

# ROCK CHIPPINGS



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Rock Chippers, Inc.

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## Club Calendar November

7th

Business  
Meeting

7:00pm at Thalia's  
Home

November  
19th

FRA Meeting  
10am-Noon

November  
12th

Class 10am-2pm  
Dichroic Glass

November  
19th

Pot Luck  
6:30 pm

Favorite Dish  
Program

Copper Etching  
with Dale Neel

Refreshments  
Gina Marquardt

*from your President....*



*(What's for dessert?)*

*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](mailto:info@rockchippers.org)

## Future Rockhounds of America

For any questions regarding membership in the FRA please email Thalia Goldsworthy at [info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org)

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

Visit our website [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

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## Wiley's Well Annual Thanksgiving Rockhound Round-up

By Adam Dean & Robert Sankovich, FTS co-chairs

November 24-27, 2011

This trip is open to all CFMS Affiliated Society Members and their guests that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rock hounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

TRIP LOCATION: The Wiley Well District is 10 miles southwest of Blythe, CA and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert.

WHEN: Thanksgiving Weekend, November 24-27, 2011. There will be folks camping all week.

SPONSORS: CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs and Orange Belt Mineralogical Society

LEADERS: Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich. **Please notify us, if you plan on attending.**

Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more information:

Adam: (909) 489-4899, [theagatehunter@verizon.net](mailto:theagatehunter@verizon.net)

Robert: (805) 494-7734, [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE:

From the 10 Freeway, exit on Wiley Well Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to camp. Around a mile or two down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road; stay straight onto the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past Fire Agate Mine and the Coon Hollow Rd. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right-hand side. I will have OBMS (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) Field Trip signs along the way to the campground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

COLLECTING TRIPS: November 24, 25, and 26. Open to all CFMS affiliated society members and their guests. Each day we will leave camp at 8:00 am and return in the late afternoon except on Thanksgiving Day when we will be back in time for our Feast at 2:00 pm. Be sure to carry your lunch and water when we go to the collecting sites, we will not come back to camp during the day.

24th – Petrified Bay Laurel-Iron Wood by Colorado River, AZ

25th – Fire Agate/Chalcedony. Paisley Agates

26th – Geode and Nodules Beds

VEHICLES: On the 25th, a 4-wheel drive vehicle "is" necessary to get to Fire Agate. We will make arrangements for those without a 4-wheel drive to ride with those who do. On the 26th trip, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is not a "must" for this trip, but is highly recommended. No low clearance vehicles advised. These sites are remote, so bring food, water and all required supplies. The nearest stores are in Blythe, California.

### CAMPGROUNDS & FACILITIES:

This is a dry camping area, no water, no services, no hookups, no toilets. There is a dump station at the rest stop at the Wiley Well exit off I-10; however, there is no potable water. Blythe has a free dump station and good water 2-blocks south of I-10 at the Lovkin Ave. exit. Blythe is also good place to get food, supplies, ice and gasoline. It is approximately 25 miles from Blythe to the campsite. There are numerous good motels in Blythe with a wide range of rates. The closest town to the campsite is Palo Verde, approximately 16 miles through Coon Hollow and over the Mule Mtns. There is a convenience store (food, etc.), gasoline, a couple of restaurants and rock shop in Palo Verde, the road is okay for 4-wheel drive vehicles but not 2-wheel drive vehicle.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, when needed, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful, team up with a buddy and don't get lost.

CLIMATE & WEATHER: We are planning on nice weather—sunny days; cool, clear, star filled nights. But remember it can rain this time of year so be prepared and plan ahead.

MATERIAL TO COLLECT: Fire agate, geodes and a large variety of miscellaneous fossils, limestone, jasper, petrified wood, agates and very old stromatolites. Also, we plan to search for the paisley agate beds, black agates and nodules.

COLLECTING MATERIALS: There will be surface collecting and the use of sturdy bags will be all you need. However, if you plan on digging fire agates, you need hard rock tools, safety glasses, and a hand sledge and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first aid kit. If you plan on digging for geodes, you need hard rock tools, as well as, picks, shovels, and I recommend a dust mask, as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

TOOLS: Sturdy bags, hard rock tools, safety glasses and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first-aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

CLOTHING: Wear clothing in layers as it can be very warm during the day and extremely cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets.

DINNER: Thanksgiving - 3:00 pm; O.B.M.S. and C.F.M.S. will host a potluck dinner for all those willing to contribute. Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chair. We welcome everyone. If you plan to join us for dinner, here is the guideline to follow:

- If your last name starts with A, E, I, M, Q or - please bring a main dish.
- If your last name starts with B, F, J, N, R or V - please bring a starch.
- If your last name starts with C, G, K, O, S, W or X - please bring a vegetable or salad.
- If your last name starts with D, H, L, P, T, Y or Z - please bring a dessert.

