



## From the President's Pen

Well, folks, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with their family and friends, no matter how you worked that out! And, an absolutely fabulous New Year's once again with family and friends with the best of spirits! Those spirits apply to that warm fuzzy feeling inside each of you and the fire water that provides a warm fuzzy feeling when drinking it down!

On the geological front take a look at these websites to begin the year seeing our powerful Earth and some cool geological items.

*Live Web Cam views of Kilauea:*  
<https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/kilauea/webcams>

*Pretty image of a 12 point star sapphire:*  
<https://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology/summer-2018-gemnews-twelve-rayed-star-sapphire-from-thailand>

*Some great Brazilian Geode sliced images:*  
<https://www.gia.edu/gia-museum-exhibit-eyes-of-brazil>

*NASA image of Earth at night:*  
<https://geology.com/articles/satellite-photo-earth-at-night.shtml#united-states>

*Chinese Dinosaur find:*  
<https://www.livescience.com/agu-dinosaurs-3d-cretaceous-pompeii.html>

Thank you all, hope you have a Merry Christmas and Excellent New Year!

— Glenn Fiala

## Vice President's Corner

Now that 2020 has left (and left it's mark on us), it's time to spool-up to a NEW Beginning. For most of us, it means to... "just keep doing what we've been doing", crafting stones & settings and looking for new materials. While others find themselves with changes and challenges requiring them to shift some gears and adapt to the changes of our times, such as COVID health issues and other physical limits. I encourage everyone to keep the RRR family alive by checking in on each other periodically, and sharing a good word or two.

Uncertain of our January 12, 2021 Educational meeting at this time, it is essential to watch for the emails and updates from the club, and I look forward to bringing more speakers of interest. It is my most heartfelt hope that you can expand your interests, and increase your skills in the many areas our club offers in 2021 and share them with the rest of us.

2020 is only hind-sight now, so let's make 2021 even better. To your good health, and well being.... CHEERS!

— Vernon Deck

## Educational Program January 12, 2021

Please watch your email for  
the status of the January 12th  
Educational Meeting.



We just don't have any answers and  
no reason to raise hopes that we will  
be able to meet in January.

— Glenn

See Membership Renewal Form  
on Page 5

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## Show News

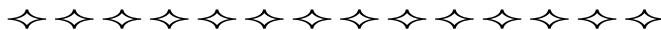
At this time, we have notified the Grounds of our intentions to pass on signing a contract for our show in March of 2021. Signing a contract would obligate us to non-refundable deposits we would lose, should the state lock downs continue into March. Without participation of our "at risk" volunteers, it would make it difficult for us to staff a show. Without a good attendance, it would reduce the likely return for our effort. If distancing mandates are in place, we could only accommodate half of our vendors in the older buildings we use for our show. Without the sale of table space, we would not generate enough funds to cover the facility rental contract.

As you may know, the great Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show has been cancelled this year for the same reasons. All other Tucson shows have now been postponed to April 8th, due to the recent COVID concerns.

As of this time, (Dec. 27th), the Quartzsite shows are still on, as most of these shows are outside venues.

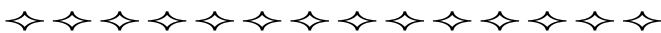
We have discussed the possibility of a "Monster Tailgater", later this year if the COVID restrictions ease up. We will let you know if that forms up as our "show" for this year!

*James Hutchings*  
2021 Show Chair



## January Board Meeting

The meeting HAS BEEN SCHEDULED for Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop @the Grounds. It may be cancelled, so check your e-mails.



## Building Fund

Thanks to our generous club donors, the fund currently has \$1,236. The original purpose of the Building Fund was to buy us a building to replace the Lapidary Shop.

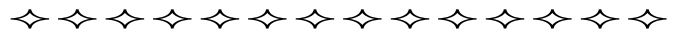
This was back in the day, about three years ago, when the Fairgrounds had promised us we could buy a building in the parking lot near to our current shop location. They broke that promise and tore down the building and paved over the parking lot there. So much for promises, especially when ownership of the Grounds changed!

But we still have the money, and it can hopefully be used in the future to contribute to a bigger place for our Lapidary Shop facilities.

— Editor

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2020

(Meeting was scheduled, but had to be cancelled because of COVID restrictions).



