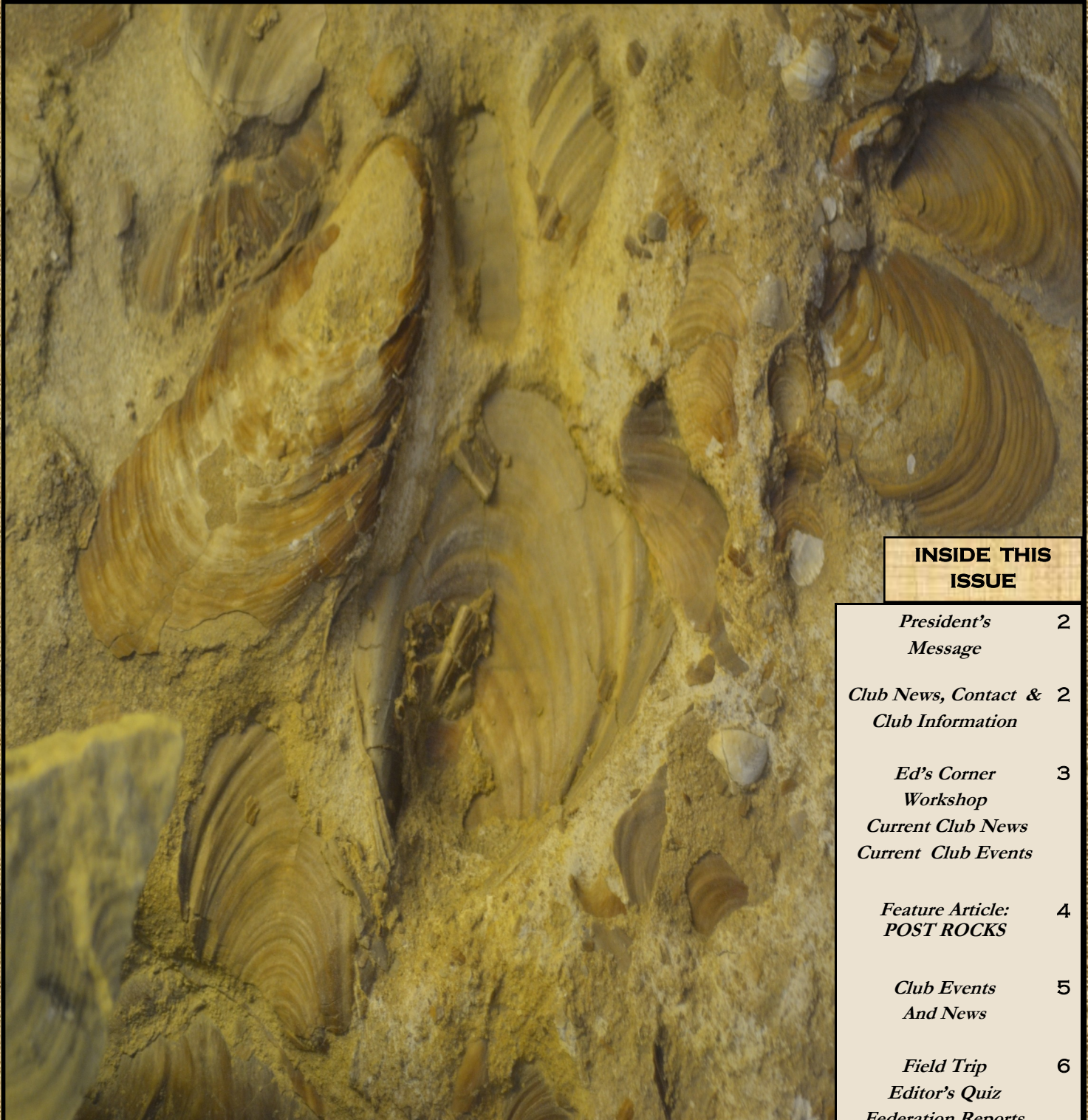




ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

MAY, 2014

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY - PASADENA, CALIFORNIA



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Limestone posts from the Greenhorn Formation of North-western Kansas are rich in fossils from the Cretaceous Period of between 145.5 and 65.5 million years ago. This limestone played a significant part in the settling of the American West as families moved west from areas devastated by our Civil War.

..... Continued on page 4



President's Message



Dear Members.

