

# Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club

## Chips -n - Splinters

### October/November 2023 Newsletter



Oolitic Jasper , Brazil

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Third Wednesday of the month at 7pm  
Green Valley Club House 10739 Los Jardines West,  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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## SARM Officers:

President - Dania Boucher

Vice Pres. - Ray Walls

Treasurer - Charlotte Spalding

Hospitality - Elaine Forester

Parliamentarian/Librarian/

Membership - Jim DeMarco

## Chairs:

Workshop - Pam and Don Greene

Webmaster - Ning Su

Field Trip Advisor - Burt Vogler



Shungite

## President's Message

Hello SARM members!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Thank you to all the members and visitors who have been at our meetings in the last months. In October we learned about the wonders of Shungite. People brought some nice stuff for the raffle as usual. We had our annual silent auction on Nov. 15. In spite of the rain, we had a good turnout and lots of food thanks to Elaine. We made \$ for the club.



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## President's Message continued

We won't be having a regular meeting in December and will have our Christmas Party and Potluck! The club will reimburse members for ham and turkey. Family and friends are welcome. I will be sending out an email with further details soon.

I know we haven't had a newsletter in a while. I'll be putting it out monthly now. Please email me with any information or pictures you would like included.

Dania Boucher - President/Newsletter SARM

## November Birthstones Topaz and Citrine

Before the 20th century, all brown, orange and yellow gems were called Topaz. Modern gemology was only recognized as a science in the 1930s. Now, we recognize topaz and yellow or brown quartz as separate gem species. Topaz and Citrine (Quartz) have different chemical, physical and optical properties. If you are having a yellow

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or orange stone appraised, make your your appraiser is well qualified and knows the difference!

Citrine varies from brown to orange to yellow like Topaz but Topaz is also found in other colors like blue and pink. Topaz can also be heat treated to attain deep blue, reddish-orange, pale green, pink, or purple.

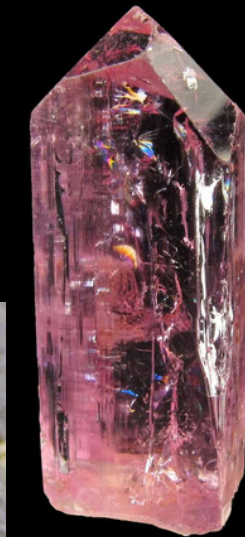
On the Mohs Scale, Topaz is an 8 and Citrine (Quartz) is a 7. Even though Topaz is harder and more scratch resistant, it is also more brittle. Topaz is always pricier than Citrine, Imperial Topaz being the most valuable.

## Citrine:



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Topaz:



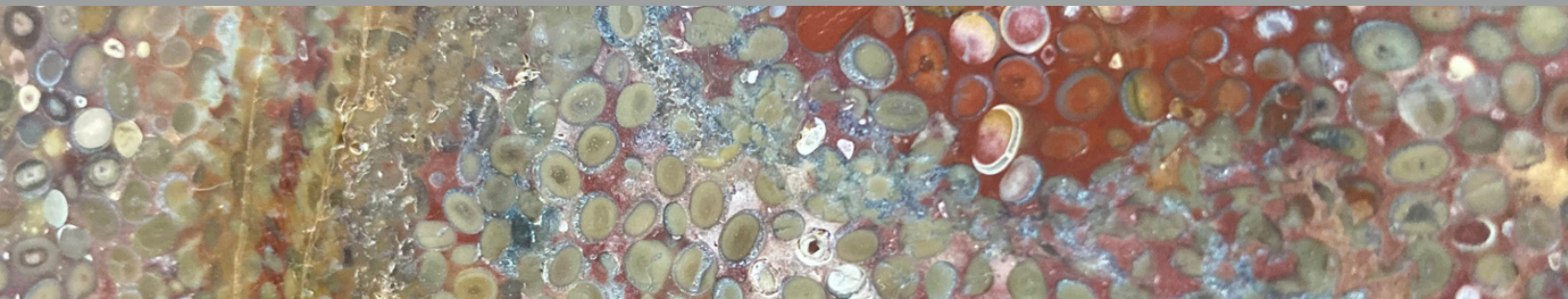


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Don't forget to come and utilize our workshop! We have slab saws big and small, trim saws, tumblers, cabbing machines and more. Plus expert advice about not only the machines but the rocks and minerals too.

Open 9am - 12noon Saturday and Sunday  
on the first weekend of the month.

Call Pam and Don Greene at 949-548-0752  
for information and flexible times.



## Share Your Wares

Please send in pictures and descriptions of your creations and I'll put them in the next newsletter. Cabs, jewelry, specimens and things you're excited about are welcome.

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Wave Dolomite, Mexico

Some wares by Dania Boucher



Porphry



Thulite, Norway



Horse Canyon Moss Agate & Owyhee Jasper.



Dinosaur Bone



Prenite

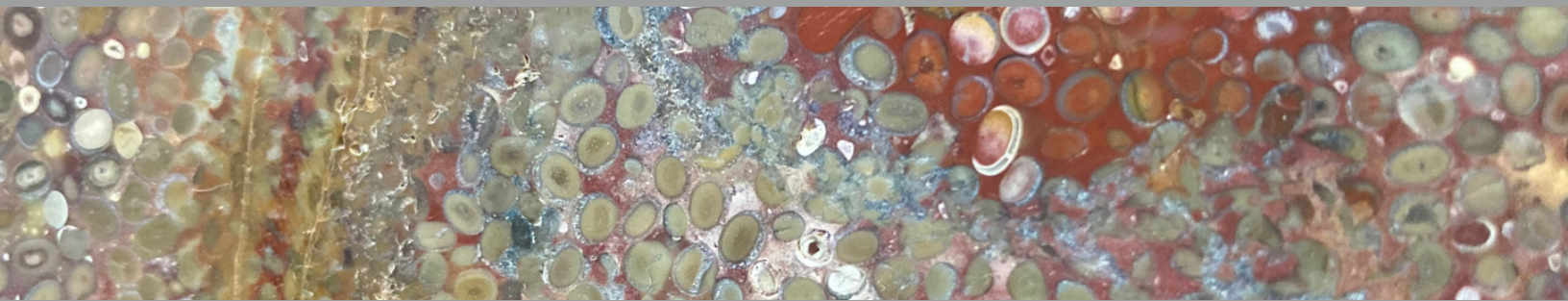


Owyhee Jasper





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## Upcoming Gem and Mineral Shows and Events

### Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Show

12/02 - 03/2023 10:00 - 5:00

Cora Harper Community Center

841 S Barstow Rd

Barstow, CA 92311

[mdgms.net](http://mdgms.net)

### Midgard Mercantile San Diego

Fossils | Gems | Minerals | Crystals

12/08 - 10/2023 10AM to 5PM

Open Aire Courtyard

2972 Ariane Dr.

San Diego, CA 92117

[midgardmercantile.com](http://midgardmercantile.com)

[facebook.com/MidgardMerch](https://facebook.com/MidgardMerch)

[twitter.com/MidgardMerch](https://twitter.com/MidgardMerch)

### Ventura Gem & Mineral Show

03/02 - 03/2024

Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 W Harbor Blvd

Ventura, CA

[vgms.org/](http://vgms.org/)

### Mariposa Gem & Mineral Show

04/13 - 14/2024

Mariposa County Fairgrounds

5007 Fairgrounds Road

Mariposa, CA 95338

### LLD West Coast Gem & Mineral Spring Show

05/03 - 05/2024

Fri/Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-5:00

Holiday Inn Orange County Airport

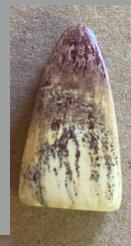
2726 S Grand Ave.

Santa Ana, CA 92705

[mineralshowsllld.com](http://mineralshowsllld.com)



Fluorite and Barite



Alunite



Prenite



# **Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club**

## **Local Rock Shops and Resources**

### **Majesta M's A-Z Jewelry Supply, Rock, Mineral and Crystal Shop**

7351 A Heil Ave.

Huntington Beach, CA

714-292-3653

MajestaM@aol.com

facebook.com/people/Majesta-Ms-A-Z-Jewelry-Supply-Rock-Mineral-and-Crystal-Shop/100063609548240/

### **Nevada Mineral and Book Company**

342 S Tustin St, El Dorado Plaza

Orange, CA 92866-2502

714-633-1549

<https://www.minbooks.net>

### **Kristalle**

875 N. Coast Highway

Laguna Beach, California 92651- 1415

Wednesday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment only.

949-494-7695

kristalle.com

### **Earth Stones International**

1276 South Coast Highway

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

949-494-2337

[instagram.com/earthstonesint/](https://www.instagram.com/earthstonesint/)

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Please come to the January 17th meeting for a very special guest recommended to us by Walt Lombardo, published author Robin Ray.  
This promises to be a very interesting program.

## Why Would Anyone Live Here?

*Find Out More*

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10739 Los Jardines West Fountain Valley Ca 92708

**When: January 17, 2024**

**Time: During 7pm meeting**

When author, *Robin Ray*, will present her journey as she wrote the *Love and Legacy series*, an epic tale of a family's *Quest for Success in the deserts of California*



**Information includes:**

**The Historic Little Lake Hotel  
and  
The Famous Mojave Phone Bo**

