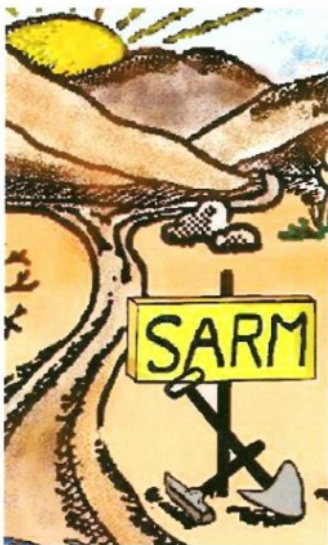




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
December Issue Newsletter**

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 2019

Dec 1st & 2nd: Work Shop
 Dec 1st & 8th: Field Trip
 Jewelry Tunnel Imports

Dec 19th: Christmas Party

Jan 5th & 6th: Work Shop

Jan 16th: General Meeting
 Guest Speaker

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Greg Braunwalder
 Joe Paxson
 Claudia Sanchez



THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our club boutique for 2018 turned out to be quite successful. We had 7 members participate in displaying their wares. Activity at the tables was brisk with a lot of communication going on. Please refer to the information in this newsletter concerning the Christmas Party and the need to pay our dues for 2019.

I would like to ask everyone for your input as to the activities, speakers, workshops, etc. you would like from our Club during 2019. Please voice your opinions and requests to me during the Christmas Party or by email at jdemar40@msn.com. We will be having a planning Board Meeting on the first or second week of January. All are welcome to attend the Board Meetings and voice your opinions and requests.

President, Jim De Marco

THANK YOU MEMBERS!

We express our gratitude to club members who donated for our monthly opportunity drawings, door prize, library and VA shop. Your support is important to the club. Thanks to your help and generosity in making our club activity successful this year.

DUES FOR YEAR 2019

Dues can be paid at one of the meetings or by sending in the attached coupon and your check to:

Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
P.O. Box 51
Santa Ana, California 92702

Name: _____

Address: _____

Check
 Amount: _____

- Single Adult Membership = \$20.00
- 2 Adults same address = \$30.00
- 3rd adult member residing in the same address = \$15.00
- Junior member (under 18) = \$10.00

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



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB
HELD ON NOVEMBER 21st, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Jim De Marco. There were 16 members in Attendance. One new member signed up and paid her dues for 2019. Her name is Pat Slouka and she was referred to us by Jeff Vaughn from Majeska. We offer a very warm welcome to Pat.

CLUB BUSINESS

- The members elected officers to serve for 2019. There were no nominations from the floor so the slate presented by the nominating committee was unanimously approved. The new officers are President – Jim De Marco, Vice-President – Dania Boucher, Treasurer – Charlotte Spalding. Since no one volunteered to be Secretary, someone will be asked at each meeting to take minutes.
- The members voted to have a Potluck Christmas Party on December 19, 2018. It will be held at our usual meeting place. Charlotte Spalding agreed to coordinate the event. Please notify her as to what you would like to bring to the Potluck. Her phone number and email are listed in the Member Roster. We will also have the usual gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift in the \$20.00 range if you wish to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Southern California Paleontological Society asked that our club support their request to the BLM to reconsider casual collecting in certain areas. The members voted unanimously to support this effort.
- The Jewel Tunnel Company will be holding their open house for local clubs on December 1 and 8, 2018. Please refer to the notice in this newsletter for address and means to notify them you will be attending.

ACTIVITY

- We had seven members participate in the Show and Sell activity. Refreshments with time to browse and purchase began at 7:45 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM



The Gemstone of Turquoise

If you are born in December, turquoise is your birthstone. Turquoise is a hydrous aluminum phosphate. This mineral has a nonmetallic luster, and a hardness of 5-6. Turquoise is blue or green color stones with brown matrix veining. Their blue and green colors can be pale, deep, clear to sky-blue. The veining shows a spider-web pattern and serves as a sign of genuineness. Thus, it is favored by most collectors and buyers. The mineral shows conchoidal fractures.



Turquoise is valued as a gemstone since ancient times. Many centuries ago, this mineral was mined in Egypt and Persia and they yielded clear blue stones containing little iron matrix. Turquoise holds a great deal of symbolism and beauty for American Indians. This stone can be seen in majority of their arts and crafts or as decorative stones in jewelry, clothing, leather belt and hats. In the U.S, turquoise can be found in small nodules or pieces in the South West States and mostly in Nevada and California. The largest turquoise nugget found weighs 9 pounds and came from the King mine near Colorado in 1945.



