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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.

SEPT. BIRTHSTONE



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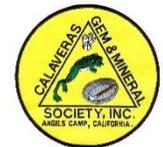
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A Message from our PRESIDENT...

I sure have missed all of our members since we had to close because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The shop is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and I hope some of you have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Lynn sent out an e-mail asking for comments from members on what you think about starting our meetings again. Please give us some input so that it gives the Board some direction.

I pray for everyone's good health and that we'll be able to get together again soon.

Anna Christiansen
2020 President

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We're going to attempt a Meeting!!! Yes!

**SEPTEMBER 20th
GENERAL MEETING
but
NO POTLUCK**

SEPT 20th Meeting Info

- 3rd Sunday, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2020
- Meet & Greet begins at 11:00 a.m.
- **NOPE. SORRY, NO Pot Luck Lunch.**



- 12:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
- opt: 10 a.m. Board Meeting TBA

PLEASE, DO NOT ATTEND IF:

- You are sick.
- You have been traveling.
- You have been exposed to Covid.
- You want a Pot Luck meal.

**PLEASE
CONSIDER
WEARING A
FACE MASK,
if you are able...**

The following is for the documentation of the actions taken by the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society from March 11, 2020 to September 14, 2020.

CGMS and the COVID-19 OUTBREAK & QUARANTINE

COVID-19 AND OUR GEM SHOW.

From: Gem Show Chairman, Robin Williams
To: CGMS BOARD MEMBERS
Sent: MARCH 11, 2020 - 5:41:27 PM

As Board members, a great amount of responsibility is placed on us to protect not just members but to provide assistance should visitors become sick.

I am not willing to take on that responsibility and do not believe our club is equipped for meeting the CDPH recommendations. I also do not believe we should have a meeting this Sunday or if you decide to have one, I will not be attending. It has been advised that those over 60 or those in compromised health stay home until this thing runs its course. -Robin

The following are the current CDPH requirements for dealing with club activities and the Covid-19 outbreak.

Scenario I is for NO reported Covid-19 in their community... which we cannot claim. COPPEROPOLIS HAS CLOSED ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DUE TO TWO (2) CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19. Many of our members travel from Copperopolis to our club house.

Scenario II is for communities with positive Covid-19 cases.

Scenario I: CDPH recommends for mass gatherings and large community events in counties without evidence of community transmission, organizers should follow these steps:

- As the COVID-19 situation is evolving, event organizers should create an emergency contingency plan for how to modify, cancel, or postpone their mass gathering or large community event if a COVID-19 outbreak occurs in their community.
- Events may still need to be modified, canceled, or postponed if participants are traveling from communities with COVID-19 outbreaks.
- Event organizers should:
 - Collaborate and coordinate with community partners including the local public health department, hotels where participants are staying, airlines, the event venue, and other partners.
 - Use event messaging and communications to promote everyday preventive health messages to your participants and staff, which include:
 - Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.
 - Recommend that participants minimize close contact (e.g., recommending no hand shaking or hugging)
 - Promote messages that discourage people who are sick from attending events. Create refund policies or remote participation capability such as live stream that permit participants the flexibility to stay home when they are sick, need to care for sick household members, or are at high risk for complications from COVID-19.

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Continued ...Scenario I:

- Provide COVID-19 prevention supplies at your events, to the extent supplies are available. Plan to have extra supplies on hand for event staff and participants, including sinks with soap, hand sanitizers, and tissues. Promote proper and frequent hand hygiene.
- Isolate staff or participants in a designated space who become ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the event and provide a clean disposable procedure facemask, to the extent available, to wear for those who become ill. It is not necessary to distribute masks to healthy participants.
- Implement a strategy to prevent the theft of prevention supplies.
- CDPH does not recommend cancellation of community events at this time if no COVID-19 cases exist within the community.

Scenario II: CDPH recommends for mass gatherings and large community events in counties with evidence of community transmission, organizers should follow these steps: • Event organizers should:

- Anticipate that some non-essential events may need to be modified (e.g., conducted as a video webinar), canceled, or postponed.
 - Consider canceling non-essential events primarily for or attended by older adults and people with chronic medical conditions at higher risk for severe illness.
 - Stay informed about the local COVID-19 situation. Get up-to-date information about COVID-19 activity in California on the California Department of Public Health web page.
 - Current evidence indicates that the risk of severe illness increases with age. The median age of reported cases has been 59 years and the median age of critically ill cases has been 66 years.
 - People with underlying medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, chronic lung disease, and immunosuppression, are also likely at higher risk for severe illness.
 - Discuss event details with local health officials and prepare to implement an emergency contingency plan based on their specific guidance.
 - Collaborate and coordinate with event and community partners including the local public health department, hotels where participants are staying, airlines, the event venue, and other partners.
 - Use event messaging and communications to provide COVID-19 updates and to promote everyday preventive health messages to your participants and staff.
 - If a mass gathering or large community event does take place, in addition to basic prevention messages, CDPH recommends that event organizers should:
 - Instruct any participants or event staff to not attend if they have any respiratory symptoms (cough or runny nose) or fever regardless of the presumed cause.
 - Remind participants and staff to not attend if they have traveled within the past 14 days to an area identified by the CDC as having a Level 3 Travel Health Notice due to COVID-19.
 - Recommend that participants and staff at higher risk of severe illness not attend.
 - Ensure that event venues are well ventilated and are adequately equipped with facilities for hand washing and supplies including hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, tissues, and trash baskets.
 - Increase the frequency of cleaning commonly used areas with detergent and water followed by a disinfectant that is EPA-approved for emerging viral pathogens.
- See List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2
- Encourage participants to minimize close contact (e.g., recommend no hand shaking or hugging).
 - Maintain a registration list of participants and staff; this will significantly assist local public health in contact tracing in the event a COVID-19 case should later be identified as having attended the event.
 - Promote messages that discourage people who are sick from attending events. Create refund policies that permit participants the flexibility to stay home when they are sick, need to care for sick household members, or are at high risk for complications from COVID-19.
 - Isolate staff or participants in a designated space who become ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the event and provide a clean disposable procedure facemask to wear for those who may become ill. It is not necessary to distribute masks to healthy participants.
 - Establish procedures to help sick participants or staff leave the event as soon as possible without use of public transportation, shared rides, or taxis.
 - Provide alternative options for attending the event via phone, video, or web applications. Additional Resources.

Vote to Cancel 2020 GEM SHOW

Lynn Becker <beckerbk@sbcglobal.net>

Wed, March 11 at 8:52 PM

Dear Board Members,

- It is with a heavy heart and disappointment that it looks like we will have to cancel our GEM SHOW this year.
 - I need a vote from each of you to move forward. Please let me know ASAP.
 - In addition, we should probably cancel this Sunday's meeting. The majority of our members are in the most susceptible range and we should not risk anyone's health.
- Thank you.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES from MARCH 15th, 2020

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

Board of Directors Meeting

March 15, 2020

- The Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society's Board of Directors has cancelled the regular meeting, due to advisement from the California Department of Public Health's recommendations advising groups not to gather to quell the transmission of Covid-19.
- The next meeting date to be determined based on Public Health recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Brooks, Secretary

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

CGMS: Notice of COVID-19 Closure of Club Events

Lynn Becker <beckerbk@sbcglobal.net>

Fri, Apr 3 at 9:51 AM

Dear Club Members,

- Please Note: There will NOT be a general meeting this month, April, and
 - shops will be closed for the entire month.
 - We will re-access again at the end of April.
- Thank you for your understanding and patience.
We hope that you are all staying healthy and safe!
Take care!

CGMS Special Board Meeting May 31st, 2020 - 10 am

Lynn Becker <beckerbk@sbcglobal.net>

Thu, May 14 at 9:34 AM

Dear Club Members,

- There will be a special board meeting on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 10 am.
- All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- NO POTLUCK!
- Please bring a mask.

Oregon field trip Postponed

From: Robert Young <ryoung1738@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020, 10:52:12 AM PDT

- Field trip June 1-7...Oregon (Prineville area)...looking at today's date (18th) and how unsettled everything still is, it's probably prudent to put this off until the situation settles down a little more.
- That being said I really still want to do this trip, so I will look at some date in the near/distant future and reschedule...
- sorry for this but an ounce of prevention.....
Bob
- Comments/suggestions (530-545-0932) (ryoung1738@aol.com)

CGMS MINUTES OF Board Meeting May 31st, 2020

Correspondence & Updates

Lynn Becker <beckerbk@sbcglobal.net>

Wed, June 3 at 7:59 PM

Dear Club Members,

- Last Sunday, May 31, 2020, we held our first Calaveras Gem and Mineral Club Board Meeting since the Covid-19 quarantine began in March.

This email is to provide information and update our members
to what was decided and our plans to re-open.

- SHOPS will resume starting on Saturday, June 13th.
 - Back to the regular schedule of 10 am to 2 pm.
 - Please NO potlucks at this time!
 - We will be working to arrange the shop so that machines are more spaced out and a method is being put in place to sanitize work stations and the clubhouse after use.
 - Our first GENERAL MEETING is scheduled to be held July 19, 2020.
If virus conditions worsen or reoccur, the meeting will be cancelled.
Sorry, folks. NO POTLUCK FOR THIS MEETING.
 - The next NEWSLETTER will be issued after the July meeting.
Expect the newsletter around August 1st.
 - DO NOT ATTEND ANY EVENT AT THE CLUB IF YOU ARE SICK!! You will be sent home.
 - If you're concerned about your health, please stay home. If you want to, wear a mask.
 - We ask that everyone respect social distancing.
- REMINDER! This Saturday is the Mariposa tailgate. Looks like they're going to have a large turnout; everyone is excited to get out and talk rocks! Hope to see you there!
Thank you for your patience, thoughtfulness and cooperation during this transition.

