



# Diablo Diggings

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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

September, 2019

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

As I'm writing this, it's still pretty darn hot around here. I hope by our September meeting it will have cooled off .

The program this month is our ANNUAL AUCTION! It's a great time to move rough, slabs, and equipment (in working order) that you no longer need to their new homes with other rockhounds. Handmade jewelry often gets good bids.

Before the meeting, think about the ways you'll be available to work our show in November. Sign up sheets will be available this month!

Our hard working nomination committee will announce their slate for election to officer positions this month. We don't vote until October. If you're enjoying your membership, you'll get even more by participating in our club's governance. Please consider running for one of the offices being elected or on one of the appointed board positions. Just because we have a slate, doesn't mean those people are automatically elected.

For those who like to go to Searles Lake for the show and salt crystal gathering in October. It's been on and off several times (mostly offs) since they had the big earthquake. Check online for updates at <http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/GEM-O-RAMA.htm>

Happy Labor Day!

*Donna Albrecht*



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday September 9, 2019**



**AUCTION!**  
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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### General Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2019, 7:31—8:45 p.m.

President Donna Albrecht welcomed guests and members to the meeting. Betty Pankey led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and collected badge fines. Dick Pankey- Federation Director/ Nominating Committee informed the membership that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Fieldtrips BOD position would be open in 2020. Chuck Olson has decided to pass the baton to a new CCM&GS member. Thank you, Chuck, for your continued service and commitment to our Club. Chuck is Come represent our CCM&GS Club, share ideas and be involved as part of the 2020 Board of Directors and Committees, Please contact Dick Pankey, Mary Jernigan or other BOD members for more information. Other open positions will be noted in the Club Newsletter. The proposed slate of 2020 Board of Directors is to be announced at the September general meeting.

Dick is collecting cancelled postage stamps for the Contra Costa Stamp Snippers donations to Easter Seals. See Dick for more details. Dick and Betty will be organizing a fieldtrip to Davis Creek and Cedar Creek for petrified wood and agate nodules. Information will be posted in the Diggins Newsletter. Kelly Plumb- Hospitality drew the door prize tickets. Kelly announced the August birthdays and anniversaries. Cheryl Morgan- Display encouraged everyone to check out the competition and vote at the Display table. For the library, additional books were donated by Hazel Woolsey. Thank you!

Mike Hopkins- Show brought the hand-outs and Club info. business cards available for members to share and promote the Annual Club Show. Show postcards are labeled and ready for mailing out in September. Mike asked for members to volunteer for the 2019 Show. Additional volunteers are needed to help with the \*Club Case- checking in and photographing items. \*Food Service- we need a Club Member to oversee the students in our Diablo Dan Café selling pre-bought food. \*Volunteers are needed to work the Club Show. At the Membership Table, we will show "rolling" photos about our CCM&GS Club activities and interests. Email your photos to Mike.

Rock Yard Sale – at Don & Margaret Henrich's home on August 23- 26. Great opportunity to find new treasures, flyers on the back table. Remember September 9<sup>th</sup> will be Auction Night. Bring your checkbooks and Rockhound bidding skills!

Donna introduced the evening's program with Barrie Bieler, mineral expert and photographer.

Barry provided us with many tips and techniques on how to photograph our prized specimens. We all enjoyed Barrie's program and learned interesting photography techniques. Barry has been an active CCM&GS Club member since 1965 and recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Thank you, Barrie, for your many years dedicated to our Club Membership!

Submitted by Mary Jernigan— Secretary

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### Board of Directors Meeting

August 7, 2019

Insufficient number of board members to hold meeting.

## ANNUAL SHOW

Our annual gem & mineral show is November 2-3 with set up on the 1st.

There are many ways to get involved!

- Help set up or break down the tables
- Show off your work in a display case
- Membership table
- Demonstrate a skill

And much, much more!

This is our yearly fund raiser that allows us to rent the hall for our general meetings and helps fund special events. Talk to a board member and help keep our club going strong!



**FIELD TRIPS**

Sept. 21-22, 2019  
 Fallen, Nv.  
 Fossils For Fun & Roseville Rock Rollers  
 Contact Debbie Bunn (916) 929-6665

Sept. 28 - 29, 2019  
 Tuledad Caynon, Nv.  
 Roseville Rock Rollers  
 For Agates, Petrified Wood.  
 Contact John Dolman (530) 272-3752, [john95670@yahoo.com](mailto:john95670@yahoo.com).

Nov. 16, 2019  
 Georgetown, Ca.  
 Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
 For Crystals.  
 Contact John Dolman (530) 272-3752, [john95670@yahoo.com](mailto:john95670@yahoo.com).

ALWAYS  
 CONTACT  
 THE FIELD  
 TRIP  
 LEADER  
 BEFORE  
 THE TRIP!!!

**Rockhounding  
 With Sally!**



Upcoming Field Trips

Let me know if you'd like more information on these, or anything else.

