



# ROCKONTEUR

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## Words from the President:

Fall is finally here! With three field trips already under our belt (San Simeon, Estero Bluffs, & Ardo), can you believe we already have another one in the works? Once it rains, I will release the details.

The club picnic was lots of fun, with 60 to 70 people in attendance and lots of hands on demonstrations! It's hard to believe that after such a great event, it's already that time of year to start thinking about our end-of-the-year party. Get ready to hear about some ideas at the October meeting.

But before we can celebrate, we first need to get those missing officer positions filled. This is who we have lined up so far for 2018.

### **President\*: Vacant**

Treasurer\*: Tina Clark

### **Secretary\*: Vacant**

VP Education: John McCabe

VP Communications: Chris Driesbach

### **VP Membership: Vacant**

Senior Director: Doren Strane

Junior Director: Lisa King

Past President: Barbara Bilyeu

*\* needed to keep the club solvent*

Duties for the vacant positions can be found inside the newsletter. Please consider helping!

Rock on!  
Tina Clark

## 2017 CLUB OFFICERS

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**General Meeting: 7pm** Templeton Community Center  
**October 16, 2017** 601 Main Street, Templeton

**Board Meeting: 7pm** Rabobank Meeting Room  
**November 7, 2017** 1025 Las Tablas Road, Templeton

## Upcoming Program Speakers:

16 OCT: **Doren Strane**, Program **Gold Sniping**

20 NOV: **Kathy Clarke**, Program "Rock Balancing All Over America"

December: No general meeting - End-of-the-Year Party

## JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS:

Junior Rockhounds had the opportunity to earn their Lapidary Arts Badge at September's Club Picnic and Demo Day, by learning how to cut and polish a rock following proper safety procedures.

October will see Juniors returning to work on their collections.

## 2017 FOUNDERS DAY AWARD:



### 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Newsletter Editor / Publisher  
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Congratulations to the Club's 2017 Annual Founder's Award recipients Don Huntington and Don Pierce. The award was presented at the August General Meeting by last year's recipient, John McCabe.

# We need Board Officers!

The Club has most officers lined up for 2018, but we are still missing several key positions. These jobs can be shared (we can figure out the logistics), if you would be willing to take on part of the duties. For instance, maybe you can't make meetings (VP of Membership), but don't mind doing 10 minutes a month of spreadsheet updating at home - we could partner you w/ someone with limited computer skills or access. **We cannot have a club without a President or Secretary.**

If you can take one or part of one of these on, please contact me right away - (805)305-0246 or at theclarkfour@sbcglobal.net. If you are interested, but nervous about what the job entails, I'd also like to hear from you. There are plenty of folks willing to mentor you through!

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## President

- Oversee the Club's monthly General meetings and Board of Director's meetings (prepare Board meeting agendas, run General Mtg, coordinate room logistics).
- Submit a "Message From the President" for the monthly newsletter/proof newsletter before publishing.
- Appoint Committee Chairpersons
- Calendar the club's annual events
- Oversee new Board transition process (bank signatory changes etc. - or delegate to Treasurer)
- Make sure new officers and committee chairpersons are informed of their duties and provide assistance as necessary
- Represent the club at public functions/events
- Notify membership of Board actions and other pertinent club information through emails, newsletter message and/or club meeting announcements

## Vice President of Membership

- Staff membership table at general meetings
- Process new member application forms, and the annual renewal of existing members. (This includes collecting forms and payments at meetings and submitting new member forms to the Board for approval.)
- Provide new members with "Membership Packets" and buttons. Keep packets updated.
- Update club g-mail account w/ new member emails.
- Provide Newsletter Publisher w/ addresses of new members requesting hard copy newsletters
- Maintain a membership roster and distribute to membership annually (January)
- Maintain adequate stock of New Member application forms and Member Renewal forms to handout to guests and club members. Update forms as necessary w/ guidance from the Board.
- Participate in Board of Directors Meetings.

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## Secretary

- Record General Meeting and Board meeting minutes
- Submit to Board for approval (process any corrections & email final to newsletter publisher)
- Maintain a Book of Minutes
- Handle correspondence as directed by the Board or President (rare)
- Attend Board meetings



# San Ardo Area Fieldtrip!

by Barbara Bilyeu

Our very own Don (Huntington) and Don (Pierce) sure have some great connections, and they know how to run great field trips! They even arranged the weather to be perfect for our excursion to a private ranch east of San Ardo.



