

ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY - PASADENA, CALIFORNIA



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FIELD TRIPS - Who needs them? The March field trip to the Lavic Jasper beds and the Calico Mountains yielded a treasure of jaspers and agates that will soon make beautiful works of art.

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President's Message



Dear Members,

We had a wonderful program last month at our March meeting! The Ramaura ruby program was able to be seen through the efforts of Carolyn and I want to thank her. It is wonderful to see when technology can be applied to a science and create something so beautiful.

Our Society has decided to put a case in

at this year's CFMS show which is in Ventura from May 31 to June 1. I am sure the people attending the show will be impressed with our society's talent. We would like to have samples of our members' work to display to represent our Society's talent. Let me know what you have to contribute and Joe or I will collect them before the CFMS show and set up the case.

April 15th is the deadline for entering our case in the Show and the cases will need to be set up the day before the show. I will use my case to

display our club's items. It is just like the ones we had at our own show last month.

Our field trip should be exciting for those who enjoy going to the Pala area tourmaline mines for a fee dig. I am hoping to find a treat from nature in the form of tourmaline, beryl, morganite, kunzite, quartz, or anything else that is found there. Some of our members have found some of these goodies on prior trips.

See you soon! Marcia

Marcia Goetz, President

Meeting and General Club Information

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March Board Meeting by Linda Nelson, Secretary

Officers present: Marcia & Joe Goetz, Carolyn Duncan.

Chairs & Members present: Ralph & Becky Fregoso, Chris Kyte, Ed Imlay, Philip Lahr, Linda Nelson, Mark Nelson and Drew Wilson.

Officers/Directors Absent: Vern Cliffe, Jim Gersbach, David Kelly and Trudy Krose.

The directors met to review and approve the applications for membership received at the show. The post-show recap and suggestion session followed.

March Meeting

An abbreviated business session introduced our newest members.

Following this we enjoyed a fascinating presentation by Judith Osmer and Virginia Carter of J.O. Crystal Co. the makers of "Ramaura" Cultured Rubies, "Nicholas" Created Alexandrite and "Empress" Cultured Emeralds. All "flux" grown synthetic gemstones. They are best known for their rubies and they had a great selection for the members to view.

April Meeting

The renown petrified wood expert and Paleobotanist, **Walt Wright**, will be our speaker at the April 16th Meeting. Walt is best known for identifying more petrified wood and fossil plants than anyone else in the world. If you have ever wondered how a tree could be turned into stone, come & listen. The program will be illustrated with specimens from his collection as well as chalkboard and digital microscopic images. We will open the doors at 6:30pm for refreshments and limit the business portion.

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 \$2.00 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 second Tuesday of the month at 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, flat-heel shoes and machinery safe prac-

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

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

The Annual Club Show is held the second weekend of March at the Masonic Center, 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.

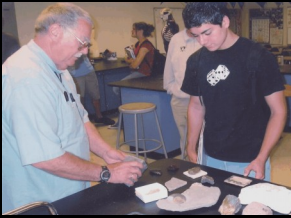


Ed's Corner

EDUCATIONAL OUTEACH

By Ed Imlay

Chair, Education Committee



Ed Imlay at a local school

Rock Identification: Would you like to know the name of a rock you have acquired? Set it on the table at the rear of the meeting room with a note asking "What is this?". If the interior of the stone is not evident, chip a small piece off or "window" it to reveal the interior (if it will not damage the appearance of the specimen).

For the April meeting, please display any items of general interest, workshop projects, material from locations of recent or upcoming field trips, and the birthstone of the month: **Diamond**.

This month I will be presenting my interactive presentation to a group of Cub Scouts in San Marino. To schedule a presentation to a group, your child's scout group or school contact me at (626) 286-8215 or by email at edimlay@hotmail.com for details.



WORKSHOP

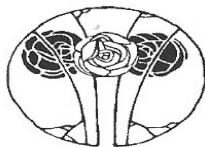


The April workshop will bring many new members! New members are asked to sign in, pay the \$2 workshop fee and check in with the Workshop Hosts - Chris Kyte or Mark Nelson. You will be attending an orientation session at 1:30pm to review the workshop machines. Please review the rules and safety information in your Member Handbook. ASK QUESTIONS!

