



From the President's Pen

Looking back at this year we have had a challenging year, and for an all-volunteer society you all have stepped up and made those challenges easier to transition through. The not so simple clean up and pack up of the trailer, and rock field. Followed by the temporary move of the trailer items and all of those "Oh so light" buckets of rock. We then had the transition before moving back into our trailer which required a leveling of the trailer, moving the saw shed and building of the ramp and stairs. Things had to be moved back into the trailer, setup of all of the lapidary equipment and one more move of that "Oh so light" buckets of rock. I have written all of this in one simple paragraph but, the truth of the matter is all of this took great efforts by a number of volunteering members to ensure we were successful. For that I want to thank you all for really taking pride in our outcome and ensuring that as a society we continue on strong.

In an effort to ensure our lapidary shop has a long and fruitful existence we have decided as a board that there will no longer be 24/7 access available. It has been decided that the best action forward will be that the shop is open presently two nights a week with a Shop Steward available. Presently the normal days and times for a Shop Steward to be present is Monday and Wednesday, 5PM – 9PM each week. However, do make sure to take a look at the bulletin calendar for instances like the upcoming Christmas and New Year's period where we will not have the lapidary shop open during either of those weeks. Also, if we get an interested member that would like to become a Shop Steward and open the shop at some other designated time this could be negotiated. They would be responsible for providing training for those members wanting to visit during that day and time.

Thank you all once again for making this gem and mineral society such a great bunch to be around. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

—Glenn Fiala

Vice President's Corner

I can't believe it is the end of 2018. And, as my granddaughter just told me, the Christmas Elf will be watching me, so I had better get this completed and on time for the bulletin. December's birthstones offer three ways to fight the winter blues: Zircon, Turquoise, and Tanzanite all of them, appropriately, best known for beautiful shades of blue.

Zircon – Zircon is the oldest mineral on earth, dating back more than 4.4 billion years and contains important clues about the formation of our planet. Radiation in zircon's crystal structure plays a crucial role in radiometric dating. Zircon is an underrated gem that's often confused with synthetic cubic zirconia due to similar names and shared use as diamond simulants.

Turquoise—From ancient Egyptians to Persians, Aztecs and Native Americans, kings and warriors alike admired turquoise for thousands of

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Educational Program December 11, 2018

POTLUCK DINNER! (At the Maidu Center)

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!



Please bring your own plates and utensils. The club furnishes meat & beverages.

You are welcome to bring table decorations, as well.

Members: please bring the suggested potluck items as determined by the first letter of your last name. Last name beginning with letters:

A-F please bring a hot dish/main dish
G-M please bring a salad or side dish
N-Z please bring a dessert

If you wish to participate in the optional **Gift Exchange**, please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 maximum). Bring a female gift if you are female, male gift if you are male, junior gift if you are junior.

Label the gift – male, female, or junior.

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years. Ancient Persians decorated extensively with turquoise, often engraving it with Arabic script. Turquoise covered palace domes because its sky blue color represented heaven. (This later inspired the use of turquoise in buildings like the Taj Mahal.) Pre-Columbian Native Americans mined turquoise throughout the present-day southwestern United States. Shamans used it in sacred ceremonies to commune with the spirit of the sky. Apache Indians believed that attaching turquoise to bows (and later, firearms) improved a hunter's accuracy.

Tanzanite - Tanzanite is the blue variety of the mineral "zoisite" that is only found in one part of the world - Arusha, Tanzania. Zoisite had been around more than a century and a half before this rare blue variety was found in 1967 by shepherds. When Tiffany & Co. became the main distributor in 1968 they named the gem "tanzanite" because "zoisite" sounded a little too much like "suicide." A study from 2012 suggests, at a production rate of 2.7 million carats per year, that TanzaniteOne-Mining Ltd, the world's largest producer, may deplete in as soon as 30 years. (So get your supply soon!!)

Our Educational Program for December 11, 2018 will be our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner (See insert). Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

—Jan Kessler

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. President Glenn Fiala.

Flag Salute.

Present: Members 59, Juniors 5.

Sunshine - no report. RRR member Rob Blazina reported he is accepting donations of food and money to take up to the victims of the Paradise, CA fires.

