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President's Message

Greetings Rockhounds,

As 2026 draws to a close, we still have lots of fun rockhound events to look forward to. So, mark your calendars for these upcoming club activities:

November 7th: Shark Tooth Hill Field Trip (Weather Permitting)

November 16th: November General Meeting featuring election of the 2027 Officers and a presentation on rockhounding at Jalama Beach.

November 21st: Cliff's Tailgate Sale, where you can bring any and all of your rock-related stuff to BUY - SELL - TRADE! Super fun, don't miss it!

December 14th: December Meeting: Christmas Party!

The other day, I inventoried the club's three bins of "Merch." Some of our previous Rock Show offerings have only a few pieces left, and some of the older "Club" apparel is also down to a few remaining pieces. With the winter-time holidays coming soon, the board has opted to conduct a "Blow Out Sale" on the remaining show inventory and offer a one-time discount to club members on regular club attire. So, here's your opportunity to do some early shopping at great prices! There's a link on the website's front page.

The upcoming field trip to Shark Tooth Hill should be a winner. I am told the hunting will be better than ever, and the recent rain will also help expose the fossils. See the announcement elsewhere in the newsletter for full details.

At our November 16th general meeting, the presenter will be Josiah Frias of the Orcutt Mineral Society. His talk will focus on rockhounding at Jalama Beach with a special emphasis on Tranquillon Peak Marcasite & Thunder Eggs.

The Saturday following the general meeting is Cliff's Annual Tailgate Sale. If you have never been to one, you're missing out on a rockhounding experience. It's essentially a club member's flea market for buying, selling, and trading anything rockhound-related. If you have extra stuff or make jewelry or whatever, this is a great opportunity to sell your stuff, acquire equipment, and/or materials to enhance your rockhounding life.

On a more serious note, November is election time for our great nation and also for the Santa Lucia Rockhounds. Our distinguished Nominating Committee has been diligently canvassing members for people willing to give some of their time to the survival of the club. However, as of this writing, four of the eight elected officer positions remain open for 2027: the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Junior Director positions are all available.

It is my hope that some of the younger members of the club step up to ensure its longevity. So, give it some thought and feel free to contact me or any of the other officers to assuage any concerns or misgivings you may have. Let's band together to make the club's 36th year the best ever.

Ted Gray
El Presidénte
Santa Lucia Rockhounds

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Upcoming Events

November Board Meeting

Monday, November 2nd, Templeton Community Center at 7 p.m.

November Junior Rockhound Meeting

Monday, November 16th, Templeton Community Center at 7 p.m.

November General Meeting

Monday, November 16th, Templeton Community Center at 7 p.m.

November Field Trips

November 7: Shark Tooth Hill Field Trip (Weather Permitting)
November 21: Cliff's Tailgate Sale
Watch your email for all the details!



Source: Star Walk on Facebook

Lapidary Day 2026

Beth Walls, SLR





The Santa Lucia Rockhounds gathered for our annual Lapidary Day Club Picnic, celebrating our shared love of rocks, minerals, and the friendships that make our club special. The day offered something for everyone, from delicious food to opportunities to discover new treasures!

Members enjoyed a potluck filled with good food and great company. Sharing a meal is always a wonderful way to catch up with fellow rockhounds, swap stories about recent adventures, and talk about our latest finds.



The fun continued with a metal detecting event, giving members a chance to try their luck at uncovering hidden treasures. Whether searching for something shiny or simply enjoying the thrill of the hunt, metal detecting added an extra element of excitement to the day.

Members also had opportunities to browse club merchandise and shop for rock-related items offered for sale by fellow club members.



The silent auction added another layer of excitement, giving attendees the chance to bid on items with the possibility of taking home a special find. With so many interesting items to discover, there was plenty to keep everyone browsing and bidding!