We received an enthusiastic welcome from the ranch cattle as we entered their domain (probably hoping we were a caravan bringing them mountains of hay!), but they decided not to follow us as we progressed along the dry wash which became our collecting venue for the day. The Don's had scouted the area and set aside piles and collections of interesting materials for us to "discover" as we explored the wash, which



turned out to be an extensive collecting area. They also checked in with each of us to be sure everyone was finding something neat.

The wash itself cut through some very interesting geology, and the most noticeable materials were fossils and amazing conglomerate which often contained the fossils. Our "hard core"



collectors (Jason, Galen, and Chris) ranged far up the wash and retrieved some very nice specimens. The rest of us had just as much fun closer to the parking area, where Dave Clark supplied the "facilities" to help civilize our collecting experience. Thanks, Dave! And thanks, Don and Don, for a really fun field trip!!



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## Upcoming California Rock and Gem Shows:

### OCTOBER

October 28 - 29: CAMBRIA  
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cambria Veterans Hall  
1000 Main Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
[slogem.org](http://slogem.org)

### NOVEMBER

November 18 - 19: OXNARD  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
<http://oxnardgem.com>  
  
November 18-19: SANTA CRUZ  
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
[www.scrockngem.org](http://www.scrockngem.org)

### DECEMBER

December 9 - 10: RIALTO, CA  
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
<http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

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## Selling & Buying Opportunity! Mark Your Calendar:

**Cliff's Annual Tailgate Sale**  
**November 18, 2017**  
**Rain or Shine**  
**8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
*(Vendor Set up 7:00 a.m.)*

**6384 Monterey Road**  
**Paso Robles, CA**

**Brings rocks or your rock related items to sell from your own table or tailgate.**

This sale is put on by Santa Lucia Rockhound's member Cliff Brewen. The club will have a table and will be selling items from the Bob Baker Collection. This items are entirely different from what was sold at the Club Picnic.

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## For Sale:

### Need tables?

Do you know someone else who does?

The Club is selling our stock of 8' wood tables - you may remember them from our Rock Show Days at the Pioneer Museum - and replacing them with a fewer number of lighter ones, easier for us to handle and store.

**\$10 each**

**Interested? Contact Doren Strane 805-423-5276 or [doren.strane@yahoo.com](mailto:doren.strane@yahoo.com)**

# Board Meeting Minutes:

## SANTA LUCIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 9/5/2017

Board meeting commenced at 7:06 PM at the Rabobank Meeting Room in Templeton.

**Roll:** Board Members: Tina Clark, President; Will Persall, Treasurer; Galen Moyer, Junior Director, Barbara Bilyeu, Past President (*Absent – Cathy McIntosh, Secretary; Diane Brooke, VP Communications; John McCabe, VP Education; Doren Strane, Senior Director*)  
Committee Members: Barbara Bilyeu, Museum Exhibits & Library; David Nelson, Merchandise  
Guests: Gene Bilyeu, Lisa King

**Quorum:** The group failed to meet quorum requirements.

**Minutes:** August Board & General Meeting minutes were not discussed as there was no quorum present.

**Correspondence:** The club received the Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance annual renewal information, our monthly bank statements, and AFMS newsletters. Comments from club member Jack Ravin on the club's recent by-laws amendment were sent to Board members via email. Tina was asked to resend.

**President Report:** The website is in the final stages of production. Board members were updated about the formation of a Lapidary Studio Sub Subcommittee. Subcommittee members are Jack Ravin, Cathy McIntosh, and Mary Beatty. Tina announced she can't make the October 3rd Board meeting. The group requested the meeting date be changed to October 5th.

**Treasurer Report** - (Presented by Tina Clark) - The total income for July was \$811. The July General Meeting took in \$515 (Membership-\$464, Drawing - \$22, Auction - \$29, Badge fees - \$0). An additional \$296 in membership checks were sent to the PO Box. The Officers and Director's Liability Insurance bill will need to be paid in September and is \$275.

**VP Programs** - Barbara will hold on to the club's projector and microphone until a new Program's Coordinator is found.

