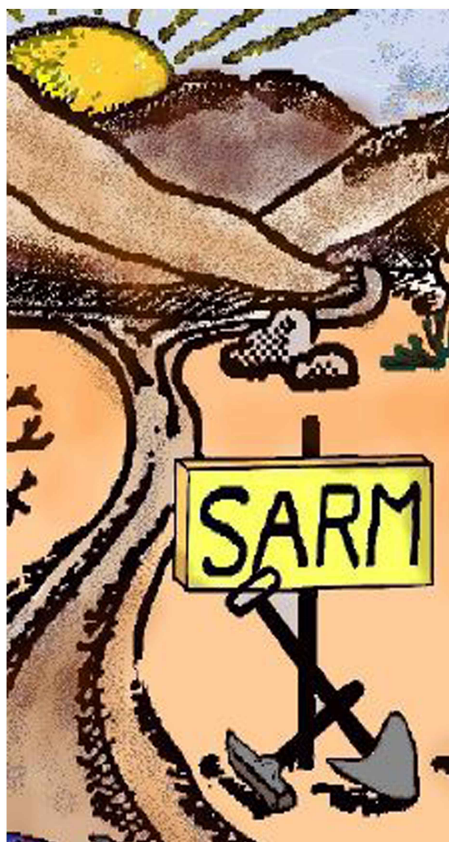




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club  
NEWSLETTER**

# December 2017

# Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club

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## INFORMATION

The purpose of the Club is to offer an opportunity for those who are interested in rocks, minerals, fossils and gems, to gather at regular meetings, display and examine items of interest in the hobby, to promote and also encourage the art and practice of lapidary, to exchange experiences and ideas, to organize field trips for members and guests, and to promote the general interest in and knowledge of the hobby.

Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). For more information on shows and events check out their website [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)



**MEETINGS:** 7:00pm every 3rd Wednesday of the Month (except July & Dec.)

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME!**

**WHERE:** Clubhouse, 10739 Los Jardines West, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

## CLUB CALENDAR

December 2nd: FieldTrip to  
Jewel Tunnel Imports

December 2nd & 3rd : Work Shop

December 20th:  
Christmas POTLUCK!

January 6th & 7th : Work Shop

January 17th : General Meeting  
Activity: TBD

## WORK SHOP

**Members only**

**\$ 3.00 fee**

**AT THE GREENE'S HOME**

**1ST FULL WEEKEND OF**

**THE MONTH**

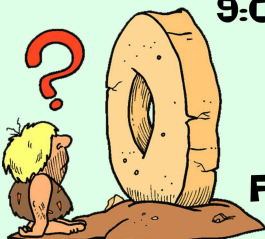
**9:00 AM TO NOON**

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING  
OF  
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB  
HELD ON November 15th , 2017

Meeting called to order by President at 7:16 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Jim DeMarco. In Attendance: 13 members. Welcome New Member; Juan Garcia!  
**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:** October Minutes approved as printed in November newsletter.

**TREASURER:** Report; Income \$368.75 , Expense's \$ 23.00.

**DUES ARE DUE, \$20 ADULT FOR THE YEAR.**

**CHRISTMAS:** Jim Burke announced the pot luck Christmas Party to be held on the 20th of December. A sign up sheet for dishes was held by the secretary. The Club house doors will open at 2:00 for those that will volunteer to help set up and or store food. Doors will open at 6:00pm for the Party! BYOB –If there is a beverage you would like bring it! Expecting 25-35 people. Whatever you are bringing please be sure to bring the utensils to serve it! Email [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com) to RSVP and sign up for a dish! A gift exchange will happen! Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 and get a ticket to participate! Gifts can be stolen twice before kept. A \$5.00 fee to club per family will be requested per arrival.

**FIELD TRIP:** to Jewel Tunnel! December 2nd -Minerals, specimens, etc all at %50 off. Meet Jim outside the clubhouse at 10 am also available to give a lift email Jim at [jdemar40@msn.com](mailto:jdemar40@msn.com)

**SHARE YOUR WARES:** Jim Burke introduced us to some handmade children's cook books and topographical maps to have. Daina brought some wire wrap Jewelry she hand made with a lap machine.

**2018 ELECTION:** Voted and approved the following;

President – volunteered Jim De Marco

Vice President – volunteered Daina Boucher

Secretary –volunteered Leah Harden-O'Brien

Treasurer –volunteered Charlotte Spalding

Newsletter –volunteered Leah Harden-O'Brien, Ning Su apprentice

Webmaster –volunteered Ning Su

Officers will discuss open positions at annual Board meeting,

however if anyone would like to

volunteer for Hospitality officer, Membership Officer, and

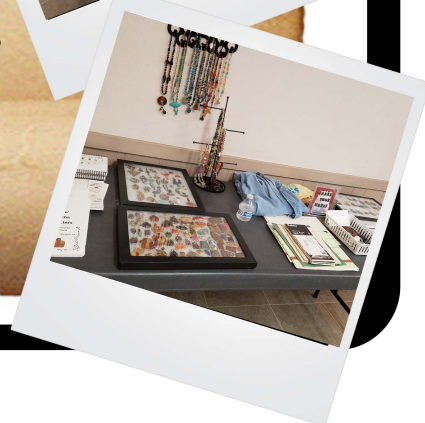
Federation Officer please email Leah

at [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com). Thank you!

