



2019 GEM SHOW was a ROCKIN' SUCCESS!!!

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DIAMOND ~ APRIL BIRTHSTONE



***The Golden Frog* for APRIL 2019**

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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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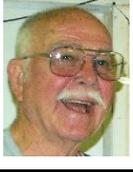
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A Message from our President...

We had an outstanding SHOW this year and I could not be more proud of ALL OF YOU who helped make it so WONDERFUL.

Any capacity that you were able to participate at was greatly appreciated by all.

I heard so many positive comments about our SHOW and received several emails stating:

“People should make plans to see it again next year because **IT WAS OUTSTANDING!**”

Once again, I Thank You so very much for making our 43rd Annual ~ 2019 GEM SHOW such a SUCCESS.

Anna Christiansen
2019 CGMS President



This totally sums up the looks on all of our parents' faces in our Kid's Area!

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APRIL Meeting INFO

ATTENTION ATTENTION

The 3rd Sunday, April 21, 2019
- our usual meeting day-

IS EASTER SUNDAY!

So...

**We are moving
our meeting to
SATURDAY
April 20th!**

ATTENTION ATTENTION

- Meet & Greet begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Pot Luck at Noon
- Program by Ross Grunwald
- General Membership Meeting
- Club Silent Auction
- TBA - 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting

APRIL PROGRAM:

Ross Grunwald, Geologist, Teacher & all-round good guy will speak about

Earth's amazing Climate...
especially the variations as recorded in the geological history.

Best of all he's going to give us some of the probable **CAUSES & EFFECTS.**



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from March 17, 2019

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Called to Order by
President Anna Christiansen at 1:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Directors Absent:
Federation Representative - Marion Roberts

42 members present and 1 guest

Anna presented to Tak and Pat Iwata a thank you gift for their many years of dedicated service to the CGMS. Pat and Tak will be moving to Portland Oregon and will be missed beyond words. Tak taught wire wrapping at Camp Paradise and at the Clubhouse, Show Chairman, Secretary, presented many educational programs and supported the club in so many ways. Pat supported the kitchen and was part of the Friday Night Welcome Dinner for many years.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Crabtree
Karen gave a report on all club expenses from January to March. A computer was purchased for the Treasurer. Loretta Pagni made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Dee Demaree seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved by majority consent.

Robin Williams noted that the money the club has is because of the member's hard work. The club was able to recently purchase a new roof, an air conditioning and heating system.

Minutes: Debby Brooks
Romy Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes from February 24, 2019 as presented without changes. Loretta Pagni seconded the motion. Minutes approved by majority.

Field Trip: Brad Becker
A camping trip to East of Fallon is planned for April 8 – April 11. The exact dates will be emailed to members. The rock hounding location has opal, agate and petrified wood. Important note: Make sure the roster has your correct email address, in order to be informed of field trips.

Historian/Sunshine: Loretta Pagni
Loretta thanked Tak & Pat Iwata for helping her. Allan Altaffer would like company; his phone number is in the phone book. Give him a call.

Website/Facebook: Andrew Brown
Anna placed an Ad on Facebook advertising the show; she has received over 500 replies. Andrew reports a good response to the Ads on Facebook.

Shop/Classes: Murray Smith
The Shop is functioning at a high level. All the cutting and polishing tools are working. The swamp cooler that was on the roof is available for the taking. The club needs a new tool/garden shed as the old one was crushed by a fallen oak tree.

Show Update/Report: Robin Williams
Jerry Culver offered to provide night security. He will spend the night in Mark Twain Hall. The Volunteer Sheriff has added extra security to provide surveillance for possible theft.

Volunteer Badges
Admissions will have volunteer badges and a volunteer roster. Check in with Admissions when you report to the show. Demonstrators will also receive a badge.

CDF workers will be setting up the tables on Thursday. There are 85 black table covers; some protected with green vinyl.

Raffle Anna is requesting help in setting up the raffle items. Need volunteers to log in the raffle items and raffle ticket sellers. The raffle crew will meet Friday at 10:00 to set up the items and create an inventory.

Display Cases Romy will not be at the show. Andrew Brown volunteered to take photos of the Display Cases.

Volunteer Lunch Long time members Tom and Sue Reeves will be providing lunch for the volunteers, Thursday and Friday.

