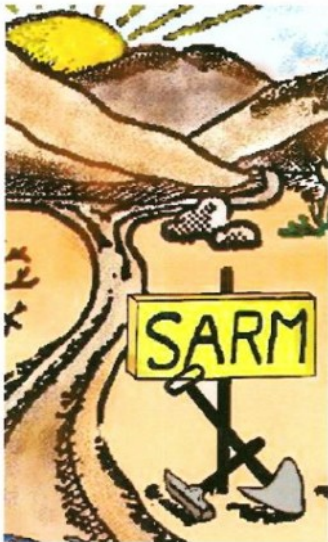




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**JANUARY 2019**



# **CHIPS 'N' SPLINTERS**

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

# SANTA ANA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

## INFORMATION

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

 P.O. Box 51  
 Santa Ana, CA 92702

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 2019

**Jan 5th & 6th: Work Shop**

**Jan 9th: Board Meeting**  
 (all members are welcome!)

**Jan 16th: General Meeting**  
 Guest Speaker

**Feb 2nd & 3rd: Work Shop**

**Feb 20th: General Meeting**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>PRESIDENT</u>       | Jim DeMarco        |
| <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>  | Dania Boucher      |
| <u>SECRETARY</u>       | TBD                |
| <u>TREASURER</u>       | Charlotte Spalding |
| <u>PARLIAMENTARIAN</u> | Trish Voss         |
| <u>FEDERATION</u>      | Jim DeMarco        |

## COMMITTEE OFFICERS

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>WORKSHOP</u>             | Pam & Don Greene    |
| <u>Opportunity Drawings</u> | Jim Burke           |
| <u>FIELD TRIP</u>           | Ray Walls           |
| <u>WEBMASTER</u>            | Leah Harden-O'Brien |
| <u>NEWSLETTER</u>           | Ning Su             |
| <u>HOSPITALITY</u>          | Josie Nellis        |
| <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>           | Jim DeMarco         |

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



SARM welcome everyone to join our regular meetings and field trips. All members are welcome to utilize our workshop. We wish all of you a wonderful year and Happy rock-hounding!



## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our Christmas Party was a big success. Over thirty people attended and brought delicious food, wonderful desserts and some really great gifts for the gift exchange. I would like to thank Charlotte Spalding for coordinating the whole event, all those who helped set up and take down and thanks to Darrel Rodgers for all the free things he donated which helped to make the evening even more fun. I would like to ask everyone for your input as to the activities, speakers, workshops, etc. you would like from our Club during 2019. Please voice your opinions and requests to me in person or at [jdemar40@msn.com](mailto:jdemar40@msn.com). We will be having a planning /Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at my home. My address is: 10928 El Cid Ave. Fountain Valley, CA 92708. All are welcome to attend the Board Meetings and voice your opinions and requests.

Heads up for the 2019 CFMS show and meeting. This show will be early this year, March 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Fairplex in Pomona.

Last reminder: Don't forget to pay your dues for 2019. Charlotte has to have all the paperwork in early so we will be able to attend and vote at the General Meeting in March. We had our 47<sup>th</sup> paid member sign-up in December. Welcome, Mark Wilder we hope to meet you at the January meeting.

President, Jim De Marco

## WORK SHOP

**Members only**

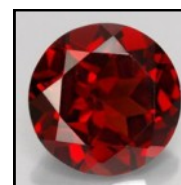
**\$ 3.00 fee**

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



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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Vaughn  
Gavin Carter  
Carole Heslop  
Walter Lombardo

## Southern California Recreational Areas Collecting on Public Lands [Mojave Trails National Monument](#)

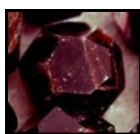
Rockhounds are welcome to collect limited amounts of rocks, minerals and gemstones in accordance with the BLM rock-collecting guidelines. For more information, visit the website [www.blm.gov/visit/chambless-rock-collecting-area](http://www.blm.gov/visit/chambless-rock-collecting-area)

Directions From Needles, CA to Chambless rock collecting area: take I-40 west approx. 25 miles to the Mountain Springs Road exit. Exit south and take National Trails Highway west approx. 35 miles to BLM Route NS328 (just west of Chambless, CA). Turn right onto NS328 and drive approx. 2 miles. The rock collecting area will be on both sides of the route.

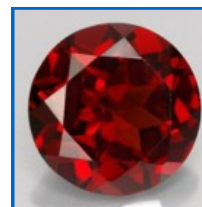
## JANUARY BIRTHSTONE: GARNET

Garnet is a group of closely related silicate minerals. It is mined in a variety of colors. The most common color of garnet is dark red. It has a Mohs scale of hardness of 6.5 to 7.5. Blue garnet is very rare.

Garnet is the state gemstone of New York. Connecticut has almandine garnet (orange reddish color) as its state gemstone. Idaho has star garnet as its state gemstone, and Vermont has grossular garnet as its state gemstone. Garnet represents friendship and trust.



Garnet is valued as a gemstone. It is most often faceted to fabricate jewelry. Garnet is also an abrasive mineral, and can be used to replace silica sand in sandblasting.



**A New Year brings new grace for new accomplishments.** ~ Lailah Gifty Akita

**Celebrate what you want to see more of.** ~Tom Peters

## MEMBERS INPUT

Submit an article or pictures of your experiences in the field trip rock hunting, collecting, handling, uses or in the cutting or polishing of roughs that may benefit our members and readers.

Please email  
[sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com)  
for consideration.

Thank You!



