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March President's Message

March greetings to all members and friends.

March is here and we are going to need your help with next week's tailgate!

Here's how you can help:

We need donations of soft drinks and pre-packaged snacks (such as cookies and chips).

We need help with setup on Thursday, March 6th. If you can help, please be at the club at 9AM

We need help with breakdown and brining everything back to the clubhouse, starting around 4PM on Sunday. Everybody will be tired, but this needs to be done!

We need volunteers to help man the booths on all 3 days (9 to 5). Positions include:

- Club info table/new member sign up
- Food sales
- Spin the wheel
- Geode Cutting
- Pick your prize sales

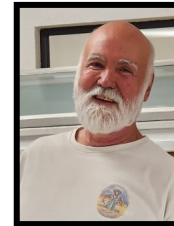
We need someone to bring Ice (on Friday)

So, please do what you can to help make this year's tailgate a success.

Hoping for great weather with minimal wind!

See you there.

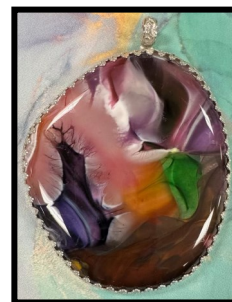
Dave



Dave Duncan



Lorie's glasswork



Lets
Welcome
Our New
Mem-
bers!!!

- Vincent Morasco
- Steve Johnson
- Dave Turner
- Dee McCoy
- Raul and Lisa Lopez
- Jacob Griego
- Liz Barron
- Russell Elswick



Loot From Castle Butte

Rain, overcast skies, wild wind... it's enough to drive a rockhound crazy who just wants to get out in the desert and look for cool rocks. Luckily Saturday February 8th had none of the above, with moderate temperatures and plenty of sunshine, it was the perfect opportunity to get out there and make it happen!

Castle Butte, northeast of California City, has long been a field trip location for clubs and individuals alike. With a vast area to explore and possible finds like petrified wood and palm, agate, jasper, and even small amounts of bloodstone it's easy to see why.

After meeting up in North Edward's our modest little group of VVGM members, and several guests, headed northeast to The Butte, a prominent volcanic neck that towers over the collecting sites to the North, east and south. This time we were due east of The Castle, at the base of a small hill with fire rings and busted up rocks, you can tell a lot of people have been here in years past. It takes patience and a little luck here to find decent stuff, despite tons of leaverite everywhere.

Members and guests alike explored, chipped, and otherwise did their best to find something they liked. My best finds here are usually a big surprise; something you grabbed on a whim, cut open, and then were blown away with what was inside. That's what keeps one coming back: that chance to find a bragging rock that turns heads and causes exclamations like "Oh Wow!". This is definitely a spot that still holds surprises. Despite the modest turnout and a more challenging search, this trip was a good one with perfect weather, several newer members and some guests we haven't seen in a while, it was indeed a good day...especially after seeing the Best Of Trip jasper that Sasha found.

Thanks, Dave Duncan, for helping run the trip and thank you new Member Cindy Lapp for going the extra mile on the search and for bringing several pieces from past trips to show and tell... especially that gorgeous sphere made from the tri-colored marble found last year.

See you guys next month at the Tailgate!



Scott Gray Wagon Master



Stoddard Wells Tailgate Information On Page 6, 7, & 8

March Field Trip

Scott Gray

Hey members!

The March field trip will be on March 8th to the Tri-Color marble Quarry. This is in conjunction with the Tail Gate and is the annual trip to this location. This is a 4WD location only. It's a very rough 2 miles of road getting to the quarry. The material is plentiful, in as large of pieces as you want to pick up, and of good quality. This is a wonderful stone to work with for larger projects like spheres, bookends, etc.

If you don't have 4WD it's sometimes possible to hitch a ride to the site with a member who does and, as before, I will bring back a nice assortment of different size pieces to share with those who can't make it.

Meet up will be at 9am on Stoddard Wells Rd immediately east of the entrance to the parking area entrance for the Tail Gate. All the info is on the club flyers for the Tail Gate and there will be a sign designating where to meet up to avoid confusion.

