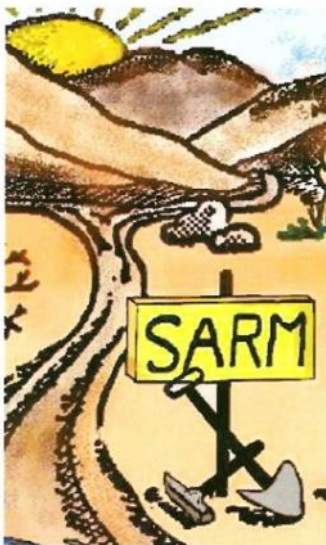




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
November Issue Newsletter**

**INFORMATION**www.sarmclub.orgsarmclub@gmail.comP.O. Box 51
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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 NOVEMBER

Work Shop Cancelled
General Meeting Online:
Nov 18th

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>HOSPITALITY</u>	Sue Gordon



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

We had our first Zoom meetings for all our members in October. The first one was held on Oct. 14th and was a practice session to allow us to get used to using Zoom. The second was on the 21st, our regular meeting date.

We discussed the upcoming elections and had a presentation by Robert Burson on preparing rocks for cutting and polishing. Robert explained how to use a wet polisher angle grinder to polish rocks. He explained how easy it is and how you can even polish contours in your specimen. I wasn't sure how a speaker would work on a Zoom meeting, however Robert did an excellent job with both delivery and content. I want to sincerely thank him for taking the time to do this for our Rock Club. Robert has spoken to our club in the past and he is a member of the Searchers Club.

We will have another Zoom meeting for everyone on November 18th. During that meeting we will have the final vote on the officers and committee chairpersons for 2021. We are still looking for a few volunteers. You can volunteer by calling Leah or myself. Next year will be a crucial one for the club since we will be coming off a hiatus of ten months. As soon as we can have meetings again, we will let you know and probably schedule a SILENT AUCTION. As I have mentioned before, we have been able to collect a lot of good material and even some equipment which should make for a very valuable silent auction.

If you want to do some rock collecting in the areas close to us, try collecting Verde Antique. Verde Antique (ancient green) is a type of serpentine with a dull green color, is semi-translucent and has a greasy or waxy luster. It can be found in the area East of Victorville and South of Barstow. A similar rock called, silicious epidote, can be found at the end of the Green Rock Mine road on the right about a mile before entering Lucerne Valley if you are travelling West. Both of these rocks polish well and lend themselves to carving and making bowls, spheres, cabs, clocks, bookends and other lapidary projects. These collecting sites are listed in the collecting books that cover these areas.

I hope to see all of you on our Zoom Meeting on November 18th at 7:00 PM

Sincerely,

Jim DeMarco

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
OF****SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB****HELD ON October 14th, 2020**

- ♦ This is the first informal meeting open to general members and visitors held on ZOOM at approx. 7pm.
- ♦ The highest attendance at one point was twelve. This is the nine logins and 1 family of three and 2 sharing members.
- ♦ The purpose of this meeting was to get people comfortable with using Zoom together, work out any problems, help people connect and a general 'hello'.
- ♦ During meeting Secretary informed those in attendance that they can come and go as they like as long as they felt confident using Zoom.

Club Business

During meeting talks consisted of the following of note;

- Jim DeMarco volunteered for Membership and Library position.
- Confirmed speaker Robert Burson for October 21st meeting.
- Confirmed Leah would go through voting/election procedure, and would write out & send.
- Voting procedure was confirmed and Leah would write out and send to board.
- Charlotte brought up South Cady fieldtrip and will email Leah instructions to get info so can pass on.

Meeting was cut of approx. 7:35pm. Leah and Ning logged back on and called Charlotte and Jim to confirm voting and log back on. Charlotte was unable. Voting procedure was confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:50pm.

