

The Rock Bag

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The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization formed to increase our knowledge in geology, mineralogy and other such related fields in the earth sciences. We classify, cut, grind and polish rocks and minerals for our personal collections and to display at club shows. We learn from each other through club speakers, programs and monthly fieldtrips. We co-operate with other clubs to encourage others to participate in our activity.

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the State of California Federation of Mineralogical Society and the National Federation of Mineralogical Society.

Meeting held: 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Potlucks: 6:30 P.M.

Pebble Pups meet each month at 6:00 P.M. prior to the meeting

Place: Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA (Thousand Oaks Room)

Dues: \$15.00 per adult; \$2.00 per junior member (age 12 to 18 years)

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Classes: Silversmithing & Casting: Nancy Bogart, Albert Rubio & Jean Smith
Lapidary, Opal & Wirewrap: Kay Hara, Dan Gealy, Brett Johnson & Don Minster
Location: Durley Park, 950 West Hill Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

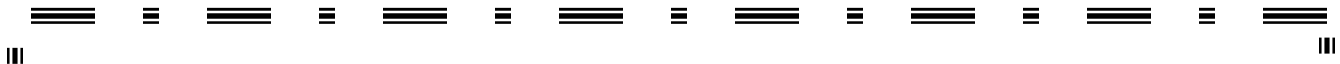
Editor: All members are encouraged to offer an article of interest or any suggestions as to what their interests are and what they'd like to see in the Rock Bag. Remember it is your bulletin! Articles can be submitted by an e-mail attachment or in writing **by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.** Thanks, Editor

The Prez sez.....

Time to get the word out!

Recently I was at a party (5year old birthday party no less) and saw a gentleman with an ammonite on his necklace. After talking for a bit, I encouraged him to check our club out. Turned out he has been to the annual show Ventura puts on at the fairgrounds before. He had a great time and wanted to know more, but didn't know where to go. Lesson? Even if you are out at the grocery store and someone has a nice "piece" on: comment or compliment. The idea is to strike up a conversation and share the wealth of information. You don't have to go overboard, just enough to let them know we are here having fun. There are so many people who are getting into the world of gems and minerals. Fashion is really big on the chunky stuff right now, from the head piece down to the flip flop. Gold and silver going up in price and it certainly leads through the door, which can lead to a bridge, with your local gem society one the other side.

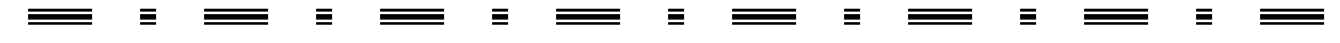
Rocks Rock!
Your Prez, Louisa May



Help, Help !!!



All able bodied members need to attend the October & November meetings to sign up where they can help with the November show. There are all kinds of jobs, easy and hard. Someone is always available to help show you how to do them. This is a once a year activity which isn't asking too much of the membership to help out. Get in there and help!!!



Minutes of the September 7, 2011 General Membership Meeting

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.
- Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as written.
- Membership:** New member Will Mathis was introduced.
- Hospitality:** There were 26 members and 10 guests present. The guests were: Mary Meeker, Richard Weber, Mary Pat Weber, Gloria Blackwood, Janet Connell, Julie Hoffman, Dotty Dolan, J. Bell, Maria S., and Kat Enay.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent.
- Correspondence:** Show notices and ads were put out on the table.
- New Business:**
 - ~ If you would like to become an officer, speak to President Louisa Carey.
 - ~Rock and Gem subscriptions should be done through the club.
 - ~ If you lose your badge, we can order you a new one.
- Old Business:** Our status as a non-profit group was discussed. It was mentioned that our group has a Tax Id. number.
- Program:** Steve Wolfe gave a program on Petrified Wood. Steve will also be at our show in Nov. Global shifts and different periods were discussed. He talked about evolvment. He

discussed hard-wood and soft wood petrified wood. He discussed the International Stratigraphic Chart. There was a question and answer period followed by an identification period where members brought up samples for him to identify.

