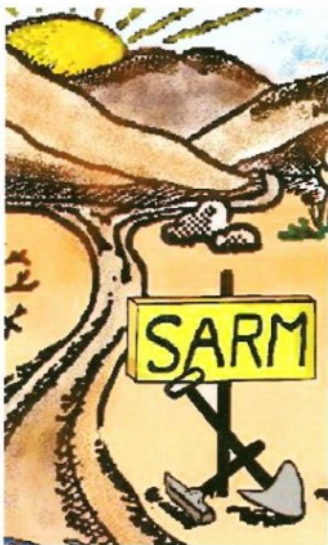




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# **CHIPS 'N' SPLINTERS**

**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club  
MAY 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](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

**May 4th & 5th: Work Shop**  
**May 15th: General Meeting**

**Jun 1st & 2nd: Work Shop**  
**Jun 19th: General Meeting**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Jim DeMarco
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<u>SECRETARY</u>	Leah Harden-O'Brien
<u>TREASURER</u>	Charlotte Spalding
<u>PARLIAMENTARIAN</u>	Trish Voss
<u>FEDERATION</u>	Jim DeMarco

## COMMITTEE OFFICERS

<u>WORKSHOP</u>	Pam & Don Greene
<u>Opportunity Drawings</u>	Jim Burke
<u>FIELD TRIP</u>	Ray Walls
<u>WEBMASTER</u>	
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<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	Josie Nellis
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	Jim DeMarco



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Share your news, help our newsletter! *\*members only*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After our April meeting we had 40 members who have paid their dues for 2019. I want to welcome all our new members and returning members & remind everyone to avail themselves of the many things the club offers. Pam and Don report the workshop is being used more than ever. Then there is our newsletter with lots of information as well as field collecting trips that are available to our members. We have a collection of library books on rock and gem cutting and polishing. We have our monthly opportunity drawings and share your wares tables. We also have speakers and workshops during our meetings.

Dania managed to have a really great speaker for our last meeting. Professional jewelry designer and award winner Adam Neely showed us many of his creations and shared much of his personal life with us. His work is on a whole different level from what we usually see.

During the meeting the members decided to have a silent auction in August & to schedule a workshop on wire wrapping or another topic of interest to rock hounds. Our next meeting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jim De Marco, President

## **WORKSHOP**

**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**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**



**Natasha Meskal  
Steve Hamilton  
Larry Oien  
Juan Garcia**



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
SANTA ANA ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB  
HELD ON APRIL 17th, 2019**

Meeting called to order by President Jim DeMarco at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: 15 members and 1 visitor. New member introductions: Barbara Harriman, Mark Warner, Jim Thorpe and Mike DeJong. Welcome!

**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:** March minutes approved as printed in April newsletter.

**TREASURER:** Report; Income \$ 209, Expense's \$ 247.

**HOSPITALITY:** Josie Nellis brought homemade cookies; coffee and water were also available.

**SHARE YOUR WARES:** Free gold mining info available. President offering rocks for free the 26th and 27th at his house 10am-3pm first come first serve, call 714 330-9236.

**WORKSHOP:** New finer cutting saw taking a microblade available. Members can purchase fragile inexpensive blades and take with them. Machine coming up for sale.

**PRESIDENT REPORTS:** Due to illness there was no official officer & director board meeting this year. Jim took suggestions as to what activities members would like; Yes to silent auction in August. No to Boutique -searchers will be doing one. Asking for volunteers for the Green Valley Memorial Day picnic or will have to skip this year. Email SARM if interested. Jim asked for speaker suggestions: Mark Delatori who does PMC and Victor Wolf was nominated and agreed will coordinate with VP. Yes to wire wrap workshop.

**Club took a brief break at 7:30 and called the raffle at 7:36**

**ACTIVITY:**

Dania introduced at 7:50

Speaker Adam Neeley. Award winning fine art jeweler with a shop in San Francisco and Laguna Beach. He shared how he got started in the business, his background, passions and work process. Adam brought examples to show of his work and played a short video.

**DOOR PRIZE:** A large rough Obsidian specimen was won by Barabara H.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.**





**Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon.**

**A cookie a day keeps the sadness away.**

**~Funny Sayings**



**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

**Honor Our Heroes      THANK YOU!**

**CELEBRATE      HONOR      REMEMBER**



## SARM CLASSIFIEDS: LAPIDARY AND MORE



To list or sell items, please email [sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com) and include 'classified' in the subject line.      Thank You!

Looking for an used lapidary grinder with diamond wheels in good working condition. Email if you have one to sell.

## MAY BIRTHSTONE: EMERALD

Emerald is May's gemstone. It has a hexagonal crystal structure, and it belongs to the Beryl family (beryllium aluminum silicates). Members of the beryl family are Red Beryl, Aquamarine, Emerald, Heliodor and others. They are distinguished by their colors. Emerald's green color derives from the trace amount of chromium or vanadium in its structure. The colors of emeralds can range from dark green, medium green, light green, bluish green to blue colors. It has a Mohs hardness of 7.5 to 8. Natural emerald stones often contain inclusions such as tiny gas bubble or crystals. These inclusions are not considered as flaws or defects, but instead they are used to identify natural authentic emeralds. Emeralds like other gemstones are graded by their color, clarity, cut and carat weight. However, color and clarity are almost equally important in grading emeralds.



Synthetic emeralds have been produced by overgrowing emeralds on colorless beryl. The growth rate is about 1mm per month, and they do not have inclusions. Synthetic emeralds have the same chemical composition as the natural emeralds, but lack of rarity, details, color variations and saturation. They are less expensive than natural ones and can be detected by the eye alone.

## **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.

## **FREE ROCK COLLECTING**



Thanks to our club president, and our opportunity drawing officer for organizing a free rock day for members in April. These rocks were donated from various sources, and members could pick through the piles and keep what we like for free. We filled buckets and bags with rocks collected in the fields by others. Every piece of rocks had meanings and values to those who collected it, and to us who received and enjoyed it. Don't feel left out if you missed this event by any chance. There will always be opportunities like this. A very generous family also gave away lots of gem rocks this month. They wanted other rockhounds and lapidaries who appreciate and love them to have and use them. Thanks to everyone for your generosity making free rock collecting and sharing possible among rockhounds!

# Unscramble

Words that are gems or rocks,  
then draw a line to picture of stone.

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\* contributed by Leah Harden O'Brien \*



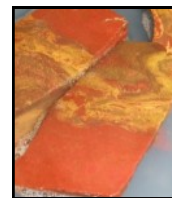
# UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

## MAY 2019 Field Trips

### Sunday, May 25th, 2019 2-wheel trip

Mining Supplies and Rock Shop

760.244.9642 [www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com](http://www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com)



### Sunday, May 19th, 2019 Oceanview Mine

Nevada Mineral and Book Company

For more info: text 702-630-9526 or email [minbooks@aol.com](mailto:minbooks@aol.com)

We will be heading down to Pala to tour and collect on the dumps of the Oceanview Mine.

Our group has had very good luck at these mines the past few years, finding spodumene (kunzite and triphane), aquamarine, morganite, quartz (citrine and smoky), lepidolite and occasionally nice tourmalines. These tours are to working gem mines. For more information, visit Oceanview Mine's website at [www.digforgems.com](http://www.digforgems.com).

## MAY 2019 Show

**May 3-5, YUCAIPA, CA** Annual show; Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival, Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St.; Fri. 6-10, Sat. 12-10, Sun. 12-6; free admission; More than 17 rock, gem and jewelry dealers, demonstrations, and activities for children will take place during the combined Yucaipa Music and Art Festival and Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show; contact Chuck Barlick, PO Box 494, Yucaipa, CA 92399, 813-767-6718; Email: [chuckbarlick@gmail.com](mailto:chuckbarlick@gmail.com); Website: [YVGMS.org](http://YVGMS.org)

**May 4-5 ANAHIM, CA** Annual show; Anaheim Searches Gem & Mineral Society; Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4:30; free admission; Vendors, displays, and a silent auction; contact Margaret Hogarth, 3435 Whirlaway Lane, Chino Hills, CA 91709-2583, (909) 815-3045; Email: [hogarth,m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth,m@gmail.com); Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org) Free admission! Free parking! This is one of the best rock shows in Southern California. Many fun activities for kids! See rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, beads, rough, slabs, vendors, gold panning, best silent auction, hobby supplies, vintage stones, door prizes, gemstones, grab bags, tools, equipment and exhibits. Lapidary supplies. Stone carving, faceting, intarsia, live demonstrations. Lunch, snacks and drinks are available.

**May 10-12 Costa Mesa, CA** The West Coast Gem & Mineral Show will be returning to Costa Mesa for the Spring Show. The show moved in November to the beautiful Hilton Orange County, 3050 Bristol St, Costa Mesa, CA - just south of South Coast Plaza. There will be over 70 select retail and wholesale dealers from around the world, selling wonderful minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry, lapidary and more. Plenty of parking is available at the reduced rate of \$10 per day. Admission to the show is free and open to the public. For more info, visit website [www.mineralshowsllc.com](http://www.mineralshowsllc.com)

**May 17-19 COSTA MESA, CA** Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc; OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7 weekend pass; fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, millions of beads, crystals, jewelry repair, cleaning and ring sizing ; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; Email: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com)