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SHASTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Inc ROC TOC 2011

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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. www.shastagemandmineral.com

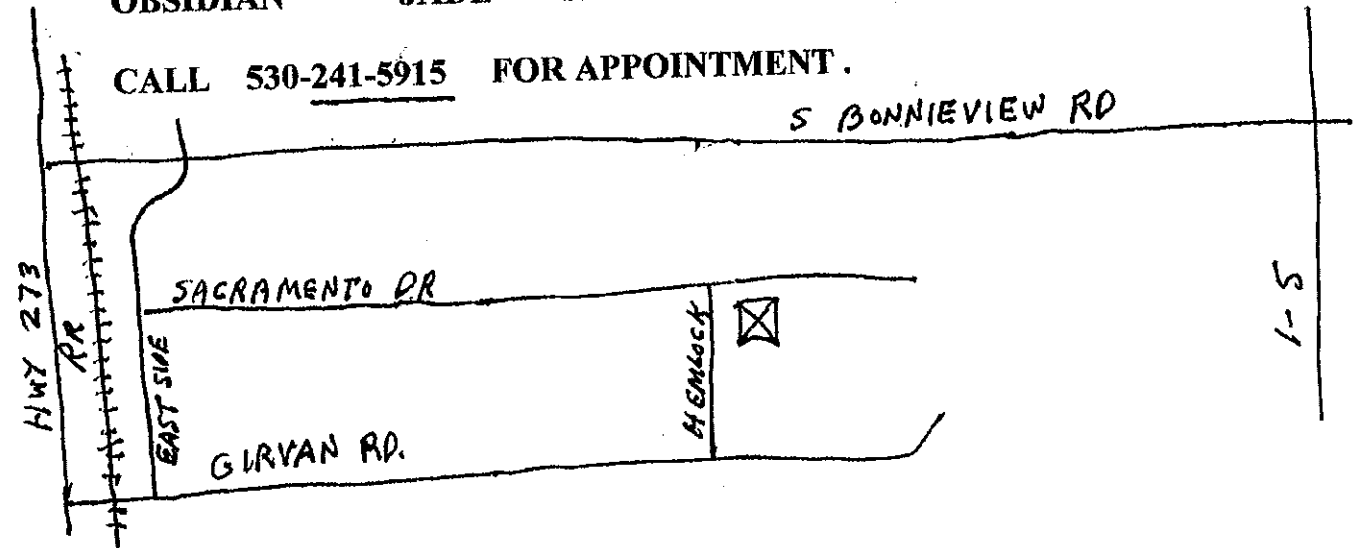
The October 2011 SGMS General Meeting

The SGMS General meeting was held at the Shasta Fairgrounds and started at 6:15 PM on October 14th, 2011. President Steve Puderbaugh announced that the setup for the show went well and that we have the dealers dinner/club potluck meeting dinner right after the meeting. Steve introduced Bill Doyle who read the election slate for the club for 2012. Sara Fenske is running for president, John Ellwanger is running for vice president, Susan Doyle is running for secretary, Stephanie Dye and Tony Duncan are running for treasurer, and Jan Gutkowski and Chris Rentfrow are running for board members. Stephanie Dye is going to be an advertising apprentice helped by Kelly O'Leary for a while. Steve Puderbaugh also asked for a new coffee preparer since Jan Stone is unable to do this anymore. The meeting adjourned to a dinner of chicken, salads, rolls and desserts at 6:45 PM.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

BIRTHSTONE: TOPAZ

FLOWER: CHRYSANTHEMUM

Who first comes to this world below
With drear
November's fog and snow
Should prize the topaz's amber hue-
Emblem of friends and lovers true.
Avon

THE TOPAZ

Topaz is an aluminum fluorosilicate, a high temperature mineral generally found in igneous rocks and veins. It may be white, colorless, yellow, pink, bluish, greenish, and brownish; the streak is colorless and it has a hardness of 8. Flaws and inclusions are common. Cleavage is perfect in one basal direction; fracture subconchoidal, uneven; transparent to translucent. The crystals are orthorhombic, usually in stubby to medium long prismatic crystals striated lengthwise. They can also be huge, 500 pounds or more.