The workshop is available for you to work on your projects or to finish one that you have underway. Tables are available for your use. The smallest trim saw has been converted to a water coolant and a third should be in operation soon. There is no per-cut fee for the use of the trim saws, but small fees are collected per cut for the larger saws..

The workshop date is on the calendar. The workshop location is in your Member Handbook. Workshop hours are from 1:00 until 5PM. Parking is on the west side of street - please park compactly along the curb - allowing space for others to park behind you. Alternate parking is available next door to the workshop in a paved lot behind the buildings on Foothill Boulevard. Contact a member or call 909-996-1784 if you have difficulty finding the workshop address or need directions.

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Welcome to our newest members - Natasha Bouey, Laura Davis, Cheryl & Antonio Franco, Robert Freed, Andrew & Cecilia Hernandez, Jennifer Jang, Roy Lackey, Hana Ogita, Cathy Plume-Jones, Jim & Lulu Smith, Elizabeth Weston and returning member Paul Salcido. We met several of our new members at the March meeting and at the field trip to Lavic Siding and the Thulite Hill. It's great to have you as members!

Share the lapidary and jewelry hobby. Invite your friends and neighbors to one of our monthly meetings to learn more about the Pasadena Lapidary Society!



ROCK OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION

Each month an adult or junior member presents a 5 -minute talk about a rock, mineral or other item of lapidary or jewelry interest at the monthly meeting. Please sign up at the monthly meeting or Carolyn Duncan.



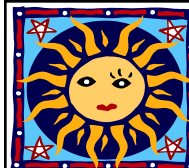
Meeting Refreshments:

Paolo & Ferdie Sanchez and Yvonne Mack are scheduled to bring refreshments to the April meeting! Help make the meetings fun with your favorite light snack or goodie. Sign-ups for future meetings on the list at the back of the meeting room or by contacting me at (323) 664-9598 or by email at mikekrose@roadrunner.com to offer your help!

..... Trudy Krose



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Sunshine: Fred Elsnau is well on his way to a full recovery from his surgery last month! You might have seen him at the Annual Show!

Linda Nelson squished her finger in a car door at the California Barbed Wire Collectors Show and caught a barb on her shin in her excitement! She is looking for advice on painting her finger splint.

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.



Why Have Field Trips?

By Mark Nelson

Our club's bylaws state our Mission as:

"The Pasadena Lapidary Society serves to educate its members and the community in mineralogy, earth sciences and training in the lapidary and jewelry arts – while promoting sound mineral resource stewardship based on environmental awareness and ethical behavior. The Society fulfills its mission year-round which may include field trips, lapidary workshops, outreach presentations, public mineral displays, an annual show, and monthly informational meetings open to the public."

In my limited exposure to other gem and mineral societies I've observed that those clubs that have regular, organized field trips are the clubs that are stronger, have more general participation and are growing in membership. Field trips build team spirit and friendships. They enable people to enjoy seeing new and interesting places that they've never been to because they don't have anyone to guide them and help them know what they are looking for. As Carolyn Duncan, our Vice President and Rockhound Of The Year, said "Before I joined the Pasadena Lapidary Society I would buy rock collecting maps and try to find the minerals on my own. I was so discouraged by those 'lying rock maps' that I almost gave up. When I joined PLS they took me back to those same locations and showed me what, how and where to collect great minerals!"

We also realize that many individuals and other clubs have knowledge of new and interesting collecting sites. To take advantage of this, each year our club joins with other local clubs to plan twelve months of field trips. Those trips are a combination of one-day collecting trips, overnight or weekend trips, and educational museum trips. Most of our trips are suitable for adults and youth of all physical abilities.

Our club has grown by 15% just this year. I encourage all of these new members and current members to take advantage of the experience of our field trip leaders and get out into our local undeveloped mineral areas.



Crystal Ridge



Rockhounding can start with the very young!

Crystal Ridge

Trip Leaders plan each event very carefully to make the trip as enjoyable as possible!

