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Regular Meetings

Third Wednesday of the month: 7:30 PM
Sierra Madre Masonic Center
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre
91024-2513 All are welcome.

Membership

Regular: \$17/person - Dues are due annually by December 31st. Membership includes one copy per family of the monthly club bulletin.

Field Trips

Held monthly and announced in bulletin and at meetings. All members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Board Meetings

First Wednesday of the month:
7:30PM Indy-Mac Bank, corner of
Santa Anita & Foothill in Arcadia.
All PLS members are welcome.

Annual Show

Second Weekend in March at the:
San Marino Masonic Temple
3130 Huntington Drive San Marino CA
91108

Club Colors

Blue and Yellow

June President's Report



June has arrived and at present the weather here is nice and cool. It makes it tempting to go and explore the local mountains, desert or beach for interesting things to see or collect. June is a time to travel, whether by car or plane. There is much to see around this great big country of ours. Some of you may try to travel the mother road, you know route 66. There are many novel things to see on the roadside. It may also help with Rock fever as you travel here and there.

The Workshop will be going on this summer; perhaps a featured artisan will give us a "how to" on what they do within the hobby. It is possible you may get a call about some unscheduled day trip that will be going on just a few days later. Hopefully the summer will be a mild one, so we may enjoy our hobby outdoors. Perhaps you may have to sort out the rock from the trips taken so far. When I sort rocks out, I usually have a great deal of fun and start planning what I may do to this rock or that one, just before I put in the bucket and put it in the shelf (I do mark the bucket to remember)

Joe

CLUB CALENDAR

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6
7 Workshop	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 General Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4
5 Workshop	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 General Meeting	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

PLS School Committee Report: Ed Imlay 06/01/09



On May 16, Ed Imlay made a presentation to a group of young members of the Pasadena Adventurer Club and some of their parents. No other visits are currently scheduled.

DISPLAY TABLE: For the June meeting, please display any items of general interest, especially: workshop projects, material from locations of recent or upcoming field trips, and the birthstone of the month - Pearl or Alexandrite.

June Program

"FABULOUS GEODES" is this month's meeting special program. This 27-minute DVD video will explain the formation of geodes, the various types, how to recognize them and areas to collect great geodes.

The program will be shown following the business meeting and refreshments.
You won't want to miss it!

May General Meeting

Following the business of the evening Sylvia Cliffe conducted a drawing for some of the most unusual slab specimens that we have seen at the meetings. The grand prize ticket was drawn by a young member in attendance.

We had the opportunity to view a film "All About Opal" by Jewett Pattee. He showed us step-by-step methods for cutting opal from its matrix, mounting on dopping sticks and the process for polishing this soft, valued material.

DOOR PRIZES FOR JUNE 17TH, 2009

The main prize will be your choice of one of two prizes of your choice.

All of the regular prizes are various forms of agate and other desirable slabs.

There was a positive response to the "win-a-door-prize-and-give-it-to-another-person" in the meeting, so the procedure will continue again for this month!

Sylvia

Owens Valley Trip

Marcia & I left Friday before noon, the weather was pleasant enough. The traffic was light, so highway speeds were good. We got there about mid afternoon, checked into our motel and went in search the rest of our group. Most were at Diaz Lake, even though the temperature had climbed into the nineties, it seemed a lot cooler under the trees by the lake. After a bit we found out our cell phone didn't work up there virtually at all, so Mark Nelsen called Chris and Marlene and found out they were staying at the private RV resort about ½ mile south. So off we went like a herd of turtles, we pulled in the driveway of the resort and low and behold they were in the first spot on the corner.

After a bit Chris, Marlene, Marcia and I went into town for dinner at the High Sierra Cafe. It was a delightful meal and the company was good. I went looking for a card with the hours and found out they never close, they are open 24/7, which is great if you get a hankering for pie in the middle of the night. The rock shop in Lone Pine is a very nice one, there is a lot to see, books, rocks, and some more common equipment such as gold pans and rock hammers.