Topaz is found in granite pegmatites with albite, beryl and quartz; in cavities in rhyolite with orthoclase and quartz; in massive hydrothermal replacement deposits with rutile, pyrophyllite and quartz. The finest specimens of gem stone quality come from the Ural Mountains, Siberia, Brazil and Sri Lanka. They are also found in the U.S. in Colorado, California and New Hampshire.

The most highly prized ones are deep golden yellow. Many faceted yellow stones are known as topaz (i.e. citrine quartz.) so buyers should be aware of exactly what they are purchasing.

ANNUAL SHOW: Our 58th annual gem show was well attended by the public. The involvement by the Members that came to help with the show were great. Our president, show chairman, dealer chairman, and advertising chairman would like to thank all members that helped to put on the show.

Just remember a successful show would not be possible without your help. Thank You!

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: Being a club officer does

not take much of your time, and can be very interesting. If you take an office you must be able to attend most of the meetings. According to our By-Law, "The absence of an officer for three consecutive meetings without adequate explanation shall automatically make the office vacant and the vacancy shall be filled immediately". At the present the nominations are as follow:

President: Sara Fenske

Vice President: John Ellwanger

Secretary: Susan Doyle

Treasurer: Tony Duncan & Stephanie Dye

Board of Director: Jan Gutkowski & Chris Rentfrow

Anyone who would like to run for an office may be nominated from the floor. The above are the only members that have said they would like to run for an office.

NEW MEMBERS: We would like to welcome Ian & Terry Walker, Glen & Judy Miller; who are previous members to the SG&M Club.

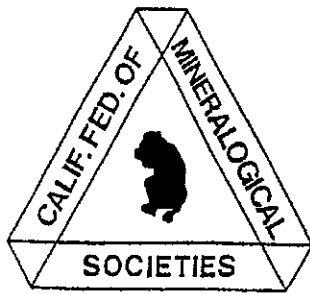
Please introduce yourself when you see someone at our meetings that you do not know. We want everyone to feel welcome. Remember members to bring your own table service and potluck dish to all meetings.

The Roc Toc is our monthly newsletter and we mail them only to members that do not have a computer.

Please access www.shastagemandmineral.com for your copy. If you are receiving a copy in the mail and have a computer, please give me a call so I can remove your name from the mailing list. The money we save can be used in the workshop to make purchases that are needed. Please call Gretta Seward at 365-8641. Thank You

DUES ARE DUE: The adult's dues are \$15 each and the juniors are \$8. Please send your dues to Gretta Seward, 20361 River Valley Drive, Anderson, CA 96007. Starting this year the dues run from October 1 through October 31.

INTERESTING PICTURES: If you would like to see the many pictures of our Federation Show and some to the other events please log onto Face Book then Shasta Gem.



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Setting a Tone for Our Directors Meeting—and Every Day of Our Year



With our Directors Meeting approaching, I devote this month's message to setting a tone. I was inspired by a list of "Club Do's & Don'ts" in the Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club's September bulletin. Among the do's: "Do form friendships with other club members." "Do volunteer your time and talents when asked. Pass on what you have learned to ensure the continuance of the club." "Do help others. Remember you were new once, too!" Among the don'ts: "Don't sit around and complain. Remember, we're manned by volunteers; they usually get things right—occasionally not—but they do their best." "Don't take the club for granted." "Don't be a habitual complainer. Other members—especially the new ones—take our lead. Keep the club happy!" Here are my own thoughts on how that article might be applied to our upcoming Directors Meeting and to all of us who volunteer to conduct the business of the Federation all through the year.

Many times I hear complaints about "the CFMS." What is "the CFMS" doing about this issue? Why hasn't "the CFMS" done this or that? As Dick Pankey reminds us, "the CFMS" is not some disassociated entity. To paraphrase, I have met the CFMS, and the CFMS is us. In the end, the CFMS is what we each, as individuals, make of it. If you're not getting what you want out of it, the only way to change that is to get involved. But are we an organization that encourages involvement? Have we created an environment in which all members of all clubs feel they have the opportunity to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from involvement? At worst, an organization becomes unresponsive and archaic to the point of fostering frustration that morphs into apathy among the membership and, eventually, death for the organization. At best, an organization is a vibrant, creative focal point building on past successes, expanding, and responding to diverse

member needs. How do we become the best of these two possible worlds? To me, this involves three important factors: focusing on what matters, being respectful to others, and taking action.

