



# The Rollin' Rock

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## From the President's Pen

Rockhounding grows on you, just ask anyone how big their pile is. It's fun! It involves the outdoors, fresh air, and we occasionally bring some of those rocks back with us. Then we decide what to do with what we've collected. If you have an extra good rock or two that are taking up space, we could use a donation for our Silent Auction at the Show. And/or we have the annual Oral Auction (in May) too. The Juniors will be looking for tumbled stone donations for the grab bags (work party is Feb 28th). Extra trinkets lying around? Hourly & grand raffle prizes can be donated at the next meeting or contact us to pick them up. Yes, it is time to gear up for our Annual Show!

Our new field trip director, Gene Engelbrite (gengelbrite@gmail.com) could use some ideas and people to plan for outings. Gene is also available while covering for Jim Hutchings at the lapidary shop (Monday nights 5 pm-8:30 pm) while Jim's away at Tucson. We have a new director of vestments (that would be vests, t-shirts, patches and RRR bling pins). Lynn Dowing has taken over this position from our long-appreciated volunteer Rolf Zschoernig.

Being under-the-weather myself, at the start of the year, I was glad to have received a call from a rockhound in another Club who was going to Quartzsite, AZ for the first time & wanted a travel partner. The trip was a first time for me too! Along the way, a sign about a Borax Visitor Center (Hwy 58) was enough to start us exploring. It was well worth the time to learn about the history (20 mule team), movies, minerals of the area & modern day mining. The area around Quartzsite is a popular RV camping area (BLM land) for snowbirds. We met up with the Ye Old Timers from our area clubs, who quickly made us feel at home & let us in on the good locations for just about anything (not sure we got that gold location correct though). This area abounds with great deals on rocks and minerals from around the world, flea market style. My rock pile got a bit bigger and some of these finds will make their way to our raffle & auctions.

— Teresa Johnson

## Vice President's Corner

### Keep Your Labels

Labels are what differentiate a mineral collection from a bunch of rocks. Creating your own labels is important, but so is saving the labels that your minerals came with. A good label should provide a minimum of two things, the species and the locality of the specimen.

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## Educational Program for February 10, 2015



### Sutter Buttes - Volcano in the Sacramento Valley

Our educational presentation in February will be on the Sutter Buttes, a volcanic feature in our own backyard. Dr. Brian Hausback of Sacramento State will give the presentation. Over the years he and his students have worked on a variety of volcanoes including Mount St. Helens, Mammoth Mountain, and those along Baja California's Gulf coast. His recent studies are directed toward the understanding of volcanism at the Sutter Buttes and the High Rock caldera of northwest Nevada.

### Things to Do at This Meeting!

- Sign up to work at the show!
- Buy show raffle tickets. Pick up show flyers
- Bring your donations for the raffle & auction

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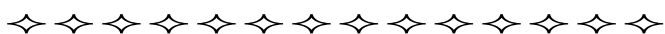
The species of a specimen can be identified by any person with significant experience and knowledge, or by scientific analysis. However, a label makes it a lot easier for those without access to those resources. Therefore, it is very important that the label be as accurate as possible. A label that identifies a specimen as tourmaline is next to useless. There are 35 different species in the tourmaline group, and some of those species have their own varieties. Specificity is a must to ensure accuracy.

Locality is the other part of a good label, and even more important than the species identification. This is because it is much more difficult to determine locality with scientific means than it is species. In addition, locality is one of the more important considerations in determining the value of a specimen. Labels are usually the only thing that can distinguish a mineral from a locality where it is commonly found (and therefore less valuable) from the same mineral from a locality where it is extremely rare (and therefore more valuable).

Again, specificity is important. There are over 62,000 localities for quartz in the world, so knowing that your specimen comes from Petersen Mountain Quartz Mines, Petersen Mountain, Hallelujah Junction area, Washoe County, Nevada, USA, makes that specimen far more unique than some random quartz crystal.

