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Newsletter of the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

May/June 2021

President's Message

Hi All,

I hope you're all staying healthy and getting your vaccines.

According to our bylaws, April is the month we create a nominating committee for 2022 elected officers. If you are willing to serve on the committee, or better yet, on the board, please let me know at donna@LapidaryWhisperer.com I find being on the board has helped me make friends, enjoy the benefits of being involved, and have a say on the activities and future of the club. Wouldn't you enjoy that too?

JUNE: Good News! It looks like Concord will be opening up soon and we're talking with them about our show rental! Start thinking about how you can be a part of this important event for both educating the public about our hobby and earning the money that supports our general meetings and other activities. You can contact our Show Chair, Mike Hopkins, at mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net

We are working on a program for June 14.

We will have a board meeting on June 9 at 7 pm on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89879348214?pwd=THQ4MnVKeTROeE5oOStrZVJ4V2ZmZz09> All members who are interested in how the board works and how to get involved with the club and/or show are invited. I'm hoping for in-person meetings as soon as July if the city allows, and we'll need some people to volunteer to participate and make things happen. It's the best way to get the maximum from your membership.

See you soon!



Donna Albrecht

Changes in Recreational Collecting:

Recreational Rock hounding is defined as the Non-Commercial collecting of Rocks, Minerals and Fossils, according to established laws, rules and regulations, for personal and educational use, see:

Part 8365 of Title 43 CFR [Code of Federal Regulations], which provides for the collecting of *reasonable quantities* of rocks, minerals, semiprecious gemstones, and invertebrate and plant fossils of non-scientific importance, for personal use.

Legal Definition of Recreational Rockhounding as defined in Title 43 CFR.....

* 8365.1-5 Property and resources.

(a) On all public lands, unless otherwise authorized, no person shall;

(1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;

(2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or

(3) Use on the public lands explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on developed recreation sites and areas, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the public lands reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:

(1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;

(2) Nonrenewable resources such as rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;

(3) Petrified wood as provided under subpart 3622 of this title;

(4) Mineral materials as provided under subpart 3604; and

(5) Forest products for use in campfires on the public lands. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title.

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the public lands for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit from an authorized officer in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.

[48 FR 36384, Aug. 10, 1983; 67 FR 68778, Nov. 13, 2002; 75 FR 27455, May 17, 2010]

Source: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/43/8365.1-5>

More on Code of Federal Regulations can be found at <http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html> near bottom of page under United States Code - Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

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May 10 General Meeting Program Recap

Walt Lombardo was our presenter for a fascinating program on Diamonds in North America!

Walt is the founder of Nevada Mineral & Book Company (<http://www.geologicpublications.com/our-story.html>) and a geologist with more than 35 years* experience in mineralogy and the mining industry.

Diamonds are found in a variety of rock types and from a wide range of geologic ages throughout the world. Recent advances in the geology of diamonds has led to the discovery of many new diamond fields. These discoveries have led to Canada becoming one of the world*s leading diamond producers. Several diamond-bearing areas are known in the United States, and more are suspected. This talk will cover the geology of diamond host rocks, diamond indicator mineralogy, areas of known diamond fields, and areas of future potential (including California).

Thank you Walt!

New Officers need to be nominated by September 2021 for October 2021 election

President (Donna is stepping down but willing to mentor)

1st Vice President and Program

2nd Vice President and Field Trips

Secretary

Treasurer

Federation Director

Other positions that need to be filled to continue a smooth running club:

Historian

Public Lands Advisory

Refreshments for General Meetings

A Nominating Committee was formed of Karen Oliver; Dick Pankey; and Carol Taraldson and is welcoming any interested members. Contact Donna @ Donna@LapidaryWhisperer.com

Upcoming Meetings-

Board of Directors- on Zoom Wednesday, June 2nd, 7:00pm. Contact Donna Albrecht for information

General Meetings- on Zoom, 2nd Monday of the month

Please stay connected in our Zoom Meetings

CCM&GS Zoom Board Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2021

Present: Donna Albrecht, Mike Hopkins, Karen Oliver, Terry Caskey, Kelly Plumb

Meeting start; 7:04pm

Mike Hopkins re: Club Show November 6 & 7, 2021

**Kelly has 6 * 8 vendors ready to go

**Vendors not interested if COVID restrictions still in place (to be lifted June 15)

**Need 25 people to help

**Need flyers printed/emailed/on CFMS website/Face Book page

**Continue first responders and military discount

**Admission still \$6 or \$5 with discount*

**Karen O. to ask around to find out how old the show is

**Folks will check storage unit for materials

**Karen O. will take on the kid*s games and their volunteers

**Who else for demos?

**Education display from Mike Hopkins?

Donna Albrecht: Club News

**Cheryl Morgan may become Club Historian

**Kelly Plumb will be 2nd VP/Field Trips

**Karen Oliver will fill Mary J.*s role as Secretary for the term

**Terry Caskey and Mike Hopkins volunteered to be signers on the bank account

**Still need a 2nd VP/Program

**Membership Meeting 4/12 on Zoom Speaker on Davis Creek

**Membership meetings in person now to open at 6:30pm and START at 7:00 pm

**June Membership Meeting in person??? Mike Hopkins will man the door to insure mask use by all.
Need a door prize/contest/Membership table person (Taylor?)/Treasurer (Vicki?)/Refreshments?

