





### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I believe that the Roseville Rock Rollers need to provide a legacy for our new and future members. Please volunteer to serve on a committee, to help me update existing field trip information (new closures, etc.), and put together a club brochure of one-day field trips. I would prefer including local mineral collecting sites that are reachable in two hours or less from Roseville. The brochure will include pertinent information (contact names and phone numbers), maps (with directions), and mineral descriptions. We will field check each site, take notes, and record the mileage. We will also need the help of a member with a Global Position System (GPS) receiver, to help us verify the collecting locations. Short histories of each collecting site (our club's or other sources) or geology sections could be included in the site description. We will write a section on outdoor safety, encouraging participants to practice safe collecting methods. The goal would be to enjoy the outdoors and provide information to help our members participate in more short trips, on days that are not devoted to our club/COOP's longer field trips or activities.

Another way we can create a club legacy is to provide safe, fun educational opportunities for our children and grandchildren. Please welcome our new Youth Advisor, Kevin Chesebro, who will be setting up a program for our juniors over the coming months. Thanks, Kevin, for providing your enthusiasm to this project.

Also, thanks to Barbara Loudon and Rob Blazina for volunteering their time to co-chair the kitchen committee for our show in March. Members, please remember to sign up for specific times and jobs at the show, during the next two Educational Meetings.

Please note that we are still looking for a Bulletin Editor for the club's bulletin, the Rollin' Rock.

Finally, several of our members are in Quartzsite, AZ currently for the annual event. I wish all who travel this month, safe journeys. Come back with lots of photos and good stories for the newsletter.

*Jim Barton*

### VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

The January Educational Program, a "Show and Tell", presented by Myron Zents was very good. His display of fossilized fish he collected from different Wyoming areas is one of a kind. I'm sure everyone had the urge to program a future trip to Wyoming, in the hopes of finding collectables such as he demonstrated and talked about. I know I did. Thank you Myron for allowing us to see a small corner of your large collection of fossil items and for giving us a very informative presentation. I would like to thank Bill and Doris Usrey, Bob Berg and the others for adding their bits of information.

As of this writing our club is still in need of volunteers for the position of Bulletin Editor and Sunshine chairperson. Our club is only as good as our membership's participation. The club, as it is now, is one of the best in California. This is due to the solid active participation put forth by members in our club's activities and shows. Our club's first shows started in the 1960's. As participation dwindles, so does the club's functions and operation.

We have a large enough membership with I'm sure the hidden talent and desire to step-in and help. Don't be shy or think you can't do it. You will have plenty of support and help to assist you. I know, I was and still am, at that stage. Every position I volunteered for I was never let down. I received help, advice and comradeship, which helped me fulfill that task. So Members, the club needs help, please step-up, please help.

*Robert E. Oleachea*

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2002

**The February Program will be the first of our Rock Auctions.** It was decided a few years back that we would hold at least two Rock Auctions a year. Suggestions were for one to be held near the beginning of the year and the other during the latter part of the year. So with this one being the 1<sup>st</sup> for this year I'm sure a lot of you have been thinking: "What to do with that item (lapidary) you found, bought, or inherited and now don't want or need". Here is the chance to make room for the item(s) you want or will get this year at our show, other clubs' shows, or on one of the Field Trips which are presently being drawn-up by CFMS, COOP or our present Field Trip Leader, Charlie Brown.

I suggest bringing these items in and if you can, on a piece of paper write down their name and general finding location. This sure helps our auction personnel and the eager bidders do what they have to do, sell and buy. See you that evening. Thanks.

*Robert E. Oleachea*

**MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS  
EDUCATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2002**

1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Barton at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Present:** 35 members, 3 juniors, 4 guests
4. **Program** – Myron Zents spoke on fossil fish he has collected and the Wyoming locations. Other members (Bill Usery, Bob Berg, and Bob Oleachea) added information. Jim Barton spoke on rock types at the locations.
5. **Correspondence** – Florence Brady reported information was received on BLM field trips & a petrified wood seminar.
6. **Recess for Refreshments.**
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Rob Blazina reported it was time to renew Lapidary Journal at the club renewal rate.
8. **CFMS Show** – tickets are available, forms are available to do an exhibit case and help will be needed.
9. **Field Trips** – Charlie Brown is developing a schedule for proposed field trips. Members are to give him input regarding a site they are interested in going to. He shared possible trips to Tall Man rock show, Empire Mine and Maidu tour.
10. **Announcement** – January 24<sup>th</sup> is Gold Discovery Day at Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma.
11. **Show** – Elton Dean reported he plans to have 20 dealers. Betty Soper-Arnold reported she has received only 13 applications to do an exhibit case. Show Committee meeting, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. at Bob Oleachea's house. All are invited. Another meeting will be scheduled in February. Kitchen coordinators will be Barbara Loudon and Rob Blazina. Barbara Brown stated she needs help with the youth activities. Work parties will be held at Iris Geiser's house. Raffle tickets – each club member will be asked to purchase/sell \$10 worth of tickets.
12. **Sunshine** – a chairperson is needed.
13. **Programs** – Bob Oleachea reported the February meeting will be an oral rock/mineral auction. 2 vests, donated by past members Martines, will be in the auction. Members are to give Bob recommendations for educational programs.
14. **Bulletin Editor** – the club still has an opening for a bulletin editor. Kymberly Andrews and Florence Brady are temporarily filling in and doing a great job.
15. **Introduction of Guests** – Laura Zine, Dusty Siepert, Cindy Hicks and Jean De Fazio were in attendance.
16. **Drawings** – winners were: guest Cindy Hicks, member Charlie Brown and junior Rebecca Wogec.
17. **Old Business** – none
18. **New Business** – none
19. **Thanks** – were given to members who brought refreshments.
20. **Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Florence Brady, Secretary

**MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS  
BOARD MEETING JANUARY 22, 2002**

A copy of the minutes will be available at the Educational Meeting on February 12, 2002. The minutes will be printed in the March RRR Bulletin.



On Vacation!

Roseville Rock Rollers Internet Site

Did you know the club has an internet site?

Check it out at [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com). Terry Yoschak is the "webmaster" and she has developed one of the best websites for rock and gem clubs. Tell someone who is wondering about our club to see what is on this website. It is informative, educational and interesting!



If you have any additional information you would like to see on the Rock Rollers website – a link to another rockhound site, perhaps? -- or any other items, or photos, please contact Terry at the official Rock Rollers e-mail at [rockrollers@hotmail.com](mailto:rockrollers@hotmail.com).

❖ FEBRUARY and MARCH

February 16-17, Stockton, Ca.  
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Scottish Rite Temple  
Jim Dunlap (209) 478-0747

March 1-3, Hayward, Ca.  
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd.  
Cheryl L. Archer (510) 889-7808

March 9-10, Spreckles, Ca.  
Monterey Bay Gem & Mineral Society  
Veterans Hall  
Peter Sherrill (831) 449-6242

March 9-10, Turlock, Ca.  
Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds  
Ted Magee (209) 522-8231

March 9-10, Vallejo, Ca.  
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano County Bldg, Solano County Fairgrounds  
Ed Hoffmark (707) 642-8754

March 16-17, San Jose, Ca.  
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
Bill Gissler (408) 241-0477

March 23-24, Boron, Ca.  
Mojave Mineralogical Society, Inc.  
Boron High School Multipurpose Room  
David Eyre (760) 762-6575

**March 30-31, Roseville, Ca.**  
**"Natures Wonders"**  
**Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society**  
**Placer County Fairgrounds**  
**Elton Dean (916) 372-4766**  
**Betty Soper (916) 969-6733**

❖ APRIL

April 6-7, Angels Camp, Ca.  
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
Earl Klein (510) 632-9373

April 13-14, Paradise, Ca.  
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club  
Veterans Memorial Hall, Elliot & Skyway  
John Hees (530) 533-5756  
Robert Lynk (530) 876-8807

April 27-28, Santa Cruz, Ca.  
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Center & Church St  
Eleanor or Hubert Drake (831) 688-8086

**ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS SHOW 2002 MARCH 30 & 31**

**The Show Chairpersons** are busily working with their pre-show assignments!

**The Kitchen Functions** will be coordinated by Rob Blazina and Barbara Loudon, but, they will need many helpers to carry out the tasks.

**The Silent Auction Table** will be coordinated by Bob Berg and Hugh Brady. They will need another person to help with setup on Friday, and take down on Sunday. Additional workers will be scheduled to work during the weekend.

**Dealers** have been contacted and it looks like we will have 20 dealers offering a good variety of items.

**Demonstrators** – eight have been scheduled for demonstrations.

**Exhibit Cases** – we have spaces for 48. The club has 39 cases available to loan and spaces for 9 more. With only 13 applications received, many more are needed. Why not try your hand at showing your mineral, jewelry or fossil items? This would be a good opportunity for you to try being an exhibitor. Contact Betty Soper-Arnold (916) 969-6773 to receive an exhibit case application form. Those of you who have forms, please mail them back to Betty immediately.

**Raffle Tickets** will be mailed to each club member. Iris Geiser is getting a sponsor and then will have the tickets printed. Two books of 10 tickets will be mailed to each club member. Sell them to your friends or purchase as you wish.

**Youth Activities** are being handled by Barbara Brown and Iris Geiser. She and Iris Geiser will have several workshops to make items for these activities. Please contact Iris Geiser (916) 645-2834 to find out the dates, times and location for the workshops.

**Show Committee Meeting** – the first meeting will be at Oleachea's house on Saturday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. All show committee chairpersons and club members are invited to attend this meeting and subsequent meetings. Contact Betty Soper-Arnold at (916) 969-6773 for further information.