**Junior Director** - Galen has a laser pointer if anyone needs to borrow it for their presentation.

**Membership** (Tina Clark/Lisa King) - Three membership applications were approved. One of these was a renewal with the addition of two family members. Lisa is covering the membership table at the meeting, Tina is covering renewals received by mail. The membership roster will need to be updated. Renewals are going well. We have 142 members on the roster with 53 paid and renewed for next year (37%). Since several members have moved out of the area and won't be renewing, if we use our March 2017 membership number of 125 members, we are at a 42% renewal rate.

**Newsletter Editor/Publisher** - CFMS is taking applications for their annual awards. Folks will let Tina know if any particular edition stands out to them to submit.

**Club Picnic Demo Day** - The Event flyer was emailed out. David Nelson is once again able to help John Hollenbeck with the barbeque. John is renting a barbeque per direction at previous Board meeting and will purchasing all the meat and condiments. Doren is handling the paper goods and waters. Tina ordered the Port-a-potty. Pete Duckworth will be handling the sale of Bob Baker's items and the club auction. Tina will help him. Wayne Mills will do metal detecting and the Gold Panning Club will have a demo. The other club demo's are looking good, Chris will be asked to bring his rock polisher and Lisa and Tina will have a rock tumbling display. Barbara will be selling Irises.

**Officer Elections & Open Committee Positions-** There are only two Board positions not yet filled with a nominee - President and Vice President of Membership. Laurie Pudwill will be stepping down as a newsletter editor, so there are two committee positions needing to be filled - Programs and Newsletter Editor. Tina only received one nominating form at the general meeting, and one by email and read out loud a hand written note from club member Mary Beatty about how difficult it is to nominate people without knowing more about members and what the exact duties of each Board position entail. There was significant discussion about the failure of an establishment of a nominating committee. Tina said she would email out descriptions of the two Board positions not yet filled with a nominee to the general membership. Galen said he would make a pitch at the picnic about getting these positions filled.

**Rock Show 2018** - Kim Noyes offered to be either a co-coordinator or the coordinator for the Rock Show, though he would ask someone else to serve as the liaison to the Fairgrounds Administration. Thus, Tina and Kim will be the Rock Show Co-coordinators, and Lisa King the Assistant Show Coordinator. Tina circulated a the sign up list of volunteers for the show's major task areas. Almost all zones now have leaders, including Don Huntington and Don Pierce taking on exhibits, and Amy Phillips overseeing the Kids Booth.

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 5th at the Rabobank location. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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## General Meeting Minutes:

There was no general meeting in October.

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## Minutiae:

**The Rockonteur** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Santa Lucia Rockhounds**. It is an independent publication containing news and information consistent with the mission of SLR and of interest to its members.

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**Member submissions** are encouraged and may be made by email or snail mail. We reserve the right to accept or refuse submissions and advertising that, in our opinion, do not reflect the standards of this newsletter, or are inconsistent with the objectives and purpose of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds. Submissions may be edited for content, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and length without consent.

**Rockonteur** is not a creative writing outlet. However, all submissions that may be of interest to its readers and reflect the standards of the newsletter, will be considered for publication at the discretion of the editor or publisher.

**Deadline:** All submissions are due by midnight of the last day of the month but early submissions are highly appreciated and strongly encouraged. The publisher reserves the right to accept, reject or hold-over late submissions.

**Santa Lucia Rockhounds Website:** [www.slrockhounds.org](http://www.slrockhounds.org)

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**Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Inc.** is a charitable group organized as a California non-profit public benefit corporation. The specific purpose of the group is to promote the study of mineralogy, including (but not limited to) the fields of lapidary, metal working, jewelry design & fabrication, geology and field trips for collecting and related history. We encourage learning and good citizenship in a congenial atmosphere. We respect both private and public property and we strive to protect natural resources.

**Annual Dues** are \$20 for the first adult and \$8 each for every additional member in the same household. Annual dues are payable between August 1 and the 3rd Monday of November, in person at the meetings or by mail. Members in good standing receive the Rockonteur by mail or email.

We are a member of the **California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)** and affiliated with the **American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)**. **Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Inc.** is also a member of the **American Lands Access Association (ALAA)**.

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