REMINDER: Please help preserve our deserts and pack out what you pack in. Let's leave it clean for future Rockhounds. All those attending the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.



## Gem & Mineral Shows



### **November 5 - 6: LANCASTER, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14  
Hours: 9 - 5 daily

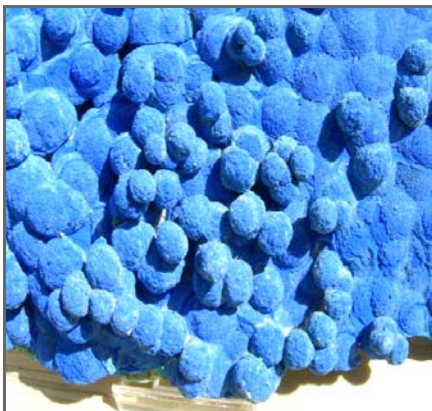
**November 5 - 6: RIDGECREST, CA**  
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds (Mesquite Hall)  
520 West Richmond Road  
Hours: 9 - 5 daily



**November 19 - 20: OXNARD, CA**  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4



**December 3 - 4: BARSTOW, CA**  
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Barstow Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily



**FRA**

We are returning to our 3rd Saturday of the month meeting schedule for our "Little Chippers" . Our meeting will be from 10:00am to no later than 2:00pm. Bring a snack or lunch. We will have a craft project - making a copper chain. Badge work will be discussed. See you there.

Thalia Goldsworthy, Advisor.

**CLASSES**

The November class is about Dichroic Glass Fusing that WHRC is offering on November 12, 10am - 2pm at the home of Thalia Goldsworthy. I have all of the materials that you will need for the class. If you have a pair of tweezers that have sharp points bring them. They will help with the placement of the small glass pieces.

The class fee is \$25.00. This includes enough glass to make 4 or 5 pieces, depending on size. You will learn how to cut glass, prepare your item/s for the kiln and have at least one item fired during the class. The firing and cooling process takes 2 hours. Bring a lunch so you can stay until the first batch is cool enough to handle. You will learn that the kiln load needs to have items of similar size for the best results, therefore I will assemble the loads according to that requirement. I will fire the remaining items for each of you after the class.

Thalia Goldsworthy, Instructor

**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 - Saw Class A

**November 12 - Dichroic Glass Fusing**

**BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**

14th—Jim Grothuesman

24th—Brandon Higdon



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## CREATURE IN THE PATCH – THE BEGINNINGS

Jason Levine

When I started writing “Creature in the Patch,” all I had in mind was that Clarissa, the main character, wanted to know why the baby zucchinis that grew in her garden (and that she loved to cook and put in salads) had begun to disappear. She decides to investigate.

What happened next was almost as much a surprise to me as it was to Clarissa.

I say “almost” because I knew the creature was going to be a magical one. What else would make the little zucchinis disappear and leave humongous ones in their place overnight? It wasn’t long before a very special crystal began to play a central role in the story.

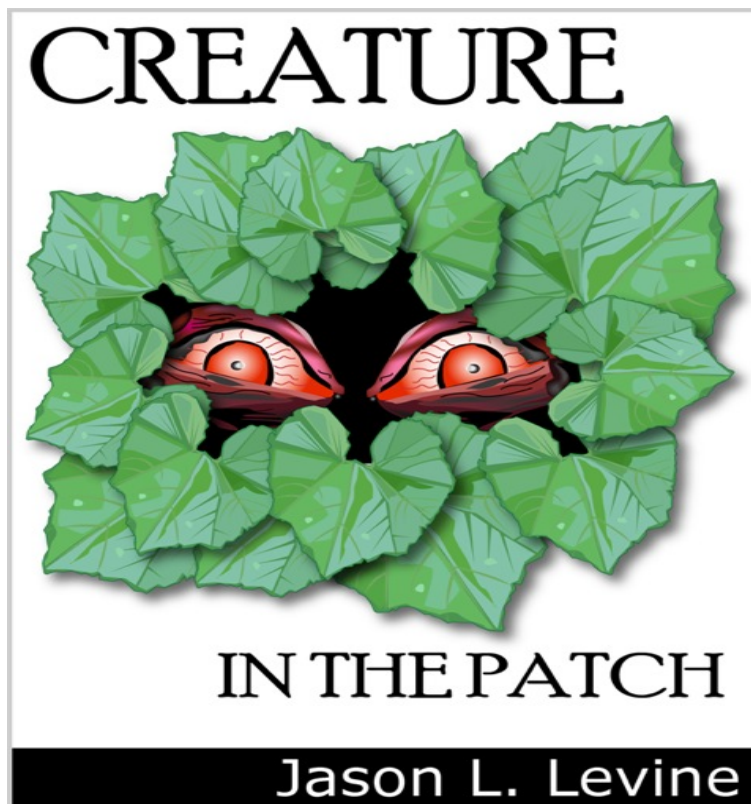
Clarissa’s unending curiosity leads her into an adventure that is filled with surprises and delights. There are scary moments, as well. She discovers a magical creature, a hideous troll, who is the zucchini thief. He threatens her dog, Whiskers. She uncovers a secret that is important not only to the trolls but to all magical creatures. And she is given a magical crystal, but doesn’t know why. To make things worse, she loses it.