Photos by Beth Walls

Lapidary Day *(continued)*











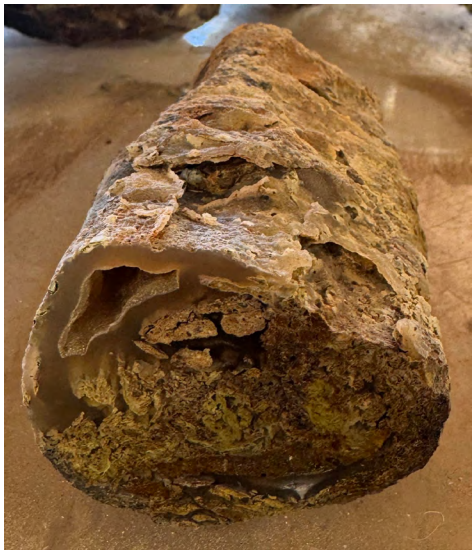

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Lapidary Day *(continued)*













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Lapidary Day *(continued)*

















Photos by Beth Walls and Jannine Kennedy

Lapidary Day *(continued)*

















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Lapidary Day *(continued)*











Photos by Beth Walls

Junior Rockhounds at Lapidary Day

Beth Walls, SLR

Our Junior Rockhounds had a wonderful time at Lapidary Day! They enjoyed the excitement of metal detecting, and shared their own talents and creativity with fellow club members. They also put their creativity to work making necklaces, turning their love of rocks and minerals into wearable treasures. It was a fun-filled day of learning, creating, and celebrating the next generation of rockhounds!





Photos by Beth Walls, Ted Gray, and Jannine Kennedy







Lapidary Day Metal Detecting Activity

Wayne W. Mills, SLR Metal Detector Guy

The detecting activity this year had about seven participants. A couple of them used the new detectors that the club bought for the activity. We had both adult and junior hunters search the (pin-flagged) area beneath Galen's large oak tree for much of an hour.

Since there were only a couple of pin pointers and no scoops, I helped the various participants when they got a good "beep."

For prospective detectorists, I recommend a pin pointer, a scoop, headphones, a digging tool, and a fanny pack as essential detecting gear.

Points were awarded based on the items each hunter recovered. Points were assigned as follows:
(50) Pennies from 1982-present—1 point each
(50) Pennies from 1959-1981 (copper core)—2 points each
(2) Pennies from 1909-1959 —5 points each
(7) Toy Cars –3 points each
(5) Rings –5 points each

I supplied all items and prizes, and the participants kept what they found. After the hunt, I recovered the rest of the prizes still in the ground—1/2 Wheaties, 15/50 1958-1982 pennies, 10/50 1983-present pennies, 2/7 cars, 4/5 rings.

The top point getter was Henry with 38 points. In second place was our Bulletin Editor, Beth Walls. Henry received a silver half dollar (value about $34.00) at Galen's, and Beth will hopefully receive her silver quarter (value about $17.00) at our next meeting.

The day was warm (101 degrees F), and it was nice to have the AC on as I headed home around 2 pm.

Many thanks again to Galen for making the area available for our annual Lapidary Day picnic.





Photos by Beth Walls

Metal Detecting Activity *(continued)*





Rockhounds of all ages grabbed their metal detectors and set out in search of hidden treasures at Lapidary Day! Thanks to Wayne Mills, who has organized this popular activity for many years, there was plenty of excitement as detectorists searched for their buried finds.

Wayne's careful planning and impressive organization help make this activity a success year after year. He's also always ready to lend a hand, helping treasure hunters pinpoint the exact location of their discoveries. Whether it's a first-time detectorist or a seasoned treasure hunter, everyone gets to enjoy the thrill of the hunt!

Photos by Beth Walls

Jade Festival in Harmony

Kim Noyes, SLR

The new Big Sur Jade Festival now in its third year in Harmony. The local brecciated jasper bowls were my favorite things there. There were many gorgeous jade pendant necklaces and earring pairs, some priced well, in a multitude of clever and visually-striking displays.





