



# ROCKONTEUR

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## Words from the President:

"Out-of-this-World!" is all I need to say to describe our Club's 26th Annual Rock & Gem Show. I no longer need to look up at the night sky to see stars, I only have to look at the amazing membership of our club - each and every one of you that made our show such a rocking success!

There is a staggering amount of stuff that goes into making our show happen, and I suspect most of us don't know the full extent of what everyone does to pull this off. My list of rock stars is a long one, but it's included in this newsletter, and I hope you take the time to look it over and appreciate the amount of effort our Board and general membership put in this year.

If I accidentally left your name off the list, or overlooked an important task you completed (there are so many of you to keep track of), please let me know and I will make it right in the next newsletter.

I don't know about you, but I'm ready to celebrate our accomplishment! First, I'm going to go on our Club field trip to upper San Simeon Creek on Saturday, May 13. (A special thank you to Don Pierce and Don Huntington for coordinating this)! Next, I'm going to go to our next club meeting and look and hear about beautiful rocks and treasures as well as eat lots and lots of ice cream. Yes, you read this correctly - **our May 15th program is going to be a Show 'n Tell followed by an Ice Cream Social!** What more could a person want? The club is going to provide the ice cream and members are asked to bring a topping and of course a rock to share for the show 'n tell.

Thanks again for your hard work in making this show one of the best one's yet.

We rocked it!!

Tina Clark

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

General Meeting: 7pm      Templeton Community Center  
May 15, 2017                601 Main Street, Templeton

Board Meeting: 7pm        TCSD Board Meeting Room  
June 5, 2017                206 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Templeton

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## **Upcoming Program Speakers:**

15 MAY: **"Show & Tell"** – Club members to bring in rock or related item and tell us all about it.

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

17 JUL: Open/TBA

21 AUG: **Galen Moyer** and **Barbara Bilyeu**, Program **"Thundereggs"**

September: No public meeting

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

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

December: No public meeting

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## **Rock & Gem Show:**

We had 1,420 total paid admissions - 749 for Saturday, 671 for Sunday.

225 kids claimed a free rock on Saturday, and 254 on Sunday!

We counted 990 show exhibit ballots this year.

From a People's Choice Award ballot: ***"Amazing! Thank you for the opportunity to see all these beautiful creations of God!! What a beautiful place to live."***

Ed.

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## **Tina's List of Santa Lucia Rock & Gem Show Rock Stars:**

- Sam Alvis - geode whacker
- Don Barton - kid's booth relief
- Sherry Barton - kid's booth relief
- Ashlyn Bean - kid's booth
- Debra Bean - admissions
- Dave Bender - shed transportation, geode whacker, yard signs, clean up
- Karen Bender - geode support with or without injury
- Barbara Bilyeu - exhibit lead, awards, layout planning, set-up, clean up
- Gene Bilyeu - exhibits, shed loading, set up, clean up
- Bill Bingaman - exhibits
- Gayle Bingaman - exhibits
- Cliff Brewen - tumbled rock donation, table set up, sage advice
- Eletha Brewen - answering the phone with a smile every time I called Cliff
- Dianne Brooke - dealer coordinator, advertising lead (artwork, print copy, online, radio), school postcards, setup, cleanup
- Mary Caparone - drawing lead, clean up
- Cindy Chambers - club info booth, membership
- Amanda Clark - drawing
- Dave Clark - admissions, money handling, set up, clean up
- Karen Clark - admissions, drawing
- Jeff Cooper - merchandise lunch relief
- Chris Driesbach - gravel pit
- Pete Duckworth - bead making - and our only club demonstrator
- Michael Duniven - security
- Keith Eminger - gravel pit, food vendor emissary
- Kevin Erickson - gravel pit
- Colby Gentry - kid's booth, geode whacker
- Roberta Hall - phone donation, drawing
- Suzanne Harrison - drawing
- Bob Harrision – drawing
- John Hollenbeck - school postcards, geodes, cleanup
- Don Huntington - exhibits
- Frank Imhoff - Jr. Rockhounds exhibit, set up
- Charles Janolis - club info booth
- Lisa King - set up, clean up
- Susan Lewis Foreman - drawing
- Jessica Llyod - merchandise
- Jason Martines - set up, gravel pit, clean up
- Cathy McIntosh - school postcards, hospitality, set up, clean up
- Jim Mills - rock doc relief, clean up
- Wayne Mills - rock doc, back up tables
- Galen Moyer - gravel pit lead, quartz points for kids, set up, clean up
- David Nelson - merchandise lead, drawing case repair, white board
- Kim Noyes - dealer lead, layout planning, security
- Vince Pellerin - show theme exhibit, website show updates
- Ernie Perlich - gravel pit
- Will Persall - school postcards
- Don Pierce - exhibits
- Laurie Pudwill - drawing, prize distribution, clean up
- Anthony Renteria - club info
- Alice Rodriguez - kid's booth, set up, clean up
- Alvaro Rodriguez - kid's booth, set up, clean up
- Eva Rodriguez - kid's booth, set up, clean up
- Ron Rusconi - lunchtime relief
- Slade - kid's booth, geodes - don't know who you belong to, but thank you!
- Kince Scott - gravel pit
- Nick Sherwin - rock sorting
- Richard Smithen - club info booth
- Doren Strane - hospitality, banners, school postcards, drawing prizes, measuring, set up
- Lynn Willburn - admissions, merchandise - not a club member but she rocks
- Laurie Wylie – geodes
- Tom Wylie - geode lead