It wasn’t until after “Creature...” was published that I realized how important my rockhounding and lapidary experiences were to the book’s development. They crowded through as it was written.

By the way, the crystal that is at the heart of the book is based on a real one. Do you know what it is?

You can see a preview of the book at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

Jason is a past president of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers. He joined the club in 1973.



## Officers and Directors Slate for 2012



### President

John Noster

Thalia Goldsworthy



### Secretary

Lisa Evidon



### Treasurer

Barbara Bradbury



### Corporate Administrator

Mark Evidon



### Directors at Large

Antonia Jensen

Gene Berwager

Bob Meyers

Larry Bradbury



More nominations are welcome for all positions at our November 19th General Meeting.

After the nominations there will be a voting by the General membership on each of the positions and at our December meeting the new officers and directors will be installed.



# W.H.R.C. ROCK SHOP

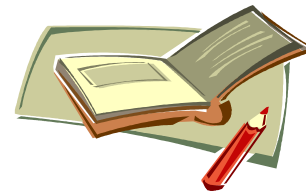


**We now need to find a new location for the society's rock shop and all of our equipment. If you have extra room in your garage or an extra garage, or maybe even an out building on your property please let us know at our November meeting.**

**If you know of a space that is available for rent at a reasonable price where we can set up a new rock shop please let us know. Any creative ideas are welcome to solve our current situation.**



Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.  
General Meeting Minutes,  
October, 22th 2011



Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by John Noster.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry. All guests were introduced by Larry.

Sam Hobbs, Richard and Mary Pat Weber, Fredi Novitz, Kathy Bowdy, Verna Montgomery, Trish and Kristen Andrews.

Larry announced and welcomed our 2 newest members Julietta and Jason Levine.

Treasure's Report—No report— Barbara not present. Per Barbara Larry read account from Janice at First Bank.

C.F.M.S—Virginia— Virginia will be going to Visalia for the semi-annual CFMS meeting Nov. 12th.

Classes: Thalia Next class will be Nov. 12th on Dichroic Glass Fusing. There is room for 6 students. Class fee is \$25.00.

Camp Izaac's will be April 1st for one week. Applications are available. Price \$375.00 for a week-this includes all classes, room and food. There are charges for materials. Sign up now!

John thanked Mary Beth for doing a great job as the show chair. He thanked all volunteers for their help in making the show run smoothly.

Mary Beth said she will be having a post show meeting this coming week.

John welcomed all visitors and members.

Budget committee needs to be organized to go over next years budget.

Nominating committee needs to be formed to select new officers for next year. See John after the meeting. If no volunteers John will need to appoint people.

Thalia states she will not run for re-election as corporate administration.

Virginia wants to thank club for purchasing 10 new tables. She threw out the old tables and the trailer handles so much better now. Feel free to join us anytime.

Membership: Larry—Dues are due in December. Please bring your checkbook.

Minutes were approved as written. Virginia moved to accept the minutes as written Chuck 2nd motion. Approved unanimously.

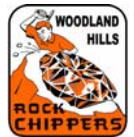
Meeting adjourned 7:48pm. Meeting followed by program presented by Steve Wolfe of Tom Wolfe Minerals. The program was on mineral repair. Raffle and refreshments followed.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Evidon

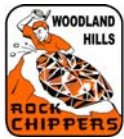
**It is the policy of the W.H.R.C. Board that no minutes from the monthly Business Meetings are to be published in the Bulletin. The Business meeting minutes may be reviewed by contacting the society's Secretary.**



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

Chairpersons and Appointed Positions

Auditor.....	Virginia Rotramel	Librarian.....	Barbara Bradbury
Bulletin Editor .....	Mary Beth Pio	Library Displays.....	Open
Classes/Workshop.....	Virginia Rotramel	Membership.....	Larry Bradbury
Courtesy/Hospitality...	Lillian Berwager	Parliamentarian.....	Open
Custodian.....	Jason Peterson	Programs.....	Open
Display/Education.....	Open	Publicity.....	Lorraine Taneja
Federation Director....	Virginia Rotramel	Shop .....	Jean Buetow, Bob Meyers, Mary Beth Pio
Alternate Fed Director.....	Open	Club Show Chair.....	Mary Beth Pio
Field Trips.....	Committee	Ways and Means.....	Virginia Rotramel
FRA.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Webmaster.....	Thalia Goldsworthy
Historian.....	Gene Berwager		



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