Photos by Kim Noyes







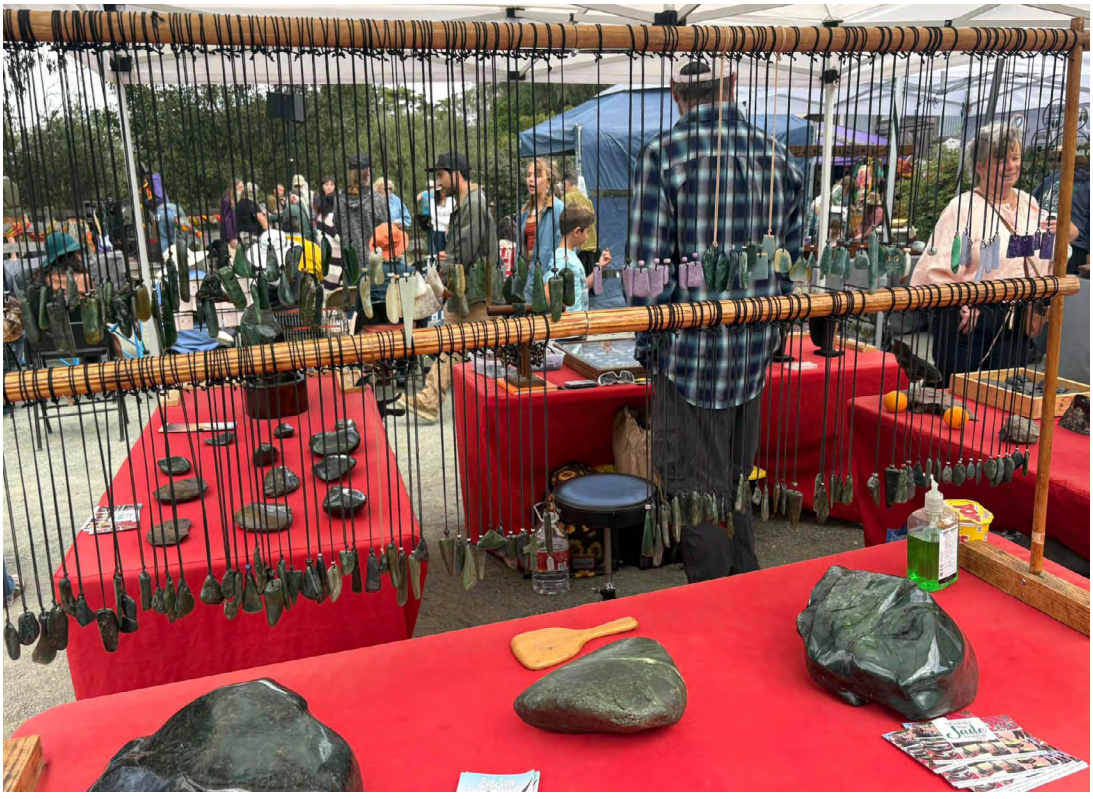


Jade Festival in Harmony *(continued)*









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Jade Festival in Harmony *(continued)*









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Field Trip Co-Op at Pedotti Ranch

Kim Noyes, SLR

The Santa Lucia Rockhounds joined forces with the San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club along with a single member of the Field Trip Co-Op for an rockhounding excursion in San Simeon Creek as authorized guests of the Pedotti Ranch.

There were 23 of us en total but I did not hunt but rather focused on facilitating the experience for the other 22 guests.

Other members of the Field Trip Co-Op tried to join us but for some reason were not at the rendezvous location.

This group was comprised of 20 novices or relatively newish rockhounds to go with three veterans of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds although most attendees were from the SLO club.

I saw some great stones which attendees proudly showed me not the least of which was a carnelian piece shifting into the rare pink agate found by SLOGMC-member Tara Goddard.









Photos by Kim Noyes

Field Trip Co-Op at Pedotti Ranch *(continued)*













Photos by Kim Noyes

Club Exhibit at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum

Barbara Bilyeu and Jannine Kennedy, SLR

Members of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds were on hand at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum to greet visitors last month on Pioneer Day.

Bruce Mundt, Jannine Kennedy, Barbara Bilyeu, and Dave Murray interacted with folks who stopped by to learn more about the mining and mineral history of our area.

