

ROCK CHIPPINGS



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Club Calendar

September
FRA Meeting
Summer Schedule

September
13th
Business
Meeting
7:00pm at John's
Home

September
24th
Saw Class A
10:30am at Jean's
Home

September
17th
Pot Luck
Southern or
Comfort Food
6:30 pm
Program
Silent Auction
Refreshments

Greetings to my Fellow Chippers

It's been a warm summer and too warm to sit and write off handed things that don't mean too much.

I have not found any new rocks but I haven't been digging in my yard neither.

Surprisingly, about 20 years ago digging under my lemon tree I came out with an English half pence.

I am still negotiating that the faceting machine where as I hope everyone will be happy with the results. Well, anyhow about the only thing we know for sure is I don't know the theme of the party on Saturday night but I will bring my beans anyhow.

*Truly,
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

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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CFMS Field Trips-South

Jade Cove, CA September 16-18, 2011



Where: Jade Cove, south of Big Sur, California

Field trip: Our September field trip will be to Jade Cove, south of Big Sur. We will be looking for Nephrite Jade. It can be found along the shoreline. You can come up for the day or join us camping over night. Deb and I will be there Thursday Sept 15th to Sunday 18th. Saturday night 6pm there will be a potluck dinner.

Material: Nephrite Jade, Serpentine, Actinolite, Soapstone, Abalone shells.

Field Trip Contacts - Please sign up*

Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734 rmsorca@adelphia.net

Adam Dean 909-489-4899 theagatehunter@verizon.net

Note: Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip; weather changes. If we don't know your going on the field trip, we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is cancelled. Even if you might not go, still contact me for the information and maps. *Don't wait until the day before; sometimes I leave days before the field trip and I won't be able to reply to you.

If you have problems opening the maps below, just email Rob for maps.

Camping/Hotels: Plaskett Creek and Kirk Creek campgrounds, half the sites are first come first serve if you are not able to reserve a site. I will be at Plaskett Creek camp #35. Kirk Creek Campground is about 6 miles north of Plaskett Creek Campground Jade Cove. If you don't want to camp you can stay at San Simeon there are campgrounds, hotels and B&B's. San Simeon is 30 miles south of Jade Cove/ Plaskett Creek Campground.

Plaskett Creek Campground: Day use free by side of road, camping \$22.00. No electric hookups. 45 campsites half are assigned on a first come, first served basis. You now can reserve your campsite. See contact information below. Eight persons per site. Each site has a picnic table, grill and fire pit. Flush toilet restrooms and water nearby.

Directions: From Ventura head north on Freeway 101, at San Luis Obispo, take Highway 1 north, towards the coast, to Morro Bay, continue on Hwy 1 north approximately 60 miles from Morro Bay to Plaskett Creek campground. Campground is on right side (east). Once at campground, look for a CFMS sign next to the sign by entrance or by Robert's campsite #035. Approximately 235 miles from Thousand Oaks, 3.5 - 4 hour drive time.

Meeting/Schedule: We will meet at Robert's campsite #035. There will be a short briefing of the sites. We will be going to Jade Cove, Sand Dollar Beach, Willow Creek, Please remember to sign a release form to participate in the field trip. From Plaskett Creek camp to Jade Cove we will then drive south on Hwy 1 half a mile to a long pull out on right side (west) with an entrance to Jade cove. Use the stairs to climb over the fence and walk approximately 150 yards across a grass area to a switch back down to the cove, approximately 100 yards, use sturdy shoes. The bottom of the trail can be washed out so take your time. Walk over the bigger rocks at the basin to the center of the cove where there is a small beach. In the surf and along shore Jade can be found amongst the other rocks. Be careful and aware when collecting close to the surf zone. Willow Creek is 2 miles south of Jade Cove, there is a road down to the shore. Sand Dollar beach is 1/2 mile north of Jade Cove there are steps down to the shore.

Tools: Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, eye protection, trowels, hand rake (The main tools to use are simple garden tools, a hand trowel and hand rake)

Bring: Drinking water, lunch or snacks, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, rubber boots or old tennis shoes, layered clothing, towels, change of clothes/shoes in case you get wet. Camping gear if you plan on spending the night.

Gem & Mineral Shows

September 10 & 11 Downy, CA

Delver's Gem & Mineral Society
Women's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours Saturday 10-6 Sunday 10-4

September 17 & 18 Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park and Museum
2010 Riverside Avenue
Hours 10-5 Daily

September 23, 24 & 25 San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Western Regional Little League Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours 9 to Dusk Daily

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

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 meet on the 8th of October. November's meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday, November 19th.



Thalia Goldsworthy FRA Advisor

CLASSES Saw Class A September 24th

Septembers class will be part A of a two part class in the use of the society's 24 inch saw.

