

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter



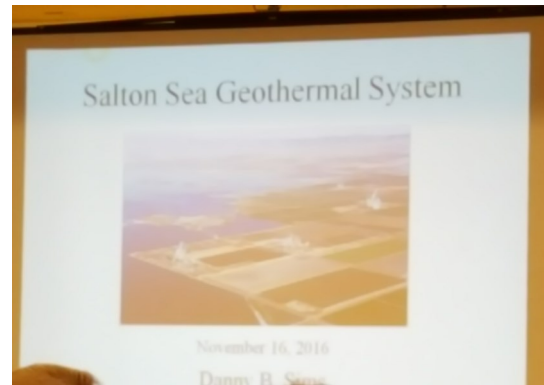
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November Meeting

In November we had Danny Sims come and talk to us about Hydrothermal energy and how mineralogy fits into their work. It was a very interesting discussion and was well attended by many of our members.



Election of Officers

November also was our election of officers. We want to thank all of those that are willing to volunteer their time to make this club a success. The new board of officers is as follows:

PRESIDENT - John Raabe

VICE-PRESIDENT - Christiane Toft

TREASURER - Toni Floyd

SECRETARY - Fred Floyd

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Christiane Toft

BULLETIN EDITOR - Dawn Vickers

PGMC Membership 2017 Drive has Begun!

Beginning November 1, we have begun our new membership year. At each meeting, we will have the new membership applications. Each year we require members to fill out a new membership form and liability form (on the backside of the application). This will allow us to have your most up-to-date information as well as maintain a record of release of liability forms for when our members use the workshop and/or participate in field trips. There is an electronic copy of the membership form on our website and our facebook page if you would like to fill it out and bring it to the next meeting. Please make sure to fill and sign the release of liability form as well and return it with your membership form and dues. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jef Wright at joxer.kot@gmail.com or Dawn Vickers at dawnjvickers@gmail.com with regards to your membership status.

December PROGRAM

Christmas Potluck and White Elephant Exchange!

Come spend a fun and exciting evening with club friends as we slide into the holiday season! And bring your friends and family!

We'll have exciting centerpieces (wonder what Barbara is gonna come up with this year?!?!?) and have a white elephant gift exchange. So bring a wrapped gift with a value between \$10 and \$20. It can be club related or not, serious or not! We'll be swapping and stealing gifts until the last person has their prize!

Bring a dish to share with 6 - 8 people and your own favorite drinks along with your plates, napkins, and tableware.

See you there!!!

DECEMBER 21, 2016

7:00 PM

DITTUS HALL, REDWOOD TERRACE
710 WEST 13TH AVE.,
ESCONDIDO



Gem & Mineral Show 2017

At the last Show Committee meeting we prepared around 200 vendor invitations. We mailed out around 130 invitations to potential vendors, so we have vendor invitations available if you need any. Just let me know.

It is very important that we have a good show next year. The money we make from the show helps pay for the shop rent and operating expenses. The Center for the Arts has been a wonderful place to hold the show. Vendors love it. We love it. We have been very fortunate the last 3 years in that we have received a highly discounted rate for using the Center. However, we have been advised that they are going to have to raise our rate in the future. We're not sure how much. That means we will likely need to raise the amount we charge vendors if we want to continue holding our show there. This is why we need to have a very good show this year. After we fill up the vendor booths the Club needs to bring in people, lots of people. If we fill the Center with buyers our vendors will have a successful show along with us. If our vendors have a great show, they will be more willing to pay a little higher booth fee the next year. So there you have it.

We need every members help in making the 2017 show a record event. We need vendors. We need people to attend. We need volunteers. We need your ideas on how to make the show a success.

Please feel free to share your ideas with me, Dawn, Michelle, Chris, Bob, John or any board member.

We would love to hear from you and would very much appreciate your help.

Archie Keuhn

PGMC 2017 Show Chairman



Our PGMC website is up and running. You can find all of what is happening as well as resources at your fingertips. Check us out at:

www.palomargem.org

Weekly Workshops



THESE WORKSHOPS MEET EVERY WEEK

Cabochon/Lapidary & Open Workshops

Wednesday 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Thursday 2:00-5:00pm

Learn to cut and polish a rock into a beautiful stone suitable for wire wrapping or fabricating in metal. A fantastic assortment of material is available for purchase on site.

The workshop is also open for general use. No prior registration needed.

Metalsmithing Open Workshop

Thursday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

open for METAL SMITHING only, to those students who have had metal smithing instruction or experience and/or have instructor approval. Attendees should be able to work independently as this is not a class. An experienced metalsmith will be available for consultation. **NEW** – Exception for students who have made arrangements with instructor for Beginning Silversmith lessons. See the right for class information and fees.

Cost: A \$7 shop fee will be collected for regular workshop. Club membership required.

**LAPIDARY WORKSHOP IS LOCATED AT
2120 W. MISSION, SUITE 260
ESCONDIDO, CA 92029**

Beginning Silversmithing

This is a twelve hour introductory silversmith class.

The students will learn to develop their designs, use a jeweler's saw to cut out a pattern, solder a bezel to a backing and add a bale, creating a wearable piece of jewelry.

Intermediate students can work on a project of their choosing with instructor approval.

Instructors: Diane Hall & Annie Heffner

Dates & Times: *to be scheduled when enough students for a class*

Cost: \$60 for 12 hours of instruction. (club membership required - \$25 fee for single membership)

Materials additional - please bring a cabochon to set in silver or let us know if you need one.

****Call Diane Hall at (760) 741-0433 (leave message for call back) or email**

dianehall213@gmail.com for more info or to register.**

SPECIALTY CLASSES



Heart Chains

Just in time for the sweethearts on your list for Valentines Day. Come and join us to make heart chain bracelets. We will have a couple of different heart patterns available to be made out of silver.