So the next time you are at a show, know that the label is for more than just a price tag for the mineral specimen. It is written proof of the uniqueness of your mineral, and it can give you clues as to its value. So find a way to keep the labels, whether attached to the specimen or in a separate label catalog; find a way to keep this important record with the mineral specimen.

— Matthew Stanley



## February Show Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Roseville Fairgrounds. All club members are invited.

## February Board Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Roseville Fairgrounds.

## February Refreshments

Refreshments for the February 10 Educational meeting are to be provided by Gina Malcolm, Laurel Espell, Matthew Stanley, Les Thomas, Rick Lynch and Nancy Hood. Thank you all in advance!

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2015

**Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m. by President Teresa Johnson.

**Flag Salute** led by Junior Donald Parker.

**Introductions** by guests.

**Sunshine** – Cyndy Burchard reported no cards were sent recently.

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak had no new report.

**Juniors** – Juniors' Advisor Carole Kowalik reported there were 5 Juniors at the Rookies' meeting. Quentin Stanley gave a report on sulfur. They made a ball game. Next month Donald Parker will give a presentation on emeralds.

**Secretary** – Florence Brady reported renewals (late) are being accepted along with new applications.

**Vice President** – Matthew Stanley reported the program for the Feb. Ed. Mtg. will be a presentation on the Sutter Buttes.

**CFMS Director** – Chuck Neely gave a summary of CFMS information. Members were referred to the CFMS website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) for further information.

**RRR Vests, Tee Shirts & Patches** – Teresa stated we need a volunteer to chair this position.

**Field Trips** – Gene Engelbrite mentioned there will be a field trip to the Mojave desert area in February sponsored by the Rock Hound Fanatics group.

**Librarian/Historian** – Karla Shannon was absent.

**Refreshments** – signups are needed for February and other upcoming meetings.

**Show** – Jim Hutchings shared information on our show, size, attendance, all buildings are used and the need for 140 volunteers. He stated we need a member to assist Kelley Ballard with the Storage Trailer. A volunteer is needed to pick up and return the rented generator. Chuck Neely offered to do this. Florence encouraged members to take and distribute show flyers and to volunteer to sign up to work during the show. Hugh Brady, SA Chair, showed belt buckles he needs cabs for. He also is accepting donations of material to place on the SA tables. Raffle Chair, Teresa Johnson stated the tickets will be available at the Feb. Mtg. and at that time, donations for Grand Prizes and Hourly Drawings will be accepted.

**Shop** – the repair for the heater is being done by Ken Ewert and he will work on an GFI outlet.

**Class Coordinator** – Judy Osmundson summarized upcoming classes. Members were encouraged to sign up for classes they might be interested in attending.

**Drawings** – winners were: Member, Gene Doyle; Junior, Quentin Stanley and Guest, Tammie Ostroski.

**New Business** – volunteers are needed for our table at the Gem Faire on Feb. 6-8. A schedule has been developed and volunteers are to check with Jim Barton regarding signing up to help.

**Program** – Matthew Stanley introduced RRR member J.R. Evans who presented a program on the Excramer Gold Mine.

**Recess for Refreshments.**

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13, 2015

**Call to Order** by President Teresa Johnson at 8:40 p.m.

**Present** – 9 officers, a quorum was present.

**Membership Applications** – a motion was MSA to approve the applications from Brenda Callen, Faye Fairchild, Chris & Stephanie Jacobs, Crystal McIntyre, Kathy Quilty, Tammie Ostroski and Shirley Tavare.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING JANUARY 27, 2015

**Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m. by President Teresa Johnson.

**Present:** all Board Officers (11) except Kelley Ballard, Jim Hutchings and Matthew Stanley. Guest Evelyn Neely.

**Minutes** – a motion was MSA to accept the minutes for the Ed. & Bd. Mtgs. for Dec. 9, 2014 and the Ed. & Bd. Mtgs. for Jan. 13, 2015.

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak reported no unusual bills.

**Membership** – Florence Brady updated the Board on the renewals. Discussion occurred regarding why some members do not renew.

