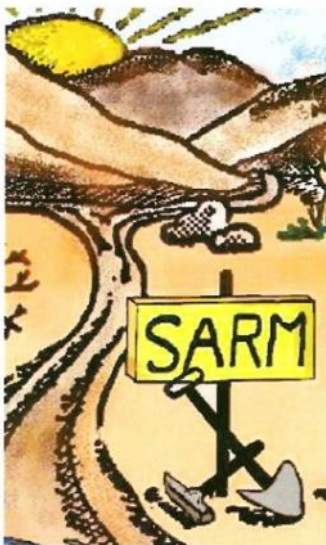




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
December Issue Newsletter**

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 DECEMBER

Work Shop Cancelled
General Meeting Online:
December 16th

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Jim DeMarco
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	Dania Boucher
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Leah Harden-O'Brien Josie Nellis
<u>TREASURER</u>	Charlotte Spalding
<u>FEDERATION</u>	Josie Nellis

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 Leah Harden-O'Brien
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	Jim DeMarco
<u>FIELD TRIP</u>	Ray Walls Andrew Bloxom
<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	Jim DeMarco



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

We had another successful Zoom meeting in November where we elected those listed in the newsletter, as officers and chairpersons for next year. Since no one volunteered for the positions of Hospitality and Historian, those offices still need to be filled. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Dania Boucher who is our President for 2021. Our speaker for the evening was Walter Lombardo who gave us a very interesting talk on meteors complete with a power point presentation.

Please remember to pay your dues for the coming year. Your club has expenses which are due each year. Our membership in CFMS comes due at the beginning of each year. The due is \$8.00 per person and we had 60 paid members in 2020. This fee also pays for the club's liability insurance. In the fall we also pay for Officer's insurance which protects our officers from lawsuits. The club also pays a fee to our speakers, covers the cost of refreshments during our meetings and pays for repairs and replacements of the equipment in our workshop.

It has been a privilege serving as your president these past years. I plan to continue on as Membership Chair and Librarian for 2021. I pledge my support and good wishes to our new officers and chairpersons.

Jim De Marco

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
OF THE
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB
HELD ON NOVEMBER 19th, 2020**

Meeting open to general members and visitors held on ZOOM at approx. 7pm. The highest in attendance 17.

The purpose of this meeting was to finalize elections, misc. club business and a special speaker; Walt Lombardo.

Club Business:

- Minutes of October meeting as printed in November newsletter was approved.
- Treasure reported for Oct. : Expenses \$0 , Income \$90.00.
- Motion to pass and accept all new Officers as posted on ballot as mass vote – accepted.
- It was agreed the Board will hold a meeting before the end of the month. Date TBD.
- If a fieldtrip is possible Walt will email invitation to Dec 6th Oceanview Mine trip, the secretary will send out.

Speaker: (Start approx. 7:10 pm)

Walt Lombardo spoke about meteorites.

Everything you wanted to know about asteroids, meteors, where they come from and how to find them Walt explained. Lots of diagrams, definitions, pictures and tips he shared.

Walt has many more informative talks that may be upcoming in the future!

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:43pm.

Stay Tuned for our New Year Special Gift Basket January Raffle!

Details on what's in the baskets, buying raffle tickets (\$5.00 per ticket) and drawings will soon be made available via emails to all members, and information about this raffle will also be posted in our January 2021 newsletter.



Welcome SARM's Officers 2021

We welcome SARM's officers for the upcoming year 2021. We continue to look for a Historian officer and a Hospitality officer. Please contact us at sarmclub@gmail.com for more information if you wish to volunteer. Thank you all for voting, and our congratulations to all elected officers.

James (Jim) DeMarco	-Parliamentarian
Dania Boucher	-President
Ray Walls	-Vice President
Leah Harden-O'Brien	-Secretary
Charlotte Spalding	-Treasurer
Andrew Bloxom	-Federation
Andrew Bloxom	-Field Trip
Victor Wolfe	-Field Trip
-	-Hospitality
James (Jim) DeMarco	-Membership
James (Jim) DeMarco	-Librarian
-	-Historian
Don & Pam Greene	-Workshop
Ning Su	-Webmaster & Newsletter Editor
Leah Harden-O'Brien	-E-mail



Free Rock Equipment Gave Away



Thank You!

In November, one of our formal club member gave away many of their own equipment of rock cutting, polishing, tumbling, cabbings and etc. Our club members responded promptly to offer good homes for these machines. This free give-away event had a great turnout, and was very successful. The newsletter is happy to report that all machines had found their future homes, and no machine was left behind. We are thankful for your generosity for donating these equipment to help creating activities for our club and members.

Free Succulents: Winter Gardening

We have five types of succulent cuttings available free to club members. These cuttings grow very well over winter/spring, and fairly easy to take care of. Good to plant in the garden or keep in pots to make a greener home. They are aeonium urbicum (salad bowl), plectranthus omentosa (vicks plant), aeonium arboretum zwartkop (black rose), aloe vera, and jade plant.

Email sarmclub@gmail.com if you would like to have some of these succulent cuttings for your winter gardening.



Salad Bowl



Aloe Vera



Vicks Plant



Black
Rose



Jade
Plant

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



We wish all of you
Happy Birthdays!

Jim Thorpe
Dawn Robinette
Bert Vogler
Herbert Vogler III

Do more of what makes you happy.

~ Unknown

When you focus on the good, the good gets better.

~ ourpositive.com



Create your own
Snow Globe

Draw a picture of your favorite
place or time of the holiday,

email to sarmclub@gmail.com OR
mail to PO. Box 51,
Santa Ana, CA 92702

for inclusion in our newsletter

HALLOWEEN CONTEST

I am sad to report;

NO

WINNERS!



There were
NO entries.

