

# The Golden Frog



**2020 Gem & Jewelry Show & Sale ~ March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

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**Only 28 days until our GEM SHOW ~ March 28 & 29!**



*The Beryl Gemstones*

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

- What a great meeting we had in February with 47 members present!
  - Andrew Brown gave a wonderful program on soils of the Mother Lode.
  - It's almost Showtime and we need all the hands we can get to put on our wonderful GEM SHOW. Sign-up to work a shift. Or 2.
  - Even if you cannot stand for long periods, we have several jobs that require sitting - such as: ADMISSIONS, KID'S AREA, and SNACK BAR.
  - Every bit of your help makes it easier on everyone and helps secure the success of our 2020 show.
  - I've been told by many people that our club show is so friendly. Thank you all!
  - If you have any family members that would like to help, they would be more than welcome.
  - I will be chairing the SUPER DRAWING (aka Raffle) and we could sure use some more gifts. Please bring them to the March meeting.
- Hope to see you all on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

Anna Christiansen,  
2020 President

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**MARCH 15 Meeting Info**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, MARCH. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Meet & Greet begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Pot Luck Lunch at Noon
- General Membership Meeting
- opt: 10 a.m. Board Meeting TBA

**MARCH PROGRAM**  
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Read All About It!  
See Page 9 for All the Juicy Details!

**Rock  
Hounds  
are  
gneiss,  
tuff,  
and a  
little  
wacke.**

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from FEB. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting February 16, 2020

- Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board of Directors present: 9
- Board of Directors absent:  
Federation Director – Marion Roberts
- Members Present: 47    Guests: 2

#### Minutes from January 19, 2020:

Loretta Pagni made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2020 meeting as presented. Pat Gulyas seconded the motion. Minutes approved by the majority.

#### Club Correspondence:            Debby Brooks

The club received the latest edition of the CFMS Newsletter (California Federation of Mineralogical Societies); the copy is located on the back table for member reading.

#### Treasurer's Report:                Karen Crabtree

Report period: January 2020

- The IRS 2019 form has been filed.
- The annual Insurance for the club is paid.
- Karen requested when club members pay for dues or auction items, please pay with bills other than \$20.00. It is difficult to make change.
- Current expenses and income will be posted at the club house for members to review.
- Rich Lundin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Romy Mueller seconded the motion. Treasurer's report approved by the majority.

#### Budget Report:                        Anna Christiansen

- Anna reviewed the Board of Directors ongoing budget discussions to plan for future income and expenses. The Budget is a guideline to assess how money is being spent, for food, shops etc.
- The Board of Directors has approved a budget for 2020. Cont.....

- This is the 1<sup>st</sup> budget developed by the club.
- A copy of the budget is located in the front of the club house for club member review. The budget is based on 3 years of expenses and income. Lynn Becker is available to answer questions regarding budget items.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Federation Report:                Margaret Kolaczyk

- The annual CFMS show is scheduled for Stockton in June 2020.
- AFMS is sponsoring a Judging training seminar, April in Ogden UT.
- Margaret gave an overview of the AFMS (American Federation Mineralogical Societies) which covers 7 regions of the US. CFMS (California Federation Mineralogical Societies) is a region within the larger society.
- As a member of the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society (CGMS) the member can participate in any AFMS or CFMS meeting or activity.
- Margaret recommended members to check out the websites to learn about the national organization and the different regions.
  - CFMS website: cfmsinc.net
  - AFMS website: amfed.org
- The Federation Director attends the 2 yearly Federation meetings at different locations.

#### Field Trip Report:                 Bob Young

- A field trip to Fallon, Nevada is scheduled for the first week in April. A detailed write-up will be in the February Newsletter.
- Details will be emailed to members. If you are not receiving club emails, check your spam or contact Lynn Becker.

#### Historian/Sunshine Report:        Loretta Pagni

- One time ago, my dad Charles Pagni was good at making heart shape rocks, bracelets and clocks!
- My Dad had a display of heart clocks and hearts pendants in a case at our show. I don't know the year he displayed them.
- My Dad has showed at other shows such as Mother Lode Mineral Society and Napa.

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## Cont....GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from FEB. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Newsletter Editor:** Robin Williams

- Robin apologized for forgetting to mail out three members' FEB newsletter as she was focused on the show details. She has newsletters to be picked up at today's meeting.
- Remember: if you want your newsletter mailed, you need to pay the \$10 mailing fee.

