

ROCK CHIPPINGS



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Rock Chippers, Inc.

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Club Calendar

August

FRA Meeting
Summer Schedule

August 8th

Business
Meeting
7:00pm at Thalia's
Home

August 13th

Wire Wrap New
Prong Ring
10:00 am Thalia's
Home

August 20th

Pot Luck
Finger Food &
Ice Cream
Social
6:30 pm
Program
Show Case
How to Display &
Liner Fabrication

Greetings from your President

Well hello to everyone, I do hope you all survived the great traffic jams ha, ha.

We had an interesting camp time at the last get together, interesting stories, tales and adventures. The cooking was goods too.

We are getting into August, the warm portion of our summer, so out comes the ice cubes and sun tea. I make mine strong with ice, sugar and lemon juice. A couple of people asked what happened to the beans, they did not bring any because they figured good old John will have his there. Well, I guess it don't pay to change my menu.

I do hope everybody is enjoying our meeting, discussions, etc. It's different to sit up front and watch the poor gals choking to speak up but they have to wait their turn.

John Noster



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Membership Information

For any questions regarding membership in the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers please email Larry Bradbury at info@rockchippers.org

Future Rockhounds of America

For any questions regarding membership in the FRA please email Thalia Goldsworthy at info@rockchippers.org

Regular club meetings are held at 7:30PM on the 3rd Saturday of each month at:
Canoga Park Community Center 7248 Owensmouth Ave. Canoga Park

Visit our website www.rockchippers.org

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Looks like there isn't a scheduled Field Trip for this month. Woodland Hills Rock Chippers does not have one and I checked the C.F.M.S. website. It is understandable due to the fact it does get hot in August. So, might I as your editor suggest a close to home Field Trip to all of you. In fact it will be so close to home that the location is each and every one of your homes. That's right, lets all head out to our own back yards on one of these August weekends and find some of those rocks, slabs and minerals that we collected way back when that we have totally forgotten about. I know you can spend hours out there, why look at the backyard in the photo below. Not naming names here but this place should have



been named Rockhound State Park. So put on the sun hat, smear on some sun block, grab a couple bottles of water and don't forget your hammer and a five gallon bucket and hike into the back forty of your back yard. Now, for those of you that do not have a back yard but live in apartments you can skip the sun block and sun hat but you can still head on into that extra bedroom closet or the office closet and drag out the USPS free flat rate boxes full of rocks and also those slabs you have tucked away in the plastic shoe boxes and start the treasure hunt all over again.

By Mary Beth



WHRC ANNUAL SHOW OCTOBER 15, 2011**I Want You
to Volunteer at the WHRC Show**

It is that time of the year when we all gather together at the home of the Show Chair (that's me) and put our heads together to organize another fantastic and tasty annual Gem & Mineral Show.

The meeting will be on Sunday August 14, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. till the fun is over.

So start hunting now for the club roster over near the phone to get my address and phone number. Please call me to R.S.V.P.

This meeting is the first general meeting so I will need all of the leads in each area (kitchen, silent auction, displays, country store, tear down, set up, etc). You know who you are, you were here at my house last year. If you were not here last year and would like to join us this year that would be great, the more, the merrier.

The next meeting will be for the kitchen staff only which we will set a date for it when we get together on the 14th.

**Mary Beth
Show Chair**

FRA

This summer our FRA members have been learning cabochon cutting using the club's Pixie and Thalia's Genie. They have completed several cabs and are looking forward to using them in their showcase at our annual show. The FRA will return to regular 2nd Saturday of the month meetings in October.

**CLASSES****Prong Ring with 6—8mm Faceted Stone**

Materials needed (minimum amounts)

24 Inches 22ga square half-hard wire

20 Inches 20ga half-round half-hard wire

One 6—8mm **round** faceted gemstone.

Bring your usual wire wrapping tools plus a ring mandrel if you have one.

Beverages will be available, bring your lunch.

Class fee is \$10.00, metal kit and stone extra. Metal kits will be available to purchase: Sterling \$6.00; 14/20 Gold Filled \$10.00. These are based on 7/11/11 spot price of Gold at \$1555.50 and Silver at \$35.89 per ounce. Metal prices subject to change. Stones are additional from \$1.50—\$17.50

Class size is limited, register early.



Teacher Thalia Goldsworthy

CLASSES FOR 2011

Feb. 12th - Tree of Life Pendant

March 12th - Bead Knotting

April 23, 30, May 7 - Silversmithing - band ring project

June 11 - Gemstone ID

July 9 - Wire Wrapped Earrings

August 13 - New Prong Ring

September 24 - Grab Bags

November 12 - Dichroic Glass Fusing

**JEWELRY TIPS WHEN MAKING CHAIN MAILE**

Open all of your jump rings before starting your chain maile project that way you will not have to stop and go during the making of your project.

