

## SHASTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Inc                      ROC TOC                      2010

### Elected Officers

President  
 Steve Puderbaugh..... 604-2951  
 Vice President  
 Sara Fenske..... 528-2651  
 Secretary  
 Phyllis Szynter ..... 241-2010  
 Treasurer  
 Sandra Park/..... 246-9822  
 Rochelle Ohlson, Assistant 221-8050

### Board of Directors

Marianne Sweetwood..... 549-4598  
 Steve Szynter                      241-2010  
 Bill Doyle..... 549-3039  
 Junior Advisor & Work Shop Advisor:  
 Rochelle Ohlson... 221-8050  
 Assistant Junior & Shop Advisor  
 Steve Szynter ..... 241-2010

### Appointed Committees

Programs  
 Sara Fenske..... 528-2651  
 Field Trips  
 Jim Foster..... 347-1819  
 Sara Fenske ..... 528-2651  
 Properties  
 \* Bill Seward ..... 365-8641  
 Publicity  
 Kelly O'Leary ..... 221-7281  
 Show Chairman  
 Steve Puderbaugh  
 Assistant Show Chairman .....604-2051  
 Bill Seward.....365-8641  
 Dealer Chairman  
 Bill Seward ..... 365-8641  
 Membership  
 Gretta Seward..... 365-8641  
 Library is @ workshop, and Donations are Welcome.

Sunshine  
 Joanne Pryor ..... 241-2180  
 Scholarship  
 Marianne Sweetwood 549-4598  
 Raffle  
 Jim & Pat Foster ..... 347-1819  
 Hospitality  
 Jan Stone ..... 549-077  
 Roc Toc  
 Gretta Seward ..... 365-8641  
 Coffee  
 Jan Stone ..... 549-4077  
 Superior Cal.  
 Steve Puderbaugh ... 604-2951  
 CFMS Directors  
 Bob & Jeane Stultz ..... 243-3024  
 Kitchen: All Members

Workshop Co Chairman, Bill Seward  
 Workshop Treasurer, Sandra Park

Workshop Chairman, Steve Puderbaugh  
 Workshop Equip. Manager,

**Board Meeting:** Next to last Monday of each month, location to be determined by the Board.

**Regular Meeting:** The second Friday of each month, at the Anderson Grange Hall, south of the Redding Airport on Figtree Lane. Potluck dinner starts at 6:30, meeting after approx at 7:30.

**Dues:** \$15.00 each adult per year, junior membership is \$8.00 each per year paid to the membership chairman. Bulletins for life members are \$5.00 membership chairman.

**SGMS** is a member of the Superior Federation of the Mineralogical Societies and the Superior California Association. The SGMS is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing knowledge of gem, minerals and the lapidary arts programs through reading, classes and field trips to perpetuate a deep friendship of fellow rock hounds. Permission is given for use of the material printed in the ROC TOC, provided credit is given. Exchange bulletins are welcome and can be mailed to Gretta Seward 20361 River Valley Dr., Anderson, California 96007-8406.

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society Club workshop is located at the "Marx House", 6471 Airport Road, Anderson, CA 96007.

## Minutes of the January general meeting

The January 8th general meeting started at 7:35 P M at the Anderson Grange Hall following the Potluck Dinner. The flag salute was lead by Ariel Stacy and Donald Munro who also picked the raffle tickets after the meeting.

The first item of business was the swearing in of three new officers, President Steve Puderbaugh, the Assistant Treasurer Rochelle Ohlsen, and Secretary Phyllis Sznyter. Kelley O'Leary was the swearing in officer.

Steve Puderbaugh reported that a check for \$10 was issued to Jan Stone to be entered into the Treasurers report. He also stated that correspondence was received about the Valley Springs Pow Wow .

The January Board Meeting will be held at the workshop on January 18th. The rotation of the meetings will be discussed at that time. The Sunshine report was that Betty Kozak has a bad case of Bronchitis.

The Hospitality was given by Jan Stone . Chuck and Jenie Wall and Christine Matthews are new members.

Brad and Denise Ohm and Sheldon and Cherie Aicher were Guests.

Kitchen help for the next month is volunteers Bill and Sue Doyle and Zeke Breazeale.

