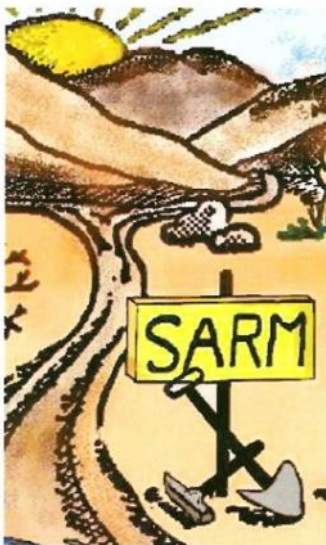




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**DECEMBER 2021**



# **CHIPS 'N' SPLINTERS**

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

# SANTA ANA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

## INFORMATION

[www.sarmclub.org](http://www.sarmclub.org)
[sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com)

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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](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

**Work Shop: Dec 4th, 5th**

**Potluck : Dec 15th 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>	TBD

## 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
<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	TBD
<u>HISTORIAN</u>	TBD



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello SARM members,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

Thank you to Juan Garcia for talking to us about Mexican opals at the November meeting.

We will be having our pot-luck Christmas party on the 15th instead of our regular meeting.

Please bring an unmarked gift for the gift exchange game. Everyone will be given a number and when your number is drawn you can pick out a gift and open it. But don't get too attached!

If someone else likes your gift, when it's their turn they can "steal" it from you. Every gift can be "stolen" twice and then whoever has it can keep it. We will explain the rules again at the party.

Bring your favorite dish if you aren't on the list already.

See you on the 15!

Dania Boucher

## *Congratulations!*

We welcome officers for the upcoming year. Club continues to seek volunteers for officer positions. Please contact us at [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com) if you wish to help. Thank you all for voting, and our congratulations to all elected officers!

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING OF  
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 17th, 2021**

Meeting called to order by President Dania Boucher at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Attendance: 15 members and 5 visitors.

**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**President news:** West Coast Gem & Mineral Show is moving to Pamona in June; Forest Service just shut down Cryogenie mine in San Diego; Tiffany Stone mine in Utah has been shut down. Mentioned maybe a petition in the future.

**Parliamentarian report:** Jim DeMarco gave the Treasures report for Charlotte and informed the club she is recovering but doing well. For October; income \$105.00, expenses \$0.

**Membership:** Jim reported 52 paid members for 2021 so far.

**Hospitality:** cookies, water and coffee were available.

**Club News**

- Jim D. suggested another 'fieldtrip' to his backyard for the next year.
- Mark D. talked about a makers space he is a part of.
- A table was set up full of free stuff. Another table was set up with misc. metal findings to help yourself with a donation.

**Elections**

Volunteers and elections were voted and agreed on as follows;

President – Dania Boucher

Vice President – Mark DeLa Torre

Treasurer – Charlotte Spalding

Webmaster – Ning Su

Workshop – Don & Pam Greene

Membership – Jim DeMarco

Librarian – Jim DeMarco

Parliamentarian – Jim DeMarco

Federation – Elaine Foster

Fieldtrip – (advisor) Burt Vogler

Newsletter Editor – Dania Boucher -possibly

Welcome new Officers!

The club is still looking for; Secretary & Email, Hospitality, Fieldtrip helper and Newsletter helper.

### **Christmas**

The club will be doing a potluck at the clubhouse for a December meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Jim will be setting up and asks for volunteers to come help. Members who want to attend need to email SARM with how many people will be coming and what they are going to bring. Some members have nut allergies and there will be no alcohol allowed. The list so far will be in the December newsletter and in an e-blast to members. The meat(s) will be procured by the club. We will also be doing a gift exchange. Dania will write out the rules to be included in newsletter. A wrapped gift around \$20 should be brought by those that wish to participate.

### **Activity** – started 7:52pm

Juan Garcia spoke about opals, specifically Mexican fire opals. Where to find them, buy and cut. He shared many beautiful examples and tips.

