

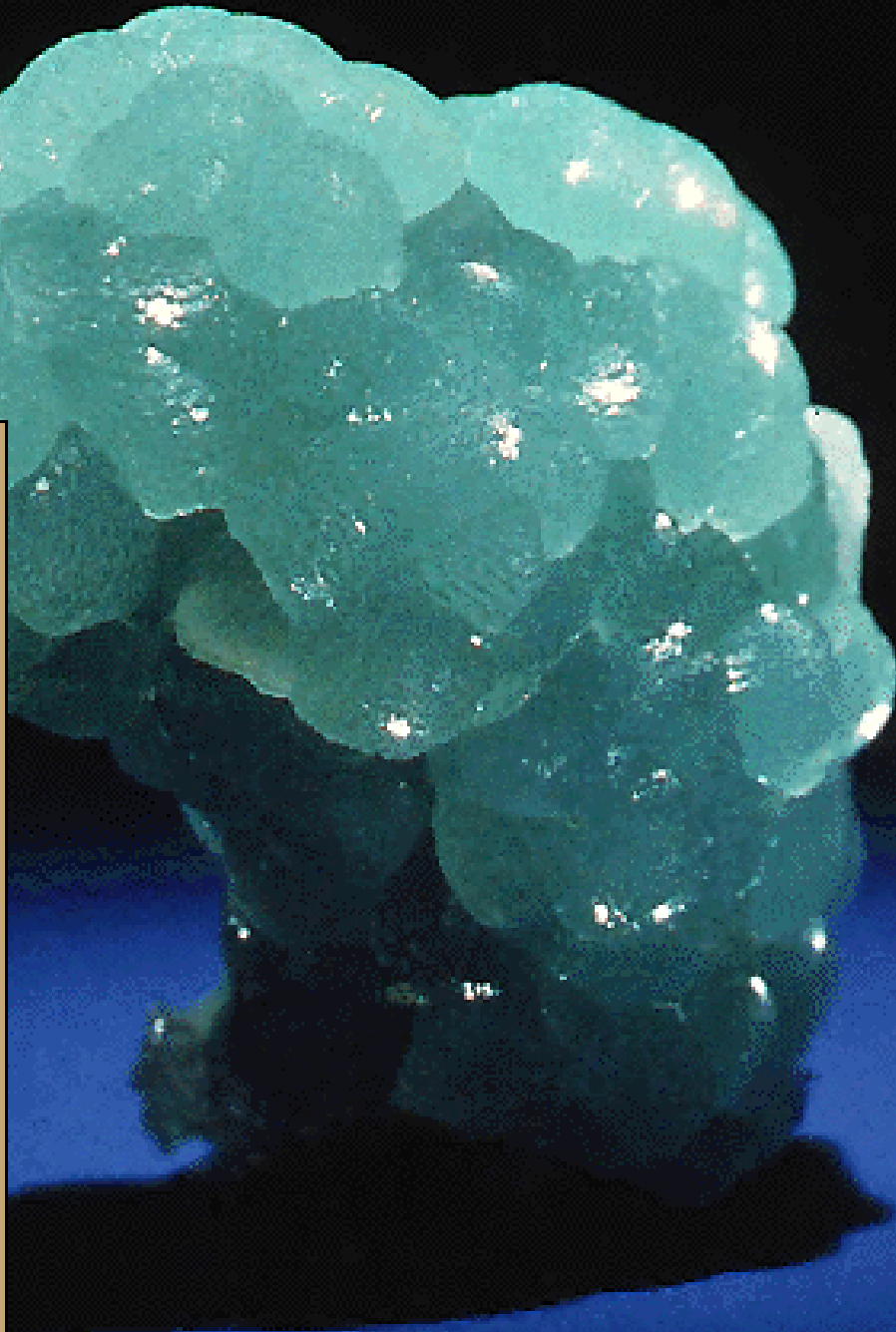
ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

JULY, 2012

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY - PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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SMITHSONITE was first identified in 1802 by chemist and mineralogist James Smithson whose bequest established the Smithsonian Institution. This remarkable mineral composition of zinc carbonate ($ZnCO_3$) is found in a vari-

The picture above is used courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution's Office of Printing & Photographic Services

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President's Message



Fellow Rockhounds,

It's not even July yet as I write this and the heat is starting to settle in. The good thing is we have aspects of our hobby that aren't out in the heat like beading, wire wrapping, cabbing and visiting the CFMS show in Riverside the weekend of July 13, 14, and 15. The host club (Valley Prospectors) has a gold

panning section similar to that offered by Knott's Berry Farm and will put on a great show! Since CFMS has a show in Southern California only every other year it will be a good opportunity to see it.

