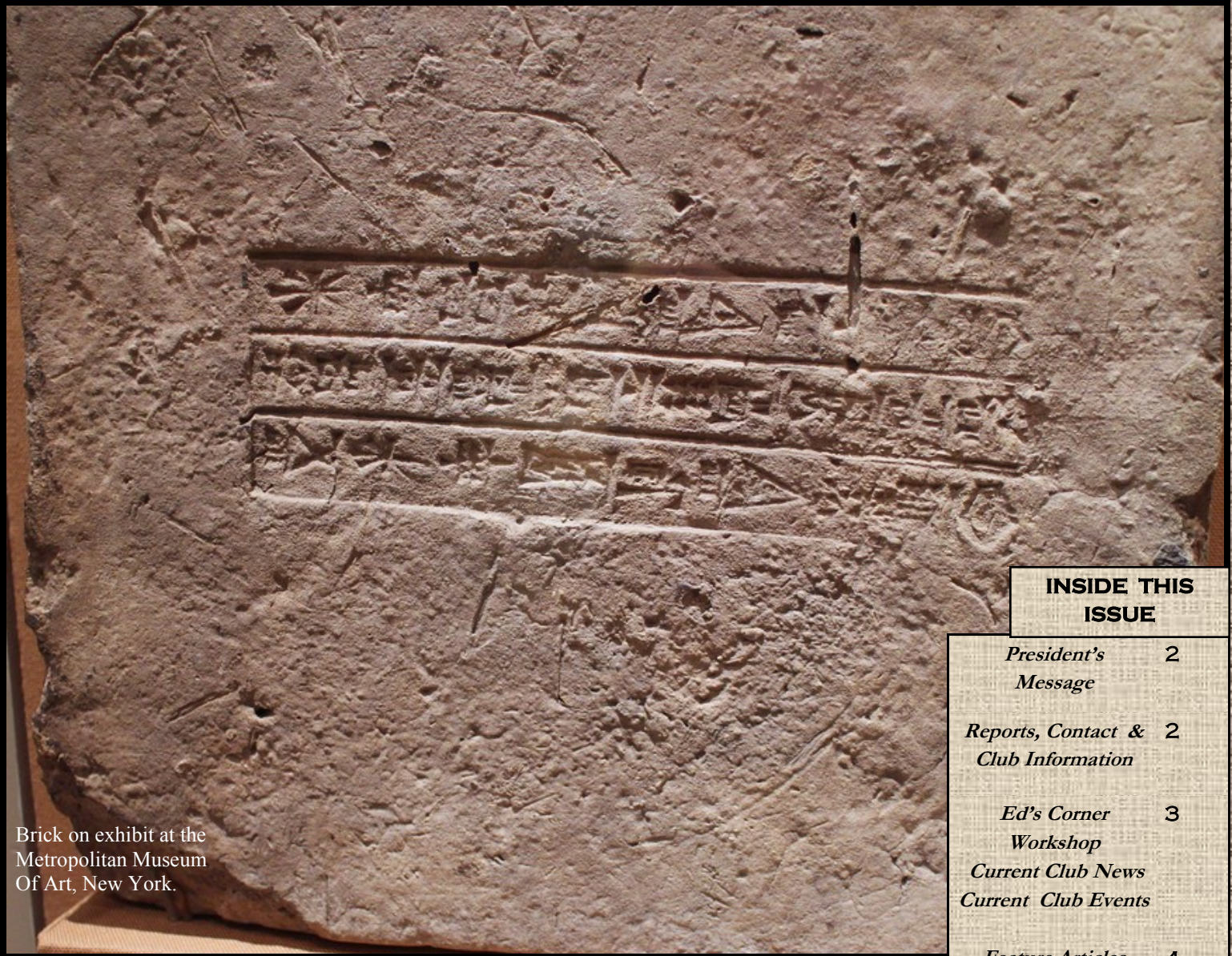


# ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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Brick on exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum Of Art, New York.