Junior Activities - Carole Kowalik reported there were 6 Rookies at the Juniors' meeting. They researched information on selenite and filled out the forms for characteristics. They received specimens collected recently by Jim Hutchings.

Treasurer - Terry Yoschak had no report.

Secretary - Florence Brady reported 284 members. Renewals for 2019 membership are being accepted.

Vice President - Jan Kessler reported annual potluck dinner will be held on Dec. 11th at the Maidu CC. Details in the December bulletin. 6:30 p.m. starting time.

CFMS Director - Mike Hunerlach reported he could not attend the meeting on Nov. 10th. He is still a member of the public lands committee. Members will be encouraged to write an individual letter regarding the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) and Kanab-Escalante Planning Area proposal.

Field Trip - Gene Doyle reported he is researching future field trips. He reminded members to attend the CSUS Geology Club's annual auction on Nov. 16th.

Librarian - Karla Shannon reported on the checkout procedure for books and magazines. She has received donated books from James Christian ("Creative Lapidary" & "Gemstone Carving") and from JR Evans (Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Specimens and as principal author for "Location and Validity of Mining Claims, Mill Sites & Tunnel Sites in CA").

Show - Jim Hutchings - next Show Committee meeting is Nov. 20th. Jim reported on the many vendors who would like to be in our show. The cost for a vendor's table will increase to \$145 per 8 ft. Final version of the contract will be ready shortly. It is possible that the parking will be \$10 for the 2020 show. Admission price will remain the same for the 2019 show. We will do the Thursday evening set-up as before.

Lapidary Shop - Mike Hunerlach thanked all the members who volunteered to get the lapidary shop set up. A new A/C heater unit will be installed. The slab saws are not available, due to no electricity to the saw shed. Machines have been tuned up and electric and waste drainage installed. Monday, Dec. 10th will be the first night for the lapidary orientation classes. To be determined, will the shop be available on a 24/7 basis or ? Will try to determine if another day for the shop to be open can be determined. Another lapidary shop instructor is needed for the orientation classes. Further work parties will be needed.

Other Business - Daniel Grant, RRR member who won the scholarship to Camp Paradise spoke on his experience at the lapidary camp sponsored by CFMS.

Drawings - winners were: Member, Kathy Freitas; Junior, Madi Ogden.

Refreshments - the clipboard is being distributed, accepting signups for 2019 meetings.

Lapidary Classes - Chair Cathy said there will be two silversmithing classes, level I and level II. See her for further details.

Old Business - the candidates for the 2019 RRR officers slate were introduced. A motion was MSA to accept the slate of officers for 2019.

New Business - the December 11th Ed. Mtg. will be held at the Maidu Community Center. Details in the bulletin.

General Announcements - refer to the bulletin for upcoming shows.

Program - Kymberly Andrews presented a program on "Geology and Rocks of the United Kingdom" and Kim Loe shared a power point presentation "On How to Make a Display Case for the Show".

Silent Auction - Janet Longueira stated the SA would close at 8:30 p.m.

Recess for Refreshments.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Glenn Fiala.

Present: all officers except Jim Hutchings & Carole Lockhart. Guest, Martha Nichols.

Minutes - a motion was MSA to approve the minutes for Bd. Mtg. Oct. 23, 2018 and Ed. Mtg. Nov. 13, 2018

Treasurer - Terry Yoschak reported so far, expenses for relocation, remodeling of the Lapidary Shop Trailer & Saw Shed have been \$4003.00. It was decided to put a permanent article in each bulletin regarding our Building Fund.

Secretary - Florence Brady, reported we received the 16-1 Mine newsletter and an e-mail from an RRR member regarding his donation to the Paradise Club. Membership is 284, renewals slowly coming in -125.

Vice President - Jan Kessler reported the program for December will be the annual holiday potluck. Review was

done of the program and food for the meeting. Meat will be ordered from the Boston Market. Meeting will be held at the Maidu CC with further information in the December RRR bulletin. In January, Dr. Susan Gleeson will give a presentation on "Archeology of Rocks and How They Were Made into Tools". A knapping demonstration will be arranged for the spring. Future possible presenters were discussed.

Librarian – Karla Shannon reported she will bring over the books, etc. when the shelves are installed.

Bulletin/Website – Terry reported the deadline for the Dec. bulletin will be Friday, Nov. 30th.

Field Trips – Gene Doyle reported on a exploration field trip to the Stifle Claim area. Discussed were possible field trips for the spring.

CFMS Director – Mike Hunerlach reported he did not attend the CFMS meetings in Visalia. Jim Barton was installed as CFMS Treasurer. It was decided to try to get a form letter to send in stating RRR's support regarding the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab-Escalante Planning Area Draft Resource Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statement

Lapidary Classes – Cathy Nelson reported on two scheduled classes on silversmithing. It was decided to collect money/class fees ahead of time from interested participants. Glenn Fiala offered to give a chain maille class on Dec. 8th.

Show – Jim Hutchings was absent, but he reported he does not have a show contract. Glenn will look into that.

Lapidary Shop – Mike Hunerlach reported on recent ditch digging done by Stan Bollinger and Gary & Dayna Peterson as they prep the area for the electric line to the Saw Shed. Glenn and Mike will install the two wall units for heating and air on Nov. 30th. Book cases need to be assembled and then filled and the display cabinet needs to have the shelves and items placed inside it. Surveying will start for the new entrance/road on Dec. 3rd. Lapidary Orientation Classes will resume on Dec. 17th and Dec. 19th. No classes will be held during the following 2 weeks due to the holidays. Normal Monday & Wednesday nights schedule to resume Jan. 7th. Denise Coyne, Vern Deck and Duncan Penman will continue on as instructors along with Mike. An instructional meeting with the instructors will be held before the classes resume. Discussed was misuse of the equipment and non-payment of usage fees. After much discussion, a motion was MSA for the new rule for the Lapidary Shop to be: "Use of the lapidary shop will only be when a shop steward is present." Fees for qualified users will be \$5/night/day or \$20/month, in addition to fees for using the saws. A certificate of completion or business card size will be awarded to persons who pass the lapidary classes. Will plan to do an open house in the spring.

Directors – Richard Kowaleski reported he has in-serviced Rene' Hunerlach on the procedure for the CSUS scholarship.

Juniors – Carole Kowalik – for the Rookies at the Dec. 11th meeting, they will do either rock art or jewelry.

Old Business – none

New Business –

Update on Paradise fire – Florence reported she has been in touch with Paradise Club member Carol Eggleston and that Carol has received gift certificates from RRR and other societies' members for distribution to club evacuees. Mike reported the future rebuilding of the town of Paradise will take years.

Lapidary Shop Inventory – Mike will start to inventory the items in both the trailer and the saw shed. Then we can look into getting insurance coverage for them.

RRR Chairs – Glenn can review present chairs positions if needed.



Welcome New Member:

Katrina Doyle

Rookie Rock Roller News



The Rookies will meet on Tuesday, December 11th at the Maidu Center on 1550 Maidu Dr. off of Rocky Ridge Dr. in Roseville. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. as usual. However, it will be a short meeting. We will work on rock

art and/or jewelry which can apply toward one of the AFMS badges. The potluck will be right after the Rookies meeting in the same room.

At our meeting in November, we worked on selenite. We found the characteristics online to help us fill out our form and the juniors were given a crystal specimen that Jim Hutchings picked up in the desert near Hawthorne, Nevada. They also received a second specimen: selenite, wand. For the activity, we mixed the two forms of ash, gypsum and calcium sulfate that I found out in that same area. The juniors mixed the two with water and took them home to monitor them for crystal growth.

If anyone is polishing stones, we are happy to accept any kind, any color to include in our grab bags for the show, at Kids' Junction.

Looking to earn badges? Let me know. We can set an appointment to discuss what your Rookie has done so far.

Don't forget to look at the potluck list to see what kind of food your family will bring. There is a gift exchange if you are interested. It is separated by kids and adults. Label your gift "Junior" for juniors, or "Male" or "Female" for adults.

