



From the President's Pen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! I want to start with this, because once again I will not be at our educational meeting to wish you all so. Sorry I have been away more than home, it has been a crazy work year. I wish that I could provide just a slide show as my input for you all to view and be as awestruck as I was during the time of taking the many pictures. But, that would take up the entire bulletin and then some, so instead I am writing a short note instead.

This year has blown by, as each one seems to do when you stay busy day in and day out. But, I hope you all have had a wonderful year and can reflect on some great things you have done with family, friends and even our society. It is a great time to reflect on just what you did this last year. I hope there are plenty of things that make your reflection of this past year a very happy and memorable one. And, for those moments that are not something we want to really remember, I say just the opposite. Those moments are what make us human and find ourselves caring for our neighbor. So take on those moments and let them build you just as much as that fun filled moment.

Just around the corner will be the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, along with all the other Gem Shows that accompany it. Anyhow, this is a great time to start figuring out if you can make it there and begin making a list and checking it twice of what it is you want to buy. Trust me if you don't make a list and get there for the first time or even second time, you will find that spurious buying becomes a problem to overcome. So just make sure to have a list for what to look for and a rule on how much money you will spend. You put these two things in your plans of attack and you will be ahead of many others that make the trek.

— Glenn Fiala

Vice President's Corner

WOW what a year..... and it's about over! I hope this Holiday Season finds you and your beloveds well and looking forward to the new things 2024 will bring.

For our December Educational Meeting we will not have a speaker making a presentation, in order to make room for the Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society to conduct the installation of Board Officers for 2024, voted in last month. In January 2024 our speaker is Geologist Gary Carter, and he will explain how the Vulture Gold Mine put Arizona on the map, and the incredible significance it has made. Some are unaware of Arizona's rich heritage in GOLD, not just silver! This promises to impress, as gold so often does, so invite a friend, a neighbor, or an acquaintance to be your guest!

At the December meeting we will also:

- Recognize the Lifetime Membership of Rolf Zschoernig.
- Distribution of the CFMS triangles and bars.
- The Optional Gift Exchange for both adults and juniors, girls gifts to girls, and boys gifts for boys.... this is ALWAYS FUN, keep gifts to about \$10, just remember, It's CHRISTMAS!

Also remember the December potluck dinner starts earlier than normal meetings, it kicks off at 6:30pm. Be sure to find the dish of food elsewhere in this publication assigned by your last name. If you don't want leftovers don't be late! And remember to bring your own table setting along with your assigned food item.

THANK YOU ALL FOR AN INCREDIBLE YEAR, MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!

— Vern Deck

Educational Program

December 12, 2023

POTLUCK DINNER!

6:30 PM

In the Garden Room



Please bring your own plates and utensils. The club furnishes meat & beverages. You are welcome to bring table decorations, as well, but no candles please.

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

A-E please bring a dessert

F-L please bring a hot dish/main dish

M-Z please bring a salad or side dish

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.

See Holiday Party Schedule, Pg. 4

EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION:

**@THE GROUNDS IN THE GARDEN ROOM
700 EVENT CENTER DRIVE, ROSEVILLE, CA**

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MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice President, Vern Deck.

Flag Salute.

Introductions by Guests.

Present: Members, 56; Juniors, 6; and Guests 3.

Business Meeting:

Announcement: Vern reminded members who had not voted, to go receive a ballot and vote.

Sunshine – Heather Crane – absent, no report.

Juniors – Patty Holbrook – reported there were 12 Juniors at the Juniors' meeting. Debbie Bunn gave a presentation on fossils and each Junior received a specimen. At the December meeting, Les Holbrook will give a presentation on his trip to New Mexico. This will be a short meeting, due to the early start for the potluck dinner.

Treasurer – Kim Fiala reported the normal bills for Sept. (corrected to October) were paid. Recent bills paid were:

Room rental, \$150; Lapidary Shop rental \$700, Area Portable \$247.26 and to Rocky Five, \$86.75 + \$99 = \$185.75

(2 invoices for name badges and CFMS triangles and bars).

Secretary/Membership – Florence Brady – reported we have 265 members. We are accepting renewals for RRR 2024 membership dues.

