

DESERT DIGGINGS

MAY 2010

MOJAVE DESERT GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

The Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society (MDGMS) is a non-profit organization. The objectives of this society are:

To collect and study minerals and rocks

To disseminate a general knowledge of the science of mineralogy and allied subjects

To provide opportunity for the exhibition and exchange of specimens

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Refreshments for April will be provided by Ruth Mallon and Joan Bird

Door prizes donated by Beth Pinnell

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MDGMS OFFICERS 2010

President: Kent Berryman
Vice President: Jeanne Laymance
Secretary: Katie Boyd
Treasurer: Janet Wentz

Board members:

Dian Hare Wayne Mallon
Rob Stapp Vivian Watts
Danny Watts

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Happy Birthday to: Judy Livingston, Wayne Mallon, Lavon Rippetoe, AJ Schwartz, Cassidy Schwartz, Norm Sheppheard, Charles Toles, Leslie Walker

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Meetings and Workshops

Meetings – 1st Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Workshops – 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Location – 25647 W. Main Street
Lenwood, CA

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Themes for the meetings during 2010:

May	Cady's stuff
July	Fossils
August	Spheres
September	Petrified wood
October	Opal
November	Gold

UPCOMING SHOWS/EVENTS

The West Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show is May 14-16 at The Fairplex in Pomona. There are free admission tickets with a map on the bulletin board

Snyders Valley Pow Wow will be May 7-9 in Valley Springs (Calaveras County). Website

www.valleyspringspowwow.com

E-mail Snyderspowwow@sbcglobal.net

Costa Mesa Gem Faire will be May 7-9 in Costa Mesa. There are complimentary invitations on the bulletin board www.gemfaire.com for more info

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society has sent tickets to their 51st annual show called Natural Treasurers of Planet Earth on May 1-2 in Anaheim. See www.searchersrocks.org. The flyers are on the bulletin board.

There are more – please see the CFMS Newsletter I posted.

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Schedule of field trips for 2010

May. Calico Mountains

June. N. Edwards sites.

I will put more details of the destinations as we get closer to going

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I hope everybody reads the CFMS newsletter each month. Their web site is cfmsinc.org and has news of all us gem & mineralogical societies in California, as well as CFMS field trips, activities, and shows.

A hard copy of the newsletter will be posted on our bulletin board for those who don't have internet.

FROM THE EDITOR

We had a great turn out again at our last workshop. Every genie had 2 people each and the saws were busy, too. Brodie Crowell was polishing his first cab & his mom & dad were next to him, working on their own. Danny Watts had a beautiful piece of onyx on the wheel. It was good to see Bill and Lavella Tomlinson again, and their guest, Jacob Alvarez. In the other room people worked on crafts or just visited. Leslie Walker brought a box of azurite and malachite pieces – she and her granddaughters bagged and labeled them for the show's grabbags.

Plans were made for the next day's field trip. I didn't go, but I'm sure you all had a good time finding treasurers.

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MINUTES OF MDGM APRIL 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Kent Berryman

After the flag salute we introduced and welcomed guest Susan Fitz from Sandy Valley, NV. Also welcomed were new members Steve, Melita and Brodie Crowell of Helendale

There was no treasurer's report given

Minutes published last month – Burro Schmidt's name spelling was corrected. The treasurer's bottom line will never be published in the newsletter again.

The program was a video on benitoite, California's state mineral. Jeanne

Laymance tried to find a video on turquoise which is our theme this month, but there isn't one. Suggestion was voiced that we as a club might come up with one to submit to the DFMS library.

Cab of the month – Danny Watts won with a cab of ocean jasper. Also submitted was one of dalmation jasper from Brodie Crowell, a turquoise from Leslie Walker, graveyard point agate by Rob Stapp, and charoite & 2 others from Scott Stevenson.

Show and Tell – Rob Stapp brought a large chunk of Paul Bunyon agate which had a drill hole in it. The new outcropping has recently been blasted and carted away by somebody.

Brodie Crowell showed fossil coral and others, Katie Boyd showed a beaded necklace and ear rings, Danny Watts had turquoise. Trish Sheppard brought turquoise jewelry made by her parents, Art and Rosamond Riggle, as well as an inlay picture. Mike Koski showed copper in quartz matrix.

Old business – Trish asked if we've contacted the city to reserve the Cora Harper Center for the show in December. Gene Haines is taking care of that

New business – Jeanne Laymance wants to form a group to visit the benitoite mine. Cost is \$70.00 per person. Several were interested.

Kent Berryman read the list of upcoming shows

Field trip discussed – it will be north of Redrock Canyon on April 17th. We will visit a site north of Redrock Canyon for

petrified palm roots and bog, a pumice mine, Burro Schmidt's tunnel, and one more site for jasper, onyx and agate. Danny Watts will lead the trip which meets at Diamond Pacific at 8 am or at the Jawbone Canyon BLM station at 8:45 – 9:00

Door prizes were donated by Two Sisters (Leslie Walker and Dian Hare) and Bill Depue. Lucky winners were Jeanne Laymance, Barbara Minard, Gregg Wagner, Nicolette Grill, Judy Livingston, Henry and Erin Rice and Dorothy Oldburg.

Minutes submitted by Katie Boyd, Secretary

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Remember the 'you might be a rockhound if...' jokes? I thought of another one as I searched the pantry for a small container for some leftovers. They were all on the patio filled with various small rocks! Yep, I'm a rockhound.

Anyone thought of more?