

# ROCK CHIPPINGS



The Bulletin of the Woodland Hills  
Rock Chippers, Inc.

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## Club Calendar

October 8th  
FRA Meeting

October 3rd  
Business  
Meeting

7:00pm at Thalia's  
Home

October  
15th

WHRC Annual Show

October  
22nd

Pot Luck  
6:30 pm

Program  
Mineral Repair by  
Steve Wolfe

Refreshments  
Lisa Evidon

## *Tidbits from your President....*

*Well, well by the time this one is gone to print, we will have survived a great month.*

*The faceting machine has been sold to a gracious person. The gem show will be a success and then we can relax and put our feet up.*

*I am looking forward to see who is on the new list of proposed officers and volunteers to do all the odd jobs that need to be done to keep a society going forward.*

*At the time of this writing, they were predicting rain and rain, but where?*

*Oh yes, my camping trip to Tehachapi was okay, on Friday night, the club had a potluck, well, as we began to eat it rain for us. It lasted about ten minutes but what a surprise that evening there was quite a lightning storm through the hills, lots of lightning not much thunder.*

*I am running out of bits to write about and I only have myself to talk to. I've got to find somebody to talk to besides my cats and dogs.*

*John*



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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)

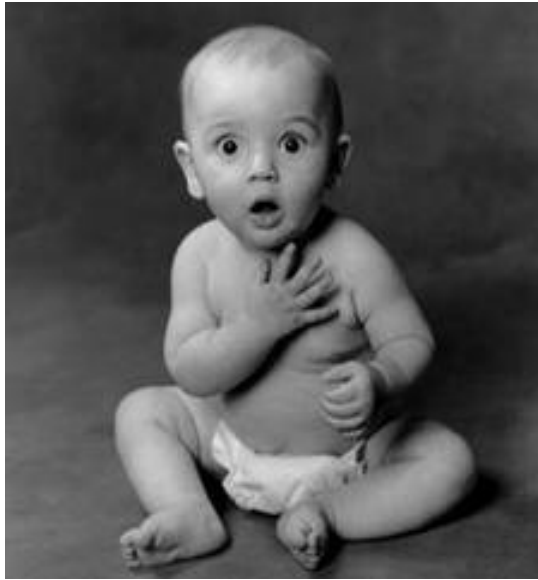
## Future Rockhounds of America

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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OH MY !!!

Has it been almost a year since our last Gem and Mineral Show?

Are you Ready to Rock and Roll?

Just a couple of reminders so we do not forget....

Please give your raffle tickets and money to Larry Bradbury.

Please give your hourly and raffle prizes to Antonia Jenson.

If you have some extra treasures in the ole' rock pile Bob Meyers and Gene Berwager will be very happy to see them and sell them over at the silent auction.

Put a BIG smile on Barbara Bradbury's face and bring in lots of goodies for the Country Store.

Psst...Both Gina Marquardt and Lisa Evidon LOVE Chocolate so bring something chocolaty for them to sell in the kitchen

and

most of all do not forget

to have FUN !!!



## Gem & Mineral Shows



### October 2 Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility  
123 W. Alvarado Street Ste. B  
Hours 10-4

### October 8 & 9 Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
13337 Main Street  
Hours Saturday 7:30-5 Sunday 7:30-4



### October 15 West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours 10-5

### October 15 & 16 Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington  
Hours 10-5 daily



**FRA** Our program for youth will resume, after a busy summer, on October 8th at 10am at the Advisor's home in Chatsworth. Members are asked to bring their items that will be on display at our show. For minerals: a list of item, chemical formula and source location if known. For Hand work: The technique used and the materials used. We will be making labels and trial arrangements. Photos will be taken for reference in setting up the show case. Our youth will be participating at the show running the games table and helping with the cab cutting demonstration. Our November meeting is scheduled for the 19th. Thalia Goldsworthy Advisor.



**CLASSES** There is no class scheduled for October. The next class will be on Glass Fusing on November 12th. Sign-ups and cost of materials will be announced at the October general meeting. Class is limited to 6 participants. A class on December 10 may be scheduled. Watch for further news. More information about the cost of the class along with the sign up sheet will be at our General Meeting at the end of this month. Thalia Goldsworthy

**PIONEER DAYS** By the time this issue goes to press our society will have had a booth at the annual Pioneer Day sponsored by the Chatsworth Historical Society. This is held at the Homestead area of Chatsworth Park South. We will be selling our grab bags and handing out flyers for our upcoming show. We will have our Pixie capping unit there to show how to cut cabochons; There will be a demonstration of wire-wrapping. A big "Thank You" to Cleo, Loraine, Larry, Mary Beth, Gina and Thalia and other members who will be helping to make our presence there memorable.

## **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 & ANNIVERSARYS FOR OCTOBER**

11th Mark Evidon  
 19th Ione Kennedy  
 27th Steve Dover  
 29th Gene Berwager

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

21st Gary & Maureen Levitt



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### Top 10 Haunted Mines

Posted by [Claire](#) on in [Featured](#), [Health](#)  
So here are the top 10 haunted mines around!

#### Nenthead Mines



An old lead and silver mine, this is the largest mine complex in Britain. Loads of ghost hunters have been to [Nenthead mines](#) in search for the paranormal. They have experienced everything from voices, growls, phantom footsteps, mists, strange lights and shadow people or black figures. This is a really interesting place! It is steeped in history but it's a very creepy, lonely and isolated place too so definitely not a good place to visit for the squeamish out there!