Programs – Vice President, Vern Deck reported the Dec. 12th Ed. Mtg. will be our annual potluck dinner, gift exchange, installation of 2024 officers. Details will be in the Dec. bulletin. The program for Jan. 9th Ed. Mtg. will be a presentation by Gary Carter on the Vulture gold mine in AZ.

CFMS Director – Meg Zbierski had no report.

Vests, Tee Shirts & Patches – Steve Todd has items available.

Field Trips – Gene Doyle – reported on the recent field trip to Sugar Pine. 12 people attended. Lisa Giampietro reported on the CO-OP trip to Black Butte Reservoir, good specimens were found. Gloria Marie brought specimens she found at Topaz Mt. UT.

Librarian/Historian – Karla Shannon reported she had some geology books for check out. The Library is nearing capacity for books. Any donated books which are duplicates will be given to the Silent Auction table.

Show – Jim Hutchings, Show Chair, reported Don Tadlock has a compendium of descriptions for the Mineral of The Month club, 8 volumes total, to donate. We need volunteers for the Show Committee, openings for Show Secretary and Admissions Chair. Also, he encouraged members to volunteer as a backup for a Show Chair. (Talk to Jim if interested.) First Show Committee meeting will be Feb. 20th.

Lapidary Shop – Sherri Collins reported on the Thursday time slots which have openings.

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING NOV 14, 2023 con't

Lapidary Classes – Cathy Nelson announced the upcoming classes on "Introduction to Opals" to be given by Fran Todd. Dates: Dec. 8, 15, and 22. See Cathy to sign up. Bill Simpson has on-going classes for intarsia instruction.

Refreshments – we need more signups for the upcoming meetings.

Old Business – Jacqueline Parker announced the winner for Past President Officer was Jim Barton.

New Business – volunteers are needed to move the huge turritella rock outside of the Lapidary Shop. It is to be moved to a location on the Sierra College campus. Jim Barton volunteered the use of his trailer with a winch and strap. Additional volunteers will be needed, date to be determined.

General Announcements – none.

Drawings – winners were: Member, Patricia Bergander; Junior, Eli Muallem; and Guest, Lucas Long. The winners will pick out their prizes at the Dec. Ed. Mtg.

Presentation/Program – Vern introduced Dr. Richard Hilton, who gave a presentation on "Geological Dangers in California".

Silent Auction – Sherri Collins & Holli Hinkle announced 10 more minutes for the Silent Auction.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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

Roll Call – all Officers present, (Leesa Dixey via phone) except Denise Coyne, Cathy Nelson, Martha Nichols and Meg Zbierski. Guests: Sherri Collins, Les Holbrook, Steve Smith and Fran & Steve Todd.

Minutes – A motion was MSA to approve the minutes for: the October 24, 2023 Bd. Mtg. and along with the correction of Karla (Shannon's) name, the minutes for the Ed. & Bd. Mtgs. on Nov. 14, 2023.

Treasurer: Bills – Kim Fiala reported the bills for November have been paid.

Correspondence: Secretary, Florence Brady – reported no correspondence.

Membership: Florence stated we have 267 members. A membership application was received from Austin Knight and a motion was MSA to approve his application. 130 members have renewed.

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2023 cont'd

Vice President/Programs: Vern Deck, VP stated the December 12th Educational meeting will be the annual holiday potluck dinner. Jim Hutchings will research where to order the meat and how much is needed. Steve Smith volunteered to give the invocation. The 2023 RRR Officers will receive their CFMS bars and triangles, Officers for 2024 will be installed, Rolf Zschoernig will receive his lifetime membership and an optional gift exchange will be done. The program for Jan. 9th Ed. Mtg. will be a presentation by Gary Carter on the Vulture Gold Mine in AZ.

Librarian – Historian: Karla Shannon reported the Library list is near completion. She will send the document to Glenn Fiala for further work.

Deadline for Bulletin: Leesa Dixey reported the deadline for the Dec. bulletin is this Friday, Dec. 1st. She notified Officers, the deadline for the Jan. bulletin will be Tuesday, Dec. 26th.

