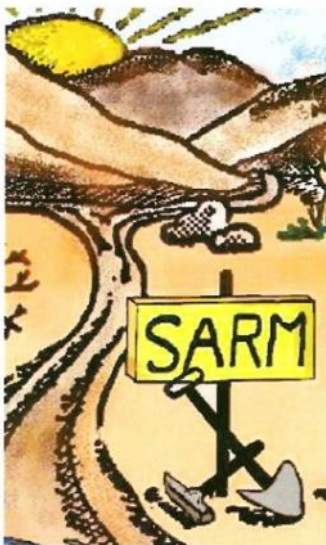




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**Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club
September Issue Newsletter**

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 SEPTEMBER

Work Shop Cancelled
General Meeting Cancelled

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

Hello everyone,

We have delayed sending out the September newsletter so it could include information from a Board Meeting we had on 9/2. During this meeting the board expressed concern for the members and wondered how everyone is doing. We discussed how the club could help everyone during this covid 19 crisis. It was decided that we would set up a zoom meeting for all members so people would have a chance to say what they are doing and talk about the projects they are working on or if anyone has taken any field trips, etc. Hopefully this zoom meeting will take place soon. You will be notified by email when this will happen. We also want to make sure the members are receiving some benefit from the dues that was paid in 2020. Ray and Andrew are working on a possible field trip for October. When we meet again, we will be planning a silent auction and having educational speakers and workshops.

Another important item which must be dealt with is the election of officers for next year. We will probably have a zoom meeting on November 18th to conduct the election. So far, the slate of officers includes the following:

President – Dania Boucher

Vice-President – Open for volunteers

Secretary – Leah Harden-Obrien

Treasurer – Charlotte Spalding

As for committee chairpersons we will need a new Hospitality person. We want to thank Sue Gordon for her service this year. Sue is experiencing some health issue in her family and is not able to continue this service next year. We also want to thank Josie Nellis for being both Secretary and Federation chair this past year.

Last but not least we are still gaining new members. Noel Espinoza signed up in March and Kelly Barnes signed up in August. We want to send a hearty welcome to them. Please let us know what we can do to assist you in your rock and mineral hobby.

Jim DeMarco, President

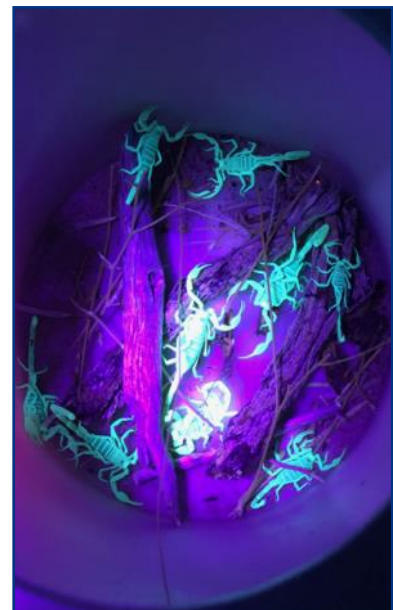
SHARED FIELD TRIP

We explored the washes and gullies at Cady Mountain at the beginning of July. Found some nice materials scattered everywhere in the area. Some loose and just picked up while other materials were chipped out of host rock with a rock hammer. Collected roughs can be made for beautiful cabochons, belt buckles, earrings, and etc... Easy vehicle access and close to main Hwy at just 5 minutes away. Great location for future club outings!

~ Victor Gray Wolf



SHARED FIELD TRIP



Please remember to bring along your friends, family, plenty of water, energy food, mosquito repellent, first aid kit, safety gears, local maps and cell phones when exploring collecting areas.

Also, please remember to bring home your friends and family. Safe trips and stay healthy!

Thanks, Victor, for sharing your photos.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**We wish all of you
Happy Birthdays!**

Gabriela Gamino

Sue Gordon

Majesta Vaughn

James Burke

Victor Greywolf

Sometimes later becomes never. Do it now.