Plan to be at the site for approximately 3 hours or so, this is plenty of time to get a good assortment of this popular material. See you there!



Tricolor Marble polished



Tricolor Marble rough

Don't forget that your dues are payable now.

Information about the newest monuments in Southern California that rockhounds Need to know

From "Save Gem Hill, Lonely Butte and Rock Collecting in Southern California."

There is a ton of misinformation going around due to the Chuckwalla National Monument having been declared by Proclamation last month. This is understandable as the Hauser Geodes beds, Chuckwalla, and all the Wiley Well's collecting spots are within the boundaries of the monument.

Know that:

1) Nothing changes with respect to recreational rock and mineral collecting until a Management Plan is created. That plan will replace the existing management plans in place for the public lands within the boundary of the new monument.

Mining is affected now in that upon proclamation, no new mining claims can be made. As with the Mojave Trails National Monument, existing claims will remain unchanged.

There is some provision in the Proclamation for areas to be closed in the interim for Native American ceremonies and to protect artifacts.

2) The existing MOU with the CFMS and BLM DOES NOT protect the Hauser Beds from being closed to collecting in the Management Plan for the Chuckwalla National Monument. It can be useful in arguing that they should stay open, but it holds no water over formal land management plans.

A VERY FIRST FOR RECREATIONAL ROCKHOUNDING, THE PROCLMATION SPECIFIES RECREATIONAL ROCKHOUNDING AS A RESCOUCE AND THAT THE HOBBY BE ALLOWED IN THE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

"Protecting the Chuckwalla region will preserve an important spiritual, cultural, prehistoric, and historic legacy and protect places inscribed with history for future generations; maintain a diverse array of natural and scientific resources; and help ensure that the prehistoric, historic, and scientific resources and values of the region endure for the benefit of all Americans. As described above, the region contains numerous objects of historic and scientific interest, and it provides exceptional outdoor recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, backpacking, rockhounding, sightseeing, nature study, birding, horseback riding, hunting, climbing, mountain biking, and motorized recreation, all of which are important to the travel- and tourism-based economy of the region."

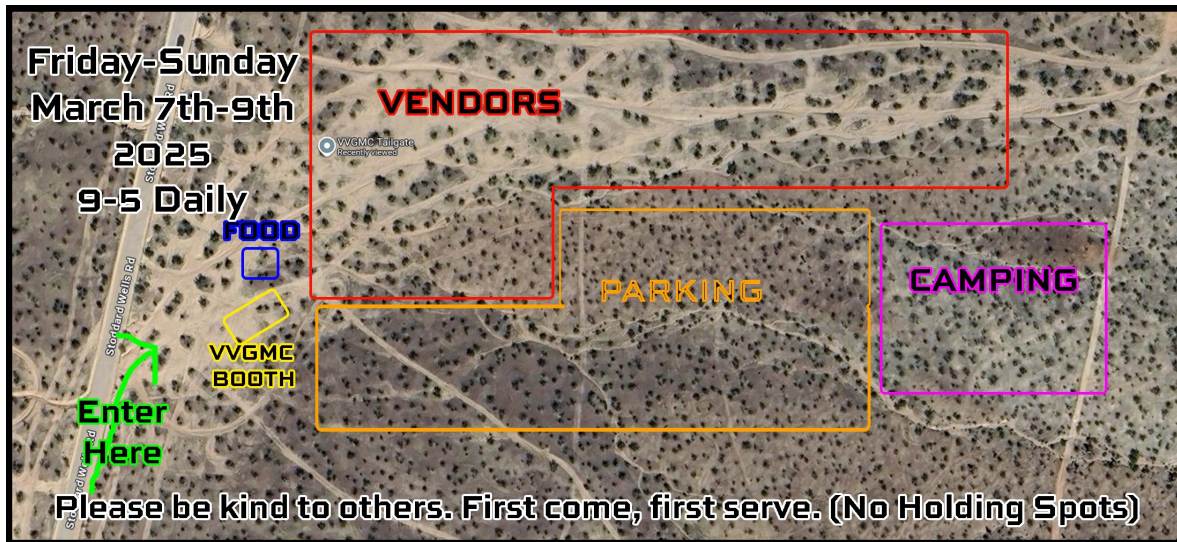
The Proclamation for the Chuckwalla National Monument can be found at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/DCPD-202500054>

