

# Golden Frog



*Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society*

*November 1, 2021*

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*Happy Thanksgiving*



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

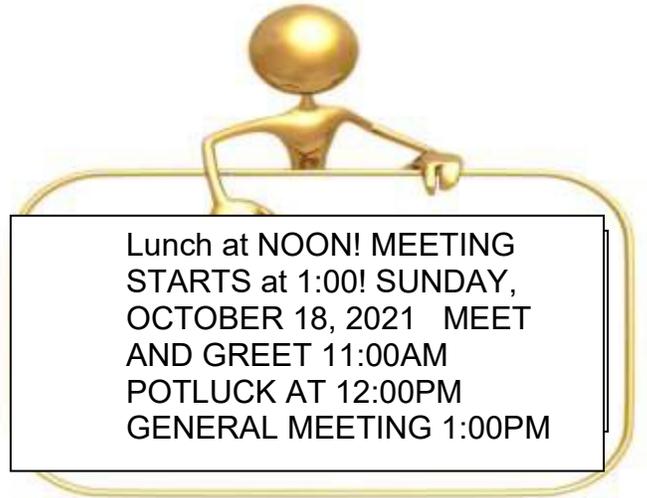
**I hope everyone is doing well. This will be our Thanksgiving Feast. I hope a lot of you can attend.**

**We have a nominating committee looking for a place as an officer. Lynn Becker, Debby Brooks and Claire Mathison are on the committee.**

**Hope you can attend.  
Anna Christiansen  
President**



## **November PROGRAM**



We will have our usual Thanksgiving feast. The Club will Supply the Turkey, Mashed



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Est. in 1948 and incorporated in 1950 as a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to share our love of rocks & minerals and all the lapidary arts with our community.

Member of both the California and American Federation Mineralogical Societies.

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## Minutes From October Meeting



Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by President Anna  
Christiansen at 1:18

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: 25 members  
2 guests

Board Members Absent:

Federation Director: Marion  
Roberts

Minutes: September 19, 2021 Debby  
Brooks

Jerry Kyle made a motion to accept the  
September 19, 2021 minutes as presented.  
Brad Becker seconded the motion. Motion  
passed. Minutes accepted as presented  
without changes.

Club Correspondence: Debby Brooks  
None

Treasurer's Report: Claire  
Mathison

Claire reported on the current bank  
balances, income and expenses. The  
report is located in the front of the club  
house.

Committee Reports

Federation Report: Phyllis Kyle

The annual Federation Meeting is  
scheduled for November 13, 2021 in Visalia  
California. Phyllis will be attending. She is  
offering a ride if club members wish to  
attend the meeting. Contact Phyllis with  
your interest in attending. She will be

driving to the meeting and returning home  
the same day.

Field Trip: Bob Young  
There aren't any field trips planned at this  
time. The weather is becoming winter and  
hampers travel. He inquired if there was  
any interest in a one day trip over Sonora  
Pass. Make Bob aware of your interest.  
Guests of paid club members can attend  
field trips.

The Placerville Gem and Mineral Society is  
hosting a \$5.00/bucket of rocks, October 23,  
2021. The sale is located in Shingle  
Springs.

The Mariposa Gem and Mineral Society is  
hosting their annual show, October 30 – 31.

Sunshine/Historian:

Loretta is unable to give a historian report;  
she continues to reside at Avalon Health  
Care.

Vivian Roberts passed away. A sympathy  
card for Marion Roberts will be mailed from  
the club to honor Vivian. Club members are  
urged to sign during the club meeting.

Newsletter Editor: Anna  
Christiansen

Anna has agreed to be the interim  
Newsletter Editor. Anna is requesting  
stories from club members to highlight  
activities that club members are  
participating in.

Shop: Bill Bruce  
One saw continues to leak, however all the  
saws are working well.

Tailgate: Lynn Becker  
Lynn is coordinating the event, scheduled  
for November 13, 2021 9:00 – 3:00 at the  
clubhouse. Vendors must be a member of  
a Gem and Mineral Society. The vendor  
space rate is \$10.00. The club will offer food  
for donation at the event: hotdogs, chips  
and soda for \$5.00. Lynn is asking a club  
member to volunteer to handle the food  
booth.