**Vice President/Programs** – Matthew Stanley sent in an update for upcoming programs for Educational Meetings: February CSUS Professor Dr. Brian Hausback will give a program on the Sutter Buttes; March will be presentations by the Juniors and Show updates; April will be a presentation by Jim Hutchings on Tucson and May might be the annual Oral Auction.

**Librarian/Historian** – Karla Shannon reported she is taking classes in Excel and will update the library using that program. A motion was MSA to allocate \$250 for a library budget for 2015. She will see if she can purchase any books for the library in Tucson. It was reported that David Haggerty donated a box of books.

**Bulletin/Website** – Terry reported the bulletin deadline is Friday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion occurred on Show write-ups that will need to be published.

**Federation Director** – Chuck Neely discussed the upcoming CFMS annual show which will be held in Lodi in June. Members of societies are encouraged to participate as demonstrators, exhibitors and perhaps to have a table to display information regarding our society. It was decided to have Chuck submit an exhibit application for our Society's exhibit to be displayed. Terry stated she had submitted the change in officers and the 3 names/addresses of those who were to receive the bulletin via US mail.

**Field Trips** – Gene Engelbrite shared information on an upcoming field trip to attend the Calaveras Society's Feb. meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15. He will see if Russ Shoemaker would be available to give a presentation in the Stories in Stone store in Angels Camp. Gene is looking into a field trip to the Lake Co. area for diamonds and to the Cache Creek area. Date to be determined (?).

April). Jim Barton invited members to attend the annual CO-OP seminar, March 7 in Fair Oaks. We will need to be working on preliminary field trips for the CO-OP calendar. A possible field trip would be to Lakeview, OR for sunstones. Jim also needs to have field trips for CFMS North.

**Lapidary Classes** – Teresa is looking for instructors. The class on opals will be repeated. She reported that for a recent wire wrapping class, the students who were to attend did not show up. Richard Kowaleski reported his stereo microscope class was well attended and he will offer another class.

**Show** – a summary of the Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Show Committee was given. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> will be the work parties for both the SA and KJ. New security vests were shown. All postcards (almost 2,000) were labeled and stamped. Show flyers are available. Teresa is accepting items for the Grand Prizes and Hourly Drawings and Raffle tickets will be available. Hugh Brady is accepting items for the SA.

**Lapidary Shop** – the heating element was replaced. To be worked on is the addition of a GFI outlet.

**Directors** – Cathy Hutchings donated a book for the Juniors' program titled "The Elements". She attended a workshop on Safari which will give her access to a collection of DVD's. Richard reported on his stereo microscope workshop. Gene Doyle had no report.

**Juniors' Advisor** – Carole Kowalik discussed the program for the Juniors on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be a presentation by Hugh Brady on how to set up a display/exhibit case for our show.

### Old Business

**Gem Faire** – Jim Barton reported he still needs some volunteers for the shifts on Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Tailgater** – Teresa said she would check with the FG to see if the first Saturday in June (6<sup>th</sup>) would be available. We will develop an information flyer to have available at our show.

**Chair for vests, tee shirts, patches and pins** – Lynn Downing has accepted this position. There are enough vests, to be considered are the tee shirts – should more of the same design be ordered or should we decide on another choice of design and type of shirt.

**New Business** – none

**Next Board Meeting** – February 24, 2015.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence Brady, RRR Secretary



## Name Badges



Do you have your name badge? Do you need a new one?

Your name badge should be worn to every club meeting and any shows you attend, especially our own show in March! See Florence Brady at one of the meetings if you need a new badge.

## Thank You's and Donations

### Shop Help & Repair

We can always use some help! Emptying buckets, sweeping & removing cobwebs!

