From the President’s Pen

The finest Show in Northern CA is just about upon us! The 52nd Roseville Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show provides so many venues for all ages. Learning about rocks and meteorites; touching a dinosaur bone; gold panning; or seeing a rock glow in the dark! These are the kind of events that parents and grandparents bring the family to see, and which become traditions.

Friends tell friends and we all come together to marvel, learn, and have a rocking good time. Behind the scenes, it reminds me of an old barn raising. We come together, each helping where we can, using our talents to help pull it all together. The people behind this event truly amaze me, and when we wonder why we do it, it’s because we can. We can be a part of something bigger than ourselves. We can do something more.

Lend a hand, bring a box of cookies, teach a child to make a necklace — there’s something to be done and fun to be had in doing it!

-- Teresa Johnson

Vice President’s Viewpoint

If you have ever been rockhounding around old mines you’ll often see old pieces of mining equipment and never give it a second thought. I found it quite interesting to see some of this equipment identified as to its use and why it was there. I am finding the State park system to have a great many programs that overlap with the various interests of our rockhounding activities and will be actively seeking them out. In fact we will see them again in April.

If you have something you want to see presented or have a presentation you would like to give, please get together with me at the educational meeting and we will talk about it.

— Gordon Standlee

Educational Program for March 11, 2014

Presentations by the Rookie Rock Rollers!

Amazing, original slide shows on gems & minerals

In order to accommodate the needs of the younger members, there will be a slight change to the normal meeting schedule. After the meeting is opened we will move immediately to the juniors’ presentations. We will then move back to our business meeting. Please come out and support the juniors for their efforts.

Show: March 22 & 23, 2014

Things to Do at the March Meeting!

- Sign up to work at the show!
- Buy Raffle Tickets
- Bring your donations for the Raffle & Auction

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MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Call to Order by President Teresa Johnson at 7:02 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Introductions by guests.

Sunshine – Florence Brady reported Cyndy Burchard sent a get well card to Debbie Bartels.

Juniors – Carole Kowalik reported 14 Juniors attended the Rookies’ meeting. Justin Morse gave a presentation on magnesite. She presented several Future Rockhounds of America (AFMS) badges to Lauren Loe.

Treasurer – Terry Yoschak had nothing new to report.

Secretary – Florence reported she is receiving membership renewals and new membership applications.

CFMS Director – Jon North explained the 2 types of exhibit cases (competitive and non-competitive) which will be on display at the annual CFMS show in Pomona, CA. AFMS will be holding their annual show in conjunction with the Rocky Mt. Federation in Tulsa, OK.

Field Trips – Glenn Fiala reported 6 members attended the trip to the Mackay School of Mines Museum on the U of NV Reno campus. He asked how many members would be interested in day trips out of CA and many raised their hands.

Vests, tee shirts, patches – Colleen Ballard was selling these society items.

Librarian – Karla Shannon reported she brought books to the meeting for check out.

Refreshments – Karla stated she needed more signups for the March Ed. Mtg.

Show – Florence gave a summary of our annual show and the activities involved with it. Jon North said he still needs exhibitors to do an exhibit case and for members to submit an item for placement in the “Members’ Exhibit Case”. Members are needed to give Jim Hutchings a break, at the “Mineral ID” table. Interactive, educational experiments are needed for display in the Education Station area.

Lapidary Shop – Teresa said the shop is open on Mon. and Wed. nights for orientation instruction. She encouraged members to watch the DVD on cab making which is in the Library. A repair crew is needed to work on the windows which allowed water to come inside the shop.

Lapidary Classes – the upcoming turquoise class is full. We need an instructor for opal. Feb. 23rd will be a class on wire wrapping. When there are enough members interested, Richard Kowaleski will give a class on stereo microscopes.

Old Business – Jim Barton thanked the volunteers who worked at the RRR table at the Gem Faire.

New Business

Tailgater – Teresa asked members if they would be interested in holding a tailgater event – interest was shown.

Scholarship – Teresa explained that we presently offer a scholarship to a suitable candidate who is majoring in Earth Science at Sierra College. As our members live in many different areas, she asked if we should extend the scholarship offering to a student at ARC. Most members were in favor of doing this. Someone will have to coordinate this, if it is decided to proceed.

Drawings – winners were: Member, Michelle Grant; Junior, Quentin Stanley and Guest William Morse.

