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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

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“We Dig Rocks”

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President’s Message



We are right in the middle of show season. This is the perfect time to acquire rocks weather you are a buyer or a digger.

The live auction, the show and officer nominations for 2019 are fast approaching. Mary Hicks will be retiring at the end of the year so a new secretary is a critical necessity. Dave Kleesattel is spending a lot of time in Alaska so he needs a replacement for Property Chair. Joanne Caskey is spearheading this years’ Christmas party but we need a hospitality chair for next year even if I can talk her into continuing to be the team leader for those activities. We have lots of opportunity for our new members (and old members who may have been holding back) to step up and help take this club into the future. The club could also use a new President and an Education Chair. Turnover and reshuffling of jobs will help keep this club modern and successful. Just because the “same old people” will fill in these jobs if no one else steps up doesn’t mean that is good for the club. A mix of experienced “old standbys” and new “young blood” is a healthy combination to provide the necessary experience, enthusiasm and transfer of knowledge that will keep the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem society moving into the future. Let’s not become one of those “old clique” clubs were the new folks don’t have a voice. Help make this club what YOU want it to be.

I will be personally calling each of you in the next months to see what you have to offer the club. Some of you may only be able to take a 2 hour shift during the show. I am hoping to also find those individuals willing to join the Board of Directors in one capacity or another so put on your thinking caps and be prepared to discuss what this club means to you and how I can get you just a little bit more involved!

Kelly Plumb, President

**Diablo Diggins - Articles Due
the 19th of Each Month!**

Upcoming Meetings

BOD October 7, 2018
5:30pm Debbie Blevins’ Home

Show Meeting October 8, 2018
5:00pm Centre Concord

General Meeting October 8,
2018
7:30pm Centre Concord

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MINING AND MINERALS OF MT. DIABLO

Take a fresh look at the minerals and miners of Mt. Diablo at our October 8 meeting! Naturalist Eddie Willis of the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, will be our speaker. He will share information about the unique geology of the mountain and stories of the mining history which spanned the period from the late 19th through the early 20th centuries.

Willis will be bringing both samples of Mt. Diablo minerals and artifacts from the mining history to illustrate his talk. Be sure to be there!



Donna Albrecht, Program Chair



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Will we see you at the show?

Dick and Betty Pankey, Exhibit Chairmen

All members are encouraged to help by working some of the many jobs at the Show. But what we are asking is "Will we see you at the Show?" It is my slightly convoluted way of saying "Will you enter a display case at our Show?" If you do hundreds of people will see you at the Show!

We have already received Exhibitor Forms from several guest exhibitors and several member exhibitors. There are approximately 50 case spaces available and it is our goal to fill them all and we want your case to be one of them. Exhibit cases are a central feature of our show and we want to show off your display. All CCM&GS members are invited and encouraged to display a case or maybe two. If you have entered cases in previous shows now is the time to fill in and return your form for this show. So that we can complete our layout and plans we need your application no later than October 22. Sooner is better.

If you haven't put in a display case before it is not too late to get started. If you collect rocks, minerals or fossils, if you polish or make things with rocks, or if you do beading or make jewelry you have the makings of a display case. If you don't know how to get started just give us a call and we will help.

Exhibit Forms will be available in this Diablo Diggins' and at our meetings, but you don't have to wait. Just e-mail me and I will send you a form by return e-mail. Loaner cases are available. Our space is limited and encourage you to sign up early. If you would like more information and tips to set up your display please give us a call.

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.