**There WILL be a May newsletter (get your input to KO now!)

Meeting end 7:42pm

2021 CCMGS SHOW NEWS



MINERAL & GEM SHOW & SALE

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

\$1 OFF
with this card

Admission \$6
Under 16 FREE with adult.
Scouts in Uniform FREE
Military & First Responders
FREE with ID

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

WE DIG ROCKS

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

A CALL FOR THE SHOW PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Anyone can act on this committee; we need 3 to 4 club members to act as LEADS and some additional members to help each of them on smaller tasks.

Show Chair: Mike Hopkins

Assistant show chair:

Layout, work with each LEAD:

LEADS:

Advertising and promotion-Mike Hopkins, unless someone wants t take this on

Venders and demonstrators

Auction / Raffle

Cases

Food service

Organizing volunteers to work the show, Set-up and tear-down

Other stuff: Badges, signs, banners

Please contact me if interested in helping to plan the 2021 show.

Michael Hopkins - mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net

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Tailings

"Garage Sale!"

A new space in your newsletter for folks looking to lighten their rockhounding load, and for those looking for the next useful item. Send a description, picture and your contact information to Karen at Cockroach1454@gmail.com.

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Trivia question: How old is our show, has it run uninterrupted until last year?

If you know the answer, please Let me know.

Thank you!

Karen O.

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May Birthdays

Ann Matthews 5/4

Kelly Plumb 5/8

Patty Wintroath 5/13

Dick Pankey 5/19

Susan Manata 5/25

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Meeting in Person?

We hope you've been busy during the past year doing rock stuff.

When we have an in person meeting we'll be looking for your projects!

We're also looking for lots of volunteers to help at the meetings. If you can give us some time please contact Donna Albrecht. There are about 70 members of our club If everyone helped a little the load would be very small.

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CCM&GS T-Shirts-

Where is yours? Club shirts are available in limited adult sizes. Cost \$15- \$17 plus postage.

Contact our designer - Bob Rigor rrrigor@aol.com

Our Friend Mary Jernigan 1958 - 2020

Mary Jernigan was a force of good in our lives for many years. Her mischievous smile was often followed by a chuckle and a humorous comment. I called her Maryjay to distinguish her from the many other Marys in the club. I always looked forward to being with Mary. I am so sorry for the loss of Mary from our lives. Her daughter Taylor Thompson was a blessing to her mother. Taylor was a caring daughter throughout Mary's struggle with cancer. My condolences to Taylor and family and to our club members. I remember Mary bringing her baby daughter to general meetings. Mary shared her daughter with us and as the years rolled by our youngest rockhound grew into a young lady. Mary was generous that way, freely sharing what she held most dear.

Mary gave a genuine welcome to everyone who came to club activities. Her smile was a beacon that shown on everyone especially her fellow rockhounds. If I were to name her it would be Evening Star. Her sparkle at our evening gathers lifted my spirt. At Board of Director meetings, she was always a positive thinker, and she projected a positive force in planning the future of the club. She was there with a raised hand when the club had a need. Mary was a hard worker for the club. She often was the person laying down power cables under the tables at the annual show. She was there for show set up and tear down. She took pictures to chonical events. This activity was often taken over by her daughter Taylor. Besides CCM&GS Mary was a busy supporter of the Girl Scouts. We have lost a great friend and I know we all send our love to Mary's daughter Taylor. Mary had a warm smile and sparkling eyes that shown love out to the world. We were blessed to have known her.

(Mary Hicks)



Joe Yarbrough

Joe was a club member for a long time. He made many different stones into belt buckles. In this photograph, Joe was holding his Graveyard Point belt buckle. He also made copper jewelry with the ladies at the old church in Concord. He had a great laugh and bright personality will be missed.

Submitted by Taylor Thompson (Membership Chair)

Joe was one of my favorites. He was always willing to answer questions and explain things. He had an amazing collection of found arrowheads (from his parents' courtship?). He offered to teach me to knap. I only wish I had found the time to learn. We'll miss his voice over the P/A at the show.

Karen Oliver

2021 Elected Officers:

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Vacant

2ndVicePresident/Fieldtrips:

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2021 Appointed 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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