

ROCK CHIPPINGS

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Rock Chippers, Inc.



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Club Calendar

March 2nd
Business Meeting
On Zoom
7 PM

March 9th **Class**

At Thalia's
10:00 AM
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March 16th
Society Meeting
7 PM
At the Church

Hello Everyone,
2024 is starting off wonderfully, I would like to thank our beloved Ways and Means director John O'Brien, for conducting a very fun and successful silent auction. It is wonderful to have so much support and enthusiasm in our beloved club. I believe by coming together and sharing our knowledge and strengths, we can make our beloved club even better and at the same time attract new people to become members.

I invite everyone to please submit any ideas that may be related to the bettering of our club.

The next business meeting of the year will take place 7pm on March 2nd via zoom, and general meeting will take place 7pm March 16th. With friendly mingling starting at 6:30pm...

Wishing everyone a Beautiful, Happy, and Safe month.

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Membership Information

For any questions regarding membership in the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers please email Virginia Rotramel at whrc@rockchippers.org

Future Rockhounds of America

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

Regular club meetings are held at 7:00PM on the 3rd Saturday of each month at:
First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307

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Goodbye to our club member Joan

We have lost a club member, Joan, in late January 2024. She was also member of the Iris Society and would host an annual iris bloom show in her beautiful garden of cacti, succulents and of course interesting rocks mixed in. Joan also loved to go to estate and garage sales especially if gems and minerals would be there, I ran into her several times! She would look for items that she could donate to our silent auctions. Joan also had great knowledge of different sea shells and used them in her art pieces. Sewing was also a passion making quilts for friends. This photo was taken on the way back from last year's 2023 March Ventura Gem Show, Joan wanted to stop at the beach as it had been many years since her last trip- Debbie (L), Joan (M) and Anita (R) - gathered shells, sea glass, beach stones and some driftwood that day. A nice fisherman paused his casting to take our photo. Joan will be missed as a valued member of our club.

Debbie Hirlinger



Gemstone of the Month

THE TWO BIRTHSTONES OF MARCH

Aquamarine, the gem birthstone of March, evokes the colors of the sea. From deep green blue to light, slightly greenish blue. This jewel is known for its vivid appearance and for the pop of color it provides. Aquamarine birthstones are mined in Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Zambia and Mozambique, as well as elsewhere in Africa, USA, Vietnam and Cambodia. Aquamarine evokes the purity of crystalline waters, and the exhilaration and relaxation of the sea. It is calming, soothing, and cleansing, and inspires truth, trust and letting go. In ancient lore, aquamarine was believed to be the treasure of mermaids, and was used by sailors as a talisman of good luck, fearlessness and protection. It was also considered a stone of eternal youth and happiness. Today it protects all who travel by, over, or near water, and opens the channels of clear and heartfelt communication.

Bloodstone, the other birthstone of March is a dark-green gemstone flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this gemstone are India, Brazil, and Australia. The original deposits of bloodstone is mined in Australia, Brazil and India and typically found as pebbles in riverbeds or embedded in rocks. A stone of courage, purification, and noble sacrifice, bloodstone has a long history of use for its healing properties. It was considered a somewhat magical stone because of its ability to transmute negative energy and purify a space while protecting it at the same time. In the ancient world, bloodstone was considered to be the most beautiful of the Jaspers, a deep, earthy green gem emboldened with spots of bright red. Called the Sun Stone, and later Christ's Stone, its energy carries the purity of blood and inherently speaks of life and birth, vitality and strength, passion, and courage. As a talisman it is both mystical and magical, and its virtues are protective and nurturing



March Society meeting

March Society meeting will be at the church
7:00 pm Saturday Mar 16th
Paty Mejorado will be doing a demonstration:
An Introduction to Gem Identification Equipment
Presented by Paty Mejorado
What Does the Gem Tell Us?
Is it Ruby? Is it Spinel? Is it natural or synthetic?
What will the equipment tell us?

It's a mystery until we start with the basic procedures of Gem identification!