See you all at the meeting,

Carole Kowalik, Junior Advisor
(916) 871-0573 home3004@gmail.com



CO-OP Meeting – March 2, 2019 will be hosted by RRR and will be held at the Woman's Thursday Club house in Fair Oaks. Mike volunteered to give a program/presentation.

Next Board Meeting – December 18, 2018 as the regularly scheduled meeting would be held on Christmas night.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

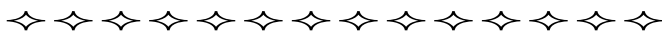
~ 2019 RRR Membership Dues ~

Membership renewals are being accepted at the December 11th potluck dinner or by US mail to our PO box.

Prompt renewal is appreciated. Dues paid after December 31st will be subject to a \$5 late fee.

Thanks to those who have already renewed.

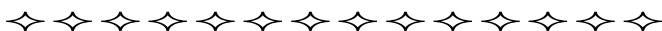
*Florence Brady, RRR Secretary/Membership Chair
Terry Yoschak, RRR Treasurer*



Sunshine

We have been in contact with the Paradise Rock Club through their editor, Carol Eggleston. See below for her update on their situation. **More news on Page 8.**

When you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Heather Crane, at (818) 903-4433 or hmcrane7@gmail.com



UPDATE ON PARADISE – CAMP FIRE

As we all know, the results of the recent fire in the Paradise, CA area were devastating and the damage will take years to repair. Thanks to the RRR members who so generously donated gift certificates for the use by the members of the Paradise Rock and Gem Club. Almost all the club members lost their homes. When I look around my house, I think how awful it is to lose everything, including the wonderful rock, mineral and fossil collections. Below is a message from Carol Eggleston, to whom we have been sending our gift certificates:

Hi, Florence,

We are happy to report our numbers here at the home front are continuing to fall as people are finding places to live. One family was able to return to their home as it was unharmed.

The rest may have to wait until January to even view their properties. Not only are the houses gone but the power, water, phones are completely destroyed. Roads have been burnt. There are no stores or gas stations.

We are giving away the cards as we find members. We know most folks are safe but haven't found where they are located.

Thanks to everyone who gave to our club. You have helped so much with everyday needs. Most people ran with nothing but what they could grab, driving down the ridge through flames. It took 7 hours to totally destroy the town.

Thank you for all your support.
Mike and Carol

☆☆☆ SHOW BIZ Stuff ☆☆☆

Tumbled Stones Needed



In the past, many members have donated polished/tumbled rocks for the grab bags we use for Kids' Junction at our gem & mineral show in March. Last year, there was a wonderful show of generosity. We thank you so much for that help. **We made it by the skin our teeth filling 500 bags.**

Karla Shannon buys some brightly colored polished rocks every year from Tucson but they are so expensive. We need more than she can buy. We accept donations all year long and now need to plan for the February 2019 show work party. We appreciate any type, any color, and any amount you are able to donate. February 12, 2019 is the deadline to make it for the March 2019 show grab bags. There will be containers at all the meetings from now on. Or, you can see me, Cathy Hutchings, or Karla Shannon so we can properly thank you. I am willing to pick up your donations from anywhere within 50 miles.

Carole Kowalik, Juniors' Advisor, 916-871-0573

Raffle Donations

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. Any more questions contact Denise at dedoodads@gmail.com or Chris at evergreen.369@juno.com



Show Publicity Help Needed

Gloria Marie has been doing the Show Publicity for over 15 or 16 years and she simply can't do it all any more. Without publicity our show will not succeed! Jan Kessler has offered to help Gloria by shadowing her for the 2019 show. Jan has expressed taking on the coordinating and running all the paid advertising and artwork design.

However, we still need a social media PR person for FB groups and maybe Twitter; last, we need a PSA (public service announcement) person to post freebies on magazines, television, radio. If you have an interest in taking on either of these functions, please contact Gloria or Jan: Gloria Marie (916)216-1114 gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com or Jan Kessler (925)639-0490 jan2tom@gmail.com.

