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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year!

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On the front cover: Everyone at CCMGS would like to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Announcements!

Membership Dues

Yearly club memberships are now due. Please pay your dues at the next club meeting, or send your check to the address on the application found later in this newsletter.

Social Media Links

Facebook: Please Like and Follow our club at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS/>

Website: [https://
contracostaminalandgemsociety.org/](https://contracostaminalandgemsociety.org/)

Who We Are!

About CCMGS

The Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society (CCMGS) is a non-profit organization that belongs to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and a member of CO-OP (where members from other area clubs participate together in field trips for rough gems, minerals, rocks, fossils and more).

Affiliations



Mission Statement

Our purpose is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, and related subjects; to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of persons and groups with similar interests; and by and through such means to strive toward greater community and international good will and fellowship. We also support promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes related to the earth sciences.

We fulfill our mission by holding monthly meetings and special programs. Members attend and participate in local and statewide events and hold a yearly public show.

Club Information

Annual Show

CCMGS hosts an annual Jewelry, rock and gem Show every November. There are exhibits, demonstrations, dealers, a wheel of fortune, door prizes, grab bags, gems, faceted stones, rocks, slabs, silent auction, fossils, jewelry, lapidary art displays, findings, tools, and family fun for everyone.

For more information regarding this event, contact the Show Chair, Rob Savre, at robertsavrejr@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting

The Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:00PM at the Endeavor Hall.

Doors open at 6:30PM.

The address is:

6008 Center Street

Clayton, CA

(Corner of Center and Oak Streets)

2024 Club Meeting Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday	January 8	7PM-10PM	Clayton Community Library 6125 Clayton Rd, Clayton, CA 94517
Monday	February 12	7PM-10PM	Clayton Community Library 6125 Clayton Rd, Clayton, CA 94517
Monday	March 11	7PM-10PM	Endeavor Hall 6008 Center St, Clayton, CA 94517
Monday	April 8	7PM-10PM	Endeavor Hall 6008 Center St, Clayton, CA 94517
Monday	May 13	7PM-10PM	Endeavor Hall 6008 Center St, Clayton, CA 94517
Monday	June 10	7PM-10PM	Endeavor Hall 6008 Center St, Clayton, CA 94517
Monday	July 8	7PM-10PM	TBD
Monday	August 12	7PM-10PM	TBD
Monday	September 9	7PM-10PM	TBD
Monday	October 14	7PM-10PM	TBD
Monday	November 18	7PM-10PM	TBD
Monday	December 9	7PM-10PM	TBD

President's Message

Welcome all to the start of a great year for the CCMGS.

Our club will have several new faces for our leadership this year; Cheryl Morgan will be our vice president of programs and our temporary treasurer, Rudy Trautner will take over as our field trip and outings leader, Kelly Plumb as Federation Director, Rob Savre as Show Chair and Dan Di Carlo Publicity chair. Thank you all for stepping up. Barbara Roderick will remain as Secretary and Primo Facchini as Property Chair.

We have several goals and challenges for this coming year.

Cheryl will Chair a committee to secure us a location for a shop. Rob is evaluating whether we stay at the Centre Concord for our show or do we go to a different location or possibly a different show format. Rudy is the process of setting up outings.

We are working on classes for our members, a display case for the club at the library, rock painting at the Alameda Co. Fair, and club representation at the State Show and other clubs shows through our cases and volunteer work and demonstrators. We also must review and approve our by-laws.

It will be a busy year, with many opportunities for you to participate. Please contact me or any committee chair to help. As your president, I'm looking forward to the challenge.

Mike Hopkins, President CCMGS 2024



Letter from the Editor

Hello,

My name is Dan DiCarlo, and I am the newly elected Publicity Chair for the club. One of my duties is producing the club's newsletter, and this is my first issue.

As with any newsletter, participation from the club's membership is highly encouraged.

If you would like to submit an article for publication, please send me an email with a Word doc attached to my email address listed above.

I look forward to hearing from you ,so if you have any complaints, comments or suggestions, please send me an email.

Thank you,

Dan DiCarlo

This month's background color: January's birthstone is GARNET!

December Meeting

CCMMG&S General Meeting Minutes.

December 11, 2023.

Endeavor Hall 7pm.

Holiday Party event.

No official minutes for the record.

Decorating and kitchen preparations begin at 4pm.

Thank you set up and decorating crews: Rob, Vikki, Dan, Aaron, Allan and his wife, Willy, Kelly and Kat.

Thank you to Donna and hubby for picking up the deserts.

6 membership renewals.

20 members in attendance and three guests, Samantha, Tim and Santa.

Received application to join from guest Samantha Setterbo.

President Mike has thank you gifts for the 2023 officers.

