



Wednesday, June 2, 2021

General Meeting **Zoom**

**7 pm on line**

**WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021**

**Board Meeting**

**6:00 at the Rock Building and by Zoom**

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### ***RGMS, INC. MISSION STATEMENT***

The **mission** of the **Reno Gem and Mineral Society** is to create, develop, and encourage interest in the Earth Sciences and to locate and identify various material through field trips. As a **501C<sub>3</sub>** corporation RGMS qualifies for donation write offs of cash and materials. Donation receipts are available at the society's headquarters.

A General Meeting, open to the public, is held usually the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Baldini's Casino, Second Floor, 865 S. Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV. Board meetings are open to all members and are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Rock Building,

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# ***THE CONGLOMERATE***

***JUNE 2021***

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE RENO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

***Dean Sizemore***

Welcome to June, the year's already to the half-way point. RGMS has been incredibly busy already; multiple field trips, as I'm writing this we just got back from our 3 day Gabbs trip. Had a great time exploring new areas, meeting a great local miner who is going to show us some great spots in the future. We all picked up some amazing opalized wood. By the time you read this we will have had our Austin trip. [ed: trip was postponed due to weather] I'm hopeful we will have as great a turn-out for those 3 days as for Gabbs. We're going to a new area which will be exciting. Everyone at Gabbs was so excited to have a potluck and get to socialize with friends and are looking forward to the potluck at Austin.

We are working hard on the new classroom. We have completely rearranged the Rock Building to allow for the classes, have an area for the auction, and for the board meeting all set up. The work benches and equipment for the new classroom are ordered and will be coming soon.

The voting for the Board and Lifetime membership is complete:

President	-	<b>Dean Sizemore</b>
Vice President		<b>Steve Smith</b>
Treasurer	-	<b>Robyn Howard</b>
Secretary	-	<b>Steve Norman</b>

Board at Large:

**Lori Connel**  
**Denise Sizemore**  
**Terry Gust**  
**Rob Kendrick**  
**Larma Volk**  
**Webb Varnum**

Lifetime Membership voted and awarded for **Sue and RJ Webb**. We are so excited as an organization for Sue and RJ—for Sue's dedication to RGMS and this very, award-winning newsletter. Congratulations Sue and RJ.

***THE CONGLOMERATE RENO, NE-***

Monday Open Houses have been successful beyond our dreams. We have guests coming in for tours and walking out as friends and members. The shop is bustling with Members working on their cabs, having slabs cut, trying to figure out what to do with their finds from field trips and show them off.

It is sounding like we will be back to true General Meetings in July. We'll know more as June moves along. [Ed: Information will follow via this newsletter and Mail Chimp emails.] I can't express the excitement of the Board Members to be able to see you all face to face. With Jack Pot of Gems coming fast in September, volunteers are needed and are what make that a success. We have many openings and needs for volunteers, whether you are brand new or a long-time member, we need you. Please contact me if you'd like to volunteer, and we can go over the different positions and ways you can do that.

I am so proud of my Board from last year and this who have worked hard and kept this Society going when many others died off due to lack of activity. We were able to keep Field Trips going and eventually opened Monday Nights up for Open House. Without the dedicated help of this Board, none of this would have happened.

Denise and I wish you all a happy June and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Picnic June 12<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to contact Denise at [rgms.socialdirector@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.socialdirector@gmail.com) and RSVP so we have enough food. You can learn more further in about the picnic, field trips, Jack Pot of Gems etc.

### *AUSTIN TRIP CANCELLED*

Eric Fendelander, Field Trip Director

The field trip to Austin Nevada on May 21,22, and 23 IS CANCELLED due to snow, rain, wind and other wonderful weather like thunderstorms and lightning expected on Thursday, Friday and most of Saturday. As soon as Winter decides to loosen its grip we will reschedule this trip. We have lots of interest and it is a great location. Sorry, but 32 degree weather is not conducive to fun rockhounding. Keep watching the RGMS "blasts" for latest trip info, and so far the Yerington trip on June 5th is still "ON". And the June 18, 19, and 20th Gabbs trip is still ON, unless weather keeps us at home. Spring will be here soon and we will be the first to take advantage of it.

Check out the **NEW, REVISED Field Trip Calendar** on page

## *LET'S DO THIS... .. 2021 RGMS POTLUCK PICNIC SATURDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.*

*Sugarloaf Pavilion, at Lazy 5 Park,  
7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks*

*Denise Sizemore, Social Director*

We are excited to announce this year's picnic is a go, and we cannot wait to see everyone!

Lunch of Hamburgers & Hot Dogs starts about noon.

We have had a donation from Tholl Fence of 25 lbs. of hamburger for our picnic.

Remember this is a potluck, so sign up to bring snacks, side dishes, salads, desserts and or drinks. This year we will provide plates, silverware, and cups for single use. Please do not bring your own.

We will have our customary BINGO games, along with some amazing prizes via a raffle. See article on page 4 with prize descriptions, value, and pictures of items.

**RSVP is a must**, no later than June 7<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, let me know how many are joining us, and what food item you are bringing contact, Denise

**[RGMS.SOCIALDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RGMS.SOCIALDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM)**



Photo: Sue Webb

### ***OFFICERS' REPORTS***

The Board minutes are posted on the bulletin board at headquarters monthly. Treasurer's reports are available to any member on request. **Steve Norman**, Secretary; **Robyn Howard**, Treasurer.