This month's class

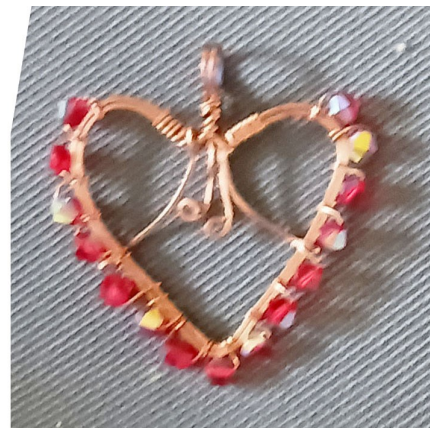
Our March class will be on the 9th at 10:00am at Thalia's home. The project for that class is an Egyptian Pendant.

You will need the usual wire wrapping tools. 10 – 6mm beads, square wire of a gauge that will go through the beads and 20-22ga half-round wire. Class fee is \$5.00.



Last month's class

Debbie and Thalia had a good class in February. They were able to complete the beaded heart pendant project with some extra finishing at home. In the photo the larger pendant is Debbie's, the other two are Thalia's.



From Maureen's Archives



WHEN I NOD MY
HEAD, HIT IT.



HONEY, 'MEMBER ALL
THOSE OLD BLUE ROCKS
YOU HAD? A NICE
MAN HAULED 'EM ALL
AWAY AN' ONLY CHARGED
TEN DOLLARS!
TURQUOISE COLLECTORS
— NIGHTMARE)



NEVER LICK A ROCK —
ESPECIALLY IN FREEZING
WEATHER!

Debby's Tips


Vintage ad in the Gems and Minerals Magazine March 1974.

I recently was given a box of older lapidary and gem stone magazines from a friend. I have been thumbing through them one by one, so many great articles that are still relevant today. Much to my surprise, I found an ad for The Woodland Hills Rock Chipper's gem show in this edition March 1974- that is 50 years ago! What a great history our club has and still planning shows for the community to enjoy and explore this fascinating hobby.


While we no longer hold at the venue mentioned -we are already in the planning stages for our annual show that will be held on October 19, 2024. So come join us to see the educational exhibits, demonstrations and the many vendors that attend our show. Check our website for info and updates on the show.

Debbie Hirlinger

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your own taste. My acrylic ocean scene on a piece of red roofing slate, which I cleaned well and sanded to a satin finish. The easels were made from rough redwood shutters, discards from an old house.
So, now you have an idea how a diversified artist applied his research on how to paint on rocks.

Western Bonanza Gem Show

For a fun afternoon, the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers invite you to their 5th biennial show at the Arthur E. Wright Elementary School, 4029 Las Virgenes Road, Malibu Canyon, 8 miles west of Woodland Hills and 1.3 miles south of Ventura Boulevard on April 6 and 7. Members, including the juniors, will display their collections and creations, and working demonstration in cabochon cutting and faceting are planned. Sales tables will offer items made by members, and a dealer will have findings and gem material to offer. For the hungry, there will be a snack bar. Parking and admission are free.

Johnny Horizon says:
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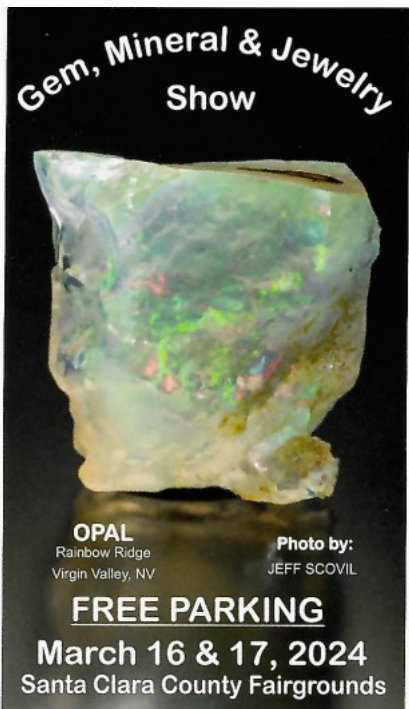
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Pageant Of A Thousand Gems 47th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

April 20 - 21, 2024

Sat. 10:00am-5:00pm
 Sun. 10:00am-4:00pm



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Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
www.CGAMC.org



WHRC Board Meeting
February 3, 2024
Call to order: 7:14 pm
Location: Zoom

President Pro Tem: Debbie

Establish Quorum: Yes

Corrections or Approval of Minutes: No corrections.

Report of Treasurer: We made some money in the January Society meeting Raffle. The rental rate for meeting is staying the same. Barbara is purchasing a new ledger. The rental for the show increased. Motion was made to accept the new rate for the show rental. Shanna made the motion, Cecil seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

New Business: We are going to clean the trailer and archive what is needed.

