



The Rockette

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OCTOBER MEETING

Date: October 16, 7 pm

We will have a sale of rocks and cabs from the donated collection of Bruce Short.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Date: November 13, 7 pm

** Note that the meeting has been moved up a week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

This will be a special class in lieu of a meeting. Basic Wire wrapping skills will be taught. There will be a nice selection of cabochons to purchase before the class for \$10 or \$15 for some super upgraded cabs. All wire and tools will be provided and you will go home with a beautiful piece to wear right away or to give as a lovely gift. If you have an Optivisor please bring it. Any questions, please contact Catherine Fraser at catherinef@fraseradv.com.

Meeting Location:

Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062

MEMBERSHIP

Dues will not increase for 2018. Dues are:

\$25 for individuals and \$40 for a family.

Please be prepared to pay your dues by December. Thanks.

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Member of:

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
North Bay Field Trip Association

Exchange bulletins are welcome. You are free to reprint if credit or citation is noted.

LAPIDARY NEWS

The shop was closed for a couple of weeks for our quarterly cleanup, where we changed the worn wheels, saw blades and fluids. Thanks to Ben, Marty, Cathy and Catherine for pitching in to do the dirty work. The shop reopened on October 2nd. All are welcome to join a class or to work on your own projects. Please see the website for more information on shop hours. Thanks to Cathy Phalen for continuing to lead the charge in keeping the shop going.



The Peninsula Gem and Geology (PGGS) Show will be held October 28-29 in Los Altos.

Larry Schemel is doing a case for the PGGS show to feature our lapidary classes. Everyone in any of the classes is welcome to lend him a piece to be featured in the case. Put it in a plastic zip lock bag with your name in it and put it in the special box in the cabinet with the lock on it. Larry will be coming to the classes this week to take pictures to go along with your masterpieces. He would like to have everything by Monday, October 23

Lapidarists hard at work.

From Left: Larry Hoffman, Michael Nelson, Steven Acholom, Susan Abellera, Steve Jobe

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

We selected the officers to serve for the balance of 2017 and for calendar year 2018.

President & Web Mistress: Valerie Concello

Vice President, NBFT Director & Rockette Editor: Catherine Fraser

Treasurer: Doug Gottschlich

Secretary: Susan Abellera

Federation Director: Paul Rose

Show Chairs: Bill Spence and Bob Simms

Programs and Classes: Open

Field Trips: Ben Nagler, Doug Gottschlich, Chuck Trantham

Membership, Sunshine, Ways and Means: Cathy Phalen

Lapidary Shop: Cathy Phalen

Library & Historian: Preston Bingham and Cathy Phalen

Thank-you to all 2017 Board Members.

All are welcome to pitch in for a short-term project (such as the party and the show).

We are always looking for people who want to make a presentation to the club.

Camp Paradise was discussed. It is held the two weeks around Labor Day and supported by the CFMS. All members are encouraged to join the fun and learn new hobbies in silversmithing, wire wrapping, stone carving, enamel, metal and polymer clays, dichroic glass, bead making, beading and more. Great instructors and a lovely time to mingle with likeminded folks.

Catherine expanded her narrative on her trip to Oklahoma and brought in a lot of mineral samples to share.

Two rock sales were announced.

Newsletter items are requested to be sent to Catherine on the 1st of every month. Tell us about your trips, specimens or even about you!

Many native American tools were given away during the raffle. Some were well over a thousand years old.

CFMS NEWS

Applications are being accepted to Camp ZZZZX being held March 25-31 2018. Check the CFMSINC.org website for more information.

NBFT REPORT

Ben Tang and Catherine Fraser attended the day-long meeting and report that our club hopes to be more active with this group. There are now 14 clubs involved and we are eligible to attend any field trip they offer.

USGS presentation: Thursday, October 26 @ 7:00 PM Global Trends in Mineral Commodity Supplies.

by Steven M. Fortier, Director of the USGS National Minerals Information Center

The U.S. is increasingly reliant on supply of mineral raw materials from other countries.

Advanced technologies are increasingly making use of nearly the entire periodic table of the elements. Dynamic studies of critical and strategic mineral supply and demand can identify emerging potential supply risks. The USGS - National Minerals Information Center has assumed a leading role in mineral criticality studies.

If you can't make it to our evening lecture, you can join us at noon for the preview at the Rambo Auditorium/Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park

PASSING and MEMORIAL SERVICE

Brooke Thrasher, long time member and a founder of the SGMS passed away September 26.

There is a memorial service on Saturday November 4th, 2:00 pm, Little House, 800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park, CA.

His son reported this to us. "With sad hearts Susan and I report that last night about 10:30pm our father died peacefully in his sleep. Our Dad was a humble man who lived an honorable life. To the end, even when in pain and distressed, he made sure his care givers knew he appreciated them, and he was glad for visitors. He loved his family. Dad was 96. Each of you was important to Dad, Susan, or me in some way. Thank you for the role you played in Dad's life and ours! Blessings! Rick & Susan"

Brooke's wife, Betty, passed away a few years ago.



Rock Sale

Saturday, October 28, 9-noon
2357 Loma Park Ct., San Jose 95124
Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Lots of new stuff! Some of it free!

Club Shows

October 14 - 15: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds 1890
Briggs Street, off SR 273

October 14 - 15: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street

October 21: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way

October 21 - 22: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem
Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive

October 21 - 22: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
The Veterans Memorial
1351 Maple Avenue

October 28 - 29: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society Los
Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio Road Hours:
10 - 5 daily
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384

October 28 - 29: CAMBRIA, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cambria Veterans Hall
1000 Main Street

October 28 - 29: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish
Rite Temple
6151 H Street