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**Next General Meeting of the CCM&GS is: Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars.**

## June Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 5th at 7:30 at Dave & Kim Kleesattel's house.

## Refreshments

We ask the following members to please bring a treat to share during our social period at the **June** General Meeting.

Linda Minnich  
 Bill & Naomi Morgan  
 Sharon Neuhauser  
 Harry Nichandros and Therese Clark  
 John & Rana Owen  
 Dick & Betty Pankey  
 Scott & Sherry Pevahouse  
 Aaron & Elfie Pingree

## President's Message

Summer's here and the rain should finally be over. Maybe all the rain this year uncovered some good rocks at our favorite collecting areas. But unfortunately I'm sure that means lots of extra pollen and other allergens for those who suffer (sorry about that) and it also means lots of other things that us rockhounds need to watch out for this year. So when you're out there on field trips, hikes, or whatever, be very watchful for extra Poison Oak and ticks this year. And about those field trips, **Dennis Freiburger** is doing a great job of keeping us informed about all of the upcoming trips available, so read your newsletter and get out there on a trip.

Greg Johnson and I enjoyed conducting the first "Fish Picking" class on May 13 at **Connie Klein's** place (thank you Connie). Hope everybody had a good time, if there's more interest, we can have that class again for those who missed it.

This May seems to be the month for back surgeries. **Matt Matthews** had a disk

repaired on May 9, and **Kim Kleesattel** had several vertebra fused on May 16. Both are doing fine and will be recovering this summer and should be ready for some rock collecting by this fall.

For those of you who missed last month's meeting, I wanted to let you all know the news about **Bill McKay**. If you've wondered where Bill has been hiding during the past several months, he was sneaking off to Chicago, Illinois every chance he could to be with his girlfriend. Well they've decided to get married and Bill will be moving to the Chicago area very soon. We'll all certainly miss Bill. He has been a very active member and an 'all-round' good guy. Good Luck Bill!

Did you ever get a rock that you wanted to cut open (or slab) but didn't have a slab saw to cut it? Well now you don't have any excuse. I now have an 18" slab saw (it belongs to the club) available at my house for club members' use. So for those of you who don't have your own saw, just give me a call (925-798-8240) and we can setup a time for you to come over to my place and cut that rock. Give me a call, let's cut rocks!

Hope to see you all at the next meeting in June.

**Dave Kleesattel**, President

## **CCM&GS May Board of Directors Meeting** **Monday May 8, 2006.**

The May BOD meeting was held in Concord at **Dave & Kim Kleesattel's** home. Present at the meeting were **Dave & Kim Kleesattel, Dick Pankey, Sam & Hazel**

**Woolsey, Matt & Ann Matthews, Bill McKay, Dennis Freiburger, Mary Hicks, Sharon Neuhauser. Lee McIlvaine.**

**Show Chair Sam Woolsey** reported on the November Education Show. There are eight paid in full dealers of twelve. The effort on publicity has started by activity by **Past President Ann Matthews**. Demonstrators are being confirmed. **Property Chair Sam Woolsey** then reported on Property, the old wire was sold and some other items recycled too from the storage shed clean up two weeks ago. There are still more items to be sorted through. During the work party efforts, the club display cases were all marked with use of a stencil and spray paint. The storage trailer was reorganized. There is another work party scheduled to wire the lights in the barn. The lighting will allow use of the area at night if desired. **Members Dave Current and Glen Hubbard** are doing the wiring. The area will be ready for the fossil fish cleaning class on May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Property Chair Sam Woolsey** proposed the club pay for the wiring for the lights, it was moved and was seconded by **Vice President Lee McIlvaine**, motion carried. We have over one gross of club cups on hand.

**Membership Chair Kim Kleesattel** read new member applications for **Pam Harris and Kelly Plum**, who were approved for membership.

**Federation Chair Dick Pankey** is looking into pins and patches for new and existing members. He has some quotes from three places. Club patch for a 100 may be around \$3.69 each or \$2.30 for 200. Pins may be around \$1.56 for 100 or \$1.44 for 200, there is a \$50 die cut one time cost and \$5 per 100 shipping charge with a four week turn around. 50% down with order or get a 5% discount if paid in full at the time of order. It was recommended to order 200 patches

and 100 pins with 50% down. Motion carried. Expect these items by the July general meeting and these items will be handled by the Membership Chair Person to be sold at cost. Dick then moved on to his report on Federation items. Agenda for the federation directors meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> include items such as nominations for Honorary Membership to CFMS. If there are any items or issues that you wish Dick to take up with the federation let him know.