**ACTIVITY :**

Members chose a number to take turns and pick two stones from a selection on the table that they got to keep. Members shared the reasons they choose the stones and John Robert Gehrke was available to answer any questions about the stones.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.





## FIELD TRIP

We will be taking a fieldtrip to 'Jewel Tunnel Imports' on Saturday December 2nd. Jewel Tunnel Imports is a wholesale gem and mineral company that has been in business for 45 years. They have a 13,000 foot showroom and warehouse in Baldwin Park, CA. They have thousands of specimens, with many available under \$10.00. Our cost for items will be %50 off the marked price. Sales tax will be added unless someone has a California Sellers Permit. We plan to car pool as much as possible. This is a great opportunity for our club, don't miss it! Meet Jim outfront the clubhouse at 10am. Email Jim with any questions at [jdemar40@msn.com](mailto:jdemar40@msn.com)

### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

November was remarkable: We gained a new member, discussed the upcoming Christmas party, reported the monetary success of October's Silent Auction, conducted the election of Officers viewed the display of members' wares and accompanied John Robert Gehrke on a rock hunt in our club house. Jim DMarco, John Robert Gehrke and I selected rocks and slabs for the program. Numbered cards were the passports for participants to select two rocks of their choice. They discussed their choice for the audience and asked questions of John if they wished. The best part was their selections were free to take home. The evening was filled with excitement as all were able to return to the round table and continue taking home rocks and slabs of their choice... all free. What a night and we are most grateful to John Robert Gehrke who insisted on having his event filled with fun! You did a great job John and we thank you.

Trish Voss, President



**WELCOME**  
**TO OUR**  
**NEW CLUB OFFICERS!**

**We are still looking  
for volunteers for  
Hospitality and  
Membership Officers**

### **DECEMBER**



**12/04 Greg Braunwalder**

**12/11 Joe Paxsom**

**12/11 Claudia Sanchez**



# Turquoise



The national gem of Tibet

5-6 Mohs Scale

One of the world's most ancient gems. Egyptian royalty wore turquoise jewelry as early as 5500 BC.

The gem's name comes from the French expression *pierre turques*, of "Turkish stone".

Translucent to opaque, color ranges from light to medium blue or greenish blue, often mottled with veins of matrix throughout.

The color of turquoise was symbolic for "forget me not", it was used in many sentimental pieces during the Victorian era.

Mined in many areas around the world, turquoise is found in association with copper, from which it gets its blue to green color.



High quality turquoise also known as Sleeping Beauty, Robins Egg, Bisbee, and Kingman,

Turquoise is a porous stone that can absorb lotions and perfume so care when wearing and cleaning is paramount.



# Zircon



Colorless zircon was widely used as a diamond substitute.

Zircon comes in a wide array of colors.

Heat treatment that produces many of its colors might also make it brittle.

The oldest known rock in the world is generally believed to be a zircon from Canada estimated at nearly 4 billion years old.

It is ironic that zircon can be found virtually worldwide, yet the gem is almost impossible to find at retail.



6-7 1/2 Mohs Scale

# **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS**

November 18 - 19: LAKESIDE, CA  
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds  
12584 Maplevue Street  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Mary Ness, (619) 449-0759  
Email: [ecvgms@gmail.com](mailto:ecvgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ecvgms.org](http://www.ecvgms.org)

November 18 - 19: OXNARD, CA  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, (805) 394-8002  
Email: [webmaster@oxnardgem.com](mailto:webmaster@oxnardgem.com)  
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com>

November 18 - 19: SANTA CRUZ, CA  
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange  
1900 17th Avenue  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Michael Cox, (831) 459-0572  
Email: [scruzmgms@gmail.com](mailto:scruzmgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.scrockngem.org](http://www.scrockngem.org)

December 9 - 10: RIALTO, CA  
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Near Rialto City Hall Lot  
105 South Palm Avenue  
Hours: 9 - Dusk daily  
Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089  
Email: [OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com](mailto:OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

January 20 - 21: EXETER, CA  
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia  
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building  
324 N. Kaweah Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Margaret Buchmann, (559) 799-6034  
Email: [margaretbu03@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbu03@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.tulegem.com](http://www.tulegem.com)



# **Christmas PotLuck sign up**

**December 20th at 6:00**

**\$5.00 per family at the door**

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Leah Harden-O'Brien ----- | Garden Salad              |
| Pam & Don Greene -----    | Turkey & Stuffing         |
| Jim DeMarco -----         | Egg Nog & Coffee          |
| Ray & Terry Walls -----   | Cookies                   |
| Charlotte Spalding -----  | Ham & Gravy & Cranberry   |
| Carl O'Dell -----         | 2 pies                    |
| Ning Su -----             | Plates, Napkins, Utensils |
| Josie Nellis -----        | Green Bean Cassarole      |
| Jeff & Majesta -----      | Garlic Mashed Potatoes    |
| Jim & Ginny Burke -----   | Broccoli Casserole        |
| Carol Williams -----      | Rolls & Butter            |
| Juan Garcia -----         | Cold Pasta Salad & Soda   |
| SARM club -----           | Tablecloths, Ice & Ham    |

**\*Please be aware that some members have  
nut allergies! Please make members aware if your  
food contains nuts. Thank you!\***

**There are still lots to sign up for like, decorations  
sweet potatoes, vegetables, and what you can think up**

**Sign up by e-mailing  
Sarmclub@gmail.com  
with what you want to bring**