The discovery of this inscribed brick from Iraq is important in the study of biblical archaeology because it contains a declaration by king Nebuchadnezzar II, the monarch who is mentioned so often in the Bible and is the one who destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem in 586 BC and carried the Jews away into exile. "Modern research has shown that Nebuchadnezzar was the greatest monarch that Babylon, or perhaps the East generally, ever produced. He must have possessed an enormous command of human labor. Ninety percent of old Babylon itself, and 95% of all the other ruins that in almost countless profusion cover the land, are composed of bricks stamped with his name. He appears to have built or restored almost every city and temple in the whole country. His inscriptions give an elaborate account of the immense works which he constructed in and about Babylon — abundantly illustrating the boast, 'Is not this great Babylon which I have built?'" - George Rawlinson, *Historical Illustrations of the Old Testament*

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**President's Message**



Dear Members,  
I hope you enjoyed the little break we had last month! We will resume our regular monthly meetings this month - on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

September can hold the promise of some cooler weather and rain. More than occasionally we have rain during the time of the Los Angeles County

Fair. This year some predictions say we could have a strong El Niño. I remember a year there were so many storms that we received rain on every field trip! Rain can wash the rocks and make them easier to find, but there are cautions to be aware of - lightning and gully washers are a few.

We will not be having our regular workshop in September but we will announce it when it is ready. In the meantime, we can work on items

on our own and maybe come up with a design or technique that can be shared at an upcoming workshop.

Enjoy the Mini Miners Monthly that we emailed to all members, and note that the nominations for the 2016 Rockhound Of The Year and for our 2016 officers and that our 2016 membership dues are due at the end of the month.

See you soon!

..... **Marcia**  
Marcia Goetz, President

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**July Board Meeting**  
by Linda Nelson, Secretary

Officers/Directors present: Marcia & Joe Goetz, Carolyn Duncan, Martha Wilson, Jennifer Jang, Linda Nelson, Ed Imlay and Chris Kyte. Absent: Mark Nelson, Trudy Krose and Elizabeth Weston .

Society finances, goals, the Workshop and upcoming events were discussed. New members were reviewed and approved.

All members are welcome to attend the board meetings. Let Marcia Goetz know in case of changes.

**July Program Meeting**

Janie Duncan is always a popular program presenter! She showed our members how much they know and don't know about identifying rock and minerals. Everyone agreed that it was a great presentation.

Members brought their "mystery" rocks for identification and a good time was had by all!

It is only appropriate that our next program will be one that we were not able to get enough of when he was last here — Tom Traeger!

**September Program Meeting**

Tom Traeger, a Society member and instructor at La Canada High School will show us how to identify any rock simply by looking for a few key details. Tom's presentation is considered to be among the very best that the Society has offered its members. **Don't miss it!**

Come early at 6pm and enjoy coffee and refreshments by Trudy Krose's refreshments committee. Bring rocks and minerals for identification! The display table is for members to show items they have collected at recent field trips or in their travels.

**Membership Information and Meeting Locations**

**Membership** per calendar year is only \$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:** [www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org](http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org)  
**Email:** [pasadenalapidary@aol.com](mailto:pasadenalapidary@aol.com)

**Board Meetings:** 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month at the Castellano Building at 401 W. Colorado Blvd Monrovia, CA. A map and directions are on the website. All members are welcome to attend!

**Program Meetings:** 6:45 - 8:45 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Central Library at 285 E. Walnut Street. Doors open at 6pm. **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 97 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 are for adult members and junior members 8 and older with adult supervision.



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

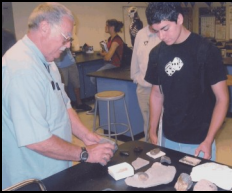
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**Ed's Corner**

**EDUCATIONAL OUTEACH**

**By Ed Imlay**  
Chair, Education Committee



Ed Imlay at a local school

Schools are on vacation, so it is a great time to be first in line to have my popular rocks and minerals presentation scheduled for your favorite school, church, community and youth group.

To schedule my special educational presentation to your group or school contact me by phone at (626) 286-8215 or by email at edimlay at hotmail.com.

