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The Monthly Newsletter of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds

President's Message

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My Fellow Rockhounds,

As 2026 comes to a close, the Santa Lucia Rockhounds is completing its 35th year of existence. This club does good things for its members and the community.

The club has one of the most successful Junior Rockhounds programs around. The club has successfully conducted the annual Treasures of the Earth show for over 30 of those 35 years, and we have used the profits from the show to fund scholarships for local high school student to aid them in furthering their education related to the club's interests. The future looks bright with the opportunity to build our Mobile Lapidary Shop that will serve our members and enhance our ability to reach out to the wider community.

However, the continued success of the club is dependent on participation by the members. Election time is upon us. As a 501C corporation, federal and state laws require us to have properly elected officers in accordance with our bylaws. If the club members fail to step up and fill the elected officer positions, the club will no longer meet its 501C eligibility requirements. If the club loses its standing as a 501 (c) (non-profit) organization, then, by law, the club would be dissolved, and the club's assets must be donated to a similar entity.

The Nominating Committee will be contacting every adult member in hopes of finding willing candidates for the open positions. In recent years, it has been a struggle to fill the elected officer positions. Three of the current vice presidents have stepped forward and will remain in their positions next year, leaving five of the eight elected positions open for 2027: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Director, and Junior Director positions are all available.

This year's officers have worked hard to put new systems in place to make the jobs easier. For example, the Secretary now has a software package for transcribing meeting minutes, whereas in the past, it has always been done by hand. The Treasurer's accounting records have been consolidated into a new spreadsheet that greatly facilitates tracking of the club's budget, finances, and reporting. In addition, your current board has developed new "Officer Guidelines" for each position. These new guidelines demystify what is expected of a new officer by capturing the "tribal knowledge" needed to clearly spell out the duties and responsibilities of each elected position. You can find them on the club's website.

Furthermore, anyone considering stepping up to fill an open position will not be alone. The previous year's officers have almost always been supportive of the transition, sharing their knowledge and experience with the new officers, and I know this will also be true for 2027.

As for me, my current thinking is that I will remain on the board as Past President, and I may also take one of the open Director positions. I'd really like to see some of the younger members of the club step up to ensure the longevity of the club. 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 Presidente
Santa Lucia Rockhounds



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Upcoming Events

October Board Meeting

Monday, October 5th, Templeton Community Center at 7 p.m.

NO October General Meeting - Celebrate with us at Lapidary Day!

Lapidary Day will take the place of the October General Meeting. It will be held Saturday, October 17th at Galen Moyer's house.

October Field Trips

October 9-11: Big Sur Jade Festival
October 10: Pedotti Ranch
Watch your email for all the details!



Cliff's Tailgate & Yard Sale
November 21, 2026
6384 Monterey Road, Paso Robles
Set up: 7-9am, Sale: 9am-1pm
The annual tailgate & yard sale
is back at Cliff's!
It's free to sell items as a club member.
Bring your own table, chairs, food, etc.
Call with questions: 805-610-1578