## REVISED 2021 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE (WEATHER PERMITTING)

UPDATED MAY 12, 2021

Eric Fendelander, Field Trip Director

**NOTE: TRIP LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED  
DUE TO NEW AND SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER  
LOCATIONS FOUND THIS SUMMER**

~~May 21, 22 & 23~~ **Austin (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)  
Overnight trip. Trip will be rescheduled.**  
Fluorite, jasper, geodes and petrified wood. Camp 15  
miles North of HWY 50 on HWY 305. Signs. Will  
leave camp at 8 AM and NOON.

**June 5 Yerington Day Trip—NEW LOCATION/  
CHANGE.**

Amethyst, agate, jasper and copper. Maps and times to  
be announced soon.

**June 12 RGMS Picnic Lazy 5 Pyramid HWY Li-  
brary.**

Park Free BBQ. Burgers, Hot dogs, side dishes and  
more. Games with great prizes of specimens and jewel-  
ry. 11AM to 2PM

**June 18, 19 & 20 Gabbs—NEW LOCATION/  
CHANGE.**

Jasper, petrified wood, agate, blood stone, carnelian  
agate, dino bones. New campsite 27 miles South of  
Middlegate on HWY 361. See signs. Just past Gabbs  
airport.

**August 26 thru 31st Black Rock Desert, Gerlach**  
Overnight Maps available. Campsite and dig sites. Ge-  
odes, jasper, wood. Will leave camp @ 7AM on 28 and  
29.

**September 10, 11 & 12 Jackpot of Gems Annual  
Show.**

Convention Center, Reno This is our annual fundraiser.  
Pays for club insurance, lights, shop equipment and  
more. We need you as a volunteer for at least 2 hours,  
sign up and pick your spot!

**September 17, 18 & 19 McDermitt overnight.**  
At 6 hours away this is one of our far-out areas, but  
worth every mile. Geodes, large petrified wood logs,  
jasper, chalcedony, picture stone and red agate.

**September 25 Rye Patch Reservoir, Lovelock.**  
1 Day event, "Great Nevada Shoot-out" metal detecting  
for prizes for adults and kids. Detectors provided, un-  
less you have your own. FREE.

## YERINGTON TRIP JUNE 5TH

Meetup location will be ArrowHead Market, Yer-  
ington. Cheap gas, restrooms, and water/food top-  
offs.

To get to rendezvous site go East on I-80, take  
USA Parkway exit South (about 1 hour 20 minutes  
from I-80 and Vista Blvd) on Alternate 95 to Ar-  
rowhead Market at the corner of Alt 95 and Camp-  
bell Lane in Yerington. We will meet behind the  
market at 8 AM. (EIGHT AM). We will depart to  
dig sites at 8:15 sharp.

Bring digging tools like picks, bars, sledge ham-  
mers, chisels, shovels and gloves. The dirt around  
the best rocks is soft for the most part, but we will  
have to put in some effort to reap the best mineral  
specimens. Teamwork to uncover veins will be the  
plan of the day.

Bring plenty of water and a lunch. Yerington is not  
very far away, so should be a great trip. See you  
there June 5th @ 8AM.

From the meeting site we will travel about 20  
minutes to dig sites. There are about 5 different  
places! We will be traveling around the Yerington  
hills. They just remade Mason Pass and Delphi  
Road, so all vehicles can make it here. If someone  
brought a car, they'll have to carpool later.

### Equipment:

Hiking boots, Gators (Snake Protection), Water,  
Snacks/Lunch, etc.... Make yourself comfortable

Eye Protection (Absolutely necessary, lots of rock  
smashing), Shovel, pick, rockhammer, chisel,  
sledge (3lb short handle is fine), old paint brush,  
buckets and flathead screwdrivers.

### Minerals available:

**Amethyst.** We should find a few pockets, but you  
never know. No promises! Pockets range in the  
size of pineapples to basketballs. On two pieces  
I've found, the amethyst is capped in turquoise!

**Epidote Ore** with garnet veins, druzy garnet exte-  
rior, with various copper mineral coating and veins  
(azurite, turquoise, malachite, etc...)

**Copper minerals.** Mostly in the form of coating.  
It can get some-what thick, sometimes in the form  
of 'webbing' in holes in rocks.

**Garnetite;** Essentially garnet clusters. Sometimes  
found in the form of a geode

**Serpentine:** We'll be driving past a massive vein of  
serpentine. There is no where to park, we will drive  
past it and point it out. As we go. People will have to  
walk back from the parking spot 1/4 mile.

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## SUNSHINE

Lori Connel, Sunshine Director

Hello everyone. I know everyone is excited the field trips are back on and our annual picnic on June 12 as well. I hope we see all of you there. The weather is warming up and we all have spring fever.

The following members could use our hugs and prayers for a speedy recovery: **Dean Sizemore, Sam Macaluso, Juliet Hitchcock** and **Pete Rivera's** wife **Jaime**. I hope I haven't missed anyone. As their friends, we sometimes wonder what to say, thinking the kindest words could seem ineffectual. It's not so much the words you say; it's the thoughts and feeling behind them. Never underestimate how much sympathetic thoughts and feelings mean to those experiencing significant challenges.

I know there may be other members that may need our get-well thoughts and prayers. If you know of someone that I can call or send a card to, please let me know. Best of luck on your field trips.

Lori Connel [Lori.connel@yahoo.com](mailto:Lori.connel@yahoo.com)

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**Epidote Crystals.** Both fan crystals and pointed crystals.

**Calcite:** There are nice chunks of calcite just lying around.

**Milky Quartz clusters:** This will require some searching, but I've found clusters in the side of the hills. A friend found a pocket with 5 inches covered in epidote crystals.