Maureen suggested Council district ads for the show.

Corporate Administrator: Barbara is sending over totals to complete taxes due in April.

Bulletin: New Member feature was a hit!

Classes/Workshops: February's is a wire heart pendant with Thalia.

Courtesy/Hospitality: Everything is up to date.

Community Outreach: Paty is creating a QR code for flyers. Thalia received confirmation on show status and dates. She will create flyers for the Ventura Gem Show, March 2nd & 3rd. As well as the Conejo Valley Gem Show.

Display and Education: We are getting the "Green with Envy" showcase together. February 24th the showcase is being photographed, labeled and pre-show set up and design. Debbie and Barbara are setting up and breaking down the showcase at the Ventura Gem Show.

Federation Director: Celia is in touch with Jim from the CFMS and is coordinating the field trip to Cady Mountains. Celia needs the Officer list and is forwarding the list to CFMS.

Field Trips: Cady Mountains in April. Dates are pending.

Membership: Virginia is creating a new roster with 22 CFMS members. She will email the roster to the members. Anna was voted in December 2024. Anna's badge is on order.

Program: February's Silent Auction! March - Paty presents Gem Identification Instruments Overview.

Ways and Means: Not present.

Web Master: Not present.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 p.m.

Patricia Mejorado

Secretary, Woodland Hills RockChippers

Society Meeting
February 17, 2024
Call to order: 7:20 pm
Location: 22700 Sherman Way

President: Debbie Pro-Tem
Flag Salute: Debbie
Program: Silent Auction
Guest: Sheryl P. is would like to donate equipment to the club.
Report of Treasurer: Everything is in the black. We made some money in the January raffle. The rate for the Gem Show came in. Approved by the Board.
Corrections or Approval of Minutes: No corrections.
Auditor: Nothing to report until July.
Bulletin: John server error, not receiving emails.
Classes/Workshops: February class is a beaded heart. March is pendant.
Community Outreach: Thalia is waiting for the okay to print.
Corporate Administrator: Breakdown of monies for Debbie are in process. Debbie working on the permits and documents needed for the show.
Courtesy and Hospitality: Joan C. Passed away. Lillian is sending a card.
Display/Education: Next Saturday, assembling the showcase, "Green with Envy".
Displaying at the "Ventura Gem Show" March 2 & 3, 2024. Saturday 10 - 5 *
Sunday 10-4
Location: Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA 93001, entered as non-competitive.
Federation Director: List of Directors sent to CFMS.
Field Trips: OceanView Mine pending for March 23, Sign ups still open. More information to come April 19, 20 & 21 @ Hauser Geode Beds, Palo Verde, CA
Contact Paty M.
Historian: Nothing New.
Insurance: May insurance payments are due.
Librarian: Nothing new.
Membership: Dues are up for renewal.
Program: February - Silent Auction, March - Gem ID Equipment presented by Paty M.
Show Meeting: Marketing for the Gem Show in Local Magazines.
Ways and Means: None
WebMaster: Everything is up to date.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:10pm
Patricia Mejorado
Secretary, Woodland Hills RockChippers



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 7:00 p.m. Social time from 6:30 p.m.



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



Elected Officers/Directors

President	Sagi Salomon	Director At Large	Gene Berwager
Treasurer	Barbara Bradbury	Director At Large	Lillian Berwager
Secretary	Paty Mejorado	Corp. Admin.	Debbie Hirlinger
Director At Large	John O'Brien	Director At Large	Celia Barnett
Director At Large	Shanna O'Brien		

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Auditor.....	Virginia Rotramel	Membership	Virginia Rotramel
Bulletin Editor	John O'Brien	Outreach.....	Thalia Goldsworthy
Classes.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Programs	Thalia Goldsworthy
Courtesy/Hospitality...	Lillian Berwager	Publicity.....	Open
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Fed Director.....	Cecelia Barnett	Club Show Chair.....	Paty Mejorado
Alt. Fed Director.....	Virginia Rotramel	Asst.Show Chair.....	Open
Field Trips.....	Paty Mejorado	Ways and Means.....	John O'Brien
FRA.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Webmaster-A/V.....	John O'Brien
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March Society Meeting
Paty will demonstrate the Gemscope.

At the Church
Saturday March 16th
7:00 PM



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