So as long as We're within range of a Cel. signal, I'm here, or there, to share any information I have, at [olson86@yahoo.com](mailto:olson86@yahoo.com), or (925) 890-7116.

**MONTHLY DISPLAY COMPETITION**

Members are eligible to enter these competitions and win recognition. As long as there are two or more items entered in the area of competition, the winner is eligible to win a cash prize!

- ◆ **Faceted Stones**
- ◆ **Wearable Art**
- ◆ **Cabochons:** We have three categories for you to compete in:  
**NOVICE:** Any member who has not won the "Pro" designation in previous years.  
**PRO:** Any member who has won the "Pro" designation in previous years.  
**SHAPE OF THE MONTH:** Pros and Novices compete side-by-side.



Upcoming shapes are: **September:** no competition, **October:** marquis, **November:** oval.

**SEPTEMBER'S BIRTHSTONE: SAPPHIRE**

Learn about sapphires from GIA here:  
<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones/september-birthstones>

Photo: A spellbinding sight: the many colors of sapphire. Photo: Robert Weldon/GIA, Dr. Eduard J. Gübelin Collection, <https://4cs-uat.gia.edu/en-us/blog/september-birthstone-where-sapphire-come-from/>



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FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE

September 2019

Your 2019 Show Committee has had a busy summer preparing for the upcoming show. We have only a few more weeks to prepare and now it is time for all club members to step up. Committee members will be calling some club members to discuss where you can help with the show. At our next club meeting, October 14, we will have signup sheets for positions available during the show.

- Primarily we need: Supervision of kitchen. High school kids from the track team at Concord High will be doing the work, we just need an adult present. The food and materials will be picked up prior to the show. You must be able to work with high school age kids. We also may need some kitchen stuff like electric meat cutter, stainless pans and utensils. Please email Mike or call 925 570 – 4179 if you would like to help PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.
- We will have colorful tee shirts for sale at the show. You can preorder your shirts at the next meeting or by emailing Robert Rigor (rrrigor@aol.com). (See FORM attached) We will not have tees available for those that work at the show this year, but we hope that every member will wear a tee or their vest to show your club off. They make excellent gifts.
- Show signs. We will have show signs for members to pick up at the meeting. Best if placed on busy streets, ask your neighbors if you can place at corners. Center medians are dangerous, please be careful out there.
- If anyone is going to ANY of the rock shows in the next few weeks, we need to drop flyers for our show on SATURDAY (first day of show) mornings, please contact me or print out the attached flyer.
- Please use attached show flyer to help promote the show on local social / web-based sites, such as NEXTDOOR. Or drop some copies at your church, business, gym club or other events. Now is the time to start sharing.
- Kelly is taking care of the breakfast and lunch during the setup, and pizza during the tear down. With everything else she is doing can someone help her, please email her or give her a call. Louise Gilley and Mark Blackman have graciously consented to doing the 'Dealer Dinner' during the show setup.



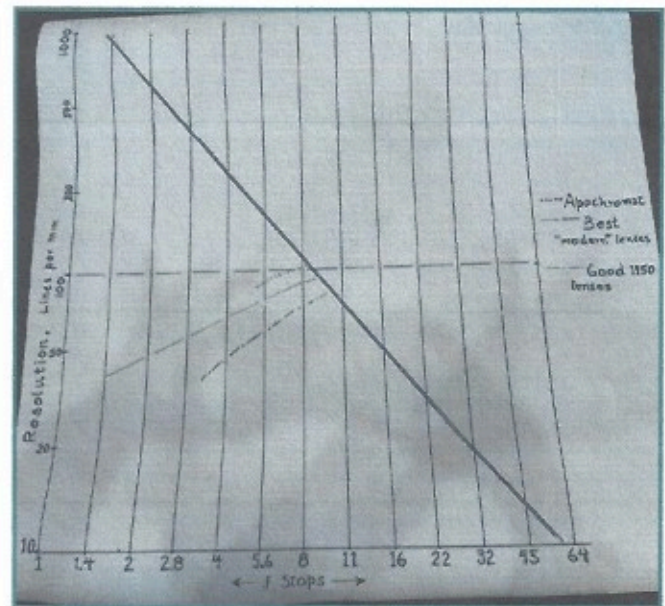
Mike Hopkins  
Show chair, Publicity 2019  
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## AUGUST MEETING PHOTOS THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

Before moving to be closer to family, long time, very active, member (1965!), **Barrie Bieler**, gave a wonderful presentation on photographing minerals. Here he is receiving a gift of thanks from the club.



Barrie demonstrating various photography techniques.



Here's Barrie's chart to help you with your mineral photography.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks to Bonnie E. for providing the following information!

