

*Contra Costa  
Mineral & Gem Society*

*May 2004*

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## May 14 Meeting

### Program

*...from Great Britain coal to Copper Canyon water wells...*

We are going to be treated to a rock- and trip-related presentation from Contra Costa member **Mary Hicks** at the next meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing her collections and hearing about her adventures in finding these materials. Don't miss this special program.

**Dave Kleesattel**, First VP

### Refreshments

Tom and Eva Umholtz  
Gary Walls  
Rollie Washburn  
Ken and Jean Williamson  
Helen Woodmansee  
Sam and Hazel Woolsey

### Editor's Notes

Please provide June newsletter input by May 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Sue Zabaldano**, Editor

## President's Message

I am sorry I had to miss last month's meeting, for I heard it was very interesting. But, we had an emergency Friday, the day after **Matt's** knee surgery on Thursday, and I couldn't make it to the meeting.

I believe you all know **Dr. Carr** passed away; his Memorial Gathering was April 18. Since it was too late to get the notice in the April bulletin, we tried to notify each of you. **Dr. Carr** will be greatly missed.

I had a call that former member **Helen Schuyler** passed away in Wilton, CA. Helen and her husband, **Al**, were very active members in our club for many years. There will be a Memorial Service at her home in Wilton on May 30. Call me for more information.

Thank you **Sharon Neuhauser** for arranging our Spring outing. We are sorry there weren't more people joining us, because we had a good time.

It's time now for you to start thinking about what you can exhibit in our show this November, and what jobs you can do at our show. There are plenty of show jobs so everyone should be involved. Mark your calendar to keep open November 5-7. As you go about your rock trips this summer, keep in mind to bring back rocks for "Show and Tell" at our meetings and grab bag materials and rocks to tumble for our show, too.

We would like to have more participation in our classes. The Adult School requires we have a Certified Teacher in charge at our classes. **Barrie Bieler** has been our volunteer Certified Teacher but, since the Adult School has switched our usual Wednesday nights to Thursday nights and **Barrie** has other duties on Thursdays, the Board has decided to go back to renting a room privately. This means the school will no longer be a cosponsor of our classes. I have sent in the papers to make this change but with the time it takes to get this approved, it probably won't start until September. In the meantime, we will try to meet at the school or at member's homes, as **Mary Ann King** has classes lined up for us.

**Mary Ann** has gotten so busy selling at shows she would like to step down from her spot as Education Chair. If you would like to take this position, please let me know. There already are a couple of people who have volunteered to be your helpers.

**Ann Matthews**, President

# Meeting Display

Once more we had a lot of cabs in the pro class. Entries came from **Barrie Bieler**, **Lee King**, **Jim Bufton**, and **Joe Yarbrough**. This month's contest winner was Barrie Bieler with his volcanic ash piece, and what a nice one it was!

We still had no entries in the Novice arena, and I'm hoping that we soon will have some there. Come on; let's get on to sharing with us.

### APRIL DISPLAY WINNERS

CABS - PRO

**Barrie Bieler** Volcanic ash stone

CABS - NOVICE

No entries - is anyone out there working rocks?

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Sam Woolsey** Hull mine fluorescent rock (Arizona), Wall Canyon bog agate (Nevada)

**Jim Bufton** A wonderful arrangement of his orchids

**Don Tompkins** Stained glass panels for home front door, plus an explanation of how this architectural style is made

We hope to see more and other things that members bring to the meetings. Till the next meeting, hoping that you have a great day today and a better tomorrow.

**John Owen**, Display

# MAY



## Membership

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

## Birthdays

<b>Ann Matthews</b>	5/04
<b>Joe Zehrung</b>	5/07
* <b>Joe Yarbrough</b>	5/12
<b>Dick Pankey</b>	5/19
<b>Michele Roma</b>	5/20
<b>Elfie Pingree</b>	5/21
* <b>Don Tompkins</b>	5/22
<b>Connie Klein</b>	5/26
<b>Thomas Rouze</b>	5/26

## Anniversaries

**Dick Canales** 5/25

**Kim Kleesattel**, Membership

### **"Minerals of California"**

A few years back the California Department of Geology made a "Minerals of California" CD. By the time I got around to ordering it from California Geology, it was no longer available. If any one in our group has that CD and I could make a copy of it, please call me at (925) 798-3240 or e-mail at [HDMSshort@aol.com](mailto:HDMSshort@aol.com).