~ Lydia Sweatt

Great things never come from comfort zones.

~ Lydia Sweatt

SARM Classifieds



- **Mining Claim by Lytle Creek, San Bernardino County**

Unpatented gold mining claim is available for sale. Asking price \$1000. If anyone would like to have more information, please email Regina at goldstar15@live.com

- **White's Goldmaster V/SAT Metal Detector with Head Phones, CARRYING STRAP AND CARRING CASE, Asking \$495.00**
If interested, call Jim at 714-615-8570.

- **Dahon Folding Bike, 6 Speed: Asking \$125.00**
If interested, call Jim at 714-615-8570.

- **Waste Tote Tank, 22 Gallon, Great For "DRY" Camping:**
Asking \$100.00 If interested, call Jim at 714-615-8570.

- **Some Old Music Sheets**

Piano music sheets. Free. If you need them, please email sarmclub@gmail.com

BOOK REVIEW BY JIM BURKE**Prospecting for Gemstones and Minerals,
By John Sinkankas**

– this book is in our library and available for borrowing

This is a tell all book that explains the how, where, what and why for the beginning rock hound.

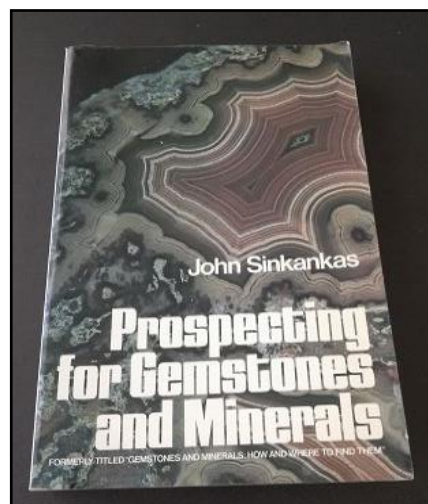
It explains how to prepare for a trip and gives descriptions of maps, how to obtain and use them.

I have used topographic maps and have found them quite useful in desert areas. The book also gives hints on clothing, descriptions of tools, their use and how to care for them. There is even a section on the use of explosives and panning for gold.

It includes a large section on how to recognize different classes of rocks and minerals, how they are formed and places to look for them. The book also lists the different categories and how to identify them.

Also included is how to prepare your specimens and helpful hints on how to exhibit them.

All in all this is an excellent book for the beginner. It contains a lot of helpful suggestions for those planning on going into the field to find the “Mother Lode”!

