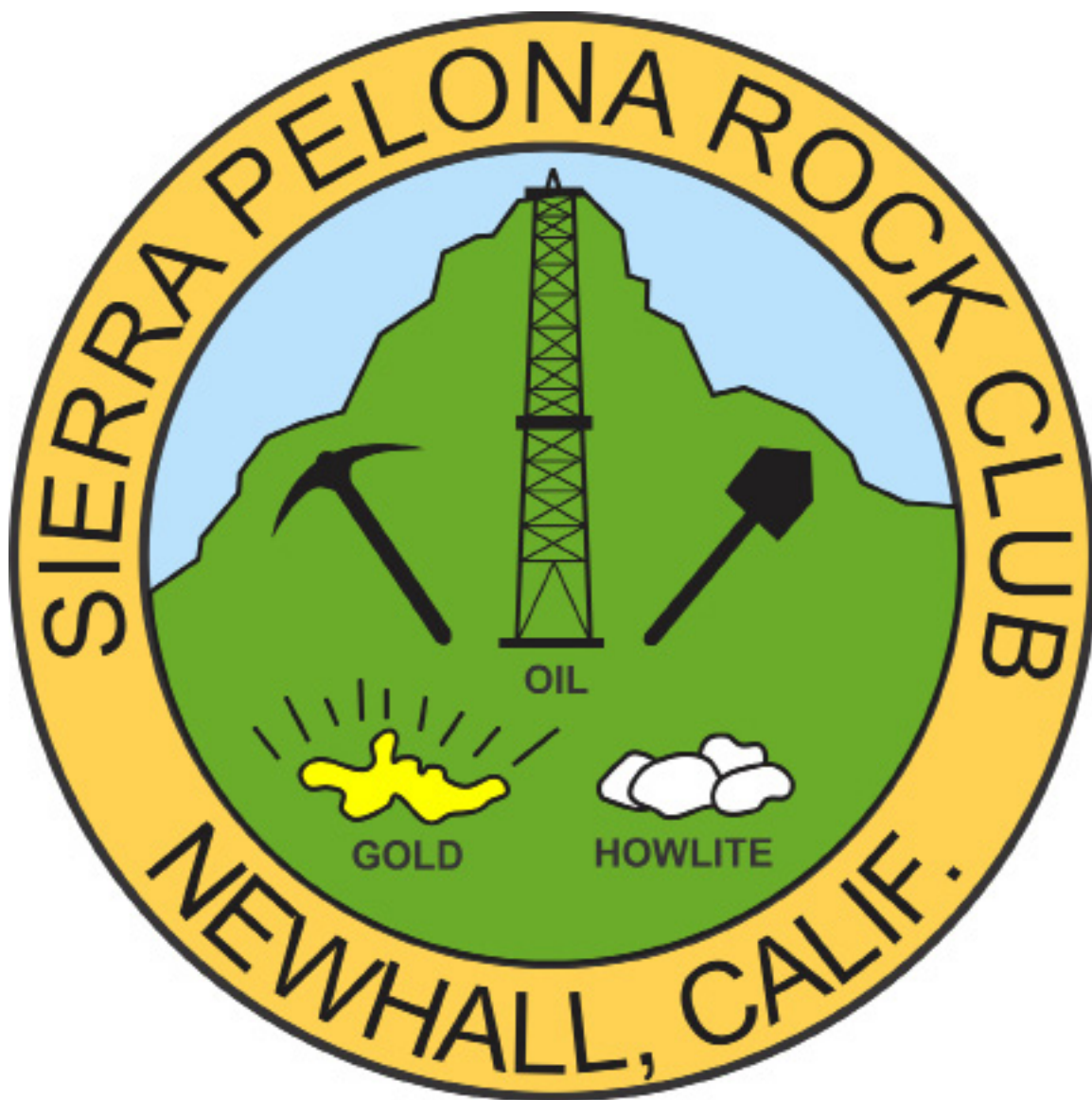


The Sierra Pelona nagram



March 2026

... 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.



February 22, 2026 Field Trip to the Claim

The field trip to the claim on February 22, 2026 started out cold but soon turned out to be a warm and beautiful day. Eleven hounders from the AV Club joined with eleven members from SPRC for a total of 22 club members in attendance. Thanks to everyone who came and contributed to a wonderful day.

When we arrived at the claim, we did some clean up but found mostly glass. It was fairly clean of paper. A couple club of members dropped off some of their extra rocks at the mostly empty "leaverite" pile.

Later after digging for or gathering traver-tine float, jasper and agate were also found. We had lunch around noon and enjoyed the camaraderie of the group. After lunch we gathered more rocks and then proceeded to another nearby location. Jas-agate, jasper, and agate were found.



March

- Nancy Dougherty
- Jo Dyer
- Ed Learn
- Maureen Thomas
- Bill Webber

April

- Lynne Alexander
- Kim Brosnan
- Yolanda Resnick
- Greg Mazourek
- Andy Schubert

Officers:

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

Chairpersons:

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- Equipment--Bill Webber
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- Historian -Open
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- Membership – Heidi Webber
- Website-- Larry Holt
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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

**The Clubhouse of the
Greenbrier Mobile Estates EAST
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President's Message



Another month, another message from me. I know it's why you read the Pelonagram! Well, maybe not... but I do appreciate this opportunity to update you on what the Sierra Pelona Rock Club has been up to! We're still holding our monthly meetings in the bar area at the Santa Clarita Lanes, the bowling alley just a block or so away from Greenbrier Estates. We are hoping to be back in that building in the next couple of months, but meanwhile we're enjoying the food (and drink) available where we are.