Exploring California's Hidden Coast

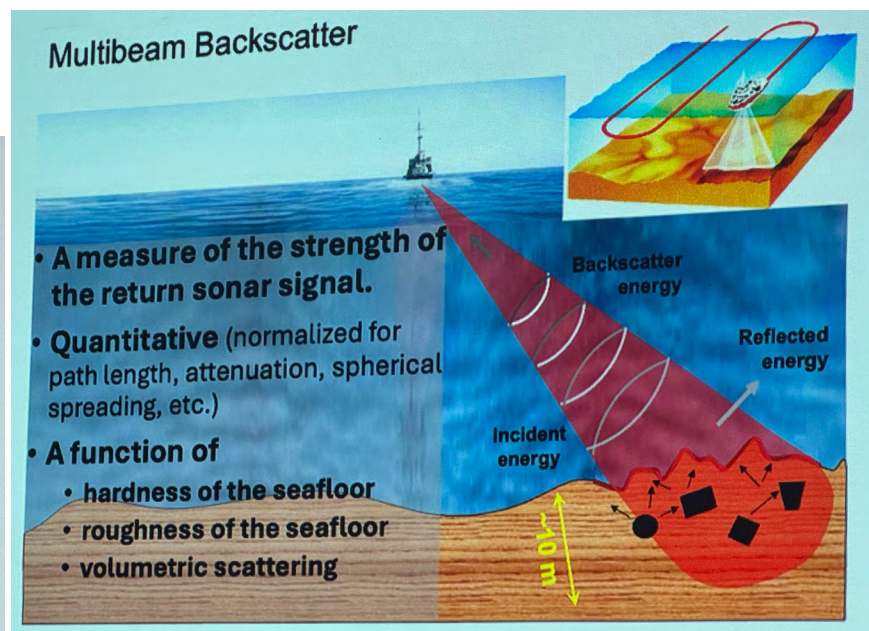
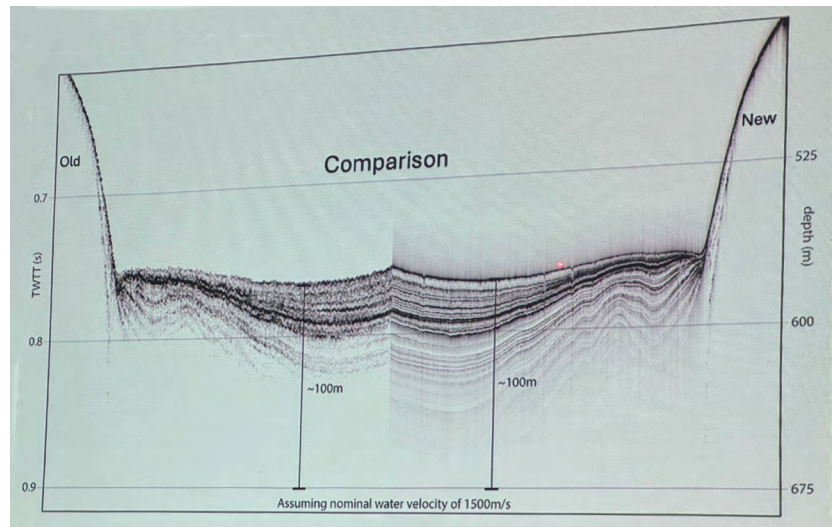
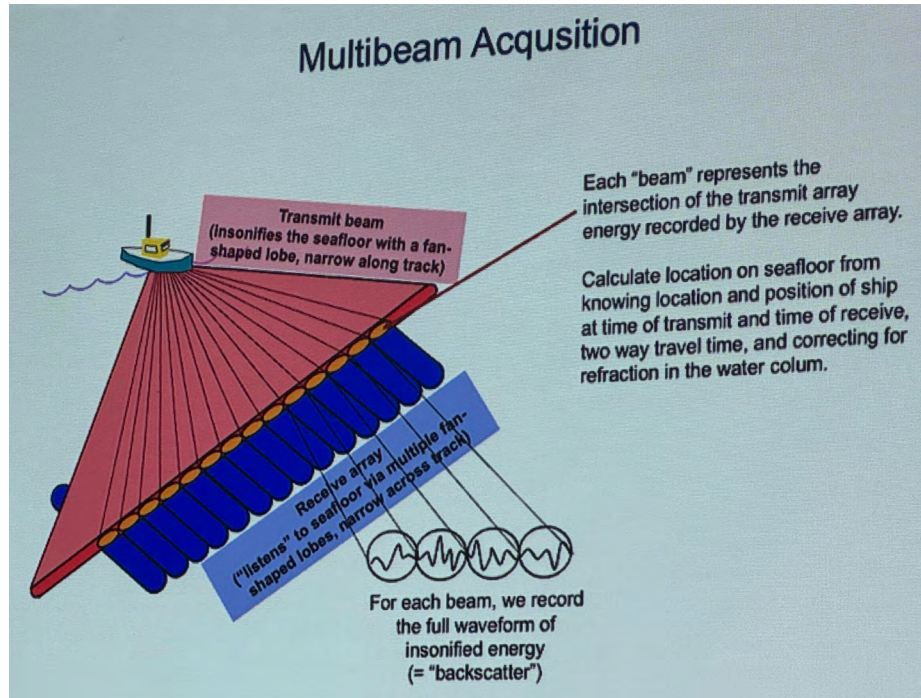
Beth Walls, SLR

The Santa Lucia Rockhounds welcomed San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club (SLOGMC) member Dr. James Gibson, who shared some of his recent research adventures in coastal oceanography, with an emphasis on the Central Coast of California.

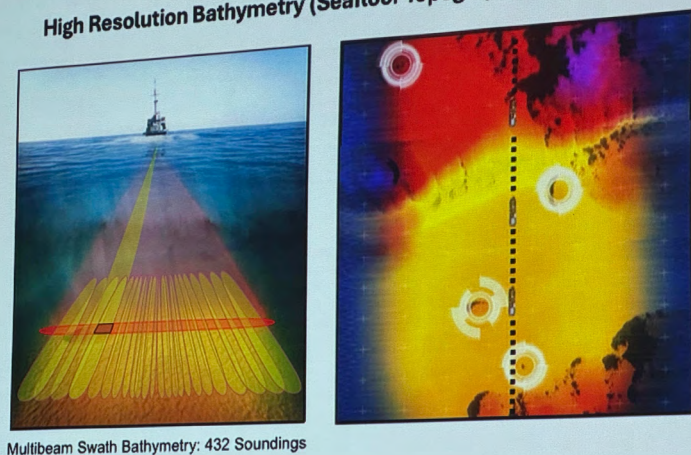
Dr. Gibson introduced members to the fascinating world beneath the Pacific through bathymetry, the mapping of seafloor topography. These detailed maps reveal underwater features such as submarine canyons, ridges, faults, landslides, and other geologic formations that cannot be seen from shore.

He also discussed pockmarks, crater-like depressions that can form where fluids or gases escape through seafloor sediments, and splay faults, smaller faults that branch from larger fault systems. Both features provide important clues about the geology and geologic hazards of the offshore Central Coast.

