



## From the President's Pen

Our fund-raising drive to finance the purchase of a new 18-inch rock saw for the lapidary shop is coming along well. These saws are expensive. We have decided to auction off various donated items as part of (but separate from) our existing monthly silent auctions. We need you to both donate items and participate in the auctions. This will be an ongoing drive until our goal is reached. See page 5.

So far our donations have reached \$920!

— Teresa Johnson

## Vice President's Viewpoint

### Your Spouse's Favorite Country Rock Song

So, Honey, what're you gonna do  
With all these Rocks that you have found?  
The garage is overflowin';  
Everywhere there's Rocks around!

[Chorus]

These Rock piles keep a growin'  
And I don't mean to cause a fuss,  
But soon they will take over  
And there won't be room for us!

They might look very pretty  
If they weren't all piled up there;  
But what I'd really like, my Dear,  
Is some rocks that I could wear!"

[Chorus]



If this is the Rock song you've heard played more than any other, then you need to attend our next educational meeting on November 9th, titled "Lapidary and Stone Carving on a Budget".

I think that one of the biggest deterrents for rockhounds being able to work the treasures they've collected is the extremely high cost of lapidary equipment. Yes, RRR has an excellent Lapidary Shop that's available 2 nights each week, but for some of us, having to drive a half hour every time we want to work on our hobby, limited by someone else's schedule, is kind of discouraging. It would be so much easier and convenient if there was a cheaper alternative that we could use from home whenever we chose – like weekends, when we have more free time!

There is an alternative! A full package of equipment is available for a fraction of the cost, where the most expensive piece [a 10 inch diamond blade wet saw] is less than \$250. This month I want to show you the alternative equipment and techniques that I have used to produce high quality, sellable stone jewelry and art pieces on a budget.

Let me help you rewrite the words to your spouse's favorite rock song!

See you there!

—Bob Wilson

## Educational Program for November 8, 2016



### Lapidary and Stone Carving on a Budget

By Bob Wilson

Our own VP, Bob Wilson, will show us the alternative equipment and techniques that he has used to produce high quality, sellable stone jewelry and art pieces on a budget.

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## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016

**Call to Order** by President Teresa Johnson at 7:02 P.M.

**Flag Salute** – led by Junior member, Nick Kakoulli.

**Introductions by guests.**

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak had nothing new to report.

**Secretary** – Florence Brady reported she is accepting membership renewals for 2017.

**CFMS** – Director Steve Smith reported he had nothing new to report.

**Vests, Tee Shirts** – Jan Kessler reminded members if they wanted a vest or tee shirt to wear during the show in March, this is the time to let her know.

**Lapidary Classes** – Judy Osmundson reported the Crafty meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10-2 (shop usage fee \$5). No new classes presently scheduled.

**Librarian/Historian** – Karla Shannon reported she has both books and magazines for checkout. She also gave some donated books to the SA. She reminded members to return borrowed items in a timely manner.

**Juniors** – Chair Carole Kowalik reported Hazel Notley gave a presentation on turquoise, and for the November meeting, Jack Rafferty will do presentation on serpentine. Five Juniors were in attendance and their activity was to work on a project using a map of CA and gluing the proper rocks in place.

**Vice President/Program** – Bob Wilson reported the program for the Nov. Ed. Mtg. will be a presentation given by him entitled “Lapidary and Stone Carving on a Budget”.

**Field Trips** – Field Trip Coordinator Gordon Standlee was absent, no report.

**Show for 2017** – Show Chair Jim Hutchings reported the Show Committee met for the first time in September. Members were encouraged to join the committee at the upcoming Show Committee meeting, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. We particularly need help with publicity for the show.

**Lapidary Shop** – Jim Hutching, former Lapidary Shop Chair, introduced Michael Hunerlach, the incoming Lapidary Shop Chair. Jim discussed the fundraiser for the 18” saw the Society would like to purchase. Cost would be around \$3050 and \$100 for a new blade.

