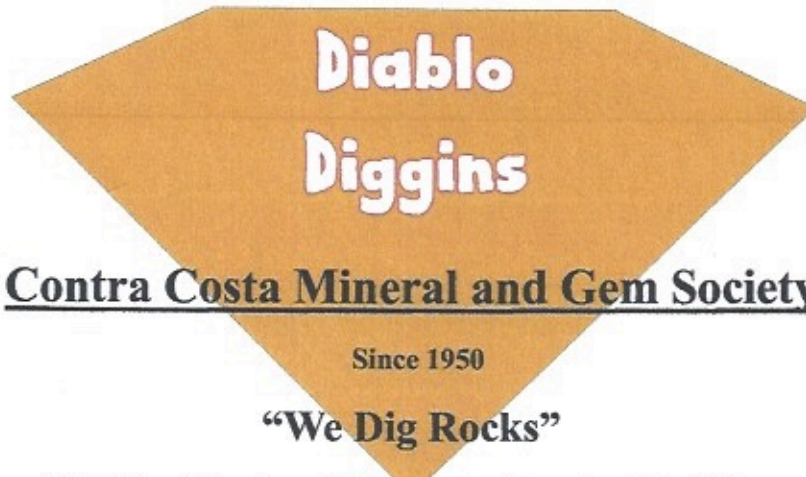




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**Happy Halloween!**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Looks like the hot days of Summer are behind us and we have a couple of months of cool rock-hounding days in front of us before the rainy (hopefully) days of winter. I've been busy cutting up some rocks to get ready for tumbling this winter. Even as I write this, a light drizzle is falling so Winter can't be all that far away. It's going to be a little strange this November with no Club Show, but we sure had a nice Show this past August. Thank you for everyone that helped with the Show. Please remember that this month's General Meeting (the 2nd Monday of October) will be our Annual Club Auction. Please bring some rocks or rock hounding-related items to donate for auction.

See you all in October.

Dave

**NEW MEETING PLACE  
CONCORD SENIOR CENTER**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday, October 12, 7:30 PM**  
**Concord Senior Citizen Center**

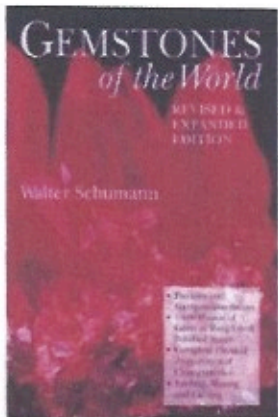
**OCTOBER PROGRAM**  
**ANNUAL ROCK AUCTION**  
**DONATE! BRING GUESTS!**  
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CCM&GS Program for October 12, 2015

## Annual Auction Night

Fun and Excitement for all



Bring your donations the night of the auction. What we auction comes from you. Bring lots of donations. We ask that you limit your donations to Rocks, Minerals, Gems, Fossils, and Beads. Related equipment, jewelry, books, media, decorations etc. is also appreciated.

Bring your donations as clean as possible and try to identify what each item is. We can help with the identification.

Bring your donations early. Doors open at 6:30 PM and we want to start promptly at 7:30 PM

Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. We are open to all.



Dennis Freiburger, Program Chairman

### **Board Meeting**

Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 PM

### **New Articles for October *Diablo Diggins***

Due Date, October 19, 2015

September 9, 2015

**CCM&GS Board Meeting  
Concord, Ca**

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm. Present: Dave Kleesattel, Dennis Freiburger, Mary Hicks, Debbie Blevins, Harry Nichandros, Therese Clark, Terry Caskey, Dick Pankey, Paul Black, Kelly Plumb. Absent: Mary Jernigan, Donna Albrecht, Hazel Woolsey, Bonnie Eichler, Mary Hanjes.

President Dave Kleesattel called the meeting to order. He said most of the meeting time this evening was delegated to Harry Nichandros to have a show meeting to debrief the BOD on the Show. Here are some highlights from his verbal report.

Show dealers, new and old discussed. Dennis Freiburger made a motion to approve addition of several dealers to the Show Chairs approved pool of vendors for the next show in 2016. Therese Clark seconded. There was a brief discussion. All voted in favor of this motion. Discussion about the trailer and safety issues and repairs. Harry is working with J & D, a trailer company. He thinks the wiring of his truck will work with the trailer brake system for a cost around \$90. There was discussion about the loading and unloading of the trailer. The early estimate of show attendance is there may have been 1000-1100 paid entries. There were announcements on KPFA, KQED radio, CCTimes in the Concord Transcript and the Clayton and Concord Pioneer. Dealers did "Ok". There were 50 cases. The rental of more tables and the table conditions was discussed. This had been discussed last year. Concern about the amount of loading and lifting by members came up again as it did last year. A final report is pending.

8:30 pm the BOD meeting started. Secretary Report. An official donation letter was noted in progress. The draft format was used by Dave Kleesattel to accept a donation. The club received show announcement post cards, will take these to Monday's meeting. Received a letter from IRS stating the clubs status. Harry Nichandros requested the same information from the IRS, it has not been received yet. Harry Nichandros did a web report. For equipment, Dave will talk about what equipment is acceptable for donations. For the slate of officers, Harry said all the

present officers volunteered to run for their offices for 2016. The slate will be announced and nominations from the floor will be called for at the Monday meeting. The activity is announced in September and October meetings with the vote at the October meeting. Revised By Laws were announced at the August meeting and will be announced at the September meeting. At the August meeting there were 3 members who requested an electronic copy of the Revised By Laws and one member picked up a copy after the meeting. There will be a club auction at the October meeting. Mary will bring some cardboard to protect the tables. Donations are to be rock related. Dave will not be at the September meeting. Meeting area opens at 6:30 pm and we must be out by 10:00 pm.

Dave asked for any new business. Dennis Freiburger stated that he reviewed the club's "financial" pc and said it is not up for use for presentations. He will return it to Therese. It was said there is an older pc in storage. Dennis talked about the new venue the club will be using through December. He asks everyone to be patient with the new place. Adjustments were made to the venue contract to include a wireless mic and projector screen. The Centre Concord will open on 1/4/2016. There is no contract in place at this time for going back to the Centre. City staff is working on new contract rates. Newsletter due date is September 21. Dick Pankey said there is a North Bay Field Trip meeting coming up. Paul Black did not have anything to report for the Library and Displays. Kelly Plumb said there is a trip to Graveyard Point lead by the Antioch Lapidary Club at the same time as the NPBT meeting. Paul will go to the NPBT meeting and Kelly will go to Graveyard Point. Therese Clark, property, did not have a report. Debbie Blevins had a question about unplanned expenses. Next BOD meeting October 8 at Dave's office in Concord. Meeting ended at 9:10 pm. Mary Hicks, Secretary



## Bead'n Babes

12 Babes attended the gathering on Friday October 2nd at Connie Klein's house. Luellen Pierce taught wrapped wire loops and brought lampwork beads she made, for us to purchase and use in our necklaces. There was much success with the project and laughter about making single earrings instead of a necklace! Thank you to Connie for hosting and to Luellen for bringing a project and her patience.

The next gathering will be on Friday December 4th 6:30 - 9:00 pm at Debbie Blevin's house. We are looking for someone to bring a holiday project to share.

If you are interested in joining the Babes, please e-mail Karen Oliver: [koliver@astound.net](mailto:koliver@astound.net)



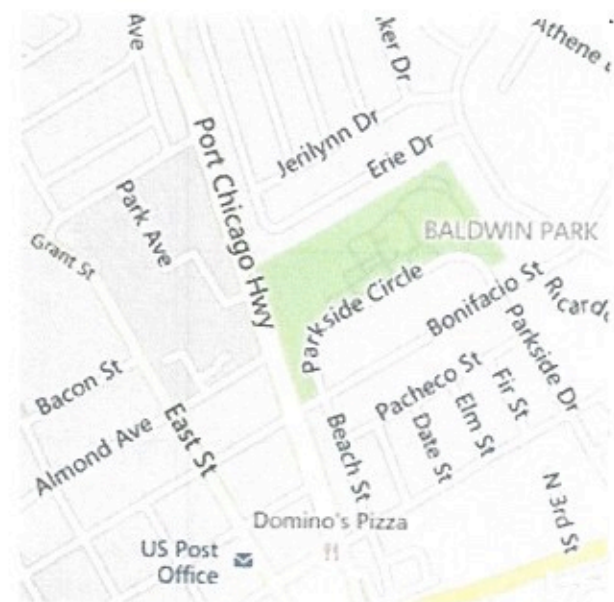
## Change!!

Starting in **September**, we will be meeting at the Concord Senior Center.

**2727 Parkside Circle**

**Concord, CA 94519**

This is Off Bonifacio which is off Port Chicago Hwy



## PROPOSED REVISED BY LAWS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

About every 2 to 3 years the CCM&GS forms a committee to review the Club's By Laws and to propose changes as appropriate. The process to change our By Laws is very well planned. First the Committee reviews the By Laws in great detail, and provides the Board of Directors with proposed changes. The Board of Directors then reviews the proposed changes, modifies them accordingly, and approves the changes for subsequent review and approval from the general membership. This is where you come in. The process now requires that we announce that the proposed revisions are available for your review. You have two months for this review. At the General Meeting in October (October 12), we will vote on the proposed changes.

Copies of the By Laws will be made available electronically via email, or if you prefer, we can provide a paper copy at your request. If you would like to review the proposed By Law changes (and I hope you do), Please let Mary Hicks or David Kleesattel know.

Thank you for your help.  
David Kleesattel, 2015 CCM&GS President

**ROCKHOUNDS ON A ROLL!****Shows for October**

October 10: MARIPOSA, CA Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club Mariposa County Fairgrounds Hours: 10am – 5pm Nikki West (209) 742-4234 [mcmc@sti.net](mailto:mcmc@sti.net)

October 10 & 11: TRONA, CA Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society SLG&MS Show Building 13337 Main

Street Hours: Sat. 7-5 & Sun 7-4 Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356 [slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com) [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/)

October 10 & 11: ANDERSON, CA Shasta Gem & Mineral Society Shasta District Fairgrounds 1890 Briggs Street Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4 Kelly O'Leary (530) 722-7133 [shastagemandmineral@gmail.com](mailto:shastagemandmineral@gmail.com) [shastagemandmineral.com](http://shastagemandmineral.com)

October 10 & 11: GRASS VALLEY, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Nevada County Fairgrounds McCourtney Road Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily Anita Wald-Tuttle (530) 277-6195 [anitaw1t3@gmail.com](mailto:anitaw1t3@gmail.com)

October 11: FALLBROOK, CA Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society 3 West Alvarado Street Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fallbrook G&M Society (760) 728-1130 [fgms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgms@sbcglobal.net) [www.fgms.org](http://www.fgms.org)  
 October 17: WEST HILLS, CA Woodland Hills Rock Chippers First United Methodist Church 22700 Sherman Way Hours 10am-5pm Anita Niles (818) 349-2943 [Info@rockchippers.org](mailto:Info@rockchippers.org) [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

October 17 & 18: WHITTIER, CA Whittier Gem & Mineral Society Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Avenue Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239

October 17 & 18: PLACERVILLE, CA El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Placerville Drive Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily Karen Newlin (530) 676-2472 [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org) [www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)

October 24 & 25: LOS ALTOS, CA Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society Los Altos Youth Center One No. San Antonio Hours: 10 a.m. – 5p.m. Daily Steve Jobe (480) 834-5384 [Steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Steve_job@sbcglobal.net) <http://pggs.org/>

**Soapstone Carving Class**

Instructor Dick Dennis held a class for three soapstone carvers (Donna Albrecht, Mary Hanjes, and Lee Jacoby on Saturday September 26 at the Caskey's.



**CONTRA COSTA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY** [www.ccmgs.org](http://www.ccmgs.org)

P0 Box 842, Concord, CA 94522

General Meeting: Second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (*Third Monday of the month in June*)

Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd, Concord, (Clayton Fair Shopping Center, about 0.2 miles northwest on Clayton from Ygnacio Valley Road) Cross street Balhan Drive, next to Clayton Valley Bowl, free parking

**September through December meetings are being held at Concord Senior Citizens Center  
(see page 4)**Membership Fees: Initiation \$5; Regular Member \$10, Junior \$1  
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