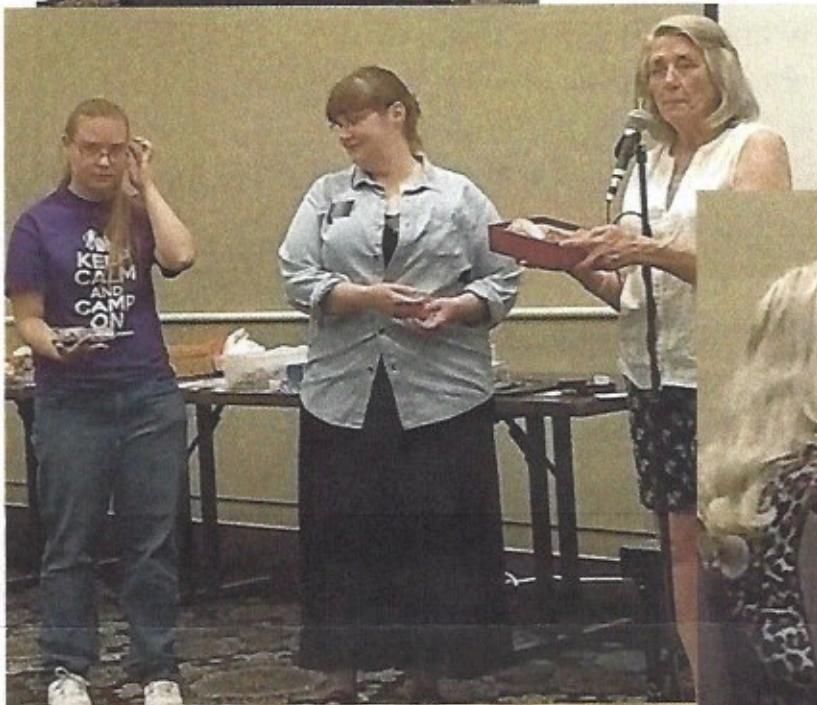
For additional information, please contact Dick and Betty Pankey at 925-439-7509 or dickpankey@juno.com.



Auction Photos

September's General Meeting

Submitted by Johanna Fenton



October 2018

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7 BOD Meeting Hawthorne & Mina F/T	8 General and Show Meetings	9	10	11 Graveyard Point F/T	12	13
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 Mineral and Gem Society
 Editor: Debbie Blevins
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ohb@astound.net

The Contra Costa Mineral and Gem
 Society was formed in 1950 to encourage
 the study of mineralogy, lapidary arts and
 field collections.
 Members meet the second Monday of
 each month (third Monday in June) at
 Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road,
 Concord, CA 94521 (Clayton Fair
 Shopping Center between Ygnacio Valley
 Road and Balham Drive next to Clayton
 Valley Bowl.)
 Visitors are welcome! Bring a friend!

CONTRA COSTA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

P O Box 842, Concord, Ca 94522

General Meeting: Second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm Centre Concord, 4298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA
(Clayton Fair Shopping Center, about .2 miles northwest on Clayton Rd. from Ygnacio Valley Road) Cross
Street Balhan Drive, next to Clayton Valley Bowl, free parking

Membership Fees: Initiation \$5; Regular Member \$10, Junior \$1
VISITORS ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

Board and Committee Members 2018

Please do not publish this list, Editor

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ENTER OUR DISPLAY CONTESTS!

It's not just for cabbers anymore! Members who create wearable art—jewelry or otherwise—featuring beading, cabs, wirework and other crafts are all 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!

FACETERS: Create a new project and bring it in to share. We have a special display tray to show your work off at its beautiful best!

WEARABLE ART: Bring your original work, necklaces, earrings, rings, cuffs, etc. and hang them on our special display board for everyone to see, enjoy, and vote for!

CABBERS: 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. Use any material or shape that suits your fancy!

SHAPE OF THE MONTH: Pros and Novices compete side-by-side to create the most eye-catching cabochon in the shape of the month. The shapes are:

January - Irregular	July - Freeform
February - Heart	August - Triangle
March - Round	September - Auction Night (no displays)
April - Oval	October - Marquis (Cat's eye)
May - Pear (Teardrop)	November - Oval
June - Rectangles & Squares	December - No competition (Holiday party)

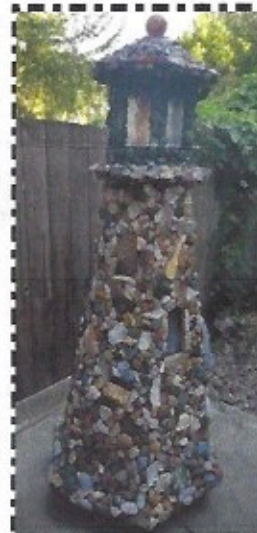
Donna Albrecht

Show Raffle Information (below)

**Rockhound Raffle 2018 - CCM&GS 2018 Show
November 3rd & 4th**

Calling all Rockhounds! We need YOU our CCM&GS Club Members to make our Annual Show a great event! Remind friends & family to attend the Club Show. Share the show flyers by email and Facebook. **Rockhound Raffle Case is ready for your donations** of handcrafted jewelry, rock and mineral specimens, books and interesting treasures. Rock hobby magazines would be great for the Membership table. Give me a phone call to pick up any Rockhound Raffle items. **Member Volunteers are definitely needed to work at the Show!** People are also needed for Show set-up on Friday 11/2. We are making phone calls asking for your help at a Show Station. Our Annual Show is how we financially support the CCM&GS membership and activities. Let's work together to keep our Club active and full of Rockhound Fun!

