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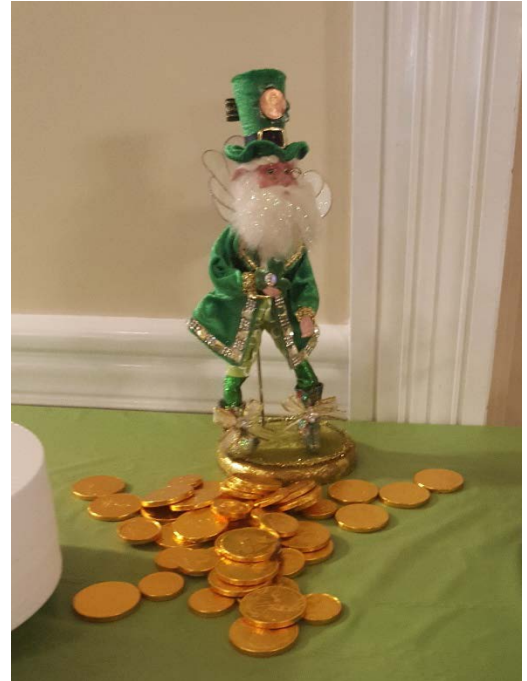
MARCH 2016

Happy Birthday PGMC!

This month's meeting was our Annual Potluck/Birthday Celebration. The Palomar Gem and Mineral Club is 62 years old! We're ready for Social Security! Not really!

Our club may be 62 years old, but our members are growing and continuing to thrive. We had 3 new members join our group on Wednesday and we welcome them! We're excited to see what wonderful things you can bring to our club and what fun project you will learn as well.

Barbara Bury did a wonderful job chronicling and decorating for the event. She never disappoints. Thank you Barbara!



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PGMC POSITIONS

Board Officers

- John Raabe - President
- Chris Toft - Vice President
- Fred Floyd- Secretary
- Toni Floyd - Treasurer
- Michele Shepard - Program Chair
- Dawn Vickers - Bulletin Editor

Chairpersons

- Charles Shupe - California Federation
- Chris Toft – Parliamentarian
- Barbara Bury - Décor Coordinator, Club Historian and Redwood Rep
- Judy Jessup - Hospitality and Good Cheer
- Jef Wright/Dawn Vickers – Membership
- Joseph Vaughn – Field Trip Coordinator
- Dawn Vickers - Promotion, Media and Publicity
- Gayle Hamilton – Show Coordinator
- Blakely Sanford – PGMC Yahoo Group
- Craig Harris - Web Page

Shop Co-coordinators

- Dan McNamara
- Alan Mazolla

Shop Supervisors:

- Alan Mazzola
- Michele Shepard
- Toni Floyd
- Diane Hall
- John Raabe and Bob Johnson – (Back-Up Supervisors)

Silversmithing Classes:

- Diane Hall
- Annie Heffner
- Laurie Jane Kern

Lapidary and Gem Faceting:

- Bob Johnson

APRIL'S MEETING

April Program

April 20, 2016

6:45 pm

Dittus Hall, Redwood Terrace, 710 West 13th Avenue, Escondido

Africa!

Bob Johnson



When was the last time you went to Botswana?

Have you ever even known someone who went to Botswana??? Not too long ago, Bob and Lois went on

a spectacular trip to Africa. Several members have asked me if I could twist Bob’s arm to tell us about his trip. Well, you know how he hates to speak in front of a crowd, but he finally agreed! He’s got photos of rare plants and animals they saw, photos of exotic locations, and I suspect he’s got a few good stories to tell as well. So come join us for a fun and relaxing evening!



MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are currently due.

- \$25 for individual
- \$40 for family



Contact Jef Wright or Dawn Vickers for membership forms

GEM SHOW



Our 60th annual Gem and Mineral Show will be on Saturday April 23 & Sunday, April 24. at the Escondido Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA. This is our primary money maker for the club. The proceeds of this show help to defray the costs and maintain our lapidary workshop. We need lots of volunteers to help! We will need help with security, selling admission tickets, helping out with vendors, and talking to future members of our club. If you can spare some time to help us, please talk to Chris Toft, email: omphalos41@gmail.com who is in charge of volunteers. She can tell you what we need and when we will need you. Signups will also be available at our next meeting! Also, remember to tell all your friends, family and coworkers about our show. Encourage them to come and share in all the fun!