- Officer Reports:** **1st VP-** In Oct. there will be a member sponsored silent auction. Everyone should bring 3 items for the auction. There will be a silver bar.
2nd VP - There will be a show meeting. Volunteers are needed for the show. The volunteer sheets were put out. Items are needed to sell at the Nov. show. (Nov 20-21). Let Brett know if you need a display case for the show.
3rd VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.
- Federation:** ZZZZX forms are on the table. Get the forms turned in as soon as possible. The theme contest for the 2013 Tri-Club show needs your theme ideas quickly. 70 state museums are subject to closure from state budgetary problems.
- Education:** The Pebble-Pups present were: Emily, Nicholas, Chris, Hannah, and Joey. The Tri-Club Education Committee will meet next Tuesday.
- Classes:** The classes have started. For class information, use the website.
- Refreshments:** October refreshments are: Laura and Jennifer.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.
 ~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Board Meeting

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.
- Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills. Insurance accounts were discussed for 2010.
- Correspondence:** The mail was fliers.
- Ways & Means:** \$48.00 was collected.
- New Business:** ~The scholarship candidate for the Lois and Bill Allmen Memorial Scholarship will be selected soon.
 ~The club is a National Fossil Day Partner.
- Old Business:** The audit was discussed. The 3rd member is Diane Cook.
- Officer Reports:** **1st VP-** The next event is a Member Sponsored Silent Auction.
2nd VP- There will be a show meeting next month. There was a Show meeting tonight.
3rd VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.
- Federation:** The next meeting is the 11th-13th of November. Rocky 5 bumper stickers and window decals were discussed. Non profit organizations can help prevent park and museum closures. A motion was passed to support the ALAA. We will send them a check.
- Education:** Pebble pups were discussed.
- Classes:** Prepayment options (Pay Pal) were discussed for paying for classes or supplies. The instructors discussed waiving the supply fees for student participation in club activities such as the show or volunteering, as an appointed officer. Attending club activities is a privilege, and an honor to your community. The lab needs some new stools that are more comfortable for our students and instructors. Shelves and trays for the area near the sink were discussed. A motion set the ceiling of the purchase at \$70.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.
 ~Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

Show Report

Once again, I am asking for assistance in operation of the show booths. We have need/help of someone operating the Country Store and books. We also need someone to man the Plant booth. In addition help is needed in the kitchen preparing the Friday evening dinner and serving. I am asking some of the new members to come forward and provide this needed responsibilities. The Show can not go on without your help. I am only one individual, and can not do four things at one time. Please call and let me know what you can and are willing to do. (805) 644-6450. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the next general meeting, so get your name on the areas where help is needed.

Thanking you in advance..... ~Norb Kinsler, Show Chair

Camp Paradise September 4 - 17

A great 2 weeks was spent at Camp Paradise for Nancy Bogart, Cynthia Baumgartner & Miriam Tetreault. Nancy as usual flitted among various skills, Cynthia concentrated on beading and faceting, while I did my usual thing under the trees making dust. I did finally complete 2 sculptures! During the second week, Steve and Laura Grayson came and both worked at faceting.

If you have the time, this is a great experience to meet other rockhounds, learn and perfect whatever you are interested in and gain a few pounds with the fantastic food. All in all, you can't beat the price. The accommodations could be better, but that is the only negative thing. I hope that more of the Club members will avail this opportunity next April for ZZYZX. You have to sign up early for it, as the spaces are limited



Above is the so called "Barn" where most of the classes are held. Below Cynthia is beading with Cheri and chain makers are busy. ~ Miriam T.



70th ANNUAL GEM-O-RAMA

Sponsored by the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

October 8-9, 2011 Saturday 7:30AM to 5PM - Sunday 7:30AM to 4PM

SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Building - 13337 Main St. (corner of Main & Trona Rd.)

TRONA, CALIFORNIA

OUTSTANDING SHOW - FREE ADMISSION

FIELD TRIPS

SEARLES DRY LAKE - (2 1/2 hour trips on Saturday, 4 1/2 hours on Sunday)

Registration: **7:30-9:00 am** and **1:30-2:30 pm** - you must register during these times to go on field trips

Mud Trip- Saturday Only - Departure 9AM-Cluster & barrel hanksite, trona, borax - **\$10per car**

Blow Hole - Saturday Only- Departure 2:30PM- Hanksite, halite, borax, sulfahalite- dry surface- **\$10 per car**

Pink Halite - Sunday Only - Departure 9AM-In brine, beneath hard salt - **\$15per car**

Pinnacles National Natural Landmark - Self guided, info at show - **FREE**

Searles Valley Minerals' Plants - **Saturday only**: 11:00,11:40, 12:20, 1:00 and 1:40 - in bus - **FREE**

SEARLES LAKE PINK HALITE

FROM THE SOURCE - WHOLESALE PRICES

All Pink Halite collected with permission of Searles Valley Minerals

OTHER SHOW ACTIVITIES

20+ Dealers - 50 exhibits - Geode cutting and sales - Demonstrations - Games - Gem dig - **Free** parking
Snacks & drinks - **Grand Prize Drawing** - Hourly door prizes

Good Food in Catered Cafeteria in Show Building

LUNCH: Sat. and Sun. - 10AM to 4PM **DINNER:** Fri. (\$9.00) and Sat. (\$9.00)- 5PM to 7PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST-TRONA COMMUNITY CHURCH (2 blocks north of show)

Sat. 6 to 10AM, Sun. 6 to 9AM - **Adults \$5.00, children under 7 \$3.00**

Large groups - make advanced reservations for prompt service - call Gini Schwartz (760)372-5720

HISTORY HOUSE & OLD GUEST HOUSE MUSEUM- Sat. 10AM to 4PM, Sun. 10AM to 2PM

TRONA ELKS LODGE DINNER- Sat. starts at 3PM, **\$10.00**, Deep pit BBQ, beef & pork

ACCOMMODATIONS

VALLEY WELLS RECREATION AREA - 5.3 miles north of show, **\$5/vehicle (dry camp, no resv.)**

Stone Sayings

The following are just a few saying, expressions or idioms that use rocks and mineral to paint a picture:

MINERALS

Gold

- as good as gold
- worth your weight in gold
- a good digger
- all that glitters is not gold

Salt

- rub salt into the wound
- be the salt of the earth
- any person worth their salt
- take something with a pinch of salt

Crystal

- crystal clear

Silver

- every cloud as a silver lining
- be born with a silver spoon in your mouth
- give someone something on a silver platter
- silver-tongued

Lead

- go down like a lead balloon

Brass

- as bold as brass
- the brass ring
- get down to brass tacks
- the top brass

- where there's muck, there's brass

Stones

- stone soup
- cast in stone
- can't get blood out of a stone
- stone cold sober
- a rolling stone gathers no moss
- stone dead
- leave no stone unturned
- sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me
- sink like a stone
- kill two birds with one stone
- he who lives in glass houses shouldn't throw stones
- a stone's throw away

Rocks

- as solid as a rock
- between a rock and a hard place
- be on the rocks

~ Via RockForKids.com; The Rockhouser 9/11

Upcoming Shows

October 2: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility
123 W. Alvarado St, Ste. B
Hours: 10 - 4
Janice Bricker
Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.fgms.org

October 8-9: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 15: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 - 5
Mary Beth Pio
Email: info@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 15-16: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Email: joemar1@verizon.net

November 5-6: LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Cheri George, (562) 243-8470
Email: lizardwoman3@yahoo.com
Website:
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

November 5-6: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds (Mesquite Hall)
520 West Richmond Road
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905
Email: IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com
Website: www.indianwells.weebly.com

December 3-4: BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Barstow Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Gene Haines, (760) 256-0595
Email: vhaines@san.rr.com