Thank you, fellow club members!

**Harry Short**

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**May 7 - 9 Snyder's Pow Wow**  
Valley Springs, CA Lots of dealers, field trips, Ye Old Timers pot luck and auction, and much, much, much more! Not to be missed!

**May 9 Angels Camp Field Trip**  
Angels Camp, CA For birdseye rhyolite. *Car-michael Club* contact Daryl Shelly at (209) 296-0635 or darylshelly@volcano.net.

**May 15 - 16 Nevada Field Trip**  
Lovelock, NV Petrified wood, agate, opals, opalite, jasper, bubble rhyolite, and ammonites. *Amador Co. Club* contact Daryl Shelly (209) 296-0635, darylshelly@volcano.net or Gary Davis (209) 296-4787, garydavis@volcano.net.

**May 22 Peterson Peak Field Trip**  
Hallelujah Junction, CA Quartz, smoky quartz, and amethyst crystals. *Sacramento Mineral Society* contact Janis Marzolf (916) 989-8570, janrocks3@aol.com.

**May 28 - 30 CFMS/Mariposa Trips**  
Mariposa, CA Saturday field trips for Mariposite (fee dig), serpentine, jade and other minerals. Sunday trip to a gold mine. Info at the CFMS/Mariposa Club Show.

**May 28 - 30 Madras Field Trip**  
Ashwood, OR Petrified wood, polka-dot agate, Marston's "replacement wood" jasper, other agates and jaspers, thunder eggs. *Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society* contact Dean Welder (831) 338-7949, wdewanwelder@yahoo.com.

**May 30 Spider Mine Field Trip**  
Wildwood, CA *San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society* contact Harry White at (415) 334-1512.

**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.

### Field Trip Chairman's Report

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

### **SNYDER'S POW WOW in May**

Join us in Valley Springs for a great rockhound weekend and only 80 miles from Concord out Hwy 12 past Lodi. This is a great event for the whole weekend or for just a day trip.

Snyder's Pow Wow is a mini-Quartzsite with over 200 dealers, field trips, Indian pow wow, old time chuggers, and much more. If you have never been before ask an old timer or me about it. It is an event for rockhounds and the whole family.

As we did last year we will be camping with Ye Old Timers Mineral Club. All club members are invited and encouraged to camp with YOTMC/NBFT. This is "dry camping" in the pasture immediately adjacent to the southeast corner of the Dealer area. Camping is \$10/night but by camping with NBFT it will only be \$8/night. Stop at the registration tent and tell them you are camping with NBFT, and then follow the signs back to our camping area. We will sign you in and collect your money.

We will have two potluck dinners during the weekend. The Ye Old Timers will hold their annual potluck dinner at 6:00 and auction at 7:00 on Friday evening. The NBFT potluck dinner will be on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM. People who come out for the day only are invited to stop by the YOTMC/ NBFT encampment to relax, visit and sit a "spell".

## VOLCANIC BONANZA in June

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. I will have samples of all the interesting material that we can collect at the May club meeting.

Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society 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 premiere obsidian collecting areas in the western United States. No limit; everyone welcome.

## ROCK SWAP AND BBQ in June

\* The Antioch Lapidary Club is hosting another Rock Swap and BBQ on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at their clubhouse and museum at 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd. in Antioch. The Rock Swap is held in the large parking lot. Their Clubhouse, Shop and Museum will be open for all to see. The BBQ area overlooks the wildlife sanctuary and the Sacramento River.

For our new members: What is a Rock Swap? This rock swap is rockhounds from around the Bay area and central California getting together to buy, sell and trade rocks, fossils, gems, minerals, jewelry, lapidary works, rock art, extra equipment and more. Whether you are an avid collector or just have a casual interest, and especially if you enjoy the wonders of nature, you are sure to find this rock swap interesting and fun.