- John & Peggy McPherson for Shop lawn mower
- Ken Ewert for repairing the Shop heater
- Jim Forman for Calif. jade for Show Auction
- Chris Davis, Denise Coyne for Shop supplies
- Gene Englebrite, subbing as shop steward for Jim Hutchings
- Lynn Dowing for washing towels

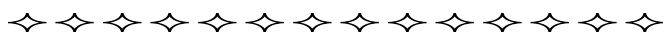
**We will have Shop Clean Up Day for the Show: Saturday, March 21 @ 9am!**

### Donations

- Chris Davis for rocks for silent auction
- Terry Yoschak for raffle and Prize Tree prizes
- David Haggerty for a box of books for the library
- Chuck Neely for outfitting belt buckles with polished cabochons

### Shop/Club Wish List:

- 6" or 8" flat disks for use on flat laps
- Washing towels
- Finished cabochons for bolos
- Projection device for minerals (ex: Elmo)
- Rocks for auction
- Small or tiny stones for the Gem Hunt
- Intarsia class students are looking for basalt or sodalite - black. Contact Teresa or George Comas



## New Kids' Junction Adventure at the Show — Gem Hunt!

We are excited to add a new attraction to Kids' Junction this year! Children will have a chance to purchase a small bag of sand and gravel salted with small pieces of topaz, garnet, sunstone, Lake County diamonds or other such treasures. They will then get to dig through it with tweezers on a light box.

We welcome any donations for that as well as our regular need for polished rock and attractive rough rock. Let Jim or Cathy Hutchings, Carole Kowalik, or Karla Shannon know what you have to donate.

— Cathy Hutchings

## Welcome New Members:

Brenda Callen  
Faye Fairchild  
Chris & Stephanie Jacobs  
Crystal McIntyre  
Tammie Ostroski  
Kathy Quilty  
Shirley Tavare

## Rookie Rock Roller News



The Rookies will meet in the lapidary shop at 5:30 on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. At our last meeting, Quentin gave us a wonderful, informative presentation on sulfur. He and his dad, Mathew Stanley, brought great samples for the juniors' collections. The Stanley Family and Jim Hutchings also brought big beautiful samples for the kids to view.

After the presentation, Mathew Stanley lit afire some of the sulfur specimens. Love that aroma!. Then the rookies made a bead ball game inspired by an ancient Indian ball game.

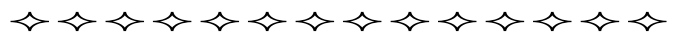
For February's meeting, Hugh Brady will give us instructions and tips on how to arrange and showcase your collections in exhibit cases for our show.

**Don't forget about our work party on February 28th** where all the kids and parents, family and friends come to fill the grab bags with polished stones. Be sure to sign up for some hours at our March show for some family fun!

If anyone has polished rocks or extra mineral specimens, we sure could use them at the work party.

See ya all there,

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



## Sunshine

Get well cards were sent to Rob Blazina and Charlie Robb.

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 cynded0523@yahoo.com.



## Lapidary Classes

**Lapidary Classes** - Introduction to Shop Use & Cabochon making is \$10 per class for 5 classes or \$45 paid in full. Our Rock Hound Oasis is staffed Monday & Wednesday nights 5 pm - 9 pm! Learn more about the Lapidary Arts & Cabochon Making. A DVD is available for viewing at the Shop for Cabochon Making. Regular \$5 per day or \$20 monthly rates apply for lapidary shop use after Orientation/Introduction classes.

Shop fee: Daily: \$5 or Monthly: \$20.

Large & Extra Large Saws: \$1 per slab for 18 inch saw & \$2 per slab for 24 inch saw for cutting large & extra large rocks.

**Opal Workshop with George Comas** Fee: \$10

Open Opal workshop! (Opals are available - included in fee). Drop-in, work & learn with an Opal guru at your side. Doublets & Triplets, Black & Honduran Opals.

**Thursday, February 5, 12, or 19.** 6 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Intarsia Workshop with George Comas** Fee: \$10

Intarsia is the making of a picture or geometric design using slices of natural stones.

**Thursday, February 5, 12, or 19.** 6 pm - 8:30 pm.

\*\*\*The Opal & Intarsia classes will be open for drop-in and running concurrently.



