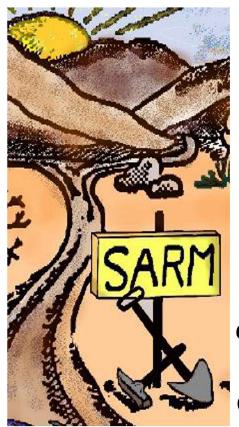


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Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

#### Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club

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#### INFORMATION

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 4th & 5th: Work Shop

November 15th: General Meeting Speaker: John Robert Burke

December 2nd & 3rd: Work Shop

**December 20th :** Christmas Party POTLUCK!

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### WORK SHOP

#### **Members** only

AT THE GREENE'S HOME
1ST FULL WEEKEND OF
THE MONTH
9:00 AM TO NOON
CALL
949-548-0752
TO REQUEST
FLEXIBLE TIMES

#### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Through the creative artistry and dedication of club members, November's Silent Auction had incredible buys. Jim De Marco, Jim Burke and Ray Heslop were indispensable in setting up the display. Creative artistry and unique rocks were placed on a large table near the the entrance. At an adjacent table was Robert Burson from Searchers. Robert brought rocks from his expeditions for the Silent Auction, and he gave generously of his time and expertise. A special thanks goes to Bruce Levine for introducing a new member and our next speaker, John Robert Gehrke. John will be our guide on a visual rock hunt at our club house. Rocks will be brought in and we will go on a rock hunt and come away with greater knowledge following this event. John's expertise is teaching geology and collecting great specimens. We need John's expertise especially after Dania Boucher shared that she had purchased, at the Silent Auction, a plastic box filled with rocks intermingled with valuable specimens. Thank you Dania and we hope your Halloween birthday was very special.

Trish Voss, President



#### **FIELDTRIP**



We will be taking a field trip to "Jewel Tunnel Imports" either on December 2nd or 9th. Jewel Tunnel Imports is a wholesale gem and mineral company that has been in business for 45 years. They have a 13,000 foot showroom and warehouse in Baldwin Park, CA. They have thousands of mineral specimens, with many available under \$10.00. Our cost for items will be 50% off the marked price. Sales tax will be added unless someone has a California Sellers Permit.

There will be a sign up sheet available at the November meeting. We will know exactly which date we will be going by the November meeting. We plan to car pool as much as possible. This is a great opportunity for our club, don't miss it!

Jim De Marco



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY POT LUCK!

SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET SO FAR ON LAST PAGE



CONTACT SARM AT SARMCLUB@GMAIL.COM WITH WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO BRING!

# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING OF

SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB HELD ON October 18th, 2017

Meeting called to order by President at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Jim DeMarco.

In Attendance: 20 members and 1 visitor. Welcome New Members; Jill & Gavin Carder, Bob Murray and John Robert Gehrke.

In Attendance 16 members and 1 Visitor.

**CLUB BUSINESS:** 

**MINUTES:** September Minutes approved as printed in October newsletter.

TREASURER: Report; took in \$143.00, spent \$331.75

CHRISTMAS: James Burke announced the pot luck Christmas Party to be held on the 20th of December. A sign up sheet for dishes was held by the secretary. Time TBD as well as portions at November meeting. The list so far will be published in the newsletter. Email sarmclub@gmail.com to RSVP and sign up for a dish! BYOB.

FIELD TRIP: Halloween in Holbrook! A field trip led by Robert Burson October 28th and 29th, discover and purchase high quality petrified wood-cash only. Camp sites and hotels -Email, bursonrocks@verizon.net for more information.

**ACTIVITY: 7:25-8:16: Silent Auction** 

A wide array of items that took over two hours to prepare. Many happy members and visitors left with more than they could carry in one setting.

The club closed out at 8:00 for the kids that attended and 8:17 for members to cash out and claim their prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm. With cash-out.

# From the Workshop



The workshop is fully equipt with tools to make cabachons from start to finish, as well as a small kiln for dichrochic glass work and also jigs for wire working as well as rough materials to practice on.

The Workshop is open to all MEMBERS the first full weekend of the month. Only \$3.00 fee.

Pam & Don Greene our Worshop Officers are flexable, call for alternate times. (949) 548-0752.









#### Corrections to last month newsletter

Apologies; last months newsletter had the wrong information on page 2 concerning the Board of Directors. The previous month and this month's is correct.

#### 10/31 Dania Boucher

(sorry we missed you last month)



#### **NOVEMBER**

11/04 Bruce Rausch

11/05 Sondra Melfi

11/22 Margit Haut

11/29 Melissa Demenagos

# IOPAZ

Novembers birthstone as well as the 23rd Anniversary 8 on Mohs scale

Topaz comes in all colors of the rainbow including colorless

Topaz is treated in a variety of ways the most valued being the 'Imperial Topaz' out of Brazil i n a reddish orange color

Topaz is widely available. Naturally colored stones are rare, most are treated.

Due to cleavage this stone can be difficult to cut

Most authorities agree the name topaz comes from Topazios-Greek name for an islan in the red sea, now called Zabargad,. However this island never produced topaz but was once a source of peridot, which was constantly confused with peridot

Different Colors of Passion Topaz



Novembers birthstone as well as th 13th Anniversary

7 Mohs scale

Heating Amethyst turns it to Citrine, Irradinting Citrine turns it to Amethyst

Ametrine is Citrine & Amethyst

Widley available.

A variety of Quartz









## DIPCOMING 5110VS & EVENTS

November 3, 4 & 5: EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri 9 - 6; Sat 9 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Toni L Tyson, (707) 502-9574
email: bluiis911@msn.com

November 4 - 5: CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mary Hicks, (925) 779-0698
Email: maryhicks@comcast.net

November 11 - 12: YUBA CITY, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Karen Horita, (530) (916) 677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 18 - 19: OXNARD, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, (805) 394-8002
Email: webmaster@oxnardgem.com
Website: http://oxnardgem.com

November 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 4 - 5: RIDGECREST, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslextreme.com

November 18 - 19: LAKESIDE, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Mary Ness, (619) 449-0759
Email: ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: www.ecvgms.org

November 18 - 19: SANTA CRUZ, CA Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange 1900 17th Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Michael Cox, (831) 459-0572 Email: scruzmgs@gmail.com Website: www.scrockngem.org

December 9 - 10: RIALTO, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Near Rialto City Hall Lot
105 South Palm Avenue
Hours: 9 - Dusk daily
Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089
Email: OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com
Website: http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com

