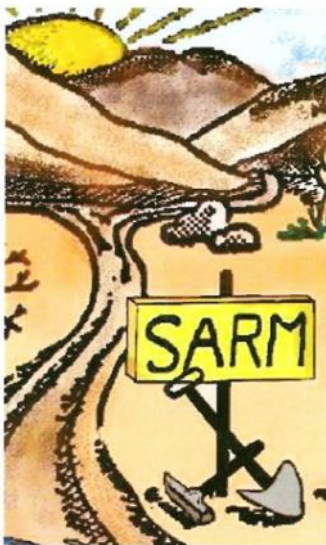




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**JANUARY 2021**



# **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)
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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 JANUARY

**Work Shop Cancelled**  
**Zoom Meeting: JAN 20th**  
**Black Opal /Speaker TBD**

## 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**

Happy New Year SARM Club!

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. With all the extra time at home I hope some of you did some creative rockhound projects. If so, please share! The next newsletter is the perfect place to show off.

These last months have been unique, to say the least, but we have had some great meetings on Zoom. Walt Lombardo taught us about meteorites one month and some of our California gemstones the next. I had no idea what a large variety of gems and minerals our state contained! I see field trips in the future.

The Zoom format allows everyone to see images and ask questions while listening to the speaker.

I urge everyone to join the meetings online until we can get back to meeting in person.

I really do miss the in-person socialization but we can still get together virtually. Just remember to tidy up and wear pants as we must still have some decorum. : )

Here's to a wonderful 2021!

Dania Boucher, President

On December 15<sup>th</sup> our club presented two gift bags, containing rock and mineral and Christmas items, to the two women in charge of the Green Valley Recreation Assn. We have done this for many years to thank Green Valley for allowing us free use of their meeting room to hold our Rock and Mineral Club meetings. The gift bags were made by and donated to the club by Ning Su. Thanks Ning, the ladies were very pleased with their gifts!

Juan Garcia, one of our club members has become very interested in gem faceting. He has studied up on it and also read many faceting books. Now, he is looking to purchase a faceting machine at a reasonable price. If anyone knows of someone who has one to sell please let him know. You can do so either by contacting Juan at 714-574-9803 or Jim DeMarco at 714-330-9236.

Jim DeMarco, Parliamentarian

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING OF  
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB  
HELD ON DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- The meeting opened at 7:00 PM
- There was a general discussion among the members for 15 minutes.
- The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

**Speaker:**

At 7:15 Walt Lombardo began his presentation on rare and unusual gemstones of California. He discussed at length the history and geology of Benitoite, Vesuvianite and California Lapis Lazuli.

At the end of his presentation there was a question and answer period.

The meeting closed around 8:30 PM.



*Happy New Year!*

## "Because It's Worth Repeating"

Hope you are all well!

During this time there has been an increase in hacking, scams and spoofing. Please be on the alert to stay safe and protected. Never give out your personal info unless you are expecting it and know who it's coming from and who it's going to.



Be aware you can get email that looks like it is coming from someone in your contacts (including businesses). If the email seems strange or out of character -check the email address! There is a lot of spoofing where the name is the same but the email address is just off by one letter or number. If this is the case it is most likely NOT who you think it's coming from.

Our email is [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com), if you get an email that does not EXACTLY match then it is NOT from us. We will never ask for money or your personal information. Occasionally we may be missing some information on your application and will try to get in touch with you -but that is all. If you ever receive an email you are unsure about (for anything) Don't click a link in the email go directly to the source.

You can go directly to SARM's website: <https://www.sarmclub.org/> - where we will have news and information as well as newsletters you can download directly from there.

Stay safe!

## 2021 Free Opportunity Drawing Tickets for our 2020 Members

We will be offering free opportunity drawing tickets in 2021 to our 2020 members when the club is able to gather members for meetings again. Since we were not able to meet in 2020, we would like to give back to our 2020 members. We appreciate everyone's support to the club. The club continues to acquire rocks from various sources and to prepare for the upcoming drawing events and auctions. We hope to see you all in persons soon, well and happy. Stay safe and rock on!



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish all of you  
Happy Birthdays!



Chris Osterberg  
Jeff Vaughn  
Carole Heslop  
Walter Lombardo  
Matt Braken

The way I look at it, everyday that I'm moving forward is a day I'm not moving backward.  
~ Bobby Bones

Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable.  
~ Mary Oliver

If you enjoy creating unique jewelry, arts or decors using gemstones, 'Share Your Wares' is where to post your pieces. Whether you are skilled or just starting off making your own jewelry, we welcome you to share your wares with our club members. Email [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com), we look forward to hear from you.

### **Share Your Wares**



Two members came together to create this unique pendant. Jim B. used his knowledge and cut a cabachon from Cornetite with Chryscolla and malachite on Heterogenitf from the D.R. Congo and Leah designed and handmade the setting in sterling silver and set the stone.

This piece was a collaboration between members and a unique heart felt gift.

**What have you been working on?**  
**Share Your Wares**



# New Year Gift Baskets

## Raffle

**There's a grand 1st prize basket including a \$28.00 gift cert to Majesta M's. There are 2nd and 3rd prize baskets as well as 5 runner up baskets! Baskets have an assortment of rocks, slabs, specimens, pens, lamp, jewelry & edible goodies and much more!**

**\$5.00  
per ticket  
no entry limit**

**Send money  
to PO Box  
or via  
PayPal**



**DEADLINE to enter: JAN 18TH**

## 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.

**MOSAIC**



Happy New Year!

We are glad to start the new year with a new project. Many of us have some tumbled glass or stained glass pieces. Some may also collected smaller rocks, sea shells or sea glass at the beach. These pieces can easily be used to put together a nice picture of your liking in a frame.

To prepare the frame, silicone glue is useful to glue the glass of the frame onto the backside of the frame along the edges of the glass. Once the glue is completely cured, isopropyl alcohol is used to clean and to remove any grease from glass surfaces.

A glass cutter, a plier or a hammer can help to shape sizes of stained glass pieces if needed. A glass grinder is also good to used for rounding off sharp edges of the stained glass. Remember to use safety gloves and goggles when cutting glass. Then, simply use a small tweezer, a skewer, or a toothpick and clear silicone glue to glue all pieces on the front surface of the glass frame. Before you know it, you have got a nice mosaic décor for you home.

## **JANUARY 2021 Show**

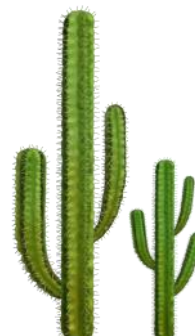
With health guidelines issued concerning the COVID-19 virus, most shows and events are being cancelled and rescheduled.

We recommend you call, email, check websites and social media pages of specific clubs to learn the latest about their events.

### **January 8 - January 10, 2021: DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA**

Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire ; Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. Del Mar, CA 92014; 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>

- Hand sanitizing stations available at the entrance and throughout the exhibit hall
- Staff and exhibitors to wear facial coverings and gloves
- 6 feet social distancing
- Shoppers are required to wear facial coverings at all times



**October 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 - ARIZONA**  
**Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair**

**October 1, 2020 - April 1, 2021 - ARIZONA**  
**Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet**

**November 2020 - April, 2021 - ARIZONA**  
**Grease Wood Swap Meet**

**January 01 - February 28, 2021 - ARIZONA TBD**  
**Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral**

**January 20 - January 23, 2021 - ARIZONA TBD**  
**QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry**

**January 01 - January 10, 2021 - ARIZONA TBD**  
**Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show**



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