Thank you in advance for your help,

Gayle Hamilton

UPCOMING CLASSES

2120 W. Mission, Suite S., Escondido

CABOCHON/LAPIDARY CLASS & OPEN WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 11:00 am – 2:00 pm & Thursday 2:00-5:00pm
(closed Thursday May 5th)

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.

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

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 must 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 below for class information.

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

Friday 6:00pm – 9pm – Chasing and repousse workshop.

Open to students who have taken beginning chasing and repousse. Must arrange attendance with Laurie Jane Kern via the Facebook group, Palomar Gem and Mineral Club Members page.

Cost: A \$7 shop fee will be collected. Club membership required. Must have pre-approval from Laurie.

Faceting – Continuation Class

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

Instructor: Bob Johnson

Cost: \$35.

NOTE: NO CLASS IN APRIL DUE TO SHOW. *May class will be the 21st.*

Contact Bob Johnson for approval and to reserve a spot - 760-809-0152 or email Bob N78532@yahoo.com.

Introduction to Faceting



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. April 9th and Sun. April 10th, 2016 – 9am -5pm

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

Contact Bob Johnson for more info or to register - 760-809-0152 or email Bob at N78532@yahoo.com

Next class May 14 & 15

Beginning Silversmith Class



Ring by Maria Juliana

This is a four evening basic 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: Thursdays (dates to be arranged with instructor)

Time: 6-9 pm

Cost: \$60 (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.*****

Chasing & Repoussé Tool Making Workshop

Description: Chasing and Repoussé is an ancient technique used to decorate metal with the most lavish and intricate designs. In this 2 day hands on workshop, Laurie and Diane will teach you how to make your own tools which are needed for the C&R process.



The workshop will cover: When to make a tool; What metals can you use to make a tool; When to anneal, shape, harden and temper the tool(s); What tools and equipment to use to shape the tool; how to finish the tool. All students will make at least one tool and will start making the same tool. Then the student can make a second tool of their own choosing - either bring a tool shape idea with you or select a shape from Laurie's vintage set. IF there is time the student might be able to make a third tool.

Instructors: Laurie Kern and Diane Hall

Dates: Saturday July 30, 2016 & Sunday, July 31, 2016

Time: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm (total hours: 15) with 1 hour for lunch each day.

Workshop Size: 3 people minimum - maximum of 8.

Skill: None

Cost: \$100.00 *NOTE: If you are NOT a member of the club you will be required to join (\$25) for insurance purposes. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required to book your place. The balance will be due on the first day.*

Material Kit: ~80.00: (\$10.00 for Tool Steel and \$70.00 for 3 files and handles.) Please indicate what part of the kit you need, the tool steel and/or files.

A material kit is required: Tool steel - TWO of 2 sizes and THREE of another (7 pieces total) and 3 files for shaping. Additional tool stock will also be available for purchase. The student will have to bring the additional materials listed below.

Tool List: (provided by student)

- *Required:*
- *Files: 8" - 10" length, Flat Bastard File, Second Cut File, Smooth Cut File. DO NOT BRING YOUR SILVER FILES NOR NEEDLE FILES.*

- Sand Paper (Wet/Dry)/Sticks : 80, 100/120, 220, 320, 400 and 600 (would be nice but not required). If you have higher you can bring it too.
- Vice Grip Pliers Medium size.
- A small bar of hand soap :travel size is good.
- Filter Mask A MUST FOR THIS WORKSHOP
- Hack Saw or Jewelers Saw with 1, 0 or 0/1 blades
- Small Magnet
- Safety Glasses A MUST FOR THIS WORKSHOP
- Optional
- Notebook, Pen/Pencil, Camera, Apron.
- Ear Protection
- Magnifiers

Registration Information:

Send a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit made out to Laurie Jane Kern. Give checks or cash to Laurie or Diane at the club.

download the application form ahead of time and apply. There are only a limited number of individuals permitted to attend. You can go here to get all the information to apply. <http://maturango.org/petroglyph-tours/>. You can contact Kevin at kvspools@gmail.com and he will help you with all the information you need as far as where to stay and what to bring.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the Wednesday following the General Meeting. Articles should be sent to the editor at dawnjvickers@gmail.com.