**Assignment Sheet** – we are asking all club members to sign up for several 2-hour commitments. Help is needed for setup on Friday, during the day on Saturday and Sunday and with take down on Sunday. If you can't attend either the February or March educational meetings, give Betty Soper-Arnold a call and schedule a time and place where your help can be used. **To have another successful show, the club needs the help and cooperation of all the members.**

*Elton Dean and Betty Soper-Arnold*

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

2-2 Art Freeman  
2-6 Bob Hicks  
2-10 Nettie Moore  
2-11 Darlene Cline  
2-17 Lois Houston  
2-18 Bob Emerson



**SUNSHINE:**

No members were reported to be ill.

**FEBRUARY MEETING REFRESHMENTS:**

Refreshments for the February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting are to be provided by: Iris Geiser, Margareta Oleachea, and Betty Soper-Arnold.



**FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING:**

February 22, 2002, 7 p.m., Tiny Tots Room, Maidu Center

**FIELD TRIPS:** *Charlie Brown, Chairperson*

Feb. 16 Maidu Indian Interpretive Center (Roseville)  
Mar. 2 Kennedy Mine Tour (Jackson)  
Black Chasm Cavern (Volcano) Possibly  
Apr. 5-7 Fallon, NV Wonderstone Mt. Grimes Pt.  
June 15 Cache Creek for Jasper  
July 6 Crystal Peak, CA near Verdi, NV  
Aug. 8-13 (tentative) Lake View, OR  
Virgin Valley, NV  
Sept. 14 Bolinas, CA  
Oct. 5 Iowa Hill, CA for Trimalite

**ANNUAL CFMS SHOW JULY 12, 13, 14  
PLACERVILLE**

This will be a HUGE show, at the Placerville Fairgrounds. At least 4 buildings will be used. Workers from other clubs will be needed before, during and after the show closes. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be available at each Educational Meeting starting in February. Contact Florence Brady for further information.

**PETRIFIED WOOD SEMINAR:**

The local Fossils for Fun Society is sponsoring a petrified wood seminar at Sierra College. Dates: March 1, 2, 3. See flyer for further information and registration information.

**ROCKHOUND MATCH WORDS**

*Draw a line from the word to the correct definition. Answers are at the bottom of the page.*

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| 1. Breccia     | A. An opening in the earth's crust from which volcanic gasses escape  |
| 2. Fumarole    | B. Ball of mineral matter surrounding a nucleus                       |
| 3. Gange       | C. Erosion of land by the transportation of rock                      |
| 4. Eocene      | D. A stone swallowed by prehistoric animal that aided their digestion |
| 5. Degradation | E. An epoch of the Tertiary Period                                    |
| 6. Gastrolith  | F. Angular fragments cemented together to form a rock                 |
| 7. Concretion  | G. Worthless material in a vein of ore                                |

*Please let us know if you like puzzles in the bulletin and if you would like them easier or more challenging.*

**AMETHYST**

**BIRTHSTONE FOR FEBRUARY**

The most valuable form of quartz, amethyst, is our birthstone for February. It has a Mohs hardness of 7, forms trigonal crystals and its fluorescence is weak and greenish. Its deep violet color is likely caused by iron within the quartz. When heated amethyst turns a golden brown and can then be passed off as a more valuable "topaz".

Amethyst means "not drunken" in Greek. Throughout history it has been thought to prevent drunkenness. No word has reached us on its potential for curing hangovers. Bishops in the church are said to have worn amethyst in their episcopal rings to ward off intoxication when they attended public functions. Amethyst usually occurs with agate in cavities of ancient volcanic rock. It is found in abundance in southern Brazil and northern Uruguay.

(Answers: 1 F, 2 A, 3 G, 4 E, 5 C, 6 D, 7 B)

# Announcing The Fossils For Fun Petrified Wood Identification Seminar On March 1, 2, & 3, 2002 at Sierra College in Rocklin by Walt Wright.

Attendance will be limited to 35 on a pre-registered basis. Cost to be \$40.00 per person paid in advance.

On Friday March 1, 2002 the starting time is 6:00 P. M. until 9:00 P. M.

On Sat. March 2, 2002 the starting time is 8:00 A. M. until 9:00 P. M.

On Sunday March 3, 2002 the starting time is 8:00 A. M. until noon.

This seminar will cover a lot of ground and will be tailored to the group attending. This is only the second time to be offered here in central California.

There is lodging close by as well as a campground. Here is your chance to learn to identify your petrified wood close to home. Walt Wright has probably identified more petrified wood than anyone else in the world.

You should plan on bringing along a lighted magnifier with up to 30X. Radio Shack usually has them for about \$12.00.

A Wood Identification book is usually available at the seminars for about \$40.00.

For more information and to pre-register send your check payable to Fossils For Fun to:

Daryl Shelly  
P. O. Box 651  
Pioneer, CA. 95666-0651

Phone (209) 296-0635      E-mail – darylshelly@volcano.net

## Fossils For Fun 2002 Petrified Wood Seminar Registration

Reservation Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-  
Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = Check amount\$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Cancellations must be made at least 3 days prior to the seminar in order to receive a refund.