Field Trips: Gene Doyle reported 12 attendees went on the field trip to the Sugar Pine area. No further field trips until possibly February.

Federation Director: Meg Zbierski was absent.

Lapidary Classes: Cathy Nelson was absent. Under discussion are future classes. Fran Todd reported her upcoming opal classes are full (limited to 4 students).

Show: Jim Hutchings reported he is waiting for an update on the Show Contract. He reported Jacqueline Parker has volunteered to be Admissions Chair. First Show Committee meeting is Feb. 20th.

Lapidary Shop: Sherri Collins reported no further work has been done on replacing the 2 doors. We will need to find someone to work on this project. It was suggested awnings be installed over each door, to protect from the sun and rain. Steve Todd will contact a company he knows to see what they might have available. Discussed was the past history of the plumbing situation. We need to get a letter from the property manager (Fairgrounds) authorizing this plumbing change, for the city to connect us. Discussed was putting the septic pumping on to a semi-monthly schedule and perhaps getting a cheaper rate. Sherri Collins will discuss this with the company.

Directors:

Holli Hinkle, Martha Nichols, Cathy Nelson, Denise Coyne. Only report was given by Holli Hinkle, she stated there is room for new students and she was in favor of raising the rate for the lapidary classes.

Juniors: Patty Holbrook – reported for the Dec. 12th meeting for the Juniors will be a shorted meeting – 5:30 – 6:25 p.m. Les Holbrook will report on his recent trip to New Mexico, Arizona and California. He will be giving out specimens from the rocks and minerals of samples he collected.

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2023 cont'd

Past President: Jim Barton stated CFMS has a new president, Marcia Goetz for 2024. Then Kim Fiala will be past president.

Old Business – Financial report of expenses and income for the Lapidary Shop provided by Fran Todd. Fran provided information on income and expenses for the shop. Suggestions were made for increasing the income and for accounting the amount of money received for various rock sales. Rocks around the Lapidary Shop should be sorted into classifications so that the more valuable rocks are charged more for selling prices. Increase the number of times we sell rocks. She also made suggestions regarding the recording of “line items”. We should try to make the Shop “financially” pay for itself. Work on getting more volunteers to give classes and she proposed having the Shop open (with an instructor) on the 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesday nights. Suggested during nicer weather, to hold classes outside, such as knapping, dry polishing and broom casting. Shared was the way other Societies are having auctions of material, some live, some on-line or during an open house event. A motion was MSA to increase by \$5, starting Jan. 1st, the fee for the Introduction to Lapidary Classes, total fee would be \$50 and to increase the fee for other classes by \$5 (\$10 would go to the Society).

New Business –

Additional support for the Treasurer – discussed was creating the Chairperson position – Bookkeeper. The Book-keeper would not be a Treasurer. The Treasurer takes in money, has authority to sign and pay bills. The Bookkeeper would get accounting done, do the 990 tax form. This position would be created in the RRR Standing Rules along with listed duties. A motion was MSA to create under our Standing Rules, the position of Bookkeeper and to appoint Steve Smith. The motion was passed with one opposition. Further work on the Standing Rules will be done during the January Board Meeting and to make this official in January. Work can be done before then. Budget for 2024 – discussion about creating a budget for the 2024 calendar year. At the Jan. Bd. Mtg. a proposed budget will be all inclusive, including the Show Budget.

Other Business – It was decided to advertise Mike Burkleo’s sale of jade at his house on Dec. 9th. Vern will accept signups from members who plan to attend. An email will be sent out to the membership.

Next Bd. Mtg. – January 22, 2024.

