

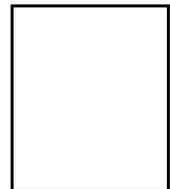
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FEBRUARY BIRTHSTONE



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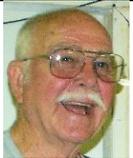
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**A Message from our
PRESIDENT...**

What a great meeting we had in January! Anyone not there for the Program by Jerry Culver really missed a great opportunity to learn about Gold Prospecting.

We had several new members join and each told a bit about their history and love of rocks and minerals and why they want to join our Calaveras Gem and Mineral Club. Glad to have you all aboard!

Our MARCH GEM & MINERAL SHOW “extravaganza” is getting very close. Please be thinking about what you might be able to do to help the show be a great success. (Jobs will be posted everywhere!)

Hope to see you at the Feb. meeting.

Anna Christiansen
CGMS President

GREETINGS from Saudi Arabia...



Kyle Myrick poses with a huge calcite geode, blasted out of the sands in the barren desert of northern Saudi, as they mine for phosphates.

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FEB Meeting Info

- 3rd Sunday, February 17, 2019
- Meet & Greet begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Pot Luck at Noon
- General Membership Meeting
- Program: Glenn White - Volcanology
- Club Silent Auction
- opt: 10 a.m. Board Meeting TBA

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Glen White, geologist/adjunct professor at Columbia College, will give us a primer on volcanoes, especially recent events, and also some info on earthquake potential on the West Coast.

PLEASE RESPECT

our guest speakers! It takes Tom time and energy to *find* speakers for our monthly Programs AND it takes time for them to prepare their presentation, gather supplies, and then travel to our clubhouse on a Sunday...all on their own nickel! Make them feel welcome and make time to stay to listen to them!
Walk in their moccasins!

**Installation of
2019 Board Members**

The following officers were sworn in by Member Jerry Kyle on January 20, 2019:

- President: Anna Christiansen
- Vice President: Lynn Becker
- Secretary: Debby Brooks
- Treasurer: Karen Crabtree
- Newsletter: Robin Williams
- Field Trip: Brad Becker
- Federation Dir: Marion Roberts
- 1 year Director: Bob Young
- 2 year Director: Amy Sturdivant
- 3 year Director: Pat Gulyas

2019 Show chair***Robin Williams
***Was appointed in April 2018 by the Board of Directors and is the eleventh voting member of the Board.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from January 20, 2019

CGMS General Meeting: Called to order by President Anna Christiansen at 1:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance



Board of Directors

Absent:

●●● Federation Director: Marion Roberts

Members Present: 39 Members - 5 guests

Minutes from November 18, 2018: Jerry Kyle made a motion to accept the minutes from December 16, 2018 as presented without change. Loretta Pagni seconded the motion. Minutes approved by majority consent.

Treasurer's Report Dee Demaree

●●● Balances as of December 31, 2018

	Central State Credit Union	Umpqua Bank
Savings	\$14,252.00	\$ 200.03
Checking	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 7,616.62
1 Yr. CD	\$ 2,345.71	--

●●● Balances as of January 20, 2019

	Central State Credit Union	Umpqua Bank
Savings	\$14,334.00	\$ 300.03
Checking	\$ 1,824.88	\$ 7,222.62
1 Yr. CD	\$ 2,345.71	--

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian/sunshine: Loretta Pagni
Loretta gave a history of members and birthdays. She passed around two birthday cards so members could send their birthday wishes to two members.

She also wants to thank all the members that sent her get well cards: Alan, Dino & Joan, Veda and Debby and all the prayers from the club. She feels much better now!

Federation Report: Marion Roberts
Ted MaGee will no longer be teaching Silver Fabrication at Zzyzx or Camp Paradise due to health problems. Sandy Heath will be the new instructor for Zzyzx. Zzyzx is completely full. Anyone wanting to go at this late date will go on a waiting list.

Shop Report Murray & Marilyn
All the equipment is running Thank You to Murray Smith and Marilyn Bodle! Please seek assistance from Murray if you have any questions regarding the proper use of the lapidary equipment.

WebMaster: Andrew Brown
Andrew is updating the website and is currently setting up a message board/forum as a way for members to get engaged on line.

Field Trips: Brad Becker
The trip to Red Hills for common dendritic opal on New Year's Day was a success & a great time was had by all. Brad is planning future trips to be scheduled after the Gem Show. As a member, if you have suggestions of locations to hound, let Brad know, and **MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL IS CORRECT** to receive Field Trip details.

