them all up!

If you haven't checked it lately, be sure to visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS> Mary Jernigan has been curating it and has found amazing images! You know, members are invited to submit material for that page to her at M10Jernigan@yahoo.com

You're also invited to submit articles, letters, limericks, and pictures of what's on your mind rock-wise for our newsletter.

Let's all stay in touch!
Donna Albrecht



CCM&GS Board Minutes for June 3, 2020 7:11-8:15pm

The Board of Directors meeting took place as a Zoom platform meeting due to shelter in place restrictions. In attendance: Donna Albrecht, Mario Mihalik, Mary Jernigan, Mary Hanjes, Karen Oliver, Caryl Taraldson, Mike Hopkins and Terry Caskey. The April BOD minutes were reviewed. President- Donna Albrecht moved to approve the minutes as read. Secretary- Mary Jernigan seconded. Vote was taken and minutes approved. The May BOD minutes were reviewed. Editor- Karen Oliver moved to approve the minutes. Donna Albrecht seconded. Vote was taken and minutes approved.

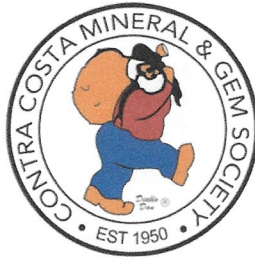
Secretary- Mary Jernigan received the Centre Concord refund check for \$654 in the Club's PO box. Two months, April and May, meeting room rental was refunded due to Covid-19 restrictions. President- Donna Albrecht will be contacting the Centre Concord regarding the room availability for July. Editor- Karen Oliver is asking for articles for the monthly Diggins Newsletter. Photos and articles from Club members are welcomed. Submit information by the 25th of the month. Limericks are requested for the July Diggins. Librarian- Caryl Taraldson asked if the storage unit has limited access due to Covid. Show- Mike Hopkins stated that storage access was not being limited. Mike has more Club materials to unload from his truck, brought from Secretary- Mary Hanjes' backyard.

Show- Mike discussed with the BOD possible issues continuing with the 2020 Annual Club Show with the current Covid-19 restrictions. Several factors will need to be considered for our Show including Centre Concord/City of Concord restrictions, limited access, PPE requirements, face masks, health screening, social distancing markings, booth shields for interaction with public/vendors. Reconfiguring the Show layout will be necessary for the vendors, activities, displays and tables due to distancing requirements. As always, our Vendors are very interested in being part of our Club Show. The BOD will continue these discussions to make additional recommendations and decisions in mid-July. Our Club members' involvement and commitments will definitely be needed to make the 2020 Annual Show possible!

2nd Vice President/Fieldtrips- Mario Mihalik revisited his idea of having CCM&GS Club members submit information for the Club's Facebook page, website and Diggins Newsletter. Members could send photos of specimens, collections or stories to Mario to be posted. These submissions will be a great way to generate interest in our hobby and the CCM&GS Club. Mario will draft an email blast to be sent to our members. Images may be subject to Facebook regulations. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary/Membership- Mary Jernigan





June 30.2020

Hello CCMGS Members,

Due to the continued curtailing of large in person meetings due to covid, we will be holding our meeting on Zoom this August 11. We will start our meeting at 7 pm, a little bit earlier than usual as no-one will need to drive.

Recently our Vice President Mario Mihalik invited all of you to submit pictures and a description of your favorite mineral. As your program chair, I will be taking those images and creating a PowerPoint presentation as our program for the meeting.

Please submit all of your photos and descriptions to Mario:
Mario Mihalik Mario.mihalik30@gmail.com

The images will be posted to our facebook page first:
www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS/ and then incorporated into the Presentation for the Zoom Meeting.

If you have any questions about getting on to Zoom for this meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out for help or instructions.

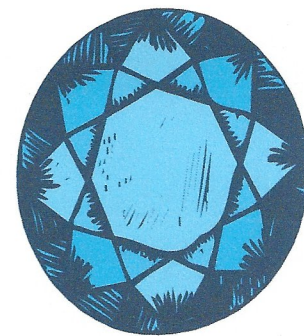
Thank you, and I look forward to "seeing" you soon.