**Hospitality Chair Sharon Neuhauser** announced a club picnic in late August. She also got approval to talk about the Ye Old Timers club and Cookbook at the meeting.

**Vice President of Field Trips Dennis Freiburger**, says he has found the CFMS web site is a good source of information on trips and shows. Also there is information in many magazines and COOP and North Bay field trip associations have happenings too. There are five trips just over the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

**Vice President of Programs Lee McIlvaine** reported the May General Meeting presentation will be a DVD, June is not set up yet, August has been planned. Contact him if you are interested in doing a presentation.

**Past President Ann Matthews** said the Concord Transcript had the general meeting notice for May 12. **Federation Director Dick Pankey** said he saw it in the East County Times. An article is going into the paper about **Member Al Schleif** and his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Al's birthday was celebrated at the last general meeting. He has been the club President, Show Chair etc., with 22 years as a volunteer teaching copper enameling for the Senior Activity program and in 1959 he started bringing in rocks to the meeting for door prizes.

No reports by **Historian Hazel Woolsey** or **Secretary Mary Hicks**.

### New Business

There was a discussion on classes and education. All members are encouraged to participate in the club activities-field trips, project classes; social events-getting involved is what makes being a member fun. If you are not getting to participate in an activity you wanted to attend, contact the appropriate chair person. Classes sometimes fill up at the General Meeting, so if you can't make the meeting and want to sign up call the person putting the class together. There is also a standby status so if someone cancels early enough; the stand by person gets a call.

The newsletter will be reviewed at the next BOD.

**Mary Hicks**, Secretary

## CCM&GS General Meeting May 12, 2006

**Hospitality Chair Sharon Neuhauser** took minutes for me since I was out of town for my annual Book Club retreat. Thank you Sharon! **Secretary Mary Hicks**.

**President Dave Kleesattel** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Birthdays and anniversaries were read as posted in the bulletin. A **Past President and active Member Joe Yarbrough's** birthday was the day of the meeting. **Pam Pevahouse** sent a card about plans to scatter deceased **Member Bob Pevahouse's** ashes. Three young boys at the general meeting, **Casey Bocha** won a map and guest **Dick Merrill** won a rock, and **Member Ed**

**Miller's friend Peggy** won a rock too. We all wish **Member Matt Matthews** recovery from his surgery. **Member Lee King** has moved Rossmoor, best wishes at his new place. And it was good to see **Member Mary Bufton** at the meeting.

**Property/Show Chair Sam Woolsey** gave an update on the show and thanked the members who helped at the work parties at the Barn. It was announced that **Librarian Bill McKay** is getting married and moving back east new bride, job and step son: Best Wishes to the McKay family. The club needs a new Librarian now.

**Education Chair Joanne Caskey** discussed classes given and classes in the future. **Member Ophelia Hicks** announced a two day (Saturdays) soap stone carving class at her home, bring a bag lunch, and a swim suit and towel if you want to take a dip in pool, no children please.

**Vice President of Field Trips Dennis Freiburger** announced trips and reminded members of the California Federation Show in June.

**Display Assistant Rana Owen** announced the displays for **John Owen** who was under the weather. She said more entries are needed for the competition for the pro and novice cabs. **Members Joe Yarbrough** talked about his cabs and arrowhead displays and **Tom Francis** had a nice display and he announced he is interested in selling some of his rocks. **Member Ed Miller** displayed pictures from the Snyder Powwow. **President Dave Kleesattel** had minerals out for the silent auction.

**Vice President of Programs Lee McIlvaine** introduced the program for the evening-"Rhodochrosite: Red Treasure of the Rockies." The DVD video presentation

was about the Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado that was mined for silver and that produced great rhodochrosite mineral specimens. Beautiful red color is the basis of the name of this beautiful mineral. The program was a very interesting presentation that showed the development of the mine, the pockets of red crystals and the unique characteristics of minerals from each vug. Many of the pockets are named and so specimens in museum and private collections can be traced to the exact discovery site. The mine was closed in the Fall of 2004 and this is also shown in the program.

After the program members and guest enjoyed the displays, signed up for classes.

**Mary Hicks, Secretary**

## Publicity News

Our November show will be here before you know it. Now is the time to start thinking of what you will display in our 2006 show which will be November 4-5 with set up on Friday the 3rd. Mark your calendar to reserve those dates. We have 52 cases to fill plus the special exhibits. The application to exhibit will be in a future bulletin.

