



# ROCKONTEUR

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## Words from the President:

Oh, how I am loving the rain, not to mention the heaps of newly deposited rocks on the shores of my favorite beaches. What makes the winter season even more special for me is being out and about and running into fellow club members enjoying their own preferred storm spoils.

The breadth and depth of the geological and lapidary knowledge of our club members never ceases to amaze me, and last month's Show 'n Tell meeting was no exception. Though I'm still not entirely sure what I'm going to do with the mini boulder of obsidian I brought in to share, I now have some really good ideas!

The Club's biggest Show 'n Tell is coming up soon. Our annual Rock & Gem Show is on April 22nd & 23rd and our theme is "Out-of-this-World". Make sure to check out the club Exhibit Application Form inside this newsletter!

I am very grateful to the many club members who are stepping up to take the lead on coordinating specific areas of the show. There are still many more areas the Board could use help with, so even you haven't signed up for something yet, come talk to me at the February General Meeting. Show advertising is going to be our next big push and we are going to need everyone's help on this.

Let's rock it!!

Tina Clark

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Position Resigned

## **Santa Lucia RockHounds monthly public meetings:**

General Meeting: 7pm      Templeton Community Center  
February 20, 2017      601 Main Street, Templeton

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

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## **Upcoming Program Speakers:**

20 FEB: Jim Mills, Program "The Demise of the Dinosaurs"

20 MAR: John Neil, Program "The Atascadero and Paso Robles Groundwater Basins"

17 APR: Open

15 MAY: Open

19 JUN: Wayne Mills, Program "Treasure Hunting via Metal Detecting"

17 JUL: Open

21 AUG: Open

September: Dark

16 OCT: Open

20 NOV: Open

December: Dark

21 JAN 2018: Open

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## **WANTED: Club Field Trip Ideas & Coordinators:**

With each rainstorm we receive, the field trip options and possibilities improve. The drought is over! Please contact Tina with your ideas and/or if you have an interest in heading up a specific activity. Tina can be reached at 805-305-0246 or [theclarkfour@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theclarkfour@sbcglobal.net)

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## In Memoriam

We are sad to have to say farewell to two of our old-time members: Rudy Ruda and Dee Carroll. Rudy was an important member not only of our club, but of the North County mining community. According to his obituary, "Rudy's love of rocks and minerals led him to working in several local mines and to starting his own heavy equipment company. He enjoyed earthmoving so much that he didn't step off his dozer until he was 82 years old." Rudy passed away in November 2016.



Dee Carroll was a bright and energetic spirit who shared with us her love of handcrafted jewelry and her knowledge of Indian art and artifacts. One of the most memorable exhibits we have enjoyed over the years was her reproduction of Chumash rock art. Dee passed on in January.

They were dear members of our rockhound family. *By Barbara Bilyeu*

## Our 2017 Rock & Gem Show:

Date: April 22 & 23

Countdown: 61 days

Show Theme: "Out of This World"

Main Areas we need help...

Show Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ (Vacant)

Dealer/Vendor Chair: [Dianne Brooke & Kim Noyes](#)

Club Exhibit Chair: [Barbara Bilyeu](#)

Drawing/Raffle Chair: [Mary Caparone](#)

Club Booths Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ (Vacant)

Site Chair: [Tina Clark & Will Persall](#)



- Do you have a lapidary skill you'd like to demonstrate?
- Do you have something you want to display?
- Do you have stuff you want to sell?
- Do love our club and want to promote it?
- Do you like doing games with kids?
- Do you want to learn more about rocks?
- Do you like drawings & raffles?
- Do you like making signs & posters?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have a spot for you at the Rock Show!