**Druzy quartz:** Most of the druzey pieces are small, but some are nearly museum quality. Most surface material has been scavenged, will require some digging I predict. Colors range from white to orange and blue.

**Blue asbestos.** If anyone wants it....

My first time out here I found the amethyst vein. My friend's first time out here, he found a massive pocket of quartz covered in dark green epidote. Walking around and exploring is highly encouraged; you'll find something.

**WARNINGS:** There are massive **pit mines**, up to 50 meters deep. This is kill-you deep. Some of the pits do not have tailings, and you won't see them until you're right on it. Always watch where you are walking. Additionally, I have run into **rattlesnakes** in these hills. There aren't many bushes, but the snakes do hide under large rocks. Be careful and aware.

## 2021 RGMS PICNIC RAFFLE

Denise Sizemore and Laura Jackson

I do not know about you, but I sure have been missing our monthly door prizes at our General Meetings. We have put together some fabulous prizes for a Raffle to close out our 2021 Potluck Picnic on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We selected 10 prizes for this raffle, tickets are:

\$1 for 1 ticket

\$5 for 6 tickets

\$10 for 12 tickets

\$20 for 25 tickets

Items will be on display every Monday evening during open house in May and the first 2 Mondays in June before the picnic. You can also see photos of each item in the May *Conglomerate* on pages 5 and 6.

The prizes include:

1. Black and White Agate Display valued at \$15
2. Onyx Sphere with Stand valued at \$18
3. Rhodochrosite Egg with Stand valued at \$25
4. Amethyst Display valued at \$28
- 5: Peterson Mountain Crystal, Donated by Claim Holder Family Member, Combination of Smoky and Amethyst valued at \$30
- 6: Petrified Wood Slab Display valued at \$35
- 7: Large Crystal Display valued at \$45
8. Nevada State Parks Bucket Journal valued at \$50
- 9: Dog Tooth Calcite Display valued at \$100
- 10: Orthoceras Carved Horn Sculpture valued at \$125.00

If you have any questions, please contact **Laura** at [Nvjackson at aol.com](mailto:Nvjackson@aol.com) or **Denise** at [RGMS.socialdirector at gmail.com](mailto:RGMS.socialdirector@gmail.com)

## ZOOM

Using Zoom is very easy. Just go to ZOOM.COM and on the upper right of the screen click on "join a meeting ID and when it asks for the passcode, type that in and you will be in the meeting with us.

June General Meeting:  
Meeting ID: 876 3534 8170  
Pass Code: 315349

June Board Meeting:  
Meeting ID: 895 3642 2821  
Pass Code: 652494

## AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION

Greetings Recreational Rockhounds everywhere,  
Here is your chance to make your voice heard loud and clear in a united voice.

There is going to be a 350 MW Solar Farm on 2,000 acres on BLM Managed Land near Wiley's Well Road near Blythe, California. The Solar Farm is still North and East of any known collecting areas, mainly the Hauser Geode Beds so for the time being they should be safe. However in the best interest of Recreational Rockhounding now and in future Generations, the Wiley's Well road must be kept open and accessible via motorized travel to get to the Famous Geode Beds. If the access road is closed for any reason the Geode Beds will also be closed for all practical purposes. The only way to make sure the road stays open is to contact the BLM and make your voice heard that we, the Recreational Rockhounds, request the the road remain open in perpetuity for now and future Recreational Rockhound access to the Hauser Geode Beds.

When you contact the BLM base your comments on facts and logic and not on emotions. The BLM is looking for sound judgement in comments and emotional statements will not go very far in helping the cause.

This project most likely will not have a negative effect on Recreational Rockhounding in the area and the Hauser Geode Beds are probably safe from intrusion by this Solar Project. IF we, Recreational Rockhounds, submit comments now the BLM will know that we are watching and listening and care what happens in our deserts and on Public Lands, managed by the BLM for the good of the people using the land for recreational purposes.

A simple comment asking to keep the road open may help in the future when more land is being used for private projects and if others ask that the road be closed to protect the environment, we are on record asking to keep it open and our chances will be greater at that time if we make comment now or the next time it may be too late.

Attached are two maps of the area of concern. [Ed: are on p. 6.]

Thank you for your time and effort

*American Lands Access Association, Inc.*

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US Department of the Interior

Date: Monday, May 3, 2021

Contact: [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)

### Interior Department Approves Solar Energy Project in California Desert

**WASHINGTON** – Today, the Interior Department announced that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has given final approval to a new solar energy project on public lands in California. The Crimson Solar Project represents an investment of roughly \$550 million and has the potential to deliver enough power to energize approximately 87,500 homes.

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The Record of Decision authorizes Sonoran West to construct a 350-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility with a 350-MW energy storage system and the necessary ancillary support facilities to generate and deliver power through the Southern California Edison Colorado River Substation.

“The time for a clean energy future is now. We must make bold investments that will tackle climate change and create good-paying American jobs,” said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. “Projects like this can help to make America a global leader in the clean energy economy through the acceleration of responsible renewable energy development on public lands.”

“America’s public lands provide a tremendous opportunity to realize the potential of renewable energy. BLM is committed to engaging in an inclusive and equitable process in pursuit of a clean energy economy,” said **Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Laura Daniel-Davis**.

The solar project will be a photovoltaic facility owned by Sonoran West Solar Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Recurrent Energy, LLC. The facility will occupy up to approximately 2,000 acres of BLM-administered lands approximately 13 miles west of Blythe, in Riverside County, California.

