

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter



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PGMC Annual Picnic

We had our annual summer picnic last month at Jesmond Dene Park.

As always Moni did a fine job of coordinating the event which included great food brought by everyone as well as a good time of comparing the fine rocks and gems we have found.

We had a great slab swap between our members and everyone seemed to have a good time.

As summer ends and we get ready to ramp up again, we hope everyone had a safe and productive summer.

August is usually a down month for PGMC so that any specialty classes can take place at the shop and folks can go on vacation.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. Check out the rest of the newsletter for more information about September's meeting as well as upcoming class schedules. We begin classes this week!



Textured Metal Class

Come and join in the fun, learning 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.

Instructors: Diane Hall & Annie Heffner **Location:** Club Shop

Dates: November 20, 2016 **Time:** 10am-4pm

Fee: \$35 plus supply cost (club membership required - \$25 fee for single membership). You will need about 1 ounce of silver or copper sheet, which we will purchase for every one who is signed up by November 11th. Sign ups after that will need to provide their own material.

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



The September meeting is our annual Pie Night!! So bring your favorite pie to share! Yum yum!!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Mojave Trails National Monument

Lisbet Thoresen

Over the past few months we've been hearing a lot about how one of our favorite pastimes, rock hounding, is going to be severely curtailed when many of our favorite spots become incorporated in federal lands. There has been and continues to be considerable discussion on this topic and Lisbet, as a member of the San Diego Mineral and Gem Club, has been involved in much of this.

Lisbet worked for 17 years in Antiquities Conservation at the J Paul Getty Museum. More recently, she has focused on ancient gemstone treatments and analytical studies to determine the origin of peridot, garnets, and chromian chalcedony So grab your friends and neighbors and join us for an exciting evening!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

7:00 PM

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



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 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.

Chasing and Repousse Workshop

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 prior approval from Laurie Kern.

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP IS LOCATED AT

2120 W. MISSION, SUITE 260

ESCONDIDO, CA 92029

Special Chasing & Repousse Workshop



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. Sept 17th and Sun. Sept 18th, 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

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: Currently scheduling class on Thurs evenings with instructor approval.

Time: 6-9

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.****

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: September 24, 2016

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
LAPIDARY WORKSHOP LOCATED AT
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Carved Bangles

You will be learning how to carve Sterling Silver and create some tile format on a bracelet bangle. We will be practicing on Copper.



You will learn to create interesting patterns across the bracelet and also learn how to do matting/texturing to make interesting surface contrast. You will learn to prep and polish during the various make steps and you will learn to assemble your bangle.

I will share some techniques by description and show samples of what interesting items can be used. If you don't have a hall mark stamp, let me know and I can provide letter stamps to use in place of the hall mark stamp. I have a sterling stamp I will bring to share.

Also, I will have 6 sets of the unique matting tools available if anyone is interested in purchase during or after class. We will use these in class

Instructor: Laurie Union

Dates: October 23, 2016

Time: 10am-5 pm

Cost: \$100 (club membership required - \$25 fee for single membership)

Materials additional - **Call Laurie Union at (858) 774-6303 or email laurieu52@ymail.com for more info or to register.** Registration deadline October 1. Laurie will provide you a list of tools and materials needed.

Calendar of Events

Sept 12	PGMC Board Meeting 6:30
Sept 17&18	Faceting Class (Intro)
Sept 21	September Meeting 7pm
Sept 24	Faceting Class (continuation)
Sept 25	Deadline for Newsletter
Oct. 10	PGMC Board Meeting 6:30
Oct 19	October Meeting
Oct 23	Carved Bangle Class
Nov 14	PGMC Board Meeting 6:30
Nov 16	November Meeting
Nov 20	Textured Metal Class

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 rockhounds to accompany you, please feel free to let us know and we will make sure to publicize it right away.

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

We want to hear from you!

THE PGMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET EVERY MONTH ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30PM AT THE LAPIDARY WORKSHOP ON MISSION. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE WITH THOUGHTS OR IDEAS, TO PLEASE COME TO THIS MEETING AND LET YOUR VOICES 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.

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