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:** Tickets were sold 3 for \$ 1 by Jim Burke throughout the evening, many happy winners.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**





## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Jim Thorpe  
Dawn Robinette  
Bert Vogler



There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus.  
~ Bob Phillips

All things are difficult before they are easy.  
~ Thomas Fuller

## IF YOU LIKE LAPIS.....

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 5088

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AUGUST 24, 2021

To prohibit the importation into, or transit through, the United States of any mineral, or product produced with minerals, from Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

### SEC. 5. Statement of policy.

It is the policy of the United States to promote and facilitate the adoption by the international community of measures similar to the measures to prohibit the importation into, or transit through, the United States of minerals and products produced with minerals from Afghanistan as described in section 4 in order to prevent the funding of terrorist activities by the Taliban.

This newly introduced bill may have effects on how often we will see some particular minerals at our local gem shows in the future. This bill contains eleven sections describing policy, enforcement, report and etc..



See below link to read more about this bill.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/bulkdata/BILLS/117/1/hr/BILLS-117hr5088ih.xml>

## SARM LIBRARY

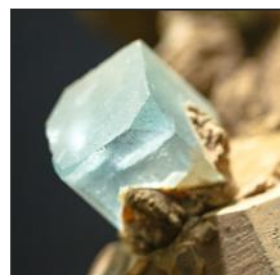


Anyone interested in reading Rock and Mineral books or learning about lapidary crafts and jewelry making, you can check out these books from our library. There are also hundreds of old issues of Rock and Mineral magazines which have been donated to SARM. These awesome magazines are free for your taking!

SARM library is a free resource for members to use. If anyone is interested in using library books or choosing some free magazines, please contact Jim at 714-330-9236. If you are starting a new hobby in rock and mineral fields, Jim is happy to help you choosing some good reference books. Come check out our library and bring home some free amazing magazines.

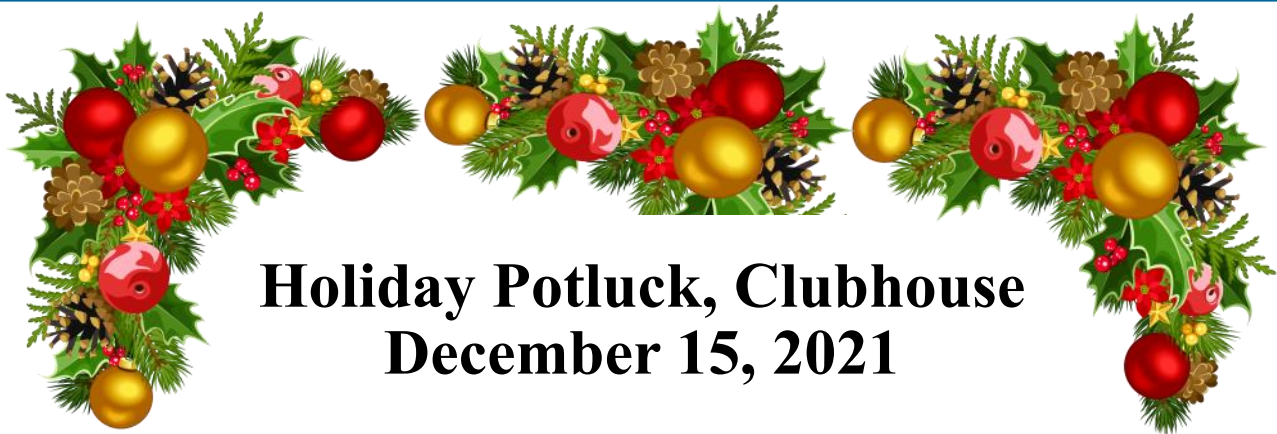
## DECEMBER BIRTHSTONES ~ Turquoise, Blue Topaz

Turquoise is the traditional birthstone for those who are born in December, and the gemstone of the 11th anniversary. It is a blue green hydrated phosphate of copper and aluminum. It is found only in few places, and it has a Mohs hardness of 5-6. Turquoise is a rare and valuable gemstone. Blue turquoise is rare and often sought after by collectors and jewelers. Bluish green and green turquoise are also preferred by many. Some turquoise contain part of the host rocks and present to have a matrix or a spider web appearance such as those from the Kingman Mine.