We are having our big silent auction and ice cream social at the July meeting! This is our biggest fund-raiser for the club other than the show, so please plan to attend! Please bring some rocks, slabs, rock-related items, books, antiques, equipment and oddities that you no longer use that we can

put in the auction. Nearby rock clubs are advertising the event to their members so we hope to have a great turnout and items added from our friends in those clubs. Try to avoid parking in the library lot. There is free parking on the street and in nearby lots after 6PM. Bring some of your favorite ice-cream and a scoop!

Please include the club meetings, workshops and field trips in the things you are planning with your family this summer!

Marcia

Marcia Goetz, President

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June Board Meeting

by Linda Nelson, Secretary

Officers present: Marcia Goetz, Carolyn Duncan & Linda Nelson.
Chairs/Members present: Vern & Sylvia Cliffe, Drew Wilson, Joe Goetz and Ed Imlay.

The sale of donated equipment raised \$84. It was approved to have a rock and gem show next year, subject to membership approval.

The board is seeking a location of the December dinner meeting. Member help is appreciated.

June Meeting

The second half of the NOVA video on Mt. St. Helens kept us on edge! Ed Imlay won the amethyst cluster at the raffle and Joe Goetz announced that a fine stone necklace donated by Jim Gersbach will be the grand prize in August. Mark Nelson took T-Shirt and hat orders. Joe Goetz outlined the June and July field trips.

July Meeting

AUCTION - AUCTION

Bring your family and friends to our

Summer Auction and Ice Cream Social. Members are asked to bring rocks, slabs, rock-related items, books, antiques, equipment and oddities. All proceeds go to the club's general fund, which pays for this newsletter.

Rockhounder Of The Year

You can nominate a current or past member or special person as Rockhounder Of The Year. Send nominations to the Secretary.

Membership Information and Meeting Locations

Membership per calendar year is \$20, \$15 for a second adult member in the same house. Junior members and the third or more members at the same house are \$10. Initiation fee is \$2.50 per person and membership badges are \$7.50. Renewals are due by the October General Meeting and delinquent after December 31st. Mail checks for membership to P.O. Box 5025, Pasadena CA 91117-0025.

Board Meetings: 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month at the One West Bank, 1 E. Foothill in Arcadia. All PLS members are welcome to attend.

General Meetings: 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Central Library at 285 E. Walnut Street. **Guests are welcome!**

Field Trips are scheduled each month. Refer to the bulletin for date, location and information.

Workshops and instructions are offered in our well-equipped shop in Pasadena to all club members - normally on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Refer to the bulletin for hours and the calendar for date changes. Eye protection, closed-toe shoes and machinery safe practices

are mandatory for all participants. Call a board member for the workshop address.

Workshops and field trips are for adult members and children with direct parental supervision.

The Annual Club Show is held the second weekend of March at the Masonic Hall, 3130 Huntington Drive, San Marino.

Advertising - a business card size ad is available for \$99 per year or \$10 per edition. Submit text, logos, business card or other copy to the editor at the address or email listed on this page.

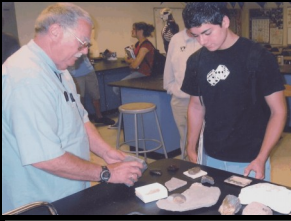


Ed's Corner

EDUCATIONAL OUTEACH

By Ed Imlay

Chair, Education Committee



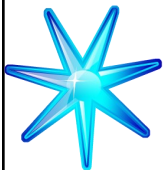
Ed Imlay at a local school

I met with students at the E.O. Lawrence Elementary School in Garden Grove where I gave my Earth Sciences presentation and had a hands-on experience of interesting rocks. To schedule me for my interactive presentation to school students, contact me at (626) 286-8215 or by email at edimlay@hotmail.com for details.