**Website Report:** Andrew Brown

- There are issues with the domain name.
- The **NEW** internet address for the club is: **calaverasgemandmineral.net**
- Andrew is working on this issue and hopes to have it fixed by the show.
- There are two Facebook pages. One good, one not good. The Facebook page without a logo is NOT the correct Facebook page.

**Shop Report:** Vance Johnson

- The small saw is half fixed; 2<sup>nd</sup> half soon.
- All other equipment is functioning well.
- The Board of Directors approved purchase of new wheels for the genie and titan.
- The shop stewards monitor use of the genies and titans to prolong the life of the wheels.
- The genies and titan are to be used to make cab-size pieces only.

**Show chairman:** Robin Williams

- Phyllis Kyle has volunteered to be the Admissions Chairperson. HURRAH!!!!!!
- There are 6 display cases left to fill. Joan Sutton is the chairperson and has the display case applications. Contact Joan with your interest to display your collection.
- Flyers and Posters need to be handed out in high traffic areas. There are flyers and posters available at the club house that need to be distributed.
- Demonstrators:  
Faceting: Harold  
Chain mail: Margaret  
Genies: Vance, Marilyn, Murray, & Harold

Cont.....

- City of Angels vs. Show Banners - the beat goes on.

- Members, please bring pies out to Frogtown on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The pies will be sold by the slice during the show. Any questions regarding the pies, please contact Pat Gulyas.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Club Shirts:** Anna Christiansen

Anna has the order forms to order club T-shirts and caps. Check with Anna to order.

**Weed Control:** Murray Smith

- Murray is recommending **NOT weed-eating** the weeds; he is recommending that we **spray** the weeds. Star thistle is loaded with seeds and the weed-eating spreads the seeds far and wide. A suggestion was made to have the property professionally sprayed.

- There will be an attempt to obtain 3 estimates for professional weed killing. The issue will be brought back to the club for discussion and decision.

**New Member Voted In:**

Stephanie Burns was voted in by a majority vote. Welcome, and thank you for joining us.

**Financial Review:** Lynn Becker

- Lynn reported on the upcoming schedule for a Financial Review, (previously known as "the Audit"). She announced the members of the review committees. ●2018: Lynn Becker, Karen Crabtree and Jim Vicars. ● 2019: Lynn Becker, Pat Gulyas, Robin Williams and Jim Vicars.

**Display Case Volunteer – March 15, 2020: ?**

- March 15<sup>th</sup> Program Topic:

### GEM SHOW planning details.

Everyone, please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Next Meeting Date: March 15, 2020**

- Meeting Adjourned at 2:07 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

- Minutes respectfully submitted,

Debby Brooks, Secretary

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society



This RECIPE is so gull-durn tasty it would even make this grumpy group grin! It's the 🍷\* diggity!

## Winner Winner Chicken Dinner (← name by Debby Brooks!)

...is actually Chicken Potatoe Chowder Pot Pie...

by Sandi Kilcrease

- 1 chicken breast, diced in 1/2 inch cubes and poached in chicken stock \*
- 2 med Potatoes, diced into 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 med Carrots, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1 stalk Celery, sliced thin
- 1/4 cup Peas
- 1/4 cup Whole corn
- 1/4 cup Butter
- 1/8 cup Flour
- 2 cups Chicken Stock
- 1 Cup Heavy Cream
- 1/4 cup Philadelphia cream cheese

- Combine potatoes, carrots, celery, peas and corn in a large saucepan and cook until tender.
- Drain vegetables and set aside.
- In same saucepan brown flour in butter. Add chicken stock and cream. Add diced chicken. Add vegetables.
- Wisk in cream cheese.
- Add salt and pepper to taste

\* For more intense chicken flavor add a bouillon cube or two.

### Crust:

- 2 cups Flour
- 1 cup Shortening/butter
- 1/2-2/3 Ice water (enough to hold together but not wet)
- 1/2 tsp Salt

NOTE: The recipe makes enough for a top and bottom crust or one 9x13 bottom crust.

**Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees until golden brown.**

### Crust:

Combine salt, flour and shortening. Add water while folding the flour mixture into a ball.

Wrap in plastic and refrigerated for 30 minutes before rolling out.

When ready, Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Roll out your pie dough.

Line your chosen size glass dish with the pie dough. Spoon in chowder ingredients.

Place the top dough on- if that's what you planned.

# ...a little bit about FALLON ROCK HUNTING

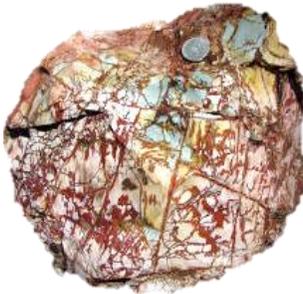
Last month (FEB 2020) we learned about “eleven things to do in the Fallon area”. This month I promised to share info about the goodies you may be able to find (or buy!)



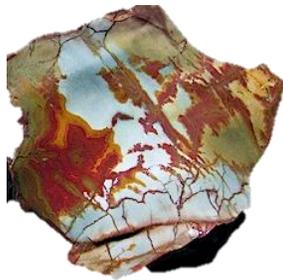
Lahontan Lake Agates



Petrified & Opalized Wood



From Dead Camel Mine



### What kind of “rocks” are in Nevada?

- Igneous rocks:
  - gabbro, diorite, and granite intrusions
  - basalt, andesite, and rhyolite flows
  - breccias, and tuffs.
- Sedimentary rocks:
  - conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, shale, argillite, limestone, and dolomite.
- Minerals:
  - Beryl, faustite, nephrite, magnesite, rhodonite, topaz, and vesuvianite.



Rocks collected from Nevada Sites.



"WONDERSTONE" (Bull's Eye Rhyolite)

The Wonderstone near Grimes Point in Churchill Co., used in lapidary, is a rhyolite tuff ejected from a volcano about 12 million years ago. The rock was altered by hot waters that deposited pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>) and quartz (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and is naturally stained with bands of red and orange iron oxide and hydroxide.



Linda Marie Agate



Regency



Red Falcon

## Joan's January Jaunt through "Ideas for Your Display Case"

Joan Sutton, our Display Case Chairman, has asked me (ha! that was her first mistake because I didn't take notes!) to present an "encore recap" of her very helpful *January Program*. So now, what you will be getting is "what Robin took away from Joan's program":

1. The sky is the limit for presenting your own individual case design. It is based on how YOU want to present YOUR display.
2. Sandy Kilcrease shared wonderful "organic ideas" yet, her 2019 case (inset below) was very minimal and direct. Did she ignore her own design suggestions that she presented to the club? Absolutely not!



She beautifully honored each specimen in her collection even though it was all "one level and flat on the floor of the case".

3. Now, does the "one-level presentation" method work for EVERY display. Absolutely not! That's why Joan and her team gave us many wonderful ideas of how to "lift" our display off the floor and into multi-levels that allow better viewing of our collections.
4. Romy Mueller's case was what I would call a Stage 2 display: Still minimalist, but now using simple fabric wrapped boxes to elevate her pieces and draw the viewers' eye up. She also used contrasting black with the white for a pleasing dramatic effect. Very chic.



(I'll talk about the white back wall and floor in a minute)

5. These next two are examples of effective Stage 3 presentation techniques. Plus, Pat Gulyas and Joan (Sutton) used their displays to "tell a story":



Pat shared her adventure to Camp Paradise with a "scrapbook" of memorabilia from her trip and examples of her class work. It was extremely effective in enticing others to GO TO CAMP PARADISE! It just oozed with her enthusiasm!



Joan shared "exotic finds" from her Metal Detecting trips. We immediately knew she had FUN even though she may not have found her "pot of gold".

Both displays rise from the floor to the roof in an asymmetrical climb, drawing the eye from the left to the right of the case. Brilliant.

6. As I scrolled through the 84 photos from Rich Macias (THANK YOU!!!) one thing really stuck out...those dull brown walls! They turn all the items a sickly yellow in the photos and take away from the "brightness" of the minerals! (I photo-shopped these to remove some of the yellow.)

So...my final thoughts...

- MAKE some light-colored walls & floor.
- PUT YOUR NAME inside your case!
- LABEL YOUR SPECIMENS!
- Don't be lazy, "honor" your collections 😊
- Share some details about you and your collection...how long you've been at it, where you found it, how you made it, why others should try it...add details about your hobby that the public may not know. Rule #1: Have Fun!

**SHARE YOUR LOVE of  
ROCKS & MINERALS!**

# GEM SHOW FINAL INSTRUCTION DAY

If it's **RED** and HIGHLIGHTED in **yellow**, you know it's gonna be important for the club!

Once our March meeting is over there will be very little chance of "GEM SHOW-Mass-Member-Planning-Opportunities".

## So...

Our plan is to use the time after our March 15<sup>th</sup> "Lunch and Short Club Meeting" to **GET ORGANIZED**.

**WE NEED YOUR MORAL SUPPORT!**

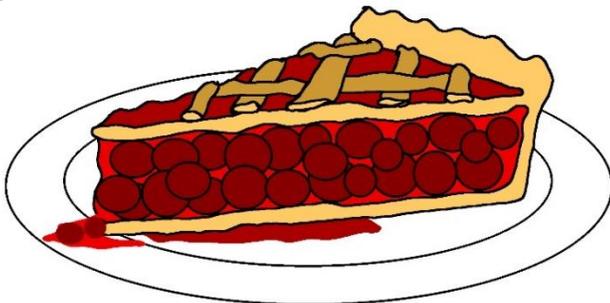
Even if you can't work **AT** the show you can still help out logging raffle prizes, perhaps make raffle gift baskets, stuff prize bags, assemble name badges, fold brochures...

**Many hands make light work.**

We have never done this before so we need **EVERYONE** to be at the meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> and be willing to **SUPPORT** the process of organizing our teams and gathering our materials.

This is also the last opportunity to remind everyone...

**DON'T FORGET to BRING PIES to the SHOW on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**



Store or bakery-made but **NO** cream pies... our only refrigeration is via "ice cubes". We need everyone's help!

## SHOW CHAIR-PERSONS:

1. There is a huge GEM SHOW BINDER on the desk. It contains COPY-READY PAGES of every category. Please be sure you have your Show Instructions & TO DO Lists printed out and ready.
2. If possible, before the March meeting, gather all the materials you will need to perform the tasks of your area.
3. Confirm your work crew and see where you need to gather more workers for your area. Sign-up sheets are on the blackboard. Get phone numbers!
4. Ask questions, make plans with your Team, and be ready to go **BEFORE** the show day arrives.

## SHOW WORKERS:

If you have signed-up for a specific volunteer-work-duty at the show **NOW IS THE TIME** to be sure you have all the information and materials you need.

1. ALL VOLUNTEER WORKERS should meet with their Chairperson and become acquainted with the "plan" for each day.
2. Read the TO DO instructions for EACH AREA you have signed-up to work in.
3. Become acquainted with the materials, supplies, etc. everywhere you will be working during the show.

It's not rocket science but it takes a team the size of NASA to get the SHOW done well!

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES from FEB. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
FEB. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Meeting called to order at 10:29 a.m. by President Anna Christiansen
- Board of Directors Present: 9
- Board of Directors Absent:  
Federation Director: Marion Roberts

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ● ACCOUNTING SYSTEM: Lynn Becker

Lynn reported on the financial tracking system that she has developed. The system is a checklist that coordinates expenditures and income. The checklist for 2018 is complete and resides in two binders.

● A Financial Review for 2018 is scheduled for Feb 22 at 10am. ● 2018 Financial Review Team is: Lynn Becker, Karen Crabtree and Jim Vicars.

● After the 2018 review is completed the 2019 review will be scheduled. ● 2019 Financial Review Team is: Lynn Becker, Pat Gulyas, Robin Williams and Jim Vicars.

#### ● By-Laws Update: Anna Christiansen

Anna will send the updated By-Laws to Lynn Becker and Debby Brooks for review.

#### ● Camp Paradise: Anna Christiansen

Applications for club members who want to be considered for a Camp Paradise Scholarship are located on the Front Desk. Club members with current dues, can complete an application and place in application box.

#### ● The Club will formalize the Rock Hound of the Year acknowledgement.

#### ● Club Shirts: Anna Christiansen

The total amount to purchase the shirts is \$538.46. Karen will give Anna Christiansen a check for half down. Delivery Date unknown, hopefully in time for the Gem and Mineral Show.

#### ● Membership Cards: Lynn Becker

Lynn reported the club can purchase 500 cards with the club logo for \$48.38. Lynn made a motion to purchase 500 club cards, Pat Gulyas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority.

● After purchase the cards should be ready in 2 weeks. Once the cards are received, Karen will sign the cards to give to paid members.

#### ● Brochures: Lynn Becker

Lynn is requesting board approval to order 500 brochures. The club members will fold the brochures as a cost savings. Robin Williams made a motion that up to \$120.00 can be allocated to order the brochures. Pat Gulyas seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority.

#### ● Trailer to haul rocks to show: Lynn B.

Lynn Becker reported a club member who will be volunteering at the show may be able to offer his trailer to haul rocks for the show. Another club member has an alternative trailer for possible use.

#### ● Dollies for the show: Bob Young

Bob suggested the club borrow dollies from club members, no need to purchase a dolly this year.