Old business was brought up by Steve P. Superior Cal is to have workshops for future shows. Advertising and setting up shows was discussed.

Pat Foster read a nice thank you from the Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance thanking us for the food and cash donation. Steve P. thanked Jim Foster for the motion lighting setup at the shop.

In new business Steve P. asked for donations of machines and tools. Steve also asked for a webmaster volunteer to connect our website to other rock clubs and to the Internet.

Bobbie Minear has scheduled classes at the shop to be held in March for the city of Redding Parks and Recreation department. There will be wire wrap on Mondays, a casting class to be held on Wednesdays, and lapidary and silver smithing classes on Thursdays. We work with the city to provide classes as part of our contract.

Sarah Fenske mentioned that we need a video projector for a lap top so that videos could be shown on the wall. A field trip to Oregon this summer was brought up. Possible locations mentioned are Antelope Lake for Rose Quartz and Tourmalinated Quartz, and Thompson Peak. There is a field trip Saturday with Sarah's family to Black Butte.

Steve mentioned that dues are due in January. Today's Raffle brought in \$212. A motion was made at 8 P M. to close the meeting.

### **Driving In The Rain** by Paul Stewart

I wonder how many people know about this?

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. A resident of Kilgore, Texas, she was traveling between Gladewater & Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - **NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON.** She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain.

But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - **NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY,** along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry.

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

**NOTE:** Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on.

**MARCH BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday! We sincerely hope you have a wonderful birthday.

**MARCH BIRTHSTONE:** Aquamarine

**FLOWER:** Jonquil

Who in this world of ours their eyes in March first  
Open shall be wise; in days of peril, firm and brave  
And wear a bloodstone to their grave.  
Avon

Aquamarine is light blue, and is believed to calm mind, body and spirit. Coming from the Latin word meaning "sea water", the Aquamarine has long been associated as a talisman for sailors. Once worn by ancient nobility to give knowledge or foresight, it is also the symbol of happiness, fidelity and everlasting youth. Aquamarines are also thought to assist in an individual's inspiration and induce a peaceful night's sleep. Today's major source includes Brazil, Nigeria, Zambia, Madagascar and the United States

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The Superior Cal Gem & Mineral show has been scheduled May 14, 15, 16, 2010.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** We would like to welcome the following people to the Shasta Gem & Mineral Club: Zach Hahn, Bear & Shelly Borg, Kyle & Hannah Borg Jrs., Christine Mathews, Sue Bakke, Susan Zygela, Thersa Thomsen, Lucius Upshaw, Jessica Millsap, Byron Millsap Jr., Christy Gilbreath, Craig & Debra Cahoon, Christine Mathews, Fred Daniel, Janette McKean, Melanie Harlan, Joy Carter, and Brad Ohm.

We hope you will find being a member of the SG&M club a very rewarding experience. Welcome!!

**THANK YOU MINDY!** We would like to thank Mindy Cronic for the wonderful job she did on our web site. It looks great and will be an excellent source for valuable information not only to our members but for the public. To access our easy to use web site go to: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com).

**DUES ARE DUE:** This Roc Toc could be your last copy if you have not paid your dues. The adult's dues are \$15 each, and the juniors are \$8. Please send your dues to Gretta Seward, Membership Chairman at 20361 River Valley Drive, Anderson, CA 96007.

Remember, after this month we will no longer be sending you a hard copy. We will only mail copies to our members that are with out a computer. If you have any questions please give me a call at 365-8641.



**AFMS INTER-REGIONAL**  
**FIELD TRIPS**  
**Wyoming's Blue Forest**

**By Doug True, NFMS-  
Fieldtrips**

The Inter-regional Rockhound Rendezvous for 2010 is scheduled for **Memorial Day weekend in Wyoming's Blue Forest**. The dates to remember are May 29-31. This is a well-known petrified wood collecting location with a large area to collect in. Some great material is found here every year and lots of room to dig. We will plan to dry camp in the collecting area, indulge in a potluck one evening, and follow that with a swap session.

As this plan develops, more information will be posted. If you have some input or suggestions please e-mail NFMS Fieldtrip Chairman Doug True at: [dtruefossils@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils@yahoo.com).