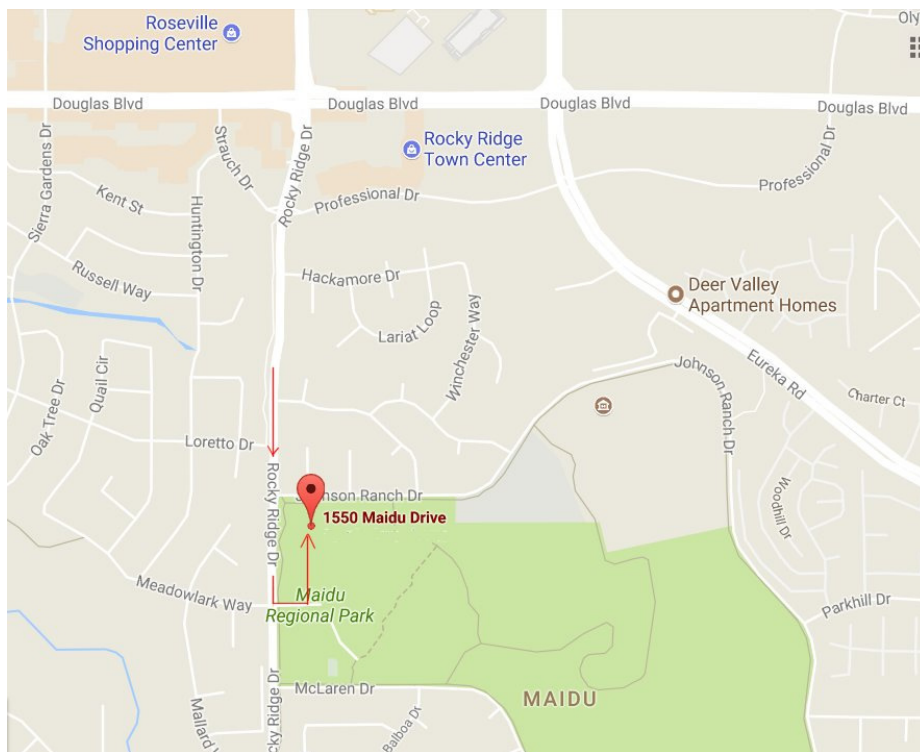
Map to Maidu Center

The December 11th RRR Educational Meeting will be held at the Maidu Community Center Adult meeting starts at 6:30, rooms are open at 6:00 for setting up and bringing food inside. We have only a microwave and sink, no stove or freezer.

(Juniors will meet at 5:30 in Room #2.)

On Rocky Ridge Dr., south of Douglas Blvd. turn at the traffic light, onto Maidu Dr. At the T intersection on the driveway, turn left, to the 2nd building on the left. This is the Maidu Community Center. Parking is either side of the main driveway. OK to park in circle driveway to unload and then re-park your car.

Enter the building and go straight, through the Lobby area to the hallway on the Left. We will be at the end of this hallway. Look for our yellow RRR Meeting signs. Enter the building and go straight, through the Lobby area to the hallway on the Left. We are in a double room, # 1 and # 2. Look for yellow RRR signs.



Lapidary Classes

We have scheduled a **Silversmithing 1 class with Dan Bender** of The Studio 26 on Sunday December 9, 2018 from 2PM to 5PM at his studio in Cameron Park. During the class the students will each make and complete 2 sterling silver Stacker Rings. The class fee will be \$25.00 which includes the RRR \$5.00 shop fee. All supplies are included in the class fee. All tools are supplied.

We have also scheduled a **Silversmithing 2 class with Dan Bender** of The Studio 26 on Sunday December 16, 2018 from 2PM to 5PM at his studio in Cameron Park. During the class the students will each make and complete 2 sterling silver Stacker Rings with a small cabochon in a bezel cup. The class fee will be \$25.00 which includes the RRR \$5.00 shop fee. All supplies are included in the class fee. All tools are supplied.

We have scheduled a **beginning Chain Maille class with Glenn Fiala** on Saturday December 8, 2018 from 9AM to 12PM at the RRR trailer. The class fee will be \$25.00 which includes the RRR \$5.00 shop fee. All supplies are included in the class fee. The instructor will furnish pliers, however if you have any of your own jewelry pliers please feel free to bring them.



There are several opening left in each class, but **please register early as these classes fill up very fast.**

Payment is now due when you sign up for a class!!