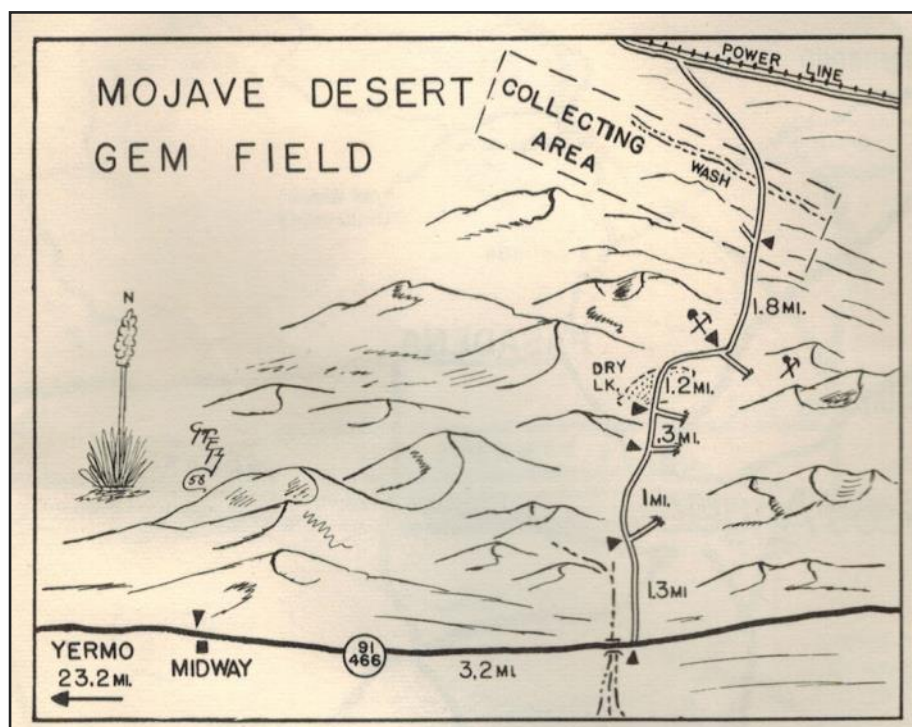
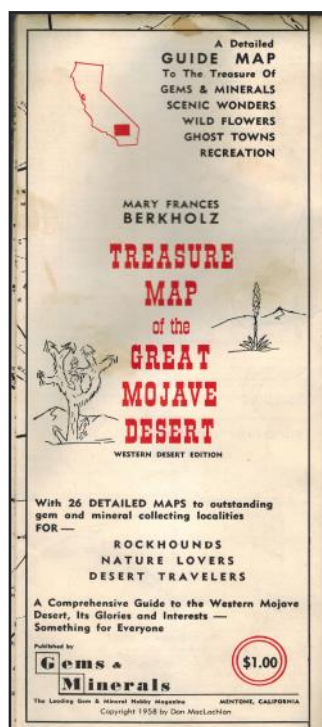


WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

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.

COLLECTING ROUGH GEMSTONES ★★★★★



I thought to share this old treasure map of the great Mojave desert with you. Although it's an old map, there are not many changes to what you may find there. The great desert is mysterious, big and beautiful. Many details are in the desert if you get a change to take a closer look. Have fun prospecting and collecting gemstones. Please remember to keep social distance, and stay healthy.

What To Collect: This is an excellent area for agate, petrified wood and reed, jasper, and jasp-agate. The material is found in float on the ridges and in the washes. It is quite colorful with bright yellows and reds to soft pastel pinks and white. Most of it is good cutting quality. Several chunks of palm root weighting 6 to 20 pounds have been found.

Road Log: 0.0 miles	Check speedometer at Midway (23.2 miles east of Yermo)
3.2 miles	Just after crossing bridge turn left onto graded dirt road.
	Keep on the graded road for another 5.6 miles.
8.8 miles	Collecting area

SEPTEMBER 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.

SEP 12-13—ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA *CANCELED*

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club; South County Regional Center, 800 West Branch Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, free admission for children 12 and under; Show Canceled Dealers selling an array of gems, minerals, fossils, carvings, jewelry, lapidary, and demonstrations and displays; contact Mary Rafferty, P. O. Box 563, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406; Email: show@slogem.org; Website: <http://www.slogem.org/show.htm>

**SEP 26-27 — LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

Annual show; Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club; Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Ave. H.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; Dealers, demonstrations, presentations, and activities for children; contact Allison McClung, (661) 839-7403; Email: ali_cares@aol.com; Website: palmdalegemandmineral.org

**SEP 26-27— LODI, CALIFORNIA *CANCELLED***

Stockton Lapidary And Mineral Club; Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E Lockeford Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 (Save \$2 with this listing or a photo of the mention), free admission for children 12 and under; SHOW CANCELED; contact Anne Nishioka, 3136 East Anita Street, Stockton, CA 95205, (209) 598-4027; Email: annehnishioka@yahoo.com; Website: stocktonlapidary.org

**SEP 26-27— LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA*****CANCELLED***

Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society; Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; SHOW CANCELED Dealers selling gems, rocks, fossils, lapidary supplies, and activities for children; contact Karin Alvarez, PO Box 213, Long Beach, CA 90801, (562) 253-1390, 5622531390; Email: karin.yasuda@gmail.com; Website: www.facebook.com/LBMGS

