

GEM-N-I

Newsletter of the SRMGS
May 2014



Shop and Meeting Room: 5690C Old Redwood Highway, Santa Rosa

Website: www.SRMGS.org

GENERAL MEETING: May 7, 2014

Silent Auction and Member Heidi will share her trip to Nevada.

BOARD MEETING: May 19, 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

First, let me apologize for the newsletter being late. It has been a crazy two weeks around here. I coach softball at the high school and we have been finishing up our season. So, I am very sorry that this is late getting out.

Summer is fast approaching, which means that our show is just around the corner. We have been meeting and making plans and things are coming together. We have new vendors and previous vendors signed up to be at the show. We also have some new plans that we will be implementing this year. One is a bake sale. We will be asking you all for donations of yummy baked goods, so dust off your cook books and bring out your favorite goodies for the sale. Also, we will be teaching a wire project at the show. We haven't finalized what we will be making, but I think it will be fun to share a project with the public.

If you have ideas about the show or ways to help advertise, please join us for a quick meeting before the board meeting on May 19, 6:30 pm.

With the start of summer comes our Annual Picnic. This year, it will be on June 21. We will meet, once again, at Rod's house around noon for an enjoyable afternoon of food, friendship and ROCKO. Please bring some food to share, something to drink and maybe a rock with a great story to share. Directions to Rod's house are on the web site.

I am really looking forward to the Field Trip this month. We will be going to Black Butte Lake looking for Jasper. I have seen some pictures of the Jasper in this area....it is way cool! Some of it is kind of orbicular, there are many different colors...red, yellow, green, brown, white...I'm excited. My family will be camping Saturday night. We have a reservation at the Orland Butte Campground. See the following article for all the details.

Well, I better get out and get some weeds pulled before it gets too hot. See y'all out there!

Jolene

THOUGHTS WHILE THINKING.....

Hello! Well, we are almost through spring and heading toward summer. This is when everything starts happening, seemingly all at the same time. Farmers markets are open, bike races are dotting the roadways, fairs are starting and Santa Rosa's "Day Under The Oaks " at the Junior College was held on Star Wars Day this year. I hope you all enjoyed this weekend doing whatever interested you the most.

The Gem Faire was also held at the fairgrounds this past weekend. Our club had its usual table staffed with members representing all that our organization has to offer. We were steadily busy the whole three days answering questions about field trips, classes, rock identification, meetings and general membership criteria, with many applications given out. One of our members, Rod, brought his field microscope to share an unusual finding of his. Rod has been collecting runoff from his gutters. It seems that, along with the huge visible meteors raining down on earth, there are microscopic magnetic particles mixed in with common dust. The bits collected on the magnet and viewed under the scope showed tiny rocks with moon-scape surfaces and metallic sheen similar to a much larger meteor Rod has in his collection. Another 'Who knew?' moment that was really fascinating. Thanks for sharing your find Rod!

We hope to see all the people at our general meeting who had showed sincere interest.

At our last meeting, Kendra brought in several specimens she collected on another road trip south to the Cady Mountains, Calico Mtns., Borrego Springs and many points in between. With the off-roading she does with her friends, she has a unique opportunity to explore places most people cannot. The rock formations creating those landscapes are usually only seen by the wildlife living there and people who see the rocks as climbing challenges. Luckily, Kendra has a keen interest in both rock hounding and exploring and she always brings back beautiful and unique specimens to share with the club. Thanks again, Kendra.

Another fairly new member, Albert, brought in some rocks he found in Trinity County. There were a couple pieces of a beautiful jade type and a very unusual example of fossilized shells that looked compressed. No one had seen anything like it before and at some point a field trip will be organized to see if there is a concentration of these small boulders waiting to be discovered and identified. Watch this space!

We will be holding our board meeting on May 19 and will be discussing our up-coming show in September. Our vendor response has been very good so far and it is still early in the planning stages. As always, we welcome any input from our members at large and invite ideas to be brought up in the general meeting as well as the meeting on the 19th, if you cannot attend the general meeting. The shop is open on Mondays as usual so come a bit early if you have any suggestions or want to find out how to participate more at the show.

See you all Wednesday, and remember that the shop is now open on Thursdays at 5:30 to 8. All grinders and polishers, and one trim saw are available that night for your convenience.

JUNIORS:

Beginning in June, we will start our Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. This is a program to help our Juniors learn more about Rocks and Minerals. We will meet the first Saturday of each month to work on different projects. 'Classes' will start at 9:30 am. Members will be asked to pay their shop door fee to help cover printing costs, etc.

Please let me know if you plan to be part of the program, so I can be sure to have enough supplies for everyone... jolene4srmgs@gmail.com

I hope to see all you Juniors June 1 at 9:30 to get this program started.

PICNIC MEETING:

June 21, 2014...Please join us at Rod's House for our annual Picnic meeting. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share and something to drink. It's a great time to bring your favorite Rock/Story to share with the group. Remember, we will be playing ROCKO. Always a fun time, and we get to win rocks!! Hope to see you all out there. Click here for a map and driving directions to Rod's house...

<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/5-F50AwUiM4Mxjnl7>

See y'all there!

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome Loren Hovland, Marc Johns, Catherine Witherell, Judy Pagnusat, Steve Rada, Emma Balasow, Mike Guy and Brandon Guy.

Thank You for joining!

CLASSES: Wire Play Day will be Sunday, June 8, 1 - 4 pm Bring your beads, wire and pliers and have some fun. We will work on the 'Infinity Bracelet' for those of you who missed that. Also, I have a fun little wire pendant to show you. Bring a little something to snack on if you like. It will be fun!

Wire Wrap Class... Jolene will be holding her "Wire Wrap Class" on Sunday, June 22. It will be from 1-4 pm. You will learn to wrap a cabochon in this class. The cost is \$40. This includes silver filled wire (enough for a few pendants) and a cabochon if you need one. Please contact Jolene - jolene4srmgs@gmail.com or 707 849-9551 to reserve your spot.

FIELD TRIPS: Black Butte Lake/Stony Creek Jasper

Saturday, May 31 we will be traveling west of Orland to Black Butte Lake to collect Stony Creek Jasper. We may also venture to another spot for a fossil hunt...More on that when we get there.

There will be 2 meeting sites. We will be meeting at 6:30 am at the Adobe Creek Golf Course Parking lot. Cars may be left there for carpooling if you like. We will be traveling to

Hwy 80, then 505 to 5. We will meet at our 2nd spot at 8:30 am in Williams at the McDonalds there. We'll caravan to Orland and then west from there. Ken D. will be our guide. If you can let us know that you are going and which meeting spot you will be at, we will wait for you if you are running late. We will wait about 15 minutes at each spot unless we know that you are on your way. jolene4srmgs@gmail.com

Jolene and her family will be camping Saturday night at the Orland Butte campground along side the lake.

FRIENDLY REMINDER (about dues)

Dues are paid in advance for one year of membership. Please check below to see if your membership has recently or will soon expire. If you are interested in continuing as a member, please complete a membership application. You can submit the application with your payment to a shop attendant, at a general meeting or mail it to SRMGS, PO Box 1852, Windsor, CA. (do not mail cash) An application can be downloaded at www.srmgs.org/join.php.

Name		Membership expiration
Una Uleen	Harding	2/28/2014
Sarah	Welty	2/28/2014
Ryson	Zettlemyer	2/28/2014
Lydia	Calkum	3/31/2014
Ken	Dennett	4/30/2014
Scott	Muleady	4/30/2014
Tadder	Terri	6/30/2014
Ripley Rerucha	Trevor	6/30/2014