**Viking Knit Class with Judy Osmundson**

The easy way to make woven wire cord for bracelets and necklaces! Viking knit chain tutorial.

**Saturday, February 21,** 9 am - 12 pm. Fee: \$25

**Wire Wrapping Class with Judy Osmundson**

Work with a wire guru at your side. Wire Wrap a Cabochon or Viking Knit.

**Sunday, February 22,** 1 pm - 3 pm.

Or **Thursday February 26,** 6 pm - 9 pm. Fee: \$25

**Mineral ID with Jim Hutchings**

TBA Sign-up for next offering.

Learn the necessary tools, books & techniques of identifying rocks & minerals! Fee: \$25

**Stereo-Microscope Workshop**

TBA Sign up for next offering. 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. Fee: \$5

### Lapidary Shop Spring Clean-Up for Show!

We need to update our Lapidary Shop!  
Come together and get our machines and work space cleaned up and in working order.

Saturday, March 21, 9 am to 1 pm

**Fluorescents, Petrified Wood & Other Minerals with Don Tadlock** Don is an avid collector with an immense love and knowledge of the rocks he collects.

Sign-up! - Necessary for a Saturday, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Faceting Workshop with Jay Conner**

Sign up now for the next offering!

This is an excellent class, it is held offsite by one of our members.

**Stabilizing Stones and Turquoise Workshop with Duncan Penman** How to & hands on stabilizing. Use with turquoise, azurite, & more.

Max: 7 - TBA Sign-up for next offering! Fee: \$5

**Lapidary Shop Maintenance Class FREE**

Lapidary Shop Maintenance Workshop! We need to update our lapidary Shop! We would like to schedule a day & time to come together and get our machines & work space cleaned up & in working order. RSVP to let us know you'd like to help.

**Tumble On! Rock Tumbling**

TBA. Fee: \$10



**Beading Cabochons**

Learn to make a seed beaded bezel for your cabochons to hold them securely in place. Sign-up & indicate what day(s) & times you have available.

**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.

Shop Clean-up is something everyone does!

Use the full surface of the belts - to prevent premature wearing. A DVD is available for viewing at the Shop for Cabochon Making.

We occasionally need someone to stop by and empty the 5 gal buckets for our lapidary equipment.

If you want to sign-up for any of the above classes, email: [classesforrockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:classesforrockrollers@gmail.com)



**Setup/Takedown**



**Admission**



**Kids' Junction**



**Kitchen**

## It's 2015 Show Time – We Need Helpers! DATES: March 27, 28, 29 (NO experience needed!)

Our show for 2015 needs volunteer workers to help with a short time setup Thursday afternoon, March 26, our regular setup on Friday, March 27, members to help during the show hours on Saturday and Sunday, and also with the takedown procedure on Sunday. For our new members, don't hesitate to help, as you will be working with other club members who can provide any needed assistance to you. Remember, once it was all new to us, too!

**See areas where help is needed below.** We ask that you sign up for a complete shift. Each volunteer will receive a ticket for the "Workers' Raffle" for each shift worked. (Volunteers working for Setup and Takedown shifts receive double raffle tickets.) Sign in with the Chairperson for the area where you are working.

Signups will be taken at our Educational Meeting. Look for the **SHOW SIGNUPS** sign. OR contact Florence at (916) 961-6868, fhbrady@jps.net.

**SETUP** – starts at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 27 and continues through the morning/afternoon. (A lunch is provided.) Assist with unloading items from storage trailer. Skirting is placed on vendors' tables and exhibit tables, exhibit cases are set up, and signs placed. During the afternoon, we help the exhibitors, vendors, and assist in kitchen if needed. A dinner is available for workers.

**TAKEDOWN** – starts promptly at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 29. Assist exhibitors, on request. Remove empty exhibit cases, remove skirting, take down exhibitor tables. Remove skirting from vendors' tables. Help pack all items into storage trailer. Help Silent Auction, Kids' Junction/Education Station, Kitchen, and Entrance Area clean up. Clean up buildings. Fairgrounds puts away tables and chairs.