A couple of people with direct connections to mining at some of our local mines stopped by, and it was fascinating to hear their stories. Usually, the Pioneer Museum holds a treasure hunt for children on Pioneer Day, but this year, there was an activity area in the meeting hall instead. Bruce was ready with small pieces of Big Sur jade to pass out to visitors, so they still went home with treasure!

The Pioneer Museum is a place everyone should visit. Not only do we have our excellent display of biconoids and other minerals and fossils from the club, but the museum as a whole has artifacts and displays from our local history.



Photo by Barbara Bilyeu

2026 Rock and Gem Shows

Mark your calendars!

Nov 7-8, 2026
Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society
IWGMS 70th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Hours: 9am-5pm
Free Admission and Free parking
Field Trip to club's Jasper claim on Sunday at 0900 - 5$ per adult

Sunday raffle
Contact: showchairman@iwgms.org
Website: https://iwgms.org

Nov 7-8, 2026
San Diego, CA
San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Rd., San Diego, CA 92106
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4
Gem Diego Show: Free Admission & Parking. Eateries next door.
Free Gem ID, 28 dealers, 20+ exhibits, demonstrations, Kid's zone, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, rough, cut stones, books, jewelry, slabs, door prizes & grand prize raffle (do not have to be there to win), and plenty more!
Trained Service Animals Only!
Contact: benton.luannz@gmail.com
Website: SDMG.org

November 14-15, 2026
Concord, CA
Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA
Hours: Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Admission $10 Kids under 12 free, Senior discount; Tickets can be purchased online.
Over 30 vendors - Rocks, minerals, fossils, gemstones, silent auction, rocks by the bucket, professional demonstrators, rock ID with experts, display cases, Spin the Wheel, rock painting, treasure box dig, rock monster, door prizes & raffle
Contact Mike Hopkins, (925) 570-4719
Email: show@ccmgsclub.com
Website: www.ccmgsclub.com

Nov 21-22, 2026
Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem
The Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
The Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society invites you to the annual holiday sale. Come and see wonderful gifts of nature and art from around the world –gems, jewelry, rocks, minerals, and lapidary arts. Browse the bargains and pick up some great gifts for the holidays. Free & family friendly. There is plenty of free parking at the Grange and on the street. The sale supports the mineral and gem society and earth sciences education and scholarship.
Contact: scruzmgs@gmail.com
Website: More Info

Nov. 21-22, 2026
Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview Street, Lakeside, CA 92040
Hours: Sat: 9a-5p; Sun: 9a-4p
Join us for the 2026 Rock & Gem Round-up at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds! There will be vendors of gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, handmade crafts and more. Kids activities and onsite food booth too! Free parking, admission, mineral identifications and lapidary demonstrations.
Contact: ECVGMS@gmail.com
Website: https://www.ecvgms.org/annual-show.html

2027 Shows

January 16-17, 2027
Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
324 N Kaweah Ave, Exeter, CA 93221
Hours: Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm
Tule Gem and Mineral Society's Gemboree
Free admission!
Website: tulegem.com

February 11-28, 2027
Indio, CA
San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fairgrounds, 46350 Arabia St. Indio, CA 92201
Dates: February 11-28 (Closed Mon.-Wed; Open Presidents Day). 3 Weekends, and open for 13 days.
Hours: Thur-Fri: 3-9pm, Sat-Sun, Pres. Day: 10am-9pm
Gem & Mineral Building at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. Contact datefest.org for vendor applications. The San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society will be overseeing the building for indoor vendors. Lots of activities, demonstrations, and crowds coming through. Beautiful competitive showcases of gems and minerals in the building. Spaces are $1000.00 for the 13 days.
Contact: peggylrichard@yahoo.com; (760) 863-8247
Website: datefest.org

Feb 27-28, 2027
Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds at McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590
Hours: 10am - 5pm
61st Annual Gem & Mineral Show Vendors, Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune, Grab Bags Hourly Drawings, Demonstrators. $1 off with show flyer and free parking at event
Contact: dduhonvgms@gmail.com; (415) 254-1506
Website: vjgems.com