If you would like to tailgate and sell material, or for more information, contact **Charlie Taylor** at (925) 229-3215.

**Dick Pankey**, Field Trip Chairman

Inflation is a process that allows you to live in a more expensive neighborhood without bothering to move.

From *Ghost Sheet*, Mother Lode Mineral Society, 03/04

Does killing time damage eternity?

From *Lapidarian*, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, 01/04

## BLM ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Bureau of Land Management currently has openings on two citizen advisory councils: Northeast and Northwest California (Central California's vacancy closed April 19<sup>th</sup>). This is an opportunity to learn the workings and details of California's Resource Advisory Council, and be an active part of future decision-making. These citizen panels advise on public lands and natural resource issues.

The Northeast Council, which works closely with BLM managers in Alturas, Cedarville and Susanville, has five openings. Find out more at [www.ca.blm.gov/news/2004/03/nr/NCnews40\\_nerac\\_call\\_for\\_nominations.html](http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/2004/03/nr/NCnews40_nerac_call_for_nominations.html).

The Northwest Council, working with BLM managers in Arcata, Redding and Ukiah, has four openings. Find them at [www.ca.blm.gov/news/2004/03/nr/NCnews41\\_nwrac\\_call\\_for\\_nominations.html](http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/2004/03/nr/NCnews41_nwrac_call_for_nominations.html).

Do you know any rockhounds in these areas who would be willing to express the interests, reasonings, and ethics of the AFMS, CFMS and our local clubs, while working toward a sensible, long-term resource management scheme for California?

## Teacher of the Year Award...

Each year the Northern California Geological Society offers a \$500 (plus \$250) award to a teacher with three years of experience who has in place an earth science unit emphasizing both earth resources (oil and gas, minerals) and environmental protection. At the national level, the teacher may be awarded \$5,000.

CFMS clubs in northern California with K-12 earth science teachers among their members or that are in contact with earth science teachers should encourage those teachers to apply.

Info and application materials may be obtained from **John Stockwell**, K-12 Programs, (510) 526-1646, or [kugeln@msn.com](mailto:kugeln@msn.com).

**John Stockwell**, CFMS Field Trips North

<b>Board Meeting – April 5, 2004</b>
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April 5, 2004 Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Board Meeting at 7:00 pm, at the home of **George and Ann Matthews**, Martinez, CA.

Board Members Present: **Ann and Matt Matthews, Dave and Kim Kleesattel, Dick Pankey, Sam and Hazel Woolsey, Mary Bufton, Glen Hubbard, Sharon Neuhauser, Bill McKay, Eva Umholtz, John Owen, Mary Hicks.**

**PRESIDENT Ann Matthews** called the meeting to order. It was announced that long-standing member **Dr. Walter Carr** passed away and a memory service is being held at Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, in the Performing Arts Center on Golf Club Road at 1 pm. Sunday April 18. Doc Carr recently got a certificate of recognition from the club before his passing. A copy of the certificate was admired by all persons present tonight at the board meeting. Many nice memories were shared by Doc's friends, his professional accomplishments noted, and his support of the club by coming up with presentations on a variety of subjects from sand to fossils.

The board reviewed minutes and they stood as reported in the Bulletin. The minutes were moved, seconded and accepted.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Kim Kleesattel** announced a membership application was in hand for **Michelle Roma**. It was stated Michelle was at the meeting and has signed up for the two next classes. She has many interests. Michelle was accepted as a new member. Kim reported that membership cards have all been mailed out.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIR Dick Pankey** announced that a lot of field trips are happening. There is a master calendar to date through the end of the year in the *Diablo Diggins*. Dick suggests members pull the calendar out so they can start planning trips. The helpful nature of this calendar was commented on by several board members. Dick spoke about the fun in becoming a show exhibitor; making up displays and going to rocks shows. There is an opportunity to be an Exhibitor at the Sutter Buttes Show, November 13 & 14. Dick says he and **Betty** have a lot of fun exhibiting for other club shows. They now have a collection of great case favors.