Vice President – Programs – Gordon Standlee said the program for the March Ed. Mtg. will be presentations by the Juniors.

Program – Gordon introduced the speaker, Randy Bolt, from the CA State Mining and Mineral Museum, who gave a presentation on hard rock (gold) mining in CA.

Recess for Refreshments

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Call to Order by President Teresa Johnson at 7:04 p.m.

Present – 8 officers, there was a quorum.

Membership Applications – a motion was MSA to accept the membership applications from Sharon Jacobson, Jeanette Louis, Matthew Stanley, Quentin Stanley, Jr. and Bev Summers.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Call to Order by President Teresa Johnson at 8:51 p.m.

Present – 8 officers, there was a quorum.

Membership Applications – a motion was MSA to accept the membership applications from Sharon Jacobson, Jeanette Louis, Matthew Stanley, Quentin Stanley, Jr. and Bev Summers.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady, RRR Secretary
units. Teresa reported on her discussions with McDaniel Insurance regarding any RRR member acting as a volunteer (leading a field trip) for our Society. We need to make all field trips “official” by documenting in the bulletin, in the Board minutes or publishing on our website.

**Federation Director** – Jon North reported nothing new.

**Lapidary Classes** – Teresa mentioned the need for a “Lapidary Shop Committee” meeting. We have published policies in place for the orientation classes. For the orientation classes, the student is to initial the stated completed procedure. Discussed whether or not payment of $20/mo. shop usage fee for lapidary, would cover the $5 payment to use the shop when a person is taking another type of class. Answer, “No”. Student must also pay the $5 daily fee for “using the shop” while taking a class.

**Show** – Jim Hutchings has received the contract from the Fairgrounds. He will be checking with the Fairgrounds concerning the walk-in refrigerator fee, parking fees which should be waived, rooms which might be available for our use. Show flyers are available and signs for placement on vehicles will be distributed. Eco Safari will come in place of the former Star Eco. Sunday, Dan Tackett and his daughter, Angela, will display various fossil specimens. We could use a RRR member to demonstrate cabbing on Saturday, a machine can be provided. Donations for Grand Prizes (Raffle) and Hourly Drawing prizes still needed.

**Directors** – Richard Kowaleski reported he researched information on 501(c)4 and 501(c)3 in relationship to tax deductible donations and setting up a foundation. We are a 501(c)3 and have received exemption for soliciting 10 donations per calendar year. It was decided to look into setting up a foundation to solicit tax deductible donations, establishing a corpus and giving a scholarship(s) when the necessary funds are collected. It was suggested that someone with an accounting background help with this project. It was suggested that we take a look at what the SMS and EDCM&G societies have established. We should solicit an accountant to determine the process for establishing a 501(c)3 for a foundation. Are there volunteers to serve on the committee to look into this further?

**Juniors** – Carole Kowalik discussed how the Juniors’ presentations would be handled. They will produce the program. Carole was complimented on her work with the Juniors.

**Old Business** –

College Scholarships – Teresa presented information which could be used if it were decided to offer a college scholarship, to an American River College student. After discussion on procedure, help that is needed, budget constraints and membership interest, no motion was made.

Tailgater – Teresa reported on her visit to the Calaveras Society’s tailgater. She has spoken to the Fairgrounds and there would be no charge for us to use the property around the Lapidary Shop. A motion was MSA to hold the tailgater on June 7, 2014. The need for renting a port-a-potty will be discussed later, along with other details.

New Business – none

**Next Board Meeting** – March 25, 2014 will be a post-show meeting starting at 6:30 followed by a Board Meeting.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

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**Welcome New Members**

Sharon Jacobson
John Ito
Jeanette Louis
Matthew Stanley
Connie Strand
Bev Summers

**Welcome New Junior Member**

Quentin Stanley

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**Rookie Rock Roller News**

The Rookies will meet in the lapidary shop at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. At our last meeting, Justin Morse gave an interesting presentation on magnesite. All Rookies were given a sample of magnesite for their collections.

At the March meeting, the juniors gather to plan their presentation for the adult education meeting. Please bring your power point flash drives and/or posters of the presentations you worked on during the year from April 2013 through February 2014. Bring it even if you don’t want to present it.

See you all at the meeting.

Carole Kowalik, Junior Advisor
916-705-2124 home3004@gmail.com

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**March Show Meeting**

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Roseville Fairgrounds. All club members are invited.