Please pre-register with Cathy Nelson, the Lapidary Classes Co-ordinator 925-321-2024/ canelson2@netscape.net

Holiday Party Schedule

6:00 - 6:30 **Set up** tables, decorations, food, drinks.

6:30 **POTLUCK DINNER**

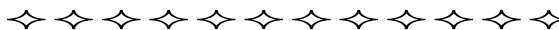


Business Meeting

Presentation of CFMS Awards to 2018 Officers

Installation of 2019 Officers

Gift Exchange



December Board Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Fairgrounds.



RRR Building Fund

If you overpay on your membership dues, or simply wish to contribute, we will allocate it to the Building Fund. As soon as we reach a total of \$500, a new savings account will be set up at our bank to be reserved for this fund.

RRR's Lapidary Shop Relocation

Knowing how many of you have been anxiously waiting for the Lapidary Shop to be available, I thought a summary of what has transpired since July was important. As you read the below information, keep in mind that all the work has been done by RRR volunteers! We owe them a huge thanks!

In July, the Fairgrounds told us to get the lapidary shop trailer, saw shed and hundreds of containers of rocks ready to be moved across the Fairgrounds to the new location. We had a timeline of less than 2 weeks! The relocation time line was changed to late August and early September for the actual move of the trailer.

A small army of RRR volunteers was assembled on several different days and using cars, trucks and trailers, the lap shop and saw shed were emptied out and the items relocated to a shed near the new location. After sorting, the 100+ containers of rocks were also hauled across the Fairgrounds and placed outside that shed. The ramp and steps were removed and discarded.

The trailer was hauled by the Fairgrounds and placed on its new location, a paved parking lot. The saw shed was moved by several RRR members using a trailer. So, we now had a lapidary shop trailer, placed on its tires, on black top. NO utilities (electricity, water and sewer) were available. First order of business was to place levers under the trailer, no small job for the faint hearted! The water and electricity were eventually put in place over a period of weeks, by the proper utility companies. These were completed in October. The "sewage" is a rented large septic holding tank, which was installed on October 16th.

In the middle of October, a construction crew (RRR volunteers) built a new ramp and steps, so now we could easily enter into the trailer! Then the job of bringing back the items stored in the shed, back into the trailer and saw shed began. Plus the 100+ containers of rocks needed to be hauled to the back of the trailer. Oh, yes, then there was the cleaning of the inside of the trailer, which the 3 RRR "Merry Maids" did over 2 days! It never has been so clean!

All of this occurred over a period of weeks, into November. The unpacking is still going on... but in the meantime, Mike Hunerlach has worked on the equip-

ment, rearranged the setup and built a drainage system for the water used by the machines. New electric outlets have been installed inside the trailer. On Nov. 30, the 2 new heating and a/c units were installed. They are replacing the unit that "died" along with the swamp cooler. Recently, a ditch was hand dug for the electric line which will go to the saw shed. Then the electric can be set up.

There still remains some unpacking and reorganization to be done before the first Lapidary Orientation Class will start on Monday, Dec. 17th. Further information is in the

December bulletin and when necessary, an e-mail will be sent. Please read President Glenn Fiala's information on the days/times the shop will be open.

In summary, a thousand thanks goes to all who helped with the relocation of our Lapidary Shop and Saw Shed.

Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

**HVAC dual heating and air conditioning unit installed in the main room of the Lapidary Shop.
Installed by RRR Volunteers Mike Hunerlach, Glenn Fiala and Gary Peterson.**



**New HVAC Unit & Library Shelves
In Library**



RRR 2019 SHOW

Save these dates on your new 2019 calendar!!

Friday, March 22, show setup, starting at 9 a.m.