Blue topaz is the modern December birthstone. It is a silicate mineral of aluminum and fluorine, and it has a Mohs hardness of 8. The blue color is the result of heat treatments in the laboratory. Topaz are found from the earth pale blue or colorless. The vivid light blue color is created to add marketable values in this gemstone. Blue topaz is relatively inexpensive to obtain, and has a good wearability.





## Holiday Potluck, Clubhouse December 15, 2021

Please email SARM at [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com) with the number of people will be attending and what you want to bring. Please note some members have nut allergies and there will be no alcohol.

### Potluck Menu so far

- Main meat(s) will be provided by the club.
- The Greenes - turkey and stuffing
- Jim Burke - fruit salad
- Jim DeMarco - drinks: egg nog, coffee, water and etc.
- Carol Williams - pumpkin pie
- Juan Garcia - pasta salad
- Ray Walls - baked beans
- Leah H O'Brien - fruit pie
- Ning Su - plates, utensils, cups, napkins and egg rolls
- Gabriela Gamino - salad
- Kathrine Lemen - polenta casserole
- Dania Boucher - deviled eggs and roasted root vegetables

### GIFT EXCHANGE

To participate in gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift around \$20.

### A Friendly Reminder

If you are feeling sick or have been in contact with someone diagnosed with covid, please stay home. We wish you a happy holiday and tons of goodwill. Take care and see you at the party!

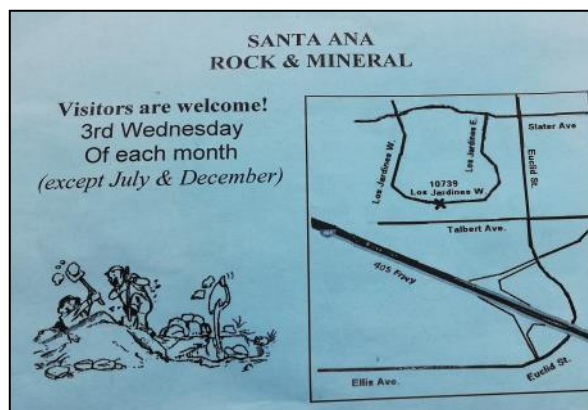


## WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

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.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS



Welcome to SARM Workshop! We are open to members during the workshop hours 9am to noon the first full weekend of the month. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at the clubhouse on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Many members at the club are very skillful in arts and crafts. A simple and easy to do project is rewarding especially in the holiday seasons. If you are interested in arts and crafts, please do not hesitate to ask our members at the club meetings or ask Pam and Don at the workshop. They are happy to share helpful and valuable advices with you. Various crafting materials and arts supplies can be found at local and online craft supply shops, rock shops, or thrift stores. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas, a Merry Holiday and happy always. Best wishes and tons of goodwill for a New Year. Also, please enjoy making holiday décors for your home.

## DECEMBER 2021 / JANUARY 2022 Shows

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.

**DEC 5, 2021 - LAKE ELSINORE, CA:** Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society; Rock 'n Craft Festival; 32097 Corydon Road; Hours: 10am to 4pm; Contact: John Frey 909-208-6956; Email: [berylman50@aol.com](mailto:berylman50@aol.com)

**DEC 3-5, 2021 - 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](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: <http://www.gemfaire.com>

**DEC 10-12, 2021 - 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](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: <http://www.gemfaire.com>

**DEC 17-19, 2021 - SAN DIEGO, CA:** Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire ; Scottish Rite Event Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio S., San Diego, CA 92108; 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](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: <http://www.gemfaire.com>

**JAN 01, 2022 - FEB 28, 2022, QUARTSITE, AZ:** Desert Gardens Annual International Rock, Gem and Mineral Show; Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 Seven Days a Week; Venue: Desert Gardens Show Grounds; Address: 1055 Kuehn Rd; Desert Gardens Show Grounds, Quartzite, AZ 85346; Website: <http://www.desertgardensrockgemandmineralshow.com>

*Happy Holidays!*