**International Gem and Jewelry Show**  
Friday—Sunday, September 6th—8th

San Mateo County Event Center  
2495 S Delaware St.  
San Mateo, CA 94403

Friday 12pm-6pm  
Saturday 10am-6pm  
Sunday 11am-5pm

Get a free pass by going to the link below and following the instructions:

<https://www.gardenofbeadin.com/san-mateo-international-gem-jewelry-show-fall>

*Children 8 and under not allowed*

More show information: <https://www.intergem.com/events/upcoming-shows/san-mateo-ca-september-6-8-2019>

## September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 <b>BOD Meeting</b>	5	6	7
8	9 <b>General Meeting</b>	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Field Trip</b>
22 <b>Field Trip</b>	23 Autumnal equinox	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Field Trip</b>
29 <b>Field Trip</b>	30 Rosh Hashanah					
		<b>Notes</b>				

## FOR SALE

Do you have items for sale related to gems, geology, rock hounding, lapidary, or jewelry making? You can list them here. All transactions are between seller and buyer only, independent of CCMGS. CCMGS does not guarantee or warranty any items listed here.

### Lapidary Equipment For Sale

1. Lortone Vibratory Lap 15" w/ 2 pans: \$300.00
2. Mohave Industry slab saw w/2 - 20" diamond blades: 1/2 HP motor, power feed & table: \$1200.00
3. Rotary Tumbler, metal frame, 1/17HP; 2 - 12 lb barrels w/rubber liners: \$175.00
4. Mini Sonic Vibratory Tumbler (MT4SV - w/1 drum): \$135.00
5. Mini Sonic Vibratory Tumbler (MT10 ST - 2 drum): \$100.00
6. Mini Sonic Vibratory Tumbler (1 drum): \$50.00
7. Mini Sonic Vibratory drum with lid: \$60.00
8. 2 Lortone 12 lb tumbler drums w/lids: \$70.00
9. Drill Press with stand: \$100.00
- ~~10. Set of 4 Revere pliers for clock faces: \$60.00~~
11. Glass Grinder: \$30.00

Dick Pankey  
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### Equipment For Sale



Jewelry making equipment, most in excellent (like new) condition:

- Bow closing pliers \$35
- Set of Revere pliers with stand (set of 4) \$100
- Deadblow mallet \$30
- Little dipper crock pot \$10
- 2 1-quart bottles Rio Grande Super Sunsheen Bur-nishing compound (1 open but barely used) \$12 (for both)
- Basic adjustable saw frame \$8
- Wood ring clamp \$5
- Plexiglass grinding box \$75 (<https://www.riogrande.com/product/plexiglas-grinding-box/336415>)

Contact Johanna: johfenton@yahoo.com



Top left: bow closing pliers  
Top right: set of Revere pliers  
Bottom left: deadblow hammer  
Bottom right: ring clamp

## NORTH BAY FIELD TRIPS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my May 20, 2019 President's Message I announced that NBFT was to become an E-mail Field Trip Sharing Group and would no longer exist as we had been originally structured. Back in early 2019 I got a couple of e-mails expressing interest in a NBFT E-mail Field Trip Sharing Group but no other communication about NBFT and the future. Dean Welder offered to be the E-mail Group Administrator and sent out an invitation to join this new group. For what ever reason there has been negligible response and as a member of the group I have never received any announcements of a shared field trip nor any other communication. My only conclusion is that there is no interest nor need for this type of group. I have talked with others about NBFT no one saw a future for our organization.

Therefore with great sadness I declare that North Bay Field Trips is no longer and will take the necessary steps to terminate it as an organization. In the next few week I will call a Board meeting of Officers and Directors to make the dissolution of NBFT official.

Keep on rockin', Dick Pankey

## MEMBER NEWS



### BIRTHDAYS:

Gary Casillas 9/10  
 Aria Maco 9/20  
 Naomi Morgan 9/21

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Howard Shamy 9/9  
 Mike Federoff 9/30



## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

The following members are scheduled to bring refreshments to the September General Meeting. If you are listed and are not planning to attend, will you trade snack responsibility with another club member?

Thank you for your thoughtfulness!, Mary Jernigan- Membership

Bonnie Eichler  
 Cheri Elliott  
 Mike Federoff  
 Alan Felker  
 Johanna Fenton  
 Dennis Freiburger  
 Suzanne Garrett  
 Louise Gilley & Mark Blackman

Mary Hanjes  
 Donna Heath  
 Don & Margaret Henrich  
 Mary Hicks  
 Jan Holcomb  
 Mike Hopkins  
 Vikki Hotopp  
 Pat Howard



**IMPORTANT:** Effective January 1, 2019, renters of City Facilities are **prohibited** from serving food or beverages on/in disposable foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) food and beverage containers.

## CCMGS 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

### 2019 Elected Officers:

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 Donna Albrecht

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Sargent of Arms:  
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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Donna Albrecht

#### General Meeting

Monday, September 9, doors open 6:30 p.m., program 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA

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 second Monday of each month at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521 (Clayton Fair Shopping Center between Ygnacio Valley Rd. and Balham Dr. next to Clayton Valley Bowl.)

**Visitors are welcome! Bring a friend!**

We're on the web!  
[www.contracostamineralandgemsociety.org](http://www.contracostamineralandgemsociety.org)

We're on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS/)

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