**And big thank you to President Tina Clark, for doing all the Rock & Gem Show things that no one else did.**

**Ed.**

## SHOW EXHIBITS WERE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

By Barbara Bilyeu



Thanks to all of our exhibitors who showed off their collections, workmanship, and creativity at our show! Featured exhibitor **Vince Pellerin** sent two of his large, spectacular meteorites for a special exhibit (thanks to those who hauled them to and fro, and to Gene Bilyeu for creating stands to put them on and for providing security around their perimeter), in addition to bringing a wonderful case display that was very informative. The Don's (**Don Pierce and Don Huntington**) also captured the show theme with their "Stone Universe", as did **Cliff and Elethea Brewen** with their Solar System of spheres. Our fossil lovers came forth with Ammonites (**Doren Strane**), the Bakersfield Bone Bed (**Chris Driesbach**), Fossilized Cones (**Jim Mills and Beth Myers**), and a great fossil fish tale by **Nick Sherwin**. Guest exhibitors **Tom McGanty** (Oregon) and

**Doug Moore** (Garden Grove) visited us again with beautiful displays of petrified wood. Tom McGanty and **Barbara Bilyeu** represented the thunderegg collectors, and Barbara included a whimsical case of "Rockhound Easter Eggs" made of gemstones. **Wayne Mills** added whimsy with his "Under the Sea" exhibit, and **David Nelson** added pizzazz with his fluorescent mineral tent. **Galen Moyer** took us to far-off Turkey with its beautiful and unique agates, and **Eva Rodriguez** taught us all more about the Rocks and Minerals of California. Our



**Junior Rockhounds** showed off their favorite rock in an exhibit created by **Frank Imhoof**, and guest exhibitor **Wes Lingerfelt** showed off a few of his favorite rocks in his brilliant exhibit of unusual quartz specimens. Jewelry artistry



was exhibited by **Bill Bingamen** with a striking case of hand-crafted jewelry made from silver and turquoise and copper minerals, and guest exhibitor **Jeannie Lingerfelt** displayed a lovely case of Ocean Jasper jewelry, spheres, and specimens in memory of Orcutt club member Sandy Berthelot.



**Gene Bilyeu** showed off

Bruneau Jasper, Clay Canyon Variscite and Petrified Wood in his case, and **Nick Sherwin** showcased the beauties of translucent agate in his beautiful case.

Once again, our visitors were able to participate by voting for their favorite exhibits, and this year they found it particularly hard to choose just one, as indicated by comments on their ballots! We counted 990 ballots this year, up from 983 last year.

Congratulations to our winners: 1st place - **Don and Don**, 2nd place - **David Nelson**, 3rd place - **Jim Mills**, President's Choice - **Doren Strane**. And big thanks to **Bill Bingamen**, **Don Pierce** and **Don Huntington** and everyone else who helped with the People's Choice Awards. You folks rock!



## Upcoming California Rock and Gem Shows:

### MAY

**May 5 - 7: YUCAIPA, CA**  
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society

**May 6 - 7: JACKSON, CA**  
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society

**May 6 - 7, 2017: RENO, NV**  
Reno Gem & Mineral Society

**May 6 - 7: ANAHEIM, CA**  
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

### JUNE

**June 2 - 4: LA HABRA, CA**  
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

**June 3 - 4: ESCONDIDO, CA**  
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

**June 3 - 4, 2017: GLENDORA, CA**  
Glendora Gems

**June 9 - 11, 2017: VENTURA, CA**  
CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention  
Hosted by Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society