#### Bodie State Historic Park, Nr Bridgewater



Bodie is one of those ghost towns in California which at one point boasted over 30 Mines, 65 saloons, opium dens and would have almost certainly had plenty of ladies of the night. It was described as a sea of sin according to one Preacher in the 1930's, after they struck gold there. There were horrific deaths in the mines usually down to murders involving ownership and gold, you name it. The place must be littered with ghosts!

This eerie town, remains unchanged from when it was last abandoned in the 30's. There are canned goods still on the shelves in the grocers, and even caskets still in the morgue! No wonder the Park Rangers who now look after the site will not venture anywhere in this creepy place alone.

### Poldark Mine, Helston, Cornwall



[Poldark mine](#) is Britain's deepest and darkest mine, that dates back probably to Prehistoric times, but was at its peak in the 1700's. Tin would be harvested from this old and eerie place. Several specters are known to haunt this mine, but you are more likely to hear strange noises or see swirling mists than actually catching a glimpse of one of the ghosts. If you are really lucky, like one of the ghost hunting teams a while back, you will be subjected to a barrage of foul mouthed spectral abuse by the ghost of a long dead miner.

### The Copper Queen Mine, Bisbee, Arizona



This used to be a copper mine which dates back to 1877. There has been over 125 men killed within the mines, 3 of which were murdered in the 1890's during a labor dispute. These 3 men are believed to still haunt these mines and the paranormal activity that surrounds it mainly consists of the feeling of being watched and an oppressive feeling. People also sometimes get feelings of both anger and sorrow. One ghost hunting team recorded a temperature fluctuation of 27 degrees, which is a huge amount and they could not find an explanation for this. There have also been witness accounts of heavy booted footsteps in

and around a campsite, near to both Bisbee town center and the mines, they all thought they could be the footsteps of long dead miners in their heavy boots!

### **The Old Miners Cemetery, Jerome, Arizona**



Jerome is supposedly the biggest Ghost Town in America and was a mining town in the 1920's, but the most actively haunted place there is the old miner's cemetery. It looks like something you would see in a western, similar to Boot Hill! It's a place called "Los Dias del Muerto en Jerome", the grave there date from 1897 to 1942. The whole town and the graveyard are teeming with ghost stories and you can see why, it's never changed since the 1920's. Only 450 people live there now and they mainly deal with all the tourists. Visitors to this lonely place often experience ghost footsteps, distant voices and see dark figures around the graveyard.

### **Matlock Bath, Derbyshire**



A Black dog or Shuck stalks these lands surrounding Matlock Bath, including the hills, cave and mines in the area. This tall, foul smelling beast with wide red eyes and pointed yellow fangs, has been terrorizing locals and visitors here for hundreds of years.

### **Argentiera, Sassari, Sardinia**



Argentiera, is now a ghost town, but was previously a very profitable gold and silver mine during the 1940's but the town and it's mine date back even further. It is said that due to the proximity of the sea and the types of rock there have been numerous cave-ins here and locals tell tales of long dead miners who were buried alive that still roam these deserted mines and buildings that surround them.

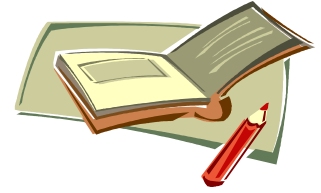
#### **Dawson Cemetery, Dawson**



[Dawson cemetery](#) is now all that remains of Dawson town and its mines. This huge coal mining town was once buzzing with life right up until the mine shut in 1950 and the town was relocated. The mine itself had two massive disasters. The first where 263 men died in 1913 and the second in 1923 where 123 men (mostly sons of the men killed previously in 1913) were killed in underground explosions. All these men were buried here in Dawson cemetery in mass graves marked with white crosses. Since then many sightings of ghostly lights and even apparitions of dead miners have been seen up at the old cemetery at night.

Well I hope you have enjoyed the little look into the ghostly goings on in some of the World's most haunted mines!

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.  
General Meeting Minutes,  
September, 17th 2011



John Noster called meeting to order 7:30pm.

Mark led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were six guests: Marchell Noster, Pam Shafer, Nicole Shafer, Tom & Josie Fuentes, Jason Levine.

All guests & members were welcomed.

Minutes were approved as written.

Motion made by Antonia & Seconded by Kathy.

Treasure Report: As of August 31st accounts are in good order. Changed banking institutions.

Faceting machine has been sold for \$860.00. Bid price was accepted by board. John presented Barbara with money.

Antonia: If anyone has raffle prizes please give to Antonia after the meeting. Call her to make arrangements to receive raffle prizes. Please—still need everyone to donate prizes.

Show Chair: Mary Beth discussion about rock gem show coming up Oct. 15th.

There are twelve vendors counting consignment table. Past president Jason Levine would like to be included at the consignment table.

People need to come over Friday to help set up. Sign up sheet passed around. Kathy & Antonia offered to help on Friday.

Barbara spoke about country store—If you are donating items—make sure items are clean and priced. If item doesn't sell and it is wanted back—let Barbara know because after the show all remaining items will be boxed up and taken to the Good Will.

Bob Meyers—There is a beginning Saw safety class September 24th at Jean's. Please sign up on the sheet.

Mark—There is a lot of good material for tonight's silent auction.

John thanked everyone for the delicious potluck. Thanks to the Cooks!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Silent Auction followed meeting.

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.....        | Loraine Taneja                            |
| Federation Director....     | Virginia Rotramel  | Shop .....            | Jean Buetow, Bob Meyers,<br>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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