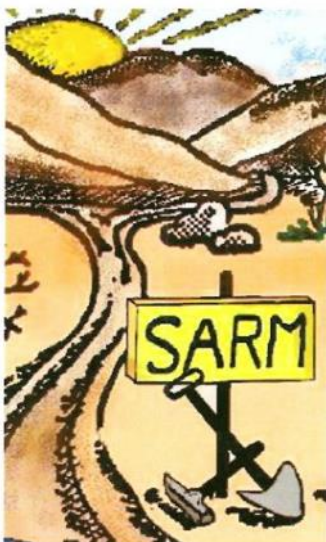




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SANTA ANA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

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INFORMATION

The purpose of the Club is to offer an opportunity for those who are interested in rocks, minerals, fossils and gems, to gather at regular meetings, display and examine items of interest in the hobby, to promote and also encourage the art and practice of lapidary, to exchange experiences and ideas, to organize field trips for members and guests, and to promote the general interest in and knowledge of the hobby.



Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). For more information on shows and events check out their website www.cfmsinc.org

MEETINGS: 7:00pm every 3rd Wednesday of the Month (except July & Dec)

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

WHERE: Clubhouse, 10739 Los Jardines West, Fountain Valley, CA 92708



CLUB CALENDAR 2018

- January 6th & 7th: Work Shop
- January 17th: General Meeting
- February 3rd & 4th: Work Shop
- February 21th: General Meeting

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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I want to thank Trish Voss for her hard work as president during the past two years. Her leadership brought our club membership to 51 paid members for 2017. This is a truly remarkable feat. Hopefully it will remain that high during 2018.

This will be my fourth time serving as your President and I would like to know what each of you wants from the club. We will be having a board meeting to plan for 2018 on January 3rd. It will be at my home and begin at 7PM. Our Board consists of the elected officers plus the chairs of the various committees, but anyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to attend or would like to give suggestions to the Board, please call me at 714-963-3708.

Jim DeMarco, President

WORK SHOP

Members only

\$ 3.00 fee

**AT THE GREENE'S HOME
1ST FULL WEEKEND OF
THE MONTH**

**9:00 AM TO NOON
CALL**

**949-548-0752
TO REQUEST
FLEXIBLE TIMES**



MEMBERS INPUT

Submit an article or pictures of your experiences in the field trip rock hunting, collecting, handling, uses or in the cutting and polishing of roughs that may benefit our readers.

Please email
sarmclub@gmail.com
for consideration.

Thank You!

Announcements

1. Carol Williams has consented to be the presenter at our January 17th meeting. She will speak to the fine points of bead purchasing and will entertain questions on Jewelry Making and the award winning work she has done.
2. The Federation is sponsoring a field trip to Lavic Siding, near Barstow, on Saturday, 2/17/18 at 8AM. Refer to the fliers on the entry table for more information.



January Birthdays

Jeff Vaughn
Gavin Carter
Carole Heslop
Walter Lombardo

**QUARTZSITE SHOWS & EVENTS
2017-2018**

Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair	Oct. 31, 2017— March 1, 2018
Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet	Oct 01, 2017— April 1, 2018
Rice Ranch “Yawl Come” Show	November 1, 2017—April 1, 2018
Grease Wood Swap Meet	November 2017—April, 2018
Desert Gardens—Gem & Mineral	January 01—February 28, 2018
Prospectors Panorama	January 01—January 14, 2017 tbc
Annual Hi Jolly Daze Parade—Town Park	
QIA Pow Wow—Gems, Minerals & Jewelry	January 17– January 21, 2018
Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show	January 05—January 14, 2018
Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama	January 19—January 28, 2018
Sports, Vacation & RV Show (The Big Tent)	January 20—January 28, 2018
Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts	February 02—February 11, 2018
Gold, Treasure & Craft Show—QIA 9 am—5 pm	February 9—11, 2018 tbc
Quartzsite Quilt Show—Quartzsite SR Center	February 2—3, 2018 tbc
Quartzsite Gold Show	February 9—11, 2018 tbc QIA building. Friday-Saturday 9-4 Sunday.

Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible. ~ Anonymous

I don't think inside the box. I don't think outside the box. I didn't know there was a box. ~ Pam Greene

The Gemstone Garnet

Garnet is the birthstone for those who are born in January. It is mined in a variety of colors, and is a family of closely related minerals. They commonly forms as cubic crystals and faced in multiples of four, but every garnet has slightly different chemical compositions. The name "garnet" comes from the Latin granatus ("grain"). Its most recognized color is deep red like it is of pyrope garnets. Other color garnets are mined in orange, purple, green and dark red-brown. Gift of garnets symbolize faithfulness, trust and friendship.

Metamorphic rocks are any rocks that have been changed by heat, pressure or of these combinations. Garnet is a mineral that can be found associated with many metamorphic rocks. They are remarkably beautiful stones, and most of them have a hardness of 6 1/2—7 1/2. It is described and used as a gemstone. It is widely distributed and may be cut, polished and faceted. The different species of garnet family are almandine, andradite, pyrope, spessartine, uvarovite, and grossular (varieties of which are hessonite or cinnamon-stone and tsavorite),



WORK SHOP BITS & TIPS

The workshop is open to all members the first full weekend of the month. Pam & Don Greene our Workshop Officers are flexible. Call (949) 548-0752 for alternate times if needed.

The Workshop is fully equipped with tools to make cabochons from start to finish, as well as a small kiln for dichotic glass work and also jigs for wire working. In addition, rough stones and materials are available for members to practice on.

HELPFUL TIPS TO DOP YOUR STONE



Clean the slabs with denatured alcohol to remove any impurities.



Utilize various templates to help determine the final shapes of your cabochons. Outline desired shapes on your rocks with an ultra- fine sharpie marker.



Melt dop wax & heat up your rocks on the heater. Then, place a little piece of dop on the rock until the little piece of dop melted. Dip the stick in the melted dop, and center it on the cab.



Make certain your stick is centered since this decides how well your polishing turns out. Remove excess dop after it is cooled with pliers or a utility knife if needed.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK 2017

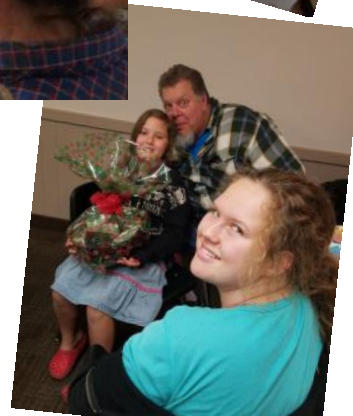
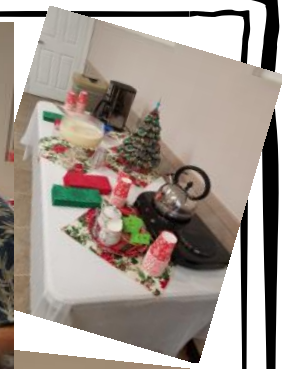
Thanks to everyone who helped with set up and take down and brought food for our Christmas potluck. About 32 members and guests attended and enjoyed the wonderful food and fun gift exchange.

Club Dues 2017/2018

Please remember to pay your 2018 dues so you'll be able to participate in all the club activities. Only those who paid their 2017 dues during the last months of the year will also have paid their 2018 dues. The rest of us need to pay again. Please see Charlotte.



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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

JANUARY 2018

January 20-21: EXETER, CA

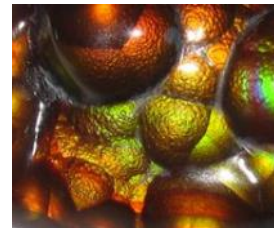
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
 Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
 324 N. Kaweah Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
 Contact: Margaret Buchmann, (559) 799-6034
 Email: margaretbu03@gmail.com
 Website: www.tulegem.com



FEBRUARY 2018

February 16-25: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
 82-503 Highway 111
 Hours: 10-10 daily
 Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674
 Email: bert67@verixon.net



February 17-18: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
 Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
 1201 West 10th Street
 Hours: 10-5 daily
 Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
 Email: Brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
 Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com



February 24-25: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
 Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
 900 Fairgrounds Drive
 Hours: 10-5 daily
 Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 334-2950
 Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net