## QUARTZSITE SHOWS & EVENTS 2018 - 2019

Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair  
 Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet  
 Grease Wood Swap Meet  
 Desert Gardens—Gem & Mineral  
 Prospectors Panorama  
 Annual Hi Jolly Daze Parade—Town Park  
 QIA Pow Wow—Gems, Minerals & Jewelry  
 Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show  
 Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama  
 Sports, Vacation & RV Show (The Big Tent)  
 Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts  
 Gold, Treasure & Craft Show—QIA 9 am—5 pm  
 Quartzsite Quilt Show—Quartzsite SR Center  
 Quartzsite Gold Show

Oct. 1, 2018— March 31, 2019

Oct 1, 2018 — April 1, 2019

November 2018—April, 2019

January 1—February 28, 2019

January 1—February 27, 2019

January 16— January 20, 2019

January 4—January 13, 2019

January 18—January 27, 2019

January 19—January 27, 2019

February 1—February 10, 2019

February 8—10, 2019 tbc

February 1—2, 2019 tbc

February 8—10, 2019 tbc QIA



### DUES FOR YEAR 2019

SARM club welcome everyone to sign up as members in the new year. Dues can be paid at one of our monthly meetings or by sending in this attached coupon and your check to:

**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club**  
**P.O. Box 51**  
**Santa Ana, California 92702**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Single Adult Membership = \$20.00

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

• 2 Adults same address = \$30.00

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• 3<sup>rd</sup> adult member residing in the same address = \$15.00

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

• Junior member (under 18) = \$10.00

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK 2018

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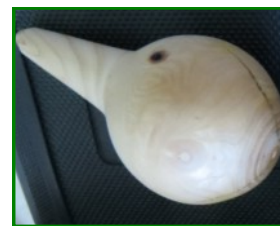


## WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

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.

## PROJECT IDEAS



Happy New Year, Everyone! There are many new ideas to try and explore using various rocks and gemstones. Members are welcome to exercise your talents and skills at our workshop every month to create beautiful cabs or items to gift, share or sell.

It may be fun to put together a gemstone tree using small size stones. These stones come in different colors and each stone is pre-drilled with a small hole for passing wires. After a gemstone tree is fabricated, it can be fixed onto a piece of rock, crystal or geodes. Step by step instructions on how to make a gemstone tree can be found on our website. Club carries gemstone tree kits for anyone who is interested at the meeting. Also, if anyone is interested in making rock clocks, please contact our workshop officers Pam and Don for kits and details.

To cut and shape rocks may take up some hours of work. However, it is interesting and rewarding to make a sphere for display using one's favorite stone. Wood turning is also fun to try. Wood turned candle holders, bowls, pens, vases, and toys bring out one's creativity.

And, why not start a piece of intarsia this year?

# UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

## JANUARY 2019 Field Trips

### Saturday, January 26th, Lavic Jasper and Float agates

Mining Supplies and Rock Shop

760.244.9642 [www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com](http://www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com)

This trip will be to explore some of the areas south of the I-40 freeway. We will begin with a couple of short stops to collect agates found in float (on the surface) in the rolling hills south of I-40.

We then move east to collect Lavic Jasper. The material here is some of the best Jaspers I have found in southern California. There are a couple of points we will go to in search of the best jaspers. Any high clearance vehicle will be able to make this trip, however the 4-wheel drive vehicles will be able to make it into some of the less explored areas of the lavic Jasper collecting area.



### Sunday, February 24th, North Cady Mountains Top Notch Part 2

Mining Supplies and Rock Shop

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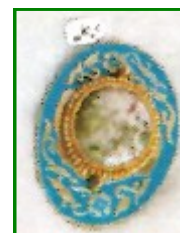
Time for the yearly Top Notch trip. Here we will collect just about every type of agate you can think of. There are seams that can be worked right in the parking area. There are also hikes that we'll be going out to collect nodules, saganite and fluorite depending on what the member of the group would like to do. This is a trip for high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles only.

## JANUARY 2019 Show

### Pasadena Bead and Design show; JAN 18-20, Hilton Pasadena

200 exhibitors, Art & Craft, 10am—6pm all days, Admission \$10

Southern California's number one Bead & Design show has an unrivaled exhibitor list and the top names in artisan bead making galleries, workshops, merchant displays and design performances.



### Exeter Rock and Gem Show, 2019 Gemboree, JAN 19-20

Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave, Exeter, CA 93221,

Free Admission, Free Parking, Saturday 10am –5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

Contact Sow Chairman Laura Manser at: [ldriggs5@gmail.com](mailto:ldriggs5@gmail.com)

Vendors will have a variety of gems, jewelry, rock, fossils, beads, books, and lapidary supplies, Snack bar with sandwiches, desserts, and drinks,

Ongoing demonstrations, showcases and displays, Grab Bags, Treasure

Hunt, Wheel of fortune, Drawings every half hour, Silent Auction



### FEB 8-10 Quartzsite, ARIZONA

Annual show; Quartzsite Gold, Treasure and Craft Show; QIA Building, 235 N. Ironwood; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-3; \$5 Admission good for all three days; Vendors, inside and out, selling and demonstrating gold prospecting equipment, nuggets, jewelry, coins and more. Speakers demonstrate questions and answers regarding metal detectors and other prospecting equipment. Plus, there will be door prizes including gold nuggets, and metal detectors, among others; contact Richard Trusty, (651) 587-6136; Email: [QuartzsiteAZGoldShow@gmail.com](mailto:QuartzsiteAZGoldShow@gmail.com); Website: [QuartzsiteAZGoldshow.com](http://QuartzsiteAZGoldshow.com)