Although the project application pre-dates the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), the Crimson Solar Project is located within one of the areas designated for development, known as Development Focus Areas, by the DRECP. Through the DRECP process, the BLM, State of California and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service worked diligently with renewable energy developers, the conservation community, Tribes, local government, and others over several years to identify areas appropriate for renewable energy development and areas that should be conserved.

In addition to the significant financial investment in the area, the project will provide an estimated 650 temporary construction jobs, 10 permanent jobs and 40 temporary jobs in operations and maintenance over the 30-year life of the project.

“The BLM California is proud to support responsible development of renewable energy projects as part of our mission to sustainably manage public lands,” said **State Director of the BLM California Karen Mouritsen**. “The Crimson Solar project showcases the agency’s commitment to meeting California’s energy and economic needs with 21st Century technology.”

Additional information about the project is available on the [Crimson Solar Project](#) planning page.

MEMBERSHIP

Janet Longueira, Membership Director

RGMS continues to welcome new members despite Covid making it impossible to meet in person. They are

- William Brandt
Walt & Kathy Middleton
Russell Like
Dale Peek
Gale Sylvester (Mr.)
Marilyn Taylor
Mahlon Tester & Valerie Marquis

We hope you will feel welcome at RGMS. If we've missed anyone or if we've misspelled your name(s) or gotten it backwards, please let Sue know (rgms.bulletin@gmail.com) so she can correct the problem in the next Conglomerate.

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Conglomerate wishes to extend a special thank-you to Virginia Keeley who stepped in to manage the membership post when Donna Durham had to step aside for health reasons. Virginia kept us informed so that new members as well as returning members received their copies of The Conglomerate as soon as they signed up or renewed. Now, relieved of that task, Virginia can focus on having a wonderful rock-hounding summer.

JACKPOT OF GEMS SHOW 2021

Daniel Ellis, Show Director

Well, so far all is well with the show for September 11th and 12th. The Reno Convention Center has said "yes the show is on." There might be some guidelines we have to follow such as mask wearing and some distance between people, but as the summer moves on, these things could change. We will stay on top of this and will let you know about any changes as soon as we find out. Looks like we'll will have our fun this year.

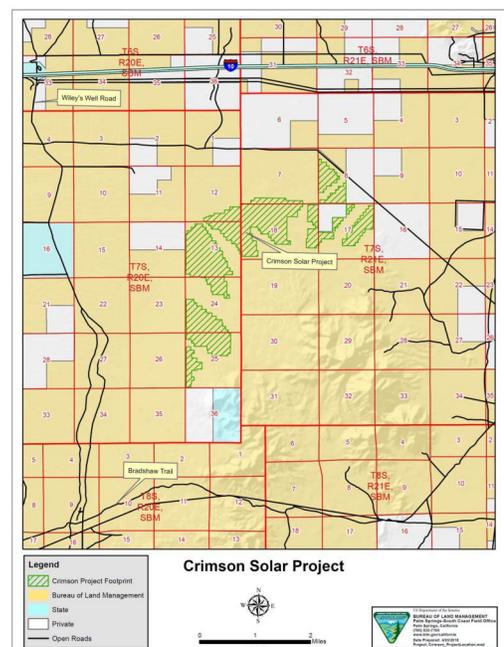
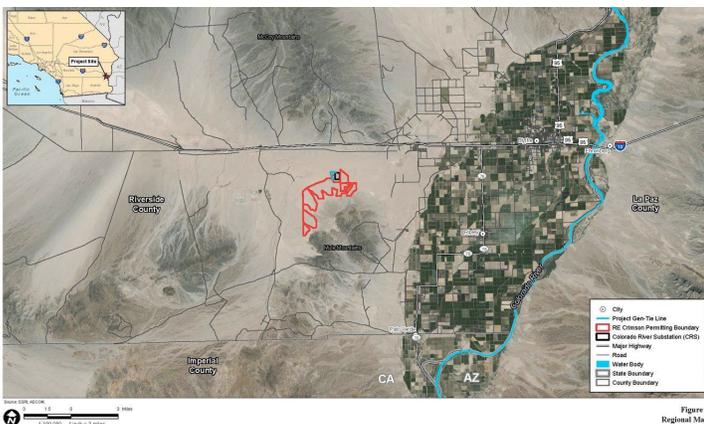
So please make your calendars so you will have some time to work at our show. We will need all the help we can muster.

We will be packing up the goods for the show on Wednesday the 8th starting at 5PM at our Rock Building for set up at 7:30 AM on the 10th. Since we have no sign up sheets for now, please email me <sailondan55@aol.com> so I can put you on the list for helping.

Will also need help setting up the Rock Building for the Friday Night dinner on Wednesday after the truck is packed.

If you can pitch in and help run some of our tables, please email me with what you would like to do as we have some openings for help.

Thanks. Will keep you posted.



## SCIENTISTS STUDY THE NOT-SO-SWEET (BUT INTERESTING!) SIXTEEN

Valerie J. Meyers

Show-Me Rockhounds of Kansas City  
From the March, 2021 Crinoid Courier

Mt. Etna erupted recently with showers of rock and clouds of gas that briefly closed the airport in Catania, Italy. Etna is one of the Decade Volcanoes – also known as the Decade Sixteen – that are closely studied by scientists. They were identified in 1990 by the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior as part of the United Nations' International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, because these are volcanoes that are active, have a history of destructive eruptions, and are located close to populous areas.