A few notes of interest: elevation in this area is 6-7000 feet, the nights can get cold, and the wind can BLOOOOW. One of the best ways to find the petrified wood in this area is by probing with a steel rod. So if you do not have one, you have time to make one now. This process will save a lot of digging. I will be in contact with the BLM and will update all rules and restrictions in the next few months. *Mark your calendar and make your plans now!*

**- Doug**

GEMS FROM THE REDWOODS CFMS Newsletter

SHASTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.,  
RAFFLE REPORT

January 8, 2010

Once again we come to you all and thank you for the donations and purchase of tickets. The donors were:

Rocky & Gareth Ohlson- An Amethyst bead necklace & cab broach

Ann Morningstar-2 glass bead necklaces, 2 glass bead bracelets & 1 pr. Wood finish earrings

Dan Mullens-2 slabs graveyard point, Biggs slab

Bill Seward & Charlie McKee-several slabs & chunk rocks.

A big **THANK YOU TO MARY COLBERT, LINDA BREAZEALE AND DENISE JARVIS** for their generous help in tearing tickets to go in the tumbler. I appreciate you all.

A big **THANK YOU TO ARIEL STACY AND DONNY MONRO** for helping Jim draw and check the numbers on the tickets. You both did an excellent job, and Jim and I appreciate you both.

A big **THANK YOU TO THE MANY MEMBERS** who when they get to the meeting just get started setting up the hall, coffee preparation, setting up the sound system, tables & chairs, getting the serving tables ready with hot pads and serving utensils, and all those who help take down the tables and putting away the chairs. This is our meeting, and we need the help of everyone; we've got to leave the hall clean.

Your Raffle Team,  
Jim & Pat Forster

**TUCSON:** Gretta and I were greatly impressed with the completion of the Tucson Freeway, and how fast we could get from about ten miles north of Tucson to the Electric Park, which is in South Tucson. Last year we used the frontage road to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to the freeway. This route would usually take a half hour or more. Now depending on the time of day, we would use the freeway and were at Electric Park in less than twenty minutes.

This year by January Tucson had already received about half of their annual amount of rain, and they had a hard rain in February. We had about six inches of rain in our parking lot one morning. I can imagine the wild flowers they should have by now.

The days that we were able to shop were great and were able to find some of the material that we wanted, and could find some good buys. We find Tucson as wonderful as we did on our first trip!

Bill Seward

Do you know the difference between a fossil limb section and a limb cast? Some call a specimen by either name, not realizing there is a difference.

A limb cast occurs when a buried limb has decayed and the resulting void was filled with agate or some other material. The cast is in the form of the original limb, but no cell or ring patterns have been preserved.

A fossil limb section is a portion of petrified wood. As the wood decayed, it was gradually and completely replaced by mineral deposits, cell by cell. This, a part of the wood structure - cells & rings - has been preserved.

via The Tumbler 2/10 Roc Rollers, 7/08; from Petrified Digest, 4/08

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Use a glasscutter to do your trimming of slabs. Saves your diamond blade for more detailed work. Use one with a carbide wheel, not tungsten. Put a good solid handle on it so you can bear down hard, then use pliers to break the slab along the scored line.

Via The Tumblers 2/10; Rock Rollers, 6/08; via Scribe, 2/08; via Rock Chips, 7/98; from Rockbound News

# Anderson + Cottonwood Christian Assistance

2979 East Center Street, Anderson, California 96007  
Telephone: 530 365-4220 Fax: 530 365-4237



*ACCA Member Churches:*

*Anderson*

Church of Christ

Crossroads Bible Fellowship

Gateway Fellowship

First Southern Baptist Church

Lassen View Community Church

Neighborhood Church  
of Anderson & Cottonwood

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Trinity United Methodist Church

Valley Christian Center

*Cottonwood*

Cottonwood Assembly of God

Bowman Community Church

Cottonwood Community Church

Liberty Hill Christian Church

**December 15, 2009**

**Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
PO Box 424  
Redding, CA 96099**

**Dear Members**

**Re: Donation – \$135, canned goods, misc.**

**The directors and volunteers of Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance (ACCA) wish to thank you for your monetary or food donation.**

