

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club Newsletter

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Letter from the President

Jef Wright – President 2018

I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. I know even though there wasn't any planned workshops, we were busy at the shop. From weeklong faceting classes to special week long silversmithing classes, we have had a busy month.

We also had a very productive workshop cleaning and I would like to convey our thanks to Alan Mazzola for spearheading the clean up. Without him our lapidary shop would fall into shambles.

On behalf of Alan and the entire PGMC club I would also like to take the time to thank Bob Johnson, Chris Toft, Diane Hall, Michele Shepard, Toni Floyd and Robin Quasebarth. Each one of you did an outstanding job cleaning equipment, work surfaces and floors. They also excelled identifying unneeded junk and getting rid of it. "You were awesome!" Michele made a Banana Coconut Cake with Passion Fruit Icing. I understand it was WONDERFUL!

See everyone at the September Pie Night on 9/19/18!

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September's Program

September 19, 2018 | 7:00 pm

Dittus Hall | Redwood Terrace | 710 West 13th Ave, Escondido

The Gemstones of San Diego County and Pie Nite!

Gene Ciancanelli

In our upcoming Club General Meeting, our own Gene Ciancanelli will tell us all about pegmatite gem deposits in San Diego County! We are a world famous producer of the gemstones tourmaline, morganite, kunzite, aquamarine, topaz, and garnet. Gene's lecture will discuss these gemstones, the local gemstone mining history, and the occurrence of the gemstones.

Gene advises that this is a black tie affair. So wear your black tie and your local gems!

And don't forget to bring your favorite pie to share!





Workshops

The Lapidary and Silversmith Workshops are held weekly. There is a shop fee of \$7 per person to attend these workshops.

Cabochon and Lapidary Class & Open Workshop

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.

Tuesday: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday: 2:00pm – 5:00 pm

Silversmith Workshop

This workshop is open to all students who have had metal smithing instruction or experience and/or have instructor approval. If you have attended an introductory class, you can continue to improve your skills at this weekly workshop.

Thursday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

You must be a member of the PGMC in order to partake in any of the workshops or classes provided by Palomar Gem and Mineral Club.

Lapidary Workshop
2120 W. Mission
Suite S
Escondido, CA

Faceting Workshops

Contact Bob Johnson for registration
 email: Facetguru@palomargem.org
 phone: 760-809-0152

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.

Sat., Sept 15 & Sun., Sept 16– 9:00am – 5:00pm

\$80 for new students \$70 for returning students

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.

January Workshop: Sat., Sept 21 9:00am – 5:00pm

\$35 for all students



Special Classes

Introduction to Silversmithing Class

This is a 10-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 or a ring shank, creating a wearable piece of jewelry. Intermediate students can work on a project of their choosing with instructor approval. At the completion of this introduction the student can continue learning in the Thursday night workshop.

September 29 & 30

10:00 am – 4:00 pm (1 hour lunch break)

Cost is \$60 plus materials.

Register by contacting Diane Hall

phone: 760-741-0433 and leave a message

email: silversmithing@palomargem.org (preferred method)

Simple Textured Wrap Ring

In this class, we will make a simple wide band ring. You will learn how to create texture, use jewelers saw, make embellishments, and solder. There will be an additional ring project if time allows.

Saturday October 27 & Sunday October 28, 2018

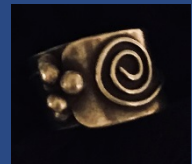
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost is \$60 plus materials (material cost approximately \$30 for silver)

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Textured Metal Class

Come and join in the fun, exploring how to texture metal and make one-of-kind earrings (3 to 4 pairs) or a bracelet). They are great gifts. You may also learn how to make your own ear wires.

Saturday November 10, 2018

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost is \$35 plus materials (material cost approximately \$30 for silver) You will need about 1 ounce of silver or copper sheet, which we will purchase for everyone who is signed up by November 1st. Sign ups after that will need to provide their own material.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Sept. 10	PGMC Board Meeting
Sept 15 – 16	Intro to Faceting Class
Sept. 19	PGMC September Meeting – Pie Night
Sept 21	Faceting Continuation Class
Sept. 29-30	Intro to Silversmithing Class
Oct. 8	PGMC Board Meeting
Oct. 17	PGMC October Meeting and Auction
Oct. 27 & 28	Simple Textured Wrap Ring Class

October Auction Night!

October 17th will be our Auction night at our meeting. The last auction which was a paddle auction was such a great hit and everyone seemed to enjoy it, that this year instead of a silent auction, we will do a paddle auction. Details will be forthcoming in a separate email to let you know all the particulars. STAY TUNED!!!

Board of Directors - 2018

Ever had an idea for the club and wanted to get it to the right people? Here is your opportunity. Here is our Board of Directors. We have given each of them their own palomargem.org email. Feel free to use it and send them your ideas!

PRESIDENT – Jef Wright – president@palomargem.org

VICE-PRESIDENT – Chris Toft – vp@palomargem.org

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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.

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