March 6-7, 2027
Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001
Hours: Sat 10am-5pm;Sun 10am-4pm
Dealers, demonstrators, gold panning, silent auctions & raffle, kids activities.
Contact: info@vgms.org, (805) 312-8467
Website: vgms.org

March 6-7, 2027
Newark, CA
East Bay Mineral & Lapidary Club
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave, Newark, CA 94560
Hours: Sat: 10-6 Sun: 10-5
Contact: info@ebml.club (510) 353-3787
Website: http://ebml.club

March 13 & 14, 2027
Turlock, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society of California
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380
Hours: 10AM-5PM
Turlock Rock & Gem Show presents the wonders of rocks, minerals, gems, and fossils on display and for sale. Live demonstrations of turning raw specimens into art forms and jewelry. Meet our animatronic velociraptor. Engage in kid's activities. Shop for beads and jewelry. Food & fun!
Contact: show@motherlodemineralsociety.com; (209) 961-3942
Website: turlockgemshow.com

March 19-21, 2027
Barstow CA
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Slash X Ranch Cafe, 28040 Barstow Rd, Barstow CA 92311
Hours: 9am to 5pm
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Rockhound Tailgate (Formerly Stoddard Wells Tailgate)
New Location - Free Admission
Free Parking - No vendor fee
donations encouraged
Contact: rsvp@vvgmc.org; (760) 243-2330
Website: https://vvgmc.org/



Check out this amazing Rock & Mineral Informational Directory from the Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society

March 20-21, 2027
Lancaster CA
Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
2551 West Avenue H, Lancaster CA 93536
Hours: Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm
2027 Rock, Bead and jewelry Show
Parking is $10. Admission is free
Contact: marylandoriole@gmail.com (661) 874-9723
Website: https://avgem.weebly.com/

March 20-21, 2027
San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 344 Tully Road San Jose, CA 95111
Hours: Sat: 10am - 5 pm Sun: 10am - 4pm
The hottest gem/mineral Show in Northern CA, March 20, 21 2027. A team of members will help visitors find their treasures. This once a year spectacular event is a must attend event. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars. Free parking!
Contact: inbox@scvgms.org; (408) 691-2656
Website: scvgms.org

April 11-12, 2027
Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338
Hours: Sat, 10am - 5pm; Sun, 10am - 4pm
This is our 36th annual show!
Contact: mgmc@sti.net
Website: mariposagemclub.org

Renewal Membership Application

Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Demographic Information

Primary Member Name: _____ **Date of Renewal:** _____

(Primary member must be over 18 years of age)

Primary Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Primary Member Address: _____

Street Address / PO Box Unit # *City* *Zip Code*

Is this a family/group membership? *(Circle):* Yes No

If yes, please list below all secondary members in your group:

Name:	**Age *(if minor):***	**Phone Number (*if different from above*):**	**Email Address (*if different from above*):**

Roster

All club member names, phone numbers, email addresses, and the city/town you live in are published in a roster which is available to the club membership. Information for minors is limited to name and email contact.

By checking OPT IN on this application along with payment, you are agreeing to the release of this information to the club's membership on behalf of you and your group members. To be excluded from any rosters made available to the club membership, check OPT OUT.

- *Opt In*
- *Opt Out*

Newsletter

Club newsletters are sent to members by email or available from the club website as a PDF file suitable for printing.

Annual Dues

Annual dues cover the twelve month period from September 01 to August 31. Dues must be renewed between August 1st and November 30th of each year. Please mail the fee and this membership renewal application to the address below. Make checks payable to Santa Lucia Rockhounds. Credit/Debit transactions can be made in person at the meetings.