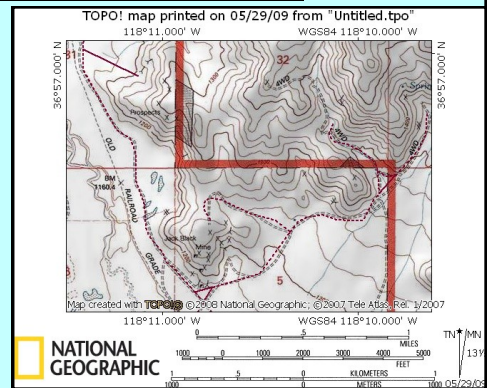
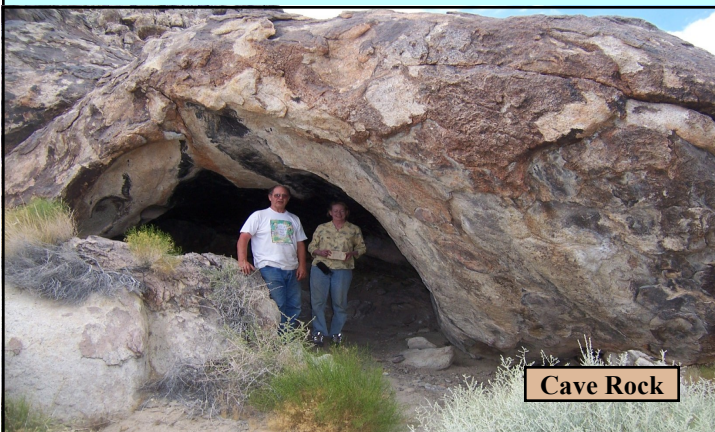


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Sessions are starting each month.

To enroll go to: <http://www.mcasweb.com> or call 626-471-3035

Wiley's Well



Delores Holland's Grave - 1931
Afton Canyon area



Petroglyphs Holy Bathtub

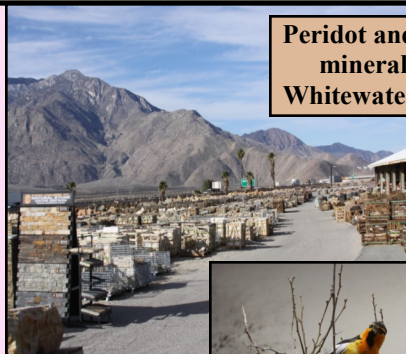
Father & Son Collecting

Afton Canyon Area

Photos by Mark Nelson



Peridot and other minerals at Whitewater Rock

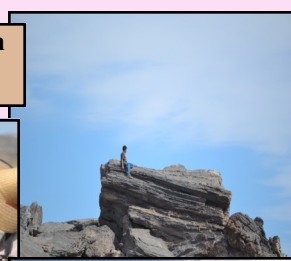


Salton Sea



Wildlife

Obsidian Butte



Salton Sea Mud Volcanoes



Photos by Bob Brice



NICHOLA's Channeling event at Rocks & Runes!



April 5th, 7 - 9pm. An evening of a guided meditation & an opportunity to ask individual questions with professionally trained Channel and Intuitive Reader, Nichola Ellis www.SoulReadings.us. Cost: \$20.00 in advance via PayPal - \$30.00 at the door. Major Credit Cards accepted. RESERVATIONS: (818) 846-0108.



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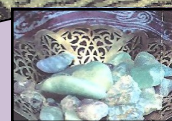
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FIELD TRIPS

By Joe Goetz

April 27, 2013 - Oceanview Gem Mine



Joe Goetz
Field Trip Chairman

The field trip for April is to the Oceanview Gem Mine. We've been to this "fee-dig" mine before and it is a fun trip - where friends play in the dirt together. It is an oxymoron to say that it's good clean fun while you are getting filthy dirty!

Physical Constraints - What to expect: We will drive to a level clearing near the mine. The mine operator brings bulldozer loads of dirt from the mine tailings and piles it into the clearing. You will be assigned to a washing/sifting station around the perimeter of the clearing. Bring your own 5-gallon bucket into which you will shovel some of the dirt from the pile. Then you'll take it back to your station where you will stand and wash and sift it for gems. Reduced height stations are available for those who need them.