Focus on what matters. First, focus on real issues and real problems—and realistic solutions. In the words of Mark Twain, "I have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened." Rumors abound, and it's easy to get swept up in them. Separate fact from fiction, and keep a focus on real problems—and on ones we can realistically tackle and address. Also, keep in mind that perfection is an ideal. Know when good is good enough and accept it; don't destroy the good by overreaching for the perfect.

Be respectful to others. When a real problem does arise, present it with a positive and open frame of mind. Contrary to what our U.S. Congress seems to believe, pitched battles don't solve anything. Present issues in thoughtful ways, not slinging from the hip, and focus on issues, not personalities. Address the problem, don't attack the individual, and avoid hurtful statements and snide remarks. If emotions get heated, cool down and remember that we're all in this together and that we're

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A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."

A young son asked, "Is it true Dad that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replied, "That happens in every country, son."

Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what really happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late."

President's Message...continued

all volunteers trying our best to accomplish a common good in what limited time we may have to offer. We may become frustrated when others don't share our own point-of-view, but keep in mind: your own agenda isn't necessarily the correct one, and with nearly 7 billion people aboard this little planet of ours as it spins along its infinite cosmic voyage, your own agenda is certainly not the only one! Trust that fellow members are working for a common good as they perceive it, even if that perception doesn't always mesh with your own. Focus on doing what's best for the group rather than being the loudest voice in the room. Herb Cohen, an author on the art of negotiation, has said, "The only way you can expect someone to understand your point of view is to provide them with the substance from which your outlook was developed. Essentially then, the task is education, not argumentation." In other words, work to build bridges—bridges that connect us across any gulf that may separate us—by explaining your perspective and offering good, thoughtful alternatives. And if critiquing someone else's position, be honest but tactful. Speaking down to anyone, especially in front of other people, will reflect worse on you than on the person being critiqued. Also, being the bearer of bad news gets old for both you and others, so also look for the positive. Praise fellow members for the work they do and encourage a climate of mutual respect. Commit to creating an environment where everybody matters because when alone, we are just one voice. But together, we can do great things.

Take action. Finally, if you have spotted a real problem or have a legitimate complaint, accompany it with a suggested remedy—and then stand ready to volunteer to help tackle and resolve the issue. You can sit on the sidelines, snipe, and complain that the Federation isn't what you think it should be, or you can roll up your sleeves, get into the game, and re-shape it into a better image. Volunteer. Jump in. Help to build something in a constructive, positive manner. As they say, you get out of something what you put into it. Everyone wants to be connected, but how many of us truly get involved? It's easy to complain when you're unhappy; it takes thought, time, and real effort to tackle the complaint and successfully resolve it, hand-in-hand with your fellow members. In the words of Gandhi: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Jim Brace-Thompson

THINGS TO DO IN NOVEMBER

57TH ANNUAL HUMBOLDT GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GEM AND MINERAL SHOW:

There is a great show to attend in Eureka at the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds on November 4th - 6th. The 4th is Kids Day with more students that I have ever seen at a show. I think this is one of the best put on show I have ever attended.

After you have seen the show, there are still a lot of things to do. Especially if it is a clear day; if it is clear you could go to the beach, old town Eureka is always fun. If it is clear this is the best time of the year for that area.

SUTTER BUTTES is having a show on November 12th & 13th. The Festival of Gems & Minerals show will open on Saturday at 9 am-5pm and Sunday the show opens at 9 am-4 pm. The location is at 442 Franklin Hall at Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds.

This would be a nice drive of 1 ½ - 2 hours to a show that has been getting better every year.