WHAT DO MY DUES DO?

Article by Leah Harden-O'Brien, SARM Secretary

If you're like me and happened to happily find your way to this little club that only asks \$20 for a full year of membership and said; OH Yes! Monthly meetings with activities, speakers, learning, prizes and a community of others interested in what I am with tips! Not to mention workshop access with instructors! Yes, yes please! I couldn't sign up fast enough. Or, perhaps you weighed it out? Lots of pro's but maybe you couldn't attend all meetings? So you broke it up and thought is it worth 10+ meetings at approx. \$1.82 a month? Hopefully all the pro's got you to join our little club family. Or, maybe you heard about us and joined a different way?

But... that's not what this article is really about. While, I do feel the need to validate the small membership fee with the abundance of what I get in return; contacts, community, learning, etc. The heart of this article is explaining where the Dues go. As I understand this topic hasn't been explained in quite a while, so here is a refresher;

Your standard \$20.00 in Dues (for one adult, for the year): \$8.00 of that is paid to CFMS (*please see article in CFMS Newsletter quoted below for more info); That leaves \$12.00 per member for the club. A large amount must be paid for insurance for the club despite the discount. Some goes toward savings, which is very low. Most goes toward speakers, hospitality, costs, workshop supplies and replacement parts, prizes, 'office' supplies (like ink, paper and stamps, etc.) and anything else that may come up. At the moment thanks to two of our veteran members the club doesn't pay for clubhouse rental.

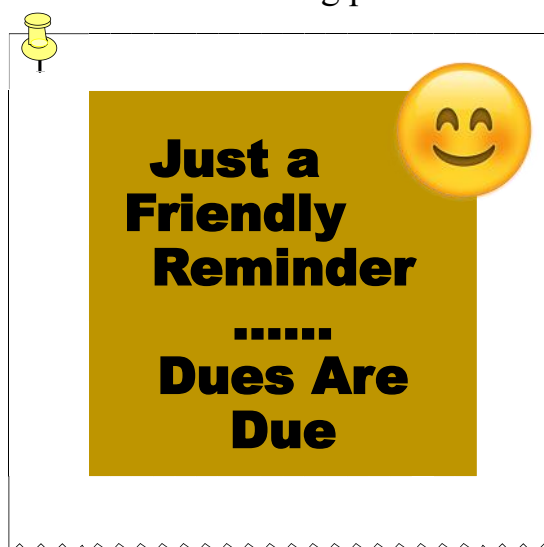
In January we (the club) pay membership dues for the year before (to CFMS). So in January 2021 we will pay for all 2020 members, and we already paid for all 2019 members in January 2020. We have been lucky to get some new members joining us even through this pandemic and not holding regular rock club meetings. We have also still been receiving large donations of rocks and tools from a variety of sources.

Our club is going through a transition, like so many others. While many clubs are shutting down around us we are optimistic we will survive. We are still here and doing our best to hang on. We would like to thank our members for sticking with us and their letters of support. The Board is also in talks about ways to give back to you -our members, ways that won't bankrupt the club and we are also inquiring with the federation – but they have their own dues...

In closing, we are not a large club but I like so many others like to think of us as family. We all love; rocks, minerals, stones, gems and where to find them and how to shape them. We are only as good as our members and their contributions and participation. I have never known a board so open and willing to listen to their members. Let's strive to keep our little family; participate and contribute; we only have each other. If we don't we won't survive.

*From the CFMS Newsletter dated October 2020; 'IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW'; Every year our CFMS Societies/Clubs pay a per member amount to take advantage of the services offered by the Federation and be covered under the general public liability insurance policy purchased annually thru McDaniel Insurance Services. Many of you might be curious about how that \$8 amount paid ahead is allocated. A few of the organizations loosely refer to it as 'dues'. Actually only \$2 of that is for dues and CFMS pays \$.75 of that amount to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) to cover our membership in the national organization. That leaves \$1.25 for CFMS to help cover its operating expenses. When you factor in the fact that we had to not only cancel our show but both Earth Science Camps this year, you can see that there's not much wiggle room. Thank goodness for the Endowment Fund! We all need to thank the forward thinking persons who established that fund in 1987.

The remaining \$6 covers the premium cost of the general liability policy and the blanket Officers and Directors policy that allows the member societies/clubs to purchase a similar policy at a greatly reduced price. The premium comes due on October 16. We know times are hard. Let's hope 2021 brings needed relief.



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 dichotic glass work and also jigs for wire working. In addition, rough stones and materials are available for members to practice on.

TUMBLER GLASS DECOR



If you like sea glass, you may also like the tumbled glass. A rock tumbler is very useful to tumble broken glass into smooth and rounded pieces. It yields quite a lot of colorful pieces for the arts and crafts you may have planned in a short amount of time.

It is fun to make a tree with a styrofoam block and tumbled glass. To place tree branches (glass pieces) where you like them to be., it is easier to use a small utility knife or a letter opener to cut small gaps in the styrofoam before inserting glass pieces. White glue is good to use and it does not melt the foam. Gluing a larger glass piece, a skewer can be used to stabilize the piece until the glue is cured. We can decorate the tree with acrylic paints and more in many possible ways.

Take good care, everyone, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



DECEMBER 2020 Field Trip TBD

**Oceanview Mine trip, Dec 6th, TBD.
Oceanview Mine, Pala, CA
Dig for Gems**

Club secretary will send out an invitation email to all members once the above scheduled trip has been confirmed. For Q&A, and information about the Oceanview Mine, visit the website.

www.oceanviewmine.com

**DECEMBER 2020 Shows**

- ♦ **DECEMBER SHOWS ARE CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE.**
- ♦ **NEXT SCHEDULED SHOWS WILL BE IN FEBRUARY 2021.**