Collecting: Some of what may be found are: Tourmaline, Aquamarine, Spinel, Kunzite, Morganite, Quartz crystals and assorted other things. It is a workout as well!

Please let us know by April 6th if you are going as we are locking in our reservation on the 7th! Our phone numbers are (626) 914-5030 or (626) 260-7239 and we must have your reservation in order for you to participate. We will be passing along maps and the release forms as soon as we get them.

The cost is \$60.00 cash per person (\$50 for ages 11 and under). We will meet, sign waivers and collect the fee that morning at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Magee Rd and CA-76 (7½ miles east of I-5 and a 2 hour drive from Pasadena). The last bucket call is at 3pm. If you need an address for a gps use 35940 Magee Rd, Pala, CA 92059 to get to the intersection.

Bring: Drinking water, lunch, small cooler, hat, bucket, hand-held sifting screen, garden spade, gardening gloves, aspirin or tylenol, sunscreen, sunglasses, bag for your trash, quart slide-lock baggie or plastic vial for your gems, money to buy specimens from the mine shop. You should read the information at DIGFORGEMS.COM to get an idea of what to expect while there. If you don't have internet - call Marcia or myself for the information.

..... *Looking for my group (as I'm the leader)*

..... *Joe Goetz*



Congratulations to Matt Lamb for correctly answering the junior question that Bloodstone is the alternate birthstone for March. Kudos to adult member Lisa Griffy for knowing that the full moon for March is called the Full Worm moon because as the ground thaws, in this first month of Spring, worm casts become evident and are a herald for warmer weather being on its way!



Editor's Quiz

Juniors: Name three minerals that are identified in the Field Trips article on pages 1, 4 & 5.

Adults: There are several alternate birthstones for April. Which one is named in this month's newsletter?

The first Adult and Junior Members to correctly answer these questions will win a special prize at the April Meeting. See Editor's contact info on page 2.

FEDERATION NEWS

CFMS - California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

The CFMS is accepting nominations for Secretary. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to serve as the CFMS Secretary, please submit their name to our club's Secretary (Linda Nelson) by email or phone (see page 2). Keep our club involved in our hobby!

Fred Ott, the Insurance Committee Chairperson reminds us that each member of our Federation pays 50¢ per month, through their club, for \$2 Million of liability insurance protection for the things we do in our activities as members of a CFMS Society (meetings, field trips, lapidary, etc.).

AFMS - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Plan Ahead!

- 2013 AFMS Convention & Show
- Sept. 18-22, 2013 - Jacksonville, FL
- Sept. 18 - Uniform Rules
- Sept. 19 - AFMS Annual Meeting & Scholarship Foundation Meeting
- Sept. 20-22 - Show
- Sept. 21 - Awards Banquet
- Sept. 22 - Breakfast with Editors & Webmasters

"All things in moderation, including moderation". ~ Mark Twain

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." ~Dr. Seuss

The field trip that was planned for the 20th of April to the rare earth mine run by Molycorp is cancelled. They are in the process of reactivating the mine for production and won't be ready for tours until January of next year.



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RECENT EMAIL SCAMS

By Mark Nelson, Pasadena Lapidary Society

There has been a recent flood of "phishing" emails on the Internet designed to infect your computer, steal your information and to separate you from your hard-earned cash. Here are a few:

FedEx Scam: An email arrives, stating "Dear Client, Your parcel has arrived at March 7. Courier was unable to deliver the parcel to you at 7 March 06:33 PM. To receive your parcel, please, print this receipt and go to the nearest office. Best Regards, The FedEx Team".

UPS Scam: "Dear Customer, Your Parcel has been returned to the UPS office nearest to you. The reason for the return is as a result of incorrect delivery address information. Kindly click on the below link to update us with your Mobile Number and in less than (42 hours) an agent will contact you on phone to correct your delivery address to enable delivery of parcel. To update us with your Mobile Number, please Click Here and enter the below tracking number of Parcel. Tracking # (1Z9575R2P297341747) Note: Ensure you enter your correct email information and Mobile Number to enable us reach you on phone. UPS Logistic Service."