I will try and get the newsletter out to our membership by the end of the month.

April 8, 9 & 10: VISTA, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570 Cell (760) 535-5524 raysrocks@cox.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

April 8-10	Vista Tailgate
April 9 & 10	Introduction to Faceting
April 11	Board Meeting
April 16	Field Trip to Petroglyphs
April 20	Monthly Meeting
April 23-24	PGMC Annual Gem Show

UPCOMING FIELDTRIPS

Maturango Museum to Little Petroglyph Canyon

WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2016

WHERE: Maturango Museum

WHAT TO BRING:

Kevin Smith is working on organizing a field trip to Maturango Museum to Little Petroglyph Canyon in the China Lake Naval Weapons Station. I believe he said that he is tentatively looking at Saturday April 16th to go. In order to go on this field trip you will have to

PGMC WEBSITE

The PGMC website is accessible at www.palomargem.org.

Find us on 

at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147708948608821/>

or search for Palomar Gem and Mineral Club

LAND USE INFORMATION

By John Martin

Here are the areas affected under S 2568 as introduced on February 23, 2016 by Senator Feinstein to replace S 414 DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. Collecting of Rocks Minerals and Fossils are allowed; no wheeled travel allowed in the Wilderness. Walking or horseback only

- Avawatz Mountains Wilderness 87,700 Acres
- Golden Valley Wilderness 1,250 Acres
- Great Falls Basin Wilderness 7,870 Acres
- Kingston Range Wilderness 53,320 Acres
- Soda Mountains Wilderness 79,990 Acres

DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE! No removal (collecting) of natural resources (rocks, minerals, fossils) allowed.

- Death Valley National Park Wilderness additions -North Eureka Valley 11,496 Acres
- Death Valley National Park Wilderness additions -Ibex 23,650 Acres
- Death Valley National Park Wilderness additions- Panamint Valley 4,807 Acres
- Death Valley National Park Wilderness additions-warm Springs 10,485 Acres
- Death Valley National Park Wilderness additions - Axe Head 8,638 Acres
- Death Valley National Park Wilderness additions - Bowling Alley 32,520 acres

DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREA TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE FOREST SERVICE

- Sand to Snow National Monument - no removal (collecting) of natural resources (rocks, minerals, fossils) allowed.

Table Mountain Wilderness Study Area becomes part of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park - No collecting of Rocks Minerals and Fossils Potential wilderness - Covered lands Indian Pass Additions 10,860 acres Milpitas Wash Potential Wilderness 17,250 acres Buzzards Peak

Potential Wilderness 11,840 acres Palo Verde Mountains Potential Wilderness 9,350 acres

There could be exceptions to the rules and regulations only if the voice of the Rockhound is made loud enough and strong enough to be heard and understood in Washington DC.

This article is from the April 2016 issue of the CFMS newsletter.

Letter from the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to talk to all of our members. This club provides such wonderful information. Educational meetings, hands-on workshops and a comradery of likeminded individuals who all have a love and appreciation for everything gem and mineral related.

Many of you have and do use the lapidary workshop and all that it has to offer. From making cabochons, to faceting, to silversmithing and chasing and repousse. In order for our workshop to continue and thrive, it costs money. Not only do our dues and workshop fees go into this, but also our annual gem and mineral show, which is the bulk of how we pay for the workshop rent.

I have personally been a part of this club for 4 years and I have seen predominantly the same people volunteering their time and effort to keep this club going, making it a success for over 62 years. Each of these people continue to volunteer year after year because they **care**. With this annual show coming up, there is a need for volunteers, and volunteers for next year. The same individuals work tirelessly year after year to make it a success because they **care**. Perhaps you haven't volunteered but have reaped the rewards of the shop. Perhaps you don't come to meetings, but you use the workshop. Perhaps it's YOUR time to **care**. Perhaps it's YOUR time to volunteer. Give back to the club that gives to you tirelessly year after year. Pay back for the use of the workshop. Come to a meeting, volunteer at the Annual Gem Show. Become involved! Then you can also make this club what you want it to be. Could this be your year to **CARE?**