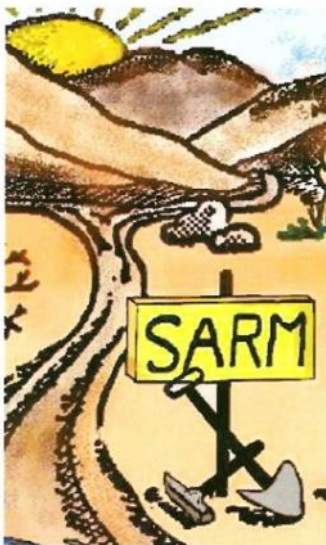




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
October Issue Newsletter**

SANTA ANA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

INFORMATION

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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 OCTOBER

Work Shop Cancelled
General Meeting Online:
Oct 21st

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

Greetings everyone,

There are several new things happening in the Santa Ana Rock and Mineral club. First of all, we will be having a Zoom meeting for all on our usual meeting day, October 21st. We will also have a practice session on October 14th to test out our Zoom capabilities. Both these sessions will take place at 7:00 PM. A separate article will be emailed to you explaining how to Zoom with your computer. Look for SARM's email in your inbox before our practice session. For those who don't have a camera on their computer you can use your smart phone. Just download the Zoom app to your phone. Open the app and select "Join a Meeting". You will then be asked for a meeting ID. Our meeting ID is 732 2153 6850. The password will be emailed to you along with the article explaining how to Zoom. Then Ray Walls will welcome you to the meeting. You might need to check buttons at the bottom of your screen to allow video & audio. Your Club Board met on September 2nd & has also had two Zoom meetings in September to check out the process.

If you are looking for information about the Lapidary arts, etc. you can find it in the "Rock & Gem Magazine". This magazine recently changed hands and has improved a great deal. You can buy it at most rock stores or you can subscribe at www.rockngem.com. The magazine is written for amateurs but also contains enough information to satisfy the most experienced.

Donations to the club keep coming in. We recently received a large tumbler with all the grit and buckets of stones ready for tumbling. We now have a large amount of great material for when we are able to have silent auctions again.

This month we also signed up a new member. Her name is Eileen Phillips. She found out about us from our website. Welcome to the club, Eileen. Our club now has 60 members!

We will have an election of new officers in November. Dania Boucher is running for president, Ray Walls for Vice President, Leah Harden-O'Brien for Secretary & Charlotte Spalding for Treasurer.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on our Zoom meetings on 10/14 & 10/21!

Jim DeMarco, President

Election of SARM Officers 2021

We have the list of SARM 2021 officer nominations. However, we are continuously looking for volunteers to run for officer positions. More than one volunteers can serve the same officer position. If you would like to contribute your talents at SARM, please email sarmclub@gmail.com. You can nominate yourself or talented people you know. Volunteer today and help us make more club activities in this coming year!

- * 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 Office - Victor Wolfe
- * Hospitality Officer : TBD
- * Membership Officer : TBD
- * Federation Officer : TBD
- * Librarian : TBD
- * Historian : TBD

Volunteer!



Not all who wonder are lost, we're just looking for rocks.

~ Rock Humor

Don't be a hard rock when you are really a gem!

~ Lauryn Hill

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



We wish all of you Happy Birthdays!

Pamela Greene

Blake Falkenham

James DeMarco

Terry Walls

Dania Boucher

YUCCA VALLEY

The national parks offer free admission to everyone on these days. Why not explore one of the parks near you? In yucca valley, the Joshua Tree National park has re-opened! Local restaurants remain closed or service take out only. The best time to see the desert is during winter and spring, and there are helpful travel tips you can find on the internet at joshuatree.guide.