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Continued... GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from March 17, 2019**Club Member Name Tags**

A list of names will be given to Rocky 5; he will make the name tags at his home. He doesn't make the name tags at the show.

Hospitality Club members please bring snacks for the hospitality room. Slices of pie, Bundt cake and cookies will be sold at the show. Tables will be set up so people can sit and eat. Water is available for vendors, offered by the hospitality crew.

Sandy Ostrander Repaired the spinning wheel. She stripped the old paint, repainted and repaired all the broken little pieces.

Case Favors Marilyn Bodle and Murray Smith made 50 polished rock card holders to be given as a memorial gift for all the display case presenters.

Food-on-a-stick is being offered by vendor Elizabeth Reber. She is offering a 20% discount to volunteers for one meal.

Show Signage There are new style signs this year made with durable weather resistant material. The sign holders are stronger and can withstand any trauma that may happen to a sign on the side of the road.

The Club logo has been incorporated into the printed words. The website has been added as part of the marketing strategy. The signs will be recovered after the show.

Silent Auction Rocks

The silent auction rocks will be picked up at 9 a.m. Thursday along with all the equipment.

Robin Thanks Everyone for making all of the show pieces come together. The advertising has been beyond the universe.

New Business

Rich Lundin Rich will be offering rock XRF analysis at the show and also has lighted hand lenses available for purchase

Anna Christiansen shared about her non-essential tremor that is being treated. She appreciates all the offers of help.

Thank you to Marilyn Bodle, Murray Smith, Brad Becker, Lynn Becker and Bob Young, the gigantic effort to remove the oak tree, cut it up and stack it.

Thank you to all the kitchen staff supporting the meeting pot luck.

Pat Gulyas will be sharing her knowledge and art, teaching how to make Gem Trees at Camp Paradise this summer.

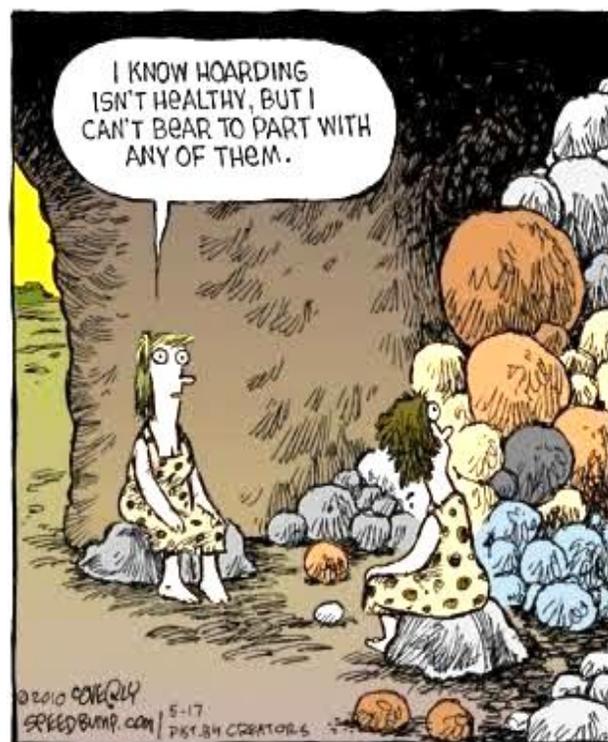
A vest making session at the club house is being planned. Date and details to be determined members will be informed of the details.

The Program for the April 24, 20th 2019 meeting will be presented by Ross Grunwald. Topic will be History of Geology through climate and natural disaster.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

Next meeting, April 24, 20th 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Deborah Brooks, CGMS Secretary



CELEBRATING the SET-UP



I love candid shots and this struck me as hilarious...now, was this at the start? or at the end of the show? And what on earth has Tom just shared with me????? lol



I adore these guys (and gals)...Did you know that you do NOT have to be former law enforcement to serve as a Volunteer Sheriff? That's what their recruitment table at our show was all about! And, they NEED more volunteers!



Crisis #141 began at 9 am on Thursday when we arrived to find that nothing had been pre-done for our arrival - due to new heaters being installed on Wednesday (our usual behind-the-scenes-day) thus pushing all the tasks forward into Thursday - where we all converged into the hall at the same time...Fair personnel, CDF inmate crew, club trailers, club helpers, and rocks.

Lots of rocks.