The next morning we met at the visitor's center by 9 A.M., by 9:15 we were off with a mighty hi ho silver away, oops I got a little carried away. Many of the older westerns were filmed there in the Owens's Valley. First stop was the Haystack and collecting aquamarine crystals. I also found epidote which was quite heavy and had a large group of unidentified crystals. I also found an interesting dolomite with a cavity that had bitroidal calcite in it. The aquamarine, though not faceting quality, it will certainly produce some nice cabs. Marcia, Caroline and Charlotte found quite a few interesting specimens including aquamarine there on the flats. When everyone came back to the vehicles we were down the road heading north to our next stop. It was in Union Canyon where we collected ammonites, no climbing involved. Every one got some, we unfortunately had an accident. Caroline tripped and fell. There was a fair amount of blood, Mark Nelsen is trained in first aid and he did what he could to aid her. Marcia told Caroline that I had said there was a good veterinarian hospital in town. Everyone got a good laugh. And now she's plotting how to get even with about the comment "I hope the plotting keeps mind off her owey and entertained to boot". Mark took Caroline into town to a people hospital to be checked out.

After a bit of a rest, Marcia and I went to the hospital to find out how Caroline is doing. We wound our way through the sprawling building to finally find the ER. There in one of the examination rooms lay Caroline, one knee had seven stitches in it and even though the other leg was swollen they didn't see a fracture in the x-ray. They decided to take a few more, just to be sure. Marcia and I went into the waiting room where Mark and Linda were. Mark and I discussed how we were going to get Caroline into her trailer. The suggestion of a rope in the tree next to the trailer, if long enough would allow Caroline to swing into and out of the trailer. I suggested that perhaps a couple of bungee cords would put some spring back into her step, if attached to the top of the door.

After a bit we headed over to the lake and potluck. Shortly after we got there Caroline and Charlotte arrived, they slowly circled the

camp. It looked like Caroline was taking a victory lap after a race. Caroline decided that they would head home on Sunday, so Jay and I as well as a few others hooked up their trailer to their truck. The potluck was absolutely fantastic. And the night did cool off nicely. We headed back to our motel and bed.

Sunday arrived all too fast. We met at camp at 8 a.m. By 8:30 we were gone, headed north toward Independence and the Crystal Ridge area. Chris led off all the way to the apache tears area. After approximately 20 to 30 minutes we got into our vehicles and Marcia and I led to the road that went up the canyon and up the mountain to the saddle. We discovered our 4 wheel drive was not working properly. So I rode up to the collecting site with Mark and Linda. Of the 10 people who were there they would pick up the white quartz and asked if this was what we were looking for. I'd walk over to where they were, looked down and picked up a crystal, held it up to show them what we were actually looking for and then I'd hand it to them as an example. I gave away far more than I collected in that first half hour. I did get my share though. We were there an hour or more. Mark then drove back down, we stopped at the mine where I years ago found hundreds of bags of cores, well I am sad to report the bags that are there are full of ground up samples and the cores are gone. Before long we were headed up the road, again headed north.

This time we were headed to Bishop and the Tungsten Hills to the west. We drove into the hills to a mine identified as the Tungsten Blue Mine. At this mine tungsten ore that is in the contact zones with the country rock often form secondary minerals, in this case it is red garnets. The garnet bearing ore could be found just about anywhere around the site. I'm sure everyone got some garnets. Before long the shadows started to get longer and it was time to head back. Jay, Chris, Marcia and I decided to eat at the Country Kitchen in Big Pine. While we were there it tried to rain on us, just enough to get the vehicles spotty.

As we headed back to the motel, Marcia and I decided that it was good to come out and "play". The next morning we actually got up early and had breakfast at the High Sierra Cafe and were on the road by 6:30 a.m. All in all it was a good trip.

Joe

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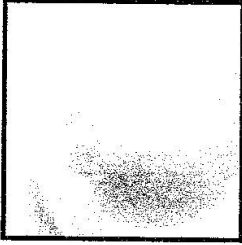
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**** Please Welcome Our New Members ****

Brigitte Bergman	Cora Swass
Mark Gonzales	Yolanda Gonzales
Marcus Look	Roland Clements
Annie Liu Zhang	



June Birthstone : Pearl

Birthstone Color: White

From one of the humblest of life forms, the mollusk, comes the pearl -- a gem of unsurpassed beauty and elegance. Ancient civilizations had many stories to explain the origin of June's birthstone, such as the Greek belief that pearls were the hardened tears of joy that the goddess of love shook from her eyes as she was born from the sea. According to Arab legend, pearls were formed when oysters were lured from the depths of the ocean by the beautiful moon and then swallowed moonlit dewdrops. And the Ancient Chinese thought that these gems originated from the brains of dragons.