### **DURING THE SHOW – Hours Open: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4**

**Each Show Day, two different shifts: 9:30 -1:30 and 1:00-5:00**

**(\*\*Kitchen and Kids' Junction/Education Station have different times/shifts.)**

**\*KITCHEN** - help prepare the food or be a cashier and take orders and money. Shifts are: 9:00 - 1:00, 10:30 – 2:30 and 1:00 - 5:00

**\*KIDS' JUNCTION/EDUCATION STATION**  
Run the train, assist with selling items, the spinning wheel, making necklaces, selling grab bags, etc. Shifts are: 9:30-1:30, 11:00 – 3:00 and 1:00 -5:00

**ADMISSION TABLES** — greet visitors, take admission money, assist with filling out forms which are used for hourly drawings and for addresses for the postcards. Explain the show is in 4 buildings.

**SECURITY** — Walk around the assigned building, be observant of the guests. Cell phones will be used to keep in contact. Vests stating "Security" are worn.

**SILENT AUCTION** - Explain different auctions. Help setup an auction. Collect money from winners and make direct sales. A lot of fun, you get to see what is offered for sale!

**RAFFLE TABLE** — Sell Raffle Tickets! Explain grand prizes and hourly prizes. Assist Chairperson.

**DRIVEWAY/GREETERS** — (1) Stand in front of Garden Room door and direct visitors inside; make sure no one goes into the other part of the Show without going through the Garden Room first, to pay. (2) Driveway monitor for Gate J. visitors are directed to drive around to Gate C to park and enter the Show.

**EXTRA PERSONS — TO BE ASSIGNED WHERE NEEDED** These members would fill in where needed during the shift they signed up for.

## Kids' Junction Work Party Saturday, February 28, 9:00 AM at the Lapidary Shop

We will be working **INSIDE** the shop

- Sorting beads for necklaces
- Assembling specimen boxes
  - Put boxes together
  - Cut cotton for inside
  - Stick on specimen labels
  - Add the specimens
- Filling Grab Bags

**We still need donations of polished rocks to put in the bags.**

-- Karla Shannon

## Silent Auction Work Party Saturday, February 28, 9:00 AM at the Lapidary Shop

We will be sorting and cleaning rocks,  
**OUTSIDE** the shop.

- We will be sorting through buckets and containers of rocks, slabs, etc; power-washing and packing it up.
- We will be working outside, so dress in layers, and wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty or wet.
- Bring rubber boots and gloves if you have them; scrub brushes, mosquito repellent, lunch or a snack.
- Bring a power washer if you have one. Sign up in advance with Hugh Brady 916-961-6868

- **On Friday morning, March 27th, help hauling the buckets over to Johnson Hall and getting them on the stage is always needed, and much appreciated.**

*Hugh Brady, Show Silent Auction Chair  
916-961-6868*

## Go Green, Really Green

**Get Your RRR T-shirt or Vest to Wear  
for our March Show**

For sale at the February meeting.

T-shirts \$10, Vests \$20, Patches various prices

**\* See Lynn Dowling before or after the meeting \***

## Workers' Raffle

**Prizes this year are:**

**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 14th meeting — need not be present to win), you are only competing with other show workers. So your chances of winning are much better than being struck by lightning!

## GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKETS

**The Grand Prize Tickets will be available for pickup at the monthly general meetings prior to the show -- February 10, and March 10.**

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.