Items displayed at the June meeting included Helenite and Trinitite glass; druzy quartz; blue jasper; a micro-mounted tourmaline crystal from April's field trip and a large piece of dendritic agate. For the July meeting, members can display any items of general interest or for identification, workshop projects, material from locations of recent or upcoming field trips, and the birthstone of the month: Ruby.



Editor's note: Did you know that Ruby is the only stone that that is the same in Modern, Traditional, Mystic and Ayurvedic birthstones?



There will be a Show Wrap-Up Meeting at 10 AM on Sunday, July 8th before the workshop. Please prepare written comments and observations from the 2012 show and suggestions for improving our 2013 Show. If you cannot attend, please mail, fax or email your suggestions to our Secretary, Linda Nelson.

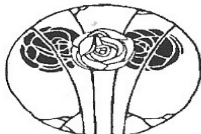
Please list the top four reasons for having our show!

WORKSHOP

JULY 2012 - VP Carolyn Duncan will present a second class on making a 2x2 chain and Rosary Wrap bracelet.. Bring 8 beads of your choice, 8mm (pea size), round nose, flat nose and chain nose pliers and flush cutters. Copper jump rings and some tools will be provided. If you want a different metal, bring your own jump rings - 20ga, 1/8" I.D. Jump rings and tools can be obtained at The San Gabriel Bead Company (See ad below).

Workshop hours are from 1:30 until 5PM. Parking is on the west side of street - please park compactly along the curb so that others will have room to park behind you. Alternate parking is available next door to the workshop in a paved lot behind the buildings on Foothill Boulevard. Call 909-996-1784 for directions.

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Welcome New Members !!



Welcome Kelly Matheny and her son Zack Jibrin! They live in Hacienda Heights and attended the May meeting and Lavic Siding field trip! We were joined at the May and June field trips by Susan SooHoo and Hailey Carter who are interested in joining our group. Share the lapidary and jewelry hobby. Invite your friends and neighbors to become members of the Pasadena Lapidary Society!

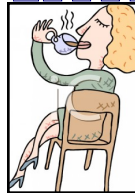
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Remember, this is on our new meeting night of the 3rd Tuesday of each month - July 17th - set up at 6:30pm, auction starts at 7PM - See You There!

— Carolyn Duncan, Program Chair



Meeting Refreshments: John & Jesse Adamczyk, Wendy Ansel and Jason Badgley were unable to attend the June meeting, so there were no refreshments. Trudy Krose volunteered to coordinate the refreshments starting in August. To help her with this, call Trudy at (323) 664-9598.

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Marcia Goetz' mother moved into her new home in Azusa, so Marcia can now resume her Presidential Duties :).

If you know anyone who is not feeling up to par, has been sick or lost a loved one? On the silver lining side of things, do you know who has achieved a goal, won a personal victory, or done something that deserves recognition? The Pasadena Lapidary Society has a Sunshine Committee to send cards and words of comfort and support and congratulations to those members who are in need or are deserving of it. Notify Trudy Krose at 323-664-9598 or by email at mikekrose@roadrunner.com.



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ety of colors and only rarely in well formed crystals. The typical form is in the botryoidal shape as shown on the cover of this month's newsletter. When it does form as a crystal the shape is that of rhombohedrons. It has a Mohs hardness of 4.5 and a specific gravity of 4.4 to 4.5.

Smithsonite occurs as a secondary mineral, often in the overburden dumps of mines producing silver, lead and zinc - as at the Cerro Gordo Mines in the Inyo Mountains, in Inyo County, California which was the CFMS South Field Trip in June, 2012. It is sometimes found with other interesting minerals such as angle-site, anhydrite, argentite, atacamite, aurichalcite, azurite, barite, bindheimite, bouronite, calcite, and caledonite, cermgryrite, cerussite, ceruantite, chrysocolla, dufrenoyite, fluorite, galena, eothite, greenockite, hemimorphite, hollosite, hydrozincite, jamesonite, leadhillite, limonite, linerite, lironite, malachite, mimetite, plumbgumite, pyrite, quartz, silver, smithsonite, spherulite, tetrahedrite, willemite and wulfenite.

When combined chemically with manganese it can form rhodochrosite, and with iron to siderite.