Permanent Name Tags: Debby Brooks
Rocky 5, a vendor at our GEM SHOW will make club Name Tags to-order - either a pin or magnet. Ordering in person helps insure your name is spelled correctly. All members wanting TAGS will need to place their order with Rocky 5 at the show. (more about Tags on page 7)

Golden Frog Report: Board of Directors
To off-set the increased cost of stamps and printing, those members who wish to have their Newsletter mailed to them via U.S.P.S. will be charged a \$10 yearly fee. This mailing fee is to be paid when yearly DUES fees are paid. (Form on page 9)

Continued... GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from January 20, 2018

Clubhouse Maintenance Murray Smith

New Member Vote: **Welcome to CGMS!**

Jeremy Boon,	Terry Prebalick
Lorra Burns	James Vicars*
Linda Deibert	Tammi DeJarnett

* James is a returning member. Hurrah!

Display Case Presenter for February:

WANTED: Someone to volunteer to share their LOVE OF ALL THINGS ROCK & MINERAL in the clubhouse Display Case for the February 17th, 2019 meeting.

The CGMS would like to apologize to new member, Tammi DeJarnett...FIRST, for totally massacring the spelling of her name (it's not Tammy DeJarnette) and, SECOND for "totally setting her up for failure" by not fully explaining which Display Case (in clubhouse vs at Gem Show) she was signing up for last Dec.! We got it all straightened out, whew!

GEM SHOW REPORT

Show Report: Robin Williams
Robin reports the show is the biggest fund raiser for the club, the income from the show keeps the club lights on and the saws running.

FREE Welcome Dinner: Friday Night, MARCH 22nd. All vendors and volunteers are welcome. Jerry Kyle is the "Chef de Dinner" and will be preparing the World's Best Spaghetti Dinner.

GEM SHOW Display Cases: 25 cases still need rescue...need someone to adopt them and fill them. Joan Sutton is the Case Manager, so please contact her to adopt a case for the show and then plan to fill it with your treasures. Joan: 408-781-9080

Sonora Library Display Case:
Loretta is asking for items to fill a display case at the Tuolumne County Library by the end of February. This advertises our GEM SHOW for the whole month of MARCH! Thank you, Loretta!
Bring items to our February 17th Meeting.

Gem Show Super Raffle: Anna C.
NEED RAFFLE ITEMS. Please bring to the club house. The raffle is a success due to club member's donations. If you have any questions, see Anna. (More on page 7)

Publicity: A GEM SHOW FLYER is now on-line - please share/copy/print and get this info out to the universe and beyond. Ask all your friends to share it on their page. Do it now and again as we get close to the SHOW date. Print off some copies and take it to work to hand out to friends.

Case Favors: Murray Smith is making 50 card holders as Display Case favors for the SHOW. He needs help with polishing the edges of the rocks. Seek Murray out to see how you can assist him or contact via email: marilyndte@gmail.com

Pie: Pies donated by club members and sold by the piece are a big fund raiser. Detail on where to sell the pies and other ideas were discussed. **We NEED a pie champion** to take on this SHOW project! Discussion tabled, will revisit in February. (More about pies on page 7)

Show Lunch: Thursday and Friday. Tom and Sue Reeves will be serving lunch to the volunteers (and Friday vendors) from early AM to about 2 pm.

Case Repair Workdays: Brad Becker
Thursday, January 24 9:00 - 3:00
Saturday, January 26 10:00 - 2:00
Work days designated to repair the show display cases and tables.

Sorting out SHOW stuff: A day will be announced for this activity as well as "make prizes" & "repair signs" days. Lots of work to do...we'll need helpers.

● **JAN. Meeting Adjourned** by President Anna Christiansen at 2:05 p.m.

● **Next meeting is Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019**

Minutes Respectfully submitted,
Debby Brooks, CGMS Secretary

FEBRUARY SATURDAY SHOPS

I believe we should dedicate the next few Class Saturdays towards the show. Even some of the Saturdays could be to fix signs, work on show prizes, gifts, and all that we need done.

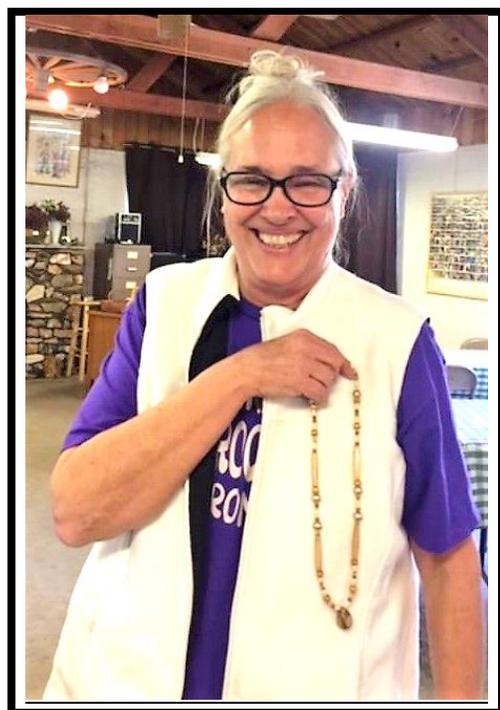
Murray says that he would like to THANK EVERYONE who comes down on Saturdays. It's nice to see the cars in the parking lot and the buildings humming with activities.