I have no doubt Rockhounds have Linda Castro from Cal Wild to thank for the Proclamation specifically specifying recreational rockhounding be considered for inclusion in the Management plan. Linda is a fierce proponent for the Chuckwalla National Monuments. She has supported recreational rockhounding the Mojave Trails National Monument as well. Her goal when pushing for Chuckwalla National Monument to be declared by Proclamation was to avoid the problems that arose with the management planning for Mojave Trails and recreational rockhounding.

While no monument would certainly be much better for our hobby, if they are going to be pushed, we have to appreciate the work of those that support our hobby being involved.

The Proclamation protects many resources, and conflicts definitely exist that will affect where and how the management plan may allow collecting. IT IS IMPORTANT that all rockhounds and Clubs stay involved in the management planning process and take part when given the opportunity to speak up.

Tailgate Satellite View And New Set-up



2025 Stoddard Wells Tailgate

The newly revamped Tailgate is scheduled for the first weekend in March, the 7th, 8th and, 9th.

Our hardworking new chairman for the Tailgate, Ody Oriva, has made several changes to the layout of the event. First, the information and club information booth is at the beginning of the sales area instead of farther back. He also moved the food provider to the front. The vendor area is clearly set out, as is the parking area. A camping area has been set at the Southeastern end, closer to the mountain. This was considered a great idea by the board.

We have many vendors who have said they were coming, and we are looking forward to hosting this much anticipated event.

As in years past, there is no charge to sell. We just ask that you keep your area clean and neat. Please be kind, first come first served, don't hold spaces, do have many successful sales or purchases. Please see the map and directions on the following page.





Directions to Tailgate:

From I-15 Northbound towards Barstow: Hwy 15 North through Victorville EXIT right at 2nd Stoddard Wells rd. At Bell Mountain Exit # 157. Turn left / east at ramp Stop sign. Stay on Stoddard Wells road 4 miles until next STOP sign at Dale Evans Pkwy. "Tailgate" signs on NW corner power pole. Check odometer here ! Continue straight on Stoddard Wells road 7 miles the "Tailgate". Road becomes a graded dirt road about 4/10 miles from the Dale Evans Pkwy Intersection. Proceed East / NE past "Speedway" fork to "Tailgate" site. Cars and RV's can make it with ease & care. "Tailgate" signs are posted along route.

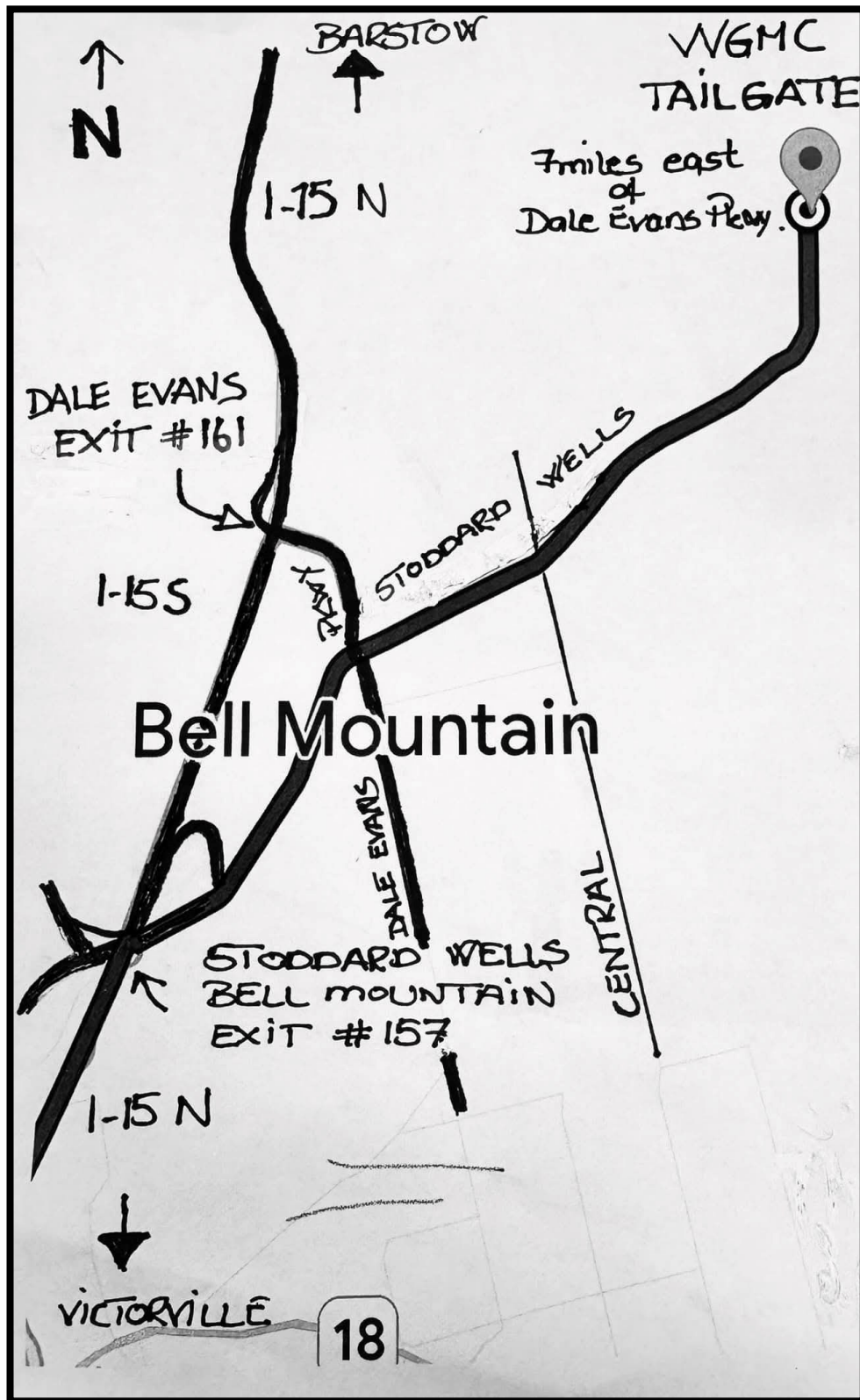
****Note Central is not a through street.

For further information weather vendor or guest please call or email

trippydsart@yahoo.com

760-490-8401

PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE



From last year's event



Club Advertisements

Sue Sutton Amber Necklaces

\$4.50 each! This is a very good deal. They have been advertised in some publications for as high as \$40.00 or more. Please contact Sue at 760-880-8976. Sue also has these at our general meetings.



Dave Duncan Agave

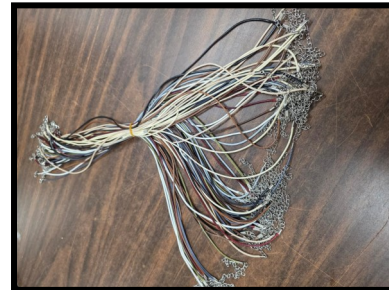
\$10.00 each. These are well rooted agave in 8 inch terra cotta pots. Dave is available at 831-406-0214. You can also contact Dave at the club or at the tailgate.



Ann and Gayland Unique Necklaces



Galen and Ann will be selling custom necklace creations at this year's tailgate. These are 6 to 12 inches and will be paired with a stone of your choice. The price range is quite reasonable and depends on the stone you choose to make it with. At the right and left are some examples of the necklaces and one completed piece. Stop by and say hi!



Don't forget to pay your dues.

