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JUNIOR MEETING NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7 PM

LOCATION: MAIDU COMMUNITY CENTER, MTG. RM 1, 1650 MAIDU DR. RSVL.
EXCEPTIONS: JULY PICNIC/BAR-B-Q, AUGUST ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Changes and locations will be published in the bulletin.

GUESTS AND VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

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PLEASE SEND EXCHANGE BULLETINS TO THE EDITOR

NOVEMBER
MADAM PREZ SEZ:
Perhaps fall is here at last. Our last field trip was fun, river rock for animals plus I found some Chinese writing and rice rock. It was just a good outing. Hope your Halloween was as quiet as mine. Looking forward to the big turkey day and family.

I would like to apologize to Bob O. for not calling on him for his show and tell, also to members and guests for cutting the meeting short and not having the door prize drawing. My brain just goes completely away when I get one of my big, whopper headaches. Please speak up and get me back on track.

Would everyone please read the new revised By-Laws and Standing Rules in your bulletin, as they had not been rewritten since 1993. I will call for a yay or nay vote as written. I would also like a vote on our Christmas party/installation dinner. Should we go to a restaurant, hire a caterer or have our usual potluck?

I hope we will have more nominations from the floor as there are offices yet to be filled. It will make it hard on the people who hold an office to keep everything running smoothly for the club without those offices being filled. I took the President job and didn't know what I was doing, but I tried also to ask for help from past presidents. Take a chance on an office and I'm sure there will be someone to help if asked. Hope to see all at the meeting 7:00 pm with a good program. Your Prez, IRIS

VICE-PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT:
We hope everyone voted in the national election on Nov. 7, 2000. You cannot hope to see any progress or changes in the future, at least to your liking, without being an active participant. The same is true of the Roseville Rock Rollers. To continue to make this an interesting club for our members, we need your ideas, effort and time! So please be an active member!

Our last month's educational meeting featured an interesting discussion by Evelyn Tipton, President of the American River Club. Evelyn spoke about making beautiful glass plates, fountains, creatures and other things out of fused glass. We sometimes forget that glass is made from the natural mineral silica. Silicates are the largest class of minerals; impure forms of silica include quartz, opal and sand. Ms. Tipton works as a civil engineer for the State of California, but in her free time she obviously spends a lot of time in her newest hobby. She stated she learned the basics of glass fusion by signing up for a few classes at Rainbow Glass & Beads on Auburn Blvd in Sacramento.

We hope to see everyone at our next educational meeting on Nov. 14, 2000. Bob McKenzie will talk about the art of Suiseko. By Karla Shannon

NOVEMBER EDUCATIONAL MEETING PROGRAM:
The November Educational Meeting on November 14, 2000 will feature a program by Robert McKenzie on Suiseki and Gongshi stones. Gongshi are Chinese Scholar rocks or Spirit stones. Japanese Suiseki can be demonstrated by miniature landscape stones, which may resemble a mountain or other natural feature. Some collectors have been first introduced to this artistic medium through bonsai or rock collecting. By Karla Shannon
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
11-9 - TONY RUSSO
11-17 - FRANK YOSCHAK
11-23 - MILT HOUSTON
11-26 - ELIN DEHUVYNE

NEW MEMBER:
Welcome Robert Gates.

SUNSHINE:
Ethel Scott is getting better slowly. Member Larry Barker's wife has been ill for sometime. Betty Soper's allergies had been kicked up by the wind at the time of the Oct. board meeting.

NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS:
Nov. refreshments will be furnished by Mary Ellen Chaboya, Myron Zents and Karla Shannon. Dec. is our scheduled potluck and installation dinner. Margaret and Bob O. will not be able to take care of refreshments that night. Please call Bob O. if you can help out in Dec.

NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONE:
The November birthstone is the Topaz and has been the November birthstone for ages. It is a hard stone, frequently clear or pale blue. The most valuable stones are golden-yellow. It has a hardness of 8 but breaks easily along cleavage lines. It occurs in gneiss or granite with beryl, mica and tourmaline. It comes from Sri Lanka, parts of India, Russia and Brazil. In the US it is found in Maine, Colorado and Utah.

CONGRATULATIONS:
Congratulations to Karla and Rob who each have new jobs.