Donna Albrecht presented President Mike with a thank you gift for his many years (8) as the Show Chair.

Honorary memberships were awarded to: Terry Caskey, Naomi Morgan and Dick and Betty Pankey.

Rockhound of the year was awarded to Barbara Roderick.

Former mayor and Clayton council member, Tim McGallian officiated the installation of the incoming 2024 officers* and committee chairs:

President Mike Hopkins *

VP1 Cheryl Morgan *

VP2 Rudy Trautner (absent) *

Secretary Barbara Roderick *

Treasurer Cheryl Morgan *

Federation Kelly Plumb *

Publicity Dan DiCarlo

Show Chair Rob Savre

Dinner was served at 7pm. Santa visited during dinner.

Gift exchange happened after dinner and awards.

Thank you to all who helped with clean up. Done and out by 10pm.

Unofficial minutes for the record submitted by Barbara Roderick, Secretary CCM&GS 2023.

December Meeting



Upcoming Shows and Events

Antioch Lapidary Club Rock Show

See Coupon

Feb. 17-18, 2024

Contra Costa County Fairgrounds

1201 West 10th Street

Antioch, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society

See Coupon

Feb. 24-25, 2024

Solano County Fairgrounds , McCormack Hall

900 Fairgrounds Drive

Vallejo, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

March 16-17, 2024

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

344 Tully Rd.

Santa Clara, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club Rock Show

See Coupon

May 4, 2024

Antioch Lapidary Club Clubhouse

425 Fulton Shipyard Road

Antioch, CA

Upcoming Show Coupons!

Antioch Lapidary Club Jewelry, Gem & Rock Show

Saturday, February 17, 2024 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Jewelry, Gems, Findings, Supplies,
Auction, Grab Bags, Exhibits and
Hands on projects for kids

Admission: \$6.00

Children 12 & under / Scouts in uniform – Free

Active Military with ID – Free

Info: Kelly Plumb 510-693-9075

kellyplumb900@yahoo.com

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1201 WEST 10th STREET
ANTIOCH, CA

\$1.00 Off Admission With This Flyer

www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

Upcoming Show Coupons!



58th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

February 24-25, 2024, Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm

Solano County Fairgrounds McCormack Hall

900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo CA

Adults \$6.00 Children Under 12 Free

Return Admission On Sunday Free With Receipt or Hand Stamp

\$1.00 Off With This Card – Free Parking

Vendors, Wheel of Fortune, Geode Cutting, Grab Bags, Hourly Drawings, Demonstrators, Silent Auction

Tickets at Door Only – No Online Tickets

Info: vjgems.com

Upcoming Show Coupons!



Antioch Lapidary Club's Annual Artisan Jewelry & Rock Sale

Saturday, May 4, 2024 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

NICE MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS!

FREE ADMISSION/Fun for the whole family

Everyone is invited to the Antioch Lapidary Club's annual Artisan Jewelry & Rock Sale/Swap. There will be booths with jewelry, slabs, rough and other rock-related items to purchase.

Join us for a fun-filled "rockhounding" day – visit our Rock and Mineral Museum; games for children; field trip to our rock pile behind clubhouse – rock by the pound – cheap.

BBQ lunch served at 12:00 – only \$5.00 with all the fixings!

Where: Antioch Lapidary Club's clubhouse
425 Fulton Shipyard Road, Antioch, CA

If you would like to sell/trade/swap items, bring a table or two and your jewelry, rocks, fossils, gems, minerals, extra equipment, etc. **Please call Gary Casillas at 925-458-4076 to reserve a spot.**

(Directions on back)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CONTRA COSTA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

Membership Fee: Adult \$20/yr Junior (Under 17) \$10/yr **Plus**, One-time \$10 badge fee

I would like: (check box) **New** membership
 Renew my membership (renewals are due by Jan 1st.)
 Update my information

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Occupation: _____ Birthday: Month/Day _____ Anniversary: M/D _____

Personal information: Please provide an email to receive the monthly newsletter.

All information will be available to the Board of Directors. Member information is NOT to be shared, sold or available to the public.

My interests are in:

- BOD position
- Cabbing
- Tumbling
- Geology
- Mineralogy
- Field Trips

Equipment: I own / have used

- Slab saw
- Trim saw
- Cab machine
- Flat lap
- Tumbler
- Jewelry eqpt.

I can do/help with:

- Demonstration / Teach
- Field trips
- Phone tree
- Computer
- Carpentry / Electrical
- Mechanical

Committees / events I am interested in working or running: _____

Make checks payable to: CCMGS.

Return application and payment to the address below or in person at a meeting. See website or Facebook page for meeting locations and times. Email for questions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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