New Business

## The Golden Frog

### Nominating Committee:

Lynn Becker, Claire Mathison and Debby Brooks volunteered to attempt to tempt club members to become an officer. A slate of officers will be presented to the club members at the November 21, 2021 meeting

Class: Kat Duncan

Kat is offering a beginning silver smithing class December 4, 2021 at the club house. Class will start at 10:00. Kits will be available to purchase to cover the cost of the materials. The initial project will be working with copper. If there is interest, Kat would like to offer a group to meet on Saturdays for ongoing silver smithing opportunities.

### Saw Repair Reimbursement:

Lynn Becker made a motion to reimburse Bob Young for transporting the saws for repair to Idaho. Clair seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rock Donation: Margaret  
Kolaczyk

Margaret announced she is moving out of the area and wishes to make a donation of a multitude of rocks. She doesn't want to move the rocks to her new residence. Arrangements will be made to assist Margaret with her request.

Margaret will be President of American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, (AFMS) for 2022. Congratulations Margaret. AFMS has exciting projects planned for the coming year; one is revamping the website, sharing all updates on the website.

November 21, 2021 Meeting: Anna  
Christiansen

The annual Thanksgiving feast will be offered at the November meeting.

Debby Brooks: Turkey  
Anna Christiansen: Dressing  
Brad/Lynn: Potatoes

Club members bring favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share.

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Membership: Lynn Becker  
Claire Mathison reminded club members that people visiting the club house and wanting to join the club must attend a club meeting to be voted in by the membership.

Two new members were voted in by the membership:

Roger and Cheryl Ozbirn  
Welcome and thank you for joining.

Rock Hound of the Year: 2021  
Congratulations Brad and Lynn Becker for your dedication and hard work. You make a difference in the club, you make it better.

Door Prize Winner: Lynn Becker  
Door prize participants can win 2 months in a row, if the winning member is that lucky and wins for a 3<sup>rd</sup> month, another ticket will be drawn for the winner.

Sandi Kilcrease had the winning ticket....  
Congrats Sandi

Meeting adjourned by President Anna  
Christiansen at 1:59

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Debby Brooks, Secretary  
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

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History of Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Loretta Pagni - Historian

Years back about 1948, land was donated by Archie Meacham, one of the Charter Members. This is where the club house now stands.

In our club there were two Archies. Archie Meacham and Archie Stevenot. Outside on the wall of the club house there is a plaque with the names of the charter members and the first president.. Three of them were Al Greene, Violet and Felice Stevenot.

At one time our club used to cook the food for Amador Gem & Mineral Society's Gem Show. Violet Stevenot did the cooking and George Mather was the cashier. Also, we used to get together at Volcano State Park, at Indian Grinding Rock, and swap rocks with the Amador Gem & Mineral Club.

During the time around 1948, 300 specimens of gem minerals, were donated to Modesto High School, this prompted formation of Gem and Mineral Societies. The following Gem Societies established about 1948 were: CGMS. Mother Lode Mineral Society and Stockton Lapidary.



**TAILGATE & FIELD TRIPS**

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**Classes** are usually taught as scheduled. Shop is open 10-2 on Saturdays unless you are notified the shop is closed.



## Tips for making your slab saw blade last longer!

By Richard Peterson

1. Turn your saw blade 180 degrees every time you change your cutting solution. This reverses your cutting surface on the saw blade exposing new diamond and will keep your blade cutting truer.
2. If your blade has a tendency to climb the rock when you are cutting, it is either dull or feeding into the rock too fast - or your oil is very dirty. Dirty oil will sometimes make your blade do funny things!
3. Your blade may be worn out - if your blade has no kerf (which is the small raised surface on the outside edge of your blade.)
4. If your blade has a kerf and still doesn't cut well. Try cutting an old Carborundum stone or wheel – or cut through a brick a couple of times. This wears the metal away from the diamonds.
  - b. (I personally like the brick best.)
5. If your oil is clean and you have sharpened the blade and it still climbs the rock, check your feed or the hardness of the rock

Via The Paradise Gem - Nov-Dec 2013

## RECIPE FAVORITES

### Corn Pudding

- 1 – box of Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
  - 1 – cup of sour cream (8oz)
  - 1 - stick of butter
  - 1 – can creamed corn
  - 1 – can whole corn (drained)
  - 1 – egg
- Mix Wet Ingredients, add muffin mix.  
Bake 1 hour at 375°

Submitted by Anna Christiansen



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6 SHOP 10-2
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 TAILGATE
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 SHOP 10-2
21 Club Meeting	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 SHOP 10-2
28	29	30				



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