## 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!**

— Teresa Johnson, 916-929-0701





**California Rocks!**  
at the  
**Mother Lode Mineral Society**

49<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Rock & Gem Show**  
**March 14 & 15, 2015**

**Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 5 pm**

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds - 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA  
Admission: \$6 for Adults, Children 12 and under free with adult admission

[www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

**Roseville Gem, Jewelry Fossil & Mineral Show**

**March 28 & 29, 2015**

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Admission: \$6.00 General Admission,  
\$5.00 Seniors 60+,  
12 and under Free with paid adult

Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
800 All America City Blvd Roseville CA 96878

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*\* YOUTH ACTIVITIES \* ROCK AUCTIONS \**  
*\* JEWELRY \* MINERALS \* GOLD \**  
*\* FOSSILS \* BEADS \* GEMSTONES \**

*Kids & Scouts Education Station is the place to be!*

*Food Gold Panning Raffle*

*Family Fun!*

**\$1 off Admission with this coupon!**

## February Calendar

Birthstone: Amethyst



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	3	4 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	5 Opal & Intarsia Workshops 6—8:30 pm	6 <b>Gem Faire Noon-6 pm</b>	7 <b>Gem Faire 10 am - 6 pm</b>
8 <b>Gem Faire 10 am -5 pm</b>	9 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	10 Meetings: Rookies 5:30 pm Club 7:00 pm	11 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	12 Opal & Intarsia Workshops 6—8:30 pm	13	14 
15	16  Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	17 SHOW Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	19 Opal & Intarsia Workshops 6—8:30 pm	20	21 Viking Knit Class 9 am—12 pm
22 Wire Wrapping 1 pm—3 pm	23 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	24 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	25 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	26 Wire Wrapping 6 pm—9 pm	27	28 <b>Work Parties Kids' Junction &amp; Silent Auction 9 am</b>

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



## Field Trip to Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, plus Stories in Stone

**Date: Sunday, February 15, 2015**

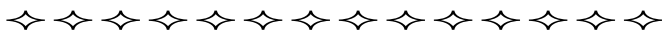
Time 0830: We will meet at the Folsom Park and Ride (located at the corner of Blue Ravine and Folsom Blvd. in Folsom, next to the Folsom Outlets.) From Highway 50 take the first exit into Folsom (Folsom Blvd.) or meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society's Club House, 2500 Meacham Ranch RD., Angels Camp, CA.

What should we expect to find?

1. We will meet with the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society to have a potluck meal and enjoy the company and hospitality of the Gem and Mineral Society. They have a beautiful meeting area and a fireplace made of petrified wood, mariposite and other amazing rocks.
2. We might be able to look through their rock pile and buy rocks for as little as 50 cents a pound.
3. Next, after the meeting, we will head to the Stories in Stone store in Angels Camp to visit an amazing rock shop.
4. After Stories in Stone we can visit the town of Murphys. After that we will head home.

**PS. Please bring chairs and also please bring a potluck item.** There will be a 15-person limit for this field trip due to space. I will maintain a waiting list.

Please contact Gene to sign up to attend this field trip.  
Gene S. Engelbrite, RRR Field Trip Leader, (916) 337-6868 or email me at [gengelbrite@gmail.com](mailto:gengelbrite@gmail.com)



The club has two Facebook pages; a "Group" page, and a "Like" page. If members could jump on board with both pages, they would get educational information, club updates about field trips, mineral information, show information, class information, and general lapidary tips.

"Like" Page: [www.facebook.com/pages/Roseville-Rock-Rollers-Gem-Mineral-Society/214099168691394](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Roseville-Rock-Rollers-Gem-Mineral-Society/214099168691394).

"Group" Page: [www.facebook.com/groups/359563453490/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/359563453490/). If you join the group, you can post comments or photos to the site.

## Upcoming Northern California Shows

### February 28 - March 1: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, Mc Cormack Hall  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 daily  
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950  
Email: [dncwolke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dncwolke@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.vjgems.org](http://www.vjgems.org)

### March 6 - 8: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 887-9007  
Website: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

### March 14 - 15: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494, cell (209) 484-4416  
Email: [terry\\_mcmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry_mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

### March 28 - 29: 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](mailto:amy95247@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

### March 28 - 29: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
800 All American City Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114  
Email: [gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)



### April 4 - 5: CHICO, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2337 Fair Street  
Hours: 10 - 4 daily  
Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324  
Website: [www.paradisegem.org](http://www.paradisegem.org)