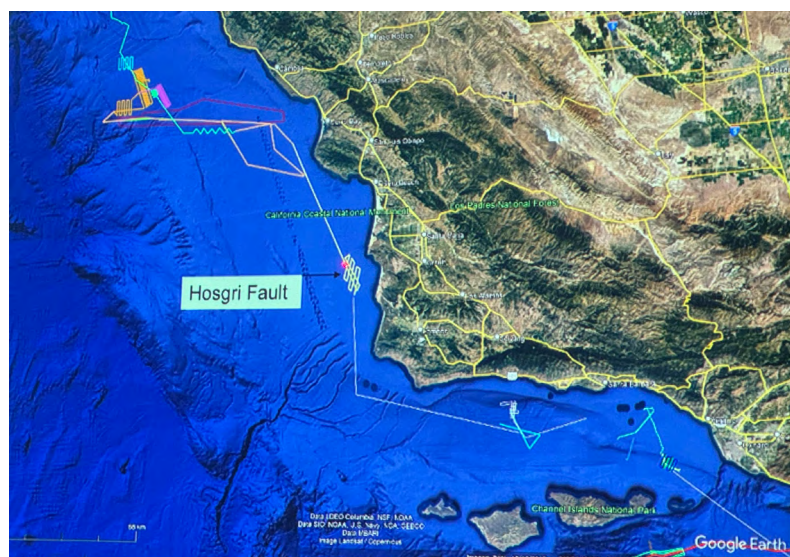
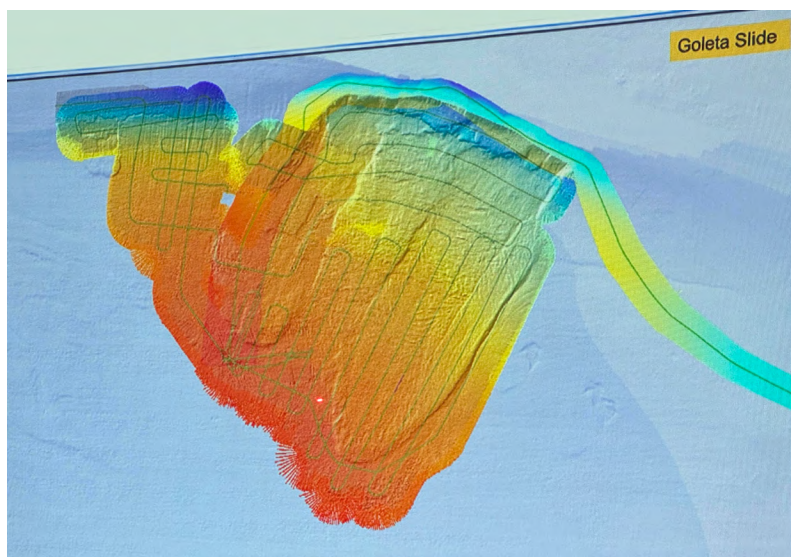
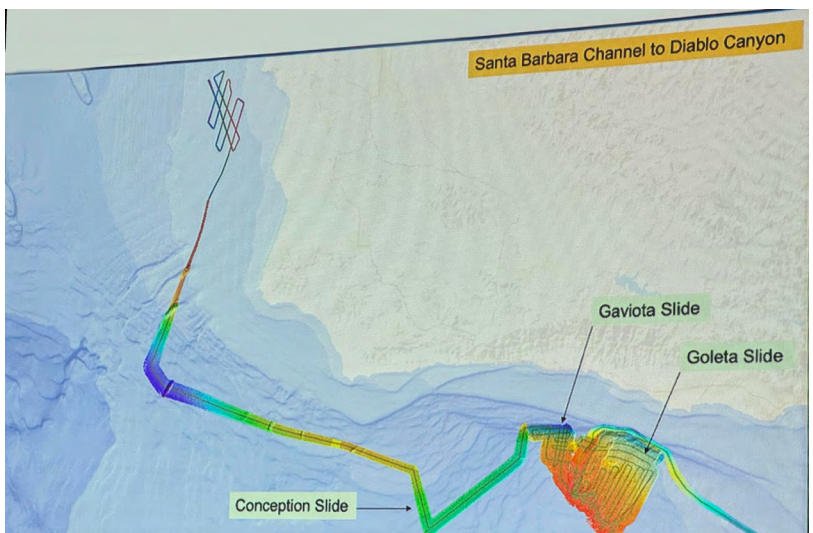
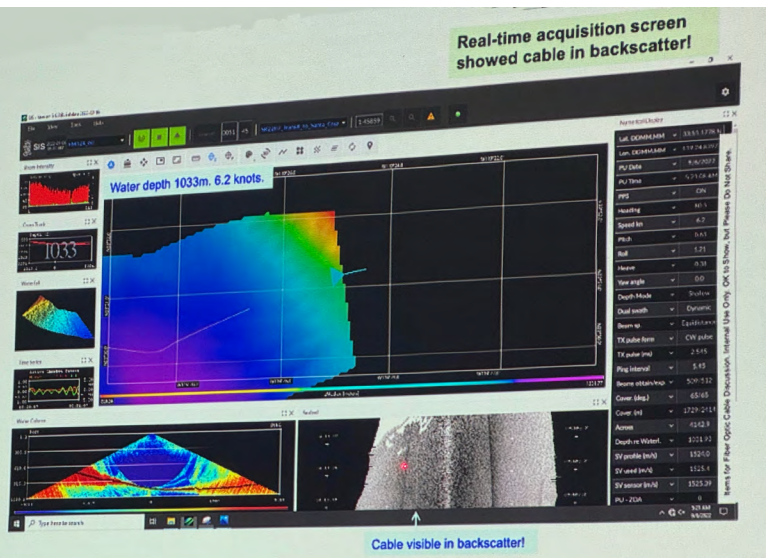
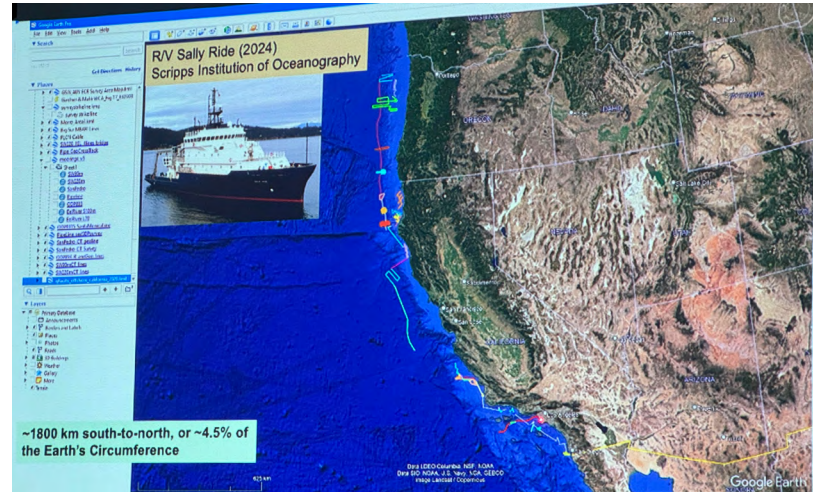
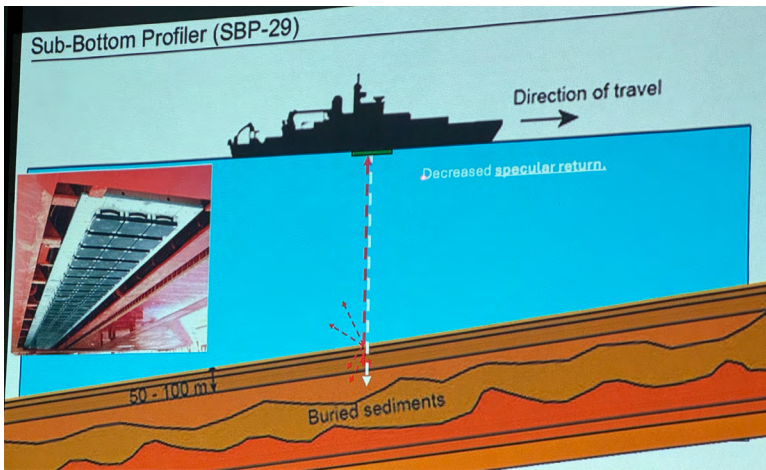
The presentation highlighted how undersea mapping helps scientists better understand earthquakes, faults, submarine landslides, sediment movement, and coastal hazards. For local rockhounds, it offered a fascinating new perspective on the geology we see every day along California's coastline and the much larger geologic story continuing beneath the waves.