## RRR 2021 Membership Dues Reminder

Reminders have been e-mailed to those RRR members who have not sent in their renewal dues for 2021.

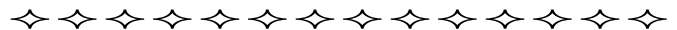
Please note, that if we don't receive your renewal payment for 2021, the January RRR bulletin will be the last one sent to you.

Dues paid after December 31, 2020, will be delinquent and an assessment of \$5.00 will be charged.

Please use the form included in this bulletin.

Thanks to all who already have renewed.

*Florence Brady,*  
RRR Secretary/Membership Chair



## Rookie Rock Roller News



If we are allowed to meet, the Rookies will meet at 5:30 on January 12, 2021 in Jones Hall.

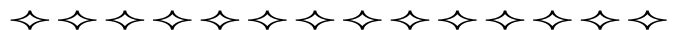
We will go over the characteristics of a rock and discuss presentations for the new year. Then, we will have some fun with a rock related activity.

Last month we did not have our meeting due to COVID 19 rules.

Text me for a phone appointment to discuss badges. I bet you have earned more than you think.

I sure hope to see you all there,

*Carole Kowalik, Junior Advisor*  
(916) 871-0573 [home3004@gmail.com](mailto:home3004@gmail.com)



## Sunshine

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](mailto:hmcrane7@gmail.com)

## To Current Unrenewed Members:

This will be your last issue of the bulletin if you do not renew your membership!

If you are renewing, please add the \$5 assessment to your check.

## Tons of Shop Hints & Tips

Some recent CFMS Newsletters have included pages of short tips about various shop techniques and suggestions, compiled from different mineral societies all over the country. You can view them all at these links:

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CFMS-Newsletter-Aug-20.pdf> **Slab and Trim Saws** Pages 4-5

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CFMS-Newsletter-Sept-20.pdf> **Polishing Tips** Pages 4-5-6

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/CFMS-Newsletter-Oct-20.pdf> **Tumbling Tips**, Page 4

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CFMS-Newsletter-Nov-20.pdf> **Shop Suggestions**, Pages 5-6

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CFMS-Newsletter-Dec-20.pdf> **Shop Suggestions**, Pages 6-8

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CFMS-Newsletter-Jan-21.pdf> **Shop Tips**, Pages 3-5

### Examples:

REMEMBER THIS! Do Not Put water filled stones, such as opals, in the freezer to remove the cab from the dopstick. The water will freeze and crack the stone.

....The Tumble Rumble

Cold dop with Elmer's Glue. It is always ready and will dry enough to begin work in 30 to 40 minutes. It seldom lets loose, even on a rough wheel. The warmer the stone gets, the tighter it holds. To remove the stone from the dop stick, drop it all in water and leave for several hours.

....The Agatizer

TO CLEAN QUARTZ CRYSTALS — Amethyst also— Cover them with fresh vinegar to remove the carbonates. Allow to stand overnight. Repeat if necessary. Wash well, then place them in washing-type ammonia for 8 to 12 hours. Remove, rinse well and air dry. As vinegar is an acid DO NOT PUT IT ON the Crystal Centers of SEPTARIAN NODULES! The vinegar will eat away the inside material.

....CFMS Newsletter

ALUMINUM PENCILS will give you a good idea of the HARDNESS of STONES. The harder the stone, the fainter the mark it will make. It won't mark a stone harder than 7.

....The Agatizer

EPOXY -- The rock, stone, or other object should be very clean before using epoxy. Alcohol is very good in most instances because it dries quickly. When applied to BELL CAPS, it should be used sparingly but enough to hold securely. A good idea is to use a BOX OF SAND about an inch and a half deep and FLORISTS CLAY to hold the stones in position until the epoxy sets. Hold the bell cap with tweezers while applying the epoxy.

.... The Tumbler

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## Lapidary Shop & Class News

**Lapidary classes:** There are no classes scheduled at this time. Hopefully the COVID restrictions will lift in the near future.

**Lapidary Shop:** We are still open for the cabochon classes, open sessions and mineral ID. This will be by appointment only, there will be no drop-ins at this time. Classes will be limited to 4 students/ people at a time due to COVID mandates. Students must call the instructor for the day that they wish to attend for an appointment.

Everyone must wear a mask covering the mouth and nose while in the shop. Also, everyone must wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer before signing in.