Here we are, month of May, and pretty soon we will be enjoying the fruits of our labor at the California Federation's Gem and Mineral Show. I hope you are ready to have a good time! We are going to have a few of our members compete, Ferdie and Paolo Sanchez and Susan Carter and Tanner SooHoo. Good luck to you all.

As we get close to set up day, there

are many little details which need to be addressed and always seem to sneak up on us. However, I know we all can think on our feet and deal with them. Setup day will be a very busy day for all of us and all the volunteers. We'll just have to pace ourselves and with determination we'll get everything done.

On opening day, I expect there will be a crowd of people wanting to get in and see what we have done. The advertising for the show is extensive - ads have been placed in enough papers to reach 1.6 million homes!

I'm sure the public will be impressed with our displays, raffle, silent auction and kid's area. Who knows - we may get some new members!

Club Central is a new event that is designed to assist other clubs to attract new members who may live near them. Participating clubs will have a table to spread their material on and show visitors what they have to offer.

The main thing - after all the show prep work is done - **is to have fun!**

..... *Marcia*

Marcia Goetz, President

Meeting and General Club Information

By Linda Nelson, Secretary

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April Board Meeting

Officers present: Marcia & Joe Goetz, Martha Wilson and Linda Nelson.

Chairs & Members present: Carolyn Duncan, Ed Imlay, Chris Kyte, Mark Nelson and Elizabeth Weston.

Officers/Directors Absent: Dave Keltly.

The board reviewed the upcoming CFMS show and club events. The idea of souvenir pins for the CFMS show was tabled. An order of 100 vests for the club was approved.

April Meeting

At the Rock Of The Month talk Andrew Hernandez introduced us to Chrysoprase, one of history's ancient gems and one often mistaken for Emerald. Thanks, Andy!

Armando Pedroza gave a great power point presentation on ways to use rocks and plants to improve the appearance and beauty of our homes! The raffle was great and Joe is bringing even more items to each month's raffle.

The members formally voted to have a show in 2015.

May Program Meeting

Carolyn Duncan will sift the science from the legend about Moqui (pronounced Mo-Key) Marbles.

Brad Smith, the president of the Culver City club and moderator of LA-Rocks has 17 years of experience in the jewelry industry, including a decade teaching hundreds of students. His emailed Bench Tips help jewelers and hobbyists alike and he will share his tips at this month's meeting. He will have his new book, *Bench Tips for Jewelry Making*, for purchase and signing.

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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.

Website: pasadenalapidarysociety.org

Email: pasadenalapidary@aol.com

Board Meetings: 7:15 PM on the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Campus of the Monrovia Adult School. Map and directions are on the website. All members are welcome to attend!

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

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

Workshop: The use of the club's equipment is available to members from 9am to 5pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month in our shop at 123 E. Montecito Ave., Sierra Madre. There are two sessions - from 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm. Equipment proficiency is required and instruction is free. Fees are \$3 per session or \$5 for a full day. Bring lunch!

Safety: Liability waivers, eye protection, closed-toe, flat-heel shoes and machinery safe-practices are mandatory for all participants. Workshops and field trips are for adult members and juniors with adult supervision.

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

2014 California Federation Show - is being hosted by our club! May 30th - June 1st at the L.A. County Fairplex in Pomona!

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.

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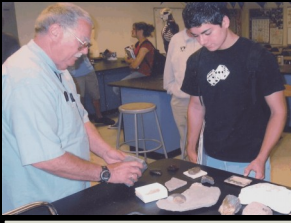


Ed's Corner

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

By Ed Imlay

Chair, Education Committee



Ed Imlay at a local school

On March 26th I presented my earth sciences program to E. O. Lawrence Elementary School in Garden Grove. To schedule my educational presentation to your group or school contact me by phone at (626) 286-8215 or by email at

edimlay@hotmail.com.

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).

Display Table: For the May 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: Diamond.

WORKSHOP



Our May workshop falls on Mother's Day, so let's celebrate by taking her to the Workshop! Members are invited to attend and learn to make gem trees, which we need for our Federation Show in May, and how to turn your Tri-Color Marble into cabochons. If you have not attended a workshop before and would like to schedule a personal orientation, please email me at gem.quest@verizon.net — Carolyn Duncan, Workshop Chair



Special Event: On Sunday, May 4th, at 11am there will be a gem tree making class session for the upcoming show. Location is the Monrovia Adult School. Bring lunch, jewelry pliers, rock chips, 24 or 26 ga copper wire if you have any. Instruction given to new members. Family are welcome! Directions to MAS are on the Calendar page of the web site.

