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The President's Message

Jennifer Martin



Happy March everyone! For those of you who missed the February meeting, it was an awesome one! We had five guests and a new membership app submitted. We watched a few short videos on cabochon making, from rough to finished piece. Keep in mind that the March general meeting is canceled due to many of the board members at ZZYZX that week. Have a wonderful month! See you in April!

Birthdays

For March



No Birthdays were reported for March

Your Birthstone is **Bloodstone** for Courage and your flower is **Jonquill** for affection

Anniversaries

None Reported



Enjoy your day to the fullest and continue throughout the year with happiness and good health.

Have a great day and many more!

SUNSHINE

Susy Martin



The Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival is fast approaching. Get your exhibit Entries ready - time is running out.

Federation Report

Don George



“The CFMS is still collecting donations for the fire victims of the Paradise Gem & Mineral Society. Any surplus equipment, rocks, books, tools, etc. will be greatly appreciated. TONY FENDER is planning on making a trip there in late April to deliver what has been collected. Contact Tony Fender arhfender@gmail.com to

arrange for pickup or delivery. You can also take it to the Fed show in Pomona and give it to him there.

MEETINGS

Social Meetings

The **4th Wednesday** of the month unless otherwise noted

January 23, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

February 27, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

March 27, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

April 24, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

May 22, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

June 26, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

July 24, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

August 2019

Dark for AV Fair

September 25, 2018

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

Antelope Valley Fair Theme 2019 "Sweet Delights and Carnival Lights."

Yes, it is that time of year already!

Start putting your entry together, a case or Single Item Entry is all that is needed.

You can do it! You are a Rockhound.
You have 4 months to get it done!



Yvette McClung and
Ginny Sandoval

ZZYZX Dust Camera-Near Real Time

Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club Belongs to and Supports these
Rockhound Organizations



Deadline for articles for **April Hill & Gully Pay Dirt** is April 1, 2019

REFRESHMENTS



Meeting Canceled
No Refreshments needed



Recipe For Our Next Pot Luck

CREAMED TUMBLEWEED

1/4 cup butter or bacon fat
2 qt tender tumbleweed stems and leaves, cut up
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp basil leaves
1/2 cup boiling water
1/2 cup light cream or half-and-half
1/8 tsp pepper

Heat butter or bacon fat in a skillet or saucepan, add Tumbleweed, salt, basil, and boiling water. Cover and cook until tender. Add cream and pepper and serve at once.

Serves 4-6 Rockhounds.
YUM YUM

Harvesting should be great and easy this year!

Mark your calendars, CFMS Convention June 25-28, 2020
Lodi, California - Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

Property and Inventory Report

John Martin

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Both of the Club Genie's are back and in good working condition. The Genies are available for loan to PGMC Members in good standing for a month period, please contact me to make arrangements to pick one up. Please contact me to make arrangements to access the shed.

California Campfire Permit

Do you Camp or recreate on Public Lands in California?

Do you use a Campfire or Cookfire? (Even an open flame Propane Stove)

Do you know to be legal you must have a valid California Campfire Permit in your possession?

Do you know where and how to get your Free "California Campfire Permit"?

Get Your 2019 California Campfire Permit Online

Visit www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit

Watch a short video-take a quiz-get your on-line permit - save or print pdf or just bookmark the link on your mobile device to display when needed.

Do not get caught with a campfire without your Campfire Permit!

We have a new website and Email Address

www.palmdalegemandmineral.org

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News and Information About Geology <http://geology.com/rocks/>

Comming soon from Diamond Pacific Tool Co.

After 55 years there is a new and improved Genie coming in 2019. A Genie on Steroids! Watch for it in 2019!

TID-BITS

THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB THIS YEAR

1. Call someone you haven't seen at meetings lately
2. Volunteer to present a program. (**Share your Knowledge**)
3. **Send your editor some news. (Still Waiting for some news!)**
4. Come to each meeting and **bring a guest**, and/or a member who cannot drive.
5. Come to the meeting ready to help others learn and **allow others to listen**
6. **Consider accepting a Committee Chairmanship - Contact Jennifer Martin**

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PALMDALE GEM & MINERAL CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**LARRY CHIMBOLE CULTURAL CENTER
38500 SIERRA HIGHWAY
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:19pm

Flag Salute led by Madeline Martin.

Minutes were published in the newsletter. Motion to accept as published was made by Yvette McClung; second by Christine Malone. Motion passed.

Correspondence: 1 renewal was received.

Hospitality: It was reported by Don George that we had 14 members present, as well as 2 guests and 5 pebble pups. Guests present were Cruz & Bud Seidel and their grandsons, Tommy, Nathan, and Joey Wilkins (JRS).