Next month: a special on flint knapping by our member Ken Villars

Thank you to: Merri, Lori, Scott, Janet, Dian, Janel, Lorie, Dave, Cristiane, Marquis, Ann, Ody, Bekka, Gayland, Ken, Stina, Kareem, Yaya, and Chap-

2025 Gem and Mineral Shows

March 1-2, 2025 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA 93003

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

62nd Annual VGMS Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. Kids' activities; jewelry-making demos; exhibits; raffle prizes, hourly silent auctions; dealers in fossils, mineral, lapidary materials; gold panning, Second-Hand Treasures Store of gently used items, books, and plants.

Free admission but the Fairgrounds charges parking if using the Fairgrounds lot.

Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org

Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 22-23, 2025 – Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society presents our Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Natures Treasures. Free admission and plenty of free parking.. We will have educational demonstrations, slabs, raffle, rough rock, silent auction, polished stones, fluorescent minerals, children's activities, crystals, etc., etc., etc.

Vendors, please contact: edwhitefire@gmail.com, (310) 283-3448

Website: <http://southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com>

March 21-23, 2025 – Fresno, CA

Fresno Gem and Mineral Society

Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 748 Rodeo Drive, Clovis CA 93612

Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Central Valley Gem and Mineral Show. The 5th Annual Central Valley Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Fresno Gem & Mineral Society, presents a great show for viewing, learning about and purchasing minerals, fossils, gems, beautiful handmade jewelry and much more! Food Vendors on site. \$5 Admission for ages 13 years and up. Free Parking.

Contact: (708) 821-7575

Website: <https://www.fgms.rocks>

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South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

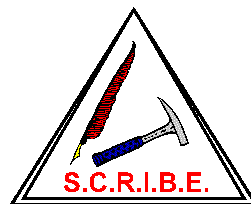
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Rock Hounding the Black Canyon

Laurie Schipp



My friend took me on a 4x4 adventure into the Mojave Wilderness last year. It was a day of exploring, rock hounding and lots of fun! He had just outfitted his 4x4 with a new suspension and a GPS trail mapping system and wanted to extensively test them out. For this adventure, we started in the wee hours of the morning, driving the I15 to Barstow and then Highway 58 toward Needles. We exited the freeway (and the pavement) at Hinkley and entered the Black Mountain Wilderness via Opal Mountain Road before the sun rose.

This area of the Mojave is a massive volcanic dome that ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet up to almost 4,000 ft. It is one of the best locations to view massive faulting and fault scarps all in one place. The remote and rugged terrain features ancient lava flows, scattered vegetation and panoramic views of the surrounding desert. A prime location for rock collecting, it was here that we decided to chill and wait for the sunrise.



As the sun peeked its way over the nearby rock formations, we were greeted by the sight of an amazing geologic feature, the hillside was transformed into a dry waterfall formed from extrusive volcanic rock, and the whole area was just littered with beautiful rainbow colored agate and jasper, a rock collector's dream...



After partaking from the abundance of rocks offered by the Black Mountain, I literally filled 2 milk crates, we left the incredible vistas and amazing geology behind and descended down from the summit via the desert dirt road, leaving the rocky mountainous terrain for the sandy desert terrain, heading to the North side of Black Mountain.

The next stop on our itinerary was Inscription Canyon, which exceeded any expectations I might have had. It is located within a cleft or slot in the mountain. Basalt rock, covered with large patches of brightly colored moss, formed the entrance to the canyon. From there, 15-foot vertical walls on both sides are covered with native American petroglyphs all along the canyon. This area has some of the highest concentrations of ancient rock art in the entire west and around 1000 of them are etched on these walls, the oldest inscriptions are dated at over 8,000 years old.



After hiking through Inscription Canyon, we continued our 4x4 journey through the Mojave Desert, taking in a lot of epic scenery that I had never seen before. The plan was to head north to the edge of the China Lake Test Range then meet up with the Grass Valley Wilderness trail. Along this route was where I spotted a hillside that stood out due to a beautiful aqua green coloration. I pointed it out to my friend, and he immediately altered the course to head for that hill.

We parked and hiked up on foot. There we discovered 3 unmarked mines with an abundance of leftover rocks scattered about the hillside. I felt like I had hit the jackpot, the motherlode! This rock really struck my fancy. I could tell it was white quartz and with the aqua veins running through and sometimes coating the quartz. It looked like either turquoise or copper to me, and it was later identified as Chrysocolla. It was the most beautiful rock I had ever found in nature. So of course I filled two more milkcrates!

After spending some quality time with the copper mines and gathering as much of the scatter as I could, we continued our adventure through the Mojave Wilderness, stopping several more times for points of interest and rock collecting. I highly recommend plotting a different route with each visit. There is so much beauty in this area. We saw volcanic faults, extruding basalt, incredible vistas, ancient rock art, agate, jasper, opalite, copper ore, and even an offroad memorial to fallen riders. The geology in our area is amazing and spending the day in nature is always medicine for heart and soul.

As we journeyed our way through the great Mojave, I reflected on all of the aspects of this trip that brought me joy. First and foremost, as much as I enjoy solitude, spending the day with a good friend and my sweet pups was epic. Secondly, all the gratitude that comes with being outdoors and in nature. Collecting all the cool rocks is an easy third and the bonus was discovering how much I enjoyed all of it, to the point where I felt like joining a similar community might be fun. So that is what led me to seek out this club and become a member!

Welcome and thank you Laurie!



Rockhounding Roots by Merri Lynn Casem

I grew up hearing stories about my great grandparents, Robert (Bob) and Jennie Greer. Bob and Jennie lived in Daggett and Bob was one of the early prospectors at Calico. He held several claims in the area including a borax mine. In an interview for the Barstow Weekly Review in 1935, at age 79, Bob stated, "I'm still a prospector, but it is in non-metallics such as mica-schist, bentonite and pumice stone." He describes a bentonite claim, "six miles east of Yermo", pumice stone "on Highway 91, six miles east of Barstow" and a mica-schist site, "25 miles east of Yermo."

Great-grandpa Bob is the man standing to the right of the dry wash (?) apparatus at a placer claim near Coolgardie in 1901. Great-grandma Jennie is the woman holding the baby to the left of the apparatus. The baby she is holding is my grandfather!

My great grandparents are buried at the Calico cemetery. Originally, each marker had a bronze plaque surrounded by cut agates mounted in cement. Great-grandma Jennie's marker is still mostly intact, but someone (hopefully NOT a rockhound) decided to take Great-grandpa Bob's marker. My family replaced the plaque, but we didn't have a way to replace the agates. I like to stop by to pay my respects when I am in the area – and I always bring a rock or two from my collecting adventures to share.



Discover the Timeless Allure of Turquoise: A Journey Through America's Gemstone Treasures

Dear Readers,

We invite you to embark on a captivating journey through the world of turquoise, a gemstone that has enchanted civilizations for centuries with its unique blend of blue and green hues. This extraordinary stone, steeped in history and cultural significance, continues to capture the imagination of artists, jewelers, and enthusiasts alike. Join us as we delve into the rich tapestry of turquoise lore and explore the vibrant mines in the United States that still produce this stunning gem.

A Glimpse into Turquoise's Rich History

Turquoise has been cherished for millennia, with its earliest known use dating back to ancient Egypt, where it adorned the tombs of pharaohs and the necks of queens. The stone's mesmerizing colors were believed to embody the sky and water, symbols of life and protection. In Native American cultures, turquoise holds a sacred place, is often used in ceremonial objects and believed to bring strength, protection, and good fortune to its wearer.

American Mines: The Heartbeat of Turquoise Production

While turquoise can be found in various parts of the world, some of the most renowned and sought-after varieties hail from the United States. Here are a few prominent mines that continue to yield the captivating beauty of turquoise:

Sleeping Beauty Mine, Arizona: Known for its vibrant sky-blue turquoise, the Sleeping Beauty Mine has been a favorite among jewelers for decades. Although it ceased large-scale production in 2012, small-scale mining continues, keeping the legacy of this exquisite stone alive.

Kingman Mine, Arizona: One of the oldest and most productive turquoise mines in America, Kingman is celebrated for its bright blue stones with a distinctive black matrix. This mine remains one of the few that still produces turquoise commercially today.

