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Another Successful Show

Our 61st annual club Show is a wrap! It was a fun weekend of vendors, exhibits, volunteering, and sharing a love for rocks with the community. Throughout this issue, you will find how many members of our club contributed to the effort. Thanks to each and every one of them who helped support our club this year.



Our club's annual celebratory photo after a Show well-done.

Demonstrators Needed!

Do you have a lapidary skill you would like to share to help promote interest in our hobby? We have space available for you to demonstrate the lapidary arts, jewelry making, etc. at the 2024 CFMS-AFMS Show. The Show dates are May 24, 25, and 26. The hours are Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. There will be demonstrations taking place during the entire Show. Please text 805-404-7197 or email, rich_phil@msn.com with the times you would be available to demonstrate and what you will be demonstrating. Thank you in advance for participating, and see you at the show! Call me with any questions. -Dick White, Demonstrators Chair

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Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (VGMS)

P.O. Box 1573, Ventura, CA 93002

Purpose of the VGMS:

In a welcoming club environment, VGMS encourages interest in the earth sciences, mineral and fossil collecting, field trips, and the lapidary arts, including jewelry making. Our monthly meetings feature interesting lectures by amateurs and experts. Via facilities in our clubhouse, we offer workshops and opportunities for crafting polished stones, in addition to maintaining a museum and library for educational use. We also sponsor an annual show for members to share their collections and jewelry with the community, during which we award a student scholarship in the Earth sciences.

Club Essentials

Contact

Email: info@vgms.org Website: www.vgms.org

Annual Membership Dues

First adult member in a household: \$20

Subsequent adult member(s) and children ages 6-18: \$10 each

Children ages 5 and under: no dues with adult member

Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. via Zoom or at The Poinsettia Pavilion

Santa Paula Room, [3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, CA 93003](#)

January through October: 4th Wednesday of the month

November and December: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Anyone may attend and is welcome. The December meeting is normally a holiday party.

Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Santa Paula Room, [3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, CA 93003](#)

First Thursday of the month

Field Trips

Announced monthly in the bulletin and the regular meeting.

Annual Show

The Club's Annual Gem Show is held the first full weekend in March at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

Workshop/Museum

[11969 N. Creek Road, Ojai, CA 93023](#)

Open Workshop Day: 3rd Saturday of the month

Certified Members' Workshop: 1st Sunday of the month

Federation Affiliation

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)

VGMS Club Colors

Blue and gold

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Photo provided by Jim Brace-Thompson.

Note From the Membership Secretary

I would like to thank all the members who renewed their memberships, especially those who did so early! We are at about 80% of last year's final membership total, but we do gain new members throughout the year, especially after shows. We had 24 new members apply in late Feb and after the show! We hope you received the new password to the member's only section of VGMS.org, please contact me if you did not. The 2024 Member Directory will be available soon on the website!
—Erin Valenzuela, Membership Secretary

2024 Elected Officers

President	David Springer
1st VP, Programs	John Cook
2nd VP, Field Trips	Tyrone LaFay
3rd VP, Show Chair	Diane Cook
Treasurer	Lauren Wideman
Recording Secretary	Sheri Hultman
Membership Secretary	Erin Valenzuela
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Bulletin Editor	Celia Churchill
Parliamentarian	Nancy Brace-Thompson
Web Director	Troy Schmidt

2024 Committee Chairs

Ways and Means	Adrian Ruiz and Jenifer Russell
Museum	Jim Brace-Thompson and Troy Schmidt
Library	Robert Seaton
Historian/Archivist	Jim Brace-Thompson
Host/Hostess	Susan Slyker
Pebble Pup Chairs	Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick and Erin Valenzuela
Club Custodian	Jake Bailey
Club Stewards	Ron Wise, David Springer, Tyrone LaFay, John Cook, and Jake Bailey

LETTERS

President's Message

David Springer



On the heels of our late February members meeting all about the show, on March 2nd and 3rd, we held our 61st annual Gem and Mineral show at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. It takes significant planning, many people and lots of hard work to pull it off, and we did it again in style. It was a great success as goes a long way towards funding our club activities in the coming year. The public again showed up in droves and had

great things to say about our annual show. A fellow who goes by the moniker "Lapidary Dave" even posted a one-hour-plus video of our show on You Tube. Activity was rampant around the Silent Auction, Raffle, Country Store, Plants, Kids Booth, and T-Shirt sales. The Teachers Booth and Scavenger Hunt also proved popular again. It is a colossal effort to identify, segregate, load, transport, unload, set up and run a show, and then do it all in reverse at its conclusion. A huge thank you to all involved – "many hands make light work" is never more true than during the show season.

But before we get too comfortable, in this brief respite, we

will still need to prepare and focus on the even larger AFMS National show on May 24-26; read on in this issue to learn how you can be active in helping out with our next show. We will need more of your donations for the Silent Auction, Raffle, Plant Sales, and of course the Country Store. Also, don't forget to sign up to exhibit your collections in a competitive space with awards and recognition given out to those winners in a variety of categories. This unique opportunity to host a national show in Ventura happens only once every seven years. It represents an opportunity to showcase our club on a national level and to further enhance our fundraising efforts this year which will likely be needed to identify, secure, and move into an alternate clubhouse facility in the future.

This month, if your dues have not been paid, you will no longer receive the monthly bulletin, access to the website members area, and use of the club equipment. A thank you to all who have paid their dues, we look forward to seeing more of you at the clubhouse.

Let there be Rocks!

Questions, comments, suggestions? Please contact me by e-mail me at coastallapidary@gmail.com, or by phone at (805) 450-5025.

Let there be Rocks! David.

Editor's Note

Celia Churchill



This month I'm taking a break from my job descriptions because I need to say a big, "Thank you!" after our recent club show.

I have been the co-leader and now leader of Girl Scout Troop 65017 for four years. It's been a really rewarding volunteer experience. As many of you may know, the primary way a Girl Scout troop typically funds itself is via cookie sales.

Back in January 2022, I had the bright idea of asking the VGMS Show Chair and Board if our troop could sell cookies at a booth during the VGMS Show. We got permission, and that began a tradition that has just celebrated its third year. Now I have scouts asking me when cookie season begins, "Will we booth at the gem show again this year?" and, "I can't wait to see the cases this year!" etc. This year, I'm happy to report that we had eight scouts report for duty over the weekend to work the

cookie booth and of course, enjoy the show.

