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Livermore Lithophiles
Livermore, California
Member: CFMS

Next General Meeting:
Thursday, December 11, 2008
Carnegie Building, 4th and J Streets
6:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, December 11, 2008
Before the Christmas Party

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Christmas Party Pot Luck: Thursday, December 11, 2008 at the Carnegie Building, 4th and J Streets, Livermore. Brief meeting with the installation of 2008 officers followed by the Christmas party.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members, bring a potluck dish (salad, vegetable, hot dish, desert) to share. Bring your own silverware and plate. The club will provide coffee and a few cold drinks.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped white elephant gift labeled "Lady", "Gentleman" or "Either" as is appropriate. Gifts can be rock related or not. We'll top the evening off with a BINGO game with prizes awarded to the winners.

** A white elephant gift is something that you already own and no longer want or a purchased inexpensive gift.*

*Thanks,
Joan Beiriger*

Presidents Message:

Merry Christmas!

We had a good show and an excellent turnout!

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party Potluck on December 11 - don't forget it's our regular night but earlier, 6:00 p.m.

- Bill Snyder, President

Minutes of the General Meeting November 13, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president **Bill Snyder**. Guests **Steve** and **Ruth Vylasek** were welcomed. A flyer has been received regarding an up coming Tucson RV Park show similar to the one at Snyder Ranch.

Minutes: Approved as printed in the November 2008 Lithogram.

Treasurer's Report: **Deloris Colonna** itemized income and outgo since the previous report. All Lithorama dealers have paid. Speaker Glenn Lehrer has been paid, as has **Bill Beiriger** for purchase of the digital projector used at Mr. Lehrer's presentation. The current balance is \$11, 651.50.

Shop: **Lynn Zirkle** was absent.

CFMS: **Bob Whiteside** reported on the meeting he attended at Visalia.

- ❄ The 2009 CFMS show will be April 17 - 19, 2009 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
- ❄ Camp Paradise will be o May 17, 2009. The camp activities at Zzyzx will be in the fall of next year.
- ❄ A vote was taken to raise CFMS dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per person. Insurance is extra.
- ❄ The AFMS is considering adding a beading category for competition.
- ❄ Rockhounds are upset about land use restrictions. Many areas in the California desert will be accessible only on horseback or hiking. Discussions continue. The American Land Access Association (ALAA) has been established. **Bill B.** will post information on the club website.

Raffle and Door Prizes: A new person is needed for next year.

Election: The slate of candidates was approved by acclamation. The incoming officers introduced themselves as follows:

Chris Hunt - president
Bill Snyder - vice president
Bob Whiteside - secretary
Diane Day - treasurer

Lithogram: **Bill B.** will format. **Rich Hunt** volunteered to colate and mail. Details need to be worked out about submission of articles and data.

Lithorama (Bill B.):

- ❄ Raffle tickets have been passed out.
- ❄ Mine tunnel will be set up for kids.
- ❄ Flyers have been distributed.
- ❄ Foul up with banner over Fourth street. Banner will come down several days [one week] early to make way for city banner regarding holiday activities [Thanksgiving dinner]. Brief discussion on possibly switching to Railroad avenue overpass [for the remaining scheduled week]. Fourth street preferred because both sides of banner are visible.
- ❄ Will have 14 guest exhibitors and 7 club members.
- ❄ Meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday for set up.
- ❄ **Bill and Joan B.** will count money at close of show both Saturday and Sunday. Should know totals by dinner Sunday evening.
- ❄ A metal detector, microscope and two ultra violet lamps from **Mike Gorges** material will be available at the show by hidden bid.
- ❄ Need food area cashiers.
- ❄ Need pies and cakes. Pies preferred, except apple.
- ❄ School crystal exhibit will be entered again featuring fourth grade classes.
- ❄ **Gayla Langlois** needs kitchen help approx. 3 - 6 p.m. Friday. Old timers Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.
- ❄ **Dick Friesen** will host the tear down dinner at his house. A short board meeting will follow.

Sunshine: **Bill B.** announced that **Ellen Placas** is doing fine but doesn't answer her phone.

Field Trips: Seven of our members had a "fun trip" to a hydraulic gold mine area off Highway 80 near Dutch Flat. No gold was found. **Albert Hess** brought some 'cutting stuff' he found. Possible field trips to the new California Academy of Science exhibits. Jade Cove and Virgin Valley were discussed.