Best Regards,

Elizabeth Tanner

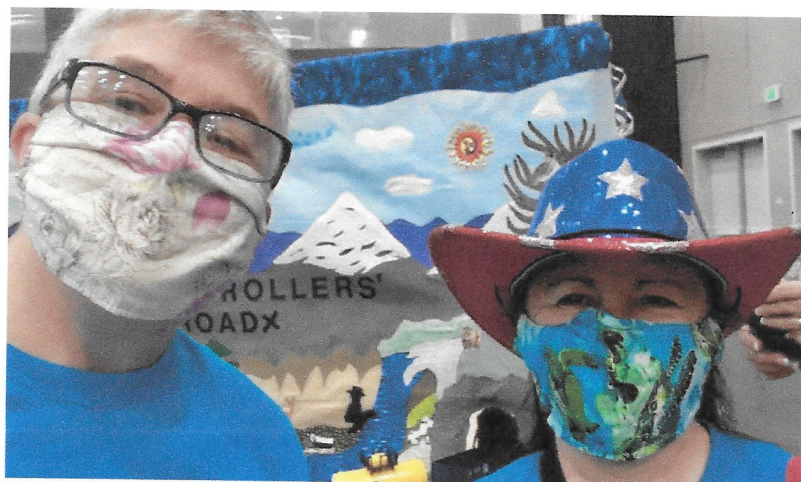
Vice President, CCMGS

Roseville Show News



On July 4th, We took a road-trip up to the Roseville Rock Rollers' Show. Roseville, located in Placer County, was the first show that had not been cancelled in our NorCal area. CCM&GS Rockhounds, Editor- Karen Oliver and I, were ready to see everyone's smiles with masks on! The new, huge event center provided plenty of room for everyone to 'Social Distance' while enjoying the vendor tables and activities. Covid precautions were followed. Certain areas of the show setup clear plastic curtain dividers to help members reduce visitor contact. Face masks, face shields and hand sanitizers were seen throughout the center. Fossils, minerals, crystals, petrified wood, meteorites, beads, and jewelry captured the shoppers' attention. Hopefully, our CCM&GS Annual Show will take place in November 2020. Stay tuned for details as they become available. Many decisions are pending, including requirements from our city and county. Stay safe and healthy!

- Mary Jernigan



Aragonite, which we thought looked like the COVID-19 virus!



Limericks from your B.O.D.

There once was a rockhound named Mick.

He liked to hit rocks with his Pick.

The last one he struck

His tool broke; bad luck,

And how he's just left with his stick!

On a fossil adventure for Trilobite,
We took a rock-hammer to do it right.

We searched through the quarry,
Limestone shale with no worry.

The Elrathia-Kingi was quite a sight!



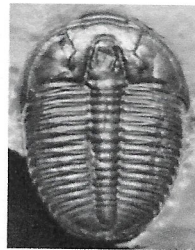
There once was a man from
Nantucket

Collected pretty rocks in a bucket

He had discovered gold

So the story was told

Cuz his girlfriend ran off and tucket.



An old rockhound from the West

Always wore his old denim vest

Collected fossils and rocks

In an old wooden box

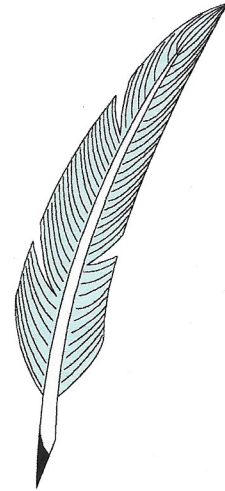
Called it his life savings in jest



Club & Members News & Notes

July Birthdays-

Joanne Caskey 7/7
Jane Holcomb 7/11
Dave Kleesattel 7/14
Don Henrich 7/27
Michael Hopkins 7/29
Primo Facchini 7/30



July Anniversaries-

Louise Gilley & Mark Blackman 7/5
Dennis Freiburger & Patty Wintroath 7/8

Is there a topic related to minerals, gems, or geology that you are interested in? Let our librarian know and maybe she can find a book for you in the

club library:

Caryl Taraldson, Librarian

Upcoming Meetings-

**Board of Directors- on Zoom Wednesday, July 8,
7:00pm. Contact Donna Albrecht for information**

Cancelled

General Meeting-

Monday, July 13

Cancelled

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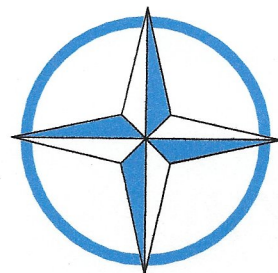
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The Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society was formed in 1950 to encourage the study of mineralogy, lapidary arts, and field collections.

General meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521 (Clayton Fair Shopping Center between Ygnacio Valley Road and Balhan Drive next to Clayton Valley Bowl.

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