Help Wanted

Library: A club member is needed to help organize our reference library which is housed in the building where we have our workshop. If you are interested, please contact Linda Nelson at lnelsn@verizon.net.

Historian: A club member is needed to help compile and organize our club's history. If you are interested, please contact Marcia Goetz at joenmar1@verizon.net.

Cyberspace News

Website: Check the website for updated information about speakers, activities and field trips.

Facebook: Elizabeth Weston is keeping our Facebook and Twitter accounts updated. If you have photos to post on our Facebook page, send them to her at mstom80@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members !!



Welcome to Lisa Skillett from Temple City who enjoys lapidary crafts and to Anthony Gonzales and Lianna Pollastrini of Cypress who are looking forward to collecting minerals on field trips to turn into works of art!

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

Used for centuries by Shamans and other mystics - considered sacred among the Shamanic members of ancient tribes, they were used in rituals to contact extra-terrestrials, for visioning, and for out-of-body journeys. They realign the energy centers, relieve energy blockage, stimulate Chi energy, ground, center and protect, they are equally balanced between grounding and energizing, and act as a connector to the Earth's energies. What are we talking about? Don't miss the ROTM talk at the May meeting!

Needed: Members who will share 5 minutes to talk about a favorite rock, gem or mineral at the Rock Of The Month segment at the meetings in July, August or September - give Martha Wilson a call or an email! See page 2 for her contact info.

Meeting Refreshments —
Thanks to Mona Ross and Nadine Ishizu for the April refreshments! Joan Harrison and Diana Kreinbring are scheduled for May's meeting. Thanks also to all who signed up last month!
We still need volunteers for June, September, October and November. Contact me at (323) 664-9598 or by email at mikekrose@roadrunner.com to sign up to bring munchies to a future meeting! Trudy Krose



Sunshine:

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Traeger on the birth last month of their son, Jasper! We'll look for him on upcoming field trips. There is a school of thought that claims that the closer to the ground one's eyes are the more good rocks one finds!

Do 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, 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.



Post Rocks

By Mark Nelson
Pasadena Lapidary Society

The fertile plains seem endless as they stretch west from the Mississippi River to the Colorado Rockies. Few trees marred the view of the settlers in the 1860's. With the invention of barbed wire in 1867 settlers had the means to keep hungry animals out of their crops, but it was expensive to have wooden or metal fence posts hauled by freight wagon from St. Louis, Missouri, out to the new American West.

The discovery of Greenhorn Limestone provided the building material needed to create the durable fence posts known as Post Rocks. The pioneers in western Kansas quarried the stones and used them for fencing fields and gardens, for a durable building construction material, for grave markers, horse water troughs and to anchor another key invention for western expansion - the windmill.



Fence post grooved from drilling and splitting

The stone was uncovered from limestone outcroppings and cut out by hand - a process similar to that used by Egyptian stone masons of 2500 B.C. A linear series of holes were drilled using a metal auger, weighted by a stone.



Hand auger used for drilling post rock limestone

Then "feathers and wedges" were inserted in the holes and gently tapped to create a crack to the desired length for the fence post.

Special tools, such as a stone crandall, were used to shape the stone block to the desired finished condition. The holes left by the drilling and splitting were ideally suited to hold barbed wire at uniform distances on the post rock.



Stone Crandall
This tool was used by the Greenhorn limestone miners to shape and shape limestone for building and fence purposes. The Green Family settled in Rush County in 1870.

A stone crandall (shown above) was used for shaping the limestone blocks once they were split using the feathers and wedges (shown at right).



The Post Rock Museum in La Crosse, Kansas, has a very thorough display of the process of quarrying and forming Greenhorn Limestone into fencing and building materials.



St. Joseph's Kirche, Liebenthal Kansas was built of Greenhorn Limestone in 1902.

For the Post Rock Museum visiting hours and information on the nearby Kansas Barbed Wire Museum call them at (785) 222-2719 or visit the web site at: www.rushcounty.org/PostRockMuseum.

Thanks to Brad Penka, of the Post Rock Museum, for the history lesson and the photo of the Post Rock Museum shown below.