Amy and I scrambled to align all of the misaligned tables before members started loading them with rocks, but to no avail. I did hear someone mention "We've moved those rocks three times already!" Ahh, the joys of set-up day...



Eventually the tables reached their final positions and set-up moved forward in earnest, like a well-oiled machine...well, we did have some huffin' & puffin' at times...but the Reeves plying the team with food and drink at lunchtime helped them push on to the finish!



Note: I'm not sure just what we did different this year but guests ooh'd and aaah'd at the new items in our display cases...things (they said) they'd NEVER seen before at a show! Romy will be so pleased with her protegee, Joan Sutton!

CELEBRATING our DEMONSTRATORS

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization our purpose is to share our love of all things Rock and Mineral and what better way than to DEMONSTRATE those arts. I don't know about you, but next year I'm gonna remember to bring a pillow...those metal seats...



Ramona Chizek, Beading... Loretta & Pat Iwata.



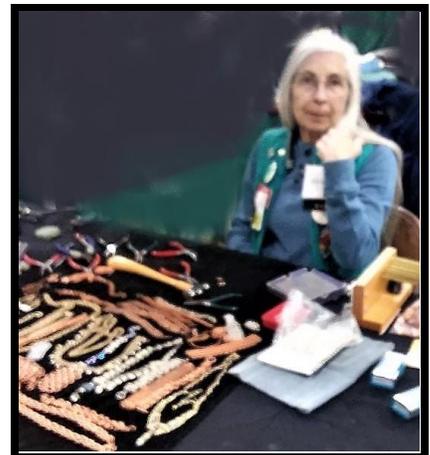
Loretta Pagni, club Historian



Harold Connerley, Faceting



Vance Johnson and Brenda Barboza sharing our Genie



Margaret Kolaczyk, Chain Maille



Joan Sutton helping a visitor learn to bead.



Soils Scientist Andrew Brown & Wondjinaman Rich Lundin



Murray Smith & Harold polishing minerals.

CELEBRATING our SHOW WORKERS



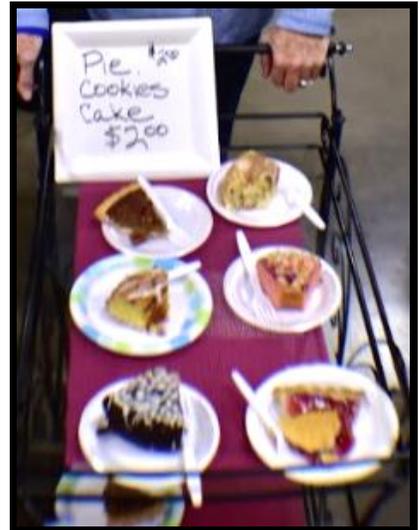
Karen Crabtree, Treasurer, rotating bills in our cash boxes with assistance from Sheriff Vol.



Pat Gulyas and Patti Summers traveling around with the HOSPITALITY CART.



Oooh, Lynn, we need your shampoo secret...look at that bounce and shine! Anna! Watch out for the spinning vortex!



Check out those pies!



Brett Keller, Chuck Tonnacliff and Rich Lundin enjoying the Friday Hospitality Lunch donated by Tom and Sue Reeves.



Greta Alexander showing Jerry Culver the fastest route outta Dodge?

CELEBRATING our DEALERS



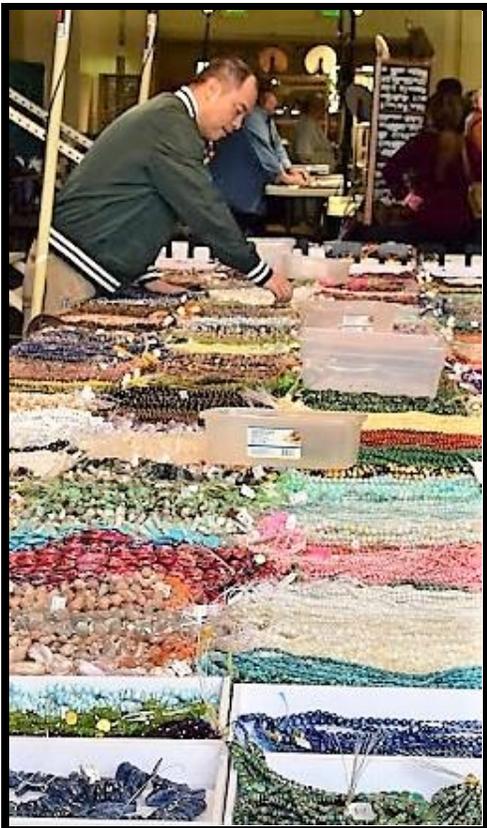
Bob Young & daughter, Kate - with the best slabs on Earth from Cold Water Gold.