Also, use a paper clip on the first end of your project and another one to keep your place of where you are at when taking a break.

You Might Be A Rockhound if.....

- The severe sunburn acquired on your last vacation was a one inch wide strip of skin at the gap between the tail of your shirt and the top of your pants.
- When you lick a dirty rock to show off the wonderful colors, without stopping to realize that you are the only Rockhound in the group.
- You are convinced that buried deep in some secret government archive is a document that will conclusively prove that the entire US Apollo space program was conceived and developed for the sole purpose of getting a moon rock for a certain Presidential rock collection... The truth is out there!
- Your son hits his hand with your rock hammer, your wife screams it broken, and you reply it's a fracture, it has good cleavage, and has produced some unusual streaks in your son's underwear.
- The USGS calls to tell you they've discovered a gravitational anomaly centered on your house and to ask if you might know the reason why.
- Considering the purchase of a spectacular specimen at a mineral show, you wonder if all three of your kids really need to attend college.
- You begin fussing because the light strips you installed on your bookshelves aren't full spectrum.
- Your idea of a "quiet, romantic evening at home" involves blue mineral tack and thumbnail boxes.
- You've fabricated a backpack for your dog.
- you offer to buy a drink for the woman at the end of the bar only after you find out she drives a 4 wheel drive truck.
- you have more than one story about a great find in a driveway.
- you have ever uncovered a great specimen, rolled over on your back and lit a cigarette.
- You know you're a rock hound if the only other pair of shoes you have besides high heels are your rock boots.
- your first thought when making a decision about purchasing a new vehicle is "Is this 4wheel drive?"...immediately followed by, "How many rocks will this thing carry, still leaving room for essentials like my suitcases, make-up and rollers?"
- There is a pile of leaverite rocks behind the plant you work at that does not match the other rocks in the gravel used to control erosion.

And last but not least you are definitely a Rockhound if most people recognize you from this angle than when you are face to face.



California State Mining and Mineral Museum

Needs Our Help

I wanted to let you know that the California State Mining and Mineral Museum, which houses and displays the Official California Collection of gems and minerals, is on the State Parks closure list. This is the third year we have been on the closure list but unfortunately it is looking very dire for us this year.



In an effort to garner grassroots support to keep the museum open we have created a facebook page. We would like to invite your members to comment or voice their concern over the closure of this museum. This collection was started in 1880 by the State legislature and has been on continuous display for 131 years. The collection contains approximately 14,000 specimens from all over the world and from California. It is anticipated that if we close it will be by July 1st 2012. If that happens it is very likely that the collection will be put into storage. This is a premier collection on the west coast and spawned collections in many of the other western states. We would appreciate any help you and your members could provide. If you could pass the word in your newsletter as well it would be appreciated.

There is a link on our facebook page to the California State Parks Foundation which provides suggestions about how to help. The link to our facebook page is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-State-Mining-and-Mineral-Museum/192306770823629>

We need your help to spread the word!

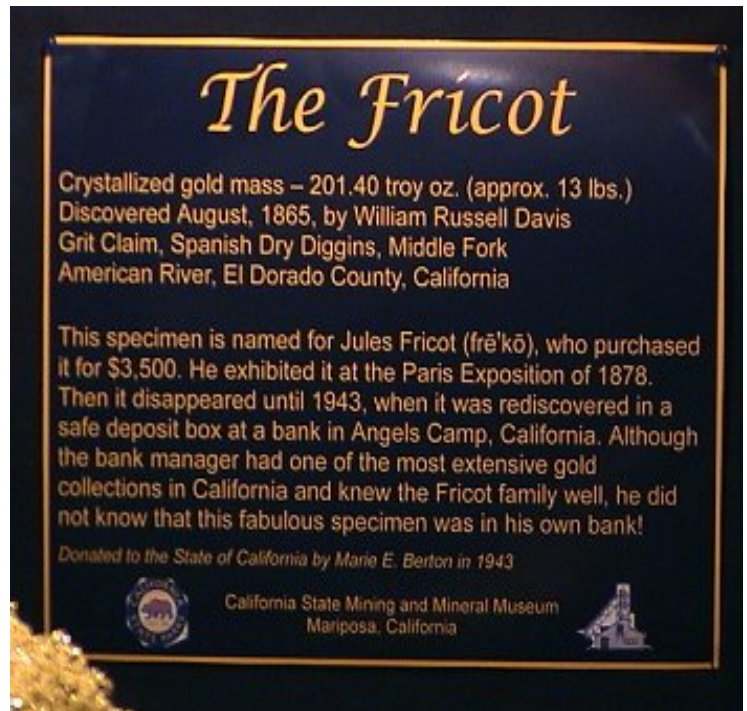
If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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California State Mining and Mineral Museum
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California State Mining and Mineral Museum

Home of the Fricot Nugget which the museum is proud to display, a rare and beautiful specimen of crystallized gold discovered in the American River in 1864. The nugget is 13.8 pounds and is the largest remaining intact mass of crystalline gold from the 19th century California, when these finds were more common but usually were simply melted down.