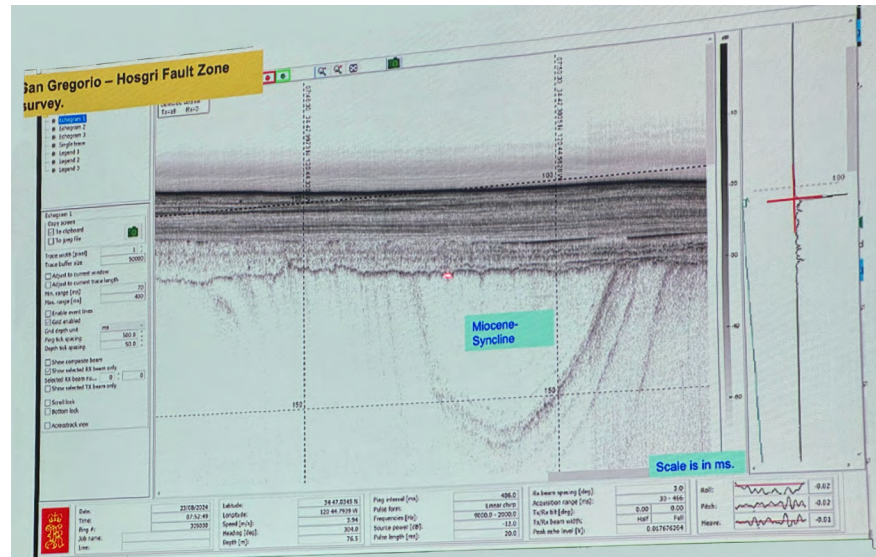
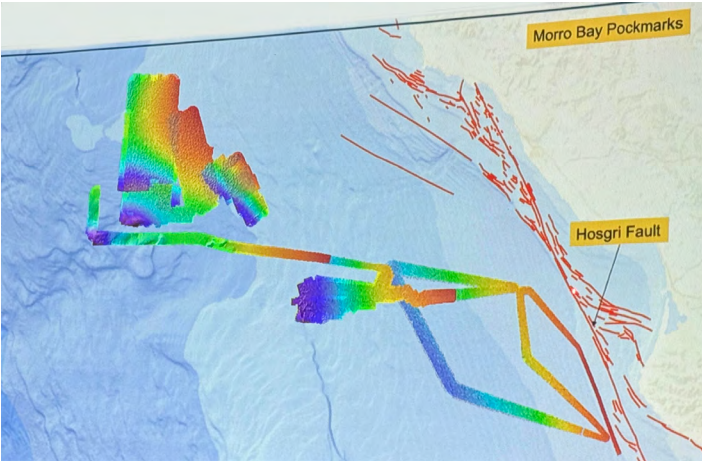
High Resolution Bathymetry (Seafloor Topography)