*Mary Jernigan - Membership & Rockhound Raffle
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OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS



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

Karen Oliver
 Chuck Olson
 Dick & Betty Pankey
 Renard Perucho
 Kelly Plumb
 Bob Rigor
 Alan Robbins
 Lyle Roessler
 Doug Rue
 Edie Sandberb
 Bill Schaub
 Diana Skibiell
 Victoria Stevenson
 Caryl Taraldson
 Hazel Woolsey
 Joe Yarbrough

Mary Jernigan, Membership

Happy Birthday



to the following to the following
 members

Who have birthdays this month:

Louise Gilley	10/4
Christine Henningson	10/5
Richard Dennis	10/16

Mary Jernigan, Membership

Call for Exhibitors

Dick and Betty Pankey, Exhibit Chairmen

The Exhibitor Forms for the Contra Costa M&GS Annual Show are available. All of our members are invited and encouraged to put a display case into our show. To all of our past exhibitors it is now time to get your application submitted. The sooner the better. No need to wait until the last minute. If you haven't put in a display case before now is the time to start. If you collect rocks, minerals or fossils, if you polish or make things with rocks, or if you do beading or make jewelry you have the makings of a display case. If you don't know how to get started just give me a call and I will help.

Exhibit Forms will be available at our meetings, but you don't have to wait. Just e-mail me and I will send you a form by return e-mail. We have over 50 display case spots to fill and we want your case to be one of them. 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. If you would like more information and tips to set up your display please give us a call.

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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
Annual Show - November 3 & 4, 2018
Centre Concord, Concord, CA

Exhibitor Application
(one application per case)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION: _____

Do you have your own case? _____ Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

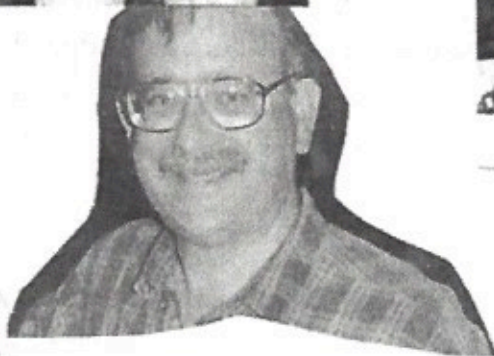
I need to borrow a Club Case: _____ We have a limited number of cases to loan, on a first come basis. The club does not provide liners or risers. Club cases inside dimensions are 46-1/4" x 22-3/4" x 22-1/4". The case sides and back are a finished light-colored wood. Two 100-watt floods illuminate from the top. **NO TAPE, STAPLES, TACKS, DRILL HOLES, OR OTHER ALTERATIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE CASE OR LIGHTING**

You are encouraged to include your name and your society's name in your case.

EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

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These are show photos from the past.

Submitted by Mary Hicks

**Rockhounding
With Sally!**



**Upcoming Field
Trips**

**Sept. 29-30
Fallon, Nv.**

Calaveras Gem &

Mineral

Agates, Jaspers, P. Wood and more.

Contact Brad Becker, (209) 586-2144,
beckerbk@sbeglobal.net.

Oct. 6 -7.

Hawthorne & Mina Areas, Nv.

CMFS North / Roseville Rock Rollers
Gem & Mineral Society.

A challenging, 4X4 adventure for a
variety of..... material you would
expect from a 4X4 adventure.

Contact Gene Doyle, (408) 605-9457,
eugene.doyle@sbeglobal.net. Or Jim
Hutchings,
ihutchings22@hotmail.com.

Oct.11-?

Graveyard Point, Or.

Antioch Lapidary Club

For Plume Agate, P. Wood.

Contact Dave Tirey, (925) 439-
2893.

Nov. 9 - 12.

Black Butte Lake and Stoney Creek, Ca.

Mother Load Mineral Society and Rock-
hound Field Trips Fanatics

Various Jasper and Agate.