So, on behalf of Troop 65017, I would like to say thank you to our Show Chair Diane Cook and the Board for continuing the fun. What could be sweeter than rocks and cookies?

As always, if you have any articles, photos, or comments about the bulletin, please E-mail me at vgmseditor@gmail.com.



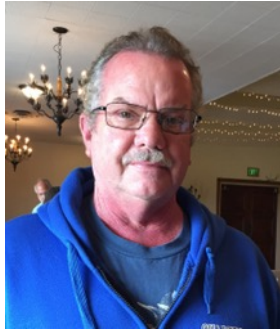
Thank you for having us, VGMS!

NEWS

Program Review and Schedule

John Cook, 1st VP – Programs

Program Review - Show Prep



Our February meeting was all about preparing for our upcoming Show. On March 2nd and 3rd, 2024 we had our 61st Annual Mineral, Rock, Fossil and Gem show. The show was a huge success! All departments including; Country Store, Silent Auction and Kids' Booth did great. I would like to thank Diane Cook, all department show chairs and club member volunteers who made a tremendous difference

in the success of the show. Hats off to everyone!

This Month - Fossil Megafauna from Santa Rosa Island

The club meeting program on March 27th will be Dr. Johnathon Hoffman of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

who will present "Fossil Megafauna from Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park". Dr. Hoffman is a geologist and paleontologist and is responsible for the museum's geological and paleontological collections. Fossils of the Channel Islands show how plate tectonics and climate change are responsible dramatic changes in the megafauna that lived on the islands. In particular, the Sea Cow and Pygmy Mammoth found on Santa Rosa Island, which are separated by 20 million years are distantly related. Dr. Hoffman's program will discuss the latest results of the fossil excavation and insights how these animals lived and evolved. This talk promises to be very interesting.

Our program in April will be a "Silent Auction" with lots of great material.

If you would like to present a club program or have seen and/or know of any programs appropriate for our club, please let me know and I will be happy include or contact your suggestions for future programs.

Field Trips

Trip Report: Tajiguas Beach

David Springer, Trip Leader

Despite some scary and erroneous weather forecasts for inundating "atmospheric river" rainfall on Sunday morning, we looked out the window to see mostly clear skies so stuck to our plan of driving to Tajiguas Beach to look for Petrified Whalebone starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday. We had a total of 20 people signed up, with 18 showing up for the trip, along with 2 dogs. All came with an adventurous spirit; I have to give a shout out to Tyler for rocking shorts on this relatively cold and blustery day! The low tide was a minus 0.1' tide at 11:40 a.m. so we started with a receding ocean with plenty of room to move about. Due to previous winter storms, lots of cobbles had been exposed as the beach sand had been taken away by the wave activity. As usual, we brought along examples of real and "fake" whale bone to help folks calibrate their eyeballs.

We spent about two hours in all scouring the beach, with lots of lots of cool finds across the group. Jim Brace-Thompson had a couple of interesting, large specimens with lots going on, but I think the prize of the day was none other than Mike Rittenberg who scored a really nice complete petrified whale vertebrae! I found four pieces and handed out three of them for folks to take home, while keeping one for myself. There were also lots of interesting marine rock (brecciated Monterey shale) finds showing lots of colors and patterns, plenty of beach jaspers to be collected, along with some interesting shells and

landscape rocks that group members carried back up the hill to take home. We made sure to get out by 1:40 p.m. to give all time to get back home before the actual rains did start. From the looks on everyone faces, I think a great time was had by all on this trip. Thanks to all who came out and shared in the adventure! If you haven't been on a field trip recently, please consider coming out and doing the fun, it is a rejuvenating experience!



There was plenty of whalebone to be found during our field trip.



VGMS rockhounds and rock hounds had fun before the rain began.



Michael came to show off his vertebra at our February meeting.

VGMS Show

Our 2024 VGMS Gem Show

Diane Cook, 3rd VP and Show Chair, and the VGMS Show Committee Chawell-oiled machine.

Show Chair's Report, Diane Cook: I want to thank everyone who helped with our annual show. The income we make from this show helps support everything we do. From paying for our meeting room, to maintaining our lapidary workshop and our outreach programs. It is very important to our club.

I am amazed at what VGMS' members can do. It was another stellar show! I really continue to believe our show is the best club show in California. We have the best vendors, volunteers and the public are all great to be around. I work very long and hard, but have so much fun. What a great club we are part of. Thank you all again for helping and being part of this great club!

One of the things that really impressed me this year was the many Pebble Pups and Juniors volunteering in the Kids' booth. What a great learning experience for them and what a great impression on the kids coming to the show. Our pups shared their love for rocks with kids who went home with rocks for themselves to start their collections, and become future rockhounds. As far as our money making booths – wow oh wow! In every way they exceeded expectations! All the booths had plenty of volunteers too! It really does take a village, and I am thankful we have that village and that everyone shares our love for rocks!

I am looking forward to the CFMS-AFMS Show in May. VGMS will be hosting this show and we will show all the other rock lovers what a great job we do and how we work like a

Dealers and Demonstrators, Kathryn Davis: Despite the prior weather issues and the unpredictability of what the weather would do during the show we had a great show. There was a combination of vendors how have participated before and some that were new to our show. Our show and our club members have a good reputation among vendors. Many of them speak of how they feel welcome and appreciated by the members of our club and that makes them want to return for another show. I am forever grateful to our club members for making our vendors feel welcomed. I am also grateful for our demonstrators. Many visitors speak of how they enjoy watching someone at work. Some also speak of getting motivated to learn some of the skills themselves.

2023 VGMS Gem and Mineral Show Exhibits, Richard Slyker: Forty-five exhibits were enjoyed by the visitors to the 2023 60th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show. Members displayed their lapidary skills, beautiful collections and geological and paleontology knowledge. The exhibitors provided collections and education in all areas of the show's genre. Mineral crystal specimens with the active fluorescent displays were exhibitor highlights. Fossil exhibits were popular, including excellent cases by Pebble Pups. Beautiful agate exhibits depicted spheres opened to crystal centers, polished specimens and jewelry. Educational displays provided geological and paleontology information. Members displayed talents with carved, polished and lapidary skills. Who did not enjoy the

native Gold display? The exhibitors did an outstanding job of displaying the interests of the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society.