California's Hidden Coast (continued)

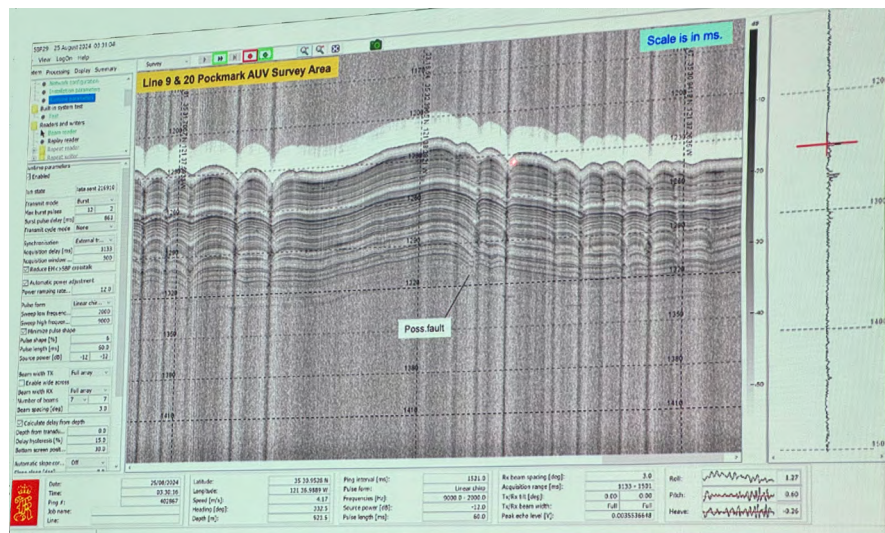
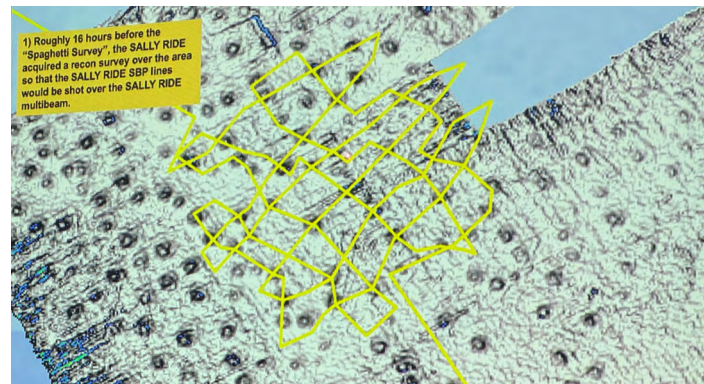


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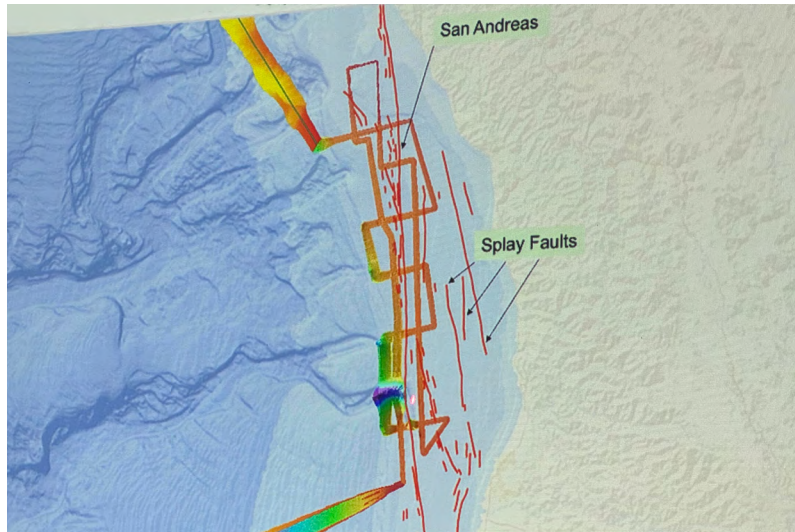


Sally Ride SR2104 – Morro Bay Pockmarks The Infamous “Spaghetti Survey” – Pre-Survey Thoughts