The scientific explanation for natural pearls is almost as mystifying as folklore. When an irritant, such as a small parasite or a fish lodges in the flesh of an oyster, mussel, or clam, a protective substance called "nacre" is produced. Over years, layer upon layer of shimmering nacre coats the intruder, creating a lustrous pearl. Natural pearls are relatively rare, so a process evolved in which a piece of shell or bead was placed inside a mollusk to stimulate the production of nacre. This results in a cultured pearl, which accounts for about 90 per cent of the pearl industry.

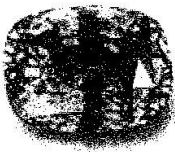
Divers find natural pearls in The Persian Gulf as well as in the waters off Japan, the South Pacific Islands off northern Australia, and the coasts of Panama, Venezuela, and California. Most of the cultured pearl industry is in Japanese and Australian coastal waters. These gems come in a variety of colors, from pure white to pink, yellow, gray and black. They also come in different shapes and sizes.

Pearls have been a passion and even an obsession of people throughout the ages. They have been ground up and used in cosmetics and as a medicine to treat heart and stomach conditions. Some cultures swear by pearls as an aphrodisiac. These gems have adorned crowns, clothing, and temples, and were said to be a favorite of Cleopatra.

Only those with royal status once wore pearl jewelry, but eventually these gems were seen among all classes of people. They continue to be viewed as a mark of taste and refinement as well as a symbol of purity, and they are often given to celebrate a marriage or the birth of a child. Pearls are nature's perfect gift, suitable for all ages, and elegantly worn with everything from jeans to an evening gown.

Alternate Birthstones

June has two alternate birthstones. The first is Moonstone, a type of feldspar named because of its uncanny resemblance to the iridescent sheen of the moon. Varying in color from clear to blue-white or peach, it was considered by ancient civilizations to be a sacred stone, bestowing the wearer with great spiritual understanding. Some believed that the Moonstone could even make a person invisible! Mined in Sri Lanka, Brazil, India, Madagascar, and the United States, a gift of this stone is symbolic of health and longevity.



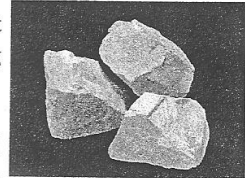
The second alternate birthstone for June is the Alexandrite. This rare gemstone is named after the Russian tsar Alexander II (1818-1881), the very first crystals having been discovered in April 1834 in the emerald mines near the Tokovaya River in the Urals. The discovery was made on the day the future tsar came of age. Although alexandrite is a relatively young gemstone, it certainly has a noble history. Since it shows both red and green, the principal colours of old Imperial Russia, it inevitably became the national stone of tsarist Russia.

Alexandrite was first discovered in Urals in 1830 but is mined today primarily in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Burma, Madagascar and Tanzania. It is a rare and expensive gemstone, symbolic of joy and good fortune.

May Field Trip Report

What an exciting field trip! Members of the Pasadena Lapidary Society joined with members of the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society this past Memorial Day Weekend to explore interesting sites in the Owens Valley. Most attending stayed in motor homes, travel trailers, tent trailers or tents at the Diaz Lake Campground. Others stayed at the Boulder Creek Campground about a mile down the highway, or "motel camped" in Lone Pine. Diaz Lake offered a County Park Ranger, regular Sheriff's patrol units, running water, picnic tables and clean pit toilets.

Rockhounds either drove the 3 ½ hours to Lone Pine on Friday, or early Saturday, to meet at the Owens Valley Visitor's Center prior to beginning our weekend adventure. After a briefing and safety talk we were ready to follow trip leaders Jay Valle and Joe Goetz.



Rough Epidote

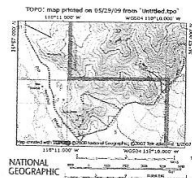
The first stop was an area east of Lone Pine called "The Haystack". Some of the group hiked a mile or so up an alluvial fan to a hillside where we collected a colorful beryl. Others searched for Amazonite, a green variety of microcline feldspar. Others for colorful blue Dolomite and green Epidote. Samples were abundant and everyone came back with nice lapidary samples and colorful "yard rocks".