FIELD TRIP:
The October field trip was to Bear River to get materials to turn into prizes for the youth table at the show. We had 7 people. Margaret O. found a nice piece of ironwood and Iris pulled some Chinese writing rock out of the river. I am attempting to get permission to tour the Yuba Clue claim near Smartsville for the November field trip.

HOW IS ZIRCON COLORED?
Almost all zircons since WWI have been colored to enhance their beauty, even those in private collections. A whole industry has been built in Bangkok Thailand since then for the production of the golden-yellow Zircon, the "Starlite" blue Zircon, and the colorless Zircon which so closely resembles the diamond. The process involved heating the plain, ordinary reddish-brown stones to a temperature between 850 degrees Centigrade and 1000 degrees Centigrade. In the presence of air, it turns a golden yellow. Without air, when heated, it becomes a beautiful blue. Emerald Gems, 4/2000 via Northwest Newsletter, Aug., 2000.

WHAT IS THE SIMPLEST GEM?
The diamond (C) is the simplest gem in chemical composition being all of carbon and crystallized isometrically. Northwest Newsletter, 8/2000

WHAT IS THE SIMPLERST GEM?
答: 请在别处查找。

WHAT SUBSTANCES ARE ONLY CONSIDERED MINERALS IN THE SOLID STATE?
答: 请在别处查找。

NFMS WEBSITE:
http://www.amfed.org/nfms
EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 10/10/2000:
The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the flag salute. Guests Audrey Langley, Brian Nash and Sarah Nash were introduced. Minutes were approved as printed. CFMS - Kathy will attend Director's meeting. FIELD TRIPS - Next weekend to Bear River for supply of rocks (critters for youth table). SHOW CHAIRMAN - Exhibitor forms and dealer applications have been sent. SUNSHINE - Ethel Scott was reported to be feeling better. LAPIIDARY CLASSES - Spring class will start Feb.5, run for 8 weeks and cost $35.00. TREASURER - We are solvent, Myron did a nice job taking our inventory. Dues are due, $10.00. Board will vote at next meeting as to where our trailer will be parked. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Presented nominations and nominations were requested from the floor. LECTURE - By Evelyn Tipton on stained glass, glassware making and on creating fountains. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Submitted by Kymberly Andrews

BOARD MEETING, 10/24/2000:
The meeting was called to order, 11 members present. SECRETARY - Fliers for Livermore and Antioch Shows. FIELD TRIP - Will try for tour of Yuba Blue Claim near Smartsville. LIBRARY - New book was purchased in Utah. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Still calling for nominations for officers. SHOW CHAIRMAN - Some dealers have paid, some exhibitors signed up. Will transfer 2000 show money to club account when audit is done. LAPIIDARY CLASS - Elton, Iris, Bob Berg and Myron have donated slabs to the lapidary class. SUNSHINE - It was reported Larry Barker's wife has a long term illness and that the wind kicked up Betty Soper's allergies. TREASURER - It was moved, seconded and passed that bills be paid. It was moved, seconded and passed that the trailer stay in Roseville. It was moved, seconded and passed that trailer rental be paid. OLD BUSINESS - Standing rules/By-Law Committee presented revisions. It was moved, seconded and passed that they be accepted. They will be printed in bulletin and voted on at Nov. Education Meeting. NEW BUSINESS - Robert Gates approved for membership. Discussion regarding CFMS insurance and payment for our inactive members. Juniors have to be insured by CFMS. Inez read a list of what other clubs are charging for membership. Membership will be asked if they prefer going to a restaurant, having a catered dinner or a potluck for December Installation dinner. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Submitted by Kymberly Andrews.

CO-OP FIELD TRIP:
Lavic Siding (Ludlow)
Nov. 23-26
Jasper, jasp-agate, bog root
Contact - Will Corey
(209) 383-5037
DUES ARE DUE

Editor's note - I was asked about dues other rock clubs are charging. They are all running about $10.00 per person. A few are charging $15.00 for families, some are charging for juniors, which we do not. The highest is $30.00 a person, $45.00 per family. By our By-Laws dues are due in October and become overdue on December 31st.