**ROXY ANN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

When: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Where: Crater Rock Museum
2002 Scenic Avenue
Central Point, OR

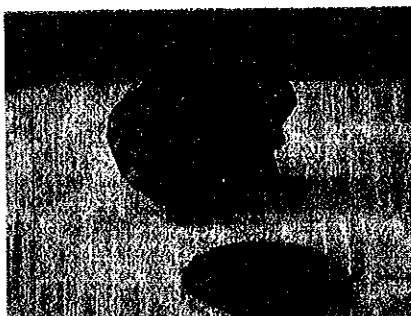
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65 Carat Emerald Found in NC



By EMERY P. DALESIO, Associated Press Writer Emery P. Dalesio, Associated Press Writer -
Mon Aug 30, 7:07 pm ET (photos from Terry Ledford)

RALEIGH, N.C. — An emerald so large it's being compared with the crown jewels of Russian empress Catherine the Great was pulled from a pit near corn rows at a North Carolina farm. The nearly 65-carat emerald was pulled from a farm once so well known among treasure hunters that the owners charged \$3 a day to shovel for small samples of the

green stones. The emerald, known as the Carolina Emperor, may be the biggest ever uncovered in North America. Terry Ledford, 53, found the roughly 2-inch-square chunk rimmed with spots of iron a year ago on the 200-acre farm owned by business partner Renn Adams, 90, and his sibling, near the rural community of Hiddenite. Hiddenite is named for a paler stone that resembles emerald. The uncut emerald weighed around 325 cts.

A respected New York gemologist who examined the emerald says American Gem Trade Association CEO Douglas Hucker said Monday an emerald that big may be the largest cut found in North America. He says its sale price will depend on its clarity, color and cut. The discovery is a rarity for emeralds found not in the rich veins of South America and Asia but in North America, said Robert Simon, owner of Windsor Jewelers in Winston-Salem.

After the gem was cut and re-cut, the finished product was about one-fifth the weight of the original find, making it slightly larger than a U.S. quarter and about as heavy as a AA battery. The emerald compares in quality to one surrounded by diamonds in a brooch once owned by Catherine the Great, which Christie's auction house in New York sold in \$1.65 million, said C.R. "Cap" Beesley, a New York gemologist who examined the stone. While big, uncut crystals and even notable gem-quality emeralds have come from the community 50 miles northwest of Charlotte, there has never been one so big it's an imperial treasury, Beesley said. "It was so dark in color that holding it up to the light couldn't even get the light to come through it," a quality that ensured an intense green once the stone was cut with facets that allowed light into the gem's core, Ledford said.



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The North Carolina stone was cut to imitate the royal emerald, Ledford said. A museum and some private collectors interested in buying the emerald have been in contact, Ledford said.

"Most of the stones that have come out have not been gem-quality that I would mount in jewelry," said Simon, who was part owner of a 7.85-carat, dime-sized emerald found in the same community in 1998 that has since been set in jewelry and sold to a private owner.

Modeling an empress's emerald is likely to have less influence on the North Carolina stone's sale price than its clarity, color and cut, said Douglas Hucker, CEO of the American Gem Trade Association, a Dallas, Texas-based trade association for dealers in colored gems. "A 65-carat cut emerald from North Carolina is a big, big stone," he said. But "once an emerald is cut, it's subject to the same type of market conditions that any emerald would be."


Emeralds are part of North Carolina's mineral claim to fame, though other places in the U.S. also are rich in gems. Maine mines have yielded aquamarine and amethyst, Montana bears sapphires, Idaho is known for star garnets, and Arkansas has diamonds. It's not fully known why small, subterranean cavities containing emeralds formed in central North Carolina, said geologist Michael Wise of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, who has studied the underground world around Hiddenite for years.

Emeralds are produced where a superheated fluid carrying the element beryllium migrated through rocks that contain chromium, Wise said. "This doesn't happen frequently," Wise said. "The conditions have to be just right to make an emerald. ... It happens to be the case at this particular place." Adams said decades ago when his parents owned the farm, they allowed anyone with a shovel to dig for emeralds on the property for \$3 a day. Virtually all of it was too full of flaws to be cut into precious stones and was mostly sold to mineral collectors, Adams said. Ledford said they don't plan to quit after pocketing the profits from their big find, Ledford said.

Submitted by Betty Ann Arrasmith - CMGC MEMBER

November 2011

Workshop Hours
 Tuesdays - 5:30P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
 Saturdays - 10A.M. to 2 P.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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13	14	15 Zeke Breazsala	16	17 Redding Rec Class Lapidary Siversmith 10/27-11/17 9pm - 9pm	18	19 John Eitwanger	
20	21 Board Meeting Workshop 6 PM	22 Bill & Susan Doyle	23	24 Thanksgiving 	25	26 Juniors & Adults Rochelle Ohison Steve Sznyter	
27	28	29 Richard & Sandy Park	30				