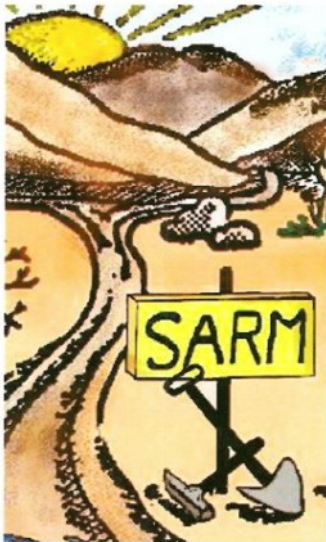




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club  
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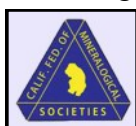
# SANTA ANA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

## INFORMATION

[www.sarmclub.org](http://www.sarmclub.org)
[sarmclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarmclub@gmail.com)

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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 MARCH

Mar 7th & 8th: Work Shop  
 Mar 18th: General Meeting  
 Apr 4th & 5th: Work Shop  
 Apr 15th: General Meeting

## 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

Attendance has been great these past two months. Since the February meeting was going to be Rock Bingo, we felt the attendance would be lower than usual so we only set up four round tables. As more and more arrived, two more tables had to be set up. There was a large number of great prizes for those who won at Bingo. We also had a number of good specimen rocks for the Opportunity Drawing, thanks to the generosity of our members. Once again thanks to everyone who helped make our February meeting so successful.

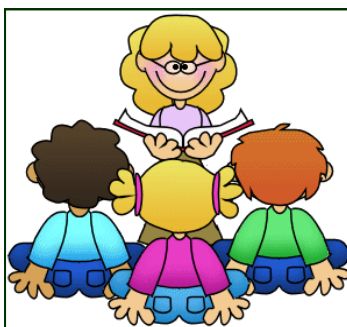
Dania tells me she is planning to have Walt Lombardo speak at the March meeting. She doesn't have a confirmation yet but we are hoping Walt can make it. Walt is the owner of the Nevada Mineral and Book Company in Orange. A visit to his store is always an educational experience. Walt has spoken to us before and his lectures are always extremely interesting and full of new information. You won't want to miss our March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jim DeMarco, President

### Volunteers Needed:



**LIBRARIAN**



**HISTORIAN**

Please volunteer today!  
Email SARM for more info!

If you are unsure if  
you have paid for  
2020 -email  
[sarmclub.org](mailto:sarmclub.org)



**Membership Dues are Due!**





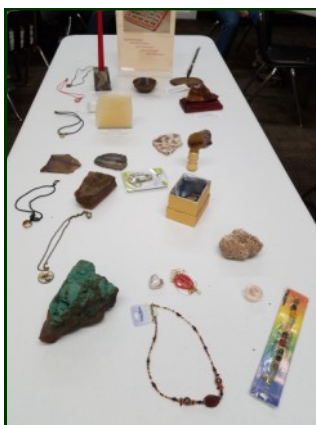
# Welcome

**We welcome these new members joining SARM at our February meeting!**

DeAyn V., Rick V., Herbert V., Reidar N., Charles R., Blake F., Cascade S., Matt B., Caden B., and Finley B.. All Visitors were welcomed.

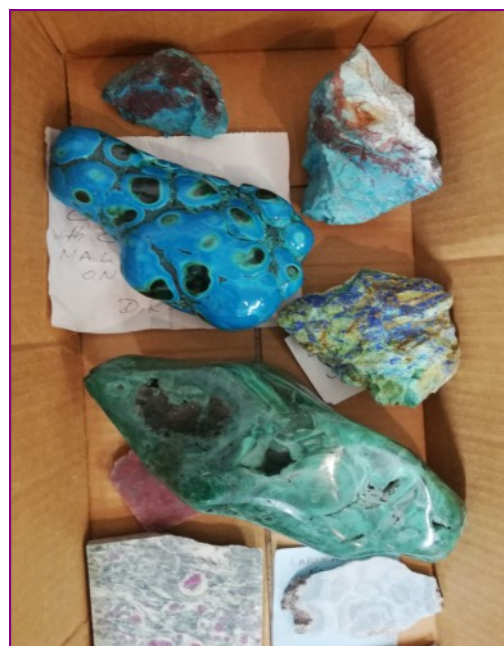
February minutes will be posted along with March minutes in the upcoming April newsletter.

## CLUB ACTIVITY: Rock Bingo





## SHARE YOUR WARES



## BLACK HILLS ROCKHOUND AREA

**Snippet** — The desert regions of Arizona, southern California, and central Mexico are the only areas of the world where fire agate is known to occur. Although its origin is unknown, it is always associated with volcanic deposits.



The site is open for digging by the public without fees or permits. Camping throughout the area is allowed for up to two weeks.

**Directions:** Black Hills rockhound area is located on the north side of Arizona route 191, between Safford and Clifton, about 18 miles north of Safford. Access is easiest from U.S. Highway 191, just east of milepost 141.

For more info about visiting black hills area, please contact BLM Arizona Office. Phone (928) 348-4400, Email: [blm\\_az\\_sfoweb@blm.gov](mailto:blm_az_sfoweb@blm.gov)





Share what your working on, just read something fascinating others would like, what did you learn on your last trip and more. Submit an article (can include pics) to sarmclub@gmail.com for review.

*Share your news,  
Help our newsletter!*

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Ailla B.	Ellie H.
Josie N.	Abigal S.
Philip W.	Mark W.
Reidar N.	

**Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.**  
~ Albert Einstein

**“Act as if what you do makes a difference. IT DOES.”** ~ William James

### CLASSIFIEDS

1. WHITE'S GOLDMASTER V/SAT METAL DETECTOR WITH HEAD PHONES, CARRYING STRAP AND CARRING CASE: Asking: \$495.00
2. DAHON FOLDING BIKE, 6 SPEED: Asking: \$125.00
3. WASTE TOTE TANK, 22 GAOON, GREAT FOR “DAY” CAMPING: Asking: \$100.00

IF INTERESTED, CALL JIM AT 714-615-8570.

### Stamps Donation

We would like to encourage our members to participate in stamps donation. Used postage stamps were collected by various rock clubs and donated at the Federation meetings for good use and to help in charity fundraising events. Let's save our stamps from the mails and help others!

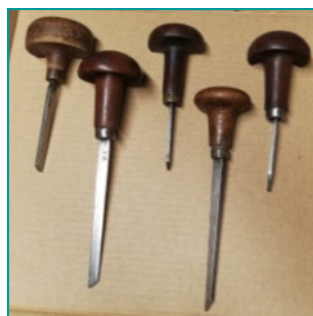
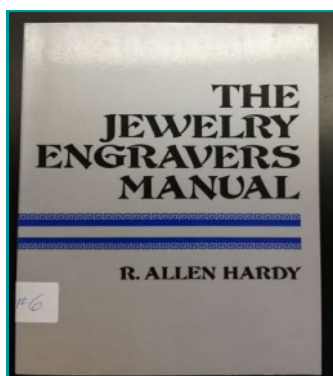


## WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

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.

## METAL ENGRAVING



If you are interested in hand engraving, check out The Jewelry Engravers Manual from the club's library. The manual illustrates the setup, tools, methods, and helpful tips about this topic. To practice engraving, it is best to use soft metals like copper or zinc plates for your artwork. These are easier to be carved and engraved. Gravers come in different shapes, lengths and cutting angles. Round, Flat and Ongette gravers are often used in making jewelry. The graver consists of a face and heel. The sharpening techniques require precision to create exact angles needed for your gravers. The artwork or scrollwork can be drawn on the metal plates. They can also be printed on papers with a laser printer and transferred onto the metal plate with acetone. An engraver's ball is the recommended tool to use in the setup. However, a horizontal vise on a swivel plate may get you started in doing engraving. For more advice about engraving, ask Pam and Don at the workshop.

# UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

**Afton Canyon Field Trip: March 7-8. 2020**

**Opal Mountain Field Trip: March 21-22. 2020**



For questions before the trip, contact Andrew Bloxom for more info.

Cell# (571)-217-9536 (\*\*\*Please text message only during business hours)

Email: [Andrew.Bloxom@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.Bloxom@gmail.com)

<https://www.searchersrocks.org/next-field-trip>

## MARCH 2020 Show

**FEB 28 – MAR 1, COSTA MESA, CA:** Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire; OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7 (all-weekend access); Exhibitors offering various minerals and rocks, jewelry, crystals, gems, beads and crystals; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; Email: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com)



**MAR 6 – 8, DEL MAR, CA:** Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durants Blvd.; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7 (all-weekend access); Exhibitors offering various minerals and rocks, jewelry, crystals, gems, beads and crystals, contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; Email: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: <http://www.gemfaire.com>

**MAR 7 – 8, VENTURA, CA:** Annual show; Ventura Gem & Mineral Society; Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10 –6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; A southern California tradition for 58 years, featuring more than 15 vendors, 50 exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Richard Slyker, CA; Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org); Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org).

**MAR 13 - 15, VICTORVILLE, CA:** Annual show; Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club; Stoddard Wells Rock Hound Tailgate, Stoddard Wells and Bell Mountain Roads, Cross St. Dale Evans Parkway; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; Slabs and cabs, findings and equipment, minerals and fossils, rough, jewelry, activities for children, auction; contact Ruben Martinez, 15056-B Seventh Street, Victorville, CA 92395, (760) 490-8263; Email: [rmstonewalk54@gmail.com](mailto:rmstonewalk54@gmail.com); Website: [vvgmc.org](http://vvgmc.org)

**MAR 28 - 29, TORRANCE, CA:** Annual show; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society; Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; Various rough and polished stones for sale, demonstrations, displays, and activities for children; contact Nancy Pekarek, 2122 W. 233rd Street, Torrance, CA 90501, (310) 561-8152; Email: [pekareks@hotmail.com](mailto:pekareks@hotmail.com); Website: <https://southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com>