Primary member (adult): $30

Each additional family/group member: $10

Address: Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Membership Chairperson
PO Box 1672
Paso Robles, CA 93447

Office Use Only

Amount Paid: $ _____ Paid by: Cash / CC / Check CC Type/Last 4: _____ Check #: _____

Receipt #: _____ Receipt Date: _____ Roster Updated: _____ Receipt: Emailed / Texted / Mailed

New Membership Application

Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Demographic Information

Primary Member Name: _____ **Date of Application:** _____

(Primary member must be over 18 years of age)

Primary Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Primary Member Address: _____

Street Address / PO Box Unit # *City* *Zip Code*

Is this a family/group membership? *(Circle):* Yes No

If yes, please list below all secondary members in your group:

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Membership Benefits

Club members enjoy:

- 11 monthly meetings with a variety of informational and educational presentations related to rockhounding
- Monthly digital copies of "The Rockonteur", our newsletter, with rock-related articles and information
- Junior Rockhounds badge-earning program where kids learn to collect and identify rocks, minerals, and fossils
- Annual demonstration day to learn about various lapidary equipment (polishing/cutting engraving stones)
- Participating in a variety of fun, family-oriented field trips
- Access to the club's library of geology, rock collecting, and lapidary books and magazines
- Networking opportunities with lapidary experts
- Club insurance as required for each member while participating in club activities/field trips

Tell Us About Yourself

We are pleased you wish to become a part of our club! Please take a moment to summarize your interests.

I learned about the club from _____.

I/We are interested in learning about the following (please check all that apply):

- Geology Fossils
- Jewelry Making
- Collecting
- Tumbling
- Cabbing
- Faceting
- Field Trips
- Identifying Materials
- Other: _____

I would like help getting started with: _____

I have some knowledge, training, or skill in the following area(s) that I want to further develop:

_____

_____

We encourage new members to get involved by participating in club activities. Please indicate your interest in helping with organizing or coordinating the following activities (please check all that apply):

- Annual Rock Show (April)
- Field Trip Planning
- Newsletter Production
- Classes/Workshops
- School/Community Presentations
- Hospitality/Refreshments
- Social Media/Website
- Junior Rockhound Program

Is there anything more you would like to tell us about you and your family?

_____

_____

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Address: Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Membership Chairperson
PO Box 1672
Paso Robles, CA 93447

Office Use Only

Directors Certifying Application Acceptance

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Date of Acceptance: _____
Amount Paid: _____ Via: _____
Receipt #: _____
Packet Issued: _____ Button Ordered: _____
Applicant Notified of Acceptance: _____
Roster Updated & Distributed: _____

November Birthstones: Citrine and Topaz

Beth Walls, SLR

November is graced with two beautiful birthstones: citrine and topaz. Both stones are renowned for their warm colors and captivating brilliance, making them perfect for November birthdays. Each of these gems has a unique history, and both symbolize positive qualities like energy, prosperity, and love. Here's a closer look at what makes these stones special.







Above: Rough Citrine

Left: Polished Citrine

Above: Polished Topaz

Right: Rough Topaz



Images: https://www.gia.edu/citrine/gem-overview https://www.gia.edu/topaz/gem-overview

Citrine: The Stone of Light and Warmth

Citrine, known for its sunny yellow to rich amber hues, is associated with warmth, joy, and positivity. Its name comes from the French word "citron," meaning lemon, which reflects its refreshing, citrus-like color. This cheerful gem has been popular throughout history for its beauty and believed powers.

Color Range: Citrine comes in shades of pale yellow, golden yellow, honey, and almost brown tones. These warm hues make it a great complement to both casual and formal wear.

Symbolism: Often called the "Merchant's Stone" or the "Success Stone," citrine is said to attract prosperity, creativity, and happiness. Ancient cultures believed it brought good fortune and warded off negative energy.

Formation and Sources: Citrine is a type of quartz that gets its color from trace amounts of iron. Natural citrine is rare, but heat-treated amethyst is a common substitute. Major sources include Brazil, Madagascar, and Russia.

Durability and Care: With a Mohs hardness of 7, citrine is durable enough for daily wear, though it's best to avoid prolonged exposure to heat or direct sunlight to maintain its color.

Topaz: The Gem of Love and Strength

Topaz has been admired for centuries, and it comes in a spectrum of colors, from colorless to blue, pink, green, and, most commonly for November, a golden-yellow shade. Its versatility and affordability make it a favorite choice for jewelry.

Color Range: While blue topaz is highly popular, the traditional color associated with November is a golden-yellow to orange, known as "Imperial Topaz." Other topaz colors are also prized, including pink and colorless (which can resemble diamonds).