**Drawings** – winners were: Member, Meg Zbierski; Junior, Nick Kakoulli and Guest, Catherine Mather.

**Program** – Bob Wilson introduced RRR Member David Milldrum, who gave a power point presentation along with displayed items, on metalsmithing.

**Other Business** – members were reminded to sign up for refreshments for the Nov. Ed. Mtg. and to check out the items on the SA table.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016

**Call to Order** by President Teresa Johnson at 8:34 P.M.

**Present:** 10 officers, a quorum.

**Membership Applications** – a motion was MSA to approve the membership applications for Lisa Pujals and Thorvaldur (Thor) Torfason.

**CFMS Director** – Steve Smith had notified the Board that he could no longer continue as the CFMS Director for RRR. A motion was MSA to appoint Michael Hunerlach as CFMS Director for the remainder of 2016.

**Donation to Sierra College Natural History Museum** – Richard Kowalski reported on his correspondence with Dick Hilton in regards to the \$500 donation from RRR (in lieu of no qualified student for last year). Dick suggested we donate the \$500 towards a Giant Ground Sloth skull which cost \$693. Richard was asked to check with Dick regarding the skull and if we would receive a label stating RRR donated the money (\$500) for the skull.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.  
Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2016

**Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Bob Wilson.

**Present:** all officers except Gene Doyle and Teresa Johnson.  
Guests: Hugh Brady & Glenn Fiala.

**Minutes** – a motion was MSA to approve the minutes for the Bd. Mtg. on September 27, 2016 and for the Ed. & Bd. Mtgs. on October 11, 2016.

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak reported there are no new bills.

**Secretary** – Florence Brady reported correspondence with 3 different persons who had equipment for sale. Renewals are being processed, 76 so far. Membership is 285.

**Vice President/Programs** – Bob Wilson reported he will be giving the program for the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Ed. Mtg. entitled “Lapidary and Stone Carving on a Budget”. The December Ed. Mtg. will be the annual Holiday Dinner/Potluck.

**Librarian/Historian** – Karla Shannon reported she ordered more supplies, plastic covers and cards needed at a cost of \$124.99. She will be processing some newly received books.

**Bulletin/Website** – deadline for submitting articles for the Nov. bulletin is Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. The website for the 2017 Show has been updated.

**Field Trips** – Gordon Standlee had no report, nothing planned.

**CFMS Director** – Michael Hunerlach reported he will be attending the upcoming CFMS Directors’ meeting on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> in Visalia.

**Lapidary Classes** – the orientation classes continue. Instructors are needed for other types of lapidary classes.

**2017 Show** – Chair Jim Hutchings reported he received and returned the application from the Fairgrounds. Shortly he should receive the contract for the 2017 show. Jim and Nanette Johnston are working on an electronic form for the vendors’ contract. During November, Vendors with e-mail will receive the form this way, otherwise, US mail forms will be sent. Next committee meeting is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, still need an assistant to help Gloria Marie with publicity.

**Lapidary Shop** – Chair Michael Hunerlach reported he is starting to repair and upgrade equipment. He hopes to receive help in clearing out items/internal house cleaning. He is working on “water issues”, cleaning or replacing valves and tubing inside machines.

**Directors** – no reports.

**Juniors** – Carole Kowalik reported Junior Jack Rafferty will do a presentation on serpentine for the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The project will be making “earth balls” and then eating them.

**Old Business** –

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5013C – Steve Smith is still working on this.

**By-Laws and Standing Rules** – no new information.

**Donation to Sierra College Natural History Museum** – a motion was MSA to spend an extra \$193 for a total donation of \$693 for the Giant Ground Sloth skull.

**Scholarship update** – Richard Kowaleski reported we have to renew our scholarship information with Sierra College by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. He met with Tim Horner, Chair of the Geology dept. at Sacramento State. They discussed the possibility of RRR donating money for a scholarship or for another specified purpose. Richard will be meeting with Tim to get further options and amount of donation needed. A motion was MSA to close the RRR Scholarship offering with Sierra College. Richard will return the scholarship form to SC, stating our decision to close the offering.