We want to say thanks to all of you that help keep the inside of the buildings clean and neat. We greatly appreciate you guys. It makes us feel happy to see that we are not wasting our time to drive down from Groveland to open up!

We also want to thank Brad and Lynn for opening up for us, so we could visit with our daughters on January 19th. It meant a lot to us. See you all on SATURDAYS!

-Marilyn & Murray

JAN 12th SATURDAY CLASS



Check out that smile!!

Pat, our "Queen of Ming Trees", was one happy camper at the Jan 12th beading class.

Working under the skillful tutelage of Joan Sutton, she mastered the Art of
The CRIMP BEAD!

No small feat, indeed...
That nasty little bugger has brought many a beader to their knees!



JAN 5th SATURDAY CLASS

Those of us who attended the 1st Saturday SHOP DAY (Jan 5th) participated in an Impromptu Experimental Day of teaching ourselves how to etch copper.

Through trial & "well, that was a bust!" we discovered an excellent method using Muriatic Acid and Hydrogen Peroxide...carefully following every safety recommendation known to man...and produced an excellent piece. Next step is to experiment antiquing it, or adding patina to bring out the artwork. See what you missed!



Sample of an etched copper pendant.

MARCH GEM SHOW NEEDS

Thanks to all of you, we have Volunteers to Chair every aspect of our SHOW **EXCEPT Overnight SECURITY & PIE SALES.**

OVERNIGHT SECURITY

We need a member or two with phone to sleep inside the Hall on Friday and Saturday nights...in your RV, camper, or set up a small tent...to act as NIGHT SECURITY. Joan Sutton will have her RV outside and will be monitoring the Hall and grounds from there. Let me know if you are interested: robinski@yahoo.com

PIE SALES

General consensus is: PIE SALES is a GREAT IDEA for SHOW...only setback is we have NO MEMBER to SPEARHEAD this great fundraiser. If PIES speak to you let robin know: robinski@yahoo.com

BADGES

NOTE: All workers will be required to wear name tags/badges when working at the SHOW, no exceptions. If you do not get your permanent tag in time, we will have badge holders and badges for you. 😊

WANTED VOLUNTEERS...

1. to fill Display Cases at GEM SHOW
2. to give Loretta display items for Sonora
3. to organize PIE SALES at GEM SHOW
4. to help make kid prizes for GEM SHOW
5. to provide RAFFLE PRIZES for SHOW
6. to polish slabs for display case GIFTS
7. to assemble slabs into those GIFTS
8. to work at GEM SHOW
9. to bring snacks for Hospitality Cart
10. to remember to order their name tags
11. to help set up the SHOW
12. to sleep overnight for security in SHOW
13. to "decorate" canopies at SHOW
14. to "hang" dealer signs at SHOW
15. to put out "yellow" signs at SHOW
16. to host the TREASURE HUNT table
17. to help with the KID GAMES
18. to assist our Sheriff Volunteers
19. to "take down" show
20. to secure all "fragile" show supplies

Our RAFFLE Donation Table is looking a bit sparse!

As an All-Volunteer Non-Profit Charitable Organization with the most amazing Clubhouse and Work Shops the only way we can pay for our FUN & COMMUNITY OUTREACH is through DONATIONS!

We need amazing ITEMS for our amazing SUPER RAFFLE.

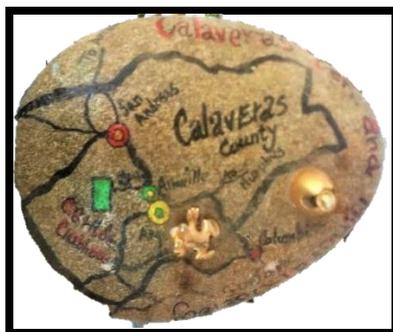
Gorgeous specimens, jewelry, pottery, kid stuff, home décor, spa certificates, gift certificates, dog & pet stuff...visit local merchants and ask for donations...search your home for unused items...make a lapidary or jewelry gift...our success depends on YOU...OUR LOYAL HARDWORKING MEMBERS. DON'T WAIT, BRING IT NOW!