**Identification:** Would you like to know the name of a rock you have acquired? If you can polish or knock a small window off of a corner without damaging the rest of the specimen, please do so to expose the inside. Set it on the table at the rear of the meeting room with a note asking "What is this?"

**Display Table:** For the Program meeting, please display any items of general interest, especially: workshop projects and items you collected at the field trip, or the month's birthstone. **For fun, wear something to the next meeting containing this month's birthstone - Sapphire!**

"A maiden born when autumn leaves  
Are rustling in September's breeze,  
A Sapphire on her brow should bind;  
To bring her joy and peace of mind."  
..... **Gregorian Calendar:**

**It's time to nominate our Rockhound and Junior Rockhound Of The Year!**

The Rockhound Of The Year (ROTY) and the Junior Rockhound Of The Year (JROTY - ages 8 through 17) are persons whose contribution has been of significant value to the Society. It is the intent of the Society to recognize one or more of its members annually for each category. Any member of the Pasadena Lapidary Society can be nominated for this honor.

**Nomination Procedure:**

Persons wishing to nominate a person for the Rockhound or Junior Rockhound Of The Year shall submit a nomination form. The nomination form is available on the Member Tools page of the web site. Submit one form for an adult nominee and a separate form for a junior nominee. Mail the form to the post office box or email it to pasadenalapidary@aol.com. **All nominations must be received by October 1st, 2015**

**WORKSHOP**



The Workshop is currently closed while the building that has been made available to us by Valerie Stathatos is renovated. We anticipate that this new location will have the best of what we have enjoyed at our previous location — with the added benefit of great ventilation and air conditioning! If you would like to help us with the renovation and what we need to get back up and running, please contact me at: 909-593-2781 or at gem.quest@verizon.net.

*Carolyn Duncan, Workshop Chair*

**Welcome  
New 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**

Come and hear Linda Nelson with a special audio and visual presentation of the Periodic Table. To be scheduled to talk about an interesting rock or mineral please sign up at the monthly meeting or email Martha Wilson.



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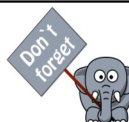


**Meeting Refreshments:**

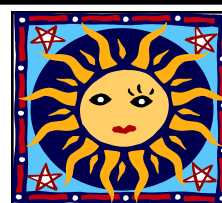
**Program Meeting Refreshments** — Thanks to Martha Wilson and Sue Carter SooHoo for July's refreshments! Diana Kreinbring, Chris and Marléné Kyte have volunteered for the **September** meeting! I am taking sign-ups for next year! **To volunteer to bring light refreshments** ∞ Contact me at (323) 664-9598 or by email at mikekrose@roadrunner.com. .... Trudy Krose

**2015 Is An Election Year!**

Please volunteer to run for elective office! The elective offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Federation Director. The duties are detailed in the Bylaws, which are available on the Member Tools page of the web site. All nominations are confidential and can be done by the person volunteering for the position, or by another member with the approval of the person he or she is nominating. To nominate a person for an office, email the nomination to pasadenalapidary at aol.com or call the Secretary at (909) 592-1322. **The nomination period begins September 1st and ends November 17th.**



Our 2016 membership dues are due October 1st. Send your renewal to the post office box or give them to Linda at the September meeting! The dues amounts are at the bottom of page 2.



**Sunshine: Congratulations to Zack Jibrin on his acceptance to the University of Arizona's Geology Department!**

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.



**THE STORY OF THE BRICK**

By Prof. Edgar J. Banks

Field Director of the University of Chicago's Babylonian Expedition 1907

The brick is such a common thing that one may be excused for supposing that it always existed, and so simple that it needed no discoverer, yet there was a time when it did not exist! It was "necessity, the mother of invention" which called it, like many other things, into being.

The Babylonian Expedition of the University of Chicago, while excavating at Bismaya, discovered that the brick was first employed in Mesopotamia nearly ten thousand years ago. The man who first discovered that bricks could be burned was that half-naked Babylonian of about 4500 B.C. who, while poking among the ashes of his old camp-fire, saw that the once moist clay beneath it had become hard and red. The modern manufacturer who stamps his name upon the bricks from his kiln, is but imitating the brick maker of Bible times.

