

SHASTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Inc ROC TOC 2010

Elected Officers

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 Sara Fenske..... 528-2651
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Marianne Sweetwood..... 549-4598
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 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 Chairman604-2051
 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, John Ellwanger

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.

June picnic minutes

Our June general meeting was a picnic and auction at Anderson River Park in the Gazebo. Bill Seward purchased the meat, buns and onions. Pat Foster and Susan Doyle cut up the sandwich fixings. The hamburgers and hot dogs were provided by the rock club and were delicious. The Barbequing was done by Bill Doyle. Everyone brought great salads and desserts.

After we ate, Shareen Strauss was our auctioneer for the items. Steve Puderbaugh chose the items and identified them for Shareen. Sandy Parks, our treasurer was in charge of payment. Spirited bidding on all items made the auction go fast. The rock material was alternated with jewelry items made by club members. The leftover meat buns and condiments were even auctioned off!

May board meeting minutes

The May board meeting was held on June 1st due to conflicts in dates. Steve Puderbaugh opened the meeting at 5:30 PM at the workshop.

The June general meeting will be held at the gazebo in Anderson River Park at 6 PM on June 11th. Come and enjoy a free hot dog/ and or hamburger and bring a salad or dessert for the pot luck.

The Fosters are bringing donations for the auction. Club members are also invited to bring items for the auction. The workshop will also be donating items for the auction.

Bill Seward is bringing the meat buns and onions. Sara Fenske is bringing the lettuce, tomatoes and pickles. Pat Foster and Sandy Park will prepare the lettuce and tomatoes. The Bar-B-Que will be started at 5 PM with the club members help.

On Saturday June 12th the State Federation/Superior Cal show meeting will be held Bob Stoltz's home to finalize preparations for the Superior Cal Booth at the June 2010 state show in Orange County to promote our State Show.

Dealer contracts, flyers, and information about our State Show in 2011 will be distributed there. Steve Puderbaugh, Vernita and Kevin Wright, Bob and Jean Stoltz, and Diane and Fred Thomas are going to staff the booth at the Orange show.

A field trip is scheduled for the weekend of June 4th to 6th in conjunction with the Paradise club to collect turquoise. They will be meeting in Fallon Nevada on June 4th. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. Sandy Park made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jim Foster.

May general meeting

Our May general meeting was held at the Shasta County Fairgrounds on May 13th at 4:30 PM. The meeting was combined with the dealer dinner. Chicken was served with salads and desserts brought for a Pot Luck. Approximately 200 people were served from the Superior Cal clubs and the dealers for the Superior Cal Gem and Mineral Show. Many of the dealers voted for the juniors jewelry contest which was great for the kids. The meeting lasted until about 5:30 PM.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

FLOWER: Larkspur
BIRTHSTONE: Ruby

The glowing ruby should adorn
Those who in warm July are born,
Then will they be exempt and free
From Love's doubt and anxiety.

THE RUBY

Deep red corundum, the Ruby, is one of nature's most beautiful and durable gem stones. Formed of aluminum and oxygen elements, its translucent crystals are tinted red with chromium. Though the most highly valued are clear, some contain tube-like inclusions, giving a 'star' and 'cat's-eye' effect. The crystals are hexagonal, hardness 9; mostly squat to barrel shaped or short and flat. Most rubies are found in alluvial deposits, freed from the igneous rock by weathering. The finest stones come from Burma; poorer quality ones from Thailand and Cambodia and some from North Carolina. Mining for rubies is done much as it was centuries ago -- miners dig down about fifteen feet to the gem-bearing gravel, sift it through wire screens and continue in a panning method similar to that used for gold. Over the centuries, rubies have become associated with the sun, a strong preserver of mental and physical health; a symbol of freedom, charity, dignity and divine power.

ANNUAL PICNIC: We had perfect weather, great friends, and wonderful food. What else do you need for a fun picnic?

Bill Doyle was the cook this year, and served over sixty hamburgers and 30 hot dogs. Thanks for the wonderful job of cooking. The burgers were better than they have ever been. Thanks Bill.

Shareen Strauss was our auctioneer again and did a wonderful job. Thanks a lot for doing a great job making money for the club. It was so much fun!

Another thanks you to all the members that attended the picnic for furnishing the rest of the food. We had a great picnic again!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We would like to welcome Derle, Lauren and Andrea Gilliam, Jeff Waddle, Gary Gragg, Alexa Covert, Mark & Lily Ramms, Jonathan Harris, and Caleb Harris to the SG&M Club. We hope you will find being a member a rewarding experience.