FEB. HISTORIAN REPORT

Charles Pagni and Al Greene had permission to get river rocks to make pen holders. These were used for members as a memento for club cases for Gem and Jewelry Show. The rocks were located near Snelling in Tuolumne County.

Loretta painted map of Calaveras County and map to club house. Charles Pagni drilled the holes for pen holder & the Rock has felt underneath it.

By Loretta Pagni



RIVER ROCK PEN HOLDER

2019 CGMS President ~ Anna Christiansen

1st in our Series: "Getting to Know our CGMS Board Members"

By Debby Brooks

~ A Home Town Girl ~

Anna's Lapidary and Rock passion began when she met John Christensen as members of a bowling league. After knocking down a few pins, he asked her to the company Christmas Party - the magic happened and they got married. He was a Rock Hound and Lapidary enthusiast. Anna became a partner with him in their shared interest. She began taking Lapidary and Silver Smithing classes at Modesto Community College. She was taught how to Wire Wrap at the Stockton Lapidary and Mineral club. She and John expanded their knowledge together for 34 years until John passed in September 2015. Anna keeps her love of Rock Hounding and Lapidary Arts alive by teaching classes and sharing her knowledge with years of experience.

Anna is currently beginning her second term as Calaveras Gem and Mineral President, one of many offices she has held over the years. She is Past President and Secretary of the Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club. A member of the Faceter's Guild for 10 years. Past President and Secretary of the Mother Lode Mineral Society - a member there for 20 years. She helped John when he was the Federation Director with his Treasurer duties for 7 years. As a member of the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society for 13 years, she not only has been President but served in many capacities.

Anna hails from a large family. At family reunions there are often times over 100 family members present. Anna's Father's family emigrated from Germany - her father was born in Nebraska and was one of 18 children. He joined the service and was stationed in California. Anna's Mother was one of 10 children. Anna's Mother's family came by covered wagon from Missouri. Anna's parents met, fell in love and were married during World War II, as both were in the Service. Anna has 3 siblings: 2 sisters and a brother. She was born in the Old Pioneer Hospital in Escalon. She grew up in Oakdale. Attended K - 8 at Oakdale Elementary and graduated from Oakdale High School. Anna's maiden name is Potthoff. She married at 17 years of age, and had two children, Shelly and Jimmy. She lived in Oregon for a few years and then moved back to Oakdale. She has lived in the same house for 54 years in Oakdale, her hometown.

At age 15, her father was ill and she took over her Dad's milk delivery route for a couple of weeks. She couldn't drive but because she had helped him deliver milk, she knew all the customers and was able to help keep the service going. After High School, she received a scholarship to attend Beautician College, where she earned her license. She has worked at canneries, chiropractic, and pediatrician offices. She worked for the City of Modesto in the Planning Department as Secretary, where she met John...at the bowling league. She trained as a Medical Assistant and worked for a Dermatologist. She worked for Steve's Chevrolet for 22 years, duties as assigned. Steve's Chevrolet was the job she retired from.

After retirement, Anna and John traveled, taking cruises, and working on their hobby of Lapidary. They had many adventures Rock Hounding. Her yard is testimony to the many Rock Hounding trips she and John took. Anna and John enjoyed annual trips to Quartzite, Arizona, for 12 years with a group of friends. They all stayed at the same RV Park and hung out, taking a variety of classes, and having a good time with friends.

Anna had 7 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren. She continues to be interested in Field Trips - "Once a Rock Hound always a Rock Hound" - Wire Wrapping, Beading, Silver Smithing and Lapidary work.

Anna continues to live in her home of Oakdale, surrounded by family and lifelong friends. She has no plans of moving anywhere, as she is a Home Town Girl.

2019 MEMBER DUES are DUE

Dues are payable on January 1st yearly:
 \$15.00 for Single Adult
 \$25.00 for Couples
 \$35.00 for Families (with minor children)
+ \$10 Newsletter mailing fee, if applicable.

**Remember...
 2019 dues must be paid before
 you may use the shops or
 attend field trips!**

Mail your 2019 dues renewal to: CGMS, PO Box 517, Angels Camp, CA 95222
 Or drop off at Clubhouse on shop or meeting day.

PLEASE NOTE: new members must attend a Sunday meeting to be voted in by the membership; they cannot be added via a renewal form.

Please PRINT CLEARLY so we can LOG your INFORMATION CORRECTLY.