**Ann Matthews, Exhibit Chair**

## June Program

The program will be announced at the meeting on Friday

## Membership

We have three new members to welcome into our club.

### Pam Harris

Pam is interested in most of what we do: bead stringing, cabbing, carving, casting, enameling, faceting, field trips, fossils, and mineralogy. Pam has also volunteered to look into what it will take to have some new membership vests made. Thank you Pam for already getting involved in a project.

### Marty Wharton

Marty is an electrician who has just joined our club. He is interested in cabbing, casting, faceting, and geology.

### Kelly Plumb

Kelly is also a member of the Antioch rock club where she is the club's librarian. She is interested in bead stringing, cabbing, carving, casting, field trips, and fossils.

If any of you "old time members" can help any of the new members with their lapidary interests, please contact them and help them get involved with our club.

I still have many of your 2006 club membership cards. Please see me at the next general meeting to get your membership card and your free admission card to the State Mineral Museum.

**Membership Chair, Kim Kleesattel**

## June Birthdays

Ken Whitlatch	6/9
Brownie Cameron	6/11
Loren Hill	6/15
Mary Bufton	6/17
Barrie Bieler	6/17
Gene Holcomb	6/17
Judy Brown	6/19

## June Anniversaries

Elfie & Aaron Pingree	6/6
Mary Ellen & Sam Johnston	6/6
Harry Short	6/8
Gary Walls	6/9
Sherry & Scott Pevahouse	6/12
Ken & Jean Williamson	6/12
Loren & Lynne Hill	6/14
Pam Harris	6/22
Susan & Richard Dennis	6/23
Althea & Barrie Bieler	6/2

## Pearl -The June Birthstone

Pearl, the June birthstone is a hard, white, round object that's valued as a gemstone for use in jewelry. Their value in jewelry is determined by a combination of the luster, color, and size, lack of surface flaws and symmetry that is appropriate considering the type of pearl. Pearls form inside the shells of oysters in response to irritation from objects such as sand grains inside their shells.

Layers in the pearl are the minerals aragonite or calcite. The calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) in the two minerals is held together by an organic compound named conchiolin called narce meaning mother of pearl.

The unique luster of pearls depends upon the reflection and refraction of light from their translucent layers. The iridescence some pearls display is caused by the overlapping of successive layers, which breaks up light that falls on the surface. Pearls are usually white, sometimes with a creamy or pinkish tinge, but may be tinted yellow, green, blue, brown, purple, or black. Black Tahitian Pearls are highly valued because of their rarity. The culturing process for black pearls produces a smaller number since they are often rejected by the host oyster.

Before the 20<sup>th</sup> century divers pulled oysters from ocean floors and river bottoms and checked each individually for pearls. Only three or four oysters in three tons produce perfect pearls. Now, almost all pearls used for jewelry are cultured by planting a core or nucleus into pearl producing oysters. Pearls are usually harvested three years after planting but it can take six years or longer before a pearl is produced.

Pearls come in eight basic shapes: round, semi-round, button, drop, pear, oval,

baroque, and ringed. Perfectly round pearls are the rarest, highly valued, expensive, and are generally used in necklaces, or in strings of pearls. Pearls are used in pendants, irregular shaped and button pearls find use in necklaces.

Pear shaped pearls are sometimes referred to as teardrop pearls and are most often seen in earrings, pendants or as a center pearl in necklaces. Baroque pearls have a different appeal than the more standard shapes because they are often highly irregular and make unique and interesting shapes. Ringed pearls are characterized by concentric ridges, or rings, around the body of the pearl.

Minnie's Pearls are not included herein; she was a Grand Old Opera star.

**Harry W. Short, CCMG**

## Field Trip Calendar

**June 17. Paradise, CA.** Sawmill Peak. To collect Rhodonite. Hosted by Paradise Gem & Mineral Club.

**July 15 - 16. Elbow Junction, CA.** To collect petrified wood and agate. Hosted by Carmichael Gem & Mineral Club.

**August 20. Red Bluff, CA.** Spider Mine. To collect Rhodonite. Hosted by San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society.

**September 8 - 10. Black Rock Desert, NV.** To collect geodes, jasper agate, petrified wood, & fossils. Hosted by Marin Mineral Society.