Symbolism: Topaz is known as the "Stone of Strength" and is thought to bring clarity, loyalty, and protection. In ancient cultures, it was believed to calm tempers, enhance mental clarity, and bring the wearer good fortune.

Formation and Sources: Topaz forms in granitic rocks and lava flows. The most important sources include Brazil, Sri Lanka, Russia, and Nigeria.

Durability and Care: Topaz ranks 8 on the Mohs scale, making it strong, but it's known for its potential cleavage, meaning it can crack under hard impact. Careful handling and storing it separately from harder stones is essential.

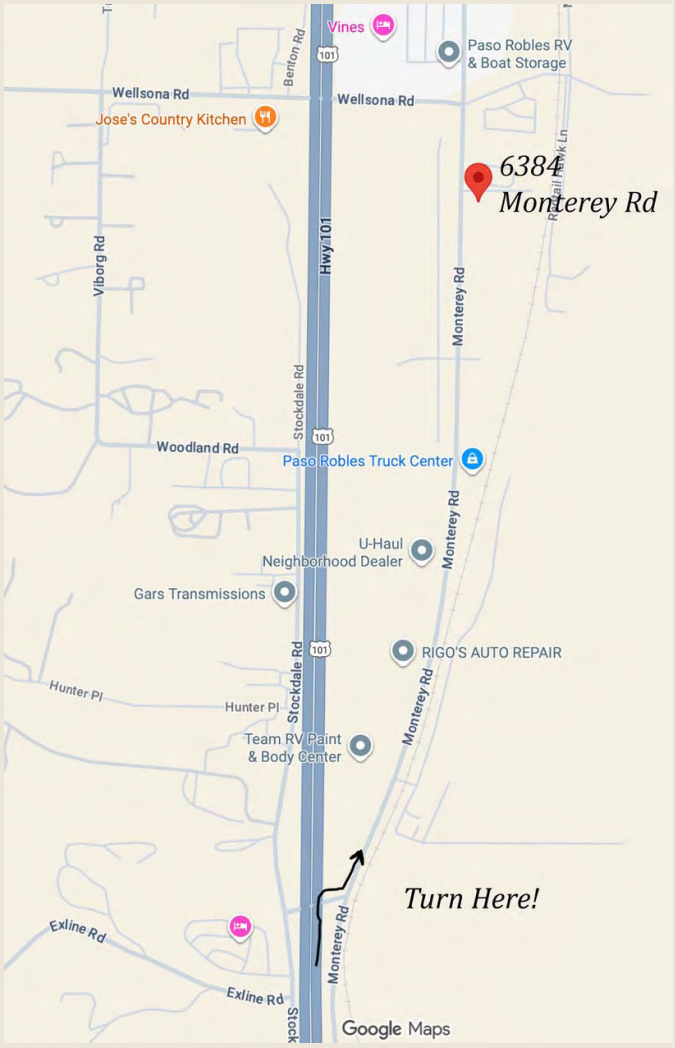
Choosing Between Citrine and Topaz

Both citrine and topaz make beautiful gifts, and each offers something special.

Citrine: If you prefer a warm, radiant color and a stone known for joy and creativity, citrine is a perfect choice.

Topaz: For those who appreciate versatility and the stone's historical associations with love and protection, golden topaz makes a meaningful, elegant option.





Images Submitted by Ted Gray

The Santa Lucia Rockhounds (SLR)

is a non-profit public benefit corporation with the specific purpose to promote the study of mineralogy, including (but not limited to) the fields of lapidary, metal working, jewelry design and fabrication, geology and conducts field trips for collecting and education.

We encourage learning and good citizenship in a congenial atmosphere. We respect both private and public property, and we strive to protect natural resources.

The Junior Rockhound meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. with the general club meeting starting at 7p.m. All meetings are at the Templeton Community Center.

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

Annual dues are $30 for the first adult plus $10 per additional member of the same household. Annual dues are payable between August 1 and the third Monday of December, in person at club meetings or by mail to P.O. Box 1672, Paso Robles, CA 93447.

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