### April 11 - 12: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy49)  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Randy Bolt, (209) 742-7625  
Email: [rockmuseum@sti.net](mailto:rockmuseum@sti.net)  
Website: [www.camineralmuseum.com](http://www.camineralmuseum.com)

# The Rockhound, the Frog, and the Plum

By Mary Crosswhite, from The Rockhouser 12/08

Once upon a time [Saturday Nov. 8th] in a land far, far away [Georgia] a lovely middle-aged woman [Hey--Fairy Tale--remember?!?] went rock collecting at a place called "Jackson's Crossroads" with a friendly group of people called M.A.G.M.A. (Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association, 99% Digging, 1% Talk!)

Digging in the dirt and rock piles like children with all the other 50 and 60 year olds on a gorgeous Fall day was a treat in itself. If we found some pretty amethyst crystals along the way, that was just icing on the cake [that's what the people who don't find anything ALWAYS tell everybody]. (Actually we did come home with some nice sparklies, but nothing anyone would want to hit us over the head for and steal).

Well, after a lunch break, I returned to the pile I had been digging on and asked "Anybody find anything amazing?" And a lady said to me "We found a frog. Want to see it?" Indeed, someone digging in the just excavated dirt had unearthed a live frog--a tree frog from the look of him [BOY WAS HE LOST]. Of course, nobody was inclined to stop digging to deal with a frog, so there he sat, a bit stupefied, on top of the dirt. I said "Shouldn't we put him in the woods?" And the lady said "Would you do that?" And I said "Of course". So I scooped up the frog in my gloved hands [I remember wondering if he gave me warts would they be purple like little amethysts], and loving-

ly took him over to the woods, scraped aside some leaves, and put him at the base of a tree, covering him back up. The truest part of this story is probably that that neat little frog was every bit as beautiful a creation as any crystals could be, AND he was alive, AND he let me hold him, but what has this tale to do with Truth?

Now I didn't expect my small kindness to earn me any monetary reward, but it did occur to me that if this were a Fairy Tale, that frog might give me a reward by letting me go back and find a HUGE amethyst crystal on my next dirt pile. Ha! Ha!--Silly romantic! Well, a little while later I heard a young lady on an adjacent dirt hill yell, "Oh my gosh--Look at THAT!" She had found a beautiful, perfect amethyst crystal, the size and color of a plum. Just reached into the dirt and pulled it out like Little Jack Horner sitting in his corner. And I thought "JACK HORNER????!! WAIT a minute----that was supposed to be MY amethyst!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" [Rotten double-crossing frog!]

So what's the MORAL of the story???? Was the frog just spatially challenged? (The lady who found the beautiful stone WAS about the same distance from me as the first dirt pile was from where I had placed the frog). Or was the frog just contrary ["I ain't rewarding no warm-blooded critter for picking me up. THAT sets a terrible precedent..."] Or should I have filled my canteen with water that morning before going out digging instead of margaritas?



Anyway life is unfair, or frogs are unfair. I don't know . . .

Mary Crosswhite

◀ Photo by W. Mohr

Photo from Hound's Howl, Aiken  
Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society,  
October 2008 ▶



## Did You Know . . . ?



The state of Kentucky lists coal (a rock) as its official state mineral, and Kentucky Agate (a mineral) as its official state rock. Nebraska names Prairie Agate (a mineral) as its state rock. Ohio names Ohio flint as its official state gemstone. These designations were all voted in by state politicians, none of whom were rockhounds -- we assume.

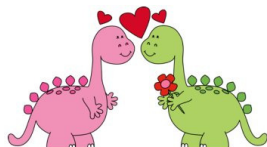
*List of State Rocks, Minerals & Gemstones at  
[www.netstate.com/states/tables/state\\_rocks\\_all.htm](http://www.netstate.com/states/tables/state_rocks_all.htm).  
Also thanks to Livermore Lithogram 11/14*

P.S. Kansas, wanting to avoid the whole thing, is the only state which has NO state rock, mineral, gemstone or fossil.

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