**March Post-Show & Board Meeting**

The post-show meeting will be held Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Roseville Fairgrounds. A Board meeting will follow at approximately 7:00 PM. Both Board and Show Committee members should attend.
Volunteers at the Gem Faire, February 7, 8 & 9:

At the Kids’ Junction February 22nd work party:
Karla Shannon, Carole Kowalik, Cathy Hutchings, Florence Brady, Susan Balog, Judy Osmundson, Terry Yoschak, Teresa Johnson, Kim Loe, Lauren Loe and Janet Longueira.

At the Silent Auction February 22nd work party:

Many thanks to all of these dedicated volunteers!!!

Donations and Thank You’s

Shop Help & Repair —
Bob Willis for repairing & replacing our trim saws
Gene Engelbrite for filling in for Jim’s Tuscon adventure
Steve Clark for filling in for a Shop Steward
Lynn Downing for cleaning the Shop towels

Donations
David Haggerty, Raffle items, auction items, door prizes
Terry Yoschak, Chris Rhodes, Janet Longueira, Gordon Standlee, Kymberly Andrews, and Don Tadlock—all donated Raffle items
Lillian Kirtley - assorted cabs for the show
Steve and Kim Loe, Auction items
Pearson’s Lapidary, an 800-grit belt for the Shop

Recent Cabochon Class Graduates
Hannah Beck
David Mildrum
Rick DiPietro

(No, our graduates did not make these particular cabs — but you can see the beautiful cabs made by all our graduates on display in the Members’ Exhibit Case at the Show!

Get well cards were sent to Debbie Bartels, who had knee surgery, and to Jim Hutchings, who had eye surgery.

When you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Cyndy Burchard, at 530-346-9481, or cynd0523@yahoo.com.

Save the Date!
Rock Hound Tailgater & BBQ
Saturday, June 7th 2014
Location: Our Lapidary Shop

Plan on joining us for a real old fashioned tailgater & BBQ.
Come to buy, trade, swap, & show
Used equipment, rocks & rock related items

Go Green, Really Green
Get Your RRR T-shirt or Vest to Wear
During our March Show
For sale at the March meeting.
T-shirts $10, Vests $20,
Patches various prices

The club’s Facebook page is at

Our group site is at
www.facebook.com/groups/359563453490/. If you join the group, you can post comments or photos to the site.
Workers’ Raffle

First Prize: Amethyst Tower
Second, Third and Fourth Prizes: Your choice of an RRR vest with patch, OR a family membership to RRR for one year.

You earn a ticket for each 4-hour shift you work at the show! It’s that simple. You earn two tickets for working during the Set-up or Takedown shifts.

And when those raffle tickets are pulled (at the April 8th meeting, need not be present to win), you are mostly competing with other show workers. Show chairpersons receive only one ticket for the whole show!

Food Donations

Donations of STORE BOUGHT cookies, cakes, pies, and other desserts are needed for the show. Bring them directly to the kitchen in Johnson Hall on show set-up day, Friday, March 21, or on Saturday or Sunday of the show, March 22 & 23.

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKETS

The Grand Prize Tickets will be available for pickup at the meetings on March 11.

You can get tickets for yourself and to sell to friends, relatives, neighbors, etc. Payment is due when the ticket stubs are returned. All checks should be made payable to Roseville Rock Rollers Show.

Cost: 6 tickets for $5.00 or singles for $1.00 each. Return address labels may be placed on ticket stubs. For a RRR member, please write RRR after your name

Prize Donations Are Needed

We really need donations for the Grand Prizes and for the Hourly Drawings. Please bring your donation (labeled with your name), to the educational meeting and give to Richard Johnson. Jewelry, mineral specimens, a gift certificate for your favorite place, dinner for two, tools for rock hounds; subscription to a rock magazine, etc. ---

Things you would like to WIN! If you have questions, please call 916-929-0701.

Volunteering at Our Show

March 21, 22, 23

We would like to thank all the RRR members who have already committed to help during the 3 days. We will need to have about 130 volunteers working during the 3 days of the show, and we don’t have quite that many yet!

We still need more volunteers, yourself, a relative, a friend or a student who needs to earn community service hours.

Details for times and locations can be found in the February RRR bulletin on page 5.

Basically we need help with setup, which starts on Friday, March 21 at 9 a.m. and during the days of the Show, Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. Takedown also needs helpers, and it starts at the close of the show, 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Please contact me for more information or to sign up to volunteer. Remember, you earn tickets for the Workers’ Raffle and get free admission to the show for both days — all for volunteering just 4 hours!

