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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

July, 2019

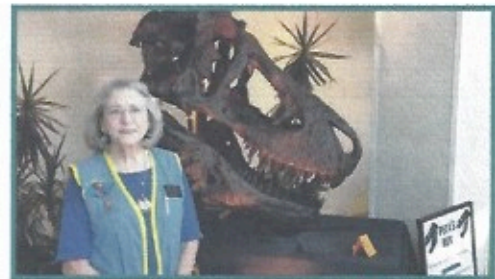
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Not the picture you expected? Bonnie Eichler has served our Society with dedication for the last six months. She has found it necessary to retire from her position. As I am 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs this year, our by-laws name me as her successor.



Summer has officially begun, and that means a lot of outdoor fun for rockhounds. Chuck Olson has already led a band of hearty rockhounds on a field trip this season. (If you didn't get to go, ask him where it was. It's actually not far away and is next to a great sandwich shop!).

If you do get out Rockhounding this summer, please consider donating a few of your finds to the club to be given as raffle gifts, sold at our show's auction table, or just bring them to our September meeting which will be our annual auction for members and guests.

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING: JULY 8, 2019

### IDENTIFYING YOUR FINDS

In the spirit of getting out and finding new rocks our program will be a lively video on identifying your finds. We'll be watching a video of Bill Nye, the Science Guy on Rocks & Soil. Okay, maybe it's a bit corny, but it's always good to review your basic rockhound skills. Besides, it's a fun video!



If you did get to go on the club's trip to the river, bring in your findings and if there's time, we'll share them with the group!

Left: Bill Nye



*We're  
gearing up  
for the  
show. Do  
your part  
for the  
club!*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

We're gearing up for the show, the first weekend in November. Please contact Mike Hopkins to let him know if you're available to help with planning and implementation.

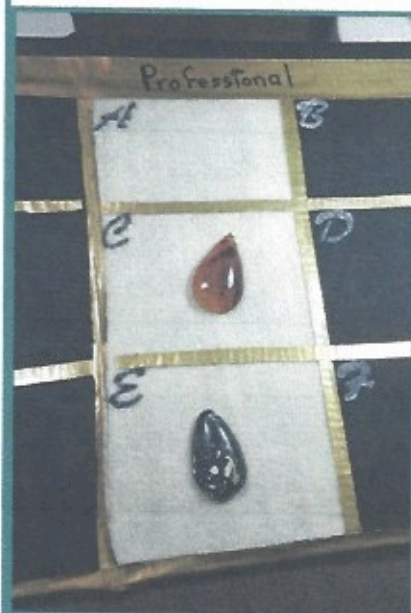
If you have questions for me, please email me at [Donna@Albrechts.com](mailto:Donna@Albrechts.com).

See you at the meeting!

Donna Albrechts, President

### 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: July: free-form, August: triangle, September: no competition.**

Left: June's shape of the month (pear) entries.

### AUGUST'S BIRTHSTONE:

#### Ruby:

Learn about ruby from the mindat webpage here: <https://www.mindat.org/min-3473.html> or from GIA here: <https://www.gia.edu/ruby>.

Photo from [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu)



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 3, 2019

The Board of Directors meeting was held at Round Table Pizza in Pleasant Hill. Present: Bonnie Eichler, Donna Albrecht, Chuck Olson, Mary Hanjes, Mary Jernigan, Dick Pankey, Mike Hopkins, Kelly Plumb, Terry Caskey. The May BOD minutes were reviewed with corrections to be made.

"Next Show Planning meeting to be on May 23rd 5pm at Terry's home."

Corrections to be made in BOD minutes adding verbiage "proposed revised Bylaws for CCM&GS."

Mary Jernigan moved to accept minutes as corrected. Dick Pankey seconded. Vote taken and May BOD minutes accepted as corrected.

At the June 10th General Meeting, an important Membership vote will be taken to accept the proposed revised CCM&GS Bylaws. To constitute a quorum, twenty-five percent of the CCM&GS voting members are to be present at the Educational (General) meeting to vote. An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast are required to accept the Bylaws revisions. Mary Jernigan- Membership and Kelly Plumb- Hospitality will be contacting members to please attend the June 10th General Meeting. Mary will also send out an email reminder to the CCM&GS Membership.

There was discussion about ways to increase Membership numbers and Membership involvement.

Reimbursement requests submitted to Mary Hanjes- Treasurer. Mary has made payment to Centre Concord for the CCM&GS General Meetings monthly room rental through 2019. Club Library- more books and bookcase have been taken to Club storage unit. Nominating Committee needs to be formed to recommend member candidates for the 2020 Board of Directors. Other Committee positions will also need to be filled. Mary Jernigan- Secretary distributed Club mail. Reimbursement check \$225 from old storage unit was deposited. Vendor checks were deposited. Club Trailer storage has increased \$5 to \$80 month. Bonnie Eichler- President moved to authorize new pay-

ment amount. Mike Hopkins seconded. Vote taken and approved.

Mary Jernigan- Membership informed the BOD of new member application from James Waters. James is interested in many aspects of Rockhound hobby and attended the last general meeting with Bob Rigor. Mary moved to accept the new membership application of James Waters. Bonnie seconded. Vote taken and application accepted. Please welcome James to our CCM&GS family!

Bonnie Eichler- President informed the BOD that Bob Rigor was checking on the cost of purchasing loupes with CCM&GS logo on them. Suggestions for a lanyard to be attached. Loupes were discussed as a possible gift to encourage membership participation. Other ideas were requested for future discussion. During the BOD meeting, Bonnie Eichler resigned as CCM&GS President. As per the Bylaws, Donna Albrecht- 1st Vice President agreed to assume the duties of President. The BOD greatly appreciated Donna's prompt response.

Mike Hopkins- Show, gave updates that Vendor contracts were being received. Vendors were being considered to fill three open spaces. Mike reminded us that a Dealer Chairman will be needed next year for the 2020 Club Show. Please contact Mike Hopkins or Terry Caskey for more information. Next Show Meeting to be on June 25th 6pm at Terry Caskey's home. Nominating Committee, Dick Pankey- Federation Director and Mary Jernigan- Membership volunteered. Next BOD meeting - Not scheduled for July. Mary Jernigan moved to adjourn BOD meeting. Kelly seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

submitted by Mary Jernigan- Secretary



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### General Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2019

Donna Albrecht- 1st Vice President/ Program welcomed the CCM&GS members and guests. Donna informed the group that Bonnie Eichler has decided to resign as the CCM&GS President. We thank her for all her hard work and service to the Society. Bonnie will be greatly missed. As directed in the By-laws, as 1st Vice President, Donna will be assuming the duties of President. The pledge of allegiance was led by Dick Pankey-Federation Director. Naomi Morgan- Sgt at Arms collected quarters for missing badges.

Mary Jernigan- Secretary thanked the Membership for responding to our requests to attend this General Meeting, which required the Membership to vote on the proposed revisions to the CCM&GS Bylaws. The proposed revised By-laws had been presented in the Diggins Newsletter and at the General Meetings as required. A quorum of twenty-five percent of the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society's voting members were present at tonight's meeting. A Membership vote was taken to accept the revised Bylaws by a showing of hands. The two-thirds votes of acceptance of the Bylaws was obtained. Mary also announced the new CCM&GS Member, James Waters. Dick Pankey informed the members that Dick and Mary Jernigan were on the Nominating Committee for the 2020 Board of Directors. We



Cindy Pridmore, California Geological Survey

will be contacting members to ask for their involvement as a BOD or Committee member.

Kelly Plumb- Hospitality drew tickets for door prizes for the members and guests. Members were reminded to vote at the Display table on competition pieces provided by the Club Members. Donna Albrecht- 1st Vice President/ Program introduced the evening's program- California Volcanoes. Guest speaker Cindy Pridmore, geologist with the California Geological Survey provided a very informative program capturing everyone's attention. Let's go exploring!

submitted by Mary Jernigan - Secretary

### Rockhounding With Sally!



### Upcoming Field Trips

#### FIELD TRIPS

July 5-6, 2019

Fallon, Nv.

Antioch Lapidary Club

For Agates, Geodes, Jasper and Wonderstone.

Contact Dave Tirey (925) 439-2893

July 13, 2019

Sierra College Natural History Museum

500 Rocklin Rd. Rocklin, Ca.

Fossils For Fun

Contact Debbie Bunn (916) 929-6665

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.

### TIPS TO PREVENT HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

- ◆ Never leave infants, children or the frail elderly unattended in a parked car.
- ◆ Drink plenty of fluids. Don't wait until you're thirsty.
- ◆ Dress in lightweight, loose-fitting clothing. Use a hat and sunscreen as needed.
- ◆ Read more: <https://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat/>
- ◆ Drink fruit juice or a sports beverage to replace salts and minerals lost during heavy sweating. (If a client/resident is on a low-sodium diet, check with his/her physician first.)
- ◆ During the hottest parts of the day, keep physical activities to a minimum and stay indoors in air-conditioning and out of the sun.
- ◆ Use fans as needed.
- ◆ Open windows to allow fresh air to circulate when appropriate.
- ◆ Use cool compresses, misting, showers and baths.
- ◆ Avoid hot foods and heavy meals—they add heat to the body.
- ◆ Eat frozen treats.

Get more information from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/ICESite/Pages/Summer-Heat-Resources.aspx>.



## JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5 Fallon, NV Field Trip	6 Fallon, NV Field Trip
7	8 General Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Sierra College Nat. History Museum
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
28 Parents Day	29	30	31			

## MEMBER NEWS



### BIRTHDAYS:

Joanne Caskey 7/7  
 Jane Holcomb 7/11  
 Mark Hanjes 7/12  
 Dave Kleesattel 7/14  
 Don Henrich 7/27  
 Mike Hopkins 7/29

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Louise Gilley & Mark Blackman 7/5  
 Dennis Freiburger & Patty Wintroath 7/8



## JULY GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

The following members are scheduled to bring refreshments to the July 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

Dick & Betty Pankey  
 Renard Perucho  
 Kelly Plumb  
 Bob Rigor  
 Allan Robbins  
 Lyle Roessler

Bill Schaub  
 Edie Sandberg  
 Howard Shamy  
 Diana Skibiell  
 Elizabeth Tanner  
 Caryl Taraldson



**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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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Board of Directors**  
NO July BOD meeting

**General Meeting**  
Monday, July 8, 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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