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## Upcoming California Rock and Gem Shows:

### FEBRUARY

**February 17 - 26: INDIO, CA**  
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society

**February 18 - 19: ANTIOCH, CA**  
Antioch Gem Club

**February 25 - 26: VALLEJO, CA**  
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

### MARCH

**March 3 - 5: NEWARK, CA**  
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley

**March 4 - 5: ARCADIA, CA**  
Monrovia Rockhound

**March 4 - 5: LEMOORE, CA**  
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society

**March 4 - 5: VENTURA, CA**  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**March 11 - 12: SAN MARINO, CA**  
Pasadena Lapidary Society

**March 11 - 12: SPRECKELS, CA**  
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club

**March 11 - 12: TURLOCK, CA**  
Mother Lode Mineral Society,  
Modesto

**March 18 - 19: SAN JOSE, CA**  
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

**March 25 - 26: ANGELS CAMP, CA**  
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

**March 25- 26: ROSEVILLE, CA**  
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem &  
Mineral Society

### APRIL

**April 1 - 2: CHICO, CA**  
Paradise Gem & Mineral Society

**April 1 - 2: TORRANCE, CA**  
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

**April 8 - 9: MARIPOSA, CA**  
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society

**April 22 - 23: PASO ROBLES, CA**  
Santa Lucia Rockhounds

**April 22 - 23: THOUSAND OAKS, CA**  
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club

**April 29 - 30: LANCASTER, CA**  
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society

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## Annual Membership

If you enjoy receiving this newsletter and you haven't paid your 2017 club dues, you better hurry!

On February 28th, we will be purging our club email distribution list and removing all individuals and families who are not paid up.

You can renew your membership at the February 20th meeting.

DUES are \$20 for a single adult and \$8 for each additional family member in the household (check, cash, or credit card). If you joined the club mid-year, there is a discount, please talk to Cindy Chambers.

If you can't make the meeting, please mail a check ASAP to:

Santa Lucia RockHounds  
P.O. Box 1672  
Paso Robles, CA 93447

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## **IT'S SHOW TIME AND WE NEED YOUR EXHIBITS!**

**By Barbara Bilyeu**

Our show is coming right up toward the end of April, and it's not too late to plan your exhibits! We need members of our club to "show off" what you have collected, created, or just plain like, to your friends, neighbors, and the larger community. If you do not have an exhibit case, the club has a limited number which can be available at the show for you to use. They are basically 4' x 4' x 2', and you need to let me know ASAP if you would like to reserve one for your exhibit. Please contact me if you have questions (805-434-2708, bbilyeu2001@yahoo.com).

Our show theme this year is "Out of This World", with a focus on meteorites and astronomy. Since most of us do not have vast meteorite collections, this theme can also be interpreted as "Out of the Earth", which pretty well covers most of what we *do* have -- rocks and minerals! So anything hobby-related that you want to exhibit is welcome!

I have been in charge of the show exhibits for 24 years, and had planned to "retire" after last year's show in order to let someone new take charge. Since no one came forward last year, I am doing it for one more year at Tina's request, but I would be very happy if one of you would like to learn this task and take it forward. It's not hard and I can show you what's involved this year. Please contact me if you are interested. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

A show exhibit application is included in this newsletter.

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## **Board Meeting Minutes:**

**JANUARY 9, 2017**

Meeting commenced at 7:07 pm at the RaboBank in Templeton. Future board meetings will be held at RaboBank on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Regular Rockhound meetings will continue to be the third Monday of each month at the Templeton Community Center.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Officers Present: Tina Clark, President; John McCabe, VP Education; Dianne Brooke, VP Communications; Cathy McIntosh, Secretary; Doren Strane, Senior Director; Jody Carlson, Junior Director; Mike Judy, Past President; Treasurer, Christine Vitarisi (arrived late). Absent: John Hollenbeck, VP Programs  
Committee Chairs Present: Barbara Bilyeu, Mike Judy, Other members present: Denise Halopoff

Draft minutes from the Board & General Meetings will be sent out with the monthly Board meeting agendas to allow for timely review and approval, and for final minutes to be published in the Newsletter.

Upcoming events:

Ventura Rock & Gem show March 4-5 2017 located at the Ventura Fairgrounds.

Santa Barbara Gem Faire February 17-19 2017 (you can pick up free admission tickets at the general meeting).