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California Shows And Events

2009

January 17-18, Exeter

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Bldg.
420 N Kaweah, Exeter
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
Margaret Buchmann (599) 739-0401
Email: mab@mindinfo.com
Webpage: tulegem.org

February 13-22, Indio

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 27 - March 8, Imperial

Imperial Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
Gem and Mineral Building on Fairgrounds
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. Noon - 10
Mon. through Thur. 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Jim Strain (760) 356-2361

March 6, 7 & 8, Hayward

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
Centennial Hall
22292 foothill Blvd.
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10-5
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
E-mail: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: <http://www.mgscv.org>

March 14-15, Turlock

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway, Turlock
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6, Sun 10-5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
Show Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 28-29, Calaveras

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras Frog Town USA Fairgrounds
Highway 49 in Angels Camp
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579
Website: Calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 28-29, Roseville

Roseville Rock Rollers
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd.,
Roseville
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Gloria Marie (530) 367-2262
Email: Gloria.
Marie@Conservation.ca.gov
Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 17, 18, 19, San Jose

54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's Showcase
Hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

Show information is available at the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: www.cfmsinc.org

Additional Resources:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: www.amfed.org

American Lands Access Association website: www.amerlands.org

CO-OP website: www.coop.freeservers.com

Show Chairman Needed!

This was Bill Beiriger's last year as Show Chairman for our annual gem & mineral show.

We need a volunteer to fill this position. If you are the one, please call Bill Snyder (925) 443-5497 or Bill Beiriger (925) 443-5769.

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies web page www.cfmsinc.org gives everyone access to the CFMS Newsletter.

Field Trips

"CO-OP MEMBER" FIELD TRIPS

- All non-CFMS members must have proof of personal liability insurance (homeowners or renters)
- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and sign in with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- The CO-OP website has information: www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed)



California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Field Trip to Calico Mountains

This trip is open to all rockhounds that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

TRIP LOCATION: Calico Mountains.

WHEN: December 13th (Day Trip). Sign-in and 8:00 am; we will depart by 8:30 am sharp!

SPONSORS: CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs

LEADERS: Adam Dean and Shep Koss

Please notify us, if you plan on attending. Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more info.

Adam: Phone (909) 489-4899 e-mail: theagatehunter@verizon.net

Shep: Phone (661) 248-0411 e-mail: freudonetoo@yahoo.com

MEETING PLACE: Calico Road on the north side of the 15 Freeway.

ROAD CONDITIONS: This is for a 4-wheel drive vehicle only! Some sand and steep canyon grades are expected. No 2-wheel drive or low-clearance vehicles. You may need to get a ride with a friend with a 4-wheel drive.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you choose to stay overnight, there is nice camping in Mule Canyon (dry camping only) or you may stay in Barstow (there are several motels). Motel 6 allows pets. Food, water and gas are also available in Barstow.

MATERIAL TO COLLECT: Palm wood, Silver Lace Agate and (our primary objective) Sagenite. Sagenite in this area is not overly-abundant, so don't expect to fill your sack. You must dig for the best material. It is great agate and you must work to obtain a small amount; however, when you find a good one, it makes all your hard work worth it! This is a remote area, so please bring extra water, packed lunch and supplies.

NOTES: The desert can be very cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets if you plan to camp out. Don't forget your camera. Calico is well-known for its geological scenery.

Please help protect our deserts and pack-out what you packed-in!

All those attend the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.

For further information, please contact:

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Old Business:

- ❄ **Bill B.** has heard nothing regarding scholarship awards from Cal State East Bay. May switch to Las Positas.
- ❄ Fair Case – waiting to hear if there will be a theme in 2009. Might do a collective case featuring many club members.

Glenn Lehrer's Talk: A great presentation, attended by about 30 people, perhaps half of whom were not in our society (Livermore Lithophiles.) The first half of the program featured "Bahia", a huge intricately mounted and suspended three-part rutiled quartz crystal from Brazil. A case of Glenn's superb jewelry and carvings was on display. Our club's new digital projector worked well with Glenn's power point presentation.

Conclusion: Door prizes, raffle and refreshments. More of Mike Gorges' material available for sale, including fluorescents.

- *Bob Trimmingham*, secretary



A Special Thank You

Silent Auction/Sale: In particular, I would like to thank **Albert Hess** for the back breaking work he did to make the auction/sale a resounding success. And thank you, **Jane Crone**, for those ever popular geodes. From Bob Trimmingham

We really appreciate the enthusiastic help of our junior members during our show. In particular **Shana Scott** and **Nick Angelo** for their tireless help throughout the show. A special thanks to **Jacob** and **Jared Carnes** who arrived early Sunday morning with their father Jeff to help Gayla with the preparation of the Old Timers breakfast.

Gayla Langlois did a wonderful job keeping the kitchen under control with her many helpers.

To each and every one who helped with the set up, security, front desk, food service, running the silent auction/sale, the kids corner, tear down and clean-up, thank you.