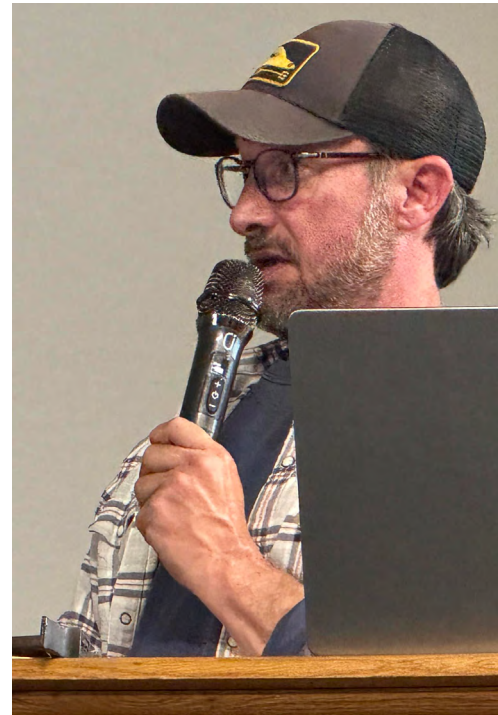
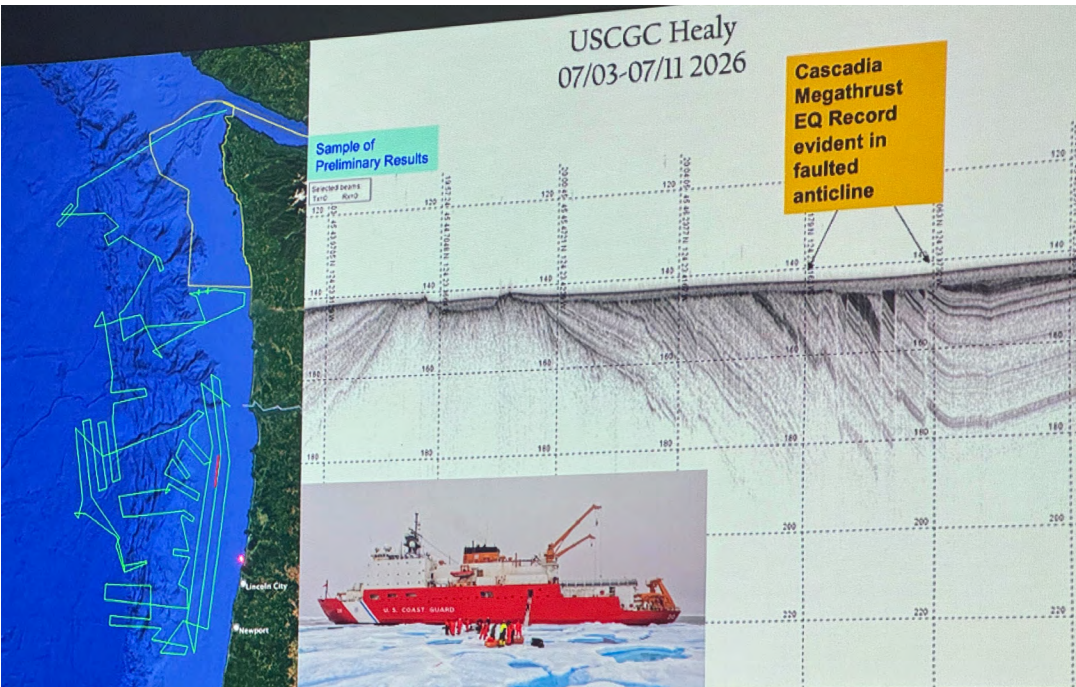
- MBARI AUV survey of pockmark field provides a benchmark with which to compare latest generation sub-bottom profiler (SBP), SBP29.
- 3 wind farm developers had secured licenses for installing wind farms in the Morro Bay area. The leases were owned by Equinor, Golden State Wind, and Invenergy.
- SALLY RIDE SR2414 includes survey lines over 2 of the 3 lease areas. No permits or permissions required for these surveys.
- Morro Bay survey area provides a very rare opportunity to compare academic (MBARI) AUV SBP, hull-mounted SBP, and industry AUV SBP.



California's Hidden Coast (continued)



Photos from the slides in Dr. Gibson's presentation



Photos by Beth Walls

CFMS/AFMS Awards

Beth Walls, SLR

The Santa Lucia Rockhounds won several CFMS and AFMS awards in the 2026 Bulletin Editor's Contest. This contest is for pieces that were published during 2025.

CFMS:

Top Club Participating in the BEAC (Bulletin Editor Advisory Committee) 2026 Competition



Beth Walls: 1st Place Large Bulletin: Rockonteur

Barbara Bilyeu: 3rd Place, Adult Article: "The Biconoid: Our Club Symbol"

Beth Walls: 1st Place: Adult Poetry: Rock Collectors

Junior Awards:

Brandt: 1st Place Junior Article: "September Junior Rockhound Highlights"

Cambria: 1st Place Junior Article: "November Junior Rockhound Highlights"

Remy: 2nd Place: Junior Article: "July Junior Rockhound Highlights"



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CFMS/AFMS Awards (continued)

AFMS:

Beth Walls: 6th Place Large Bulletin: Rockonteur

Barbara Bilyeu: 12th Place, Original Adult Article: "The Biconoid: Our Club Symbol"

Beth Walls: 1st Place: Adult Poetry: Rock Collectors

Junior Awards:

Brandt: 5th Place Junior Article: "September Junior Rockhound Highlights"

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Junior Rockhounds: Earth in Space

Beth Walls, SLR

Our Junior Rockhounds recently took a trip beyond Earth as they worked on the AFMS Earth and Space Badge! Their adventure combined astronomy, geology, and a little bit of hands-on science to explore our solar system and the powerful effects of objects from space.

One of the activities focused on the spacing of the planets. Walking outside on the sidewalk, they discovered just how much space there really is between the planets. The inner planets are relatively close together, while the distances between the outer planets become enormous. They walked from the sun to Mars, then discussed how far out the other planets would be! It was quite an experience to see their spacing on a larger scale!