Part A consists of a demonstration of the saw and the safety and care of it. The class can handle up to six students.

The class will meet at the Rock shop at 10:30am on September 24th.

The date of part B of the Saw class will be discussed.

Teacher Bob Meyer

**CLASSES FOR 2011**

Feb. 12th - Tree of Life Pendant

March 12th - Bead Knotting

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

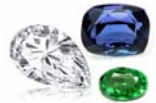
June 11 - Gemstone ID

July 9 - Wire Wrapped Earrings

August 13 - New Prong Ring

September 24 - Saw Class A

November 12 - Dichroic Glass Fusing

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS FOR SEPTEMBER**

5th Carol Thomas

11th John Noster

21st Barbara Bradbury

24th Bob Meyer

28th Gina Marquardt



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2nd David and Jean Buetow

Cerro Gordo Field Trip

by Warren, age 11, Little Chippers/FRA member



Cerro Gordo has many interesting facts and rocks. Once a year this site, Cerro Gordo, has open rock hounding. This year it was open to the California Mineral Society and people who wanted to join in on June 26, 2011. Cerro Gordo in Spanish means fat hill. I wondered why it was named fat hill and I decided it meant fat with silver in it. In the 1870s, Cerro Gordo was a silver mine. It was also a zinc mine around 1911. The mines are at an elevation of 8,300 feet. The town has the American Hotel, a museum and many other buildings. A few of the buildings are refurbished. There are buried artifacts all around the area so if you find something that you can't carry just leave it there. If you can carry it, you can bring it to the museum.

I went to Cerro Gordo because I wanted to find some smithsonite I didn't find any, but other people who were there did find some. The weather was cooler in Cerro Gordo than Lone Pine. Lots of rocks are on the surface since it was a mine and the miners threw the rocks they didn't want on the ground. These are called mine tailings. The tools you need to use are a few plastic and paper bags or buckets, a miner's pick, and water. There was a \$5.00 fee for every person and we had to donate ten gallons of water.



Tram line that took ore to Keeler and mine tailings



A collection of rocks outside the hotel.

It took us three hours to get to Lone Pine and about forty-five minutes to get to Cerro Gordo. When we got there we needed to know the rules and the best places to find smithsonite. Cerro Gordo is the best place in the World to get smithsonite even though we didn't find a good specimen. There are also 48 other minerals that are collectable. So, we found some rocks that looked interesting and these are the rocks.



A huge piece of Calcite with linarite on it.



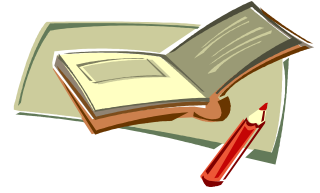
Another piece of calcite with hemimorphite.



Small Piece with hemimorphite.

Cerro Gordo was a great adventure for all of my family to find new and interesting rocks.

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes, August 20th, 2011



Called to order at 7:35pm by President John Noster.

Larry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Sylvester and Savina Marquez were introduced. All welcomed.

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Virginia and seconded by Chuck. Minutes unanimously approved as written—no corrections.

Treasure Report—Barbara

As of July 29th—Accounts are in good order. A new bank has been chosen.

Show Chair— Mary Beth

To date there are seven vendors with a definite “yes”. Larry will be distributing the raffle tickets. Thalia has the flyers. Antonia will be collecting prizes for the raffle and hourly prizes. \$15.00 on up! There will be a consignment table for members to sell their own items. They will pay a table fee.

Discussion about replacing old wood tables with four foot tables. New tables would be lighter and easier to store in trailer. Virginia made a motion to spend \$400.00 for four foot tables (\$40.00/table) to replace old tables. Mary Beth seconded motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Classes— Thalia

Grab bag making project cancelled since there are 192 bags already. Instead September 24th will be a 101A Saw Safety Class.

Community Outreach— Thalia

Thalia needs more material for club display that will be placed in the Chatsworth Library September 19th through October 14th.

The club display case took a second place ribbon at the Ventura Fair. Received \$13.00 for the award.

Discussion about having a silent auction in September. Motion made by Virginia, seconded by Antonia. Motion passed unanimously.

John has received an offer on the faceting machine from an outside source. Price is being negotiated. He should have an announcement soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Program followed: How to make liners for display case given by Thalia Goldsworthy.

Raffle conducted by Ways & Means—Virginia

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.



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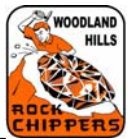
Field trips are at various times throughout the month. Guests are always welcome to attend.



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	Mark Evidon

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Custodian.....	Jason Peterson	Programs.....	Open
Display/Education.....	Open	Publicity.....	Lorraine Taneja
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FRA.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Webmaster.....	Thalia Goldsworthy
Historian.....	Gene Berwager		



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