Nebuchadnezzar stamped nearly every brick in his numerous vast constructions with an inscription which read: "*Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. The restorer of the temples Esagil and Ezida, The first born son of Nabopolassar, king of Babylon.*" At Bismaya was found bricks from 4500 B.C., as perfect as upon the day they were made, and our large desert house was constructed mostly of them. To the archaeologist; this discovery of the origin and development of the brick and their stamps is of more than usual interest. It not only increases his knowledge of the life of early man, but what is more valuable, it presents him with a clue by which he may determine at a glance the comparative, if not the absolute age, of the ruins of the many buried Babylonian cities if only the fragment of a brick remains.

works were in Babylon where, along with Esagila, he built the famous Ishtar Gate and the 'northern' palace. He also rebuilt the ziggurat (temple tower) called Entemenanki.



**Brick of Nebuchadnezzar II 604-561 BC, From Babylon, Iraq**

Following the defeat of the Assyrian Empire by the Medes and Babylonians between 614 - 609 BC, Nebuchadnezzar II rebuilt the city of Babylon on a grand scale. It has been estimated that 15 million baked bricks were used in the construction of official buildings. The bricks are usually square and often bear cuneiform inscriptions, generally made with a stamp (as here), but occasionally written by hand.

The inscription on this brick translates: 'Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who cares for Esagila and Ezida, eldest son of Nabopolassar, king of Babylon'. Esagila was the temple of the supreme god Marduk in Babylon, while Ezida was the temple of Nabu, god of writing, in the neighboring city of Borsippa. The king's most famous construction

Babylon is described by the Greek historian Herodotus (about 485-425 BC). The writer Berosus also credits Nebuchadnezzar with the construction of the 'Hanging Gardens' which supposedly he built to remind his wife of her home, in the mountains of Iran. No evidence survives for the Gardens at Babylon, however, but there was a long tradition of extensive royal parks and gardens in Mesopotamia.

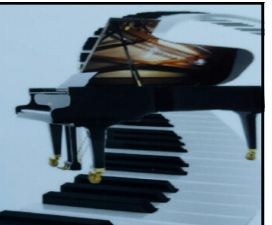
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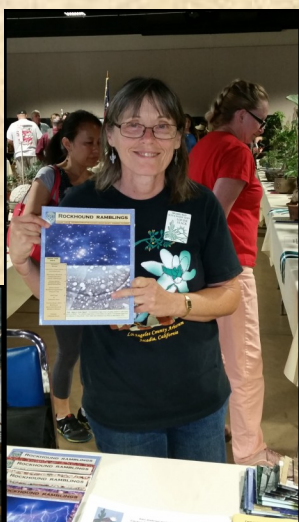
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Joan Harrison and Becky Fregoso cleaning sludge from a saw.



Above: Joan Harrison, Ralph Fregoso, Marcia Goetz, Becky Fregoso and Philip Lahr cleaning equipment for delivery to the new workshop location - shown at left as it starts to take shape.



Above left: The new workshop location receiving painting and scrubbing.  
Above right: Louise Stack distributed Society information brochures and past issues of the bulletin at the Cactus and Succulent Show at the Arboretum last month.

### New Finds – by Elizabeth Weston

Pasadena Lapidary Society

I got excited when I saw this article in the LA Times this morning. It's about a new, old-fashioned magazine called the Desert Oracle that is printed (not online) and focuses on the desert in the style of the early editions of those rockhound and jeep trails guides from California publishers such as Gem Guides and La Siesta Press, and perhaps reminiscent of some of Russ Leadabrand's booklets.

I love this stuff and promptly bought a one year subscription. Here's a link to the Times article, which is very interesting, by the way:

[www.latimes.com/science/great-reads/la-sci-cl-desert-oracle-20150529-story.html#page=1](http://www.latimes.com/science/great-reads/la-sci-cl-desert-oracle-20150529-story.html#page=1)

If you'd like to take a peek at the publication, go to:

[www.desertoracle.com](http://www.desertoracle.com)

— Elizabeth



In the photo shown below, Carolyn Duncan's technique in catching and releasing this prize-winning cod was called FISHING. For information on PHISHING see the article on page 6 of this bulletin!