From the Kelly Mine, Magdalena Mining District, New Mexico.

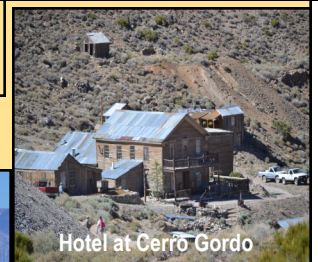
Cerro Gordo, east of Lone Pine, California, once-thriving mining camp of thousands is now the home of Richard Desmarais and



← Left: Cerro Gordo Caretaker and historian Robert Desmarais shows a piece of local Smithsonite.



Above Right: PLS members Bob Brice and Philip Lahr find smelted ore containing a high percentage of silver.



Hotel at Cerro Gordo



Left: From Cerro Gordo we could see 14,505 ft Mt. Whitney, Owens Lake and the southern portion of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



Add your creativity to our bulletin! Written original or photocopied articles are welcome and much appreciated. Send them to the editor (see page 2) by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month.



Club T-Shirts: An order was placed last month. Several additional shirts and hats were ordered for a limited inventory. Contact Mark Nelson at mnelsonair@aol.com or call (909) 592-1322 if you would like to purchase one.

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DoBell Ranch Petrified wood.
- Photo by Editor.



Tonya Black

Show a copy of this ad for a Special Rock Club Discount!



Smithsonite in a rock seam found by Danny Watts of the Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society.

his wife - once school teachers and now teachers and preservers of history in this remote ghost town. A club member that I spoke with said he had been here 20 years ago and there was Smithsonite scattered throughout the area. Another member who was here 5 years ago related finding it after digging just below the surface. While few people found Smithsonite on this trip it was generally agreed that what is to be found will not be discovered laying right on the surface unless exposed by snow or rain. — Editor

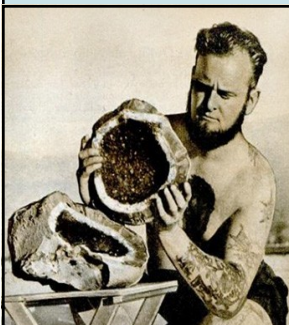


Cerro Gordo Smithsonite

Pasadena's Own Chuckawalla Slim Rockologist

This month the Pasadena Lapidary Society remembers Chuckawalla Slim - one of the more colorful rock collectors the world has ever known. Born Edwin Howard Vose II in 1902, he claimed to have moved west at the age of 12 in a covered wagon pulled by burros. About 1921 he discovered his love of rock collecting after finding two moonstones in the early 1920s.

He started acquiring other rocks and minerals and soon learned that he could make a living from selling them to tourists traveling west.



Calling himself a "rockologist" he sold his specimens first from a mule-drawn wagon then from the back of his pick-up truck which he would park at the side of the highway or in places frequented by tourists such as Papago Park near Phoenix. In those early days he sold Indian bead work, petrified apples (a type of fossilized coral), animal-skin rugs, animal skulls and rattlesnake skins as well as minerals.

In 1937, in the Bulletin of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, his ad read: "THE ROCKOLOGIST -- My portable stock of fine mineral specimens can be seen at Bakersfield during the Federation Convention. My stock of minerals comes directly to your door. CHUCKAWALLA SLIM, Palm Springs, California." He traveled between the Los Angeles area and in the summer to Phoenix in the winter.

By the 1940's Slim was operating out of a mobile mineral shop



in a 30-foot yellow trailer (pulled at first by an old Willys pickup truck and later by a Model T Ford). As the customer entered the trailer he saw cabinets of drawers on either side, with choicer specimens displayed on top of the cabinets. He was married to a woman whom he called "Chloride Kate" and they would park his "trailer rock store" along the roadside south of Cathedral City, California during the winter months, and sell mineral specimens to passing motorists.

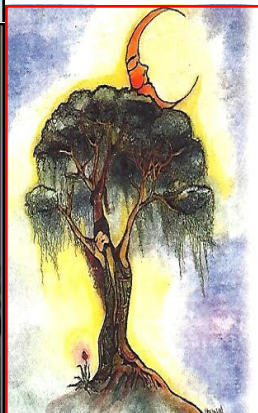
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FIELD TRIPS

By Joe Goetz



Joe Goetz, Field Trip Chairman

This month our members will have two opportunities for interesting field trips! As usual, please confirm with me if you are planning to attend so that I can keep you updated on the trip or notify you if it changes in any way. (626) 914-5030.