When you see some one that you do not recognize, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

ROC TOC: The Roc Toc is our monthly newsletter. We mail them to those members that do not have a computer. For your copy of the Roc Toc please access www.shastagemandmineral.com.

OBSIDIAN: There are some great articles on cutting obsidian in the July Lapidary Journal, Jewelry Artist magazine.

Check pages 22 to 37. You will see obsidian that I have never seen and ways to cut "cat's-eye" obsidian cabochons. Also flame and fire obsidian on 31.

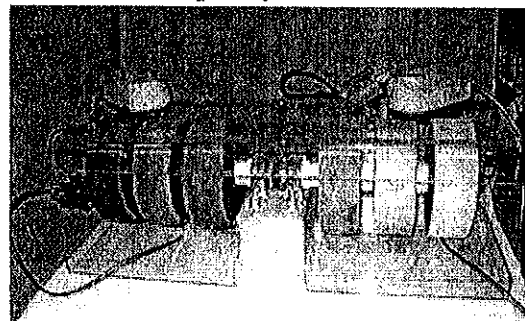
On page 28 there is a cabochon cut from what they call patterned obsidian from Glass Buttes, Oregon. The "cat's-eye" cabs are cut with chatoyant obsidian from Davis Creek or what we call sheen obsidian. You could use the same material from Lassen Creek.

Have you ever wished you had a diamond-wheel lapidary machine but couldn't afford the cost?

Kurt Patzlaff, a stone cutter for 40 years, and his daughter, Kris, an Associate Professor at Humboldt State University and head of the Jewelry and Small Metals Dept., will be offering a special workshop at the Mendocino Art Center in August.

Kurt builds the EZ Cutter, a six-wheel diamond lapidary machine.

Go to the website <<http://amber-werx.com>> and check out the lapidary machines available.



TROUBLED BY MOSQUITOES? One very good way of getting rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medical type. The Dollar Store type works too.

I was at a friend's deck party, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor, and the demons disappeared.

The next year, I filled a 4 oz. Spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes, and viola, that worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. Worth a try, it's not toxic as far as I know! During the summer, I don't leave home without it.

Source: Gems of the Rogue 67/10, Coastal Waves 4/09

Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army. On the first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barbers sheared off all his hair. On the second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years. Via/The Gems of the Rogue

NEW SHOPPING EXPERIENCE: A new supermarket opened recently. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you pass the milk case, you hear cows mooing and you experience the scent of fresh mown hay.

In the meat department there is the aroma of charcoal grilled steaks with onions.

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The bread department features the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread and cookies.

I don't buy toilet paper there anymore...

Via: WCMS Rockhound 6/09, Pseudomorph

HINTS HINTS HINTS

Don't use Oxyclean ® in your rock tumbler unless you want to be picking up the piece all over your shop.

Oxyclean ® creates a very large amount of gas which will explode in an enclosed container,
Via Mountain Gem 12/05

When working with a soft stone like alabaster, marble or onyx, soak it in water a day or so before cutting in oil. The oil won't soak in and, when polished, a better finish will result.

Via Gem Cutters News 02/09

Using elk or moose hide instead of felt will allow you to use more pressure with less friction thus preventing the stone from getting too hot in the polishing stage.

Via Gem Cutters News 02.09

Plain steel blades or blades that have had the diamonds worn off can be used to saw softer materials such as malachite, turquoise, azurite and others.

Via Stoney Statements 02/09

Clean rubber rollers on your tumbler with lacquer thinner. It will also prolong the life of windshield wiper blades; it keeps them pliable and eliminates drying.

Via Stoney Statements 03/09

Via Clackamette Gem 4/10

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July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 4th of July Weekend Workshop Closed	5	6 Open Workshop 5:30-8:30pm Zeke Breazeale	7	8	9 Club Mtg Anderson Grange Hall 6pm	10 Open Workshop 10 am-2 pm Ohlson/Sznyder Kids Free Day
11	12	13 Open Workshop 5:30-8:30pm Steve Lay	14	15	16	17 Open Workshop 10 am-2 pm Seward/McKee
18	19 Board Meeting 7pm Host:	20 Open Workshop 5:30-8:30pm Steve Puderbaugh	21	22	23	24 Open Workshop 10 am-2 pm Ohlson/Sznyder
25	26	27 Open Workshop 5:30-8:30pm Bill & Susan Doyle	28	29	30	31 Open Workshop 10 am-2 pm