* DUE TO SPECIAL NATURE OF MEETING AND LOW ATTENDANCE, MINUTES OF MEETING WILL ONLY BE SENT TO BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE FOR APPROVAL. (Jim, Ning, Charlotte, Dania, Leah)

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HELD ON October 21th, 2020**

- Meeting open to general members and visitors held on ZOOM at approx. 7pm.
- The highest attendance at one point was 14.
- The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming elections and misc. club business, as well as a special speaker; Robert Burson.

Misc Club Business:

Minutes of February meeting as printed in March newsletter were approved.
Treasure reported for Sept. (later, sec filed in): Expenses \$403.87, Income \$20.00.
Leah went through the voting/election procedure. There were no questions.
Jim announced the Halloween contest, instructions on flyer.

Speaker:

Robert Burson spoke on the Preparation of rocks for cutting purposes.
(Start approx. 7:06-tech difficulties w/screen share –talk went ahead approx. 7:15.)

Now is the perfect time to get through your rock bucket that's been sitting around. He shared an easy technique to 'skin' the rocks which brings out their hidden beauty and shows their uniqueness to make planning cutting easier. Using a waterproof sealed angle grinder and hose you can see faster exactly what kind of stone you have and it reduces tumbling time by half! Robert spoke of the set up and where to purchase. Robert also talked a little about fieldtrips and took questions.

Meeting was cut off approx. 7:36pm. Some members logged in again approx. 7:40.

- Leah did a test screen share with new settings from Ray to success. Ray will look at more settings.
- Charlotte will talk to Robert to come back and share more.
- Ray is working on a speaker for our November Zoom meeting.
- Member Bert shared an upcoming fieldtrip he will be taking and writing an article for our newsletter.

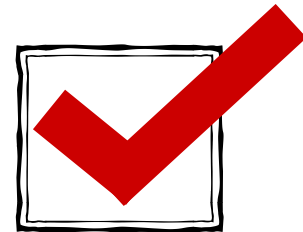
Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:55pm.

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Election of SARM Officers 2021

This is the list of SARM 2021 officer nominations. We are looking for volunteers to serve two opening positions, Hospitality officer and Historian officer. Please contact us or email sarmclub@gmail.com to volunteer today. We look forward to see you in the upcoming election meeting on November 18th.

- * President - Dania Boucher
- * Parliamentarian - Jim DeMarco
- * Vice President - Ray Walls
- * Treasurer - Charlotte Spalding
- * Secretary/E-mail - Leah Harden-O'Brien
- * Editor/Newsletter - Ning Su
- * Web Master - Ning Su
- * Work Shop - Don & Pam Greene
- * Fieldtrip Officer - Andrew Bloxom
- * Fieldtrip Officer - Victor Wolfe
- * Hospitality Officer : TBD
- * Membership Officer : Jim DeMarco
- * Federation Officer : Andrew Bloxom
- * Librarian : Jim DeMarco
- * Historian : TBD



It always seems impossible until it is done.

~ Nelson Mandela

Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.

~ Alice Morse Earle

SARM LIBRARY



WE'RE OPEN!

SARM library is open to our members. There are 36 books in volume I, and 30 books in volume II. These books cover a wide range of topics including rock and mineral, jewelry making, lapidary, beadwork, silverwork, gemology, gemstone cutting, gemstone carving, faceting and a lot more. To Use these books, call Jim at (714) 330-9236 to arrange for pick ups. Yes, SARM library is open!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

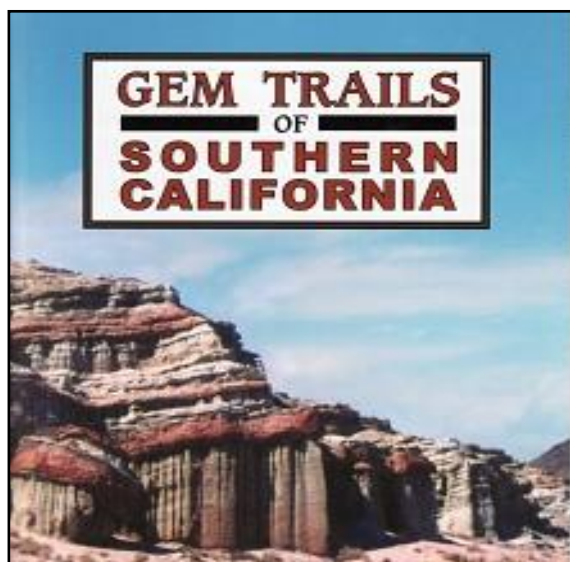
We wish all of you
Happy Birthdays!