According to Wikipedia, each of those 16 volcanoes met other criteria besides recent activity and nearness to populated areas. Each was also chosen if it “exhibits more than one volcanic hazard (people living near the Decade Volcanoes may experience tephra fall, pyroclastic flows, lava flows, lahars, volcanic edifice instability and lava dome collapse); . . . is politically and physically accessible for study; and there is local support for the study.

Two of the Decade Volcanoes are in the U.S.! (. . . Yay?) The 16 are:

1. **Avachinsky-Koryatsky** on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia. It's near Petropavlovsk, the largest city on the peninsula.

2. **Colima**, the largest and most active of a range of volcanoes called the Colima Volcanic Complex, straddles the border of Jalisco and Colima states in Mexico. It threatens cities in both states; in 2016, an eruption forced the evacuations of four towns.

3. **Galeras Nariño** in Colombia. About 8,000 people live in several towns near the volcano. Galerás Nariño is notorious among volcanologists because it erupted without warning in 1993. Six scientists who'd been attending a volcanology conference and three tourists were caught in the crater and killed.

4. **Mauna Loa** in the USA. It's near Hilo, the largest city on the Big Island of Hawaii.

5. **Mount Etna** in Italy, near the city of Catania and several small towns.

6. **Mount Merapi** in Central Java, Indonesia. The island of Java is densely populated; an eruption less than a month ago forced the evacuation of 2,000 residents near the volcano.

7. **Mount Nyiragongo** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It's near the towns of Goma in DRC and Gisenyi in Rwanda.

8. **Mount Rainier** in Washington State, USA. Small towns cluster around Mount Rainier National Park, and all of Pierce County could be affected by an eruption.

9. **Mount Vesuvius** in the state of Campania, Italy. It's less than 14 miles from Naples.

10. **Mount Unzen** in Japan. It's near Shimabara, a town of 45,000 in the Nagasaki Prefecture.



11. **Sakurajima** in Japan. It is actually within the city limits of Kagoshima, a city of 595,000.

12. **Santa Maria** in Guatemala. It's near Quetzaltenango, a city of 180,000, and several smaller towns.

13. **Santorini** in Greece. The island has a population of 15,000, and is a popular tourist destination.

14. **Taal Volcano** in the Philippines. There are several towns on the island, although the Filipino government has declared it a permanent danger zone and strongly discourages people from living there.

An eruption in January 2020 buried the area in ash, forcing evacuations and complete lockdowns of four towns. This past February, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology reported 98 tremors in 24 hours, prompting evacuations again. On April 10-11, the Institute recorded 200-plus tremors and quakes as Taal spewed more than 2,000 tons of gas emission.

15. **Teide** in the Canary Islands, Spain. It is near several large towns, and the Canary Islands are popular with tourists.

16. **Ulawun** in Papua New Guinea. About 4,000 residents of several small towns were evacuated when Ulawun erupted in 2000.

Sources: Wikipedia, "Decade Volcanoes"; Worldatlas.com; Volcanodiscovery.com; Manila-times.net. *Kagoshima and its smoking landmark. Photo taken March 2019 by \_steffen, via Wikimedia Commons.*

*Mt. Etna erupts near the U.S. Naval Air Station at Sigonella in Italy. Photo from twitter.com/USNavy, via Wikimedia Commons; Mt Nyiragongo photo by siasat.com, 5/22/21*



**Ed:** Reports of the current (5/24/21) eruption of Mt. Nyiragonga in the Congo state that the eruption was not anticipated, largely because World Bank funding for the observation station had been cut due to the pandemic. The scientists observing the volcano had little to no equipment and no internet. Note in the photo on p. 7, that the lights of the city show above and to the left of the volcano—not so far away.

## *SIMPLE TESTS FOR IDENTIFYING TRUE AMBER (SUCCINITE)*

*Garry Platt (garry@gplatt.demon.co.uk)*

*From the DVESS Newsletter, 9/2020 via DVSS, 12/94*

Since the screening of *Jurassic Park*, interest in the mineral amber has grown significantly. Unfortunately, so has the quantity of fake amber coming on to the market. Some of these pieces have insect inclusions skillfully placed in the body of the matrix.

The British Natural History Museum recently discovered that a bee preserved in amber, thought to be one of the oldest known examples of this particular species was in fact a fake and probably no more than 150 years old. (More of this bee later.) Evidence of this nature, that even the best can be fooled, should alert all collectors to the possibility of being misled or even cheated.

In some cases copal, which is tree resin which has not yet fully fossilized to amber and may be anything up to 3-4 million years old, is described as true amber. Debate still rages in the UK about certain Kenyan deposits as to whether they should be called copal or amber and I have heard of similar arguments concerning deposits found in south America.

There are a number of simple tests which can be carried out on amber to check its authenticity. I have listed here all the basic methods I have come across. More sophisticated and complex tests are possible, but they require access to laboratory equipment. These more complex tests include refraction index, polarized light test for ambroid (conglomerated and pressed) amber, precise specific gravity and melting point.

When examining a specimen, you should try at least 3 of the following methods detailed here. If the item in question fails any one of the tests, it could well mean the piece is not true amber.

#### Test 1: HARDNESS

Amber has a hardness on Moh's scale in the region of 2 to 3. Using appropriate scratch sticks, it should be reasonably straightforward to test the sample under question.

#### Test 2: HOT NEEDLE

Heat a needle point in a flame until glowing red and then push the point into the sample for testing. With copal, the needle melts the material quicker than amber and emits a light fragrant odor. Amber when tested does not melt as quickly as the copal and emits sooty fumes.

