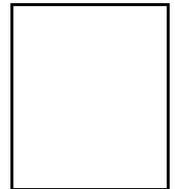


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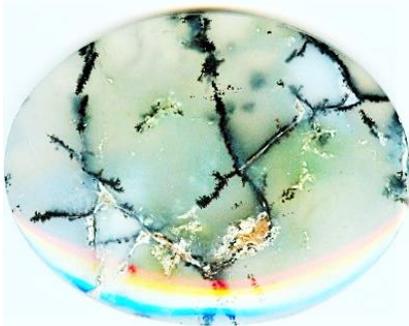
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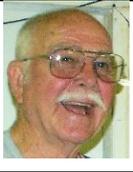
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A Message from our President...

I was so happy to see so many members attend our April meeting- on a Saturday, no less!

Ross Grunwald presented a great program on climate change and for those of you unable to attend I hope you had a great Easter weekend with family and friends.

Our May meeting will be our **SPRING FUNDRAISER: The MEMBER AUCTION.**

Rules are in this newsletter → →

If possible, please bring some smaller bills or checks to make our Treasurer’s job easier.

I hope everyone is doing well.

Anna Christiansen
2019 CGMS President



Delicious Agate

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MAY 19th Meeting INFO

- TBA - 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting
- Meet & Greet begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Pot Luck at Noon
- General Membership Meeting
- then, our May Program...Our...

MAY 19th Meeting

SPRING FUNDRAISER:

75-25 MEMBER SILENT AUCTION

Members can bring 4 items to be auctioned.
25% of the sale goes to club,
75% goes to the member.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Go to Treasurer’s Desk and sign-in your items with the Treasurer.
2. Treasurer will give you a Bidding Form for each item you enter into the Silent Auction.
3. Fill out a BIDDER’S FORM for each item.
4. Place items on front table with their bidding form.

HOW TO BID

1. During Meet & Greet, during Lunch, and during “appointed time after the Meeting” write down your bids on bidding form(s).
2. Bidding ends when the gavel sounds.

HOW TO PAY

1. Winning buyer takes bidding form to Treasurer and pays for the item(s) won.
2. SELLERS: BE PREPARED TO WAIT until all the buyers have paid for their won items and money has been collected.

SELLERS:

PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO BE PAID IF AUCTION CREW HAS NOT FINISHED WITH RECEIVING ALL OF THE MONEY FROM THE BUYERS.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from April 20, 2019

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

General Meeting Called to Order at 1:12 p.m.
by President Anna Christiansen

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Directors Absent:

Vice President	Lynn Becker
Secretary	Debby Brooks
Fed. Director	Marion Roberts
Field Trips	Brad Becker

Not many members present and **no** guests

Treasurer's Report: Karen Crabtree
April Report is posted at clubhouse. Motion to approve by Jerry Kyle and seconded by Tom Harrington. Approved by membership.

Historian/Sunshine: Anna C.
Brad is still very sick. Please keep him and his family in your constant Prayers.

Shop/Classes: Murray Smith
Shops open. No special Classes scheduled.

Field Trip: mssg from Co-op

A "CO-OP MEMBER" FIELD TRIP to RED HILLS, CA – May 4, 2019

If this sounds familiar, I believe it is the same trip we took on New Year's Day this year...so, if you want to go again and meet up with members from other clubs, this is the place to be. SPONSOR CLUB – Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club - Jan Ervin - Trip Dir. 209-981-6768

Show Update/Report: Robin Williams

NOTE: This morning's Board meeting discussions were shared with the membership regarding the serious lack of helpers at the Gem Show this year.



The 2019 Show itself was one of our very best but that success came at a price to those who were left to handle so many of the responsibilities so short-handed.

It was obvious that the memories were still very fresh in members' minds and many ideas were expressed about the future of our 71-year old club.

It was also obvious that we have added the final straw to the present worker's backs. And knees. And stamina.

It is a TRUE TESTAMENT of their DEDICATION that so few members could pull off such an OUTSTANDING SHOW. The public and our dealers had no idea that we were so short-handed and so exhausted. You were super-human, indeed! THANK YOU!



MOVING FORWARD...?

FACT #1 is that we are a club of VERY OLD MEMBERS who, one by one, are becoming unable to do all the amazing tasks we did, even as recent as 2018-19!

FACT #2 is that without a yearly show we will be unable to exist in any viable form as a functioning gem club.

We are left at somewhat of a stalemate.

General consensus was that we create a SHOW COMMITTEE that meets regularly to handle show details, prep rocks, make prizes, and train & mentor members for future continuity.

I think it is an excellent start, but only if more members actually attend.



Website/Facebook: Andrew Brown

Waiting for show photos from our Gem Show photographer extraordinaire Rich Macias.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:56 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

Next MEETING: MAY 19, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Williams for Debby Brooks

ALL ABOUT CAMP PARADISE

CFMS EARTH SCIENCE CAMP is being held at the **CAMP PARADISE** facilities ~ a rustic church camp approx. 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville). Elevation is approx 3,500 ft.



STILL SOME VACANCIES! but, REGISTER NOW!