GENERAL MEETING July 19, 2020 is cancelled.

- Our GENERAL MEETING, scheduled to be held July 19, 2020, has been cancelled due to Covid-19 virus.

CGMS Board Meeting, Scheduled for Sun. Aug. 23, 2020

Lynn Becker <beckerbk@sbcglobal.net>

Wed, Aug 12 at 3:17 PM

Dear Club Members,

- We will have a board meeting on Sunday, August 23rd from 10 am to 11:30. (?)
- All members are welcome to attend.
- There will not be a general meeting.
- Business continues on. Discussions and decisions need to happen.
- Looking forward to seeing those of you who attend.
- We appreciate everyone's input. Thank you.

CGMS Clean Up Day Sat., Sept. 12th, 2020

Fri, Aug 28 at 4:54 PM

Dear Club Members,

- We will be having a clean-up day on Saturday, September 12th. 7 a.m. to ?
- THERE WILL BE NO SHOP ON THIS DAY!

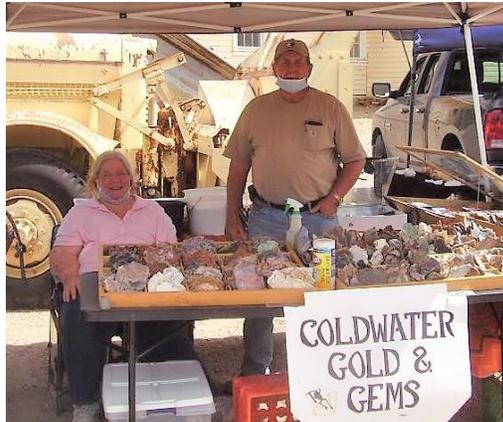
Clean-Up Day Up-Date:

We had a small turn out, but much was accomplished.

Thank you Jim Vicars, Pat Gulyas, Marilyn Bodle, Murray Smith, Vance Johnson, Brad & Lynn Becker. Plus, a special thank you to Debby Brooks for the loan of her tools.

Weather was terrific and we were done by 10:30!

PHOTOS FROM ELY, NEVADA TAIL GATE SALE...JUNE 2020



MINUTES of Board Meeting, Sun. Aug. 23, 2020

**Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Board of Directors Meeting and
Open Meeting to all paid members.**

President Anna Christiansen opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Show Chair/Newsletter Ed: Robin Williams
2-year Director: Amy Sturdivant

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- A survey will be emailed to members to query how comfortable members feel about resuming monthly meetings.
- The shops have been open and running on Saturdays.
- The meetings presumptively will resume September 20, 2020, depending upon results from the survey. Covid-19 precautions will be maintained.

FINANCIAL:

- Karen Crabtree has resigned as treasurer due to an injury. She plans to resume her treasurer duties when she is physically able.
- Lynn Becker offered to serve as interim treasurer until Karen is able to resume treasurer duties. Pat Gulyas made a motion to accept Lynn to serve as interim treasurer, Bob Young seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote.
- Lynn gave an updated financial report. The report is available at the clubhouse.
- Anna presented to the CGMS board, a request from Marion Roberts, that CGMS support (American Lands Access Association) ALAA. An organization dedicated to attempt to preserve public lands. Bob Young made a motion to support ALAA with a \$50.00 donation. Pat Gulyas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

****Members check out the ALAA website, ALAA.com. Interesting information.**

A CLUB CLEAN-UP DAY

is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2020. Start time 7:00 a.m.

There will be no shop that day.

Lynn will send out a reminder email.

A TAILGATE SALE

is scheduled for October 10, 2020.

- The Board discussed how to have fund raising activities during the tailgate, for example, a silent auction.
- The Board discussed other options. Fund Raising suggestions by club members are welcome.

CFMS NEWSLETTER:

- There was a question on how the Federation newsletter gets distributed. The federation newsletter gets distributed to the club President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor.
- A copy is located on the sign-in table for members to review.

SHOP REPORT:

Vance Johnson

- The shop equipment has been relocated to accommodate for social distancing. The hoses need to be replaced on the trim saws and the pulleys need to be replaced on the large saw.
- The genies are to be used for polishing cabs only. No large slabs are to be polished on the genies and no personal production of multiple specimens.

FIELD TRIPS:

Bob Young

- Field Trips have been on Covid-19 hold due to restrictions of social gatherings.
- Bob has places to go; one trip will be to Northern California. Dates, Time and Location will be announced of scheduled field trips.

- Lynn will add a question to the member survey, regarding member interest in field trip participation.

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Continued.....MINUTES of Board Meeting, Sun. Aug. 23, 2020

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Lynn Becker

- Unpaid members as of September will be dropped from the roster. Unpaid members are not eligible for participation in field trips, shops or receiving a monthly newsletter.
- Delinquent members have been called and emailed regarding their unpaid status.

CLASSES:

- A question will be added to the survey email, if there is an interest in having classes on any variety of topics.

Meeting adjourned by
President Anna Christiansen
at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully
Submitted,

Debby Brooks
2020 CGMS Secretary



Sapphire crystal

CGMS Checking In...YOUR RESPONSE REQUESTED!

Fri, Aug 28 at 5:22 PM
Dear Club Members,

- As you know, we have still been having regular shop days on Saturdays.
- We have also had two Board Meetings since May.
- However, we would like to resume operations applying safety guidelines and social distancing.
- We would like your feedback on resuming meetings, classes and field trips.
- We'd like to schedule a general meeting for the third Sunday in September, Sept. 20th.
- NO POTLUCK.
- What do you think? E-mail us and let us know.

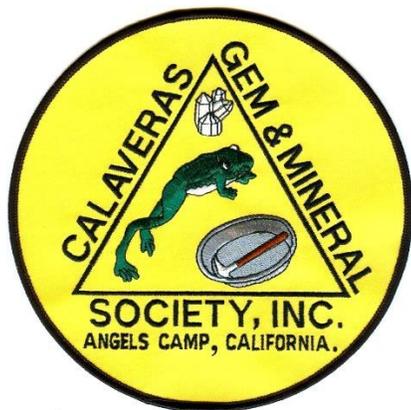
CGMS TAILGATE & FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 10th, 2020

Fri, Aug 28 at 5:09 PM
Hi Folks,

TIRED OF BEING STUCK IN THE HOUSE WITH NOTHING TO DO???

- We're looking at having our FALL TAILGATE SALE a bit earlier this year (rather than Nov.)
 - We'd like to schedule it for the second weekend in **OCTOBER...OCT. 10th.**
 - In an effort to raise some funds lost because we had to cancel our GEM SHOW, due to Covid-19, we are going to charge \$30 per space and,
 - we will offer an extensive club table of items for sale and the club table will also include a
 - MINI SILENT AUCTION that will be called every 15 minutes,
 - and a DONATION JAR.
 - Please let me know if you have any feedback or are willing to volunteer.
 - Volunteers needed for tailgate setup, club table coverage and club stewards and public outreach.
 - If you'd like to sell at our tailgate, let me know that too, and I'll get you on the list.
- Lynn Becker: beckerbk@sbcglobal.net

BUY, SELL AND SWAP: rocks, gems, minerals, rough, fossils, lapidary supplies, beads, jewelry, tools, equipment & more...
 at our **CALAVERAS GEM & MINERAL PARKING LOT**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th

- You MUST **RSVP** to get a space.
- 10x10 Booth Space is \$30, payable the day of the event.
- to reserve a space... contact Lynn Becker: beckerbk@sbcglobal.net
- You must provide your own snacks, tables, shade, chairs, etc.

Bring your stuff to SELL or SWAP... or just come to SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!

Help us as we strive to raise needed operating funds that were lost when we had to cancel our 2020 GEM SHOW last March due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

~ SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS during SALE ~

- An EXTENSIVE CLUB TABLE of FOR-SALE BARGAINS
- A MINI SILENT AUCTION EVERY 15 MINUTES!
- A DONATION JAR to help keep us in business!

Please let me know if you have any feedback or are willing to volunteer. Lynn Becker: beckerbk@sbcglobal.net

And then, just two weeks later...



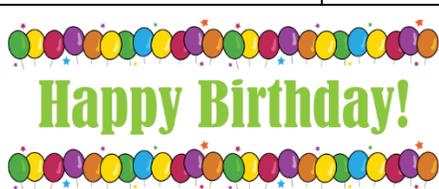
The Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club is hosting their **Rockin' Tailgate Rock Swap** at the Mariposa Fairgrounds Parking Lot on **Saturday, October 17th**
10 am – 5 pm

- You MUST RSVP to get a space.
- Booth space is \$10 per vendor, payable the day of the event.
- to reserve a space...call Nikki West at 209-742-4234

Can't wait to see everyone and talk rocks and minerals!

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Kyle Myrick	2	3	4 Burt Byam	5
6 Phyllis H.	7	8	9	10	11 Andrew B.	12 WORK DAY
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Meeting NO POT LUCK! Samuel T.	21	22 Lorra Burns	23	24	25 Cyndra N.	26
27 Terry P.?	28	29 Terry P.?	30			

SEPT. BIRTHDAYS	COMING EVENTS...																
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