LAPIDARY CLASSES:
Lapidary classes are currently running on Monday nights at the Maidu Center. The hours are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If you are dropping in for just one evening, be sure to sign in with the Maidu Center. The spring 2001 Lapidary Class starts Feb. 5 and runs eight class nights to April 2. No class Feb 19, President's Day. The cost is $35.00 for Roseville residents and nonresidents alike. The instructors currently are Charlie Brown, Bob Oleachea and Bob Berg.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING:
The November board meeting will be held at the Maidu Center on November 28 at 7:06 pm.

LIBRARY:
Nettie brings in books and tapes for each meeting. If you would like something special, please give her a call. When you check out a book, please be sure to return it the next meeting.

ICE AND MERCURY

Feedback

How To Kill Your Club In 13 Easy Steps

via Crack 'n Cab, June 1983

Newsletter of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

1. Stay away from meetings.

2. If you do come, find fault.

3. Decline office or appointment to a committee.

4. Get sore if you are not nominated or appointed.

5. After you are named, don't attend meetings.

6. If you do get to a meeting, clam up until it's over, THEN tell them how things should really be done.

7. Don't do any work if you can help it, and when the "old reliables" pitch in, accuse them of being in a clique.

8. Oppose all meetings and seminars as being a waste of time and members' money.

9. When there's a lot of business to discuss at the meeting, complain the meeting is dull, too long, and you aren't interested.

10. Never accept a place at the head of the table. You might learn something new.

11. If you aren't asked to sit there, get angry and threaten to resign because you are not appreciated.

12. Don't pay your dues on time, let the executives sweat. After all, they wrote the budget and wrote the checks.

13. Read your mail only now and then. Put the club bulletin aside, there isn't anything in it anyway.

PICK & SHOVEL, OCT. 2000
STANDING RULES

ARTICLE I, SECTION 1, D......(change) His Office to His/Her Office.

SECTION 2, B To be Program Chairperson (add) to provide speakers, films and demonstrations for education meetings.

SECTION 3, F To reissue new dated By-Laws and/or Standing Rules when revised (add) or as desired by board.

G. Act as Membership Chairman, prepare membership packets consisting of Library List, Membership List, Standing Rules and By-Laws. Order pins when paid for by new member. Turn Dues over to Treasurer. Provide Bulletin Editor with names, addresses and birthdays. To introduce new members to the society at the Educational meeting and present them with a new member packet.

H. Pick up mail and maintain mail register, to be filled out at Board Meeting.

SECTION 4, A.....The appointed Chairperson of these events is responsible and accountable for all related funds and receipts, which will be turned over to the Treasurer at the completion of the event. (add) The Treasurer is to work in conjunction with the Show Chairman.

SECTION 5, B. To attend, if practical, all Federation meetings presenting the views and business of the Society. or appoint an alternate----Federation-Director.

SECTION 6, B. Assistant Editors and publishers may be appointed by the Editor (add) with approval of the President.

SECTION 7: DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN/HISTORIAN ARE:

LIBRARIAN
A. To maintain a lending library of the Society's books, publications and video tapes, and make available to members at Educational Meetings.
B. To levy fines on members who do not return books, videos or periodicals borrowed.
C. To purchase books and periodicals pertaining to the hobby for the library.

HISTORIAN
A. To assemble and maintain a file of the bulletins and news clippings pertaining to activities of the Society or members.
B. To maintain photo albums of pictures donated to club and display periodically.
D. Check in and out yearly, at the time of installation of new officers, the club field trip maps, first aid kit, Podium People (for Vice-President), Treasurer's books, President's kit, book Robert's Rules of Order (for Parliamentarian), etc.

SECTION 10: DUTIES OF THE SHOW CHAIRPERSON:
To take complete responsibility for the production of an annual Gem and Mineral Show, to prepare an estimated budget for the expenses of this show, 6-months-in-advance and to appoint all necessary committee members. All funds, minus $2,000 to remain in show checking account, to be deposited with the Treasurer and a financial report presented to the Board of Directors within 60 days after the show for audit. Receipts and copies of bills to be turned over to the Treasurer monthly.

SECTION 12: (Add) Field Trip Chairperson to be reimbursed $20 for trips under 100 miles and $30 for trips over 100 miles (Board meeting May, 1994).

ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

SECTION 6: (Delete) Added to Membership Chairman rules.
Renumber Section 7 & 8 to Section 6 & 7.
ARTICLE IV: DUES AND ASSESSMENTS
SECTION 1: Four classes of memberships. Dues are considered delinquent on December 31 each year: (to conform to date in By-Laws)
A. Adult Membership $10.00 per year
B. Junior Members no dues
C. Honorary Members no dues for one (1) year
D. Life Member no dues for lifetime
E. New members (Adult and Junior) will purchase Club Badges with Membership
Application, along with first year’s dues. Regular dues Jan 1 to Dec 31, prorated as follows after July 1. i.e. July 1 to Aug 31, $7.50. Sept 1 to Oct. 31, $5.00. Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, to pay full year’s dues for following year. Membership not paid until after Dec. 31 will pay an assessment of $3.00.

ARTICLE VI: INVENTORY
See attached club inventory.

BY-LAWS
ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP
SECTION 1:
D. LIFE MEMBER: Shall be bestowed upon a long time member who has rendered outstanding service to the benefit of the society. To be considered after 25 years as a paid member (June, 1997). Life members shall have the voting privileges of an active member. Membership as a life member shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and be ratified by the membership.

Club to pay for lifetime badges. (December, 1993).
SECTION 3: Applications shall be endorsed by two (2) adult members of the Society and accompanied by the first year’s dues (add) and fees for badges.

ARTICLE V - ANNUAL DUES
SECTION 4: (last sentence) A two-thirds affirmative vote by the membership.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS
SECTION 2: A nominating committee of three who shall have been members for at least one-year three (3) months
SECTION 3: .......... slate of nominees for each office (add) excluding Show Chairman and assistant
SECTION 5: The election of officers, (add) if there are multiple nominees...
SECTION 7: The newly elected officers, except show chairman and assistant show chairperson shall assume their duties after the December business meeting and shall continue for one year, or two years in the case of directors, or until their successors are elected. The Assistant Show Chairperson shall assume office as prescribed in SECTION 8 of this Article. Both outgoing and incoming...
SECTION 8: Show Chairman and Assistant Chairperson may serve two terms, at the discretion of the board and if no irregularities are noted. Assistant Show Chairperson has the option to assume the duties of Show Chairperson immediately after the Society show. An election shall be held in April to elect an Assistant Show Chairperson if the Assistant has elected to move up to Show Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS
SECTION 3: Standing rules may be modified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of general membership. Amendments to be printed and made available to the membership.
SECTION 4: In the event of dissolution.............(added to end of last sentence)per CFR and State of California Rules.
In October Hugh and I drove to Utah for a 16 day vacation. Our plans revolved around the field trips planned by the Fossils for Fun Club and the Federation show in Moab, Utah. We drove our 99 Jeep Cherokee and pulled our 23 ft. HiLo trailer. Naturally our rockhound cat, Sierra, went with us.

We drove 512 miles the first day, stopped over in Wendover at the NV/UT border. The next afternoon we joined Keith and Carole Lindholm and Dick and Betty Pankey at a RV park in Green River, UT. Debbie Bunn caught up with us on Saturday. The next 3 days were filled with field trips. Friday we drove to the Yellow Cat area. Saturday we met some club members from the Wasatch Gem Society (Salt Lake City) and they took us out on both Sat. and Sun. to areas in the Floy Wash area. We were in beautiful country, desert but with colorful hills and canyons. One of the trips proved to be as bad as our guide warned us. Our Jeep had to pull Dick Pankey's 2 wheel drive truck out of two different dry washes. Both times he got stuck with his trailer hitch deep in the sand! We found lots of agate, mainly red and reddish orange, many gastroliths (gizzard stones), some petrified wood and a few pieces of the pigeon blood agate.

Monday we all drove to Moab and got settled in another RV park. Dan Brown, Joy Hutchins and Nettie Moore joined us here. That afternoon we drove through Arches National Park. Later in the week, several people walked to Delicate Arch. The rest of the week was spent on field trips and attending the show. We ended up in the Yellow Cat area again and also toured areas which had petroglyphs. Carole and Keith were excellent tour guides and field trip leaders. We had people from other clubs join us on some of our field trips. Some of our caravans were 7 or 8 vehicles long. On one of the trips we drove along the Colorado River. The scenery in that portion of Utah is just beautiful. Hugh and I managed to get in a little fossil hunting on our own. We went to several different locations, one of which was just across from the entrance to Arches National Park. There we were, high above the highway, collecting fossils.