CGMS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

YEAR PAID:----- DATE PAID:_____

NAME:_____ BIRTHDAY:_____

SPOUSE/PARTNER:_____ BIRTHDAY:_____

FAMILY MINORS:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ ZIP:_____

PHONE:_____ CELL:_____

E-MAIL:_____

SINGLE \$15.00 COUPLE \$25.00 FAMILY \$35.00 NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE* \$10.00 per year if applicable

CASH CHECK NUMBER _____ TOTAL PAID \$ _____
 (Include the \$10 Mailing fee, if applicable)

*To avoid the \$10 yearly mailing fee, schedule with Robin to pick your Newsletter up at the Clubhouse.

**Our Next CGMS
 TAILGATE
 SALE EVENT**
 will be
April 6th, 2019
 ~ Saturday ~
9 am to 4 pm

**This is just two weeks after our Gem Show and we
 tend to get a great turnout! Start planning NOW!**

The TAILGATE SALE event is held in our clubhouse parking lot and is open to all CFMS Rock Club members. Get your reservation in soon!

Outside vehicle space fee is \$10.00. (one vehicle and/or one 10x10 canopy) You supply your own canopy, tables, displays, etc.

Tables may also be rented inside Clubhouse; the "space" fee inside is \$10.00 per 8-ft club table.

If you'd like to volunteer, have any questions, or want to reserve a space, please contact:
 Lynn Becker at (209) 586-2144 or beckerbk@sbcglobal.net.

ALL ABOUT FIELD TRIPS

Thank you to everyone who showed up at the field trip to Red Hills on New Year's Day. We had a great turnout, with twenty people in attendance. The weather was good, lots of material was dug, and we had a *good* time.

I would like everyone to review the American Fed. of Mineralogical Societies **CODE OF ETHICS** that is included with this newsletter.

We should all try to practice these codes to ensure the future of rock hounding for all generations. I expect everyone to stay on designated roads and not use battery or gas-powered tools. Any person who has willful disregard for these codes, will not be invited on future trips.

So, let's follow the rules and have some fun!

Thank you.
Brad Becker,
CGMS Field Trip Chairman



Rich Macias digging to the center of the earth!

COMING SOON... 2019 FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

I am working on putting together a list of field trips for 2019. I hope to have that available by the March meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions for field trips, please let me know.
Brad beckerbk@sbcglobal.net.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIELD TRIP



NEW YEAR'S DAY FIELD TRIP to Red Hill, Tuolumne County for Common Opal

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS



Brad Becker, Kyle Myrick, Lynn B, Brenda & Dave, Amy, Vance Johnson, Lindsay



Dan & Susan Tom H, Murray, Marilyn Bodle, Andrew Brown, Joan Sutton, Robin

The weather was perfect -warm sun -cool breeze -fresh air. So much fun and camaraderie! Thank You, Trip Leaders!



Patti Summers & Rich "the Mole" Macias



Bob Young



Amber and Candy

(more Field Trip photos on pages 13, 14, and 15)

FEBRUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2 WORK 10-2
3	4	5 Jeremy B.	6 Jerry K.	7	8	9 WORK 10-2
10 Michela M.	11	12 Bruce N.	13	14 Ramona C.	15	16 WORK 10-2
17 MEETING Fun begins at noon!	18 Alayna M.	19	20	21 Donald S.	22	23 WORK 10-2
24	25	26	27	28		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jeremy Boone	5
Chef Jerry Kyle	6
Michela Menzies	10
Bruce Nielsen	12
Ramona Chizek	14
Alayna Moro	18
Donald Swartz	21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Red Hematite on Amethyst



We now have proof that someone actually reads the NEWSLETTER!!
Thanks, Veda!

2019 GEM SHOWS

- Feb 2-17 Tucson Gem & Min
Tucson Convention Center
- Feb. 16-17 Antioch Lapidary
Contra Costa Fairgrounds
- Feb. 23-24 Vallejo Gem & Min
Solano Co. Fairgrounds
- Mar. 9-10 Mother Lode G & M
Turlock, Stanislaus Fairgrounds

Mar. 23 – 24, 2019
Calaveras GEM & MIN.
Angels Camp Fairgrounds
GEM SHOW & SALE

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIELD TRIP



Brad, in his natural habitat. LOL



See! Pretty!



And he huffed, and he puffed, and he ripped that chunk of OPAL right out of the ground!



Amber the dog, Candy Cowan & Patti (up close)



Vance Johnson & Taz.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIELD TRIP



Amy supervising...



Murray & Kyle digging up dark opal



now, Kyle's supervising...



Robin demonstrating "improper use of equip"



This group never took a break!



Lots of inspecting going on...



What colors you finding?