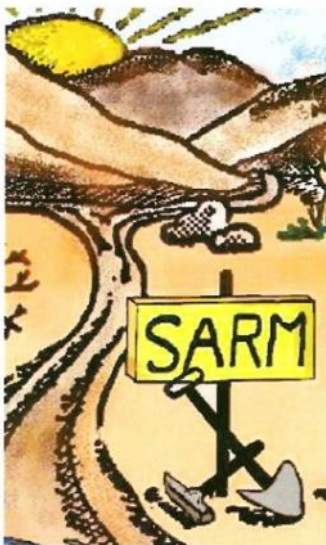




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
AUGUST Issue Newsletter**

SANTA ANA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

INFORMATION

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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

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 AUGUST

Work Shop: AUG 7th, 8th

Club Meeting: AUG 18th at 7pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Dania Boucher
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	Ray Walls
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Leah Harden-O'Brien
<u>TREASURER</u>	Charlotte Spalding
<u>FEDERATION</u>	Andrew Bloxom

WORK SHOP

Members only \$ 3.00 fee

**AT THE GREENE'S HOME
 1ST FULL WEEKEND OF
 THE MONTH
 9:00 AM TO NOON
 CALL**



**949-548-0752
 TO REQUEST
 FLEXIBLE TIMES**

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

<u>WORKSHOP</u>	Pam & Don Greene
<u>Opportunity Drawings</u>	Jim Burke
<u>WEBMASTER</u>	Ning Su
<u>NEWSLETTER</u>	Ning Su
<u>Email</u>	Leah Harden-O'Brien
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	Jim DeMarco
<u>FIELD TRIP</u>	Victor Wolf Andrew Bloxom
<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	TBD
<u>HISTORIAN</u>	TBD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all SARM members!

Thank you everyone for making the silent auction a great success. We brought in a record \$700 for the club!

It was so great to see everyone in person again. We also had some nice visitors and new members. As usual, members donated lapidary rough, slabs and plants and went home with different lapidary rough, slabs and plants. It was a lot of fun.

Thank you Ray for being our not-so-silent auctioneer and thank you Andrew for bringing in all the film cans full of good stuff.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday August 18th at 7PM - speaker to be announced.

Dania



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING OF
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB
HELD ON JULY 21st, 2021**

Meeting open to general members and visitors in person at the Green Valley Clubhouse at 7:24pm

Dania lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance approximately; 27.

Club Business:

- Minutes approved as printed in newsletter.
- Treasures Report for June and July will be done at August meeting, Treasurer is un-well at the moment.

Dania went through how the Silent Auction activity worked. Fun was had by all. Lots of socializing and refreshments available.

Auction and meeting adjourned at approx. 8:18pm.



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING OF
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB
HELD ON JUNE 16th, 2021**

Meeting open to general members and visitors held on ZOOM at approximately 7:04. In attendance, approximately 8.

Club Business:

- Jim will be checking the clubhouse is available in July and the insurance is up to date
- May minutes approved as printed in June newsletter.
- Treasures Report for May : Income \$125; Expenses \$50

Speaker: approx. 7:09 – 8:00 pm, Andrew & Lyndsey Bloxom

"Adventures and Lessons Learned after 4 years of Rockhounding and Lapidary in Southern California". They discussed their journeys to find high quality agates and mineral specimens and continual efforts to restore and maintain lapidary tools they have found, and some of their misadventures and lessons for folks just starting out in the hobby. They shared the beautiful pictures of rocks and places and answered questions.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:15pm



MAGAZINES AND MORE MAGAZINES

Anyone interested in old issues of Rock and Mineral magazines will have a field day looking through the hundreds of issues which have been donated to SARM.

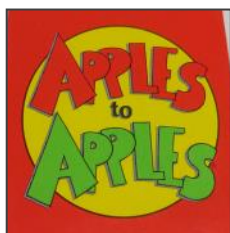
- The Lapidary Journal – over 200 issues some back to the 60's.
- Gems and Mineral Magazine – have over 50
- Jewelry Making – have 9 back issues
- Rock and Gem Magazine – have over 100 back issues.
- Lots and lots of paperbacks

If anyone is interested in choosing some of these, please contact Jim De Marco at 714-330-9236. We can then arrange for a time when you can come to my garage and peruse what is available. They are free for the taking.

Fun Activity Of The Month

- ⇒ What's that in the Fire, and not in the Flame?
- ⇒ What's that in the Earth, and not in the Mountain?
- ⇒ What's that in the Jupiter, and not in the Sun?
- ⇒ What's that in the Country, and not in the Town?