National Parks Free Entrance Days 2020:

January 20: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

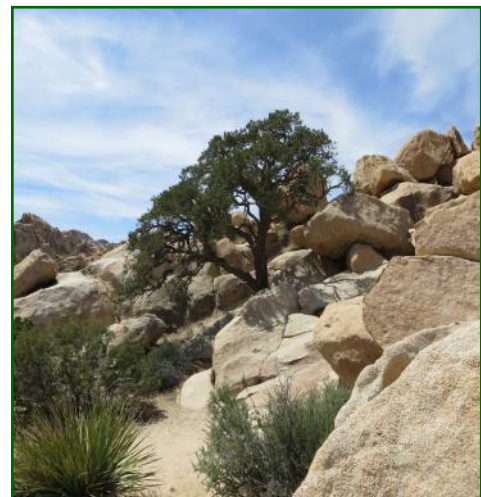
April 18: First day of National Park Week

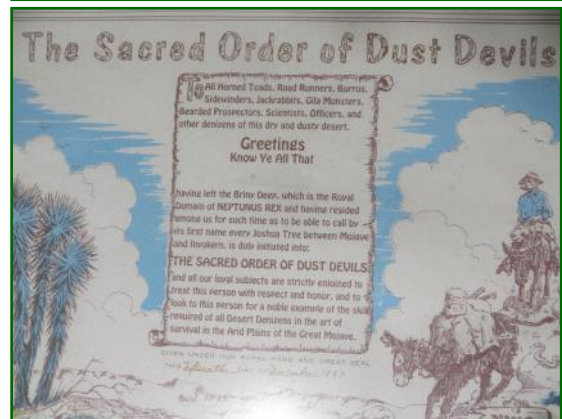
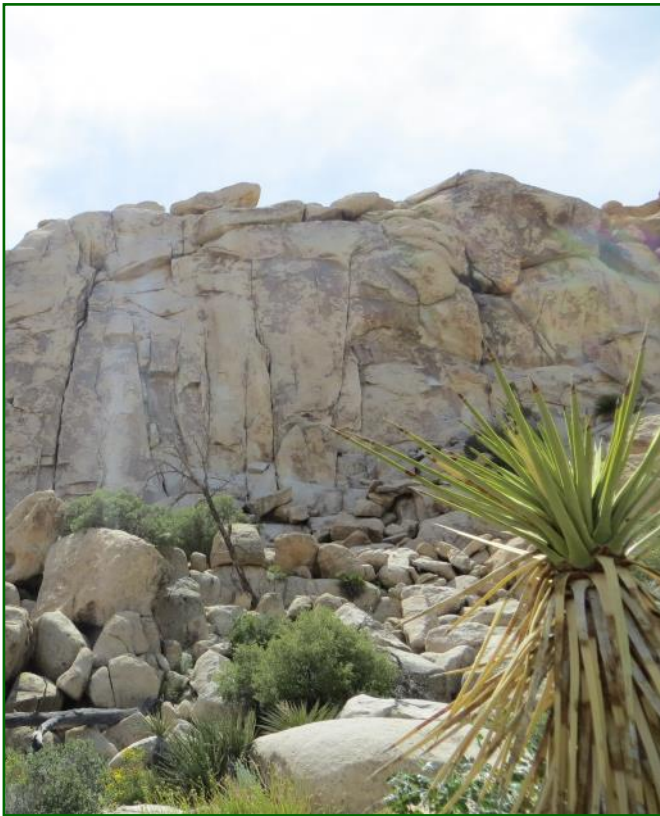
August 5: Celebrating the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act

August 25: National Park Service Birthday

September 26: National Public Lands Day

November 11: Veterans Day





While you are at Yucca Valley, you can find a local rocks and gems lapidary shop. We visited George Stewart Fine Jewelry and Gifts. There are variety of gemstone rocks, nice slabs and minerals. You can purchase rocks in buckets to bring home with. If you are looking to buy rocks and minerals, call George at 760-401-0753.