Instructors: Annie Heffner & Diane Hall

Dates: January 7 & 8, 2017

Time: 10-4

Cost: \$60

Sign-up: Call Diane at 760-741-0433 to register (leave message for call back) or email me at dianehall213@gmail.com (preferred). Class is limited to 6 so sign up early.

Beginning Chasing & Repousse

Skill: None. All levels welcome

Dates: Saturday/Sunday, February, 25 & 26, 2017 and Saturday/Sunday March 4 & 5, 2017 (4 days)

Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with 1 hour for lunch (24 hours total)

Where: Palomar Gem & Mineral Club Workshop, Escondido, Ca.

Fee: \$350.00. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with the balance due at start of the workshop. Palomar Gem & Mineral Club membership IS required for insurance purposes. You can sign up on the first day (additional cost of \$25.00).

Workshop Size: 3 people minimum with a maximum of 6. Class size is small to allow each student more attention.

Description: Using a hammer and special tools, learn how to change a flat piece of copper into a piece of art that has volume and detail. Over the 4 session you will learn the basic techniques of Chasing & Repoussé while creating your first piece along and many demonstrations. In this workshop, everything is supplied, you just have to show up with an inquisitive mind. NOTE: This is not a project class, it is about technique and depending on your work, you may not finish the design in the workshop and that is O.K.

Material List: Notebook, Pen/Pencil (provided by student)

NOTE: The pitch bowl with pitch, tools for the project, hammer, copper, and design for the workshop will be supplied in the workshop. This will allow students to experience the art of Chasing & Repousse without a large commitment to tools in the event you do not want to further your education in this technique. The copper piece with your worked design is yours to take home after the workshop has concluded.

Registration Information:

Send a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit (check or cash) to:

Laurie Kern
24774 Shoshonee Drive
Murrieta, Ca 92562

Deposit must be received by January 28, 2017 to allow for those on the waiting list to be contacted.

Email Laurie Kern: The Adventurous Silversmith at The.Silversmith@TheAdventurousSilversmith.com

Faceting Classes

An informative introduction and hands-on experience in the world of gem cutting. Learn how to create a gem out of a piece of rough, during a weekend class. No machine required. Return students welcome with or without their own machine. Each class can accommodate 3 new students without machines and 3 returning students with their own machines.

Instructor: Bob Johnson **Location:** Club Shop

Dates & times: Sat. Dec 17 and Sun. Dec 18, 2016 – 9am -5pm

Cost: \$80 New. Club membership required. \$70 return

**Contact Bob Johnson for more information or to register -
tel: 760-809-0152 or email Bob at N78532@yahoo.com**



Chasing and Repousse Play Date

Come to the shop to work on your current projects and spend time with your fellow chasers

Date: Sunday March 18, 2017

Time: 10a—5p with an hour lunch break

Cost: \$7 for half day, \$14 for whole day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Faceting—Continuation Class

This is a class for continuing students who have completed the Introductory Class and is held once per month, from 9a to 5p on the Saturday following the general meeting, (which is always on the third Wed.)

Date: *There will be no workshop in December*

Time: 9:00am—5:00 pm

Cost: \$35

Contact Bob Johnson for more information or to register— tel: 760-809-0152 or email Bob at N78532@yahoo.com

**ALL OF THESE CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE
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Calendar of Events

Dec. 12	PGMC Board Meeting 6:30
Dec. 12	Gem Show Committee Mtg 7:30
Dec. 17-18	Beginning Faceting Class
Dec. 21	December Meeting & Christmas Gift Exchange
Jan. 7-8	Heart Chains Class
Jan. 9	PGMC Board Meeting 6:30/Gem Show Committee Mtg. 7:30
Jan. 18	January Meeting
Feb. 13	PGMC Board Meeting 6:30/Gem Show Committee Mtg. 7:30
Feb. 15	February Meeting



WANTED

Have you been in the process of remodeling your bathroom lately or know of someone who has?

We have just had our bathroom redone at the shop and are in need of a vanity. If you know of someone who has a 30" vanity in fairly good condition, please let Alan Mazzola or Toni Floyd know.

We would gladly take it off your hands!

UPCOMING FIELDTRIPS

At this time there aren't any field trips schedule. ***We are in need of a field trip coordinator.*** But in the meantime if you come up with a fieldtrip that you would like to take and want some local rock hounds to accompany you, please feel free to let us know and we will make sure to publicize it right away.

We want to hear from you!

WE HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN PEOPLE USING THE WORKSHOP WHICH IS
FANTASTIC!

WITH SO MANY PEOPLE USING THE SHOP WE ARE WONDERING IF THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE OPEN SHOP TIME. CURRENTLY WE HAVE **WEDNESDAYS 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM TUESDAYS 6:30 – 9:30 PM AND THURSDAYS 2:00-5:00PM.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OPEN SHOP TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW. LET US KNOW WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD DAY AND TIME THAT WOULD WORK FOR YOU! YOU CAN EITHER ALAN MAZZOLA KNOW AT THE CLUB MEETINGS OR THE BOARD MEETINGS OR YOU CAN EMAIL US THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.



PALOMAR GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

The Palomar Gem and Mineral Club, a non-profit corporation open to all adults and young people, was organized to promote the study of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils and related subjects, such purpose to be developed through regular meetings with educational programs, field trips for the collection of geological specimens, and classes for teaching lapidary arts. The Palomar Gem and Mineral Club shares its knowledge of the earth sciences by sponsoring Gem and Mineral shows featuring exhibits, displays and demonstrations. The Club was founded March 20, 1954.

THE PALOMAR GEM AND MINERAL CLUB IS AFFILIATED WITH:



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