Wrightwood Actinolite Trip

TRIP LOCATION: Wrightwood, CA

WHEN: Saturday, July 21, 2012. Day trip. 8:30 AM - 3 PM

MEET: 8 AM @ Jensen's Market parking lot, 340 California Highway 2, Wrightwood, CA 92397

VEHICLES: Graded mountain dirt road. 6000' elevation. OK for nearly any two-wheel-drive car or truck with moderately adequate ground clearance.

MATERIAL: Mineral collecting at this site can be quite rewarding. The actinolite is found scattered around the entire area on both sides of the road from the parking area. Large chunks of beautiful crystals can be found if one scouts the outlying ground.

CFMS Field Trip -Palos Verdes

TRIP LOCATION: Three different collecting sites near the ocean at Palos Verdes, CA

WHEN: Saturday, July 28, 2012. Day trip. 8AM - 4:30PM

MEET: 8 AM at Site #1.

DIRECTIONS to Site #1:

- Head SOUTH on the 405 Freeway, EXIT at the Hawthorne Blvd.
- Turn RIGHT SOUTH on Hawthorne Blvd travel about 7 miles
- Turn RIGHT WEST to Palos Verdes Drive North travel about 2.2 miles.
- Make a SLIGHT LEFT WEST to Palos Verdes Drive West travel about 1 mile.
- Turn RIGHT WEST to Paseo Del Mar, travel about 1/8 mile.
- There will be a parking area on the west side of the road, toward the ocean, park there. Go to www.cfmsinc.org for maps or contact the field trip leader, Rob Sankovich at 805-494-7734 or by email at rmsorca@adelphia.net

VEHICLES: All vehicles.

MATERIAL: Mineral collecting on this field trip includes glaucophane, barite, dog-tooth dolomite and selenite.

For each Field Trip, remember that this is Summer!

WHAT TO BRING ON EACH FIELD TRIP: Rock collecting bags/buckets, rock hammer, eye protection, small hand rake, walking stick, spray bottle and camera. Also layered clothing, hat, gloves, long pants, sturdy walking/hiking shoes or boots, sunscreen, sunglasses, bandanna, personal medications and first aid kit, whistle. Bring lunch and more drinking water than you think you can use - about one liter per hour of field time.

..... **Somewhere in California going the wrong way**

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FEDERATION NEWS

CFMS - California Federation of Mineralogical Societies



The CFMS has launched its **Half a Million Nickel Drive** to raise money for the Endowment Fund of CFMS. This fund enables the CFMS to operate, to assist member clubs, to organize activities and communication and for the recognition of lapidary club members. We need

your nickels! Of course, dimes, quarters, halves and dollar coins, along with paper money and checks made out to PLS are also gratefully accepted. Cash in refundable beverage cans and bottles. Every nickel helps! We want PLS to be among the top fundraisers, so please be generous! At the June meeting we collected \$16.50 !

Dangerous plant in Southern California! Read about it at www.cfmsinc.org/newsletters. Select July 2012!

AFMS - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies



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Thursday, July 26 Seminars – 8 am to 5 pm

Friday, July 27 Show – noon to 7 pm

Saturday, July 28 Show – 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, July 29 Show – 10 am to 4 pm

Editor's Breakfast – 10 am

Details at: <http://www.amfed.org/show2012.htm>



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In March 1943 Slim announced, "To get the war won quicker, I have taken a job at Lockheed for the duration," saying he would only be open Sundays. In 1945 he ran an ad in The Mineralogist offering 40 assorted specimens for \$10, giving his mailing address as the Garvey Trailer Park in Garvey (now Monterey Park), California.

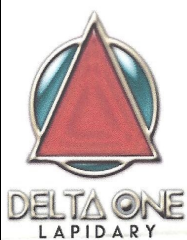
On July 23, 1951 while travelling from Southern California to a show in Santa Rosa he stopped in Lodi to visit a rockhound friend, Arthur Coes. The Lodi News Sentinel reported that Slim had won First Prize at the 1950 California State Fair for his display of a gold ores collection.