For more information, contact Dennis Freiburger, Field Trip Chairman, CCM&GS

## Various Shows & Events

**June 3. Antioch, CA.** Antioch Lapidary Club Rock Swap, Sale, and BBQ. 425 Fulton Shipyard Road.

**June 4. Menlo Park, CA.** United States Geologic Survey (USGS) Open House. Many exhibits and activities related to geology, maps, and collections of specimens. 345 Middlefield Road.

**June 9 – 11. Angels Camp, CA.** California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Hosted by CFMS and Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society. Calaveras County Fairgrounds

**June 16 – 18. Cayucos, CA.** San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club Show. Veterans' Hall.

**June 22 – 25. Prineville, OR.** Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow Association Show. Cook County Fairgrounds.

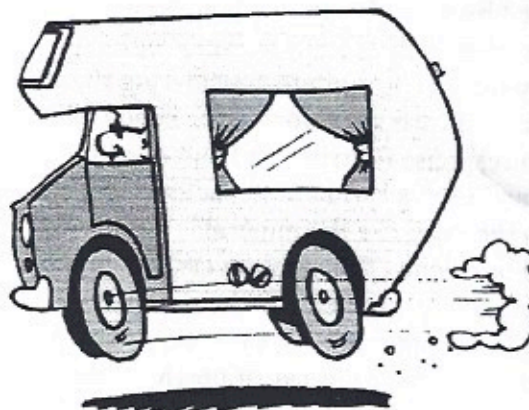
**June 25. Suisun City, CA.** Rock Sale & Swap. Hosted by Fairfield Lapidary Society. Rush Ranch, Grizzly Island Road (south off Highway 12)

**June 28 – July 2. Madras, OR.** All Rockhound Pow Wow Club of America Show. Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

**August 5 – 6. San Francisco, CA.** San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society Show. San Francisco County Fair Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Lincoln.

**August 12 – 13. Lakeview, OR.** Rock Roundup Show. Hosted by Tallman Rock Chippers. Lake County Fairgrounds.

For more information, contact **Dennis Freiburger**, Field Trip Chairman, CCM&GS



**Dennis Freiburger**, Field Trip Chairman

## Snyder's Pow Wow

What a glorious weekend. **NO RAIN!!!** The weather was sunny and warm, but not too hot and the best weather for the Pow Wow in many years and what a crowd! Betty Snyder reported the biggest turnout ever. Most of the regular tailgaters were there and a few new ones. But the spring rains did scare off some sellers.

Betty and I and the Friesen got to the Pow Wow on Wednesday and I staked out our camp. Most of our group arrived on Thursday and Friday. We had 16 trailers, motorhomes and 3 tenters. A very good turnout, but we had plenty of room for more.



We had 54 people attend the YOTMC potluck on Friday evening. After dinner the Old Timers held their annual auction. We had a spirited bidding from over 100 people that 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 the last of **Bob Pevahouse's** jams and jellies. **John Shoemaker** and **Dick Pankey** were the auctioneers with help from **Jim Foster** and **Dick Friesen**. Thirty-five people attended the NBFT potluck on Saturday evening. Twenty-three people (Old Timers, NBFT'ers and guests) helped direct traffic and people at the busy entrance gate at the Pow Wow. We worked 1 hour shift from 8:30 to 4:00. Most of us worked all three days and some double shifts. It is fun help and to be part of the Pow Wow. This "work" earned each organization \$75. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped out.

The date is set; the fliers are out, so mark your calendar now for the 2007 Snyders' Pow Wow on May 4, 5 & 6. Hope to see you there. We will be there!

**Dick Pankey, Wagon Master**

## Federation Director's Report

Betty and I will be attending the Federation Show and Director's meeting in Angels Camp in June. The Calaveras G&MS will host this years show on June 9 - 11 at the Calaveras Fairgrounds. They have a great show planned. In addition to the dealers, displays and demonstrators, there will be field trip to the Carson Hill Mine and kid activities. A portion of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection will be displayed as well as California gemstones from both

the L.A. County Museum of Natural History and the California Mining and Mineral Museum. The speakers this year will include Bob Jones, of Rock and Gem magazine, Jeffrey Post from the Smithsonian, Anthony Kampf from the L.A. County Museum and Russ Shoemaker from Stories in Stone.

At the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening **Barrie Beiler** will be presented as this years AFMS Scholarship Honoree. Barrie hopes that his scholarship awardees will be able to attend, also.

This is the last of the Federation Shows in northern California for a while, so be sure to attend. It is an easy 100 mile drive out Hwy 4 to Hwy 49 and turn right. Hope to see a lot of you at Angels Camp.