Royston Mine, Nevada: The Royston district is renowned for its stunning range of turquoise colors, from deep blue to striking green. The mine continues to produce exceptional stones, making it a cherished source for collectors and artisans.

Carico Lake Mine, Nevada: Famous for its unique and vibrant blue-green turquoise with a yellow matrix, Carico Lake offers a distinctive variety that stands out in the world of gemstones. The mine still produces limited quantities, making its turquoise highly sought after.



Cristiane Stoll

The appeal of turquoise extends beyond its beauty. It's a stone of healing and tranquility, often associated with positive energy and protection. Its vibrant hues can elevate any piece of jewelry, adding a touch of timeless elegance and charm.

As turquoise continues to be a symbol of artistry and spirituality, we invite you to explore its magic, appreciate its nuances, and perhaps even find your own piece of this storied gemstone.

I'd like to add a quick disclaimer: I'm not an expert on turquoise, and this article is based on research gathered from various online sources. If any members have additional insights, corrections, or information to share, please feel free to let us know! Your contributions are always welcome and appreciated.

Thank you for joining us on this journey through the enchanting world of turquoise. Any fellow turquoise enthusiasts in the group?

Warm regards,

Cristiane Stoll



Kingman



Royston



Bisbee



Carico Lake

Here is the schedule for our youth program for January through March 2025.
 Thank you to Yaya for her dedication and hard work to these projects!

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Invites kids and their parent to join us as we present
the Junior Rockhound Program

This program is created by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). The program is designed to reward youth with a series of badges, or patches upon completion of a topic. The program includes topics such as;

***Rocks & Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils,
 Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Field Trips, and much more.***

January 11	Introduction (Returning rockhounds please bring ALL earned badges)
January 25	Lapidary Arts
February 8	Collecting
February 22	Communication & Field Trips
March 8	Field Trip (Tailgate)
March 22	Communication

***Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month
 9:00 – 11:45***



Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

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***If you are interested, contact:
 Yaya Avila***

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Club Member's Birthdays

- Mary Lou Flecher
- Mia Kowalski
- Jack Horne
- Joseph Lovan
- Suzanne Britain
- Merri Lynn Casem
- John Muir
- Kareem Jacobs
- Haylee Jaimez
- Quin Mason
- Veronica Podgorski
- Utah Parker
- Elizabeth Mitchell
- Thomas Saucedo
- Ciindea Lindley
- Janet Flecher
- Jeff Moffat
- Billy Stonerock

March Birthstone Aquamarine



The King of Kashmir Aquamarine specimen

The serenely colored aquamarine invokes the tranquility of its namesake, the sea. In fact, the name "aquamarine" is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning the sea.

Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green. The color is usually more intense in larger stones, and darker blue stones are very valuable. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but it is also found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

Like emeralds, this gemstone is a variety of a mineral called beryl. Large gemstones have been found all over the world, including one gemstone found in Brazil that weighed over 240 pounds. Aquamarine grows in large, six-sided crystals that can be up to a foot long. This makes it a great gemstone to be cut and polished in larger carats for bold statement jewelry pieces.
From the American Gem Society

Rock Star Birthdays for March

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| Jon Bonjovi | |
| Roger Daltry | The Who |
| Lou Reed | |
| David Gilmour | Pink Floyd |
| Randy Meisner | The Eagles |
| Phil Lesh | The Grateful Dead |
| Nancy Wilson | Heart |
| Elton John | |
| Graeme Edge | The Moody Blues |
| Angus Young | AC/DC |



From Around the Club



Marquise Clay shows off his first ever Cabochon. Nice work Marquise!



Above and right: The talented hands of Lorie and the warm smile of Bekka working on and displaying some of the glass work Janet has been teaching them.



Above and below: Dave works a cab through steps on the Genie.



Above: A creation for his mom, Ody fashioned this pendant.



Kareem and Ken discuss something saw related.



Right: One of our members, Dian from Yermo, worked an entire day to create this Royston Turquoise, reticulated pendant. Fantastic!