Adjournment – adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Brady, Outgoing RRR Secretary



Welcome New Members:

Austin Knight

Recognition of Past Presidents

William Hardin 1960-61	Alma Freeman 1984
Charles Walker 1962	Cecil Howard 1985
Robert Norfleet 1963	Joyce Emerson 1986
Chester Barnett 1964	Myron Zents 1987
William Wakefield 1965	Bill Haworth 1988
Elmer Parsons 1966-67	Robert Hanson 1989
Myron Parson 1968	Carol Hill 1990
Anna Bennett 1969	Milton Houston 1991
Elmer Parson 1970	Les Clark 1992
Walvin Schnaible 1971	Ed Deala 1993
Howard Claypool 1972	Myron Zents 1994-98
Robert Hanson 1973	Milton Houston 1999
William Usrey 1974	Iris Geiser 2000
Richard Furnoy 1975	Jim Barton 2001-02
Myron Zents 1976	Karla Shannon 2003-04
Ed Powers 1977	James Hutchings 2005-08
Robert Hanson 1978	Jonathan North 2009-10
Dorothy White 1979	Carole Lockhart 2011
Iris Ilharramendt 1980	James Hutchings 2012
Harry Baker 1981	Jim Barton 2013
Robert Oleachea 1982	Teresa Johnson 2014-16
Doris Usrey 1983	Glenn Fiala 2017-present

RRR Holiday Party Schedule

Meeting Starts at:
6:30 PM in the Garden Room

- Agenda
- Welcome
- Flag Salute
- Invocation
- POTLUCK DINNER**
- Business Meeting
- Presentation of CFMS Awards to 2023 Officers
- Installation of Officers for 2024
- Lifetime Member Award to Rolf Zschoernig
- Gift Exchange
- Adjournment



Renewing Membership Dues for 2024

Thanks to those who have renewed their dues already!
(Read no further!)
For those who have not renewed, please fill out the 2024 renewal membership form on page 6.

We would love to get the renewals turned in before the December potluck dinner meeting, so, please don't delay!

To help us expedite the renewal accounting quicker, write SAME if none of your contact information has changed.
(Do not add a new applicant!)

Next, either US mail the form along with payment or bring to the December 12th Holiday Party/Potluck Dinner.
Exact payment is appreciated – bring to the Officers' table and give it to either myself or Kim Fiala.

Florence Brady, RRR Secretary/Membership Chair
Kim Fiala, RRR Treasurer



Your Elected RRR Officers for 2024

- President — Glenn Fiala
- Vice President — Vern Deck
- Secretary — Jacqueline Parker
- Treasurer — Kim Fiala
- Federation Director — Linda Thompson
- Field Trip Coordinator — Gene Doyle
- Juniors' Advisor — Patty Holbrook
- Librarian/Historian — Karla Shannon
- Bulletin Editor — Leesa Dixey
- Past President — Jim Barton
- Directors, 2-Year — Holli Hinkle Mike Hunerlach
- Directors, 1-Year — Cathy Nelson Denise Coyne



Rookie Rock Roller News



The Juniors will meet in the Lapidary Shop on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 5:30 to 6:25. Our meeting is shorter than usual to accommodate the 6:30 start for the Potluck. The entrance is located on Corporation Yard Road.

This month Les Holbrook will be talking about his trip to New Mexico and giving out samples of the specimens he collected. He drove down to see Carlsbad Caverns. Along the way he stopped at the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve, Fossil Falls, Devils Postpile National Monument, Borax Mine in Boron, and Red Rock Canyon State Park, all in California. In Arizona he looked for petrified wood at the DoBell Ranch.

I am still looking for people who would be willing to share their fossil collections with us at our scheduled meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your knowledge and collections. The Junior Program is designed for children 8-17 years of age. I am finding that children younger than that need extra support to do the activities. They need help following directions and completing the activities. I do not want to turn younger children away if they are interested in the program, so I am asking that parents stay with children under seven.

The Juniors may work on badges on their own. Just let me know when they finish a badge, and I will go over it with them. All the information to complete these badges is in the Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program (on the homepage click on Kids Corner, then click on Merit Badge Program, and finally click on AFMS Badge Manual).

See you in December,
Patty Holbrook, Junior Advisor
916 834-3915 and pattyholbrook@hotmail.com



Lapidary Shop News

I would first like to thank Kim Loe for the fine specimens and lapidary worthy material. Thank you!

We have open spots for the Introductory Cabochon Class. There is a fantastic array of rock and slabs available at the shop and the big saw is up and running. YAY!

Happy Holidays

Sherri Collins, Shop Chairperson



CFMS Newsletter

All RRR members also belong to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies-CFMS.