Our raffle was another big success this year!



Big Wins at the Raffle, David Springer: We had another banner year running the raffle for our 61st show. It appears we hit yet another record in ticket sales. We tried a few new things this year including offering up more single items for raffle and bringing Sheri Hultman fully into the fold to unleash her years of expertise running raffles for other non-profits. The results were increased ticket sales, and a wider range of prizes. We hope to repeat this trick for the May AFMS show. It takes lots of folks to coordinate and run a raffle and I wish to thank all who participated, and in particular our core team of Sheri Hultman and Richard Slyker, with assistance in ticket sales from Celia, Denise, Kathryn, Barbra and others. You are all appreciated for your efforts! Before we rest though, we need to beat that drum to request raffle donations for the upcoming May show. The parameters to consider for submitting a raffle donation are: something rock related, be it mineral, gem, fossil, slab, jewelry item, etc.; smallish in size since there is a chance we may need

to ship it to an absentee winner; and something with a value of at least \$50 to entice attendees to purchase tickets in hopes of winning your donated item.

Kids' Booth, Jenifer Russell: We had a very successful weekend at the Kids' Booth. We had all of our classic stations; spinning wheel, grab bags, rock boxes, adopt-a-rock, sand sifting, Dino dig, Cinderella rocks, jewelry station (featuring cabs donated by club members and wire-wrapped by Renee Frisk-Jones), and coloring contest led by Jared McGowan featuring dinosaur prints drawn by him. Everyone had a great time and we raised a good amount of money for the club and kids' programs. Thank you to all who came by to support our booth.

We all owe a big thank you to Jim Brace-Thomson (and I'm sure Nancy too!) for his tireless dedication to providing so much of the material needed to make our booth a success. All of the time spent tumbling, creating labels, bagging specimens, and curating all the rocks that are continuously donated to the club for our booth is the primary reason for its success and I hope more members consider taking on some of these responsibilities throughout the year. We ALWAYS need more volunteers to work on these tasks year round in order to be prepared for these shows so please consider contacting our booth chair to see how you can help.

Thank you to the following members for donating your time to our kid's booth over the weekend: Jared McGowan, Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick, Lucia H., Richard Slyker, Adrian Ruiz, Sharon Gomes, Elyssa and Rylee J., Celia Churchill, Monika and Beatrice B., Annabelle W., Natalie, Henry, Beecher, Steven, Jeff, Brett, Dan, Arielle, Aiko and Kaylee. I apologize if I forgot anyone, but we appreciate your help. Also big shout out to our beloved Barbra Meisenheimer and Janelle Thompson for all the sewing done for our grab bags. We look forward to our HUGE May show so please start thinking about how you are going to help!

Two Busy Days at the Teacher Station and Scavenger Hunt, Jim Brace-Thompson: During our 61st Annual Show, we had a fun and busy time at the Welcome Booth with our Teacher Station and Scavenger Hunt. The Teacher Station had free packets and rocks. To increase their value as teaching tools, I packaged all rocks with labels providing background info, such as whether the rocks were igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic, if they were an economic mineral, etc. Most teachers tentatively selected one rock from the bin but jumped right in when they learned they got five free specimens each. We distributed over 70 Teacher Packets and gave out over 375 fist-sized specimens—a modest increase over last year.

Kids turned in 224 "Rock On!" Scavenger Hunt questionnaires. This is an increase over the 211 turned in last year but about the same as the average of 223 our past four shows, pre- and post-pandemic. If this is any indicator, as with the number of teachers, we saw a modest bump in overall attendance compared to last year.

All those kids with all those questionnaires kept us busy throughout the weekend passing out questionnaires and pencils then directing kids to the "Treasure Basket" to pick free prizes.

The questionnaire had four questions designed to give us a little show survey. Following are stats from this year's hunt with the top five responses (and the percentage of kids responding) for each question.



Teachers enjoyed picking from our tub of free educational rocks.

What were your favorite activities at the Kids' Booth? Spinning wheel – 22%, Sand Sifting – 22%, Coloring Dinosaurs – 18%, Dig-a-Dino – 11%, Matching Teeth and Eggs (Del Air Rockhounds Booth)– 11%. The Spinning Wheel and Sand Sifting came in exactly the same as last year, and this year, Jared's Coloring Dinos moved up from 4 to 3. Interesting to note: three of the five top-rated activities were our free activities available to all kids and parents regardless of means.



Kids completed a "Rock Out!" quiz to earn a prize in our scavenger hunt.

Here are a few of the more interesting responses. "I liked the wheel because I remember doing it when I was young. Its nostalgic." "Dig-a-Dino because it has sand. It was fun and free." "I liked the spinning wheel because it was interactive and the people were really sweet." "The Treasure Chest because

you get a free gem. And you get to keep it!" Finally, some kids these days apparently can't make up their minds. Several responded with "All of them!" as their favorite activity.



Hands-down, "The Olde Rock Candy Shoppe" was rated top exhibit by kids!

What was your favorite display case? Last year, answers were all over the map on this one, and I think each display earned at least one vote. Not so this year! Clear favorites emerged. Which ones? "The Olde Rock Candy Shoppe" by Valerie C. – 18%, "Rockhound Garage" by Troy Schmidt – 10%, "Far Out Rocks" by Osiris P. – 6%, "Carved Agate Dream Catchers" by Ron Wise – 5%, and "Fossils" (they didn't specify which of several fossil cases) – 5%.

Here are a few specific responses: "The gem one because they are shiny." "My favorite was the mini garage of a rock collector, it was a little too accurate." "The agets that are red. I like red." "Rock Candy Shoppe because I'm a sweet tooth and it's super creative." "Rockhound Garage cuz its small and I want to have it and play with it." "Girl Scout Cookies because they are yummy." (...Display case?)

Check out our dealers. If you could be a dealer, what would you sell? Gems – 13%, Fossils – 9%, Jewelry – 8%, Crystals– 7%, Rocks. Just rocks. – 6% each. Some things kids would sell were, well, interesting. For instance... "Nothing – I don't want to work." "Gems. I'd get alot of money. Its cool." "Aget because it is common and it would be a good deal." "Stuff from the ground." "Black crystal skulls with snakes in them." (Send social services to check on that family.) Finally: "I would not know what to sell and I would be too busy any way."

Who was your favorite demonstrator? Gold Panning – 43%, Tooth and Egg Matching Games – 27%, Stone Carving – 13%, Tony Fender making hearts – 7%, Wire wrapping – 2%. Here are a few individual responses about our demonstrators. "Panning for gold because I'm a porfashional now." "Tony Welding Man." "Stone Karver because he worked hard for something special." "Gold mine cuz there is water and I'm thirsty." "Wire Lady because she looks really fun." And finally, "All of them because it was so cool!"



Per usual, kids rated gold panning as their favorite demonstration.

Remember this for next year: it pays to be nice! Several kids rated various kids' activities and demonstrators high simply because s/he is nice: "Maxine because she is so nice." "The people at the spinning wheel were nice." No grumps allowed! Thank you to all the nice people who helped in the Teacher Station and Scavenger Hunt at the Welcome Booth!

Update from the Kitchen, Erin Valenzuela: Greetings from your Food Chairman, a.k.a. Kitchen Boss! This year we tried, I think successfully, to return to some lunch traditions from previous gem show years. We invited volunteers, dealers, and demonstrators to take a break and make their own lunches in the McBride kitchen. Some ate in our break room, others choose to eat in our volunteer area or back in their booths. Nancy Brace-Thompson and I are so thankful to the members who brought items to share- fruit, chips, honey, salads, and so many wonderful desserts. Thanks also to those who left donations in our tip cans! Every little bit helps offset our costs-which I am proud to announce are the lowest food expenses in more than five years!

Notes from the Show Photographer, Jim Brace-Thompson: Even though the VGMS Show Chair refused to give me a budget for film, your show photographer was busy clicking away on a cell phone during our 61st Annual Show. I've forwarded many to newsletter editor Celia, so I hope you'll enjoy a few memories in this issue of *Rockhound Rambling*. If you would like the full unedited "Director's Cut" of all 350 photos, drop me a flash drive and I'll load them up (if there's room). As Show Photographer, I was explicitly told, "No butt shots." I tried to comply, butt...I'm sure Celia will select photos judiciously.

Country Store, Shirley Layton: The Country Store had a very successful year thanks to all those who donated many great items. Every year our members come through for us and actually we help them clean out closets, garages, etc.!! We were happy to see the members of the community who look forward to our store every year. It is always good to welcome them.

My co-chair Susan Slyker and I wish to thank the many hard working volunteers who helped in the set up, sales and the dismantling of our booth. We couldn't do it without you. Congratulations to our show Chair, Diane Cook, and all the other departments for one of the best shows ever.



No ifs, ands, or buts about it, the show photographer caught all manner of species flocking to our show!

Plant Sales Report, Terry Wilson: Once again, we had a wide array of plants donated by our members (as well as a few of our regular customers!). Rich Pisor always brings impressive material; this year it was a ginormous monstera leaf with rooted stem that didn't last more than 15 minutes. Ron Wise always gives us cactus, including the viscous type, and this year was no exception. We had two women fighting over a five gallon bucket with a cholla stuffed into it. At the end of the show, many volunteers took home unsold plants making our jobs of holding plants for next year a lot easier. A big thanks to Rich Pisor, my de facto co-chair, and Susan Marquez, the plant chair before I took over, who has returned to help run the sale throughout the setup and show. Thanks also to our additional helpers Leslie Cox, and from OGMS, Carolyn Howe. And a very important thank you to the many members who brought plants in to fill out our tables!

Publicizing our 61st Annual Show, Jim Brace-Thompson: Ever wonder what goes into publicizing our annual show? No? Well, I'll tell you anyway. Each year, I start with a checklist and work my way down. That checklist includes 26 "action items" spaced out over the course of a year. As you can surmise, we've hit the bottom of the list. Here's a brief summary of just some of the items, along with a few statistics.

Show flyers were distributed at local club shows, the 2023 CFMS and AFMS Shows, the Ventura County Fair, the Fall CFMS Directors' Meeting, and to all our dealers. A supply was placed in the E.P. Foster Library downtown and given to members to distribute locally, along with a sweep of Main Street, Ventura. Plus, some teachers requested supplies to distribute within their schools.

I mailed show postcards to the 800 names we've built up on a direct-mail list based on folks who have attended our past shows and have asked to be kept posted about future shows.

I sent out an email blast to nearly 700 teachers who have voluntarily given us their email addresses at our Show Teacher Station over the years.

Letters, along with show flyers and a press release went to 116 geology professors from UCLA to UC-Santa Barbara and all colleges in between inviting them and their students.

Show alerts (and in selected instances, a press release) were sent to the CFMS newsletter and website, 22 local and national publications, and all local newspapers and TV/radio stations. A paid ad and an article with a photo appeared in the *Ventura Breeze*.

Invitations went to 25 local youth groups and to 43 rock clubs within convenient driving distance.

We had a display promoting our club and our show in our downtown library, along with club and show flyers, which were also distributed to local hotels and the Ventura Visitor's Center.

Diane Cook took charge of blanketing social media, which has become ever more important.

Finally, YOU, our local members, helped immeasurably with good old fashioned word-of-mouth to tempt friends, family, neighbors and work colleagues to come on down. Thank you!

As you can see, there's a lot more to publicizing a show than meets the eye. By the way, publicity has already begun toward our 2025 Show! Watch for our "rough-and-ready" informal show flyers at the Conejo club show next month in Newbury Park. See you there?



Displays like this at E.P. Foster Library helped publicize our show.

Workshop

Workshop Happenings

Jim Brace-Thompson

The clubhouse was full on February 17th between folks doing show prep and participating in the regular morning workshop. Sue Slyker and Shirley Layton worked on further organizing stuff in the kiosk to be sold at the Country Store during our club show. Richard Slyker was busy doing all sorts of clubhouse maintenance, clearing away junk, trimming tree limbs, checking the club display cases, and more. Inside the clubhouse and saw room, Shop Stewards John Cook, David Springer, Jake Bailey, and Ron Wise had gathered to cut material for club members and for slabs to be used at the CFMS-AFMS Show while Robert Seaton, Michael Rittenberg, Rich Pisor, Lonnie Sutton, Celia Churchill, and I all worked on cabbing and flat-lapping.

Our normal first-Sunday-of-the-month workshop day was delayed to March 10th due to our show, and I showed up three hours early to assist John Cook in providing training in the basics of cab making to certify Thomas and Karen Ard to use club equipment and officially become "lapidarists." Karen made a nice green aventurine cab to go with Saint Patty's Day while Thomas worked with Rainbow Ridge jasper. I couldn't stay for the workshop that afternoon, but I saw the following on the

pre-registration list and arriving at the clubhouse: Ron Wise, David Springer, Shirley Layton, Richard Slyker, Lonnie Sutton, Robert Seaton, Troy Schmidt, Amy Liest, Rich Pisor, William Kenny, Alexandra Credico, and Julie Cox. Thus, as winter winds down and we head into spring, it looks like we're off to robust workshop attendance! If you haven't yet been certified, we can help you, too, become a lapidarist!



Thank you, Richard, for doing maintenance and clean-up of clubhouse grounds!



Lonnie hits the Genies on February 17th.



Thomas and Karen get briefed in the club library room on March 10th.



Our Workshop Stewards hard at work on February 17th.



Thomas and Karen craft their first cabs under John's guidance.

Members Teaching Members

Although we have formal classes to certify members to use club equipment for flat lapping and for making cabochons, many individual members are also happy to share their skills with one-on-one lessons or mini-workshops. For instance, Ron Wise has given knapping lessons up at the clubhouse for many years now. Richard Slyker has taught fellow club members the basics of silversmithing in his home workshop. And Phyllis White has been giving my wife Nancy lessons on wire wrapping.

On March 12th and 14th, Nancy and I welcomed Michael and Lisa Rittenberg, Celia Churchill, and Erin Valenzuela to our dining room table for lessons with precious metal clay to create pure silver pendants from natural objects (Michael chose a trilobite fossil, Celia a clam, and Erin an ammonite fossil).

We also explored making silver pendants from oak and ginkgo leaves using precious metal clay paste. I think it went well. My students gave me a Yelp review rating of 1.25 stars. That's good, isn't it?

If you have a skill, offer to share it with other members, either at your home or up at the clubhouse. If you'd like to learn a skill, get to know your fellow members, observe their work at our shows, and ask about a lesson. Rockhounds are friendly folks who love to share!



Day 1 in learning to craft pendants with silver clay.

Pageant Of A Thousand Gems
47th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

April 20 - 21, 2024
 Sat. 10:00am-5:00pm
 Sun. 10:00am-4:00pm

BORCHARD PARK
 190 N. Reino Road,
 Thousand Oaks, CA
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FREE Parking!

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Federation News

Follow the Mermaids to Ventura! Part 5

Jim Brace-Thompson, Federation Director

In our continuing effort to tempt you to attend the 2024 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention on May 24-26, here's another mermaid photo shot in Ventura. Can you name where she is located? As with the mermaid pictured in Part 3, this mermaid is hanging around a local store front, so check the Ventura yellow pages. She's not all that far away from the fairgrounds where we'll be hosting the show, and within the shop, you'll find all sorts of mermaid knickknacks.

We'll post three more mermaids in the April and May newsletters, but you don't need to wait! A full collection of Ventura mermaids has been posted to the show website as an entry form for this little contest. The person attending the convention who can correctly identify the specific locations of the most mermaids will receive a rocky reward at the show banquet. (One reward for locals; another for out-of-towners.) If we have tied scores, winners will be drawn from a fish

bowl—perhaps by a real live mermaid!



Mermaid #5. Have you been keeping track? You could win a prize!

Keep tabs on resources and new show developments at the official show website, www.2024cfms-afms.com, where we've also posted a pre-registration form and an updated show

schedule, among other new and revised resources. We invite and welcome participation by all VGMS members!

Exhibiting Seminar in Advance of the CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention

With our own club hosting the Regional and National Show & Convention this year, on the evening of February 21st, Diane Cook and I held a little seminar at Poinsettia Pavilion all about competitive exhibiting. We provided PowerPoints to visually guide attendees through details that judges key onto when scoring cases entered into competition for Federation trophies, and we fielded questions and advised about navigating one's way through the Uniform Rules Manual. Members participating included Celia Churchill, Leslie Cox, Debbie Sander, Robert Seaton, Nancy Brace-Thompson, Erin Valenzuela, Jared McGowan, Rich Pisor, and Jeff Miller. Here's hoping some or all earn trophies come Showtime!

Speaking of which, we invite all members to enter displays, whether competitive or noncompetitive. Adults entering competition stand to win trophies, as do kids—but kids also stand to win cold hard cash via the Show Chair's Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit, whether entered as a competitive or noncompetitive display. But you have to play to win. Here's the link to find and download exhibitor application

forms, which are due by May 1st: <https://www.2024cfms-afms.com/files.php>. Hardcopy of the forms will also be on the take-one table at our March and April meetings. Pick one up. Fill one out. And display at the Big Show!

FROM BLANK SLATE TO FINISHED CASE

Tips and examples to craft a fine exhibit.



When entering competition, you need to master the basics of showmanship.

How You Can Support the AFMS Endowment Fund

As one way to raise moneys for the AFMS Endowment Fund, a raffle is held at the annual AFMS Show & Convention. You can help! I've been appointed to represent the California Federation in this endeavor, and I'm seeking prize donations (minimum value \$75). These might be mineral or fossil specimens, mounted cabs, silver work, spheres, wire-wrapped jewelry, knapped knives, etc. (David Mautz, do you have a nice fossil you might part with?) I'm also selling raffle tickets at \$5 for one or \$20 for five. See me with prize donations (like a nice fossil, David) or to purchase tickets!



Help Jim out by buying a set of AFMS Endowment Fund raffle tickets—as requested in this cartoon from our 1971 newsletter when VGMS hosted our first Federation show!



Here are a few of the prizes donated thus far by VGMS members for the AFMS Raffle. We welcome your donation, too!

Camp Paradise is Now Accepting Applications for Lapidary Classes

The California Federation is accepting applications to attend "Camp Paradise." You can sign up for one or two weeks at \$500 per week to attend classes in varied lapidary and metal-working arts: basic and advanced silversmithing, enameling, wire wrap, faceting, casting, dichroic glass, hard- and soft-stone carving, basic lapidary, and intarsia. Sessions take place between August 20 and September 2. The \$500 fee includes room and meals as well as classes, so this represents a true bargain. Lodging options are varied: men's or women's dorms,

couples dorms, RV sites, and cabins. Camp Paradise is nestled within a rustic setting in the foothills of the Plumas National Forest near Clipper Mills, California, and these classes have been a long-standing Federation tradition. VGMS members who have attended over the years have reported great fun and great results! To register, go to <https://cfmsinc.org/camp-paradise/>. There, you'll find the registration form and further details about Camp Paradise.

Meeting Minutes

VGMS General Meeting, February 28th, 2024, at the Poinsettia Pavilion.

Attendees:

Called to order at 7:30pm PST, David Springer, Presiding.
There were 50 members, with 2 guests and 2 pebble pups.

Announcements

Minutes

Jake Bailey motioned to approve the December 2023 minutes. Robert Seaton seconded. Was approved by all.

Clubhouse Roof

Thank you to Jake and Richard for inspecting and cleaning the roof.

Silent Auction

Thank you Ron, John, Robert, and Jim for getting the silent auction together

March Board Meeting

Has been moved from March 7th to 14th

Tonight's Program

Tonight's program is show preparation.

Cases for sale

Contact OGMS if interested.

Upcoming Events:

Conejo Gem Show is April 20st & 21st at Borchard Community Center in Newbury Park. Workshops are Sunday March 10th from 10-12 and Saturday March 16th from 9-12.

New Business

Workshop date moved

Celia motioned to move the March 3rd workshop day to March 10th. Julie seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

Officer Reports

1st VP – Programs: John Cook

John is working on getting a dinosaur talk in the near future.

2nd VP – Field Trips: Tyrone LaFay

David let the Feb. 18th trip. We had 19 attendees and everyone went home with a whale bone fossil.

The March 17th trip is to Santa Maria to visit Ralph Bishop's house and Avila Beach. Lisa would like to have the Pebble pups join or have their own later.

3rd VP – Show: Diane Cook

Diane made several announcements about the upcoming VGMS show. Vendor fees cover the cost of renting the fair grounds. Flyers will have information about sign in/out and exhibitor information. We still need volunteers, they will be provided sandwiches, salads, and snacks. Food donations would be appreciated- the fair will also have a food truck with food for sale.

We also need donations for several causes: For the raffle, jewelry is popular, drawing will be 3 pm Sunday. For the Country Store, no clothes or furniture please. For plants, we need everything from plants to bulbs or cuttings. For the silent auction, please include a tag with the specimen ID, location collected, and value.

At the kids' booth, we would like Pebble Pups & Jr. to help. We will have Jared's coloring contest, grab bags, spinning wheel, adopt-a-rock, sand sifting and rock collection. The hospitality station will have t-shirt sales, a raffle, a teachers' station, and treasure chest.

We also still need door monitors to help shut doors at closing time. Monday 9 am we will be putting everything away at the club house.

Treasurer: Lauren Wildman with Diane C. and Nancy B-T
Nothing to report.

Membership Secretary: Erin Valenzuela
Please renew your membership ASAP. Update your email address if it has changed

Secretary: Sheri Hultman
Nothin to report.

Bulletin Editor: Celia Churchill
Thank you for February contributions. The Due date for the next bulletin is March 10th.

Federation Director: Jim Brace-Thompson
Remember, the upcoming AFMS show is May 24-26.
-We are selling endowment raffle tickets
-Camp Paradise is Aug 16-31 in northern California, and is accepting applications.

Webmaster: Troy Schmidt
Everything is updated. He will put a volunteer sign up on the public page. The password for the members' area will be changed on March 4th

Parliamentarian/Scholarship: Nancy Brace-Thompson
We have a winner for scholarship, Diego Sevilla, article in next month's newsletter.

Committee Reports

Pebble Pups: Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick & Erin Valenzuela
Getting ready for the show, largest group ever. They raffled off

the slat cases to the families. Juniors are updating traveling cases hoping to have ready for May.

Ways & Means: Jennifer Russell & Adrian Ruiz
\$159 was made at tonight's meeting.

Museum: Troy Schmidt & Jim Brace-Thompson
Nothing new to report.

Educational Outreach: Jim Brace-Thompson
Thank you to Art & Susan Lopez, John Cook and of course Nancy! March 14 is next science night (Art & Susan will run). April 28th is the Eco event, 11-4:30. We will need volunteers.

Hostess: Susan Slyker
Julie and Audrey will host next month.

Archivist/Historian: Jim Brace-Thomson
Read the February bulletin about Wayne Ehlers.

Librarian: Heather & Robert Seaton
Nothing to report

Stewards: Ron Wise, John Cook & David Springer
Buy your saw cards!

The next members meeting is Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 at 7:30 at the Poinsettia Pavilion.

With no further business, President David Springer adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted on March 5th, 2024.
Sheri Hultman, Recording Secretary.

Meeting Minutes

VGMS Board Meeting, March 14th, 2024, via Zoom

Called to order at 7:30pm., David Springer presiding.

Announcements

Attendees

David Springer, John & Diane Cook, Tyrone LaFay, Jim & Nancy Brace-Thompson, Lauren Wideman, Sheri Hultman, Erin Valenzuela, Celia Churchill, Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick, Robert Seaton, Terry Wilson and Phyllis & Dick LaRue.

Meeting Minutes

Correction: Dick and Phyllis are White not LaRue. Troy motioned for the minutes to be approved and Nancy seconded it, approved unanimously.

New Business

Club Website Password

The new password is now in effect.

Important events

On 3/16 the clubhouse is open. Due to a conflict with the show setup, Nancy motioned we move the May board meeting from the 22nd to the 15th. Troy seconded, approved unanimously.

Club house certification

Diane requested clarification on what it takes. It starts with filling a form at the website, and confirmation of current membership. The steward (John) will be contacted for his availability. Once 3-4 members are ready, they will be contacted and arrive at the clubhouse together. There, they will fill out a waiver (for Diane) and review safety procedures for trim saws and Genies. The new members will practice starting a cabachon from a slab. The whole process takes up to 3 hours and done before or after an existing workshop. After certification, Troy will update the list of certified members on the website under the member's downloadable files. A question was asked if re-certification was necessary after a certain time, but no conclusion was reached.

