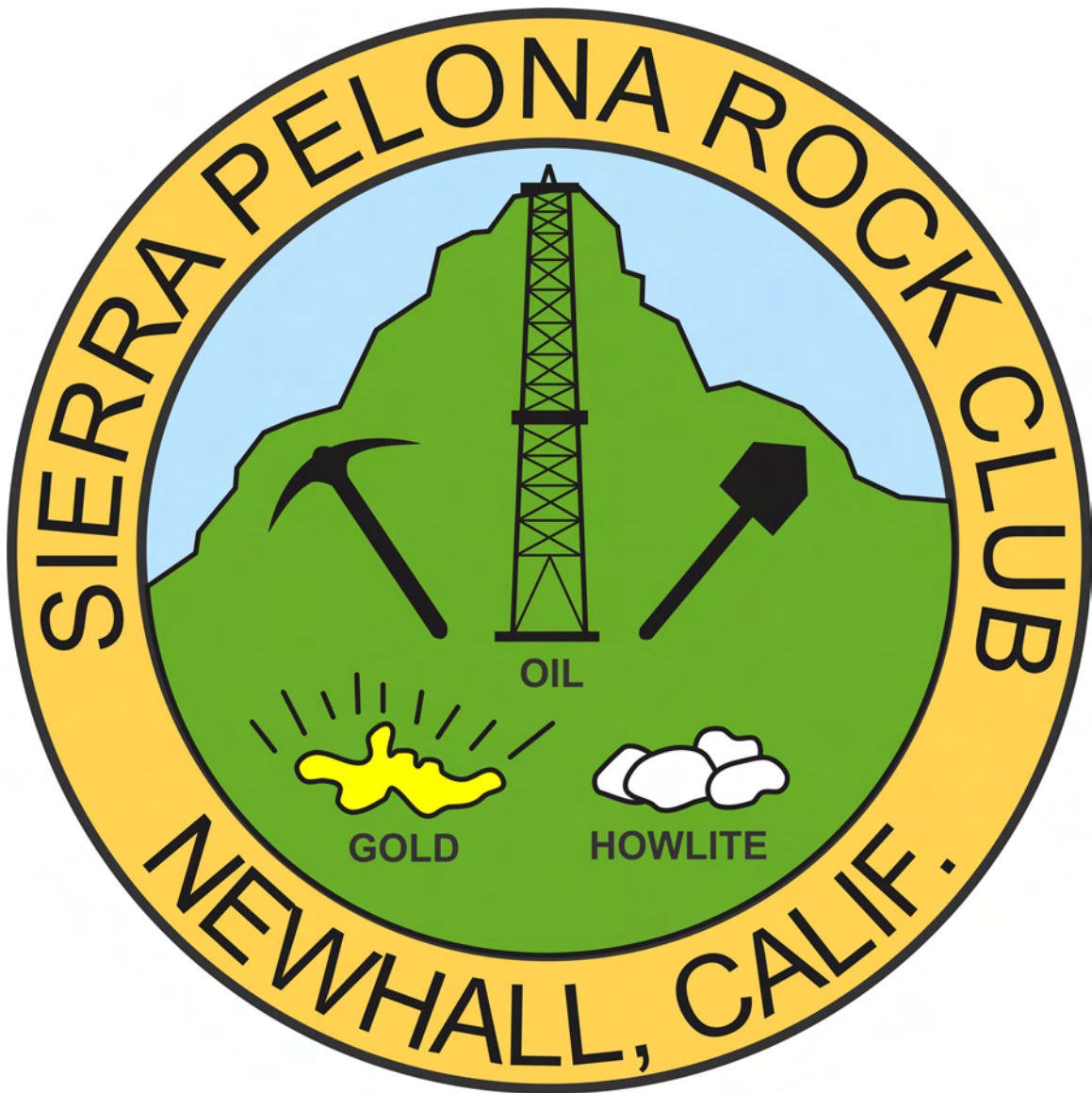


# The Sierra Pelonagram



November 2014

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

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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.

### Membership

A great big welcome to new members Jaime Pulido, Donna Sweet and Jane Sheppard.

### Dues

Your annual dues are coming up rapidly. Feel free to get this off your mind and pay Ron Rackliffe right away. Dues are officially due January 1 and late as of the Business Meeting in February where a \$2 late fee will apply.

For upcoming CFMS Shows, go to <http://www.cfmsinc.org>. I used to be able to copy the calendar to the Pelonagram, but there seems to have been a change to their site that makes me no longer able to do so.

### Wire Wrap,

November 19  
at the Clubhouse.



Wrap by Greg Langewisch

### Birthdays

#### November

Frank Hummelbaugh	Nov 10
Dianne Southwell	Nov 13

#### December

Nancy Hilliard	Dec 1
Morgan Langewisch	Dec 14
Jon Meredith	Dec 15



### Officers:

President – Bill Webber  
Vice-President – Ron Lawrence  
Secretary: Heidi Webber  
Treasurer – Ron Rackliffe  
Federation Director (CFMS/AFMS) – Shep Koss

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Field Trips – Ron Lawrence  
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Publicity –Bruce Velie  
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Sunshine - Brigitte Mazourek

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:

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## President's Message



The year is rapidly coming to an end. It is unbelievable just how quickly each year seems to slide right by. My current term as president of the SPRC is also ending and I know the new president will have many great ideas and plans to implement.

Fresh ideas and plans are what keep a club alive and growing. If not, you become stagnant and moldy, like old bread. Or an unkempt fish tank. Or swimming pool. You get the drift, everything needs new blood, new thoughts, ideas and personalities.

Your club is no different and it is vital that members not only participate in activities, they need to bring themselves and their personalities and ideas to the table for the rest of the club to enjoy. I guess you could call this a Lecter Lecture!

So now if you aren't afraid to join us in a campout, the November field trip will be in conjunction with the Community Hiking Club to Afton Canyon. The flyer was in last month's Pelonagran and we hope to see a bunch of you out there. You can also do this as a day trip, Ron Lawrence will be sending out an email with carpool details on that. Then on Thanks-

giving Weekend, Shep is also putting together a campout and this one should save you loads of money if you do the Black Friday thing. Instead, head to the desert! You will be glad you did.

So think about the elections, camping, and Thanksgiving.

See you next week.

Bill Webber  
President, SPRC



Jasper is an opaque form of Chalcedony, which is a microcrystalline variety of the mineral Quartz. It often contains an abundance of impurities, and therefore some regard it as a rock instead of a mineral. Jasper is usually associated with brown, yellow, or reddish colors, but may be used to describe other opaque colors of Chalcedony such as dark or mottled green and orange. Some forms of Jasper are banded, and these banded Jaspers may appear similar to Agate, but unlike Agate they are opaque. When Jasper is dull and lacking interesting colors or patterns, it is not Jasper but rather Chert.

The appeal of Jasper is its interesting color patterns and formations. Though it can be a solid color, it is most often mottled, spotted, ringed, or striped. Each Jasper has a unique color or pattern, lending this gemstone much variety. Jasper is an ancient gemstone, and is mentioned in the bible and other classical sources. Though fairly common and affordable today, Jasper in antiquity was regarded as a valuable stone.

The classification and naming of jasper presents a challenge. Terms attributed to various well-defined materials includes the geographic locality where it is found, sometimes quite restricted such as "Bruneau" (a canyon) and "Lahontan" (a lake), rivers and even individual mountains, many are fanciful such as "Forest Fire" or "Rainbow", while others are descriptive such as "Autumn", "Porcelain" or "Dalmatian". A few are designated by the country of origin such as a Brown Egyptian or Red African.



**SPRC General Meeting**  
October 21, 2014  
Greenhouse Estates Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. In attendance were 24 members and 9 guests.

Bruce Velie announced that the clubhouse was booked for December 14 from 11-5, a Sunday. The club will supply all paper goods, cups, cutlery and the turkey and ham. Members are to sign up for the rest with Tina White, who will be providing a sign-up sheet shortly.

The election committee is Trina Aeen and Greg Mazourek. Anyone interested in running for an office, let one of them know. Also anyone interested as a committee chairperson, let Bill know, he can pass this list on to the next club president. The club president assigns the chairperson each year.

The next wire wrap session will be November 19 from 7-9pm in the small room to the right of the entrance, down the hall.

Ron Rackliffe said that Lombardi's had a good turnout and profit for the club. He also reminded people that dues for 2015 are due January 1, late as of the business meeting in February and he is taking dues now.

Ron Rackliffe also has club t-shirts for sale.

Both Greg M and Greg L are going to head the library outreach committee. Talk to them with any ideas and suggestions for the hour-long demo on November 15.

Shep said that he and others from CFMS are organizing a campout near Ludlow on Thanksgiving Weekend.

Heidi also reminded attendees that there will be a joint campout with the CHC the weekend before Shep, from the 21-23 in Afton Canyon. The flyer will be in the October Pelonagram. It is emphasized that this can also be a day trip and will be the field trip for November.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned for the program Evelyne Velie provided.

Respectfully Submitted

Heidi Webber  
Secretary, SPRC







**SPRC Business Meeting**  
November 4, 2014  
Greenbriar Estates Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm. In attendance were Tina White, Ron Rackliffe, Greg Langewisch, Ron Lawrence and Bill and Heidi Webber.

Three new members were voted into membership: Jamie Pulido, Donna Sweet and Jane Sheppard.

Heidi was given approval to purchase turkey and ham for holiday dinner. She will also prepare.

Again there will be an auction. Please bring clean and working items to donate to the auction. Also bring cash-small bills please—to purchase aforesaid items. There will also be a silent auction, please donate a nice piece or two that are worthy.

Greg L said he was having trouble contacting the person in charge of the library outreach. Heidi said she would forward his number (problem since solved).

Greg L presented a sample of a post-card sized information card describing the club, its goals, etc. It looked very nice and would be an asset on various outreaches to disseminate information about SPRC. Ron L motioned that we make a small initial purchase of around 50 cards to see how it works out. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

Evelyne Velie will be presenting part 2 of the program she did last month.

Tina will put together a sign-up sheet for the pot-luck holiday dinner.

Greg L made a motion to adjourn, Ron L seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Heidi Webber  
Secretary, SPRC



## **Holiday Dinner**

The Holiday Dinner will be held on Sunday December 14 from 11-5. The club will supply the ham, turkey, and all eating utensils. Membership will bring side dishes and drinks.

There will be the elections for officers for the year 2015, a raffle and silent auction. Bring stuff!

## **Elections 2015**

The SPRC holds elections annually and now is the time to let the election committee Trina Aeen and Greg Mazourek know if you are interested in running for an office. This is one of your avenues to let the club become even better with your leadership and ideas.

Elections are held at the beginning of the December General Meeting aka Holiday Dinner, being held December 14 this year.

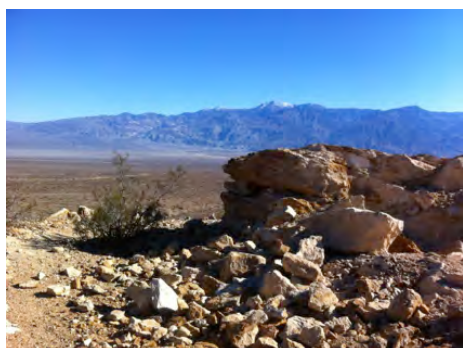
## **Raffle**

The club holds a raffle twice a year and the Holiday Dinner is one of those occasions. Please go through your garage, closets and yes, even your car, for treasures that you no longer want or need. Items need to be clean (no 10 years' of attic dust!) and working. Also, bring small bills and even some change to purchase new treasures for your garage, closet and car! Too many \$20's and we have a big problem!

## **Silent Auction**

Yes folks, there will be a Silent Auction too! So while you are wandering through your rock piles, keep an eye out for that lovely specimen-quality piece that can bring in some good bucks for the auction. It can be donated in the form of a nice slab, a piece of jewelry, or a good book-shelf piece. Checks accepted.

The raffle and silent auction is one of the club fund-raising venues for operational expenses over the year. Come ready to support your club.



Earlier this month, Greg Langewisch and Ron Lawrence went out to what we once called our Diablo Onyx claim to remove the collection box. After months of research 5 years ago, we thought we had successfully laid claim to this beautiful spot according to the BLM. Turns out that this was a long-held claim that BLM erroneously awarded to us. So, we have removed our claim to this site, quite sadly.