We made our annual trip to our Travertine claim on Sunday 2/22; a number of members of the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club joined us for a lovely day of digging in the dirt. Happily, the site was in good condition; relatively little trash was found - and what was there, our valued member Elff collected for disposal.

Next on the calendar is the 50th Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate, happening Friday 3/13 - Sunday 3/15. We hope to see you there on Saturday for the field trip and/or to check out the wonderful offerings of fellow rockhounds!

~ Tina White
SPRC President

Sierra Pelona Rock Club
Board Meeting, via Zoom
March 3, 2026

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

Old Business:

Tina moved to accept the February minutes as presented/Ed seconded. Passed.

Ed gave the Treasurer's Report, all OK.

Greg said there was no news regarding the CFMS.

Julie reported on the February field trip to the claim and a couple of other sites as time permitted. 22 were in attendance, 11 were from the Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral club. Tina said she gathered the claim slips and about 600# of travertine were reported taken from the claim. This is in addition to what the rock club members have taken. There was also a cleanup of odds and ends of trash left behind from other visitors/locals.

Julie said the next field trip will be the Stoddard Wells Tailgate near Victorville on March 14. The event runs from March 13-15. She will email details to members before the event.

Tina said that the clubhouse will hopefully be reopened in April or May.

New Business:

Heidi said that membership renewals have been completed. One member dropped and two members resigned. We will refund membership dues to the resigned members.

Tina did an inventory of the SPRC Library that Ron Lawrence passed to her awhile back. Many of us didn't know we had a library. She will ask for someone to become the Club Librarian and organize and set up a system to lend books and magazines for members. This brought up a need to reorganize club records. We did that once several years ago but on a 3.5 disc which few now have access to that dated technology.

Tina asked about easy access field trips for members who can't do more difficult terrain. Lavic Siding is one with very easy access, that people with mobility issues should easily be able to access the site.

With no more business to discuss, Heidi moved to adjourn/Greg seconded, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Heidi Webber, Secretary, SPRC

Sierra Pelona Rock Club
General Meeting
Bowling Alley
February 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Tina White, President SPRC, at 7:15pm. There were 23 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Tina let the Pledge of Allegiance, and then we all sang her Happy Birthday. The guests were then introduced.

Julie moved that the minutes be approved/Sandra Cattell seconded. Passed.

Ed gave Treasurer's Report, all is well.

New members were given their packets and introduced to the club: Nancy and Jerry Dougherty, Richard and Gabriel Jones, Kim Brosnan. Welcome!

Tina gave an update on the Greenbrier Estates clubhouse repairs and said that we may be back in a month or so.

Tina reminded us of the March 7-8 Ventura Gem and Mineral Show.

Julie spoke of the upcoming field trip on February 22 to the claim, noting it will be on a Sunday. She also spoke of the March field trip to the Stoddard Wells Tailgate and their fun Saturday excursion for some great collecting and that 4-wheel drive is required for this one, but most can hitch a ride with someone who has the room.

Tina noted that the first workshop of 2026 will be April 18 at Bill and Heidi's home. Details and reminders will be emailed when the date gets closer.

The meeting was called at 7:51pm for Tina's program.

Respectfully Submitted
Heidi Webber, Secretary, SPRC



ROCKHOUND ROADTRIP! Wonderstone!! Free public collecting?! YES!

Wonderstone Mountain...if you like color, color, color...yep, we're talking about Wonderstone Rhyolite.

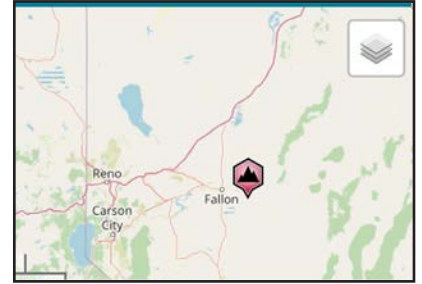
Wonderstone, also known as banded rhyolite, is a colorful volcanic rock found near Fallon, Nevada, specifically at Wonderstone Mountain. It is a welded vitric tuff, characterized by its vibrant bands of orange, red, brown, purple, and cream. This material is popular for lapidary work and ornamental purposes due to its unique patterns and colors.

It's a welded vitric tuff, meaning it's made of volcanic glass particles welded together by heat

Easy to find, Wonderstone Mountain is located east of Fallon, near the Grimes Point turnoff and well worth the stop!

Easily accessible for rockhounds, the material is often found on the surface of the orange-hued hills, making it easy to collect without heavy tools. Nevada wonderstone is frequently prized for taking a high-quality polish, often better than similar materials from other locations.

As always it is important to check if the area is on public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and to follow local rockhounding regulations.



Pictures show material from John Mathias as well as pieces from my personal collection. Thanks to Christina Clack for two shots.

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB
Invites you to their
50th Annual
Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate

Located in Apple Valley, CA
March 13th, 14th and 15th 2026
Fri - Sun 9 - 5 Daily

EVERYONE IS WELCOMED
All donations are gladly accepted to help offset our expenses

Free Event
Free Vendor Spaces
Dry Camping
Restrooms On site

Silent Auctions
Grab Bags
Spin the Wheel
And More

Come visit for handcrafted and faceted jewelry, slabs and cabs, findings and equipment, minerals and fossils, tons of rough material and more.

No saving spaces. No competing with VVGMC 's fundraising activities. Food, drinks, grab bags, spin the wheel, or auctions.

Saturday Family Field Trip!
9am - 1pm
We will be collecting Tri-Color Marble
Verde Antique is less than a mile away.

Directions on back

2026
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club's
Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Saturday, March 28, 2026 10-5
Sunday, March 29, 2026 10-4

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