Telestra Scam: "Dear Telstra Pre-Paid Plus Customer, Thank you for requesting to activate your pre-paid mobile phone with Telstra Pre-Paid plus. We are pleased to advise that the activation will typically occur within 30 minutes. If you experience any difficulties please call 125 8880. Your Details are in the attached file."

The **Western Union Scam** is a variation on the same theme. In each case the emails were sent from a sender with the domain name of the legitimate FedEx, UPS, Telestra and Western Union, but with a slightly different suffix, such as ".us" or ".au".

In each case, the link that you are being asked to click to "take action" actually goes to an address at cosk.net, which is registered to a "Day Young Kweon" in Korea. The legitimate companies are trying to shut down the thieves. We need to ask ourselves "Am I expecting something from this company?" In the case of FedEx and UPS, they always leave a door tag. If there is an incorrect address the inquiry to you will come from your sender, not the carrier! If you do have an account with the organization or are expecting a delivery and still aren't sure if the email is legitimate, call the sending organization and ask. Their customer service representatives should be able to help.

Western Union says **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK OR OPEN THE ATTACHMENT**. Instead, forward the email to spoof@westernunion.com and then delete the e-mail immediately!

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LOCAL ROCK AND GEM SHOWS:

April 6 - 7: CLAREMONT. Glendora Gems Rock Sale. RAIN OR SHINE. 50¢ per pound Saturday 9am-3pm, 25¢/lb Sunday 10am-3pm. Bring your own containers and spray bottles. 1665 Benedict Avenue, Claremont.

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



April 20 - 21: THOUSAND OAKS. Conejo Gem & Mineral Club. Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.), Hours: 10 - 5 daily.

27 - 28: LANCASTER. Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Lancaster High School. 44701 - 32nd Street West. Hours: 10 - 5 daily.

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

April 6th: Margo Farrin O'Connor will instruct on WAX CARVING BASICS. 1:00 - 5:30pm. Cost: \$95 + \$10 lab fee. See Farrin O'Connor Design's other April classes at <http://www.farrinoconnordesign.com/classes.html>. Classes on PMC Beads, Necklaces, Snake Bracelet, Earrings, Mesh Fusion, Wire Wrapping Faceted Gems and more. Visit their store and see the classroom during class hours! See page 6.

Delta One Lapidary announces the new Cab King #6V3 capping machine! This 6" grinding and polishing cab machine is available to Society members at a special price! See it and their other new items at Delta One Lapidary.com (see page 5) or call Juli Hughes at (541) 563-7495.

Member - To - Member

- Mature and responsible **rock collector seeks guest house**, property oversight position or other accommodation with private living quarters. Reply to Dr. Davis Coghill (626) 391-7296 or by email to dcpsyd@gmail.com. References upon request.

- **Found at the Show:** A blue box type dolly with a Office Depot sticker on it. A dark blue zippered sweatshirt with a USA logo and a hand sanitizer in one pocket and a small rock slab in the other. **Lost at the show:** A small set of platinum earrings. A black led "5.11" flashlight. Contact the Editor if you are the finder or 'lostee' of any of these items.



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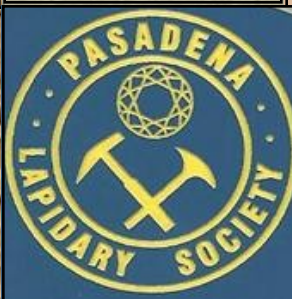
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Rockhound Ramblings Awards

- 2011 - 1st Place, CFMS
- 2011 - 2nd Place, AFMS
- 2012 - 1st Place, CFMS
- 2012 - 2nd Place, CFMS
- 2012 - 6th Place, AFMS



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April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 International Tatting Day 	2  Passover Ends	3	4 Martin Luther King Assassinated 1968 	5	6  Glendora Gems
7  Glendora Gems	8	9 Board Meeting 	10	11	12  Civil War Begins 1861	13
14  Workshop	15 RMS Titanic 1912 	16 General Meeting 	17	18	19	20  Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
21  Conejo Gem & Mineral Club	22	23	24	25 Full Moon 	26 Therevadin Buddhist New Yea 	27  Oceanview Mine Field Trip
28  Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club	29	30				