Throughout the trip I kept spotting gizzard stones and I have quite a collection. I also picked up a lot of agate, some of which was left behind in Moab. We never did find any "pretty" petrified wood, just the brown colored pieces. After we left Moab, we drove with Pankeys to Topal Mt.. We camped there and the next day Dick took us to the geode beds located near Dugway. (Hugh was stationed there in 1962 and has a geode from there.) I picked up fractured geodes on the ground and Dick and Hugh proceeded to dig for them. All in all, we came home with 3 milk crates full. It remains to be seen if any of them are nice specimens. The following day Hugh and I spent 4-5 hours looking forTopaz crystals. We found very small ones and most were clear, as the color was bleached out of them.

It was a great trip, although hardly relaxing. Nine days we went on field trips, most of which started at 9 AM and lasted until late afternoon. But the beautiful country and fresh air made them enjoyable. We also saw parts of Arches National Park, Dead Horse Point and Canyonlands National Park. To travel to Moab is a long trip, 925 miles one way, but we spent enough time in that area to make it worthwhile.

Florence and Hugh Brady

Editor's note - Some of our RRA members were lucky enough to go to Utah for the APMS show and convention and also do some rock hunting. Florence and Nettie were kind enough to write the reports above and on the following page. I wish to thank them very much and if you have been on a good trip, I would like to hear from you and print your article.
I was invited to go to Moab, Utah with my friend Joy Hutchins 10-6 to 10-15 to hunt for fossils and rocks, led by members of the Fossils for Fun members. Moab is near the Colorado River. We spent 2 nights in motels at Winnemuca, Nev and Lehi, Utah. We arrived in Utah mid-Sunday afternoon. There were several other Fossils for Fun members from the Central Valley.

The first day we spent sightseeing and picture taking in Canyonlands National Park. Beautiful red rock landscapes with numerous natural arches.

The next day we went to see petroglyphs and pictographs but were rained out before we saw all that was scheduled.

One day while we were on a field trip, it was extremely windy. My hat blew off even though it was tied under my chin. I had to chase it about 300 yards down the hillside; then I tied it around my neck.

Thurs we attended the AFMS show in the Spanish Trail Arena, a large covered dirt floor arena. I'm glad we attended the first day since it would have been dustier the remaining days. There were many cases, dealers and a great fluorescent show. A marvelous show!

In the field I found some nice specimens of Copralite (fossil excreta), assorted sea fossils, gastroliths (gizzard stones) and some agates.

We left Fri. for home via highway 50 (the loneliest highway in America) much less traffic. Spent the night in Delta, Utah, then home by Saturday evening. A fun trip!

Nattie Moors

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Nov. 17-19  
Sacramento Mineral Society  
Roseville Fairgrounds  
FRI, SAT, SUN 10-5  
Paul Wood (916) 368-1573

Nov. 18-19  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Community Center  
600 Hobson Way  
SAT 9-5, SUN 9-4  
Laura Grayson (805) 482-3052

Nov. 18-19  
Livermore Lithophiles  
Barn Pacific Ave at S. Livermore Ave. next to Livermore Civic Center  
HOURS 10-4

Nov. 25-26  
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Soc  
Barstow Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road  
10-5 Both Days  
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

DEC 2-3  
Orange Belt Mineralogical Soc.,Inc  
San Bernardino Women's Club  
2917 "H" Street  
SAT 10-6, SUN 10-5  
Jim Mc丹ials (909) 792-0668

DEC 4-5  
American River Gem & Min. Soc.  
"Winter Wonderland of Gems"  
Orangeville Grange Hall  
5807 Walnut Avenue  
10-5 Both Days  
Joy Hutchins (916) 992-1762

DEC 9-10  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Soc.  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
Franklin Hall  
442 Franklin Avenue  
SAT 9-5, SUN 9-4  
Jose Gutierrez (530) 742-0785