BIRTHDAY FOR AUGUST

9th - Gary Levitt

AND A BELATED HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY



July 23 - Shirley Hobbs

July 31 - Jason Peterson



Gem & Mineral Shows



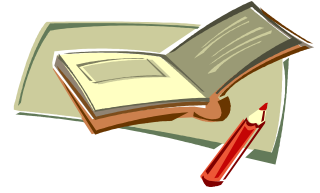
August 5-7 Nipomo CA



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Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2011



Called to order by John Noster 7:45pm

Larry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of one guest: Juliet Manglamat

Members present :14

John thanked everyone for coming and thanked Virginia and Thalia for putting on the barbecue for tonights potluck. Hamburgers and Hotdogs were very good.

Minutes were corrected by John Noster.

Instead of “John has whether...”

Needs to be “John asked whether...” Minutes were corrected . Motion made to approve corrected minutes—2nd and unani-
mously approved.

Treasure Report was given by Barbara. All accounts are in good order as of June 28, 2011. To avoid any bank charges she plans to take money out of the money market to put into checking. Checking needs a certain amount in it to avoid charges.

Audit: Virginia—Audit has been completed– Everything balanced out—All in good order.

Hospitality: Lillian

She will send get well card to Myrna. There were two missed B-days in Bulletin for Jason and Shirley.

Club Display Case will be taken up to Ventura Fair July 16/17th by Thalia. Fair opens Aug. 2nd and runs until the 15th.

AFMS—Virginia– Nothing to report except meeting will be in November.

Insurance—Up to date.

Webmaster—Thalia—The web posting policy is posted under document on website. The policy explains what the webmaster can put on website.

Announcement– John– Myrna Barton has resigned her position as Director At Large. If there are any volunteers please see John after the meeting– the board will need to vote on a new director. There is one volunteer so far. John wanted to know how long Directors term is. Answer: 1 year. Discussion about the possibility of staggering the Directors terms. Thalia indicated that it would need to be changed in the bylaws. No further discussion.

John wanted to give \$25.00 for gas to Thalia for driving up to Ventura to put up display case and then take it down. He asked for any objections– No objections.

Classes-Virginia– There will be an advanced wire wrap class August 13th 10:00 am at Thalia’s. Project will be New Prong Ring. Sign up sheet on table.

Open Forum: Jason wanted to know if the picture in the Bulletin for Field Trips could be changed. John referred him to ask Mary Beth who puts out the Bulletin.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

“Tales by the Petrified Wood” campfire followed.

Raffle conducted by Ways & Means Virginia.

Refreshments provided by Barbara.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Evidon

It is the policy of the W.H.R.C. Board that no minutes from the monthly Business Meetings are to be published in the Bulletin. The Business meeting minutes may be reviewed by contacting the society’s Secretary.



Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Incorporated



Our organization, a non-profit corporation, was formed for educational and instructive purposes: to foster collection and study of minerals, to disseminate knowledge about them, to sponsor field trips to find them, to encourage the use of them in lapidary and faceting studies, etc. And to have one whale of a good time doing those things with all of our friends.



Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Potlucks are at 6:30 p.m.



Field trips are at various times throughout the month. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Membership is open to interested applicants after they have attended at least 2 meetings. Annual dues are due in November for the following year. Membership fees are currently \$25 for one adult, \$15 for a second adult at the same address, juniors (ages 10-18) and pebble pups (ages 4-9) \$5 each. New members pay an additional \$6 initiation fee per person. Late joining new members may have lower dues as they are prorated after mid-year.



We are a member society of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Elected Officers/Directors

President	John Noster	Director At Large	Gene Berwager
Treasurer	Barbara Bradbury	Director At Large	Bob Meyers
Secretary	Lisa Evidon	Director At Large	Larry Bradbury
Corp. Adm.	Thalia Goldsworthy	Director At Large	Myrna Barton

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Auditor.....	Virginia Rotramel	Librarian.....	Barbara Bradbury
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FRA.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Webmaster.....	Thalia Goldsworthy
Historian.....	Gene Berwager		



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