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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy August!

For the most part, the weather has been great for rockhounding this summer. I hope you're getting out and enjoying yourselves. If you're collecting, please consider picking up a few extra rocks for our September auction and to raffle off at our show.



I just heard unofficially, that even though there has been substantial earthquake damage in the Trona area, they're still planning their October event to collect pink halite! If you're able to go, it will be nice to support the community that is dealing with so much damage.

I've been very gratified to see people stepping up to be involved in club activities these last few months. Being active in the club is like many other things in life, the more you get involved, the more you get from being a member.

Want to get involved? Contact me at Donna@LapidaryWhisperer.com, Mary Jernigan m10jernigan@yahoo.com or Dick Pankey, dickpankey@juno.com

Until next month, and our **AUCTION!**

Donna Albrecht

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday August 12, 2019

Renowned Mineral Expert & Photographer **Barrie Bieler** teaches the **secrets of getting amazing pictures of your specimens!**

Our member, Barrie, has offered to teach his incredible workshop for taking pictures of our rocks and specimens. I took it once as a class and it really helped me in taking the pictures of mine that have appeared on my blog (www.LapidaryWhisperer.com) and in Rock & Gem Magazine!

You'll be amazed what you can do with a simple camera or even the camera on your phone. Bring a specimen you'd like to have a great picture of and we'll see how many we can do when his talk is done.



*Chas -
Mike -*

Mel Thompson - Wholesale Dealer

FIRST CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Dick and Betty Pankey, Exhibit Chairmen

Our annual Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society show is just over 3 months away. It is not too early for past exhibitors and future exhibitors to start planning for our November 2 & 3, 2019 show.

To many people exhibit cases and displays are the highlight of any rock and gem show. I know it is for me. They are a key feature of most shows. Exhibit case show the breadth of interest and activity of the exhibitors. Exhibit cases show what we do, what we collect and what we make. Again this year you are invited to exhibit at our Annual Show. Exhibit cases are an important feature of our show and your case will contribute to the interest and diversity of our presentation. If you have exhibited at previous shows you pretty much know what to expect and how we do it. **ALL** CCM&GS members are invited and encourage to participate and exhibit a case (or 2) at our show. Exhibit Applications are now available from the Exhibit Chairmen and at the meetings. Return your Exhibitor Form as soon as possible and no later than October 15. Loaner cases are available. Our space is limited and encourage you to sign up early.

You are requested to include your name and your society's name in your case to let our guests know who you are and where you are from. Also include a short paragraph describing your case and special features.. If you would like more information and tips to set up your display please give us a call.

Case set up is after 2:00 PM Friday afternoon. I look forward to you joining us for dinner on Friday evening at 5:30.

Please complete all information on the entry form and return to the Exhibit Chairmen for acceptance and acknowledgement. Return to: **Dick and Betty Pankey, 4310 Kingsly Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.** If your entry is not acknowledged within 14 days, please contact the Exhibit Chairmen.

Entry form is on page 4.

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: **August: triangle**, September: no competition, October: marquise.

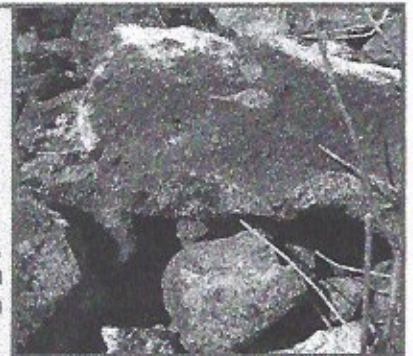
AUGUST'S BIRTHSTONES:

Peridot, Sardonyx, Spinel

Learn about these gems from GIA here:

<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones/august-birthstones>.

Peridotite xenoliths,
San Carlos Apache Reservation, Arizona
Photo © J. Fenton



UPCOMING EVENTS

68th Golden Gateway to Gems
August 3 & 4, 2019

The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
Annual Show & Sale

Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 4th
In San Francisco's Golden Gate Park
SF County Fair Building, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way

Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ♦ Adult Admission \$12 ♦ Adult Admission with this Flyer \$10
 ♦ Senior & Student Admission \$10 ♦ Under 12 with Paid Adult Free

Mark your calendar for a great
Backyard Rock Sale!

Rough, Slabs, and Mineral pieces

August 23, 24, 25, 26 (Friday-Monday)
10:00am till 4pm.

Don & Margaret Henrich
4767 Laura Drive, Concord 94521
(located off Bailey Road and Concord Blvd)
We invite your to drop by or call (925)
798-2606.



AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 SF Gem & Mineral Show
4 SF Gem & Mineral Show	5	6	7 BOD Meeting	8	9	10
11	12 General Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
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LATE ADDITIONS—FIELD TRIPS

Hot or not.

We're aiming for Labor Day weekend,
Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 2019.

In Cedarville, with FFF's Debbie Bunn.

In addition to her vast knowledge, Debbie's is known as an attentive field trip leader. And this might be a chance to meet some of our most experienced Rockhounds.

Let me know if you'd like more information.

Mining Supplies & Rock Shop

16808 F Main St.

Hesperia, CA 92345,

For the past few years, Mineral Supplies & Rock Shop has been sponsoring Rockhound field trips in the Barstow area.

It's reported, they have folded up, as they try to settle a dispute with BLM.

Up Coming Field Trips

Aug. 17, 2019

Forest Divide

Auburn, Ca.

Roseville Rock Rollers

For Ammonites, Quartz Chrystals.

Contact Rich Cross (503) 401-7066.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 2019

Cedarville, Ca.

Fossils For Fun

For a variety of Petrified Woods.

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.

Nov. 16, 2019

Georgetown, Ca.

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

For Crystals.

Contact John Dolman (530) 272-3752, john95670@yahoo.com.

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

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, or (925) 890-7116.

MEMBER NEWS



BIRTHDAYS:

Vikki Hotopp 8/16

ANNIVERSARIES:

Donna Albrecht 8/16



AUGUST GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

The following members are scheduled to bring refreshments to the August 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

Steven Ward
Hazel Woolsey
Joe Yarbrough
Donna Albrecht
Kathleen Baird
Carey Ballard
Barrie Bieler
Paul Black

Larry Blevins
Mark Bufton & Mary Bufton
Joanne & Terry Caskey
Gary Casillas
Therese Clark
Greg DeFabio
Richard Dennis



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

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