Old Business

New VGMS Home

We discussed making a tri-fold brochure to help us look for a new clubhouse. Nancy motioned that the club spend up to \$125 creating and printing brochure; Celia seconded. Approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

1st VP – Programs: John Cook

At the March meeting we will have Johnathan Hoffman from Santa Barbara Natural History Museum come discuss mega fossils on the Channel Islands. The April meeting will be a silent auction.

2nd VP – Field Trips: Tyrone LaFay

March field trip to Ralph Bishop's house and to Avila beach to collect Deedeite. Tyrone will see if Ralph Bishop will host Pebble Pups and Jrs.

The April field trip to Cady Mountains was moved to Sunday, April 14th. There is a CFMS field trip April 19-21 to the Hauser Geode Beds, watch the bulletin for more information. Other upcoming field trips are to Jurupa Discovery Center and maybe Garnet Hill.

3rd VP – Show: Diane Cook

The post-show wrap-up meeting is March 20th, 6:30pm at Poinsettia Pavillion. On Sunday, April 14th we need people to cut and polish Ventura Beach Jasper.

Treasurer: Lauren Wideman, Diane, Nancy

We reviewed the budget. Erin motioned we approve the budget. Troy seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Web Master: Troy Schmidt

Who's Coming is up to date. Troy is also teaching Oxnard GMS how to use Who's Coming.

Secretary: Sheri Hultman

Nothing to report.

Membership: Erin Valenzuela

We have 129 adults, 22 pebble pups and 6 juniors paid (157 Total). Erin motioned to accept the following as new members. Tyrone seconded. New members are Elenor Sweeney, Ella & Zoey (PP), Alexandra Credico, June and Mark Paul, Matt Wyatt, Teagan Groh, Sara Gibson and Hudson Topping (Jr), Martha Moran and Fred Chase*, Bill and Janet Allaway, Kevin and Diane Grizard, Alyssa Carmen Carrillo and Kristian Noonan, Shayla Krufft and Beatrice Boarchard, Jaquelyn Lam, Alexis Petersen, Deniss Engler and Amy Williams* (* are past members). Unanimously approved. Half of the above members came from the March show.

Federation Director: Jim Brace-Thompson

Follow the Mermaid is now on the show website. Jim is in charge of competitive cases and Richard is in charge of non-competitive cases, all registrations are due by May

1st. Reminder Camp paradise this August, now accepting applications. We're looking for donations for at least \$75 for raffle. All events are on the show website.

Bulletin Editor: Celia Churchill

The deadline for the March bulletin is 3/10. Submit articles to vgmseditor@gmail.com. Show chairs please write up something about your booth. With Erin's help, Celia will continue to post job descriptions in the bulletin.

Parliamentarian/Scholarship: Nancy Brace-Thompson

Diego, our scholarship recipient, came by the show. We are done until next fall.

Committee Reports

Pebble Pups: Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick/Erin Valenzuela

No March class, everyone was focused on the show. We had a great turn out! Everyone who entered cases at the March show plan on entering them in the May show. April 13th is the next class. Lisa reached out to families who had interest in Pebble Pups or Jrs at the show.

Ways and Means: Adrian Ruiz and Jenifer Russell

Not present.

Museum: Troy Schmidt/Jim Brace-Thompson

Troy sorted though 5 boxes of donations, most will go to member silent auctions and a few will be kept. Troy brought up a concern about how to get rid of specimens when better ones come along, should be put through the board.

Educational Outreach: Jim Brace-Thompson

Lots of volunteers showed up at the 3/14 science night. It was great having PP, it really helped spark an interest in the students. Thank you!

On 4/26 We have another science night, can you help?

On 4/28 is Eco Fest. 11-4. They expect 5,000 participants. We will do California Dinos.

Upcoming is the Monica Ross Preschool coming to the museum, as well as a home school group.

Archivist/Historian: Jim Brace-Thompson

Nothing to report

Librarian: Heather and Robert Seaton

Nothing to report

Stewards: John, Ron and David

David reported the middle saw has a broken pulley. He will repair at the next workshop.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 4th, 2024, at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Next Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in person at the Poinsettia Pavilion.

With no further business, President David Springer adjourned

the meeting and Erin seconded, unanimously approved.
Respectfully submitted on March 19th, 2024.

Sheri Hultman, Recording Secretary

2024 Rockhound Holidays

JIM BRACE-THOMPSON

If you are reading this after March 13th, you missed it! Each year, March 13th is "National Jewel Day." Reportedly, it's the big day of the year to don your very best jewelry and to gift jewelry to treasured loved ones. We are told to "celebrate the beauty and elegance of jewels," whether by designing and creating a jewelry piece of our own, visiting a local jeweler, going on a prospecting treasure hunt with a metal detector at a beach in search of lost rings and bracelets, or hosting a "jewelry party." Whether a treasured family heirloom handed down over generations, cheap costume jewelry from a second-hand shop, or the Hope Diamond, we're told to pull it out and put it on. The origins and the founders of National Jewel Day are unknown. Could it be that the holiday was initiated by muggers wishing to concentrate potential victims on one convenient day of the year?



Did you wear a favorite piece of jewelry on National Jewel Day?

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

We're Back, Full-Tilt!

Jim Brace-Thompson, Educational Outreach Chair

Educational outreach is hitting full-tilt as the spring semester progresses. We participated in a family STEAM Night for the Ocean View School district on March 14th at Ocean View Junior High School in Oxnard. We were asked for hands-on activities, so we once again rolled out "Magic Magnetic Minerals" for the VGMS booth with several stations offering hands-on fun: Fishing for Magnetite, Find Fuzzy, Dancing Magnets, and Floating Magnets that levitate on sticks. All participating kids went home with their own specimen of magnetite, flyers on magnetic minerals and magnetism, and info about VGMS and our Pebble Pup/Juniors Program and our upcoming CFMS-AFMS show.

Big thanks go to Monika and Beatrice Blackburn, Chris and Valerie Churchill, and to Art and Susan Lopez along with Skyla Z. for helping me run the booth. (Susan and fellow District Resource Teacher Mandy Lam invited us.) It was really great



Beatrice, Monika, Valerie, Skyla, and Chris at Ocean View School district STEAM Night.

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to have the assistance of so many of our Junior and Pebble Pup members! We didn't keep a count of kids and parents coming through, but the pace was steady and brisk for the full 90 minutes. Help was definitely needed and is appreciated!