Florence Brady,
Coordinator of Volunteers for 2014 Show
(916) 961-6868  fhbrady@jps.net

Petrified Wood Needed for Display

Large pieces of petrified wood are needed for display outside the Garden Room, along the sidewalk in the grass. This display is outside the side door to the Garden Room, across from the gold panning area. The display consists of large pieces of a Roseville petrified wood log plus other types of petrified wood.

If you have a large piece you can bring, please let Florence know. We need to know the type of wood and location where it was found, if possible. The wood needs to be brought to the Garden Room Friday or early Saturday morning. We will provide the display labels.

-- Florence Brady, (916) 961-6868 fhbrady@jps.net
**Lapidary Classes**

**Family Day** - Our Roseville Rock Rollers Lapidary Shop can be open for Family Day! Sign up ahead of time is necessary for an instructor to be there.

**Lapidary Classes** - Introduction to Shop Use & Cabochon making is now $10 per class for 5 classes or $45 paid in full. Our Rock Hound Oasis is staffed Monday 5 pm to 9 pm & Wed nights 4 pm - 8:30! Regular $5 per day or monthly rates still apply for lapidary shop use after orientation classes.

**Monday & Wednesday nights** - 5 pm to 9 pm!
Come on down to our Lapidary Shop & learn more about the Lapidary Arts & Cabochon making.
Shop fee: Daily: $5 or Monthly: $20.
Large & Extra Large Saw: $1 per slab. 18 inch saw & 24 inch saw ($2 per slab) are available for large & extra large rocks.

**Wire Wrapping Class with Judy Osmundson**
Bracelet class. These beginning classes are hands-on instruction.
**Friday, March 7**, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  Fee: $25
Copper wire will be provided and a limited assortment of beads provided. Feel free to bring any beads you wish and we will try to work them in.

**Shop Work Day**
**Saturday, March 15**
10 am - ? FREE
How to clean a Lapidary Shop! This annual tradition puts our Rock Hound Oasis in order for our Show visitors!

**Wire Wrapping Class with Judy Osmundson**
Work with a wire guru at your side.
Wrapping a Cabochon - Beginning Class required
**Sunday, March 30**, 9 am - 12:30  Fee: $25
Other days/evenings are available!

**They are Back! Petrified Wood Identification with Keith Lindholm and Carole Lockhart**
**Saturday, April 12**, 9 am to 4 pm Fee: $25
This is wonderful class - it will fill up fast! - Send in payment now.

**Lapidary Shop Maintenance Class** FREE
Learn how to maintain or put together lapidary equipment for your home. Sign-up for our next offering.

**Stereo-Microscope Class**
Two-hour, in-depth, hands-on workshop on identifying gems and minerals, detecting flaws in lapidary material, and enjoying the beauty of smaller specimens. Scopes provided or bring your own. Limit ten students. TBA
Register by phoning Richard Kowaleski, 916-722-1382.

**Chain Maille with our Chain Meister! Glenn Fiala**
Jump rings are very important jewelry components. Learn how to make them yourself, and how to make jewelry by connecting metal rings to one another. Please indicate what weave you are interested in.
Sign Up for the next class offering. Fee: $25.

**Turquoise Workshop**
The last class was a great success! Sign up for the next offering in May.

**Beading Cabochons**
Learn to make a seed beaded bezel for your cabochons to hold them securely in place. This is available during daylight hours. Please indicate what day(s) & times you have available.

**Tumble On! Rock Tumbling with Teresa Johnson**
TBA. Fee: $10

**Soldering Boot Camp**
with Marilyn Koch  Fee: $25
Introduction to a table top set-up for creating artisan metal pieces at home!

**Jeweler’s Saw Intro to Advanced Pierce Work**
with Marilyn Koch  Fee: $25
Learning how to use the saw to make curves, sharp edges, & bevels. Different sizes & their uses.

**Lost Wax Cast Class!**
with Marilyn Koch  Fee: $25 + materials
Local instructor will be teaching us. Now taking sign-ups! TBA Min 3 - Max 6.

Soldering Boot Camp, Jeweler’s Saw Intro & Lost Wax Cast Class are taught with Marilyn Koch, a teachers assistant at Sac State University.