#### ● Treasurer Karen's Report:

(The treasurer's responsibility to the Board of Directors is to keep the Board informed of the club's financial status.)

● Membership dues are due. Karen and Lynn will assess who hasn't paid. Lynn and Debby will call the unpaid member to see if the member wants to pay and remain a member.

#### ● 2020 Budget: Lynn Becker

Lynn reviewed the CFMS budget proposal for 2020. Pat Gulyas made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Robin Williams seconded the motion. 8 aye, one no. Motion passed by a majority vote

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**Continued...BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
from FEB. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**● CORRECTION to our Physical Address:**

The Club’s correct physical address is **2549 Meacham Ranch Road**, *not* 2500 Meacham Ranch Rd. This correct physical address is on the PGE Bill and the property tax statement.

- Anna will ask Murray Smith to make a new address sign for the club house to reflect the correct address.

**● CFMS Insurance – Show Insurance**

Karen’s extensive research has shown that the club doesn’t need to purchase Show Insurance from “Frog Town” any longer. Our policy with the CFMS (California Federation of Mineralogical Societies) will now cover us up to 1000 attendees.

Two forms are needed to be completed and sent to McDaniel’s Insurance Company. CFMS is connected with McDaniel Insurance Company to provide insurance for the show. The Fairgrounds is requesting a certificate of insurance from McDaniel’s; once approved McDaniel’s will send certificate to the Fairgrounds

**Treasurer’s Report: Karen Crabtree**

- Anna received the check to pay for the club shirts and hats. They’ll be here soon.
- 2019 Federal Taxes have been filed.
- \$20.00 fee to the Secretary of State has been sent. This keeps the State of California informed of the club’s Incorporation status.
- The rental agreement from the Fairgrounds has been completed and is ready for Anna to sign.

**● Polishing Wheels: Marilyn Bodle**

● Marilyn reported that \$1400 is the cost for 9 wheels for the Genie and the Titan. Lynn made a motion to approve purchase of new wheels for the Genie and Titan. Robin W. seconded the motion. 9 ayes 1 no, motion passed by majority.

- Anna thanked the shop staff for their dedication and willingness to volunteer their time to make the shop safe and keep all the machines working.

**● Show signage: Lynn Becker**

There are extra expenses for show signage, due to the purchase of news signs and the need to repair old signs.

- Three additional banners need to be purchased to locate strategically.
- Signs for inside the Mark Twain building will cost over \$500.00. The decision to purchase the signs will be tabled until the price for the outside banners is determined.
- Lynn is assessing a local provider to provide the signage service.

**● Logo Stickers: Lynn Becker**

Lynn reported on the cost of Club logo stickers, 6” stickers cost is \$188.13 to be sold for \$4.00 each. Debby Brooks made a motion to order the club logo stickers to sell for \$4.00 each. Pat Gulyas seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.

**Weed Control: Robin Williams**

● Murray Smith is recommending spraying the weeds to better control the growth of the star thistle. Weed-wacking spreads the seeds and does not stop the growth.

● The Board discussed different products available for weed control. Robin Williams made a motion to chemically treat the weeds. Lynn Becker seconded the motion. Murray will research different avenues for chemically treating the weeds.

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● The Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. by President Anna Christiansen.

● Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Debby Brooks, Secretary  
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society



**BREAKING NEWS!**

The Rock refuses to confirm whether he’s  
**IGNEOUS,**  
**SEDIMENTARY,**  
or  
**METAMORPHIC!**

# MARCH 2020

**Just 28 DAYS 'til the GEM SHOW!**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Irmgard T.	7 SHOP
8 Richard M.	9	10	11	12	13 Margaret K.	14 SHOP
15 Meeting 11 a.m.	16	17 Kathy D.	18	19	20	21 SHOP
22 Ron K.	23	24 Adene F.	25	26 SET-UP	27 SET-UP	28 SHOW
29 SHOW	30	31				

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Irmgard Temple	6
Richard Macias	8
Margaret Kolaczyk	13
Kathy Duncan	17
Ron Kilcrease	22
Adene Fordyce	24



## COMING GEM SHOWS

MAR 14-15—TURLOCK, CA      Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Stanislaus Fairgrounds

**MARCH 28 & 29, 2020**

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual

**GEM & JEWELRY**

**SHOW & SALE**

Cal. Co. Fairgrounds, "FROGTOWN"  
Angels Camp, CA

**SAT. 10 - 5 & SAT. 10 - 4**