#### Test 3: SOLUBILITY

Copal will dissolve in acetone. This test can be done by dispensing the acetone from an eye dropper onto a clean surface of the specimen. Place one drop on the surface of the test piece and allow to evaporate, then place a second drop in the same area. Copal will become tacky; amber will remain unaffected by contact with acetone.

#### Test 4: UV

Copal under a short-wave UV light shows hardly any color change. Amber fluoresces a pale shade of blue.

#### Test 5: FRICTION

Rub the specimen vigorously on a soft cloth. True amber may emit a faint resinous fragrance but copal may actually begin to soften and the surface becomes sticky. Amber will also become heavily charged with static electricity and will easily pick up small pieces of loose paper.

#### Test 6: TASTE

This test was introduced to me by an antique trader who specialized in amber beads. She explained that one of the most reliable tests she used was to taste the amber specimen *after* washing it in mild soapy water and then plain water. Whilst she could make a distinction between copal and amber, she could easily identify plastics and other common substitutes because of their unpleasant or chemical taste. Amber has hardly any taste at all. As a method for identification I have not seen this procedure recorded elsewhere. I can vouch for its effectiveness as a non-destructive method of differentiating between amber and certain other substances when misleadingly labeled amber.

#### Test 7: INCLUSIONS

Infrequently, amber contains flora or fauna inclusions. Correctly identifying the trapped insect or plant should be an excellent indicator of a piece's authenticity. Most inclusions from ancient amber are of species which are now extinct.

#### Test 8: FLOTATION (Specific Gravity)

Mix 23 grams of standard table salt with 200 ml of lukewarm water. Stir until completely dissolved. Amber should float in such a mixture and some copals together with various plastics sink.

Now, back to the bee I mentioned earlier. I am afraid that only the seventh of these tests would have identified this particular fake. The item consisted of a block of true amber into which had been drilled a hole large enough to receive the dead bee. Amber which had been melted was then poured back over the insect, encasing it in a genuine amber prison.

Anyone wishing to find out more about amber in general or these test methods specifically would do well to consult one of three books currently available on amber. They are, *Life in Amber*, George O. Poinar, Jr., Stanford University Press, ISBN 0-8047-2001-0; *The Quest for Life in Amber*, George O. Poinar, Jr., Stanford University Press; *Amber—The Golden Gem of the Ages*, Patty C. Rice, The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc., ISBN 0-917-00720-5.

## RGMS JACKPOT OF GEMS EXHIBITS

September 11 and 12, 2021  
Set up for Cases: September 10  
Noon until 8pm

Theresa Langhans, Exhibits Chair  
theresaalanghans@gmail.com

I want to thank those of you who have already signed up to exhibit at our annual show!

We have 44 exhibits to fill for this Show. I encourage you to complete the attached form to reserve your case!! Please return to me by August 1st.

If you need assistance, I am happy to help. If you feel that you may not have enough material to fill a 4' X 2' case, then you can share space with another individual. Please note that someone doesn't have to be a member to exhibit. Our exhibits are generally related to our hobby, but individuals have put in some great cases of antique glassware, stamp collections, etc.... It truly is a lot of fun to exhibit your collection(s)!! And how rewarding to hear the comments of appreciation from individuals who come to the show and see your work! You may win our "people's choice award", where favorite cases are voted on by the general public and receive awards.

New to exhibiting? I will help.



Setting up cases—Jackpot of Gems, 2015  
Photo: Robin DeVisser?

## FALL 2021 ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

November 5, 6 and 7th

Theresa Langhans, Coordinator  
theresaalanghans@gmail.com

If you are interested in participating as a vendor in our upcoming Fall Show (held the first Friday 5th, Saturday 6th, and Sunday 7th of November), please complete a registration form. For a three-day event, the cost is extremely reasonable: \$65 for the first space and \$35 for each additional space. In addition, if you do not already have a City of Reno business license, there will be an additional \$20 charge from the City. I have included registration forms with this issue of the Conglomerate. For those of you who would just like to place a couple of items for sale, there is a consignment table available for a charge of 10% commission to the Society. Again, reach out to me for more information.

## ROCKHOUND PUZZLE

There are ten gems that appear in the following little puzzle. Can you find them?

I promised to drop a line to you soon.  
We arrived in India. Monday at noon.  
The robbery last night left me short of things  
So I had to shop early for gloves and rings..  
When the plea of a beggar nettled Paul,  
He bought rutabaga, tender and small.  
We tried to stop a zebra from running amok  
And had to rub your rabbit's foot for luck,  
On paper I do try, but somehow it fails,  
Whenever I spin elaborate tales.

Answers: 1. Opal, 2. Diamond, 3. Beryl, 4. Pearl, 5. Garnet, 6. Agate, 7. Topaz, 8. Ruby, 9. Peridot, 10. Spinel.

Source: *The Sphere and Chips, Pegmatite, The Glacial Drifter, MWF News,*

SCHOOL REPORT

Julie Hilsabeck, Director

Want to take or teach a new class? Have any ideas or suggestions? E-mail **Julie Hilsabeck** [RGMS.schooldirector at gmail.com](mailto:RGMS.schooldirector@gmail.com) or talk to her at the general meeting when meetings resume! All official information regarding scheduling and class details is published in *The Conglomerate*. ~~Register and pay for classes at the general meeting.~~ We accept cash or check made out to RGMS!