Photos for this article were taken in Rush County, Kansas, by Mark Nelson during the research for this article.



Brad Penka of the Kansas Post Rock Museum



Post Rock Museum

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A fine jewelry microscope, donated by Joe and Marcia Goetz and a mineral theme quilt by Corinne Imlay will be among the great prizes at this year's CFMS Show.

Raffle prizes of \$20+ and silent auction mineral and miscellaneous donations are needed! Please get your donation to us **ASAP**. Contact our Secretary or email to have it picked up.



A video of the 2014 Lavic Jasper Field Trip was shown before the April meeting and during the break. For a copy of the video as a wmv file, email the editor.

Photos on this column are by Mark Nelson

An Exciting Hobby !

JASPER Found In Monrovia!

Welcome to a brand new Rockhound! Jasper Traeger (photo below) was born April 18th, 2014.



Photo by Christine Tureaud



Photo by Tom Traeger

Joel Tureaud (on right) volunteers to repair a "water guzzler" to help carry sensitive wildlife through this period of extreme drought in Southern California. Send us a photo and description of what you do within and outside of the lapidary hobby!

Vests Are Coming!

Since they are designed to fit over your regular shirts and blouses, the board selected the sizes for this order to be medium, XL, XXL & XXXL. Cost: \$10. Reserve yours now and pay when they arrive. Order info same as for shirts.



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Joe Goetz
Field Trip Chairman

FIELD TRIPS

By Joe Goetz

Wrightwood - May 17th



With all the work going on for the CFMS show, a little break for a day trip is in order. After all we are rockhounds and this trip is one of the things we do. On this trip we will join the Whittier, North Orange County and Mt. San Antonio College groups and will combine earth science with mineral collecting. The trip will start at 7:30am in the Lowe's parking lot at Arrow Highway & the 57 Freeway in San Dimas. Don Ogden will lead us to key locations on the San Andreas Fault where we will collect mineral specimens of Blue Schist and Dolomite.

We will also collecting Actinolite - with its bright green color that sparkles in the sunlight. It can be shaped, cut and polished with diamond implements, and it makes for a showy yard rock!

For those that are interested, Mark Nelson has arranged for a couple of vans to take people on this trip as a gas-saving measure. More details will be available on the Calendar Page of the web site. If interested in going on this trip, or getting a seat in the van, contact Mark at (909) 996-1784 for details.

GOING somewhere in California Joe Goetz



Editor's Quiz

Juniors: What is a crandall and how is it used?

Adults: Who is this glamorous redhead and how is she connected with our hobby?



The answers can be found in this bulletin! The first Adult and Junior Member to correctly answer these questions will win a special prize at the Meeting. See the Editor's contact info on page 2.



Congratulations to JenniferJang for knowing that Chrysoprase is known as the stone of Venus, the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

Congratulations also to Jennifer Nishimura for knowing that granite shares the same chemical composition as Rhyolite!



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FEDERATION NEWS


by Joe Goetz, Federation Director

CFMS - California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

The 2014 Federation Show will be here next month! Our club is hosting the show in a huge building at the L.A. County Fairgrounds, and it promises to be a lot of fun. To make it a success we are asking all club members to help. In exchange for helping you will receive FREE admission!

It is quite an honor to have a display case at a statewide show! CFMS Past-President Susan Caisson-Walblom, who was at our show last month says our displays are quite suitable to enter in the Competitive category. One advantage of entering this category is that we will receive several sheets of comments by the judges that we can use to guide our future displays! The deadline for registering for a competitive case has been extended to May 6th. Case rental is FREE to our members. The forms are on the show web site: www.cfms2014show.com

AFMS - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

 The 2014 AFMS Convention and Show, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Federation, will be held July 9th to the 13th, 2014. The show is at the Tulsa Fair Grounds, 4145 E 21st Street, Tulsa, OK.