Mike Judy gave Tina Clark the PO Box key for the club's correspondence.

Treasurer report: Income for December included \$112 in member dues and \$350 for the Holiday. More dues are coming in. Currently QuickBooks is used for accounting, should be able to link to bank statements.



Membership: Three new member applications were approved. CFMS member roster and insurance payment is due. Current membership list of 159 includes 2015 fall renewals so needs to be updated. The club membership form has been revised to let members specify if they do not want certain information listed, existing members will also be notified of this by email and club meeting announcements.

Proration of dues for new members joining after July was discussed.

Wayne Mills (CSFM director) issued a warning that groups belonging to the Mineral Society are being targeted for fraud.

Doren Strane volunteered to be the Club's Hospitality Chair.

The club does not have a Field Trip Chair, but still hopes to hold a collecting field trip in upper San Simeon Creek in the next couple of months.

CFMS is requesting its member organization to comment on the recent rule regarding the collecting on public lands, or join the comment letter prepared by the Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS). Dianne Brooke made a motion to add our group to the SPCS letter. Doren Strane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about the 2017 budget took place. Changes were made on the draft budget to reflect actual costs spent over the year. Barbara Bilyeu, requested we keep the current Museum & Library budget of \$100 for both groups the same. John McCabe, requested the JR Rockhounds budget of \$150 stay the same and mentioned he sent notifications to the high schools about the scholarships available and that none were awarded last year. Mike Judy & Denise Halopoff would like \$100 for drawing prizes and plan to shop in Quartzite for these along with minerals requested by John McCabe for the Jr Rockhounds. The club has budgeted for Card Reader /Square we need a phone or tablet to use it on at club meetings and the show. The budget will include monies to cover a burner device, but we need to check how quickly these devices expire if they will work for the monthly meetings. The Club must approve a final budget in February.

Rock Show:

The Show dates are April 22 & 23. The theme is: "Out of this World" and covers both meteorites and the club exhibits. There is currently no Show Chairperson so until one is found, we will have to split these responsibilities amongst different club members.

Diane Brooke is working with Kim Noyes as the Dealer Chairs. She has sent letters out to prior year vendors and we have already received a request for booth space for the show. Dianne will be receiving the notifications from vendors, returning by email copies of payment from the vendors & together with Kim be assigning vendor space & any other vendor issues.

Barbara will be handling the exhibits display.

Jody Carlson volunteered to be the Site Chair and will be working with the fairgrounds to coordinate the facility & make sure that tables, electricity, restrooms etc., are completed.

Doren Strane will be working with the local gold club (CCPGA) for the panning demonstration.

Mike Judy will line up the speakers & any artwork that is needed and suggested sending out the postcards to the grade schools for free admission.

Advertising for the show is going to be the next big task: CFMS magazine, press releases, newsletters, radio, etc. No one volunteered to fill this Chair position.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:15pm.

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## **General Meeting Minutes:**

January 16, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:12 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Amanda Clark and Bella Persall led the singing of "Happy Birthday" to all Club members born in the month of January, and guests were invited to introduce themselves. Karen Clark collected 25 cents from every Club member not wearing a name badge.

Club President Tina Clark reminded everyone that dues are due, if you have not already paid. The Club's

membership roster will be published soon, and any members who do not want their contact information included should notify Tina.

Tina also announced that someone has been hired to update and maintain the Club's website, and that the schedule for the Club's business meetings has been changed - they will now take place in the meeting room at Rabobank on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 P.M.

Mike Judy is resigning from his duties as Past President, and from being in charge of the drawing. His service to the Club has been greatly appreciated.

Tina announced Christine Vitarisi will be unable to continue serving as Treasurer. New member Will Persall volunteered for the position. A quorum of Board members present at the meeting unanimously approved Will Persall's Club membership application. John Hollenbeck moved to nominate Will Persall to serve as the club treasurer, Dave Clark seconded the motion. After three calls for any additional nominees, the members present voted in favor. Will Persall will serve as Treasurer, and his name will need to be added to the club's bank account, instead of Christine Vitarisi.