2019 DATES:

Week 1 Aug 25, 2019 - Aug 31, 2019
 Week 2 Sep 1, 2019 - Sep 7, 2019

2019 COST:

\$405 PER PERSON - PER WEEK
 (DAY TRIPPER is \$255 per week)



FIRST STOP, CHECK-IN at the MESS HALL

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

BEAD WEAVING	Cheri George
Ming (Gem) Trees	Pat Gulyas
FACETING	Gary Gooch
LAPIDARY	Tom Burchard
Lost Wax casting	Joy McClure Don George
LAMPWORK	Barbara Terrell
Silver Fabrication	Jill Atkins Steve Kiel
CHAIN MAILLE	Week 1: Glenn Fiola
CHAIN MAILLE	Week 2: Sandi Kilcrease
SOFT STONE CARVING	Dick White
Wire Art	Ron Kilcrease Sandi Kilcrease

Accommodation Choices:

Couples' Dorm	Cabin
Womens' Dorm	Mens' Dorm
RV Space	

LIGHTS OUT AT 10:00 PM

This is a church camp.
NO alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Animals will be allowed in the RV area only and must be kept on a leash at all times and picked up after.
No exceptions!



All rooms and cabins are equipped with bunk beds.



Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building.

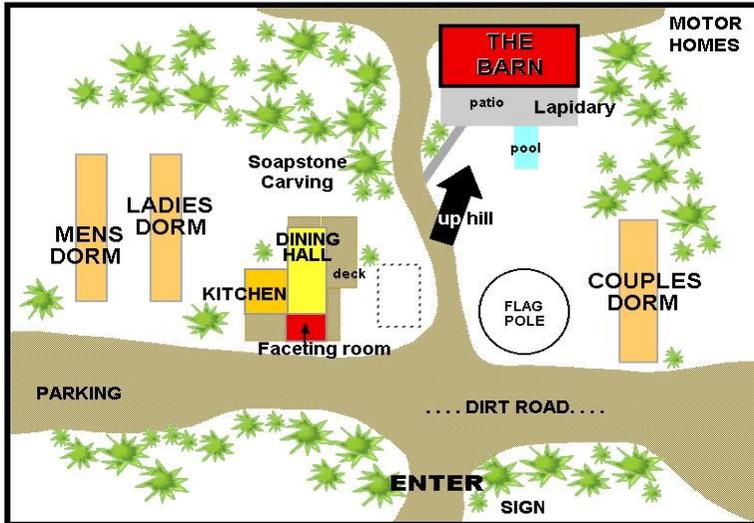


Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest.

ALL ABOUT CAMP PARADISE

Please Note: Sign-in will be on Sunday:

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
August 25, 2019	September 1, 2019
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Get your registration in for
CAMP PARADISE!

Application on our website or go to CFMS:
cfmsinc.org/ESStudies

2019 EVENING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	7:00 pm	ORIENTATION & MEET the TEACHERS
MONDAY	6:30 pm	SELL-A-RAMA Everyone brings stuff to sell to each other.
TUESDAY		FREE TIME
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	DEMONSTRATION TBD
THURSDAY	After dinner	SILENT AUCTION...A fundraising event for CFMS
FRIDAY	4-5 PM	Show & Tell -lay out everything you did during the week for all to see
FRIDAY	6:30 pm	Graduation – everyone receives a Pin for their vest.

SATURDAY	By 11 am	Leave Camp for home.
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By TRADITION, at REGISTRATION, all Campers are expected to SIGN-UP for at least ONE SESSION OF MEAL-TIME KP DUTY!



INSIDE the GLORIOUS "BARN"

CLASS TIME SCHEDULE

Mon – Fri Mornings
8:30 to 11:55

Mon – Thurs Afternoons
1:00 to 4:45

Friday Afternoon is
Clean-up, Show & Tell & Graduation



Where else on this planet
could you get 5 days of
FREE LESSONS!

This is a MUST DO!

TAIL GATE CLOSE-UPS – April 6th

Amid much indecision and juggling of duties the Spring Tail Gate was enjoyed by all... HURRAH!... and we are acquiring more and more visitors that have never been here before... HURRAH!...and many said they ventured out because of the great road signage... (that is a royal pain in the butt to set up and take down)... BUT we did it and we are glad...HURRAH! We Had a Fun Day! HURRAH!



Alan Altaffer



Giant chunk of Malachite



Pat Gulyas



Marilyn's plants



Marilyn's planter



Anna Christiansen



Marilyn's art



Nikki West



Robin's earrings



Visitors



Vance Johnson's Woodwork



Dan Conklin



Dan C's Septarian egg



Joan's baby



Joan Sutton



Jim Pogue & visitors



Andrew & friend

KID'S ROCK & MINERAL DAY – April 12th

Remember our great COFFEE KIOSK at this year's GEM SHOW? Well, the kids are part of a Home Schooling co-op and on Friday, April 12th, they assembled here at the club house for a day of Rocks and Minerals. Oh, what fun stories I could tell! We had a splendiferous day!