Minutes of the Board Meeting November 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by president **Bill Snyder** at **Dick Freisen's** home. **Bill S.** first thanked the several "junior helpers" [and the **Myers'** daughter who drove from Patterson to help] for their able, energetic and welcome assistance during the tear-down and clean-up after the show closed. These were friends of **Shana Scott** [and **Rich** and **Gayla Langlois'** grandson **Nick Angelo**]. **Beth Myers** moved that the Lithophiles show their appreciation with gift certificate for ice cream, movies or other appropriate token. Approved.

Lithorama Report (Bill Beiriger):

Lower attendance than last year, but people stayed longer. Dealers did well and were happy. Fewer adults on Sunday, but more kids. The silent auction/sale brought in \$1,535.00 for the two days, and the sale of **Mike Gorges'** microscope, portable uv lamp and microscope brought in \$421.00. **Bill B.** thanked everyone for their help, especially **Gayla Langlois** for her work in the kitchen.

Schools (Bill Beiriger):

- ❄ Seven out of ten schools with 4th graders participated in the crystal growing. **Bill B.** will make-up certificates. He would like to see \$400 - 500.00 donated [to the science department]. Some discussion followed regarding what the schools were purchasing. Teachers expressed interest in books, videotapes and fossil samples.
- ❄ Rock collections for school use are coming along. Need to make mineral kits and rock cycle boards.
- ❄ **Bill B.** will be giving about 12 presentations to schools in January.
- ❄ **Ernie Myers** moved that the amount we donate to schools be increased to \$400.00 per year, designated for science programs. The motion was seconded by **Dick Friesen** and passed.
- ❄ **Bill B.** sent another letter to the District Office informing them of the nature and extent (including dates) of our annual gem show and sale. Reminders seem needed.

Park District: LARPD is not happy about Lithophiles furnishing their own night time security watch and about the set-up dinner extending beyond 6 p.m. Not aware that our society has been doing this, without incident, for many years.

Treasurer: Deloris Colonna called for all bills for the show to be turned in to her clearly earmarked.

Christmas/Holiday Party: At the Carnegie building on December 11, 2008. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Food and activities the same as last year.

Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

- *Bob Trimmingham*, secretary

Chris Hunt would like to share this link to National Geographic. It is a really good article on giant crystals in Mexico. The URL is:
<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2008/11/crystal-giants/shear-text>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Shop 7:00pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Shop 7:00pm	9	10	11 Christmas Party 6:00	12	13
14	15 Shop 7:00pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Shop 7:00pm	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29 Shop 7:00pm	30	31 New Year's Eve			

From the Editor:

This is my last newsletter, **Bill Beiriger** is the new editor starting with the January 2009 edition. It has been a pleasure and sometimes a trial, what with living so far from town. Most of all it has been a privilege and I thank the club for giving me this opportunity.

I'd like to express my gratitude to our many members who responded to my requests for articles. Especially to **Dick Friesen** who gave me a cd with several informative articles on it. Thank you **Bill Beiriger** for your articles and information you supplied. **Bob Trimmingham's** article on vesuvianite crystals was one of my favorites. Thank you, Bob. Thanks to **Bob** and **Debbie Whiteside** for their pictures and article on Camp Paradise. Wished I was there! Another of my favorites was the article and pictures from **Gil Orozco** about the fluorescent project he shared with his son - great pictures!

If I have forgotten to mention anyone, please accept my apology. Please support Bill B. by supplying him with articles and information for the newsletter. It will be appreciated - I guarantee it!

- Beth Myers

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We're on the Web at www.lithophiles.org

Elected Officers and Club Information

Elected Officers:

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Vice President	Beth Myers	(408) 897-3060
Secretary	Bob Trimmingham	(925) 443-5983
Treasurer	Deloris Colonna	(925) 447-5041

Membership: The Livermore Valley Lithophiles invites to its membership anyone genuinely interested in minerals, gems, lapidary, geology or any of the other earth sciences, and who desires association with others of like interests. Membership in our club consists of three classes: Senior, anyone eighteen years or older; Junior, anyone under eighteen; and Honorary. Dues are for the calendar year and are as prescribed in the by-laws, Article III. \$25.00 per family, \$20.00 per individual and \$10.00 for Juniors (twelve and older.)

Meetings: General Meeting - Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Building, 4th and J Streets, Livermore. Board Meeting - Fourth Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Club Shop or to be announced in the *Lithogram*. Any special meetings or places will be published in the *Lithogram*.

Club Shop: The shop at the Barn is open to club members 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. on Tuesday nights. If no one arrives by 7:30 p.m.. or if the Shop Foreman has not been informed a member will arrive late, then the shop will close at 7:30 p.m. Call Lynn Zirkle, Shop Foreman, at (925) 443-2920.

Field Trips: Location and date will be published in the *Lithogram*.

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