**Rockhound of the Year Awards** – the committee is proceeding on these.

**Nominations** – Glenn Fiala will present the slate of Officers for 2017 and ask if there are any more nominations for each office, during the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Ed. Mtg.

**New Business** –

**Cabs** – Hugh Brady showed the cabs which could be made into belt buckles or displayed on a plastic stand. A motion was MSA for Jim Hutchings to spend up to \$100 to get approximately 24 stands to use for displaying the cabs for sale, at the Silent Auction at the 2017 Show.

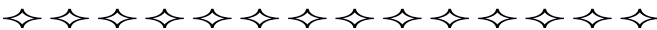
**Refreshments** – discussed that we are not receiving enough signups for refreshments during a meeting. We will try placing the signup sheet on the Greeter's Table.

**Silent Auction for the 18" saw** – the fund for the saw has approximately \$1,000. Discussion regarding how and when to sell equipment donated. It was decided that Glenn Fiala will get the items and offer them to RRR members first, then put on eBay if necessary or sell during the Show. A motion was MSA to authorize Glenn Fiala to dispose of excess equipment owned by the club for funds for the new 18" saw. We decided to not have concurrent silent auctions, as this would be too confusing.

**Silent Auction** – discussion regarding silent auction items which might be considered dangerous or harmful to a buyer, especially if misused. Several board members pointed out that there were many variables to an individual's health issues and rock compositions that a general warning was the best approach. Glenn Fiala, Michael Hunerlach and Jim Hutchings will develop a notice for posting above the silent auction table.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence Brady, RRR Secretary



## November Show Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Fairgrounds. Members are encouraged to attend and get involved!

## November Board Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Roseville Fairgrounds.



Welcome New Members:

Lisa Pujals  
Thorvaldur (Thor) Torfason

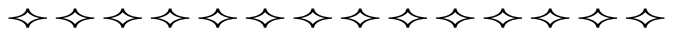
## Rookie Rock Roller News



The Rookies will meet in the lapidary shop at 5:30 p.m. on November 8th, 2016. At our last meeting, Hazel gave a wonderful presentation on Turquoise. She seemed very comfortable telling her peers all about it. All of the juniors received a sample for their collections donated by Rock Roller members.

For our November meeting, Jack Rafferty will present Serpentine. After his talk, we will all have a really fun activity. Remember, to find out if you qualify for badges, just make an appointment with me by texting, phoning, or emailing anytime of day or night, I will get back to you as soon as I can. See you all there,

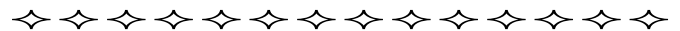
Carole Kowalik, Junior Advisor  
916-705-2124 home3004@gmail.com



## Sunshine

A get well card was sent to Heidi Smith, who had a kidney transplant. A sympathy card was sent to Sally Garcia, whose husband passed away.

When you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Cyndy Burchard, at 530-346-9481, or cyned0523@yahoo.com.



## November Refreshments

Refreshments for the November 8 Educational meeting are to be provided by Robyn Andrews, Debi Roberts and Carole Lockhart. Thank you all in advance!

**More refreshments are needed, so if you can bring some, please do so!**

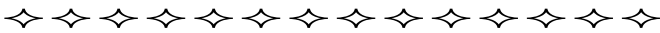
## Renewing Your RRR Annual Dues for 2017

The new membership year for dues starts January 1st and ends on December 31st. The process of renewing dues for 2017 started in October. We appreciate early renewal by our members. (Late renewal, after Dec. 31st is charged a late renewal fee of \$3.)

A membership renewal form is included in this bulletin. This form can be brought to the Nov. 8th meeting, along with payment - a check or exact cash. You can also US mail payment to our P.O. Box. (See form.) Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks for your cooperation !