**By Dick Pankey, Federation Director**

## Education Report June 2006

### WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH

#### April 2006: Fossil Fish Preparation w/Dave & Greg!

If you weren't there, you missed a wonderful experience. This is a class we certainly must schedule again.

To begin our day, our gracious hostess **Connie Klein** welcomed everyone to her "barn" where we assembled for class. We showed up early, eager, and curious as to how to go about preparing fossil fish, and to begin this ancient treasure hunt. **Greg Johnson** and **Dave Kleesattel** were quick to arrive with the fossil sets we were to work with, and after pleasantries and some orientation and instructions ... and we can't forget the delicious doughnuts, coffee, and cold drinks provided by our hostess ... we set about discovering what mysterious creature left its mark in the mud 51 million years ago in Wyoming, and on our very own miniature private dig sites. Attending were **Connie Klein, Mary Jernigan, Luree Heese, Harry Nichandros, Therese Clark, Rana Miller-Owen, Dick Dennis, and Dennis Freiburger. Sam and Hazel Woolsey, and Terry Caskey** came over to see what was going on and have lunch with us.

Following is **Mary Jernigan's** note to **Dave Kleesattel** expressing her appreciation to Dave and to **Greg Johnson**. It certainly speaks for all of the members who attended the class. Thank you to Dave, Greg and Connie, we had a great time. I love my new fossil pet!

Mary writes: *"Dave, I just wanted to THANK YOU and Greg for providing such an interesting class for the CCMGS club! I know that we all had a blast as the fish fossils began to reveal themselves through the many layers of limestone. Yes, the tedious detailed process certainly requires great amounts of patience, but the results were quite gratifying. Greg's level of patience is something that we all will aspire to obtain. Thank you for introducing this exciting new adventure!"*

### COMING UP THIS MONTH!

#### June 10 & June 17, 2006:

#### **SOAPSTONE CARVING w/ Ophelia Hicks**

**Ophelia Hicks** is instructing soapstone carving at her house this month ☺. The soapstone class signup list was filled during the April meeting, and there is a waiting list for cancellations that may occur. The place to be on June 10 and June 17 is **1560 Apple Drive, Concord**, and the phone number to call is 925-685-7625 should you need directions (I usually provide a map with the signup for a class, but I was out of town and didn't make one up for the class this time). The following members signed up ... **Harry Nichandros, Therese Clark, Connie Klein, Barbara Brown, and Jeannie Russo**. Please be there on time at 10:00 a.m. ready to go to work! Bring a lunch, eye protection, and a lap towel. If sensitive to dust, bring a dust mask. Class concludes at 2:00 p.m. at which time you might want to

consider taking a dip in the Hicks' swimming pool (swimsuits mandatory!) ... you get two chances at the pool offer! Nice invite for a hot day, huh? Have fun!!

### **Announcement!**

**Date of class:** June 17th, Saturday.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. promptly, class ends about 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** RRR Lapidary shop adjacent to the Roseville Fairgrounds. All material and equipment will be supplied.

An Optivisor is optional, if the student has one to bring themselves.

**Cost:** \$80.00. Make checks payable to Roseville Rock Rollers.

**Contact:** Gloria @ [g16marie@ftcnet.net](mailto:g16marie@ftcnet.net) or 530-367-2262 before June 10th, class size is limited to 6 persons, so call early!!!!

As of this date 5 slots remain open, 6 students are required, or class may be have to be rescheduled.

### **July 20 (Thurs) & July 22 (Sat):**

#### **FLOWER POT MOSAICS** **w/Joanne**

Whoever wants to come to this workshop will need to get busy collecting polished/unpolished rocks, seashells, sea glass, marbles, broken china, etc. to decorate two flower pots – one larger than the other. Pots, grout, and sealer plus some miscellaneous decorating materials will be furnished. This is a “hands on”, creative learning workshop so expect to get dirty yet have fun and produce your very own gorgeous garden artwork. Learn a technique enabling you to create your own decorative mosaic tile or rock stepping stones, bird houses, table tops, bird baths, garden benches, etc. The list goes on and on ...

Signups to begin at the June meeting. Space for eight members (may consider two more) ... one from each household this time, please. Tool list and additional information is forthcoming.

### **August 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> (date subject to change):** **Annual “Critter Night” at the Barn**

All club members are welcome to come out to **Connie Klein's** barn to make “rock critters” for the “spin & win” kids’ game at our annual gem and mineral show in November. We will have more info. later from our show organizers.