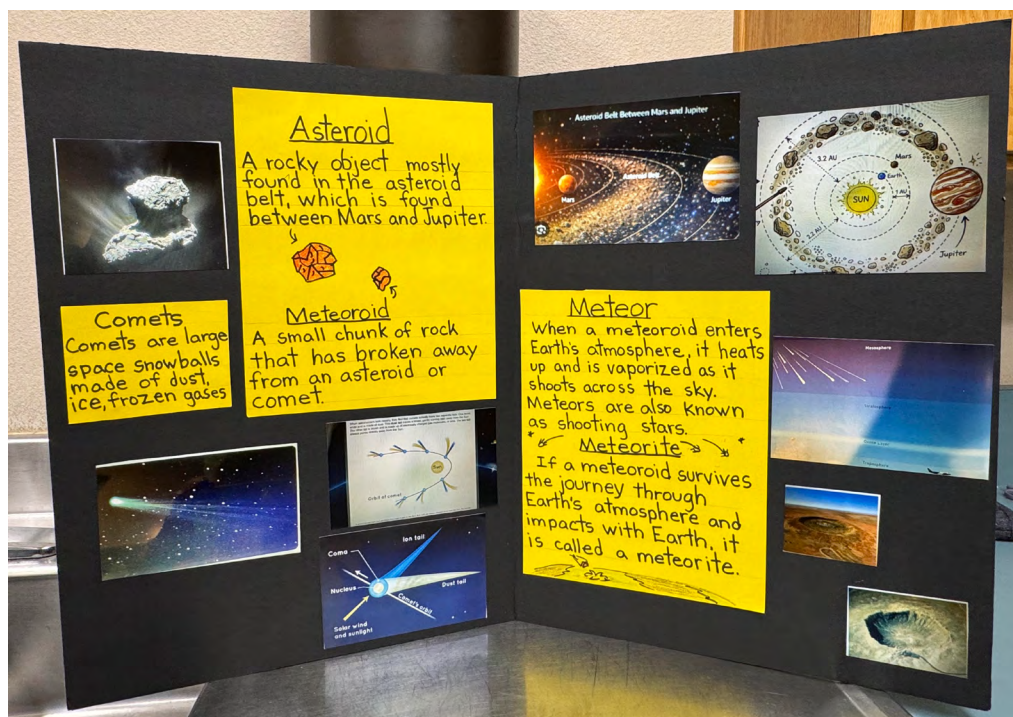
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The Junior Rockhounds also explored what happens when a meteorite strikes a planetary surface. Instead of waiting for a meteorite to fall from the sky, they created their own craters using balls of different sizes dropped into a tray of flour. After each impact, they carefully measured the crater that was left behind.

The experiment demonstrated an important scientific idea: the size and energy of an impacting object can affect the size of the crater it creates. The Rockhounds compared their results and observed how changing the size of the "meteorite" changed the resulting crater.

By combining a little astronomy with a little geology and a whole lot of flour, our Junior Rockhounds got to see that space science isn't just something to read about. Sometimes you can drop it, measure it, and make a crater right on the table!

Their Earth and Space Badge activities are helping them understand that the rocks beneath our feet and the objects flying through space are all pieces of the story of the history of our solar system.

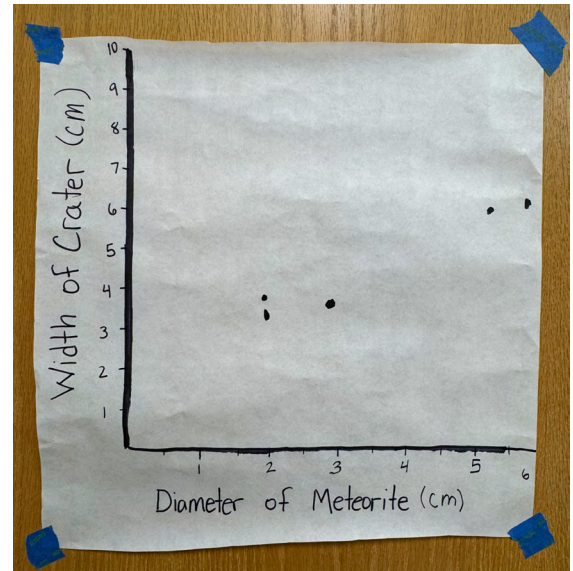


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2026 Rock and Gem Shows

Mark your calendars!

Oct 3-4, 2026

Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem and Mineral Society

Shasta District Fairgrounds, 1890 Briggs St., Anderson, CA 96007

Hours: Saturday 9-5; Sunday 9-4

70th Annual Gem Show. Free to all; 70th Annual Gem Show. Jewelry, Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Silent Auction, Exhibits, Raffle, Kids Booth.

Contact: sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com, (530) 722-7133

Website: shastagemandmineral.org

Oct 3-4, 2026

Grass Valley, CA

NCGMS

"Earth's Treasures" Gem & Mineral Show

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

Hours: 10 am - 4 pm

Contact: (530) 885-4338

October 10-11, 2026

Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society & Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society

Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

Hours: 10am - 5pm

Contact: impresciacnstruction@gmail.com / 650-575-3144

Website: pggs.org /

sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

Oct 11, 2026

Fallbrook CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028

Hours: 9am-4pm

Fall Festival of Gems and Minerals - a celebration of Earth's exotic treasures! A street fair with minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry, and so much more. Our childrens' activities are family-friendly and free. Free parking, free admission, and lots of fun!

Contact: fallbrookgems@gmail.com

Website: fgms.org

Oct 17, 2026

West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307

Hours: Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

27th Annual Gem Show

Contact: barnettcelia53@gmail.com

Website: rockchippers.org

October 17-18, 2026

Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society

Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

Hours: Saturday 10am - 6pm

Sunday 10am - 5pm

Adults \$8, Kids under 12 Free, Free Parking; 49th annual show. There

are over 35 vendors selling gems, minerals, jewelry, lapidary rough, meteorites and other rock-related items. Educational displays, raffle, mineral exhibits, silent auctions, and lapidary demonstrations. Kid's Corner with Parent & Me activities and treasure hunt. Food truck vendors are on-site; contact Victoria Commons; Email: agatejasper221@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.srmgs.org>

Oct 24-25, 2026

Orange, CA

American Opal Society

Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 S. Flower Street, Orange, CA 92868
Hours: Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 10am-5pm

Come visit our 55th Annual Opal, Gem & Jewelry Show!

Opal and gem dealers from around the USA and beyond.

Huge drawing! GRAND PRIZE: custom design by Stan McCall
Admission \$5 Adults; Students with ID, Children under 15 FREE
FREE Parking

Contact: info@opalsociety.org
(714) 501-9959

Website: opalsociety.org

Oct 24-25, 2026

Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

6151 H. Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Hours: Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun 10am - 4pm

It's our 90th Anniversary show! Celebrate with us at Sacramento Mineral Society's Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show. This year will be bigger & better than ever!

Come see our Science Museum, Gem Trees, Live demos, Displays, Raffles, Rare Specimens, Fossils & more!

Contact: gemshow@sacgemshow.com, (916) 662-5819

Website: sacgemshow.com

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
Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Maplevue 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>



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from the Tehachapi Valley
Gem & Mineral Society

2027 Shows

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

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

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

Each additional family/group member: \$10

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:

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

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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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

Directors Certifying Application Acceptance

Date of Acceptance: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Via: _____

Receipt #: _____

Packet Issued: _____ Button Ordered: _____

Applicant Notified of Acceptance: _____

Roster Updated & Distributed: _____

October Birthstone: Opal and Tourmaline

Beth Walls, SLR

People born in October are lucky enough to have not just one, but two dazzling birthstones: opal and tourmaline.

Both stones are celebrated for their wide range of colors, making them some of the most versatile and fascinating gems.

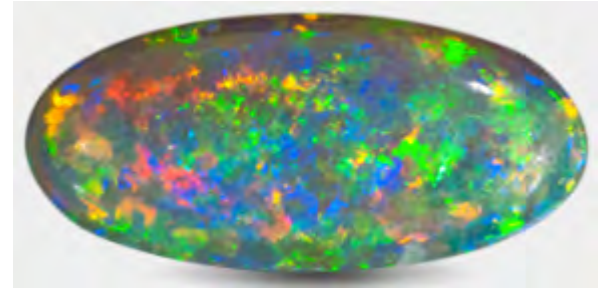
Opal: The Stone of Playful Light

Opals are best known for their magical play of color, a shifting rainbow of hues that sparkle as the stone moves. This unique quality is caused by tiny silica spheres inside the stone that diffract light. No two opals look alike, which is why they're often called "living rainbows."

Symbolism: Opal has long been associated with hope, creativity, and love. In ancient times, people believed opals held the power of all gemstones because of their varied colors.

Varieties: Common types include white opal, black opal, fire opal, and crystal opal, each prized for its brilliance and rarity.

Care: Opals are softer than many other gems, so they require gentle handling and should be kept away from harsh chemicals or extreme temperature changes.



Opal (above): Left: Rough, Right: Polished
<https://www.gia.edu/opal/gem-overview>

Tourmaline (Below): Left: Rough, Right: Polished
<https://www.gia.edu/tourmaline/gem-overview>



Tourmaline: The Gem of Many Colors

Tourmaline is known as the "rainbow gemstone" because it comes in nearly every shade imaginable—from pink, green, and blue to striking multicolored crystals. Some stones even display two or more colors at once, often called "watermelon tourmaline" for their pink-and-green combination.

Symbolism: Tourmaline represents balance, strength, and protection. Different colors have been linked to different qualities—pink for love, green for vitality, and black for grounding energy.

Varieties: Notable types include rubellite (red to pink), verdelite (green), indicolite (blue), and schorl (black).

Durability: Tourmaline is harder than opal, making it a practical choice for everyday jewelry.

A Celebration of Color

October's birthstones truly capture the beauty of variety. Whether you're drawn to the shimmering fire of opal or the vibrant spectrum of tourmaline, these gems reflect the uniqueness and creativity of those born in this autumn month.

Lapidary Day

Saturday, October 17

Gelen Moyer's Property in Templeton, 9am–3pm(ish)



Bring: chairs, a side dish to share
A metal detector if you have one
Rocks to manipulate/cut/sand/inquire about
Money for silent auction items, merchandise, and to purchase
items sold by club members

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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Member submissions are encouraged and may be sent to the editor. We reserve the right to accept or refuse submissions inconsistent with the objectives and purpose of the SLR.

Submissions may be edited as needed without consent. The deadline is the 20th of the month to be included in the next month's publication. Early submissions are highly appreciated and strongly encouraged.

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