Rockhound Duncan

Next we went north a short distance to Union Wash to search for fossils, including those of ammonites - a prehistoric relative of the nautilus shell. Carolyn Duncan, a member of both the PLS and NOC clubs took a tumble on the loose shale. She wasn't sure what was worse, the cuts and bruises or having to endure Mark Nelson's bandaging techniques. A short trip to the Southern Inyo Hospital in Lone Pine for "lucky 7" stitches and x-rays determined that nothing was broken and that she will be back to rock collecting quickly. While in the x-ray room there was an earthquake that shook the hospital and the area - the x-ray tech had to redo the films because they were too blurry to read!

Sunday we started our morning early - collecting Apache Tears along the old narrow-gauge railroad bed east of the town of Independence. From there we followed a 4-wheel-drive track up to Crystal Ridge, a spot east of Independence where mining activity has exposed a wide variety of quartz crystals. Crystal clusters, points, spears, and other unique specimens were collected and everyone agreed that this was a very fruitful location. Lunch was



at the old Black Jack Mine, where we found plastic bags of ore samples left from an attempt to evaluate reopening the mine. That afternoon we drove into the Tungsten Hills, west of Bishop, to an old Tungsten mine. There we collected interesting mineral samples and garnets, explored the mine and stopped to examine old mining machinery.

Several of the group stayed on Monday to return to Crystal Ridge and to collect Amazonite samples from behind the Haystack.





CFMS REPORT

by Mark Nelson, Federation Director

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (of which PLS is a member) just finished its 2009 Annual Show in San Jose. Hosted by the Santa Clara Club, it was well-advertised and drew crowds of visitors to the exhibits. Displays were described as incredible. Bob Rush put in a beautiful case of giant cabs with metal work that won an award even though it was not a competition case. The event was marketed to the Boy and Girl Scouts, and there were "TONS" of kids there! There was quite a diversity of vendors, too, and received good reviews from C.J. Quitariano, the CFMS President.

You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six.
-- Yogi Berra

Last Month's Field Trip Report

By Adam Dean & Shep Koss

Ant Hill Fossil Field Trip Report:

Hi Hounders! WOW! What a turnout! I didn't know so many of you were interested in fossils. 90 people signed in for this trip to the Miocene marine fossil beds outside of Bakersfield. They came from one end of California to the other and a few from Nevada. After orientation, sign in and precaution speeches, we broke off to begin our uphill hike to the fossil trenches on two hillsides. The day was partly cloudy and mild--a great day for digging and sifting. In spite of a 6-foot-long Northern Pacific rattlesnake basking in the sun while coiled in one of the trenches, everyone I saw was having fun and finding bones and teeth from a wide variety of extinct mako sharks and 6-gilled cow shark, including a very large tooth from a Big-Tooth Mako at least 3 inches in length. I swore I heard the theme from "JAWS" echoing through the hills. Many more people found teeth from the Hook-Tooth Mako (found now only in this one area of the world). Other teeth I saw were from seals, porpoises, and rays. Some finds I

couldn't identify. Among the bones found were whale and fish vertebrae, ribs, clavicles, and a nice 2-inch finger bone in excellent shape from the flipper of a whale or sea lion. Yes, a very productive day. Thankfully, this isn't government land with its fossil regulations but real estate land still open (for now) to recreation, collecting and livestock grazing. The downside is this area is slated for homes, mini malls and gas stations. Thus, will close one of the richest Miocene marine fossil beds in the world. A sign of the times.

Upcoming CFMS Field Trips
Inter-Federation Campout and Field Trip
Event at Apache Creek, New Mexico
August 29 to September 7, 2009

NEARBY SHOWS - JUNE & JULY:

June 5-7 2009, Woodland Hills, CA

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society
Pierce College Pierce College - Victory &
Mason Hours: 10-5 Daily Contact: Gary
Levitt, Show Chair (818) 993-3802 Email:
Show@Rockatomics.org

June 6-7 2009, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center 101 W. La
Habra Blvd. Hours: 9 - 5 both days Don
Warthen (626) 330-8974
Email: warthen@earthlink.net

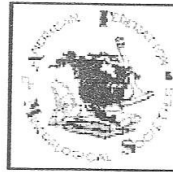
July 11-12 2009, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium and Rotunda
4117 Culver Blvd Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5



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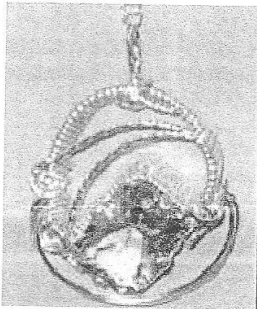
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