TBD: Another one-night class may be added in August.

### **September 3 - 9 & 10 - 16 : CAMP** **PARADISE, sponsored by the CFMS**

If you plan to go, you need to get your application and \$\$ in to **Anna Christiansen** before **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Forms can be downloaded from the \_\_\_\_\_ site. All necessary information is on the forms – call Anna for additional info.

### **September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Going on a field** **trip. What do I need to take?** **w/Richard Pankey**

Equipment and supplies for all kinds of field trips, plus anything you ever wanted to know about field trips to be discussed and demonstrated. This class may want to follow up with a rock collecting field trip.

Are you ready for an educational field trip?

### **September 30<sup>th</sup>: Black Diamond** **Mines Visitor Center and Hazel** **Atlas Mine Tour**

We can make reservations ahead of time for groups of 15 people over 7 years of age for this tour. Stay tuned for more info on this one.

**Did you know** that several of our members are involved with teaching classes to the public outside of the CCM&GS ... and on a regular basis?

- Betty Pankey – stained glass instructor – teach assists at Pittsburg Adult Education twice a week.
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- Ardean Goulart – copper enamel – teaches several classes to seniors at the Concord Senior Center.
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- Dan Howlett – metal fabrication, jewelry – teaches a class each week at Mt. Diablo Adult Education in Pleasant Hill.

Did I miss anyone? Please let me know. Adults and seniors interested in these arts are welcome to find out more about the classes through our teacher-members.

**Did you know** that some of our members visit local elementary schools, providing a mineral and gem educational experience to students? We don't seem to hear much about this, and I invite anyone from this group to speak out and let all of us know of their good work! This worthy activity should be acknowledged.

**NEEDED:**

- If any of our club's cab experts are interested in getting together in the name of education and holding a weekend outdoor workshop for new members who are interested in learning to make cabs - getting "hands on" instruction -

please let me know. We will work something out!

- If anyone in the club is interested in instructing a class this year, please let me know.
- If anyone in the club can think of a class they would like the club to schedule, please let me know.

**Joanne Caskey, Education Program  
Chairperson**

## May Secret Auction Results

We had some really nice mineral specimens for auction in May. Most of these specimens were donated to our club by Howell Lovell, Jr. several years ago. The specimens that we are including in our Secret Auction are those that were either duplicates of specimens that we have kept for the CCM&GS permanent collection, or those specimens that were unlabeled and not suited for our collection and display at the show. All of the proceeds from the Secret Auction are used to support the club's expenses and educational meetings.

The winning bids for the May Secret Auction are:

1. **Charlotte Bochra** ..... Thunder Egg
2. **Louise Gilley** ..... Chrysoprase Slabs
3. **Michael Ludwig** ..... Rose Quartz
4. **Bobi Brown** ..... Jade Slabs
5. **Connie Klein** ..... Napa Opal
6. *No Bid* ..... Jar of Tumbled Peridot & Garnet
7. **Connie Klein** ...Faceting Rough
8. **Joanne Caskey** ..... Brazilian Agate Coasters
9. **Harry Nichandros** ...Box of Miscellaneous Minerals
10. **Connie Klein** ..... Blue Chalcedony Pieces
11. **Louise Gilley** ..... Calcite Crystals on Slab
12. **Rana Owen** ..... Lortone Tumbler

Thank you everybody for bidding on these specimens.

**John Owen**, Display Chairman

## Display Report

Hi you all. Well I'm glad Rana was here to take my place while I was ill. I would like to thank Barrie Bieler for bringing the Replica of a bird from the Jurassic period. "Archaeopteryx" and Joe Yarbough for showing us his assorted Cab and Arrowheads I know that it was nice.

Joe also won in the PRO CAB Entry so congrats to you buddy. I hope to be able to get back to the club meeting soon like next month, but as most of you know that I have had problems with my feet and couldn't walk or sit for to long but I'm getting better. Thanks to all who asked about me, it was nice to know that I'm missed.

For June the Shape of the Month will be FREE FORM.

July is fireworks time so let's see red white or blue stones in free form. I do hope that we get a lot more people to get involved displaying cabs and other things of special interest.

We'll hope to see you all in June, Good lord willing and the Creek don't rise.

**John Owen**, Display Chair

**Rana Owen**, Assistant Display Chair

## *Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society*

PO Box 4667, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

**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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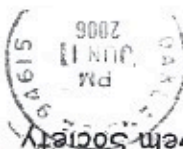
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