**Saturday March 23 and Sunday March 24,
volunteers needed.**

**Show flyers available at the December 11th
potluck dinner meeting.**

**Volunteer signups will start during the Jan. 8th
Educational Meeting**

ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2019

(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 \$20.00 per year (receiving bulletin via E-Mail)

Family Membership \$30.00 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, 2018 will be delinquent and an assessment of \$5.00 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



December Calendar

Birthstone: Turquoise



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
The Lapidary Shop is getting back on track after being temporarily closed for relocation. We are not sure when Crafty Days will resume. The shop is closed for the last part of this year due to the holidays.						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Beginning Chain Maille 9 AM-Noon</i>
9 <i>Silversmithing 1 2—5 PM</i>	10	11 <i>Meetings: Rookies 5:30 pm Club 6:30 pm</i>	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Silversmithing 2 2—5 PM</i>	17 <i>Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm</i>	18 <i>Board Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	19 <i>Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm</i>	20	21	22
23	24 	25 	26	27	28	29
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RRR Club Members' Donations to the Victims of the Paradise/Camp Fire

by Rob Blazina

On November 8, 2018, a terrible and deadly fire storm swept through the town of Paradise and surrounding foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, east of Chico. Over 50,000 persons were displaced and forced to move to the nearby Communities of Chico, Redding, Yuba City and Marysville.

At the Roseville Rock Roller's November Educational meeting, I discussed the awful plight of the Camp Fire victims, which included nearly all 100 members of the Paradise Rock and Mineral Club. I asked RRR club members for donations, as I planned to take a trailer load of supplies and clothing to the displaced victims. The following Roseville Rock Roller members kindly donated: Gene Englebrite, Cathy Nelson, Jan Kessler, Duncan Penman, Don Tadlock, Meg & Frank Zbierski, Terry Yoschak, Bill Counselman, Glenn Fiala, Rick Freitas, James Hutchings, Gene Doyle and other members. Some former members and friends such as Deb George, Jon North, Shaun Chapman, and Tim Briggs, as well as friends and family members donated through my Facebook request. I also made a money donation.

We were able to raise close to \$3,000 in cash and gift cards, and received a lot of clothing, from club members and family and friends. RRR Club member Martha Nichols offered to help by transporting supplies in a second trailer. Martha and I purchased food, toiletries and pet food from Costco and another discount store over a two day period.

I was notified by Secretary Florence Brady as to the status of the Paradise Rock Club, namely that a number of Paradise Club members were camping on property near Chico, owned by one member. I contacted them about bringing some provisions to them, but they kindly refused our invitation, stating that of all the people displaced, a true rock hound would be more apt to survive out in the wilderness with limited supplies. I learned that about 40 club members were on the Chico property, and that all but 2 homes of the 100 members had burnt down. They provided information on other locations in Chico with more needy victims. Clearly, their strength and courage are inspiring.

By the time we were ready to go on Saturday, November 17, 2018, we had two trailers, one SUV and two trucks full of supplies for the fire victims. Specifically, Martha & Rob Nichols drove their truck & trailer. I traveled in my SUV & trailer, with a friend. A second friend, James Townsend, drove his loaded truck. We traveled in a caravan. Our first stop was the Yuba fairgrounds, where relief was being managed by a church organization. We donated clothing and some of the food and other provisions. We then proceeded to a more central area in Yuba City, where we unloaded the majority of food and toiletries to another church group. Martha's trailer was empty so she and Rob stayed to further help out the church group. The rest of us headed to Chico where we dispersed most of the other supplies.



The outcome of the Camp Fire was as bad, if not worse than I thought, as most of the fire victims had only a few minutes to escape the fire with the few items they were able to throw into their cars. Of course others did not survive. At the locations we visited, there was still chaos, with the Red Cross just starting to set up on day 10. But for the many average people, such as ourselves, who donated provisions and drove to the outskirts of the fire to help the victims, it could have been even worse. It was very rewarding to help some of the people so badly affected by this terrible event. It was very heartwarming to see all the kind people bringing supplies to the needy victims scattered throughout Chico and the surrounding communities.

I want to thank all who donated and volunteered their time in helping these victims.

Rob Blazina



Body-worn camera footage from BCSO Deputy Parmley, who was in Paradise the morning of November 8th helping with evacuations.

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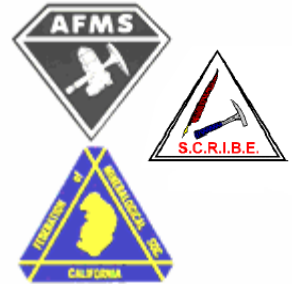


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