The Eugene Oregon Register-Guard newspaper wrote on September 3rd, 1954 that Chuckawalla Slim was displaying at the Northwest Mineral Show in his "house trailer" which he designed, consisting of four rooms, 7 ft high walls covered with six-guns, Indian blankets and other western memorabilia. His trailer carried 1500 lbs of a glittering array of "nature's jewels" and featured selenite stalactites from Cave Of The Swords in Mexico.

A 1967 newsletter of Mineral Society of Southern California in Pasadena lists Chuckawalla Slim as one of the founders of that organization and recounts that he was said to have acquired the name "Slim" while working as a 90-pound borax pioneer.

One of most widely-known rock collectors of modern time, Chuckawalla Slim's famed rockhound adventures came to an end with his death on April 29, 1975.

For information regarding this article, please see:
The Mineralogical Record's Biographical Archive
Eugene Register-Guard - Sep 3, 1954 at <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
Lodi Sentinel - July 24, 1951 at <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
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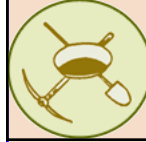
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LOCAL ROCK AND GEM



July 13, 14 & 15 - Riverside

CFMS Gold and Gem Show hosted by Valley Prospectors.

Location: Riverside Convention Center at the Municipal Auditorium 3485 Mission Inn Ave. Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM. Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM.

Speakers: Richard Wade's dinosaur presentation on Saturday and Sunday at 1 pm. Jim Bowden will speak on the gold rush with emphasis on southern California on Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. General admission: \$5 adults – \$4 seniors (60+) – \$3 12 - 17 – kids under 12 free with pd adult. Metered parking on street and city lots on weekdays – free parking on the weekend. **Editors Breakfast** to be held at the Marriott Hotel – Orange Crest Room on Sunday at 8 AM.

Look for the gem shows in the calendar on page 8.



Please plan to attend one of the shows listed on this page, and wear your club badge when you do! - Editor

July 19 - FUSION EARRINGS. Farrin O'Connor Designs. Come and learn from a master craftsman! Instructor: Bon Paphatsarang \$86. Thursday, 12:30 - 5:30pm. This class combines several basic jewelry making techniques including two distinct uses of a torch: Fusing and Soldering. Students will learn how to prepare two matching shapes as they ready their earrings for texturing using common hand tools. Bon will demonstrate his special method of fusing where, using a very hot torch flame, he melts pieces of sheet silver to the face of the earrings. Very exciting. The fundamentals of soldering will be covered step by step as you learn how to join wire 6 frames around the shapes. **All levels.** See information listed on page 6.

Member - To - Member

Our Historian, Jim Gersbach, is asking for photos and news articles about the club. Send them to him at 2270 E. Orange Grove, Pasadena, CA 91104-4911.

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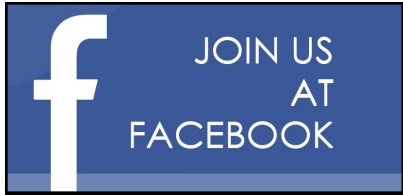
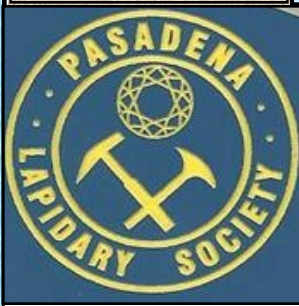
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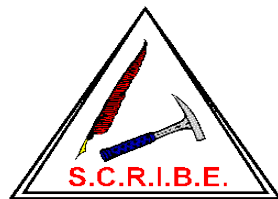
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


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 	4  Independence Day	5	6	7
8  Workshop	9	10 Board Meeting 	11	12  Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was born, 100 B.C.	13  CFMS SHOW	14  CFMS SHOW
15  CFMS SHOW	16	17 General Meeting 	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24  Amelia Earhart Day	25	26	27	28  Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower
29  Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower	30	31 	July - In the original Roman calendar the fifth month was Quintilis and always had 31 days. Emperor Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar (hence the Julian calendar) changing Quintilis to the seventh month in 46 B.C. Julius Caesar was assassinated in 42 B.C. and Marc Antony renamed this month after Julius in his honor.			