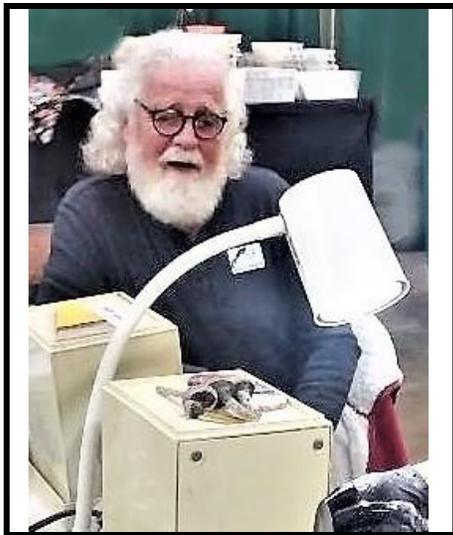


We started with a rock hunt in our new driveway gravel. Yep! In the “white gravel” they found pyrites and mariposite and fun quartz crystals, some schist, fuchsite mica and amazing goodies. I didn't think we'd ever get them into the club house!

Once inside we learned about the 92 ELEMENTS. Then we used the elements to make some cool MINERALS...

...then we cooked the minerals into magma soup in our really hot volcano.

Finally, we cooled our magma to form GRANITE.



After their lunch they watched Vance Johnson - a New Member - who drove up here from Stockton to help me! - operate the genie as he taught them how to polish a gemstone. Thank You, Vance!!!

We finished up with sifting sand mines and chipping agates out of pottery clay from Quyle Kilns.

Each family went home with a mini mineral collection and some polished agates.



Wish you could have seen those 25 smiles in person. They loved every minute of their day at our Club House. Thank you, Marilyn, for moving all the tables and chairs and desk and chalkboard and...back in place for me!

BOARD MINUTES

From: April 20, 2019

General Meeting Called to Order at 10:27 a.m.
by President Anna Christiansen

Board of Directors Absent:

Vice President	Lynn Becker
Secretary	Debby Brooks
Fed. Director	Marion Roberts
Field Trips	Brad Becker

Treasurer's Report: Karen Crabtree
...has done extensive research regarding the consolidating of our banking and savings into one institution. Board will vote when all info is complete.

Show Update/Report: Robin Williams
What started as a brief overview of this year's highly successful Gem Show quickly turned into an impassioned plea for help and "a view of the end of the CGMS as we know it".

In a nutshell, the members who do it ALL are tired and they no longer have the ability to DO IT ALL any more. And it's not like they haven't asked for help...Over and Over, again.

The board floated some ideas but, when unable to hone in on a solution, tabled the discussion. I was asked to give a brief overview at the General Membership Meeting, all of us knowing that it would probably spark an impassioned discussion all over again.

Unfortunately, we can think up a billion ways to change how we do the show and not a single idea will matter. Our problem is that we simply don't have enough committed volunteers to work the show.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:42 a.m. by
President Anna Christiansen

Next MEETING: TBA

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Robin Williams for Debby Brooks

THIS & THAT



In Loretta Pagni's HISTORY CASE are the many Display Case Gifts that have been presented over the years: by George Mather, the NAIL MEN, Charlie Pagni, (two) one with slab of mariposite w/frog, and one my dad Charlie was the rock I painted with/pen ink & frog; others were made by Alan Altaffer & Jim Pogue (ore cart and knapped axe). One was from Amador when I, Loretta, showed in the Amador show! The 40th show was a pin with earrings; Ming trees; Pet Rocks; and this year - Murray Smith - a holder from stones or a rock and polished for cell phone or business cards.

By Loretta Pagni

2019 DISPLAY CASE GIFTS



I didn't get to give Murray and Marilyn a proper THANK YOU for making the 50!!!! gorgeous gifts for the Display Cases this year. As if you didn't already do enough for this club! We appreciate you SO MUCH!

Now, thinking a year in advance...is there a member out there who is interested and willing to make 50 gifts for next year??? Give a holler-out to the board...it isn't too soon to start!

MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Joan Saiz	2 Patti S.	3	SHOP 4 10-2 Kennedy Mine.
5 Kennedy Mine	6 Candy Kirk	7	8 Murray S.	9	10	11 SHOP 10-2
12	13 Diane R.	14 Marcia T.	15 Mariah W.	16	17	18 SHOP 10-2 Emily H.
19 MEETING NOON	20	21	22	23 Ed M.	24	25 SHOP 10-2 Harold C.
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Betty E.	30	31	SHOP 10-2

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joan Saiz	1
Patti Summers	2
Candy Kirk	6
Murray Smith	8
Diane Robidoux	13
Marcia Thompson	14
Mariah Woodruff	15
Emily Hanlon	18
Ed Matsuoka	23
Harold Connerley	25
Betty Egger	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Mad River Agate,
Madagascar

2019 SHOWS & STUFF

May 4 - 5: JACKSON, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society at Kennedy Mine.

Get your registration in for
CAMP PARADISE!

Application on our website or
go to CFMS:

cfmsinc.org/ESStudies



Check out the camp pool!