**Year to date, 2009, we have distributed 6,453 boxes of food, benefiting approximately 17,512 individuals.**

**Last year, 2008, we distributed 5,577 boxes of food, benefiting approximately 15,516 people. At Thanksgiving and Christmas we gave out 878 boxes of food.**

**Thanks to you and many other private and public donations, this program has been a success in our local community. Many who are less fortunate have enjoyed a more nourishing meal as we strive to abolish hunger in our area.**

**May God bless you and keep you in His care.**

**Sincerely in Christ,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Thurman".

**Bill Thurman  
Site Manager**

## **DO YOU CARE??**

**Your Federal government has (and is) rapidly taking away your collecting rights and access to your Public Lands. The US Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Army Corps of Engineers, and your elected Representatives (Congressmen and Senators) are rapidly closing roads to collecting areas, designating Conservation Areas (removal of access roads), designating more Wilderness Areas, and adding more land to National Parks and Monuments. When will they stop? I submit that they will not stop until all Federal lands have been swallowed up. Together BLM & USFS control over 500 Million acres of Public Lands. It is already a Federal Crime to collect artifacts, arrow heads, and vertebrate fossils. The BLM and USFS have imposed restrictions on what and how much can be collected on Public Lands. Each BLM District and National Forest has its own rules and regulations governing the collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils.**

**I have been a Rockhound for 62+ years and I care about this situation. I want my grandchildren and their children and so on to have the same rights and access that I have enjoyed over the years. If you say or do nothing to protest the actions of your government, then they assume Consent.**

**How big is this problem? Consider the following recent and present actions of your government.**

**William Jefferson Clinton set aside the The Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument in Utah by Executive Order thereby closing 1.9 million acres to rock collecting.**

**HR 1925 and S799 (America's Red Rock Wilderness Bills of 2009) were introduced in the House and Senate. These bills would remove another 9.4 Million acres in Utah from our rock hunting destinations.**

**The BLM has closed the Clear Creek Management Area in San Benito Co. This 30,000 acre area is a favorite collecting site for many rockhounds. There have been over 500 different mineral species found in this area. Nephrite & Jadeite, Benitoite, Neptunite, Joaquinite, Uvarovite, Chromite, Cinnabar, Agate, Aragonite, Selenite, Galena, Pyrite, Calcite, and Spessartite Garnet are just a few varieties to be found there.**

**The USFS re-designation of ML-3 roads in the Shasta -Trinity National Forest to "Highway" status removes the right of OHV's to be used on these roads. Many rockhounds and Seniors use ATV's for access into remote areas of the forest.**

**Every National Forest in the USA is now reviewing and Revising Travel Management Plans. Our access to collecting sites has been cut-off in many of our National Forests.**

**Senator Diane Feinstein has introduced Bill S 2921 - The California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2010. This will set aside another 1.6 Million acres from rock collecting. This area has many collecting sites and will be closed-off forever if this bill is passed.**

**There are many more examples too numerous for me to mention here.**

For those of you who care about this situation, there are several things I would suggest you do. First, if you are not a registered voter then Register and Vote.

Find out who your elected Representatives are and what their views are with regard to Land Use and Management of Public Lands.

Email or write your Representatives regarding adverse road and land closures, regulations, and pending Legislation.

Support organizations such as ALAA (American Lands Access Association), PLAC (CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee), the Blue Ribbon Coalition, and Friends of the West by joining one or more of them.

The main purpose of these organizations is to influence Legislation and Public Land Managers such as the BLM and USFS.

Encourage your local club(s) to join ALAA. Membership in this organization will not jeopardize their 501 C 3 non-profit status. The one time execution of a simple IRS form 5768 will protect their 501 status.

## **A.L.A.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

### **AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION, INC"**

*Protecting the Public Lands for the Public Please enroll me as a member of ALAA!*

**Annual Membership Fee: Individual - \$25.00 / Club membership - \$50.00**

Please Print      \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renew      Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

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**Please Remit Donations & Fees to ALAA Treasurer,**

**RUTH BAILEY**

**2857 Addison Place – Santa Clara, Ca. 95051-1705**

ALAA is a 501(c)4 organization. Its purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of **public and private lands** for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Contributions to ALAA are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Tax purposes. [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

Article by Dan Brown – Northern California ALAA Representative

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