The schedule is:

**Mondays:** 5PM to 9PM. Instructor is Vernon Deck. Please call him to set up an appointment. (805) 598-3206

**Wednesdays:** 11AM to 3PM. Instructor is Holli Hinkle. Please call her to set up an appointment. (916) 579-8011

**Wednesdays:** 5PM to 9PM Instructor is Fran Todd. Please call her to set up an appointment. (310) 987-0642

**Mineral ID:** with Jim Hutchings. Please call him for an appointment. (916) 995-7380

**NEW: Thursdays: OPEN SESSIONS:** Thursdays: 5PM to 9PM. Monitor is Holli Hinkle. Please call her to set up an appointment. (916) 579-8011

This open shop time is for those who have completed RRR's introductory cabochon class. Starting in January the open shop will be on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays. The usual \$5.00 shop fee will apply. — Please contact Cathy for any questions. 925-321-2024.

*Cathy Nelson, Acting Shop Chairperson*



## January Calendar

Birthstone: Garnet



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
For questions about classes, contact : Cathy Nelson (925) 321-2024 Email: canelson2@netscape.net					1	2
3	4 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	5	6 Lapidary Shop 11:00 am-3 pm 5:00-9:00 pm	7 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm ***	*** You must have completed the RRR introductory cabochon class to come to these Thursday sessions.	
10	11 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	12 Meetings: (??) Rookies 5:30 pm Club 7:00 pm	13 Lapidary Shop 11:00 am-3 pm 5:00-9:00 pm	14 FFF Meeting: 7:00 pm	15	16
17	18 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm 	19	20 Lapidary Shop 11:00 am-3 pm 5:00-9:00 pm	21 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm ***	22	23
24 / 31	25 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	26 Board Meeting (?) 7:00	27 Lapidary Shop 11:00 am-3 pm 5:00-9:00 pm	28 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm ***	29	30

## New Rules for 2021 RRR Membership Renewal -- And It's All Good !!

- Because COVID prevented our Society from having meetings, classes and an open Lapidary Shop for large parts of 2020, that means we did not give you all the membership benefits you deserved in 2020.
- Therefore, you do not have to pay full membership dues to renew in 2021.
- Membership will be FREE for all presently enrolled (2020) **Juniors** for 2021.
- Membership dues will be CUT IN HALF for all **Adults** renewing in 2021.
- You have a CHOICE of renewing at the reduced membership amounts (\$10 per person/\$15 per 2 adults), or the regular membership amounts (\$20 per person/\$30 per 2 adults). Check the boxes on the membership renewal form. Please pay at the meetings, or by mail. Always include the renewal form!
- If you are sending in your renewal by mail, be sure to note the NEW ADDRESS. You will be sending it directly to the RRR Treasurer, instead of the RRR Post Office Box.

### ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS – LATE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2021 (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)

RRR members for 2020 are offered a reduction or full payment of dues for 2021. This is due to the fact that our Society could not meet or hold classes for our membership, for half of 2020, due to COVID -19.

#### DUES:

Adult (one) Membership: 50% Fee - \$10.00 per year (2021)

100% Fee - \$20.00 per year (2021)

Family Membership: 50% Fee - \$15.00 per year (2021)

(2 adults, same address) 100% Fee - \$30.00 per year (2021)

Junior Membership – for Juniors who were members during 2020, there will be no renewal fee.

Amount Paid + \$5.00 assessment = \_\_\_\_\_ Ck. # \_\_\_\_\_

\* Dues for 2021, not paid until after December 31, 2020 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  
5437 Thunder Ridge Circle  
Rocklin, CA 95765

ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY  
BULLETIN EDITOR  
P.O. BOX 212  
ROSEVILLE, CA 95678

Send exchange bulletins to  
above address



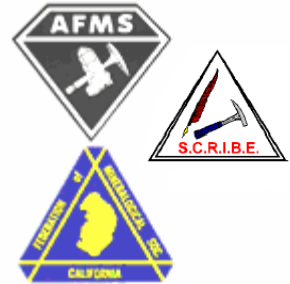
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**\* First Class Mail \***



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EDUCATIONAL MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM

EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION: @THE GROUNDS,  
JONES HALL, 700 EVENT CENTER DRIVE, ROSEVILLE, CA

*Changes and exceptions will be published in the bulletin.*  
**GUESTS AND VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME**