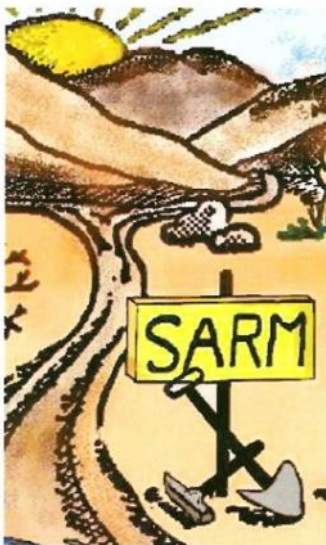




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**MAY 2021**



# **CHIPS 'N' SPLINTERS**

**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club  
MAY 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 MAY

**Work Shop: MAY 1st & 2nd**

**Zoom Meeting: MAY 19th**

## 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 SARM members,

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping up with your rockhounding! It's been a trying time and having a hobby is good for the psyche. We will meet again in person as soon as we are able.

The trip to the Oceanview Mine in Pala on the 25th was a lot of fun and a lot of hard work. I met some nice people from L.A., Tulare and Bakersfield. Unfortunately Walt Lombardo was unable to attend. He brought so much stuff back from Tucson that he had to spend the day unloading his truck!

If anyone has new projects they'd like to share, please email them to [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com) and we can put it in the newsletter. I'm sure everyone would love to see what other members are doing.

We had some technical difficulties with the program for the April meeting. So, May's program will be all about the ancient copper trade between the Mediterranean and modern day Michigan. Copper from the U.P. area made the Bronze Age possible. This interesting history will be presented by Steve Lund on May 19th.

Please join the meeting on Zoom.

Happy rockhounding till we meet again!

President, Dania Boucher



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

Meeting open to general members and visitors held on ZOOM at approximately 7:15 pm. In attendance approximately, 9.

New Zoom codes were sent out at last minute due to unexpected Zoom issues. While waiting for members to join, some shared stories of what they did during the past couple of weeks.

**Club Business:**

- No in person meetings yet. Jim will follow up with more information to update in the next newsletter.
- March minutes approved as printed in newsletter.
- Treasures Report of February: Income \$30; Expenses \$420
- Treasurers Report for March: Income \$0; Expenses \$50

**Speaker:**

Unfortunately tonight's presentation wasn't in a Zoom compatible format. It will be re-formatted and the lecture will be presented in the next Zoom meeting. Steve Lund will be speaking on the copper trade, bronze age in the U.S to the Mediterranean.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:00pm.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



*We wish all of you  
Happy Birthdays!*

Tina P.     Chris N.  
Arnold F.   Kelly B.  
Rob G.     Ken P.  
Katie C.    Juan G.  
Deborah O.

## MAY'S BIRTHSTONE ~ EMERALD

Among the rarest gemstones, Emerald is May's birthstone. This gemstone has a naturally green color. The deeper vivid green colored emerald are valued and highly sought for by collectors and jewelers. The most valuable emerald exhibits a bluish hue in addition to the stone's green color. Most emerald are found having some inclusions. These inclusions are often expected and do not devalued the stone. Most emerald are faceted to fabricate jewelry.



## SHARE YOUR WARE



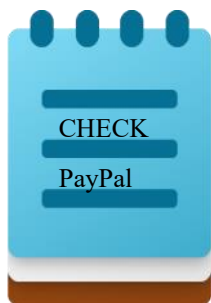
This quartz crystal point is displayed in a 3D frame. It is shared by one of our club members who acquired from a small and friendly rock shop. The quartz point is clear and having a slightly brownish tint. A beautiful piece by itself. 3D frame can be used to showcase your small rock pieces or jewelry, and it is also easy to use.

What have you been working on?

Email us today at [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com)



## DUES ARE DUE



A friendly reminder...

In case you have not got to it, please remember to pay your membership dues. It's easy! Just send in a check or use PayPal link online.



To me, punk rock is the freedom to create, freedom to be successful, freedom to not be successful, freedom to be who you are. It's freedom. ~ Patti Smith

Turn on, tune up, rock out. ~ Billy Gibbons

## ROCK TUMBLING CONTEST

### 2021 Worldwide Tumbling Contest!

**LAST CALL**

If you want to participate in the 2021 rock tumbling contest, visit the website of Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society. The rock for 2021 contest is Burris Creek Jasper from northern Sacramento Valley.

Contest entry fee is \$35 for 3 pounds of rough rock for continental US residents. Shipping is included in the entry fee for US residents. Outside the USA will be \$35 plus any additional shipping.

Please review contest rules and application (pdf) from the website link. You can fill out the application online via free pdf software and send payment via a PayPal link. Or simply mail in a hard copy and payment.

<https://www.featherriverrocks.org/show/rock-tumbling-contest-drop-down2>

Deadline for application is June 1, 2021. Mail 5 of your best finished rocks and a copy of the entry form postmarked no later than August 15.

Cash prizes = \$250, \$100, and \$50 for first, second, and third place winners! Good luck to all who tumble rocks, and Happy Tumbling!

## **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.

### **WORK SHOP !**



The club is exciting to let everyone know that our workshop will be open to members starting in May. Workshop hours are 9:00 am to noon the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. We love to see you there!

To avoid overcrowding at the shop, please call to reserve the dates you like to go. Wear a mask or facial coverings at the shop, and keep a safe distance from each other. Come to the shop and turn on a grinder, a saw, a tumbler, or cabbing units. Cut some slabs, polish few rocks, and make some cabochons. Yes, it has been a while. We look forward to the sounds of a rock saw, a flap lap, or just an old motor running, and beautiful cabs we are able to make.

## **MAY 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.

**MAY 1-2—JACKSON, CA:** Annual show; Amador County Gem & Mineral Society; Kennedy Mine, Hwy 49; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; contact Cheryl Smith, PO BOX 28, Fiddletown, CA 95629; Website: <http://www.amadorgemandmineral.org/>

**MAY 7-8 —YUCAIPA, CA:** Annual show; Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Yucaipa, Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St; Fri. 6-10, Sat. 12-10; free admission; The YVGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will have fantastic dealers, kids activities, a great raffle, and club store, held in conjunction with the City of Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival; contact Lee Peterson, CA, (909) 583-1913; Email: [grandpasgems@gmail.com](mailto:grandpasgems@gmail.com); Website: [yvgms.org](http://yvgms.org)

**MAY 7-9—SANTA ROSA, CA:** Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire ; Sonoma County Fairgrounds: 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404; 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>

**MAY 21-23—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>

- 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