Children may register for classes only at the discretion of the teacher. Wear protective shoes or boots to work in the shop—NO open toe shoes, sandals or slippers. **Please Note: To register for classes you must either be a member or have \$1 million of liability insurance naming RGMS as the certificate holder. Non-members must present a valid insurance certificate at registration. Otherwise, you may not register for classes. Your insurance is included in your dues.**

BE NICE! Each class using headquarters is responsible for leaving the premises clean and tidy. Any tools belonging to RGMS should be put away securely and headquarters locked.

**MONDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Make your own projects! You must take at least 2 months of lapidary classes before you will be cleared to attend open house and must have your name on file as approved to work on your own in the shop. Speak to the lapidary instructors to be added to the list. Please be sure to follow shop safety rules. **At 8:45 (12:45) please start clean-up so chaperones can go home.** Supervised by various members. 11AM-1PM; 6-8 PM Shop fee \$5/hour.

**BEADING AND BEAD WEAVING**

**Must sign up.** Beading during Covid-19 restrictions. No class is scheduled for June, but beading will resume in July with a class on right angle stitch. Class will be held on July 31 from 10 to 2. Information about materials to purchase will be available in the July *Conglomerate* or by email to those signed up. Kits for \$10 can be available upon request. Taught by **Sue Webb**. Saturday, July 31, 10-2pm Course fee is \$2.50 per hour. Limited to 8 students

**CASTING**

**Casting is currently on hiatus until an experienced instructor is found.** When offered and weather permitting, casting is taught in two classes held on Friday evenings. Classes enroll a maximum of 4-6 students. Sign up at the general meeting when classes and meetings resume. Inactive during Covid.

**INTRODUCTION TO SLAB SAW USE**

**NEW students only--Maximum of 4 students--\$40.00 Tuesdays 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** Instructor is **Chuck Jackson**. Learn how to use the slab saws to get the best slabs from your rocks. Contact Chuck at [rgms.shopdirector at gmail.com](mailto:rgms.shopdirector@gmail.com) to register. Advanced registration is required. June class is full, just whetting your appetite for future classes.

**KNOTTING AND STRINGING**

**Must sign up. Check calendar for specific class. There is a different offering each week: Basic beading, pearl knotting, wire linking, jewelry repair.** Each class begins with the basics of jewelry making--learning about the materials, findings & tools needed for each. Students will also learn how to create some amazing pieces, either for personal use, for gifts, or even as a way to start your own business. Come let's create together. Tuesdays in June 7-9pm. \$10 course fee. Kits \$15. Taught by **Laura Jackson** [nvjackson at aol.com](mailto:nvjackson@aol.com)

**LAPIDARY**

**Beginning Lapidary—NEW students only—Maximum of 4 students per class—\$40.00—Tuesdays 1:00 pm to 3:00pm (afternoon class) and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (evening class).** Mandatory Safety class begins 30 minutes prior to the first class period. No open toed shoes/sandals, long hair must be tied back from the face, and ear protection suggested. All supplies, slabs, equipment provided for your first month. You will complete 3 projects during your class. Email [rgms.schooldirector at gmail.com](mailto:rgms.schooldirector@gmail.com) as soon as possible to reserve your place. Advanced registration is required. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Afternoon Instructor is **Barbara Hartman**, Evening Instructor is **Julie Hilsabeck**

**SILVER FABRICATION**

**Must sign up. . Beginning classes are Inactive during Covid.** Advanced fabrication classes are continuing as long as there is interest. Limited to 4 students. Must be RGMS member in good standing and have completed basic fabrication no more than 5 years ago. Must be vaccinated, wear mask. Thursday evenings, 6/3, 10, 17, 24 from 6 to 9. Taught by **Jill Atkins**. [Atkinsdesign at gmail.com](mailto:Atkinsdesign@gmail.com)

**BEGINNING WIRE WEAVING**

Pre-registration required. Now on temporary hold. Class fee \$20.00, Kit fee \$20.00 10:00am to 12:00 Class will start with the tools and their uses, materials, and examples of what you can do with wire weaving both with and without stones. Previous experience is not necessary. Our goal will be to learn about the tools, wire, incasing your stone and the basic figure eight wire weave bale. The kit fee includes the Labrador stone and wire needed to complete your pendant. Tools will be available for use in class. Contact **Denise Sizemore** at [wraoptordesigns at gmail.com](mailto:wraoptordesigns@gmail.com) to register and reserve your kit. .

**JEWELRY MAKING 101**

Not scheduled for June. Class fee \$30.00 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Class may be conducted via Zoom meeting and in person at the Rock Blvd building. Handouts will cover the various aspects of jewelry making. Contact **Robyn Howard** at [rgms.treasurer at gmail.com](mailto:rgms.treasurer@gmail.com) to register when offered.

# JUNE 2021

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		<b>1</b> Beg. Lapidary (4 New only) Safety 6:30, 7-9pm Basic. Beading	<b>2</b> Zoom General Meeting 7pm	<b>3</b> Adv. Silver Fabrication 6pm - 9pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Yearington Field Triip
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Open House 11-1 7-9 pm	<b>8</b> Beg. Lapidary (4 New only) 7-9pm Wire Linking 7-9pm	<b>9</b> ZOOM Board Meeting? 6-9pm	<b>10</b> Adv. Silver Fabrication 6pm - 9pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Annual Picnic 12-4
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Open House 11-1 7-9 pm Auction begins	<b>15</b> Beg. Lapidary (4 New only) 7-9pm Pearl Knotting 7-9pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Adv. Silver Fabrication 6pm - 9pm	<b>18</b> New Gabbs spot field trip	<b>19</b> New Gabbs spot field trip
<b>20</b> New Gabbs spot field trip	<b>21</b> Open House 11-1 7-9 pm	<b>22</b> Beg Lapidary (4 New only) 7-9pm Basic Jewelry Repair 7-9pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Adv. Silver Fabrication 6pm - 9pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27/30</b>	<b>28/31</b> Open House 11-1 7-9 pm Not 5/31	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

When offered:

**Mineral Identification**—taught by Webb Varnum when offered, generally quarterly. Advance registration is required.

**Lost Wax Casting**—offered over an entire weekend, both Sat and Sun. Not offered in summer due to heat.

Other classes such as **faceting**, **beginning enameling**, **precious metal clay**, or **chain maille** can be offered when there is interest and when an instructor can be found.