Federation Report: Don George reported that the CFMS Show is scheduled for 8-10 March at the Pomona Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Pasadena Lapidary Society.

Birthdays: Ginny Sandoval and Yvette McClung. We sang to them.

Sunshine: Susy reported that she had seen Kathy Garner and got some updated information from her.

Refreshments were provided by Jane Benefiel.

Drawing

Program was a YouTube video of Lapidary 101, showing how the instructor set up his saw, and how to design or cut out a cab from the material sliced on the saw.

Adjourned at 7:35pm

PGMC WORKSHOPS

Cheri George

SILVERSMITHING

On Saturday February 23d we sponsored a Beginning Silver Smithing class, held at the Martin's residence. Our Instructors, members of our club, Tony & Sandie Fender, were very knowledgeable in their subject. Our students, numbering 7 for this class were quite happy with the results. A simple chain was the first project, which resulted in some very nice pieces. The chains were manufactured by each student, and tumbled to brightness by Tony Fender in the vibrating tumbler. Each student expressed interest in another class, and we will be planning that for sometime in Late May due to the unavailability of our teachers. More to come!

BEADING

Every other Friday, from 10am to 2pm a group of people meet at Cheri George's house for a day of Beading. This class is free; Cheri provides the pattern, the beads (for which you pay her) and her expertise to help you make a lovely piece of jewelry. So far we have made 6 projects, a flat Peyote bracelet, a Right Angle Weave Bracelet, a Super duo bracelet, a leather 4 strand bracelet, and a 2-hole Arco bead bracelet. We have many more patterns to attempt. We serve lunch, which is usually brought by one of the students, for which the instructor is truly grateful. Come out and join us!

Silversmith Class Jennifer Martin

The Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club offered a silver smith class taught by our own members Tony and Sandie Fender. There were 7 students attending the class. The \$25



class provided a 3 project pocket workbook where the first project was completed during the 4 hour lesson. It was a basic silver wire necklace where the raw wire was shaped into rings, soldered together with small butane torches and silver solder. A dowel jig was used to shape the rings and complete the necklace.



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A big thanks to Tony and Sandie for they time and knowledge they shared with everyone.

Senate Bill S-47 Becomes Law

The passage of Senate Bill S 47 by Congress closed the following areas in California to Recreational Rockhounding.

Bureau of Land Management Land Closed

AVAWATZ MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS - **89,500 acres**
GREAT FALLS BASIN WILDERNESS - **7,810 acres**
SODA MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS - **80,090 acres**
MILPITAS WASH WILDERNESS - **17,250 acres** (Wiley Wells area)
BUZZARDS PEAK WILDERNESS - **11,840 acres**

Additions to existing Wilderness...

GOLDEN VALLEY WILDERNESS - **1,250 acres**
KINGSTON RANGE WILDERNESS - **52,410 acres**
PALO VERDE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS - **9,350 acres**
INDIAN PASS MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS - **10,860 acres**

US Park Service Land Closed

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 - **28,923 acres**

US Forest Service Land Closed

San Gorgonio Wilderness - **7,141 acres**

Total **431,160 Acres** (673.68 Sq. Miles) **Now closed** to Recreational Rockhounding.

Read the Law: It is now official S.47 `John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act

The law did remove the Cady Mountains from a Wilderness Study Area which for now allows Recreational Rockhounding until the next bill is introduced to create the Cady Mountains Wilderness or until the BLM Land Management Plan and Travel Management Plan are released which may close the access roads to the collecting sites. Saving the Cady Mountains is up to you!

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A BEACHCOMBER'S TALE

I'm a detectorist for treasure
I find other people's trash—
Bottle-caps and pull tabs
And very little cash

I find wedding rings and silver things
And toy cars up the Bazoo.
And the flat-penny animals
From Charles Paddock Zoo

I got called an angel once
When I found a wedding band
Got a wet-bikini hug
Right there in the sand!

It's been quite an adventure since 6-2009
Amazing where I go and all the things I find.
You never know the treasures right beneath your feet
Until your "magic wand" gives off that tell-tale beep.

The smile on the face of the kid whose ring you found
The "oohs" when you pull quarters right out of the ground.
The history and mystery of things that I dig up
Keeps me scratchin' in the dirt like a curious little pup.

Wayne Mills 8/17/18
Orcutt Mineral Society

(Provided by Cheri George)

Up Coming Shows

April 27 - 28: RENO, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Sparks Livestock Event Center
1350 North Wells Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 229-4420
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth,
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

CFMS CLUB SHOWS LISTING



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June 8 - 9: GLENDORA, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com

August 16 - August 25
**81st Antelope Valley Fair
& Alfalfa Festival
"Sweet Delights
and Carnival Lights"**
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
4:00 pm - 12:00 am
Parking \$10