Above: Galen works on and displays a beautiful pendant.



A Trip to Northern California A report about a visit to the North Coast of California



I have lost count of the number of times I have traveled to Humboldt County, well over 50 I'd say. I was born, and for a time, raised in Northern Ireland. The weather there and here on the North Coast is so similar as is the welcoming attitude of their residents. I went to Humboldt for a couple of reasons, one being some friends I met through my brother, a former student at Humboldt State University (now Cal-poly Humboldt). Among many other things and activities, the question of

a visit to one place kept coming up. "Have you been to Chapmans?"

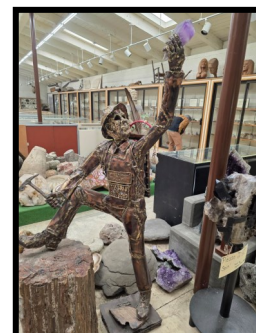
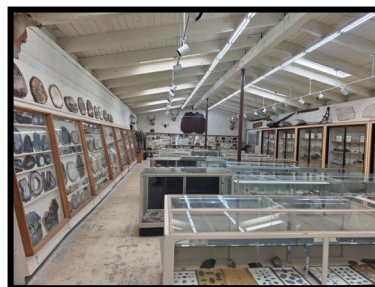
Well, I had been to Chapmans, but not as an editor of the newsletter in an active rock club in Southern California, VVGMC. This time I came prepared to write notes and take photographs.

The shop is huge and primarily indoors. There is a rather large museum with some very rare exhibits, for example, the fossil wood slab section is quite impressive. Several hundred specimens are mounted on the walls of the building. Between the walls were displays of various minerals labeled and described. There were cabochons prepared for mounting and mounted cabs as well. Geodes, slabs and crystals filled case after case. There was also some representation of archaeology and work of local tribes.

The rock shop portion is very well stocked, having many tools of the trade, hammers, scoops and grabbers were available to purchase. The rock section had many varieties of cabs, specimens of minerals and rough rock. Outside there is a well organized area where rough rock was displayed for sale. I even got a blast from the past as I came across some "tar bugs" from the seeps at McKittrick that our fellow member George Ast and I collected in. Though I didn't recognize them, they were prepped at least 35 years ago, I may have been the one to prep them. The price has gone up too.

The current owners are relatives of the original founder are very welcoming and knowledgeable. They discussed plans to expand the museum in the near future. The museum is free of charge but there is a can for donations, should you feel so moved.

Your reasons for being in the Eureka area; perhaps to visit the magnificent Redwoods in the State and National Parks or to relax in the cooler, coastal weather, might be varied but a detour to Chapmans is well worth the time you spend there!



Clockwise: Tar Bugs, The Museum, A large slab of Arizona wood, a statue of the founder, Buzz Chapman a statue of the founder

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Board Member / One year term Corey Beck/Beka McNeil

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Our objective and purpose is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy & earth sciences. To encourage study in those subjects though various programs. To arrange field trips for exploration, study, and collection of specimens. The preparations, publication, and distribution of articles pertaining to these fields. The encouragement of interest of young people and fostering of classes in mineralogy and Lapidary Arts.

MARCH SHOP DAYS:

- SHOP DAY TUESDAYS - 12:00pm - 5:00 pm
- SHOP DAY: THURSDAYS - 12:00pm - 5:00pm
- SHOP DAY: SATURDAYS - 12:00pm -5:00 pm
- SHOP DAY: SUNDAYS - 12:00pm - 5:00 pm

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- CLUB CLEAN UP DAY:** TO BE ANNOUNCED (usually the Thursday before the General meeting at 11:00 am)
- INSTRUCTORS MEETING:** TBA
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** First Tuesday at 5:30pm (March 4th)
- EDUCATION NIGHT:** None planned at this time.
- GENERAL MEETING:** - MARCH 22 2025. 12:00 - 2:00
- Shop work resumes APPROXIMATELY 2:00 -5:00 pm.
- JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS:** There will be a field trip to the Tailgate in March on the 8th. A scavenger hunt is planned.

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