**June 17 - 18: CAMBRIA, CA**  
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club

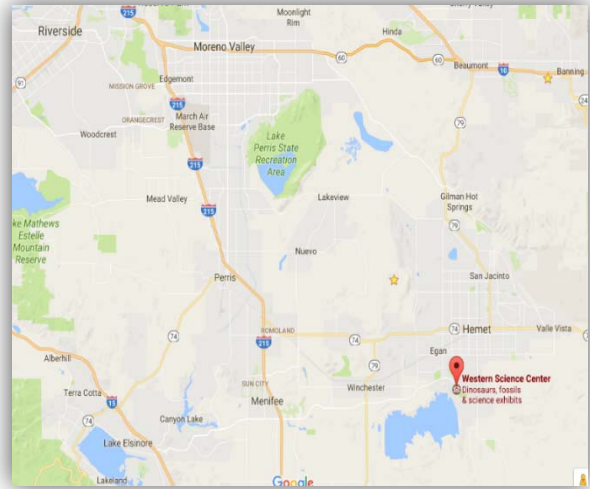
### JULY

**July 8 - 9: CULVER CITY, CA**  
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club

## Speaker Wrap-Up

Member, John Hollenbeck, P.E. was our speaker last month. He told us about the fossils found during Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's construction of the Diamond Valley Lake. Unearthed at the site were over 1 million fossils and artifacts, including the largest mastodon found in California. Many of these fossils on display at the Western Science Center.

He discussed how the reservoir's construction operations were the largest in the nation - moving more than 200,000 cubic yards of earth and rock each day to build the project's three dams. More than 150 million cubic yards of material were hauled. The shovels, loaders and trucks used on the project were the largest available in the industry.



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-chartered cooperative of 26 member agencies – cities and public water agencies – that serve about 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.

John is a graduate of Kansas State University with a BS and MS degree in civil engineering. He moved to California for the MWD position and planned part of the reservoir located in Riverside County.

By Laurie Pudwill

## Board Meeting Minutes:

April 4, 2017

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM at the RaboBank Community Meeting Room in Templeton.

### Roll Call:

Board Members Present - Tina Clark, President; Will Persall, Treasurer; John Hollenbeck VP Programs; John McCabe, VP Education; Dianne Brooke, VP Communications; Cathy McIntosh, Secretary; Doren Strane, Senior Director; Galen Moyer, Junior Director, Barbara Bilyeu, Past President

Committee Members - Cindy Chambers, Membership; David Nelson, Merchandise; Barbara Bilyeu, Museum Exhibits & Library; Mike Doherty, Historian

Guests - Gene Bilyeu, Mary Caparone, Roberta Hall, Kim Noyes, Tom Wylie

### Meeting Minutes:

Corrections were made to the April Board Meeting Minutes - third to last paragraph "display cases" should be changed to "display spaces"; second to last paragraph "CMFS" is "CFMS".

A motion to approve the April Board Meeting Minutes as corrected and the April General Meeting Meetings was made and seconded.

### Correspondence:

Received Atlas Screen Printer's Invoice for Merchandise showing paid, more dealer applications, Santa Barbara Gem Fair Postcards, and copies of the AFMS Newsletter.

### Reports:

President: Our State Board of Equalization Statement of Information (annual) and our Corporation Officer Form (every two years) have both been updated and sent in.

Treasurer Report: Monies from the last meeting were not deposited and the monthly report was not prepared for the meeting. Tina will meet with Will and fine tune the general meeting money collection, receipting and reporting process.

Membership: There were 32 club member sign ins at the February General Meeting, but a head count showed 44 members present.

Newsletter: Items for the newsletter are due to Laurie by the first of each month.

### Business:

E-Commerce - The club's website maintenance contractor can set up the site to allow membership applications and renewals to be processed online and paid via PayPal. Discussion on this item was deferred until after the rock show. The chip reader we purchased from one of our members was paid for out of last year's funds, but still requires some sort of device to use with it. Funds were budgeted to acquire one. Roberta offered to donate a phone she no longer uses to the club for use at the Rock Show and at club meetings.

Rock Show - A handout was distributed listing the main topics for discussion.

Advertising: The banner was stolen from the Niblick location. The fairgrounds can hang two for us at a cost of \$30 for up to two weeks. Doren advised the group there is already a banner hanging at one of the fairground locations. Dianne is working on the radio ads, KJUG is ready to go, KPRL is in the works, and she is looking into KPYG. News Times is set to run. Article was published in Paso Robles Magazine. School postcards have been delivered. Atascadero will not send postcards home in school folders unless the organization is a school board approved fundraising entity.

Fairgrounds: We have a contract which includes the use of 140 tables. The check will be dropped off tomorrow.

Food: TC's It's All About the Food will provide food on Saturday, Shave & Flave will provide a shaved ice cart both days and a food truck on Sunday.

Layout: We will have the Idlers kitchen. The group discussed moving the Geodes booth to the outside area by the stage if the admissions booth is going to be outside by the front entrance. The group decided to keep geodes inside.

Volunteers: The signup sheet was circulated. More volunteers will be recruited. Neck lanyards will be passed out to the rockhound club members to wear during the show.