Turquoise is Arizona's most known and collectible minerals. Some finest turquoise come from Bisbee, Kingman, Sleepy Beauty, Silver Bell Mountains, Ithica Peak and among other mines and locations throughout the state.

2018 CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SIGN-UP

DECEMBER 19th at 6:00PM

List of dishes for Christmas dinner. Please sign up and/or suggest dishes you may like to have. Come and enjoy lots of good food and a fine evening with our club members. See you at the party!

- Garden Salad
- Ham & Gravy & Cranberry
- Turkey & Stuffing
- Green Bean Casserole
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Sweet Potatoes
- Broccoli Casserole
- Vegetable Dishes
- Cold Pasta Salad
- Chicken, Pork, or Beef
- Pies
- Cookies
- Fruits, Deserts
- Eggnog & Coffee
- Plates, Napkins, Utensils
- Tablecloths, Ice
- Decorations
- Soft Drinks, Soda, Juice
- Water
- And more

Please inform members if your food contain peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, gluten, or shellfish since some members may be allergic to certain food source.

Sign up by e-mailing Charlotte Spalding at miz_storm@sbcglobal.net with what you plan to bring to the party. Thank You!

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

~ Happy Holiday!

Be filled with wonder. Be touched by peace.

~ Happy Holiday!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB

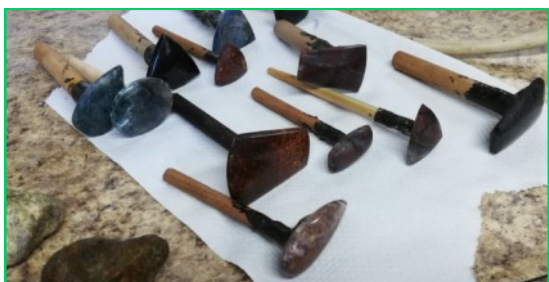
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WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

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.

Arts and Crafts ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Thanks to members who visited and utilized our workshop this year. It has been a great year to have all members working and creating various arts and crafts here at the club!

Pam, our workshop officer created fairy tale houses using rocks, glass jars, and polymer modeling clays **Sculpey**. This soft modeling clay is easy to use for sculpting with basic sculpting tools, cookie cutters, molds to make jewelry, kids project, home decor, and more. Lots of crafting ideas, techniques and instructional video, can be found from the internet sites about this material. It comes in different colors, and designs. Once crafted, it can be baked in the oven to harden, and to be painted afterward. For larger size projects, it can be baked at multiple stages.

We welcome our members to join us at the workshop to cut slabs, make cabs, or just to chat in the new year. The club wish all a happy holiday, and travel safe. Merry Christmas!

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 19, 2018

We will be having a potluck Christmas Party on our usual 3rd Wednesday of the month at our usual meeting place. Charlotte Spalding will be coordinating this event. Please notify her about what you would like to bring to the potluck. Her email is miz_storm@sbcglobal.net or at her phone number which is listed in the Member roster.

We will also be having our usual gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift in the \$20.00 range. Instead of choosing a new gift when your number is called you have the option of taking one of the gifts already chosen. This can be done two times after the original opening of the gift. After that the gift remains with the third person who chooses it. Since this is a dinner Christmas Party we would like to begin earlier. The room will be open for set up at 3:00 PM. We will probably close at 4:30 PM and open again at 6PM. We hope to be ready to serve by 6:30 PM.

DECEMBER 2018 Field Trips

Saturday, December 16th, South Cady Mountains

Mining Supplies and Rock Shop

760.244.9642 www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com

This weekend we will be returning to Hill 2 and Sand Canyon in the east end of the Southern Cady mountains. Here we will be collecting agate specimens, plume agate, moss agate and jasper. These sites require a 4-wheel drive vehicle to get through the sandy washes.

There is also a few locations that do require a tough hike to access.



DECEMBER 2018 Show

The Jewel Tunnel Company, Saturday December 1st and Saturday December 8th

257.814.2257 www.jeweltunnel.com

Open house for local club members holiday shopping is scheduled on the first and second Saturdays of December. 13100 Spring St, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society, December 1-2 Barstow, CA

Cora Harper Fitness Center, 841 S. Barstow Rd; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5; free admission; dealers offering roughrock, slabs, unique jewelry, lapidary gifts, minerals demonstrations, more than 30 displays, silent auctions, and activities for children; contact Danny Watts, P.P. Box 138, Barstow, CA 92312, (760) 373-1309; www.mdgms.net