**Opal Workshop**
Coming! Sign up now!

**Remember - We ask that you sign up ahead of time for classes.** For our classes listed as by appointment or TBA, we build the class based on sign-ups & instructors schedules. In other words, we make the date when we have sign-ups. Our Wire Wrap classes can be set up for a minimum of 3 people.

Please be sure to follow shop safety rules. Use the full surface of the belts - premature wearing is occurring. A DVD is available for viewing at the Shop for Cabochon Making. Clean-up is something everyone does!

Advance sign-up is required so that instructors can have enough supplies on hand! We have a policy of prepayment - $20 deposit holds your space! Checks are payable to the instructor.

**Attn: Classes / Roseville Rock Rollers, PO Box 212, Roseville, CA 95678**
**Contact: Teresa Johnson, 916-929-0701.**
**Email: classesforrockrollers@gmail.com**
The Wearin’ of the Green

No, we’re not talking about St. Patrick’s Day! We’re talking about wearing your GREEN Rock Rollers club vest, or cap, or T-shirt. Wear them to our show. Wear them to other shows you attend. And wear your name badges, too!

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For more class information, contact Class Coordinator:
Teresa Johnson 916-929-0701 or email: classesforrockrollers@gmail.com

March Calendar Birthstone: Aquamarine

SHOW 10-5
How to Select that Cab from that Slab
by Alene Innes

We now have several members that have learned how to cut that cab, and now want to know how to select it. I use a template. A template is made of plastic or metal with squares, rounds, ovals, or other shapes cut out, leaving the center of the hole open so that you can see through it. I find that by using a template as a frame and moving it all over the slab, slowly, I can usually find one picture that appeals to me more so than some other selections.

Sometimes the cut I have selected ruins another good picture, so then it becomes choosing one of the two, whichever one appeals to me more than the other. And, at times, I can find only one picture in a whole slab that I think is worth going after. At these times, I will waste the whole slab for just one outstanding picture.

I use metal templates because they do not wear or warp as the plastic ones do. I use a brass or aluminum marking pencil to outline the “frame” I want to cab. These “pencils” can be made from heavy aluminum or brass wire, or purchased. With expertise, perhaps I wouldn’t place so much pressure on the plastic templates while outlining the desired picture, but eventually the plastic will wear. I use all the shapes, squares, rounds, ovals, and marquise shapes to search for the scene in the slab. This takes some time, but to get the best, you have to search for it. Normally there are several good selections in one single slab and it becomes a matter of taste in selecting the “best” one. Mark it with a #1, and the other scenes in order of preference.

The second thing to remember in choosing your slab is to wet it and watch how it dries. If it dries in “spotty spots”, one spot drying faster than another or other spots, remember that these “spots” are too porous to take a polish. The “spotty” spot will either have minute holes or is soft and will continue to undercut and will never take a polish. Undercutting means that it will continue to look dull as you continue to grind it and will never take an even smooth surface.

The last thing to remember is to take it easy in the grinding stage. Experience will show you how light a touch it takes to grind the stone, whether it is grit or diamond, to remove the unwanted material to get a uniform surface on your cab before continuing on to the next step. This will prolong the life of your grinding stones.

Hope this helps, and happy cab hunting.

via Rock Chip Reporter 11/04, Breccia 11/08

Upcoming Northern California Shows

March 8 - 9: SPRECKELS, CA
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckel's Veterans Hall, 5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233
Email: k1.salomon72@yahoo.com
Website: www.salinasrockandgem.com

March 8 - 9: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494
Email: terry_mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 15-16: VALLEJO, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Dr.
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 745-1816
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 22 - 23: ANGELS CAMP, CA
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277
Email: amy95247@yahoo.com
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 22 - 23: ROSEVILLE, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114
Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 12 - 13: PARADISE, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge, 6309 Clark Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324
Email: paradisegemmineralclub@yahoo.com
Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 12 - 13: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 266-1791 ; (408) 691-2656 (cell)
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org
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EDUCATIONAL MEETING  2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM

EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION: ROSEVILLE FAIRGROUNDS,
LAUPPE HALL, 800 ALL AMERICA CITY BLVD., ROSEVILLE, CA
BOARD MEETING LOCATION: ROSEVILLE FAIRGROUNDS,
LAPIDARY SHOP TRAILER BEYOND GATE “C” PARKING LOT

Changes and exceptions will be published in the bulletin.
GUESTS AND VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME