

# The Sierra Pelona



April 2026

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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.

## President's Message



We're back! Back in the Greenbrier Estates Clubhouse for our meetings, that is. I know some of us will miss the excitement of the bowling alley, but we'll do our best to make the meetings as exciting - albeit a bit quieter - as they were there.

Club events for April include a Workshop for members at the Webbers' (weather permitting), our meeting, and a field trip to what remains a mystery destination. We've got to get our fun in before the weather is too warm, so please join us whenever you can.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Tina White  
SPRC President

### The Life of Obsidian

actually considered a volcanic glass!

@thehealinggem

Obsidian occurs where there has been volcanic activity.

Lava is pushed out of volcanic vents and cools so quickly it has no crystalline structure.

Therefore creating volcanic glass, Obsidian!

#### Types of Obsidian:

Mahogany, Flame, Pumpkin, Rainbow, Golden Sheen, Silver Sheen, Red, Midnight Lace, Lizard Skin, Snowflake Obsidian, Brown, Green.

## Stoddard Wells Field Trip

By Julie Tinoco

On Saturday, March 14, 2026 a few of us from the Sierra Pelona Rock Club went to the the Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate.

Upon arriving to the event we got in line for the field trip that starts at 9:00 a.m. We followed our guide from the tailgate area to the Tri Color Marble location. It was a beautiful day of around 80 degrees with a slight breeze. Another perfect day for rock hounding. We visited with people we knew from prior trips, enjoyed time with new friends and acquaintances, and of course picked up beautiful rocks at the hounding site.

Once we arrived back at the tailgate area most of us checked out the vendors and did a little shopping before heading home.

A huge thank you to the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club for hosting the annual tailgate and field trip. Everyone had a great time.



**Sierra Pelona Rock Club**

General Meeting

March 17, 2026

Bowling Alley



**April**

Lynne Alexander  
Kim Brosnan  
Greg Mazourek  
Yolanda Resnick  
Andy Schubert

**May**

Brad Catmull  
Merritt Kent  
Lise Meyers

The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by Vice-president Julie Tinoco as President Tina White was out of the country.

Julie spoke of the Stoddard Wells Tailgate and the nice field trip that club conducted to collect tri-colored marble. A couple of the members brought some of their finds to show.

Ed Learn then told his claim story, including how he and a friend closed off a pretty good-sized pit from their last visit to the claim.

Julie then opened the meeting to questions and answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Heidi Webber, Secretary, SPRC



**Sierra Pelona Rock Club**

Board Meeting  
April 7, 2026  
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Tina White. In attendance were Tina W, Heidi Webber, Julie Tinoco and Greg Mazourek. Absent was Ed Learn. A quorum was met.

Tina announced that we are now able to return to the clubhouse for our April meeting after water damage was repaired. Tina will send out an announcement to the club.

Julie said that the April field trip destination is still being decided.

Tina spoke about a Zoom seminar about our organization's insurance and what it covers. This subject will be approached again.

With nothing more to cover this month, Tina motioned we adjourn/Julie seconded, passed.

Respectfully Submitted  
Heidi Webber, Secretary, SPRC

**Officers:**

President – Tina White  
Vice-President – Julie Tinoco  
Secretary: Heidi Webber  
Treasurer –Ed Learn  
Federation Director (CFMS/AFMS) --Greg Mazourek

**Chairpersons:**

Drawings:--Josephine Casilang  
Equipment--Bill Webber  
Field Trips – Julie Tinoco  
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Hospitality –Jaelyn Wright  
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Sunshine--Yolanda Resnick

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 7:00 PM, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at

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## What Is Druzy, and How Does It Form?

Druzy refers to a layer of tiny, sparkling crystals that form on the surface of a rock or mineral. These crystals can appear as a glittery, sugar-like coating and are often found inside geodes or on the surface of other gemstones.

Druzy (also spelled druse or drusy) is sets of tiny crystals of minerals that form on the surface of another stone. These crystal inter-growths or clusters can be formed by many different minerals. The mineral species and shapes of crystals formed are dependent on fluid composition. Crystal size is a function of fluid temperature and pressure.

There are many types of druzy, because there are many types of minerals. Each type of druzy has particular characteristics, such as crystal size, luster and color. Druzy can form from minerals like quartz, calcite, chalcedony, malachite, azurite, garnet, hematite, cobalt calcite, and uvarovite Garnet, each creating unique colors and textures.

Quartz is one of the most common druzy types because of the prevalence of silica throughout the world. No matter what mineral forms the druzy, the overall appearance usually resembles that of sugar. The tiny crystals are considered beautiful because, like large gemstones, they glitter and catch rays of light.

The term "druzy" comes from the German word "Druse," which means "a heap or cluster, like a drupe."

### Druzy Formation

Druzy is formed when mineral-rich water flows over or around a rock surface. When the water evaporates, cooling occurs and the minerals are left behind to form crystals on top of the rock. Depending on the minerals, druzy gemstones can be almost any color of the rainbow, including white, pink, blue, purple, green or black.

Most druzy forms as cavity lining in geodes. In most druzy, the terminations of crystals appear random and stones glitter like a fistful of tiny diamonds as the viewing angle changes with movement. Some rare formations of druzy occur in which the alignment of the crystal faces are uniform across the surface and the glitter turns to a flash.

### Druzy Colors

Druzy comes in a wide range of colors, both natural and enhanced. The color of druzy depends on the type of mineral it's formed from and any treatments it may have undergone. Here's a breakdown of druzy colors:

#### Natural Druzy Colors

- White/Clear: Quartz and calcite druzy.
- Gray: Light to dark shades, often quartz.
- Brown/Beige: Earthy tones in chalcedony druzy.
- Blue: Pale blue in chalcedony; deep blue in azurite.
- Green: Vivid green in malachite and uvarovite.
- Yellow/Golden: Citrine druzy, ranging from light yellow to deep gold.
- Purple: Amethyst druzy, from lavender to violet.
- Red/Burgundy: Deep red in garnet druzy.
- Black: Hematite druzy, black or metallic gray.
- Pink: Vibrant pink in cobalt calcite.

In addition to their visual appeal, druzys are believed to have metaphysical properties, making them popular in spiritual practices and crystal healing. They are said to enhance intuition, promote tranquility, and provide a soothing and calming effect.

Reference: *Geologyin.com*