Contact Kevin Kirschman,
kkirschman@prodigy.net, (209) 769-1502,
or Kris Rowe, (559) 250-5057.

Let me know if there's anything I'm missing.

And as long as I'm 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.

Olson86

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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society September 10, 2018 Show Meeting

We need a Show Chair disparately. Start now to be better positioned for next year. The committee members will support this person. The meetings are at Centre Concord so no one is expecting the Show Director to have the meetings in their home. Perhaps this will make taking on this job more attractive. Show Meeting at Centre Concord started at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Next Show meeting is at 5:00 pm October 8th at the Centre before the General Meeting. Meeting started at 5:45 pm. Present: Naomi Morgan, Dick Pankey, Mary Jernigan, Mary Hicks, Debbie Blevins, Terry Caskey, Mike Hopkins, Cheryl Morgan, Bob Rigor, Chuck Olson, Mary Hanjes.

Exhibits. Dick Pankey reports there is an article about display cases in the club's newsletter and an application. Labels are made for the case favors. Chuck Olson is assembling the favors. Mary Hicks donated beautiful hand-crafted items for the case favors. Dick says we need two volunteers to help put on the fronts on the cases at the show on Friday November 2. He is picking up the club trailer and needs a person to help him and to help take it back on Monday morning. He thinks there are a few tables to give away at the show that are in the trailer from last year. There are some cases stored in the storage locker that need to be repaired. Terry reports he will complete the installation of LED lights in the display cases in the Activity Room. The ones tested last year were fine. Lights use less energy and produce less heat. These run around \$2/each.

Dealers. Paul Black and Terry Caskey have met. After finalizing the dealer needs and what the Centre provides, Terry will contact Party Props for tables, chairs, and back tables. The City of Concord Centre contract has access starting on Friday at 7 am. Getting the lines done and then the electrical cords is a most critical task on Friday morning. All else for set up follows that. Mike Hopkins and Louise Gilley will work on the electrical. Terry will check with the Centre staff about access Thursday evening, they never let us know if we can get in until the last minute as the hall may be rented. Mike, Larry Blevins and Chuck will work on it. The string and tape measures are needed (tape 100 feet long). Terry will order the gaffers tape. Stanchions and rope. Mary Hicks will bring a sheet to cover the T. Rex skull that Dealer Doug True is bringing. We plan on this item being in the Lobby. Mike says we may need special lighting for this display. Skirting may be needed for the event. Single use table skirting is about \$15/100 feet. Debbie Blevins has the covers for the Lobby. A layout of the Dealers needed to direct attendees and to help collect door prizes.

YOU
+ SHOW
+ NOW
= YOU
BEING
A
CLUB

October meeting. These signs go out the Sunday before the show (October 28 or later). Put them in your yard or a place that can be seen by the public. Bob has changed the date on the "Freeway Banner" that is displayed on the Bart walkway over Camino Pablo, Orinda. Mary Hicks got the permit from the City of Orinda to display the banner from October 21st until after the show. We need someone to volunteer to display the banner and then pick it up after the show on Monday November the 5th. The banner is hung using plastic ties on preset hooks, access is an easy height of about 3.5 feet, no ladders or special installation tools needed. (Call Mary Hicks to volunteer and arrange to get the banner from storage.) A new sign for the Fluorescent Room is needed. Dick will look at the current sign. A sign 11x17 inches can be produced by Bob. All sign requests must be discussed with Bob BEFORE October 1st. Any other request needs to be worked on after the show for the 2019 show.

DEMONSTRATORS. Bonnie Eichler has been working on the demonstrator participation. She received a copy of the new layout in the Activities Room. The demonstrators will be in the center of the room (display cases around the edges). This way when attendees enter the Activities Room they will have a clear view of everything in the room.

Membership. Mary Jernigan request magazines brought to the Membership Table at the show. Mary is finalizing special raffle tickets for Judy Brown's Light House. Regular raffle donations will be handled as usual. Raffle donations can be accepted as late as Friday night, setup day of the show.

Mary Hanjes will handle the money and money boxes. She asked for confirmation about who is handling the Silent Auction. Bring rock donations to the show.