**PROPERTY CHAIR Glen Hubbard** said a work party was held to organize the club storage at **Connie Klein's**. Glen is making up waxes for the Diablo Dan figure. There is another good mold for the Diablo Dan somewhere in the club, but Glen does not know who has it. *SO, who ever has the other Diablo Dan wax mold please get it to Glen Hubbard.* The board decided that new Diablo Dan molds be procured; this motion was moved and passed.

**PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT Dave Kleesattel** announced that new member **Lee McIlvaine** will be providing a presentation at the April General Meeting on his rock trip to Greenland. Dave reported he has 198 minerals catalogued for the Howe collection. There is some cataloging left to do; the real unique minerals await identification.

**HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON Sharon Neuhauser** reported on the fun dinner social that happened this last Sunday. There was plenty of time for visiting, eating and having a surprise drawing. Sharon reports she is planning a picnic in September and will let us know when she sets the date. The picnic most likely will be at Baldwin Park in Concord.

**LIBRARIAN Bill McKay** has been in Texas for work and is glad to be back. Bill will purchase a book for the club's Library in memory of **Dr. Walter Carr**.

**SHOW CHAIR Sam Woolsey** is glad to be back as he missed two meetings. Dealer money has been collected. Reservations have been made so we are in a holding pattern. Sam will initiate show meetings in the summer. He will have rocks to hand out at the general meeting for tumbling by members. The tumbled rocks will go into Grab Bags. Notices about the November Show have been sent to magazines and Centre Concord is reserved.

It was announced that **Brownie Cameron** has been under the weather and cards will be appreciated.

**PUBLICITY CHAIR Mary Bufton** reported she handed out the club's November Show fliers at the Castro Valley Show. Mary also said that the Carr family has asked for friends to make donations to remember Doc Carr to a charity of their choice.

**SECRETARY** Mary Hicks, Display Chair **John Owen**, and **Hazel Woolsey** did not have reports.

**TREASURER** Eva Umholtz stated the audit committee had completed their charge. President **Ann** read the audit report that came from **Jane Holcomb**, **Barrie Bieler** and **Connie Klein**. The committee concluded that club funds are reported accurately and all books and records are well organized. The year-end report was mailed out to members.

**OLD BUSINESS** Sharon Neuhauser handed in an old key that may be for the mail box.

The communication telephone tree was discussed as a means to get information out to the membership. So if you feel you have a need to initiate the phone tree, contact President **Ann Matthews** and if appropriate she will delegate to the phone tree. If she is not available then call the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and on down the board list until you reach someone.

**NEW BUSINESS** The board assigned the task of investigating purchasing or renting a box light for presentations. Box lights project images from computers and are being used extensively for presentations. This technology supports digital photographs. It was also stated that the Federation is now putting presentations on CD/DVDs and therefore using a box light will allow seeing these

presentations. Secretary **Mary Hicks** will look into this.

**SHOW CHAIR** **Sam Woolsey** spoke about classes. The school has become strict about having a certificated instructor for each of the classes. An alternative that **Mary Ann King** has looked into is having the club rent the room for \$29 per night so we do not need a certified instructor. The classes started this way, but then the school approached us to be part of their program. If we stay with the school program, the club gets a set schedule but has to have an instructor and do a lot of paperwork. This is a lot of logistics and we only have one member who has been the certified teacher. The school is closed in August. Sam proposed that the club convert to the fee-based rental. The board had a motion to return to renting the room for our project nights and this motion was approved.

**EDUCATION CHAIR** **Mary Ann** wants to step aside. Is there someone to be her assistant? April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> there are classes on fabrication to create a pendant. Soldering and polishing and cutter are needed. Member **Charlie Bon** directed the making of chains last month.

Meeting adjourned around 9 PM.

Mary Hicks, Secretary

### General Meeting – April 9, 2004

Vice President of Programs **Dave Kleesattel** chaired the General Meeting Friday evening on April 9. It was announced that **Dr. Walter Carr** passed away and that a memorial was set for Sunday April 18 at 1 PM at the Performing Arts Center at Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill. There was a moment of silence in memory of **Doc Carr**.

