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Newsletter of the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

November 2021

President Donna Albrecht's Message:

Whew! When you read this, we are almost at our Show!!!! After taking a year off for COVID, our vendors are back (November 5 is set-up, 6 & 7 Show), excited to have a chance to share their wonderful delights for all our members and show guests.

If you haven't already signed up to be a part of this spectacular event, contact Mike Hopkins at Michael Hopkins mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net or (925) 570-4179. What a great opportunity to share time and our passion with old and new friends!

Then, the very next day, **November 8, is our monthly meeting**. You'll want to be there to learn more about how the Show went. Cheryl Morgan has an exciting program planned to help us move forward after the COVID slump and revitalize our club so that every second Monday of the month is Must-Do-Meeting Night. Unless the City of Concord regulations change (again . . .) masks will be required but vaccine status will not be checked.

Our **Holiday Party is coming December 13**. We'll have the usual fun stuff including an ugly sweater contest, a hat contest, and much more. It will feature a **pot-luck dinner** And we'll hopefully have a sign-up list at the November meeting. Because we're having food, the City currently requires that everyone who comes show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test taken within two days before the event. If you've been wavering about getting the vaccine, now's a great time to do it, and it will help make the holidays healthier for you and yours.

While several excellent officers were elected during our October meeting for 2022, not all the positions were filled. The board can name people to fill those positions, including President. If you love the club, please consider volunteering for an open position, even if you can only commit to one year. Karen will have more on this further into this newsletter.

See you at the Show

General Meeting- Monday November 8 at 7 pm (2nd Monday of the month), Centre Concord

Our year is drawing to a close, and what a year it has been! We are still one of the last clubs in the area to hold a rock show. Our November meeting will be right after our rock show and frankly it is a time to recover and reflect...who are we? Why does CCG&M exist? SO for our meeting I propose we do just that, reflect.

Our club's mission statement is:

.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.

Let us have a strategy session on what this means, on what we shall be, on why we shall be and specifically what each of us wants from this club. We will have pen and paper ready to hear and to incorporate and hopefully we will leave with a club that meets everyone's needs. We can walk away with a new perspective and a new mission. If you cannot make this meeting please contact me and leave me your opinions, my email is: cherylmorgan09@yahoo.com. Or let me know at the rock show. Yes I will be painting rocks. All ideas will be presented and all your thoughts are valuable.



MINERAL & GEM SHOW & SALE

Saturday & Sunday
Nov. 6-7
10 AM - 5 PM

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Admission \$6

Under 16 FREE with adult.
Scouts in Uniform FREE
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FREE with ID

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Fossils • Meteorites
Flourescent Room
Beads • Findings
Tools • Equipment
Demonstrations • Displays
Kids Activities
Door Prizes • Raffle • Auction
Snacks • Food • Drinks

Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd., Concord
behind In-Shape Fitness
next to Clayton Valley Bowl

2021 Elected Officers:

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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 on Zoom, stay connected for updates.

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