PERMIT STATUS. Mary Hicks has signed the contract with Centre Concord for the show. She has received the Raffle Permit from the California Department of Justice, September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. She has requested an entity letter from the IRS. She has sent in the request for Special Event insurance with CFMS. The food permit with the Contra Costa County Health Department must be applied for, Kelly Plumb is lead on this. Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Secretary, Mary Hicks

Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society September 2, 2018 Board of Director Meeting



Board of Director Meeting at the Blevin's home in Concord, CA. 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm. Failed to have a quorum. No actions done that required a vote. Minutes from the August BOD meeting were not approved. Items of interest were discussed. Present: Mary Hanjes, Mary Hicks, Dick Pankey, Debbie Blevins, Chuck Olson. Mary Hanjes had a check for change for the Auction meeting. Decline in General Meeting attendance is a mystery as the programs have been great. Mary Hicks is to bring 55 items for Show case favors to the General meeting to give them to Chuck Olson who is making the case favors. Mary picked up the auction numbers from Donna Albrecht and gave them to Mary Hanjes. Mary Hanjes is looking into the possibility of getting a CD with a better interest rate. Meeting ended.



SHOW NEWS FLASH

Check out the October Rock & Gem magazine. Besides some great articles, like what color does boron cause diamonds to be, our November show is listed on page 68. People attending the show who bring a copy of Rock & Gem receives a \$1 discount off the entry fee for everyone in their party.

Mary Hicks

Show Time

November 3rd and 4th, 2018

Show your support and sign up to help.

Show your support and ask your friends and family to attend.

**Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
General Meeting September 10, 2018
Annual Club Auction**

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm at Centre Concord, Clayton Road, Concord, CA. Our President Kelly Plumb was unable to attend the meeting due to a car accident early in the week and due to an unexpected problem with her daughter. The meeting lead was taken on by Vice President Chuck Olsen. He did a good job supporting our club. Thank You Chuck. Pledge was said, and the safety message for the evening was to remember to remove the exterior leaves on salad bunches as these are the ones that can be contaminated with disease causing organisms.

The slate for the 2019 Officers was announced. The President and Secretary slots are still open. Chuck Olson for Vice President of Field Trips, Vice President of Programs Donna Albrecht, Federation Director Dick Pankey, Treasurer Mary Hanjes, vacant Secretary and President. Mary Hicks is ready to meet with anyone interested in supporting the club by being the next Secretary. One does need to have a computer to type up the minutes from meetings to submit them to the newsletter. This is like having folks over for a visit, keeping everyone up on club activities. No one is left out of the club activities by reading the secretary's minutes. Please call Mary Hicks at 925-779-0698 or email her at maryhicks@comcast.net Mary announced a few months ago that she is unable to continue on and is waiting for you to contact her. She is going to see the close of her term by taking her final minutes for the December meeting.

Federation Director had some bad and good news for us. The less than welcome news is that Betty had bypass surgery last Friday at John Muir Concord campus last Friday. The good news is she is recovering from the procedure and all her friends are waiting for the next good news about Betty's recovery! A Get Well card was circulated.

Dick reminded us that the club is hosting the North Bay Field Trip Assn. Fall Meeting on September 22. We need volunteers to help setup and take down the chairs and tables and to help organize lunch. We have a great Silent Auction. It is a good meeting to learn about upcoming trips, bring an item for the auction, pick up a new item for your collection, and enjoy camaraderie with other Rockhounds. Come and make a new friend. See the newsletter for details and the location is easy access from Hwy 4 in Pittsburg at the Presbyterian Church, park behind the church and immediately next to the doors into the room. Please join the fun.

Education Chair Bonnie Eichler asked for members who are willing and able to teach classes, contact her if you have an idea.

Mary Jernigan our Membership Chair is asking for items to be donated for the Education Show Raffle. Bring your wonderful treasures with a note for your name and what the item is. Also, bring magazines that Mary can share with folks who come to the show and that are interested in membership. Naomi Morgan collected badge fines.

And then came the Auction. Vice President of Program Donna Albrecht was the organizer of the Auction. We had some splendid items to compete for. Special thanks to Don & Margaret Hinrich for some fabulous mineral specimens. I was the lucky winner of a modest sized dog tooth calcite specimen. The runners were Bonnie Eichler, Taylor Thompson and Mike Hopkins. Mary Hanjes had the Bid Number cards and collected the proceeds. The meeting was over at 9:30 pm.