**Sharon Neuhauser** announced birthdays and anniversaries. **Sharon** also thanked **Jeanie Russo** for being the Hostess last month and **Louise Gilley** who did the minutes at the March General Meeting. The club picnic will be in September.

**Al Schleif** collected for badges. The rock drawing occurred.

**Dick Pankey** announced the Snyder Pow Wow coming up in May 7, 8, and 9. Old Timers have a Pot Luck Friday night, Saturday the Pot Luck is

hosted by North Bay Field Trip Association. There will be a grab bag exchange. How about volunteering to work the front gate and earn money for the Old Timers club and North Bay. Sutter Butte club is looking for people to display. Contact **Dick** for more information. The big CFMS show this year is at the Mariposa Fairgrounds.

**Bob Pevahouse** read information about the fine and penalty for collecting archeological artifacts on BLM land, prompting further discussion.

See the Board meeting minutes for news on the November Show and Library.

**Betty Pankey** will be traveling in the months of June, July and August and needs someone to take over refreshments for the General Meeting.

The meeting presentation was on Rock Collecting in Greenland by club member **Lee McIlvaine**. Lee enjoyed the experience so much he is planning on going back to Greenland this summer. Greenland is the largest island in the world and only has 92 miles of roads. Most people travel by boat along the coast. Greenland's population is about 56,000. Many photographs showed the country and the beautiful

rock specimens that were collected. There is even a mineral that names Greenland; we saw a Greenlandite with fuchsite. There are ancient rocks on the island up to 1.2 billion years old. Many of the rocks we saw were around 3.8 million years old.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Mary Hicks, Secretary

## CFMS Shows in Our Area

\* 5/6 - 5/9

Hwy. 12 and Hwy. 26,  
1290 Paloma Rd., Valley Springs, CA  
Tourist Info.: (800) 255-3764  
www.valleyspringspowwow.com  
Lots of dealers, field trips, Ye Old  
Timers pot-luck and auction, and  
much, much more! Not to be missed!



Snyder's Pow Wow

\* 8/7 - 8/8

**San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society**  
San Francisco County Fair Building  
Golden State Park at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Lincoln, SF, CA  
Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5  
Ellen Nott, ellen\_nott@yahoo.com

5/8 - 5/9

**Reno Gem & Mineral Society**

Reno Livestock Events Center, Exhibit Hall  
1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV  
Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Jennifer Rhodes (775) 356-8820

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

5/14 - 5/16

**Superior CA Gem & Mineral Assoc.**

Shasta District Fairgrounds, near Redding off Hwy. 273  
Anderson, CA  
Fri.-Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 221-6542

\* 10/9 - 10/10

**Antioch Lapidary Club**

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



5/28 - 5/30

**CFMS / Mariposa Gem & Mineral**

*Goldbug Gala*  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Hwy. 140, 1.8 mi. south of Mariposa, CA  
California State Mining & Mineral  
Museum  
PO Box 1192, Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 742-7625, mineralmuseum@sti.net



\* 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,  
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5/29 - 5/31

**Trinity Gem & Mineral Club**

Lowden Park, 47 mi. west of Redding on Hwy. 299  
Weaverville, CA  
Sat.-Sun. 10 - 5; Mon. 10 - 4  
Jack Jennewein, PO Box 21, Lewiston, CA 96052;  
(530) 778-3786 or Jim Robertson (530) 623-3493

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).





## Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

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**GENERAL MEETING:** Second Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 1965 Colfax Street, downtown Concord  
(corner of Salvio and Colfax)

Free parking at the City of Concord garage located across Salvio.

Membership Fees: Initiation \$5; Regular Member \$10, Associate \$5, Junior \$1.

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND.**

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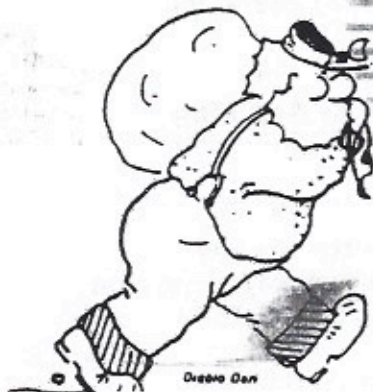
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