(see page 10 for answer)



1. Your first high-rise apartment

2. Legendary North American monster, a.k.a. Sasquatch or the Abominable Snowman

3. The eight islands that make up America's 50th state entered the Union on August 21, 1959

(see page 10 for answers)

Silent Auction, July 21, 2021



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!***

Judy A.
JR- Moises Gamino C.
DeAyn V E.
Rick V E.
Carl O.
Joe N.
Patricia S.
SARM

It isn't the mountains ahead that wear you down. It's the pebble in your shoe.

~ Muhammad Ali

Enjoy the little things. Be strong. The best is yet to come. ~ Kindness Quotes

AUGUST BIRTHSTONES**~ PERIDOT, SPINEL, SARDONYX**

Peridot, spinel and sardonyx are the August birthstones.

Peridot has a Mohs hardness of 6.5 to 7. It is the greenish yellow variety of mineral olivine. It is known to be formed under extreme conditions. Like diamonds, peridots are formed very deep in earth and carried to earth surface by volcanic activities. They can be found in harden lava and meteorites. Peridot can be found in many countries. In the U.S, they are found mainly in the State of Arizona due to volcanic eruptions thousand years ago.

Spinel was often mistaken for rubies and other gemstones. It comes in a long range of colors such as red, pink orange violet, blue and green. Spinel has a Mohs hardness of 8. It is stable to light and chemicals.

Sardonyx is a combination of two types of chalcedony (cryptocrystalline quartz): sard and onyx. It has a Mohs hardness of 6.5 to 7. Sardonyx has bands of colors alternating in layers due to the two types of chalcedony. Sard is brownish red to orange, and onyx is white or black. This gemstone was favored to used for gemstone carving because of its reliable bands of colors. It is the original birthstone of August.



WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

The workshop is open to all members the first full weekend of the month.
Pam & Don Greene our Workshop Officers are flexible.
Call (949) 548-0752 for alternate times if needed.

The Workshop is fully equipped with tools to make cabochons from start to finish, as well as a small kiln for dichroic glass work and also jigs for wire working. In addition, rough stones and materials are available for members to practice on.

ROCK POLISHING



Welcome to SARM Workshop! We are now open to members during workshop hours 9am to noon the first full weekend of the month.

When polishing a larger size rock, it is easier to use a polishing wheel that covers the entire surface of your rock piece. There is a glass jar of polishing compound, a brush and a plastic cup by the large polishing wheel at the workshop for members to use. Simply mix a little bit of polishing compound and a small amount of water in the plastic cup. Brush the mixture on the surface of the rock, and take the rock to the polishing wheel. To obtain a high shine surface, you may need to use different polishing compounds for different rock pieces. Some rock pieces take a good polishing with aluminum oxide polishing compound while others get polished better using cerium oxide.

For more rock polishing tips and advices, ask Pam and Don at the workshop. They are happy to help you.

AUGUST 2021 Show

With health guidelines issued concerning COVID-19, we recommend you call, email, check websites and social media pages of specific clubs to learn the latest about their events.

August 13-15—SANTA BARBARA, CA: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire ; Earl Warren Showgrounds: 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7 weekend pass, free for children 11 & under; Vendors offering fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, beads, crystals, gold and silver, and minerals, jewelry repair and cleaning, demonstrations and displays; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; Email: info@gemfaire.com; Website: <http://www.gemfaire.com>

August 14-15—ARCADIA, CA: CANCELED; Pasadena Lapidary Society; Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free admission; SHOW IS CANCELED NEW DATES!! 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems with the theme —Inspiration Unearthed— features vendors selling gems, minerals, fossils and jewelry, with displays, demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Ellen Ferrell, President, c/o PO BOX 5025, Pasadena, CA 91117-0025, (727) 512-0381; Email: Ellenbf2007@aol.com; Website: pasadenalapidary.org

August 21-22—TEHACHAPI, CA: Annual show; Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Tehachapi Senior center, 500 East ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Free; Gems, Minerals, Jewelry ,Kid's activities , raffle's, beads, something for everyone. ; contact Ronald Myrick, 105 Brentwood dr., Tehachapi, CA 93561, (661) 972-1117; Email: travis462@outlook.com; Website: tvgems.org

August 27-29—COSTA MESA, CA: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire; OC Fair & Event Center: 88 Fair Dr. Costa Mesa, CA 92626; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7 weekend pass, free for children 11 & under; Vendors offering fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, beads, crystals, gold and silver, and minerals, jewelry repair and cleaning, demonstrations and displays; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; Email: info@gemfaire.com; Website: <http://www.gemfaire.com>



(Fun Activity Answer: "r")

Apples to Apples

1. A Tree House
2. Bigfoot
3. Hawaii