Contact **Julie Hilsabeck** to schedule **ALL USES** of the Rock Building. She manages the schedule to avoid scheduling conflicts such as we had in January. Julie can be reached at [RGMS.school](mailto:RGMS.school) at



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See additional information at [cfmsinc.org/shows-2/](http://cfmsinc.org/shows-2/)

## 2021 Shows

**June 12-13, 2021, Escondido CA**  
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido CA 92025  
Website: [pgmshow@palomargem.org](mailto:pgmshow@palomargem.org)

**June 18,19,29, 2021 Big Piney, WY**  
Sublette Co. Rockhounds, AFMS and RMFMS  
Sublette Co. Fairgrounds

**June 25-27 Lodi CA CANCELLED**  
CFMS

**June 27, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA**  
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook CA 92028  
Contact (760) 728-1130 Email: [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)

**August 14-15, 2021 – Arcadia CA**  
Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia  
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381  
Email: [ellenbf207@aol.com](mailto:ellenbf207@aol.com)  
Website: [pasadenalapidary.org](http://pasadenalapidary.org)

**September 11-12 Reno, NV**  
Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
Jackpot of Gems  
Reno/Sparks Convention Center  
Daniel Ellis, [RGMS.JPOG@gmail.com](mailto:RGMS.JPOG@gmail.com)

**September 18-19, 2021 – Chico, CA**  
Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
Contact: 1 530 586-7052; Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

**October 9-10, 2021 – Los Altos, CA**  
Peninsula Gem and Geology Society  
One No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022  
Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384, [steve\\_job@sbglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbglobal.net)

**October 10, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA**  
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
Location: Across the street from the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in the parking lot.

**October 30-31, 2021 – Mariposa CA**  
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd.  
Contact: Meredith Meehan, [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmc@sti.net)

**November 13-14, 2021 – Yuba City, CA**  
Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society  
Yuba – Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Ave., Franklin Hall, Yuba City  
Contact 916 677-6696, [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
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**EXHIBITORS ENTRY**

**Jackpot of Gems 2021  
September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th**

EXHIBITOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPETITIVE: *Fill in completely. ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED*

Type of Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP: Master \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (age) \_\_\_\_\_

NON-COMPETITIVE

Type of Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

Have my own case: \_\_\_\_\_ Need to borrow \_\_\_\_\_ cases

Have my own liners: \_\_\_\_\_ Need to borrow \_\_\_\_\_ liners

- Notes:
- 1) RENO CLUB MEMBERS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN LINERS.
  - 2) Please return entry before July 15, 2021.
  - 3) Give complete information of each case entered.
  - 4) *Competition is open to any member of an AFMS Club. IF YOU COMPETE, YOU MUST FOLLOW THE CURRENT AFMS UNIFORM RULES, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY CFMS.*
  - 5) No change of entry status will be made after show starts. Maximum lighting per case is 150 watts. Exhibitors are not allowed to sell material from their cases during the show.
  - 6) All entry forms are to be sent to:  
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**FALL 2021 CRAFT FAIR RESERVATION**

The Craft Fair will be held November 5, 6, 7 2021 at Reno Town Mall. The Fair is open to RGMS Club Crafters with items, related (or not) to our hobby, being offered for sale. You may choose to be a vendor all three days, or just Saturday/Sunday; cost of the space is the same. (Non-RGMS vendors may also participate, but there are additional requirements)

The hours of the Fair are:

**Friday: 10am – 6pm      Saturday: 10am – 5pm      Sunday: 10am – 3pm**

Cost to participate in the Fair is \$65 for a 6' linear space (one table size), plus \$20 for a business license (if you don't already have a Reno business license) to be paid with this reservation. Additional 6' table spaces will be an additional \$35 each. You will also be responsible for paying the appropriate percentage of your sales taxes to the State at the end of the Craft Fair.

You may cancel any time prior to six weeks before the Fair and get reimbursed for your fees. If, although, you cancel after that time, your fees will be considered a donation to RGMS.

Please complete the information below and return to:

Theresa Langhans, RGMS Craft Fair Coordinator  
480 S. Rock Blvd.  
Sparks, Nv. 89431 **or send via email:** [theresalanhans@yahoo.com](mailto:theresalanhans@yahoo.com)

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Craft: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Nevada State (Department of Taxation) Tax ID # (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

I will participate: (circle one) Fri/Sat/Sun      Sat/Sun

Initial Reservation Fee for one table space: \$ 65.00

Plus additional # of Tables (\$35 per table): # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus Business License Fee: + \$20.00 OR

(if you already have your own City of Reno business license – there will be NO \$20 charge)

Your City of Reno Business License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests (need electrical access, side space, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

I will try to accommodate special requests, but can not guarantee.

Please note: You must provide your own table(s) for the Fair. Also, all participants must provide their own table coverings for their tables. (There are a very few number of mall tables available to use, and if it is physically difficult for you to bring your own tables, please contact me)