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**FIELD TRIPS**

By Joe Goetz



Joe Goetz  
Field Trip Chairman

**Field Trips !**

By Joe Goetz



**Greenhorn Mountains Trip!**

This month we will enjoy a unique opportunity! **Philip Lahr** will coordinate our group in joining the renown field trip leader. Robert Sankovich, and the Conejo, Oxnard and Ventura clubs on a Co-op Field Trip to the Greenhorn Mountains. This is an area of interesting minerals and the closest city is Kernville and Lake Isabella, CA.

When: September 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2015 **Thursday - Sunday**

This trip is excellent as a weekend camping trip because of the remoteness of the collecting area, but there are possibilities for those who will stay in campgrounds and motels. Call Philip Lahr!

Information, maps and packing suggestions are on the web site.

..Somewhere in California. . . **Joe Goetz**



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**Congratulations to Cynthia Murphy, Nadine Ishizu and Elizabeth Weston for knowing that Neodymium is needed to build hybrid and electric motors!**

**Congratulations, also, to Alyson Nishimura for knowing how August came to have 31 days!**

**Prizes will be awarded at the September Program Meeting!**



**Editor's Quiz**

**Juniors: Who was the historian who described Babylon and where was he from?**

**Adults: What type of building was the Entemenanki?**

The answers to this month's quiz can be found in this bulletin. The first Adult and Junior Members to correctly answer these questions will win a special prize at the next Program Meeting. Email your answer to [pasadenalapidary@aol.com](mailto:pasadenalapidary@aol.com) or call the Editor.

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**FEDERATION NEWS**

By Joe Goetz

**CFMS - California Federation of Mineralogical Societies**



The CFMS is looking for someone to serve as its Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee Chair. This person should be organized and familiar with newsletters and desktop publishing. Once a year this person receives articles and bulletins for judging by a panel of experienced judges. Eleven times a year the BEAC is asked to submit his or her thoughts in an article for the CFMS Newsletter.

If you would like information about serving our Federation in this way, contact John Martin, the CFMS Vice President at: **plac at antelecom.net.**

**AFMS - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**



**Fossil Collecting in National Forests**

By John Martin, AFMS Conservation & Legislation

The final ruling by the US Department of Agriculture for the National Forest Service has been released and is now listed in the Federal Register. Included in the Final Rule are definitions important to Rockhounds and Casual Collectors of fossils on USFS Managed Lands.

Some of these new definitions from the federal register and the Final Rule are as follows: "The term casual collecting restates the definition contained in 16 U.S.C. 470. To be considered casual collecting, the activity means all of the following: Collecting of a reasonable amount of common invertebrate or plant paleontological resources for non-commercial personal use, either by surface collection or the use of non-powered hand tools, resulting in only negligible disturbance to the Earth's surface and other resources."

Read the full text of John Martin's report on the AFMS web site: [http://www.amfed.org/news/n2015\\_06.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/news/n2015_06.pdf)

**Thoughts for the Month**

Things you didn't know ... you didn't know

- Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400.
- Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? Obsession.
- What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, Windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? All were invented by women.
- What is the only food that doesn't spoil? Honey.
- Half of all Americans live in 50 miles of their birthplace.
- The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.

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TIPS, HINTS AND SAFETY



Rockhounds and Phishing

By Linda Nelson, CPA
Pasadena Lapidary Society

We use email to communicate with each other and to share our finds with others. We work hard and save our earnings to enable us to enjoy our hobby. However, there are those who would like to take our earnings away from us and from our friends. They do this by "Phishing" (fishing), a process by which a thief sends an innocent-looking email designed to make us think they are helping us. Here is an example I received:

Subject: Incoming Mails
Date: 7/7/2015 8:46:32 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: taehun@hanmail.net
Dear Aol User, Your mailbox has exceeded the storage limit is 1 GB, which is defined by the administrator, are running at 99.8 gigabytes, you can not send or receive new messages until you re-validate your mailbox. To Update, Please Click : UPDATE AOL Mail Privacy Policy | AOL Privacy Policy | Web Beacons in Email — Please do not reply to this message. This is a service email related to your use of aol Mail. AOL is located at 701 First Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Other common phishing headings are: Incoming Mails On Hold; Mail Service Update; Incoming Email; Hello are you there; Business Proposal; Suspension Level; Your Mail Outgoing and Incoming is blocked. Reason :Daily Mail Bounce Count Exceeds Limit; Account Upgrade; Account User Quarantine; Account Validation; Payment Receipt; Your email account.

If you notice the person sending the sample email, the server is @hanmail.net. Hanmail is the most popular email service in South Korea. The email asks you to click on an UPDATE or other seemingly simple link to fix the problem. They may ask you to confirm your password or to log in to your account through their link. When you do they capture your access password and can read all email you read or sent! Some fishing emails contain a picture. If you open the email it plants malware on your computer that can take enable it to steal your contacts, friends, passwords and banking information. Then the thief can contact your friends and use your own email to invade their computers.

Did you enter any username or password without going to the website in the normal fashion? If you did, you need to immediately log into those accounts (and all other accounts which used the same password) and change your password. So if you entered your email login credentials (such as @Verizon.com), immediately go to the real Verizon website, log into your account, and change your master password to a completely different one which is secure (long and hard to guess). If your password is shorter than 10 characters, it's too short! To see a list of phishing scams targeted at Arizona State University, see this link: https://getprotected.asu.edu/phishing. If you suspect your computer has been infected, take it to a reputable server, such as Computer Village in San Dimas, CA.

LOCAL ROCK AND GEM SHOWS

September 26 - 27: DOWNEY, CA – Delvers Gem & Mineral Society. Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Avenue. Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4.

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



30 - October 4: YUCCA VALLEY, CA – Hi-Desert Rockhounds. Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, 6225 Sunburst St, Joshua Tree. 9 - 6 daily. www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

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

October 3 - 4: BORON, CA – Mojave Mineralogical Society. Boron Park, 12000 Boron Avenue. Hours: 9 - 4 daily.

October 3 - 4: VISTA, CA – Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum ; 2040 N Santa Fe Ave; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm. www.Vistarocks.com



October 10 - 11: TRONA, CA – Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society. SLG&MS Show Building, 13337 Main Street. Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4. www1.iwisp.com/tronagemclub



October 17 -18: WHITTIER, CA – Whittier Gem & Mineral Society. Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, 10 - 5 daily.



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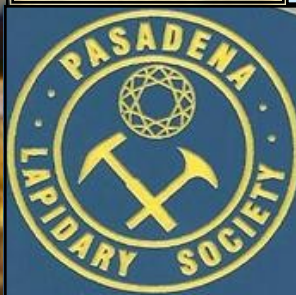
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The Pasadena Lapidary Society serves to educate its members and the community in mineralogy, earth sciences and training in the lapidary and jewelry arts – while promoting sound mineral resource stewardship based on environmental awareness and ethical 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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Board Meeting 	4	5 Krishna Janmashtami 
6 Nativity Of Mary 	7 Labor Day Holiday 	8	Statehood September 9, 1850 	10 	 SEPTEMBER 11, 2001	12  Field Trip to the Greenhorn Mountains
Workshop 13 	14 Rosh Hashanah 	15 Program Meeting 	16	17	18	19 POW + MIA 
20	21	President Lincoln Orders Emancipation, ending slavery in the U.S. - 1862 	23 Yom Kippur 	24 Eid al Adha 	25	26 
Total Lunar Eclipse 7:45PM Blood Moon 	28	29	30	The largest battle flag ever flown at that time was sewn by local flagmaker Mary Young Pickersgill for the defense of Baltimore during our second war for independence from Britain. George Armistead, the commander of Fort Mchenry, specified "a flag so large that the British would have no difficulty seeing it from a distance". The Star Spangled Banner September 13th, 1812 		