Parking: Volunteers, exhibitors, and dealers will be given parking permits as we still don't know if the Fairgrounds will be charging.

Vendors: as of April 4, 2017, there are 28 vendors.

Exhibits: Only three cases will be used from storage.

Club Booths: The Rock Doc does not get to take breaks and wondered if someone could relieve him. Names were suggested for Tina to follow up. The Gravel Pit is still looking for donations. Galen made a trip to Wes's in Nipomo and picked up a wide variety of rocks. Show survey cards will be on clipboards set around the show and folks can complete them. This will ease the entrance area crowd. Club information will be on postcards for interested people. Donations still needed of polished rocks or semi polished rock for the children's fishbowl. Kids will be given a ticket to claim their rock, so we can track how many children attend. The drawing will be setup in the Idlers kitchen area. The club purchased the gold nugget and meteorite, vendors and club members will be asked to donate items for the drawing. We hope to send thank you cards to the vendors for participating in the show and donating. David will check into borrowing a white board to record winning numbers. Radios will be used between key people to communicate.

Hospitality - Cathy and Doren are handling.

PA System/MC: Dianne will handle announcements during the show.

Set up: This will take place Friday, April 21st at 8:00 am. Volunteers are needed to pick up exhibit cases and other items from the shed as well as to help set up tables at the fairgrounds. There will be no covered parking next to the exhibit building, vehicles may load and unload only.

Security - Kim will find guards to provide overnight security. At ten minutes to closing of each day of the show, it will be announced that we are closing and volunteers should begin to steer people to finish looking, wind up transactions and push out the door.

Other: Check out the Paso Library and see the rock display. Low turnout from Jr. Rockhounds for their exhibit case, it's not too late for them to include their favorite rock, gem, mineral or fossil to display. Barbara is still looking to train another volunteer to set up & take down the exhibits display.

Several participants stayed to help address envelopes (over 200) from last year's survey. Each envelope included a show postcard and a drawing ticket. Meeting finished at 9:45pm.

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## **General Meeting Minutes:**

April 17th, 2017

Meeting commenced at 7:05 PM with the flag salute at the Community Center in Templeton.

Badge Check: Jim Mills rounded up those quarters. Sunshine Greeter: New member, Gavin Renteria called for April birthdays - there were only a few. There were no April anniversaries. Guests: Ramone introduced himself. New Members: Kevin Brehm was welcomed.

Upcoming San Simeon Field Trip: Don Pierce has made arrangements. This will be scheduled about two weeks after the rock & gem show. The date and directions will be announced by email and published in the May newsletter.

### Announcements:

The Orcutt club will be visiting the Ralph Bishop museum in Santa Maria the third weekend in June and an invitation was extended to our club. More information will be provided in a future newsletter.

Postcards are available for free admission to the Santa Barbara Gem Faire May 19,20,21 Earl Warren Showgrounds. Hours: Fri 12-6 pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-5pm.

The Orcutt Mineral Society Rock & Gem show at Nipomo High School in August - free admission and lots of vendors inside and outside.

The May meeting will be a Show & Tell, bring your interesting find along with the story.

### Rock Show:

Show is this weekend, April 22 & 23, 2017.

Thanks was given to Dianne for taking the lead on advertising which included an ad in New Times, and article in the Paso Robles monthly magazine, and radio spots on KPRL, KZOZ, and other stations.

Thanks was given to Doren for hanging banners, the entire membership for getting the yard signs out, to Barbara for the Library exhibit, and to Cliff for his donation of tumbled rocks for kids.

Set up is Friday at the Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. The club will provide snacks to those setting up. Folks will also be meeting at the club shed at Cliff's house at 8:00 a.m.

Parking permits will be given to volunteers, exhibitors, and vendors in case the fairgrounds charges to park. Tina will send by email or you can pick up a hard copy from her after the meeting.

Rock show results will be discussed at the board meeting on May 2, the first Tuesday of the month in the Rabobank meeting room in Templeton on Las Tablas. Any club member may attend the Board meeting.

Junior Rockhounds: Lexi and Gavin earned their first badges; Madison & Evelyn earned their Fossil badges.

Hospitality: Doren announced he responded to a request for some local fossils from a school teacher in Hawaii. She recently visited area and had been unable to find any. Doren sent her fossils of shark teeth, shells and other sea life. In return she sent a box of chocolates for the club to enjoy after the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Member John Hollenbeck, P.E. spoke about fossils unearthed at Diamond Valley Lake (Hemet, Ca) during his employment by the Metropolitan Water District.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.



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## Minutiae:

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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)**.

## REMINDER:

**May 15th** program is **Show 'n Tell** followed by an **Ice Cream Social!** The club is going to provide the ice cream and members are asked to bring a topping and of course a rock to share for the show 'n tell.

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