*Florence Brady, Secretary/Membership Chair  
(916) 961-6868*



## SILENT AUCTION

There will be no silent auction in November! I have to take a physical break. If you want to have an auction during the December Christmas party let me know, Also, if you are looking for a particular item for a Christmas present (think juniors) ask—I may have it.

*Hugh Brady, Auctioneer*

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Angles Camp, Off Hwy 49  
CalaverasGemAndMineral.org

**Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016**  
9 am—3 pm



## HAZARDS OF THE HOBBY

In joining the rock hound hobby you have entered a new world. With the joys of nature's wonders come the dangers of exploring new environments. Rocks are inherently heavy and frequently sharp. On field trips, follow the directions of your leader and advise him/her if you see something that looks wrong.

In the field and shop it is your responsibility to know what you are doing, what material you are dealing with and how to work it. Anyone who says they have never been cut by obsidian has never worked with it. There is a reason it was used for the finest surgical blades prior to the laser.

At the silent auction we bring together material from dozens of places donated by dozens of people. The staff are amateur volunteers and will help you where they can if you ask. If you are uncertain consult an older experienced expert before you begin selecting or working a rock or mineral. Also the internet is an excellent research tool.

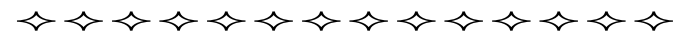
In the shop, the dangers of whirling spinning tools seem obvious but listen to your instructors and follow their rules. If you see something that needs fixing, point it out immediately. Learn the dangers of any acids, solvents, glues, or adhesives you are using.

You are about to embark on **your most dangerous adventure = driving to the meeting!**

THINK

Protect yourself and those around you!

*Hugh Brady*



## Show Biz 2017

Chris and Denise are requesting donations for the Show Raffle and Door Prizes. We are looking for your rock art and jewelry. Also, we are looking for slabs. Please ID your items, and add your name if you wish. There will be a donation box on the Show & Tell table at the meetings and a box in the classroom at the



shop. Any more questions contact Denise at [dedoodads@gmail.com](mailto:dedoodads@gmail.com) or Chris at [evergreen.369@juno.com](mailto:evergreen.369@juno.com)



## Donations Needed

The Prize Tree (door prizes at the Educational meetings) needs more prizes for the guys!!!

## Lapidary Classes

**Lapidary Classes** - Introduction to Shop Use & Cabochon making is \$10 per class for 5 classes or \$45 paid in full. Our Rock Hound Oasis is staffed Monday & Wednesday nights 5 pm - 9 pm! Learn more about the Lapidary Arts & Cabochon Making. A DVD is available for viewing at the Shop for Cabochon Making.

Regular \$5 per day or \$20 monthly rates apply for lapidary shop use after Orientation/Introduction classes.

Large & Extra Large Saws: \$1 per slab for 18 inch saw & \$2 per slab for 24 inch saw for cutting large & extra large rocks.

**Crafty Days** - Crafty Days is a get together for anybody wanting to work on their craft while yakking and snacking! We always have fun! Bring whatever you are working on and a snack to share. We meet 1st and 3rd Mondays each month, 10-2pm at the Lapidary Shop.

Crafty Days are open play days. No class or class fee, \$5 for use of Shop is the only fee.

**Wire Classes are available on request: Wire Wrap, Cab Wrap, Viking Knit, Chain Maille, Woven Wire Bracelet, Copper Tube Bracelet.**



**Text or call.. Judy Osmundson  
205-541-7207**

### **Mineral ID with Jim Hutchings**

TBA Sign-up for next offering. Learn the necessary tools, books & techniques of identifying rocks & minerals! Fee: \$25

### **Stereo-Microscope Workshop**

TBA Sign up for next offering. Hands-on workshop on identifying gems and minerals, detecting flaws in lapidary material, and enjoying the beauty of smaller specimens. Scopes provided or bring your own. Fee: \$5

**Remember - We ask that you sign up ahead of time for classes.** For our classes listed as by appointment or TBA, we build the class based on sign-ups & instructors schedules. In other words, we make the date when we have sign-ups.

Shop Clean-up is something everyone does!

Use the full surface of the belts - to prevent premature wearing. A DVD is available for viewing at the Shop for Cabochon Making.



## Campaign to Buy a New Rock Saw for the Lapidary Shop

It has been brought to the attention of the club's Board that the rock saw in the lapidary shop works satisfactorily at best. There is also concern for safety of personnel due to the design of the rock saw. For this reason it has been voted to pursue a purchase of a new rock saw. As most of you know a rock saw is not a cheap purchase.

There are a number of choices to select from and they are all similar in design but vary greatly in pricing. The idea is to purchase an 18" saw that is priced as low as \$3,100 and priced as high as \$4,200, and this is without taxes and shipping included. As mentioned this is not an inexpensive venture to pursue. So how are we going to raise this kind of money?

The goal is to raise the funds necessary through the following means:

- Donations: These can be cash donations or items (to be explained further below).
- Silent Auction: During our monthly education meeting there will be a section (separated from the existing silent auction) of items that will be auctioned off and the funds will go to the new rock saw fund.

This is where the items donated will come into play. Bring in your unwanted jewelry that you made, even cabochons that you just can't get around to do anything with, slabs that do not interest you any longer, or plain old rocks that you just cannot seem to get around to cutting.

The auction will display a picture of the rock saw we are planning to purchase, and the total funds raised will be reported each month.

— Glenn Fiala



## I Am A Rock

By Richard Andrew Kowaleski

When I was born I do not know;  
It was a long, long time ago.  
I do recall my place of birth;  
It was deep, deep within the earth.

One day I rose, getting cooler and cooler,  
And soon I felt getting harder and harder.  
I looked all around at me: "I am a rock!"

And there I stayed, for a long, long time.

Then rose again, with my neighbors.  
They went away; I was alone.  
They became sand; I stayed stone.

Now I could look up and see the sky.  
Now I could look out and see the sea.  
Oh, how beautiful it was to me.

And there I stayed, for a long, long time.

The summers, though, they were all so hard on me.  
The sun, the wind, the rain, they all beat on me.  
I looked around, and saw less and less of me!

Winters were worse; that could be.  
Water filled my cracks, then froze.  
Tumbling down went parts of me.

Boulders of me turned into cobbles;  
Cobbles into pebbles, sand, and silt.  
Is this still me?

Then pressure came.  
My pebbles pushed into the mud.  
My sand cemented, my silt squished.  
What's to become of me?

I waited until I could wait no more.  
I felt all around me just to be sure,  
And again I could say: "I am a rock!"

And there I stayed, for a long, long time.

Then pressure came,  
More than before.  
Thought what Nature  
Might have in store.

Parts of me twisted into shapes grotesque.  
Parts flattened into sheets so thin  
I could be split with a putty knife!

I waited until I could wait no more.  
I felt all around me just to be sure,  
And again I could say: "I am a rock!"

And there I stayed, for a long, long time.

Then I fell, getting warmer and warmer.  
What's happening to me?  
Then I remembered what happened before --  
I know what is to be.

So I waited for the day that I knew must come,  
And again I rose, getting cooler and cooler,  
And again I felt getting harder and harder,  
And again I looked at me: "I am a rock!"

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# ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2017

(Please do not add a new member to this form)

**If your personal/contact information is the same, just write SAME on this form, under your name(s).**

**NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City/State

Zip

**PHONE #** including area code (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_  
(e-mail address will be part of the Club's Membership Roster)

**DUES:**

**Adult (one) Membership** \$15.00 per year (receiving bulletin via E-Mail)

**Family Membership** \$23.00 per year (receiving bulletin via E-Mail)  
(2 adults, same address)

**Junior Membership** \$8.00 per Junior Member

\_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Paid**    **Ck. #** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dues not paid until after December 31, 2016 will be delinquent and an assessment of \$3.00 will be charged. Checks should be payable to RRR or Roseville Rock Rollers.