Ross Grunwald of auro fina – did you see his crystalline GOLD!!! – with member Kurt Rasmussen.

Our DEALERS are the HEART of our SHOW !

In fact, without them, there would be no SHOW...just a glorified “club sale” that cost a LOT of money. Didjuno the Tables they “rent” pay the overhead for our SHOW?! We may provide the “opportunity” but they carry the “huge monetary responsibility” in show space rentals, travel and lodging, and merchandise, year after year after year.



Franky Wu of West Rock Co...SO MANY BEAUTIFUL GEM STRANDS!!!



Joyce Emerson & helper of B&J Enterprises



Jake Harper (& Dana w-camera) of Earthquest



Delta Gold Diggers and FREE GOLD PANNING LESSONS...look at those smiles!

CELEBRATING our CLUB VENUES



Cookie Hirn, Debby Brooks (and Sandy Ostrander) at our **ADMISSIONS DESK**. Not only do they have to Welcome guests with cheek-numbing smiles but they have to handle the Door Prize Drawings, be the Info CENTER, the Lost and Found and The Good Will Ambassadors for CGMS.

(I can hear Cookie now:
 "You didn't tell me *all that* as I was signing up!")



Anna Christiansen at our **SUPER RAFFLE** with our **SUPER HERO TREASURER KAREN CRABTREE** (who reportedly is admitting herself into a rejuvenation spa for "Brain-fried Cash-box Officials") You can send your cards and flowers to: Karen c/o Looney Toons Spa
 By the way, Karen, YOU were **SPECTACULAR!**



I would like a **STANDING OVATION** for all our Raffle Prize donators...to you who have faithfully donated to *many* of our 43 Annual Shows and then, to our brand-new members who went above and beyond! What a Team! What a Raffle!



Vicky Ostrander making rounds with the **Hospitality & Pie Cart**.



Rich Roesner, joyfully working the **Rock Sales booth**



Alchemist Claudia Brackett-Lundin dazzled kids and families alike with her **Mystical Magical Alchemy!**



Amy assisting with the **Spinning Wheel of Fortune**...where each spin wins a prize!



What did I say about loving candid shots? Looks like I'm giving hush money to Kids' Area's, Tiana Teau- lol.

CELEBRATING our GEM SHOW



Pat Gulyas with new fluorescent Michigan rock called Yooperlite.



Lynn Becker just Rockin' Along.



Elizabeth Reber provided our delicious Show Food.



Harold Mueller polishing cabochons.



Mountain Christian Fellowship provided a much welcomed DESIGNER COFFEE KIOSK.



Brad Becker holding down our Rock Sales venue.



Look who came to the show! Alan Altaffer!



The Absolute Most Fun on the Whole Planet! Spinning wheel, Fossil Cookies, Mine Shaft, Sand Mining, Pony Treasure Mountain and our Alchemist!



Some of our members just have too much fun!



Kathy Harrington, the Apple Cake Lady. (Don't worry, she has a whole head in real life.)



(Jim Vicars Under cover Lamp security!)



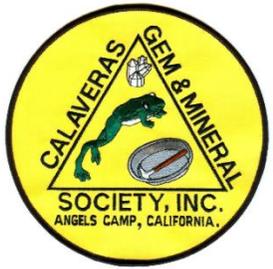
Margaret explaining calculus to me.

April Events in the Mother Lode

And WE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING...

Yes, we just finished our GEM SHOW but now it's time to get ready to sell our own personal treasures!

TAIL GATE SALE



April 6th

Saturday...

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Even if you aren't selling or swapping, come on down and start **SHOPPING!**

It's a great bonding time for club members and a very fun day!



This event is held in the parking lot of the clubhouse. We set up tables behind our vehicles and sell our rocks, our lapidary creations and other hand-made goods.