After Ocean View, we've been invited to another Family Science Night taking place 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, April 26th, at Dos Caminos Elementary School in Camarillo, where we'll do a repeat of the Ocean View performance in a 3-table booth space. Volunteers needed! And we'll have an outdoor booth at the annual Ecofest of Ventura Charter School two days later. We plan to have a dinosaur theme, featuring our state dino and a mosasaur, along with our dinosaur dig box, free fossil shark teeth, dinosaur coloring pages, and more. This event

takes place 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 28th, and we can use volunteers. They anticipate some 5,000 attendees, and so far it's just me and Erin Valenzuela to run the VGMS booth.

Finally, it looks like we'll enjoy another field trip visit to our clubhouse museum rooms by Nancy Klimbal and her Monica Ros Blue Room preschool class, followed possibly by yet another field trip by a homeschooling group that has contacted us after reading our club museum flyer at our show. If you can help with any of these events or with future educational outreach, call me at (805) 659-3577 or email jbraceth@roadrunner.com.

PEBBLE PUPS

Our Kids Put on a Show!

Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick, Pebble Pups Chair

This year's VGMS Show had excellent participation by our Pups and Juniors! After preparing and inspiring them for the past two months the results were incredible. We had eight members take on the challenge of designing their own case for the show and 15 others contribute to our group case. I am always impressed by their enthusiasm and creativity which is celebrated in each case for the love of the hobby.

This year we saw fossils, gems, minerals and rocks from around the world tell stories of the past in hope to inspire others to engage and ask their own questions of how, why, when, and where in each case. Whether they were a veteran display creator, or new to the show, their efforts were noticed by everyone who walked the aisles and stopped to enjoy what they were seeing and learning every couple of feet.

One of my favorite things to do at the show is to walk near or down the aisle and listen to others enjoy. This year I heard...

"How beautiful! I had no idea that minerals and rocks could make paint." "Look at the glow in the dark space rocks Dad! I wonder if it's like that in the sky." "Look at the teeth on that skull! So cool." "How sweet is this display!..I wish I could eat it all!" "WOW! Look at all the details in this case about fossil habitats. I love it!" "I would ROCK 500 miles to find all these cool things!" "This is so creative...rockhounding and video games...they should make an app."

The group case was completely designed by the Pups and Juniors. They decided to highlight things they have found or came from places in California. With the help of Pebble Pup parent Tracey Popiel for designing a map we posted the locations to show all the fun things we have in our state. On the day of set up we had a group of pups and their moms help

to install the case. Everyone enjoyed the case. We already have some ideas to improve on the display for the May show.

Lastly, I wanted to recognize all the Pups and Juniors who came to volunteer at the show. We were very busy as always manning the kids booth and even doing some demonstrating throughout the weekend. The best people to ask about our program are the kids. They will tell you like it is and it's their passion that spreads the word in the community to come and join us in the future.

As always, thank you to everyone who came to the show, who volunteered, and who supported the program. Our next class is April 13th at the clubhouse.



Our pups did a great job on their group case this year!

Kids! Name that Mineral!

Jim Brace-Thompson

Here's who successfully met our February Challenge for Pebble Pups and Junior members: Wren, Dashed, Skyla, Ellis, and Connor. Each received a bright purple tumble-polished specimen of amethyst, the February birthstone. Congratulations to all! Here's Skyla's answer to the Challenge: "This month's Challenge is easy! It is my mom's birthstone. Amethyst is the purple variety of quartz! I hope I see you at the Rock Show."

Here's hoping everyone made it to the Show. And to one and all: take The Challenge to test your knowledge while adding free mineral and fossil specimens to your collection in a way that's fun! The Challenge is emailed to Pebble Pups and Junior members every three weeks. If you have kids and you haven't seen it, alert me to get you on the email list.



Our most recent Challenge required identifying amethyst.

A Geology Joke

Beecher I., Pebble Pup

I have been learning about the rock cycle. There are three types of rock, igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary. Igneous rock forms when magma or lava cools and gets hard. Sedimentary rocks form when erosion breaks rocks into little pieces and then the pieces get buried and mashed together. Metamorphic rock

forms when another rock is mixed with heat and pressure.

Granite is an igneous rock. It forms slowly underground, so it is an intrusive igneous rock. With heat and pressure, granite changes into a metamorphic rock called gneiss.

I made up a joke. What does the geologist think about granite plus heat and pressure? It's *gneiss*.

Thank you!

Everyone who has helped make VGMS sparkle

Flyer Distributors

Thank you to John Cook, Robert Seaton, Stuart Bloom, and Nancy B-T for helping me paper downtown Ventura with show flyers and posters on February 24th and to everyone else taking flyers to other parts of Ventura and surrounding communities. –Jim Brace-Thompson

Belinda Poore

Thank you to Belinda for a small baggie of materials for grab bags and the Kids Booth. –Jim Brace-Thompson

Barbra Meisenheimer

Thank you to Barbra for crafting 300 more grab bags for the club to fill and for a copy of *Rockhound Rambling* from March 1981 to file in our archives. –Jim Brace-Thompson

Club members

Thanks to all club members for efforts great and small to make our 2024 Show a success! –Jim Brace-Thompson

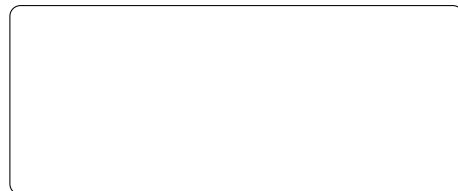
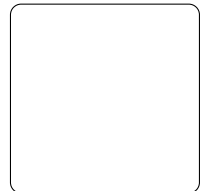
CALENDAR

March-April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 March Happy Birthday, Andrew Overton!	18	19	20	21 Happy Birthday, Nolan L.!	22	23
24 Happy Birthday, Richard Petrooulos!	25	26	27 Member Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Happy Birthday, Cyndy Treutelaar!	28	29	30
31	1 April	2	3	4 Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Happy Birthday, Osiris P.!	5 Happy Birthday, Natalie Iriel!	6
7 Happy Birthday, Cynthia Morris!	8	9 Happy Birthday, Anna Elledge and Danny Jones!	10 Happy Birthday, Richard Bromser and Alena Rieger!	11	12	13 Pebble Pups Class, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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