One Fine Day at George Stewart Fine Jewelry and Gifts

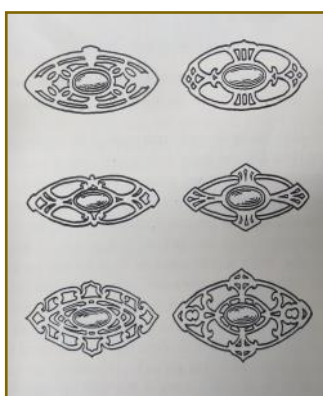
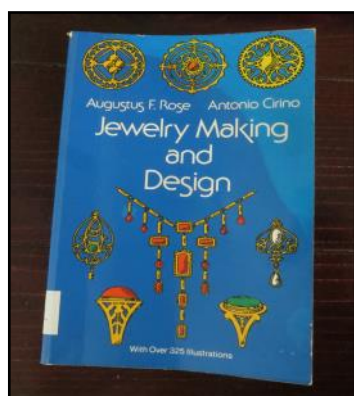
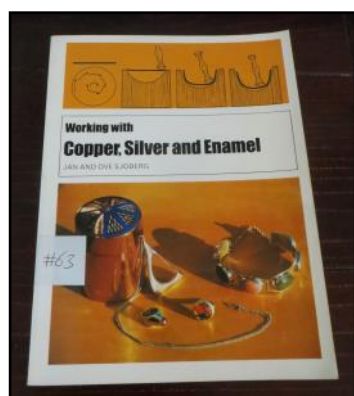


WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

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.

JEWELRY MAKING



These two books are from SARM library. Both books present quite a lot of information about jewelry making, tools, materials, and how to. They are also fun to read. If you are thinking of setting up a workbench, it is helpful to see the buying and using tools section in "Working with Copper, Silver and Enamel". We get a basic understanding of tools needed and the types of metal objects or jewelry we can create with these tools. This book shows its readers techniques of making a chain, a catch, rings, brooches, bracelets, and more.

If you like to design jewelry or to create something unique, "Jewelry Making and Design" is one of the books for you. It illustrates simple brooch patterns, how to design your own jewelry, and different stone setting techniques. If you like to make buckles, clasps, cuff links or cuff buttons, you can also find some helpful tips here. A good idea is to keep your jewelry sketches in a sketch book whenever you can, and add new drawings as you grow the skills.

OCTOBER 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.



OCT 2-4—SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA *RESCHEDULED*
Gem Faire Show: FUTURE DATE: APR 30, May 1, 2, 2021

OCT 9-11—COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA *RESCHEDULED*
Gem Faire Show: FUTURE DATE: DEC. 4-6, 2020

Admission: \$7.00, Free for children 11 & under, Venue: OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr. Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Show Hours: Friday 12pm - 6pm, Sat: 10am - 6 pm, Sun: 10am -5 pm.

OCT 10-11—WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

Show and sale; Pacific Crystal Guild; Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive (at Broadway); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$12, free admission for children under 12; More than 35 dealers for the Fall; Contra Costa Crystal Fair; contact Jerry Tomlinson, PO Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966, (415) 383-7837; Email: jerry@crystalfair.com; Website: www.crystalfair.com

OCT 10-11 — GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Annual show; Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society; Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 Mc Courtney Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, free admission for children 12 and under when accompanied by a paying adult; 2020 Earth's Treasures Show: Dinosaurs Rule, see a life-size T-Rex skull and other fossil displays, along with more than 25 vendors, 30 exhibitors, demonstrations, activities, and activities for children; contact Mitchell Frank Van Hecke, 14534 Mumford Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945, (530) 575-4252; Email: 4vanclan5@att.net; Website: <https://www.ncgms.org>

OCT 11-11— FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA *CANCELED*

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society; Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St.; Sun. 9-4; free admission; SHOW CANCELED; Annual "Festival of Gems," featuring jewelry, gems, fossils, minerals, displays, activities for children; contact Michelle Shearer, 123 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028, (760) 728-1130; Email: info@fgms.org; Website: www.fgms.org

OCT 16-18— DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA *CANCELED*

Gem Faire Show: Future Date: TBD