

The Sierra Pelonaagram



December 2010

... Member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Society Inc. ...

The Sierra Pelona Rock Club is a non-profit organization founded in 1959 with the objective to sponsor activities and promote interest and education in: mineralogy, lapidary, geology, paleontology and related subjects.



Message from your president:

This is the last Pelonagram of the year. It also marks a year since I agreed to become president of the SPRC and hey—it wasn't so bad! We have visited both our claims, had some great field trips, some fun programs at the general meetings and made many new friends. Lombardi Ranch at Halloween was a good fund raiser for the club. The summer picnic was a great success with lots of good food and even more laughter. That is what this club is all about: friends, education, fun—what could be better!

We hope to see you all at the clubhouse on Saturday the 18th for the Holiday Dinner, which is pot luck. Bring something for the auction. Or bring your checkbook FOR the auction. Or both. We are easy that way!

And don't forget—membership dues are due in January and Saturday would be a great day to get that little chore out of the way. See what you get for your \$20?

Bill Webber, president
SPRC

We would like to welcome
new member
Diane Mahle.
Welcome!

Birthdays:
Happy Birthday all y'all!

Al Brown
Peter Bellas
Nancy Hilliard
Jon Meredith



Officers:

President – Bill Webber
Vice-President – Ron Strathmann
Secretary: Minutes-Nancy Hilliard
Treasurer – Greg Mazourek
Federation Director (CFMS/AFMS) – Shep Koss

Chairpersons:

Pelonagram Editor – Heidi Webber
Claim - Mike Serino
Donation Rock Table - Al Brown
Field Trips – Bonnell Forstner
Historian - Frank Humelbaugh
Hospitality – Evelyn Velie
Membership – Ron & Akiko Strathmann
Programs – Mike Serino
Publicity – Diane Southwell
Storage - Mike Moreno
Sunshine - Evelyn Velie
Web site – Bud Sabatino

The Sierra Pelona Rock Club, is a member of the California and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (CFMS/AFMS). The general club meetings (Open to the public) are at 7:30 PM, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at:

**The Clubhouse of the Greenbrier
Mobile Estates EAST
21301 Soledad Canyon Rd
Canyon Country, CA 91351**

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**SPRC Business Meeting
December 7, 2010
Greenhouse Café, Saugus, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm. In attendance were Bill and Heidi Webber, Greg Mazourek, Ron and George Lawrence, Mike Merino, Shep Koss, Evelyn Velie, Ron and Akiko Strathmann and Mike Serrano.

January's program will be demonstrating to club members how to use the Genesis tumblers and saw.

Heidi said that the flat lap has gotten only one bite on Craig's List and it was a scammer. She had dropped the price to \$975. The possibility of some sort of future raffle was discussed as well as other options. No decision was made.

Mike Serrano will finish the paperwork for the claim.

Ron discussed upcoming field trips.

Diane Mahle was voted in as a new member.

Dues are due in January and delinquent after January 31.

The treasurer's report was passed around and all is well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

CFMS Shows

January 15-16 - EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Bldg.
324 N Kaweah (Hwy 65), Exeter
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Marshall Havner (559) 562-4133
Charles Reed (559) 784-6394
Website: www.tulegem.org

January 28-30 - REDLANDS, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern California
Micromounters Symposium
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree
Hours: Fri. 5 - 10; Sat. 9 - 10
Sun. Field trip time to be set
Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435
Email: rhousley@its.caltech.edu
Website: mineralsocal.org (click on micromounters)

February 18-27 - INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem amp;& Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 25-27 - NEWARK, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Lary Ham, show chair - (510) 887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

February 25-26 - NORTHRIDGE, CA

Del-Air Rockhounds
Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd.
Hours: Fri. 3 - 9; Sat. 10 - 5
Chris S. Ward
Email: chris_ward678@yahoo.com
Website: delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 5-6 - ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
Email: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.moroks.com

March 5-6 - VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043 /
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March 11-13 - VICTORVILLE, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Tailgate at Verde Antique Quarry
(Stoddard Well)
Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15
Hours: 8-5 daily
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323
Email: Bretts88@verizon.net
Website: www.vvgmc.org

March 12-13 - TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Turlock Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
Email: Bud.mcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 12-13 - SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Joe & Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Email: joenmar1@verizon.net

March 12-13 - SALINAS (Spreckels), CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Veteran's Hall, Spreckels, CA
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10-5 daily
Karen Jones (831) 678-0337 /
KenKaren0337@att.net

March 19-20 - BAKERSFIELD, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
Kern County Shrine Club
700 south P. Street (P & Bell Terrace)
Hours: 9-5 daily
Lewis Helfrich - Home (661) 323-2663
Cell: (661) 378-4450
Email: lewsrocks@bak.it.comt

December Birthstones

Tanzanite

Discovered in the late 1960s in Tanzania, and found exclusively in this tiny area of the world, *tanzanite* exhibits a rich violet-blue color for which the gemstone is treasured; often it is heat-treated to achieve this color. Colors range from blue to purple, and tanzanites that are medium dark in tone, vivid in saturation, and slightly violet blue command premium prices. As tanzanite can be less expensive than sapphire, it often was purchased as an alternative. However, it has increased in popularity and now is valued more for its own beauty and brilliance than as a sapphire substitute.



Turquoise

The name *turquoise*, from the French expression *Pierre tourques* or *Turkish stone*, originated in the thirteenth century and describes one of the oldest known gemstones. Turquoise varies in color from greenish blue, through robin's egg-blue, to sky blue shades and its transparency ranges from translucent to opaque. Turquoise is plentiful and is available in a wide range of sizes. It is most often used for beads, cabochons, carvings, and inlays. Although its popularity fluctuates in fashion, it is a perennial favorite in the American Southwest.

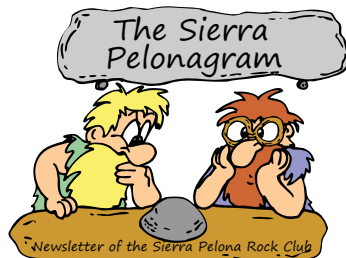


Zircon

Derived from the Arabic words *zar* and *gun*, meaning *gold* and *color*, zircon is found in a wide range of colors such as: blue, yellow, orange, brown, green, colorless, and red (the most prized color). For many years colorless zircon was used to imitate diamonds. Folk wisdom grants zircon the power to relieve pain, whet the appetite, protect travelers from disease and injury, to ensure a warm welcome, and to prevent nightmares guaranteeing a deep, tranquil sleep. Major sources of zircon are the Chanthaburi area of Thailand, the Palin area of Cambodia, and the southern part of Vietnam.



Reference: American Gem Society



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