Margaret Haupt

Charles Royston



There are many ways to crack open a geode. If you look for a smooth cut surface to polish, it is good to use a lapidary diamond saw or a tile saw with a diamond blade. Other tools like rock hammers, chisels or pipe cutters have also been used by many people. Always, remember to wear your safety glasses and gears for protection.



**Gem Trails of Southern California
by James R. Mitchell**

If you are looking for a reference book about rockhounding places to help you navigate most of the collecting areas, this book provides a lot of helpful information and maps for finding gems, minerals and fossils. Description and photos of over 82 sites are included in this book. It gives a good idea what you may find in the fields, and help to plan your trips and stops on the road. The book can be purchased either from local rock shops or online.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ENTER SARM'S HALLOWEEN CONTEST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOUR PICTURES. STAY HEALTHY, AND HAVE FUN!

SANTA ANA ROCK and MINERAL CLUB HALLOWEEN CONTEST

* Send a picture of **YOU**, Your **FAMILY**, (in costume) can also be a **PET**
AND/OR

* A picture of your best **PUMPKIN** carving

to sarmclub@gmail.com from now till Nov. 7th.

-Depending on the number of entries we may have several catagories.

The more the better! ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE! Each entrant please provide no more than three pictures.

-The pictures will be posted in an online special bulletin for voting (only online) in a November bulletin.

-The winner(s) will receive a club special prize!



GOOD LUCK!

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.

CABOCHON MAKING



Cabochon making is a fun and rewarding experience for many rockhounds. Sometimes, just to polish a piece of rock can be quite interesting and challenging. We do not know for sure how each piece of rock may look like until we grind away its outer layer or cut the rock open. But, we are sure that cabochons made of different pieces of rock have their own unique colors and patterns.



We may come across a piece of cabochon that has a chipped edge or a broken corner. We can try grinding it smaller to get rid of the chipped surfaces. When it is undesirable to have a smaller piece, we can also cut away the chipped edge and glue on other pieces of rock we may have. Once the glue is fully cured, doping the cabochon and re-shaping it to finish can be done on the grinding wheels. Always, remember to remove excess glue on the stones before taking it to the wheels.

Happy Cabbing!



NOVEMBER 2020 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.

NOV 7-8—SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Show and sale; Pacific Crystal Guild; San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199-9th Avenue (at Lincoln Way) in Golden Gate Park; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$12, free admission for children under 12; San Francisco's biggest gem mineral and crystal show with over 50 vendors; contact Jerry Tomlinson, PO Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966, (414) 383-7837; Email: jerry@crystalfair.com

NOV 14-15—SANTEE, CALIFORNIA *CANCELED*

El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Maplevue St; Sat. Select Start Time-Select End Time; Free; SHOW CANCELED; contact Palmer Tasekrud, 222 PICTOR LN, EL CAJON, CA 920191938, (619) 729-7904; Email: palmer.taskerud@cox.net; Website: www.ecvgms.org

NOV 21-22—HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA

Annual show; Mining Supplies and Rock Shop; Mining Supplies and Rock Shop, 16808 Main St., Suite D-381; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; contact Cyndy Mandell, 16808 Main St., Suite D-381, Hesperia, Calif. 92345 92345, (760) 244-9642; Email: cynmandell@me.com; Website: www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com

NOV 21-22 — ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Annual show; American Opal Society; Business Expo Center, 1960 S. Anaheim Way; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, free admission for children 15 and under when presenting a student ID; 53rd Annual Opal Show, with dealers selling rough and cut opals, other gemstones, rocks, beads, and jewelry, various demonstrations, and gemstone identification; contact Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959; Email: info@opalsociety.org; Website: <http://opalsociety.org>



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!