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**Livermore Valley Lithophiles
Livermore, California**

Next General Meeting:
Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011
Carnegie Building, 4th and 'J' Streets
7:30 PM

Program: Town Meeting - Discussion of events for the year.

Dues Are Due!

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011
7:30 at 'The Shop'
Members are welcome to attend!

Refreshments: Jim Gruver & Pat Iannucci



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Presidents Message:

Hello, everyone. I hope you had a bountiful and nourishing string of holly days and are ready to tackle the new year with energy and optimism. Our first meeting for 2011 is on January 13, and only a blizzard or early departure for Quartzsite should keep you away. This will be our usual big fat year-start tip-off session with munchies, good coffee, and hopefully fresh faces and fresh ideas. Some points we must consider follow:

PROGRAMS - we are not doing very well here. We need new speakers and presentations. A chairperson is badly needed.

FIELD TRIPS - if no one will be a chairperson perhaps several people will lead at least one trip during the year. What kind of trip do you want?

NEW DIRECTIONS - are we stagnant? What are other societies doing that perhaps we should be? What are we doing wrong, or not doing? Getting better raffle and door prizes for our meetings is an example.

SHARING OUR SILENT AUCTION/SALE TREASURES - the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society has invited us to run our silent auction and sale table at their next show in early November. Let's discuss this. An early response is needed.

See you on the 13th.

Bob Trimmingham, President

Minutes of the General Meeting

December 9, 2010

A brief meeting was called to order at 7.20 PM by President Bob Trimmingham after a very tasty, well-attended Christmas pot-luck dinner.

Guests: New prospective member Shelley Buchberger and Shana Scott's friend Jimmy Borilla.

Minutes: The November minutes were approved as printed.

Treasure's Report: No formal report.

Lithogram: President Bob Trimmingham complemented Bill Beiriger for a fine November Lithogram.

Shop Report: No report.

CFMS Report: No report.

Schools: Bill Beiriger reported that the final 5 sets of 4 DVDs were given to the schools; all Livermore schools now have the sets. He stated that he presented 5 talks this week and has 7 talks scheduled for next week. We received another thank you card from the schools.

Lithorama: Diane Day indicated that the show receipts have not been finalized. Attendance at this year's show was approximately 700 adults and 400 children. Bill Beiriger brought up the question as to whether or not we would have a show next year. He indicated that significant deposits had been made for the Barn and the banner (approximately \$600). Happily, Nancy Bankhead volunteered to be next year's Show chairperson.

Work Shops: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Dick Friesen asked what may be needed to be purchased for the Club. The consensus was that tumbled stones of small to medium size are needed for the San Leandro Library event. Also, about 20 necklaces similar to the ones purchased last year are needed. The need for door and meeting raffle prizes was discussed. About a dozen items in the \$15 to \$20 price range should be purchased for these prizes.

Nancy Bankhead will host a Uno party at her home on New Years Eve.

Program: Bob Trimmingham indicated that the January meeting will be a "town meeting" where the year's upcoming activities will be discussed.

Refreshments: Jim Gruver and Pat Iannucci will provide refreshments for the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM after which white elephant gifts were exchanged followed by bingo.

Larry Patzkowski, Secretary

Minutes of the Board Meeting

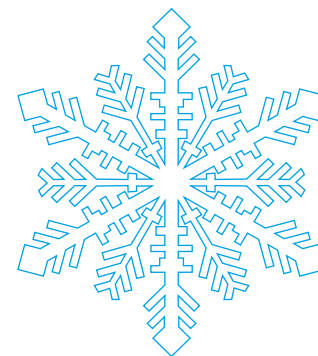
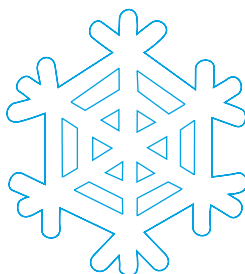
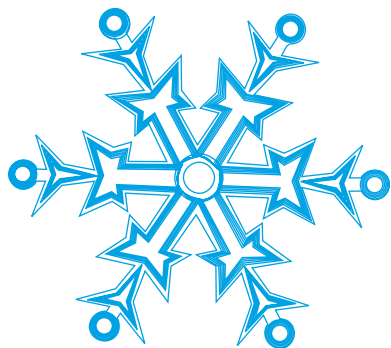
NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**Lithorama Report
Bill Beiriger**

NAMES I FORGOT TO THANK

Sue Fernandez

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED



December Christmas Party Meeting

Our Christmas Party / Meeting was a great event we had a lot of good food. There were about 28 members present. We had a white elephant presents exchange and several games of BINGO, with Shana Scott calling the numbers.