The theme of the show is *Rocks and Gems of the Indian Territory*. Convention Location is the Hilton Garden Inn, 4518 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74135-3225 (918) 878-7777

April Field Trip Report, by Philip Lahr

After a morning that was clear, cold and windy we gathered at the meeting area. We had a good group with Marcia and Joe Goetz, Ed and Corinne Imlay, Jay Valle, Art & Ginger Regazi, Jennifer Jang, Susan & Tanner Soohoo, Hailey Carter, Valerie & Damon Stathatos and myself. There were several options for collecting, including nice Verde Antique marble and hematite. Jay led a group to a black opal deposit where there was also an abundance of attractive coarse black actinolite, above which were some great views! After lunch we went to the blue dolomite collecting site in a steep canyon dotted with tailing piles. Lastly, we visited the tri-color marble site and found some promising material. I was particularly impressed by the interesting weathering patterns on the marble. I have a couple photographs to contribute for the club's web site. Others should have some photos to contribute as well.



An interesting piece of breccia

**HINTS, TIPS AND SAFETY****Cleaning Copper Jewelry**

By Ruth McGrath

In Bon's jewelry production class I recently shared these simple methods for keeping my copper jewelry looking shiny and new. For both of these methods use a glass or plastic container (not metal) and have an old toothbrush on hand for those pieces with hard-to-reach crevices. Rinse and dry after cleaning.

- The first is to immerse the copper item in ordinary tomato catsup, or ketchup. Let it soak for 3 to 10 minutes, remove and rub the item with your fingers or a cloth soaked with ketchup until it shines.
- Another effective method is to warm a cup of vinegar or lemon juice. Place your copper jewelry in the container and pour the liquid to completely cover it for 5 to 10 minutes.
- A note of caution: Many antique pieces and vintage copper coins retain their value best when they are not cleaned. Some new pieces have an applied protective lacquer coating and should only be cleaned with soap and water.

Trivia: Did you know where today's ketchup came from? According to Wikipedia and other cooking sources it started in China and was first documented in the 17th century. The Chinese mixed a concoction of pickled fish and spices and called it (in the Amoy dialect) *kôe-chiap* or *kê-chiap* (in Mandarin Chinese *gui zhi*, Cantonese *gwai zap*) meaning the brine of pickled fish or shellfish.

By the early 18th century the table sauce had made it to the Malay states - present day Malaysia and Singapore. The Indonesian-Malay word for the sauce was *kecap* (pronounced "kay-chap"). English explorers and traders brought the sauce back to England, where it was variously called "Catsup" or "Catchup" - trying to come close to a sound that doesn't really exist in English.

English settlers took catsup with them to the American colonies. The early Western versions of the sauce called for anchovies, shallots, vinegar, white wine, cloves, ginger, mace, nutmeg, pepper and lemon peel. In 1801 a recipe for tomato catsup was created by Sandy Addison and was printed in an American cookbook, the *Sugar House Book*. In 1837 Jonas Yerkes distributed catsup nationally in quart and pint bottles. Food manufacturer Henry John Heinz first brought his product to market in 1872 as "Heinz Tomato Catsup" but changed the spelling to "Ketchup" in the 1880's to distinguish it from his competitors. This change was followed by Joseph and William Hunt. The Del Monte company did not switch the spelling until 1988 after it became clear that **ketchup** was the spelling of choice for American consumers!

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LOCAL ROCK AND GEM SHOWS

May 3 - 4: ANAHEIM - Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30 www.searchersrocks.org

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




3 - 4: YUCAIPA - Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Scherer Senior Center 12202 First Street, Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4 www.yvgms.org/wiki

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

10 - 11: LANCASTER - Antelope Gem & Mineral Society, Lancaster High School 44701 - 32nd Street West, 9 - 5 daily www.avgem.weebly.com

16—18: SANTA ANA - Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions, Holiday Inn-Orange County Airport; 2726 S. Grand Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission

 **May 30 - June 1: POMONA, CA - 2014 CFMS Show and Conference, LA County Fairplex 1101 W. McKinley Ave, Fri & Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4**
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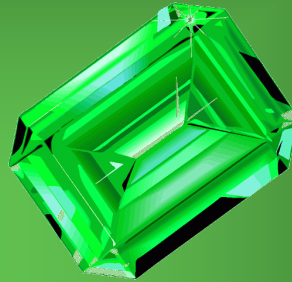
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Faceted Emerald



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May 2014

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	If you can read this, thank a Teacher on National Teachers Day, May 6th	Tell a nurse "Thank You" on National Nurses Day, May 6th		1 Loyalty Day	2	3
4	Cinco de Mayo	Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower 7:15pm CFMS Show Meeting	7	8 Victory in Europe 1945	9	10
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