The vehicle space fee is \$10.00. Tables may also be available inside; the fee inside is \$10.00 per 8-ft. table.

This event will be two weeks after our Gem Show and we tend to get a great turnout. If you'd like to volunteer, have any questions or would like to reserve a spot, please contact Lynn Becker at:

(209)586-2144 or beckerbk@sbcglobal.net

Our sister club is hosting their 2019



GEM & MINERAL SHOW

April 13th and 14th

SAT 10-5 & SUN 10-4

The 19th Annual Show will be at the Mariposa Fairgrounds on Historic Hwy 49, two miles south of downtown Mariposa - or, just 30 min. North of Oakhurst. All roads lead to Mariposa!

Admission is \$3 for adults,
FREE for kids 12 and under,
and parking is FREE!

Peddler's Faire

in historic Knights Ferry, Ca

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8 am - 4 pm ~ Rain or Shine!

Free admission!

This event is located in the Stanislaus River Park in Knights Ferry, Ca.

The Faire features antiques,
vintage collectables and
handmade craft items.

The Knights Ferry History and Museum Associates along with the Army Corps of Engineers are proud to sponsor the Faire.

We are a nonprofit and all proceeds benefit the preservation of the wonderful history in Knights Ferry.

FIELD TRIPS & CLASSES

ROTTEN WEATHER Halts CGMS of Field Trips, FOUR Months in a Row!

No, we aren't afraid that we'll melt...it's just the landslides, the flash floods, and the scary thunder & lightning strikes that are keeping us at home - warm and safe!



Cheer Up,
Bucky!

This rain can't
last forever.



We'll get out into the
Field this year.



WE WILL!

APRIL CLASSES & SHOP DAYS

I don't know about you, but it sure seems like there is an awful lot happening in APRIL!

Not to mention, with all the prep for the Gem Show, we haven't had a minute to stop and even think about April Classes. AND...

Unless we hear different, SHOPS will be open on SATURDAYs with the exception of our usual

3rd Sunday, April 21st MEETING BEING CHANGED TO

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th!

**ATTENTION
NEW MEMBERS
We need your
enthusiasm!**

Give us some ideas of what YOU would like to learn!

We need you to light our fire...

Excite us into action...

Kick us into gear...

Give Marilyn & Joan your ideas at Saturday shop.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES from March 17, 2019

Call to Order at 10:53 a.m.

Board Members Present:

President: Anna Christiansen
 Vice President: Lynn Becker
 Secretary: Debby Brooks
 Treasurer: Karen Crabtree
 Newsletter: Robin Williams
 Show Chairman: Robin Williams
 Field Trip/Co-Op: Brad Becker
 1 Year Director: Bob Young
 2 Year Director: Amy Sturdivant
 3 Year Director: Pat Gulyas

Absent:

Federation Dir: Marion Roberts

OLD BUSINESS



Banking Change: Karen Crabtree

- Karen presented a request to consider changing banks from Central State Credit Union to El Dorado Savings, due to customer service issues.
- A motion was made by Lynn Becker to research fees for a non-profit at El Dorado Savings Bank as there was a question regarding this. Bob Young seconded the motion.
- The motion was passed to research El Dorado Savings fees and bring the findings back to the Board of Directors to make a determination if CGMS will change banking institutions

Memorial Bench: Anna Christiansen

- Anna presented her internet research on prices and quality of metal benches.
- A motion was made by Pat Gulyas and seconded by Lynn Becker, to ● approve obtaining a memorial bench, to ● set a cap of \$250.00 for a bench and plaque, and to do more research on types of metal benches, for durability and ability to hold up to 300 pounds.
- Research findings will be brought back to the Board for further discussion.

Shop Expenses: Murray Smith

The current procedure for shop reimbursement is the Shop Steward presents the shop bills to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Pat Gulyas made a motion to reimburse the Shop Steward for shop expenses incurred by him. Bob Young seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the Board reaffirms the expenses.

- Lynn Becker reviewed the list of Board approved projects.
- Tak Iwata created an operation manual of approved regulations and the process of budget/operations.
- There needs to be a procedure for the shop person to be reimbursed. Discussion tabled to create a process of reimbursement.

Audit Committee:

The Audit Committee has not met to review CGMS financial statements. The committee members are: Karen Crabtree, Lynn Becker and Cookie Hirn.

- The committee will be establishing a date and report findings to the Board of Directors.

Meacham Ranch Road Repairs:

Lynn Becker reported that Meacham Ranch Road has not had any road repair intervention in several years. Due to heavy rains and travel, the road's condition has deteriorated.

A sign was posted by a Meacham Ranch Road resident, soliciting donations for road repair.

- Lynn Becker made a motion to contact the road repair committee to obtain more details and make a donation of a suggested amount of \$500.00 to road repair community project. Bob Young seconded the motion. Brad Becker opposed the motion.

- The motion to contact the Road Repair Committee and support the repair project with a \$500.00 donation was passed.

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**Cont...Board Meeting Minutes
from March 17, 2019**

2019 Show Report: Robin Williams

Security: Jerry Culver offered to be in-house security Friday and Saturday night. He will spend the night in Mark Twain Hall to alert officials of any break-ins/vandalism.

CDF Crew Assisted Hall Set-Up will be Thursday morning, not Wednesday. Club members need to be present to "skirt" the tables.

The process to skirt the tables has been simplified; fitted table covers were purchased that will slip over the tables. Green vinyl will be placed on top of the table covers to protect the cloth.

Cash Boxes: Karen Crabtree will prepare the cash boxes with change and deliver the boxes prior to the opening of the show. Lynn Becker will help Karen with this task.

Display Cases: Romy requested that we obtain a picture of each Display Case as she will be unable to attend this year.

Sheriff will increase surveillance for added security. The Sheriff volunteers receive \$400.00 for two days of service and \$120.00 for reimbursed meals.

CGMS volunteers will receive a one-time 20% off one meal during the show. There is a coupon to be picked up at the Admissions Desk to receive your discount. Volunteers need to sign in at the admissions table and receive a badge designating working as a volunteer.

2020 SHOW BUDGET: Robin discussed the need to create a "show" budget, review budget with the Board and have Board approval for the 2020 show. Discussion tabled for a future date.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:28 a.m. by President Anna Christiansen.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Deborah Brook, CGMS Secretary

KIDS WANTED



Busy little humans may not be your "cup of tea" but on FRIDAY, April 12th, CGMS will be hosting 20+ young rock enthusiasts at our Club House!

We'll start outside with a brown bag lunch then move indoors to begin our exploration into all things rock and mineral. This is a homeschooling group from the Arnold (to Murphys) area and they are very excited to learn.



I could really use an experienced CGMS Genie & Rock Saw operator to demonstrate for them and maybe even let them see how we cut the BIG rocks.

The idea of this event happened just days before the Gem Show so I haven't had much time to gather give-away specimens for them to start their "collections" SO... If the idea of passing on the love of our hobby to the next generation appeals to you...please dust off some groovy specimens and bring them down to the shop on Sat., Apr 6th.

You wrangle the ROCKS,
I'll wrangle the live wires!

APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 TAIL GATE SALE 9 - 4
7	8	9	10 Roberta S.	11 Dino Saiz	12 School Field Trip to our Club House 10:30 a.m.	13 SHOP DAY 10-2 MARIPOSA GEM SHOW

ATTENTION! April 21st Meeting is MOVED to

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER SUNDAY!

14 MARIPOSA GEM SHOW	15 Tak Iwata	16	17 Vivien R.	18	19 Harold M. Marlynn B.	20 MEETING 12 - 3
21 NO Meeting! EASTER SUNDAY See SAT 20 th	22 Andrew C.	23	24	25	26	27 SHOP DAY 10-2
28 KNIGHT'S FERRY PEDDLER'S FAIRE	29	30				

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Roberta Swartz	10
Dino Saiz	11
Tak Iwata	15
Vivien Roberts	17
Harold Mueller	19
Marlynn Blake	19
Andrew Clemo	22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 6th

TAIL GATE SALE

**At the clubhouse
9am - 4pm**

2019 SHOWS & STUFF

- Apr. 6** OUR TAIL GATE SALE 9 - 4
In our Club house parking lot
- Apr. 13 - 14** MARIPOSA GEM SHOW
Mariposa Fairgrounds
- Apr. 27-28** RENO, NV & SANTA CRUZ, CA
Reno Sparks Livestock Event Center and Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
- Apr. 28** KNIGHT'S FERRY STREET FAIRE
Fundraiser for Knight's Ferry Museum