If paying by US mail, please mail to: Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society  
P.O. Box 212, Roseville, CA 95678



## November Calendar

Birthstone: Topaz



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	3	4	5
6 	7 Crafty Day 10-2 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	8 Meetings: Rookies 5:30 pm Club 7:00 pm	9 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	10	11 	12
13	14 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	15 SHOW Meeting 7:00 pm	16 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21 Crafty Day 10-2 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	22 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	23 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	24 	25	26
27	28 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	29	30 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	For more class information, contact Class Coordinator: Teresa Johnson Email: classesforrockrollers@gmail.com		

## Co-Op and Other Field Trips

## Upcoming Northern California Shows

### General Rules:

- These trips are open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and **sign in and out** with the field trip leader.
- Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

SCHEDULE for 2016	
Nov. 24-27	Black Butte Lake and Stony Creek, CA for jasper, agate and occasional petrified wood. Contra Costa M&GS. Contact: dickpankey@juno.com/925-439-7509

### November 12 - 13: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society  
Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 662-5819  
Email: webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org  
Website: <http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>

### November 12 - 13: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall,  
442 Franklin Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Katie Slightam, (530) 673-9649  
Email: mktalternatives@comcast.net  
Website: [www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)



## Tumbling Questions & Answers

### How do you know when to change grit size?

In a vibratory tumbler you start out with medium (220) grit, not coarse (100), then go to 600 grit, then polish. If you ever buy a grit kit, make sure it's for vibratory, not 100 grit. You can add a step and go to 320 or 400 before 600. It saves a little time, but not much. The way you know when to change is when you've gotten them as smooth as you want them to be.

That means remove pockets, chips, etc. If most of the pieces you are tumbling look good but there are just a few that need more work, go ahead and switch to the next grit. You want the stones to be pretty good before switching from the 220 grit or they'll take forever in the 600. This is the long step.

My two vibratory tumblers usually take about 3-4 days on 220, 12 hours on 400, 1 to 1 1/2 days on 600 & 1 day (change polish at 12 hours) for the polish. I change the grit/polish every 12 hours, washing the muck out into a 5 gallon bucket to settle/evaporate. You don't want to dump the muck down the drain unless you like plumbers.

### Can you save the grit and use it again for the next batch of rock?

If you are doing it right, there won't be much grit left to save. The grit should break down as you tumble the material. I always had a little grit left on the 220 run that just didn't go away until I paid a little extra for a graded

220 from Ebersole's in Wichita, KS. It's about 50 cents a pound more than ungraded and worth it for me.

Other vibratory tumblers may not have this same problem. You'll find out. I buy 5 pound boxes which do quite a few loads and only pay about \$3/pound.

### Why do they recommend that a separate barrel be used for polishing?

Contamination from the grit. Somehow you almost never get it all, no matter how hard you try washing it out. Contamination between grit size changes isn't as crucial, but try to wash your stones & barrel well anyway.

### Do you put polyethylene pellets in the final polishing stage with a vibratory tumbler?

You can. Always change the pellets between different grit sizes. Re-use the pellets only with the same grit size. The grit becomes imbedded in the pellets and, again, you get contamination. I bought a bag of pellets several years ago. Before I started to use it. I mentioned to a dealer friend that I'd bought them. He went out in his garage & came back with a gallon milk jug full of 1/4 to 1/2 in pieces of agate screened from the good stuff.

*via MWF newsletter via Rock Chips 7 & 8/00*

WIN this Amethyst Cathedral! →  Don't miss the 80th annual **Sacramento Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show!** **Nov. 12 & 13** All sorts of marvels and treasures to be found! [WWW.SACGEMSHOW.COM](http://WWW.SACGEMSHOW.COM)  **FREE PARKING!**



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EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION: ROSEVILLE FAIRGROUNDS,  
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LAPIDARY SHOP TRAILER BEYOND GATE "C" PARKING LOT

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