The CFMS Newsletter is available at:

<https://cfmsinc.org/newsletters/>



Rockhound Soapbox by John Martin

Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) Report about the new proposed legislation, H. R. 5660: Chuckwalla National Monument Establishment and Joshua Tree National Park Expansion Act of 2023, which is composed of 700,000 acres of the California Desert covering 2 counties and extends from the southern edge of the Joshua Tree National Park to the California-Arizona Border.

The proposed Monument includes the Wiley Wells District which contains the Hauser Geode Beds and several other Geode Collecting Sites. If the legislation passes it could have an impact on Recreational Rockhounding. However in the proposed legislation is a paragraph on allowable recreational activities with in the Monument boundaries, Paragraph (4) Recreation states:

"The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance recreation in the Monument, including, but not limited to, camping, hiking, backpacking, sightseeing, nature study, horseback riding, hunting, hang gliding, climbing, mountain biking and motorized recreation on authorized routes, and the noncommercial collecting of rocks, minerals, and semiprecious gemstones, so long as such recreational use is consistent with the purposes specified in section 4(b), this section, other applicable law (including regulations), applicable management plans, and input from the Commission regarding potential impacts to culturally sensitive sites and resources."

However, there are some other conditions which may make Recreational Rockhounding a thing of the past. There are outside activities and activist groups pushing that if the legislation fails to pass congress that the President use the Executive Order to Create the monument which would most likely not include the ability to continue Recreational Rockhounding. To make things worse, there are actions in progress in which the entire proposed Monument area of 700,000 acres will become an expansion of the Joshua Tree National Park, where there is No Removal of any Natural Resources for any reason, except by government agencies. The collecting of Geodes will be no more. What can be done by Recreational Rockhounds to preserve the sites for continued collecting now and for future generations? Become Rockhound Activists! Read the proposed Legislation:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/118/hr5660>

Contact/write your elected officials and let them know your position on the legislation. Contact the BLM and get their information on the Monument and ask that Recreational Rockhounding be included in the Monument Management Plan. Attend any meetings pertaining to the Monument, search the internet for any information on the monument legislation. Most of all make your voice heard and make the united voice of the Rockhounds across America be heard. If you remain a pacifist, you will lose your right to be a Recreational Rockhound.

<https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/CFMS-Newsletter-Dec-2023-web-version.pdf>

ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2024

(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)

The above identified member(s) agrees to have their picture taken during Roseville Rock Rollers events that they have volunteered for, that may be used for the Society's monthly bulletin or annual gem and mineral show.

Initials: _____

DUES:

Adult (one) Membership \$25.00 per year

Family Membership \$35.00 per year
(2 adults, same address)

Junior Membership \$9.00 per Junior Member

_____ **Amount Paid** Ck. # _____

* Dues not paid until after December 31, 2023 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

Lapidary Shop News

Lapidary Shop: Things are hopping at the shop; classes are filling up. Make sure to call if you want to get into the Introductory Cabochon Class. We have a wait list for the daytime class.

Still openings in the Wednesday evening class with Fran.

The schedule is:

Mondays: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Instructor is Vernon Deck. Please call him to set up an appointment. (805) 598-3206

Wednesdays: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Instructor is Holli Hinkle. Please call her to set up an appointment. (916) 579-8011

Wednesdays: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Instructor is Fran Todd. Please call her to set up an appointment. (310) 987-0642

Thursdays: OPEN SESSIONS 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Instructors are Sherri Collins (916) 704-2682, Gene Doyle (408) 605-9457. Please call one of them to set up an appointment. **These open shop times are for those who have completed RRR's introductory cabochon class*****).**

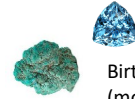
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Mineral ID: with Jim Hutchings. Please call him for an appointment. (916) 995-7380




Sherri Collins , Shop Chairperson 916-704-2682



December 2023



Birthstone(s): Blue Topaz (modern) Turquoise (traditional)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7  *** Lapidary Shop: 11:00 AM - 3 PM 5:00 - 9:00 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 	<i>Happy New Year</i>					

*** Thursday Classes:
These open shop times are for those who have completed RRR's introductory cabochon class