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January 23 is our next meeting.

Held at the USGS location, we are having a combined meeting with the PGGs club. Lucky we all are to have Larry Schemel as our speaker! The subject of his presentation will be ""Stone Tools used by ancient peoples in the foothills south of Yosemite". This talk will represent a lifetime of discovery by our family in a very unique and remote area that was well-populated by ancient peoples. He will start the talk with discovery of my first "pet" rock and the primary reason why we have discovered so much that others might miss.

U.S. Geological Survey

345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, California

A map of the campus is here:

<http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/map.html>

Parking is free, and people are welcome to park anywhere. It should be easy with plenty available in the evening.

Leslie Gordon kindly reserved the California Conference room on the second floor of Building 3.

If you need to use the elevator, let us know! Carpooling encouraged. If you need a lift, let me know and I will help to facilitate that. The usual silent auction table for PGGs and the raffle for SGMS will be available. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting!

SGMS Mission Statement

The Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society serves the community by providing education in the Earth Sciences and training in the lapidary arts and, in doing so, promotes ethical behavior, sound resource stewardship, and good fellowship. The Society fulfills its mission through year-round offerings of field trips, lapidary workshops, outreach presentations, public mineral displays, and monthly informational meetings open to the public.

Member of:

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

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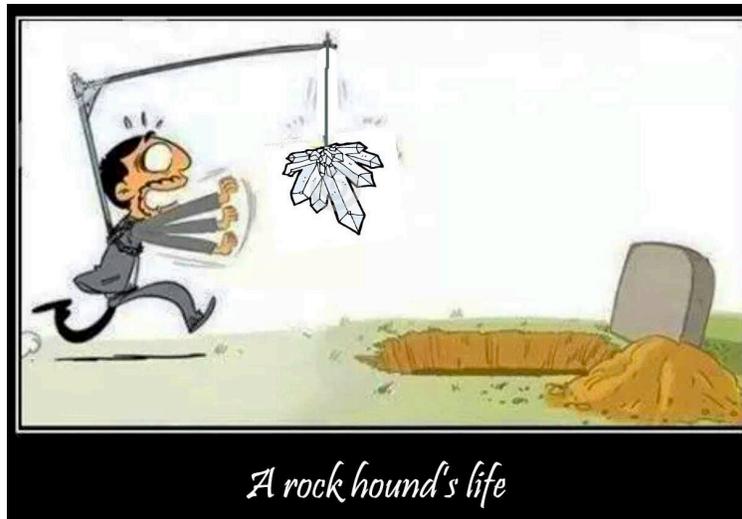
North Bay Field Trip

Association

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

SGMS AND PGGGS Christmas Party- 'Twas the Season!

It was a fun party for all who attended. There were approximately 45 party goers there. Lots of fun and useful..and not so useful..items were won by the Rock Bingo participants. Chef Paul Rose did a great job with the enchiladas, rice and beans (muchas smoochas to him for that!) Everyone who brought something to share—well thank you! I, for one, sure ate my fill. The people in our clubs are truly fun and interesting. A few people sold items they've made such as decorated horseshoes or beautiful jewelry. Slab holders and specimens/slabs were also available. The lapidary shop sold a few things too. We look forward to more social gatherings this year!



WANTED: CLUB OFFICERS for 2017

We still haven't had anybody step up to fill the shoes of the officers for this year. Please offer your assistance!!!

Here is a list of the duties and descriptions of some of the position duties:

President:

Preside over all meetings of group and BoD and has created agendas for them. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating committee. Sends financial report the Parks & Rec. Dept. of the City if applicable.

Responsible for the insurance renewal, attending meetings with City officials, picks up mail or sees that it is picked up before the meetings. Contracts with the City for show dates, meeting dates and anything else needed.

Must appoint the following committee chairs:

Social Events (summer and Christmas)

Audit committee 2x yr.

Budget

Librarian

Show Cases

Sunshine

Historian

Refreshments

Programs

Field Trips

Magazines

Membership

Shop Supervisor

Ways and Means

Bulletin Editor/Publisher

Publicity

Vice Pres:

Fills in due to absence of Pres. & performs those duties if needed

Automatically nominated for Pres.

Is also the Show Chairman to put on the annual gem show.

Arranges programs for general meetings. Sets up the room for meetings. There is also a program committee person to help with this

Secretary (filled!)

Creates and keeps ALL SGMS meeting minutes. Notes all motions word for word, # of guests and members at meetings. Get names of those who one the drawings. Read incoming correspondence and reply when needed. Note absent officers and state who presided at meetings.