I received an e-mail from a potential new member early on the party day asking about the Lithophiles, I suggested that the party would be a good time to meet members of the group. That meeting gave us a new member, welcome Shelley Buchberger.



Dick Friesen Photo

California Shows And Events

2011

A Lot To Do & See In Arizona

QUARTZITE

Jan 1 - Feb 28 Desert Gardens Gem & Mineral Show
 Jan 8 - Jan 23 Main Event
 Jan 1 - Jan 10 Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show
 Jan 21 - Jan 30 Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama
 Feb 4 - Feb 13 Tyson Wells Arts & Craft Fair

TUCSON

Jan 29 - Feb 13 Tucson Electric Park - Kino Complex
 Jan 29 - Feb 13 La Quinta Group
 Jan 29 - Feb 13 Glob-X Days Inn
 Jan 29 - Feb 11 Pueblo Gem & Mineral at Riverpark Inn
 Feb 10 - Feb 13 TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW
 Feb 6 - Feb 9 Rio Grande Catalog in Motion
 Jan 29 - Feb 12 AZ Min & Foss Show - Ramada Inn Suites,
 Clarion & Marketplace
 Feb 5 - Feb 7 The Tucson Bead Show - Doubletree
 Feb 2 - Feb 7 The Whole Bead Show - Windmill Inn
 Feb 2 - Feb 6 The Bead Renaissance - Sabbar Shrine
 Feb 2 - Feb 6 The Best Bead Show
 Jan 29 - Feb 12 Mineral and Fossil Co-Op
 Jan 28 - Feb 13 Tucson Show Place
 Jan 28 - Feb 13 Rapa River Gem & Mineral Show

November 19 & 20, 2011 Livermore LITHORAMA 2011 Show and Sale, Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Society; The 'BARN' 3131 Pacific Ave. east of Livermore Ave.
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4. Visit us at our website www.lithophiles.org

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

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

Field Trips

No Field Trips Planned

Come to the Town Meeting on January 13 and bring some ideas with you.

One possible trip for late February will be to the Madera County Paleontology Museum in Chowchilla.

To learn more goto: <http://www.maderamammoths.org>

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
LIVERMORE VALLEY LITHOPHILES GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
ARE NOW DUE!**



HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2011



MISPELLING

By Jack Busch

The Rockhounder - December 2010
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of
Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.

Did you notice anything wrong with that title? Of course you did, it was misspelled, looks awful, too, doesn't it? Well misspelled labels also look awful.

Our 2011 Show soon will be here, and many folks already are preparing their exhibits. True, we no longer judge them by AFMS Uniform Rules under which points were deleted for labeling errors. Yet, it does take something away from an excellent exhibit when names are misspelled. One of the most common occurrences are the labels for CaF₂. That's right, fluorite. Recently I acquired two nice specimens of that mineral bearing tags that read "Florite." Phonetically, it might be right, but not mineralogically. The most frequent misspelling is "Flourite," and not just ordinary rockhounds make that error. Some years ago one of our leading magazines contained an excellent and erudite article about the mineral and in the article the name was spelled correctly. However, the captions under the seven photographs that accompanied it all read "Flourite." All seven of them! So it's not just amateurs that goof, professionals can do it too.

The gemstone aventurine (quartz with spangle inclusions of hematite, mica, or other mineral) frequently also is misspelled. Although it may be an adventure to find a good specimen and turn it into a piece of jewelry, the "d" has no place in the label. No doubt it is used to preface exclamations of dismay when a cab is broken while in the making.

Place names also should be spelled correctly. A common error is encountered when coming across specimens of prehnite from the northern New Jersey city of Paterson. Note: only one "t," not two. He was a baron.

The point of all this is that an excellent exhibit can be spoiled by a bit of carelessness. So take your time preparing your labels, proof read them, and also have someone also proofread them. Many times we, along with writers, read what we expect to see rather than what is actually there.

Don't let this discourage you from exhibiting, just be careful when you prepare it.

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Elected Officers:

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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. Shop Foreman, OPEN.

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

Bulletin: *Livermore Lithogram*. Published monthly and mailed or emailed to active members and guests. News of interest, reports and articles must be received by the first Tuesday of the month. Articles may be reprinted by giving proper credit.

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Shop open every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

General Meeting Jan. 13th at 6:00 PM
Board Meeting Jan. 27rd 7:30 PM -The Shop