Cindy Chambers volunteered to be the Club's Membership Chair, but the position of Field Trip Chair is still open. Tina Clark suggested San Simeon Creek as a possible site for a future field trip, and the suggestion was well received. Pinnacles National Park was also put forward as a possible destination, and other suggestions are welcome. Sam Alvis volunteered to be the Club's Drawing Chair.

The Club's upcoming show takes place on April 22-23. The Show theme is "Out of This World." Richard Wade will speak on meteorites, and it is time to start thinking about exhibits. The vendor and dealer letters are out, but we still need a Show Chair, and a Club booth liaison.

The Board members for 2017 were introduced:

Tina Clark-President  
John Hollenbeck-Vice-President of Programs  
John McCabe-Vice President of Education  
Dianne Brooke - Vice President of Communications  
Cathy McIntosh-Secretary  
Will Persall-Treasurer  
Doren Strane-Senior Director  
Jody Carlson-Junior Director

John McCabe encouraged the Junior Rockhounds to take part in the show, suggesting that they bring their favorite rocks in March for inclusion in the Club's show case. He also reminded the kids that they can earn the Meteorites badge by attending Richard Wade's talk. Karen Clark has earned six badges, and was presented with a lovely polished geode slice. John introduced Haley and Delaney Lloyd. Delaney has earned a badge in Fossils and Collecting, and Haley showed the Club her collection in order to earn hers. John also introduced Cheyenne and Sam Allen who are new Junior members.

David Nelson announced that there will be new T-shirts for sale at the show. Doren Strane was introduced as the Club's new Hospitality Chair, and members were reminded to bring snacks to share at refreshment time. Laurie Pudwill was thanked for her work on the newsletter.

John Hollenbeck hopes to have a program on gold mining in February, and one on the local groundwater basins in March. Wayne Mills will give a presentation on treasure hunting in June. Suggestions for future programs are welcome-John has, himself, offered to give a presentation on Diamond Valley Lake.

The featured program for the evening was a Show and Tell, with members bringing in specimens from their own collections, and talking about them. There were fossils, petrified wood, spear points, obsidian, ash from Mount Saint Helens, and other interesting things-and stories to go with them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M. for refreshments and the drawing, gradually dispersing afterwards. Hoping your year is off to a good start, I am respectfully yours,

Rachael Denny  
(filling in for Cathy McIntosh, who was unable to attend)

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## **Minutiae:**

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**Annual Dues** are \$20 for the first adult and \$8 each for every additional member in the same household. Dues are payable between 1 September and 31 December, 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)**.



**EXHIBIT APPLICATION**

Santa Lucia Rockhounds  
Annual Gem and Mineral Show  
**April 22 - 23, 2017**  
at the Paso Robles Event Center (Fairgrounds)



Dear Friends,

We would be honored to have your exhibit in our annual rock and gem show to be held at the Paso Robles Event Center. Our show theme this year is "Out of This World" to feature meteorites, but this can also include anything from "Out of the Earth" (like rocks, gemstones, minerals, etc.)!

Exhibit set-up time is from **12:00 noon until 7:00 pm on Friday, April 21st**, or between **8:00 and 10:00 on Saturday morning**. Exhibits must remain in place until 5:00 Sunday afternoon.

The Santa Lucia Rockhounds will have security in place during the show, but will not be liable for loss or damage to exhibits.

Please complete the following form and return to:

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620 Santa Rita Road  
Templeton, CA 93465

For further information, please call Barbara at (805)434-2708, or email at [bbilyeu2001@yahoo.com](mailto:bbilyeu2001@yahoo.com). We look forward to your participation!

*Detach here* - - - - -

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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I have my own case \_\_\_\_\_ Upright \_\_\_\_\_ Slant \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside dimensions are Length \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Maximum wattage not to exceed 150 watts.

I need to borrow a case \_\_\_\_\_. A limited number of loaner cases may be available. They are standard 4'x2'x2'. Please provide your own liners.

Description of exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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