Treasurer (currently Val Concello)

Guards the finances, keeps records current with income and expenses, pays all expenses and reports disbursements. Demands properly approved vouchers for disbursements. File the Corporation State tax report annually and on time. This must be signed by 2 of the 5 people who can sign checks. Make sure the new officers have signatures on the bank signing card. It is best if this person is also the treasurer for the show.

Federation Director (filled by Paul Rose)

Keeps open communication with CFMS and/or AFMS. Report at meetings. Deliver to the board/club any information needed. Must attend all meetings, report that to the club, provide CFMS with the names of SGMS officers and vice versa. Complete all forms requested by CFMS. Maintain a file of Federation minutes, operating regulations and bylaws, provide newsletter info. Order pins for officers and chairs by the Annual Christmas party and Installation of Officers. Must ensure that all CFMS bulletins/letters are available for the general meetings. Inform members of CFMS workshops, rock show and scholarship program.

Publicity

Get the word out to public about SGMS meetings and show. In charge of a display case at library.

Membership

Create and ensure sign in sheets for members/guests at each meeting. Then give to President.

Collect dues, follow up and create receipts. Create membership cards.

Order name badges. Make a complete list of members annually. Keep up to date on changes of member information. Provide these changes to Editor and other officers.

Editor (currently Catherine Fraser)

Create a monthly bulletin and send out to members and other people interested in our club. Keep current with members' emails and send out any pertinent info. as needed.

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Advice to live up to:

Listen earnestly to anything your children or grandkids want to tell you, no matter what. If you don't listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won't tell you the big stuff when they are big because to them, all of it has always been big stuff.

Lapidary Shop—Cathy Phalen

Happy new year everyone! the shop is clean and some of our issues are fixed. as soon as a new load of wheels comes in all will be great! We resume classes on monday, the 2nd of January. I know it is a holiday, but larry and jaynie are eager to get back into it! See all of you in the 2017.

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North Bay Field Trips

We are ready to kick off another year of field trips and events. Are you ready? Now is the time to start planning field trips for the coming year to share with the other NBFT Societies.

The Vallejo G&MS is hosting our Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 8 at their Club House and Shop. This is my second time around as the NBFT President. The first time was in 1997 & 1998. A lot has changed over the years. Years past we had 22 societies members in NBFT from Willets to Monterey. Now we have only 14 societies and only 7 or 8 societies are represented at our meetings. Forty to sixty people would attend our meetings; the past few years we are lucky to have 10 to 12 attendees. We used to have 20 to 30 plus shared NBFT field trips each year. Lately only 8 to 10 shared trips.

The purpose of NBFT is to share field trips and rockhounding between our member societies. Each society is encouraged (and expected) to plan and host a field trip or "event" each year. Now is the time to start planning your society's field trip or event so that you will have something to announce at (or before) the Spring meeting. Each member society of NBFT should be sure that their field trip leader or a representative attends our meetings and represent their society.

I have 3 objectives for NBFT this coming year: 1) increase attendance at our Spring and Fall meetings; 2) increase the attendance and participation of all NBFT societies in NBFT; 3) increase the number of NBFT shared field trips. I need your help to achieve these objectives. It starts with you and your society.

I am always interested to hear from you. Please contact me with your questions, thoughts and ideas. Contact me at 925-439-7509 or dickpankey@juno.com

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Membership Dues are Due!

Please bring a check to the next meeting made payable to SGMS or send to our PO box. **They are: \$25 individual, \$40/couple in same household, kids free.** Make checks payable to the Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society. OR Send a check to: Membership, P. O. Box 1245, Redwood City, CA 94064. Please review the membership list to make sure we have your correct information. If you've made a change over the past year, then it might not be in the system. If you have not paid your dues you will not be able to attend any field trips...and there are many in the works!

Dates of SGMS meetings for 2017:

Meeting dates for 2017 are still being firmed up, so stay tuned!

Unless specified, the meetings will be held at the usual place, The Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society holds its General Meetings from 7-9pm on the third Monday of the month (with exceptions for holidays, or during July and December). Each meeting features a presentation, raffle drawings for specimens, a member Show & Tell, and access to the club library. **Guests are welcome to join us!**

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

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If you are interested in providing material for our next newsletter, please contact your editor. If you have anything for sale that would be of interest to our club members, you can post that here too!

Your name can be on the list below!!! Get more involved with your club!!!! We need your input!!!

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Field Trips	Allen Hodges		
Monthly Programs -everyone!!!	Send suggestions to your editor		
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