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**Livermore Valley Lithophiles
Livermore, California**

Next General Meeting:
Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010
**SUMMER TIME - NO MEETING in
July or August**

Program: Possible New Sand Program By Bill B.

Thursday, July 22, 2010
The SHOP, 7:30 PM
MAKE GRAB-BAGS

Refreshments:
Bill Beiriger & Larry Patzkowski



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Presidents Message:

Stay Cool! Gang:

Thanks are in order. First, to everyone who brought something to show and tell about at the last general meeting. It's always fun to see and hear what others are doing and what accomplishment excites them. We missed you shop people. Second, to Sylvia Hess for donating a coffee brewer to the club. Albert was familiar with its use, and his special blend was as fine as ever. Third, to Diane Day for putting together and setting up our club case at the Fair, the exhibit took First Prize and received the Special Theme Award. Please check it out if you go to the Hobby Building. And fourth, Chris Hunt for filling in admirably while our secretary Larry Patzkowski was off to Scotland. Welcome back Larry and Susan.

There are no regular meetings in July, but volunteers are needed at the **BARN at 6 P.M. on Thursday, July 22** to stuff bags as we have done before. If you have suitable (Colorful) stones please bring them. Bags and boxes will be provided.

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The **summer picnic will again be held at Almond Ave. Park** beginning at 1 P.M. Some of us will be there earlier to hold the area facing the street. It's potluck! Bring your utensils and favorite entrée, salad, or dessert. Hot Dogs and Soda will be provided. A short meeting will follow for board members.

THE DATE IS SUNDAY AUGUST 22.

Bob Trimmingham, President

Grab Bag Stuffing

Where: The BARN

Date: Thursday - July 22

Time: 6:00 PM

Our Annual Picnic

Where: Almond Avenue Park

Date: Sunday August 22

Time: Starts at 1:00 PM

Important - Bring Utensils and Favorite

Entrée, Salad or Dessert.

Club will provide Hot Dogs and Soda



C.S.U.E.B Brunton Scholarship Recipient
Anthony Earls with Bill Beiriger

Bill,

I would like to thank you for the continued support of the Livermore Lithophiles for our students. The awards and scholarships that our students earn are instrumental in their academic careers. We recognize and appreciate the long-term support that the Livermore Lithophiles have provided over the years. As in the past, the award of the Brunton compass was announced at our department picnic where we honor our graduating students.

I hope that we can continue to improve communication and look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Sincerely,
Jeff Seitz

Thank you letter from C.S.U.E.B - Chair, Dept. Earth & Environmental Sciences Prof. Jeffery Seitz
for Brunton Scholarship



Minutes of the General Meeting

June 10, 2010

The May 13, 2010 meeting of the Livermore Lithophiles, was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Bob Trimmingham.

Guests: Anthony Earls, recipient of the scholarship and Bruce Pauly, faculty member from Cal State East Bay.

Scholarship: The Brunton Compass Scholarship was awarded to Anthony Earls. Anthony told us about himself and his plans. He will be using the compass to measure and map terrain during his field study class this summer.

Door Prizes: Were given out

Break: Refreshments

Correspondence: Ads from a mineral company.

Sunshine: Has anyone heard from Ellen? Send her a card if you can.

Programs: Bob brought some literature to present a more scientific point of view to our last program, "Darwin's Dilemma."

Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: We have received one check from a dealer for this years Lithorama. We are still discussing a second bank account for the Gorges fund.

Lithogram: One will be coming out later in the summer. Bill would like articles.

Shop Report: The shop was very crowded two weeks ago, a much smaller crowd this week.

Federation Report: Show is next weekend, June 18-20, 2010. They will be having some field trips tied into the show.

Lithorama: We need to get the announcement in to magazines. We need 15-20 members to display cases. Pat Iannucci will contact Beth Myers to see if she can do that job.

Schools: Pat Boyle will let Bill know what books they would like for the school science classes.

Fair: Diane said it is coming along. She has gotten several items prior to the meeting and more tonight at the meeting. The Fair came to the shop and picked up the cases that they borrow for the Fair. Bill said he wanted a deposit for the hardware that they neglect to return.

Field Trips: Bob W. This weekend, June 12-13, 2010, there is a trip to Austin, Nevada for blue chalcedony, green and purple fluorite and snakeskin agate.

San Leandro Library: The **bag stuffing** will be on **July 22 at 6:00 PM** at the Barn.

Old Business: Bill relayed the story about our Cal-State scholarship mix-up to the membership.

New Business: none

Refreshments: Chris H. and Lanny T.

Program: The show-and-tell program had many participants: Jim Gruver, Chris Hunt, Albert Hess, Bob Whiteside, Deloris Colonna, Jane Crone and Lanny Thompson

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM. Acting Secretary, Chris Hunt

Minutes of the Board Meeting

June 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Bob Trimmingham.

Members present: Delores Colonna, Bill Beiriger, Diane Day, Dick Friesen, Chris Hunt, Pat Iannucci, and Andrea Rodriguez.

Correspondence: The San Leandro Library organizers require a hold harmless clause (Certificate of Insurance?) from us. Bill Beiriger will follow-up this request. We received an EPA form relating to toxic substances. This probably pertains to the Shop..

Treasury: Diane Day gave an update of the treasure's report. Income was from the Shop, raffles, and an early fee from Wild Things for this year's Lithorama.

Lithogram: Bill Beiriger stated that the July Lithogram will be about two weeks later than usual.

Shop Report: Nothing new but there has been a fair crowd.

CFMS Report: The Federation show was pretty good with some 54 cases in competition. Dick Friesen won the American Federation case competition and Bill Beiriger earned two awards for his mineral cases. The next AFMS/CFMS show will be in Anderson, California in mid-May 2011. The American Federation show will be in Syracuse, New York in mid June 2011.

Programs: Bill Beiriger plans to present a program on sand.

Field Trips: None.

Lithorama: Beth Myers will take care of the publicity for the show.

Schools: Nothing new. Bill Beiriger is waiting to hear from Pat Boyle on book orders

Fair Case: : Dianne Day has submitted our fair case. Judging will be Friday, June 25.

San Leandro Library: We will have a "bag filling" at the Shop on July 22 at 6 PM for the San Leandro library function.

Old Business: Our annual picnic will be at the Almond Avenue Park on Sunday August 22. It starts at 1 PM but it would be good if a few members can get there early to secure the space.

New Business: None.

Refreshments: Bill Beiriger and Larry Patzkowski will bring refreshments for the **September 9** meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Larry Patzkowski, Secretary



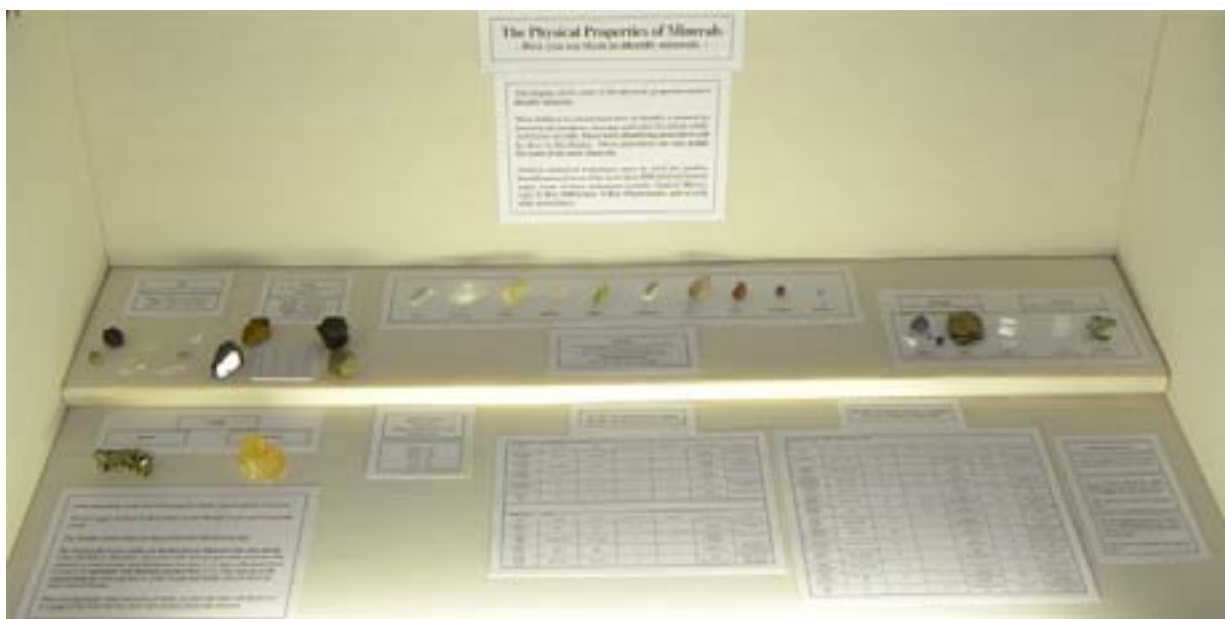
Livermore Valley Lithophiles Case at Alameda Co. Fair - 2010
First Place and The Fair Theme Award
Thank You Diane Day For A Great Display



Dick Friesen's Jade Case
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Trophy - Visalia, CA - 2003
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Trophy - Whittier, CA - 2010



Bill Beiriger's Micro-Mount Diamonds Case
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Trophy - Whittier, CA - 2010
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Trophy - Whittier, CA - 2010



Bill Beiriger's Educational Mineral Case
First Place - Second Level - Whittier, CA - 2010

California Shows And Events

2010

August 7 & 8 2010, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
 San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg. (Hall of Flow-
 ers) 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate
 Park
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5 Carleen Mont-Eton
 (415)564-4230
 Email: publicity@show.sfgms.org Website:
 www.sfgms.org

August 21 & 22 2010, Orangevale, CA (Nr.
 Folsom) **Treasure Trove of Gems, Gem,
 Jewelry & Mineral Show**, Sponsored by
 Several Clubs & Other Groups, Orangevale,
 Community Center, 6826 Hazel Ave, Oran-
 gevale, CA, 10-6 and 10-5. Help for Food
 Bank, Backpack Program, Thanksgiving
 Meal, etc.

September 18 & 19 2010, Stockton, CA:
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club,
 Earth's Treasures 2010 Gem Show,
 Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 W Alpine
 Ave.

October 16 & 17 2010, Santa Rosa, CA,
34th Annual Show, Veterans Memorial
 Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa

November 6 & 2010, Concord, CA:
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society,
 51st Anniversary Show, Clayton Fair Shop-
 ping Center, 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord

November 20-21, 2010 Livermore
 LITHORAMA 2010 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 Min-
 eralogical Societies web page
www.cfmsinc.org gives everyone
 access to the CFMS Newsletter.

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

Additional Resources:

**American Federation of Mineralogi-
 cal Societies website: www.amfed.org**

**American Lands Access Association
 website: www.amerlands.org**

**CO-OP website: [www.coop.freeserv-
 ers.com](http://www.coop.freeserv-

 ers.com)**

Field Trips

Sept. 4, 5, 6 Austin, NV for fluorite, snakeskin agate, other minerals El Dorado Co. Club, Barbara Terrill

Oct. 2 Griffith Quarry, Penryn, CA for a tour of the quarry, Lincoln Hills Club, Ron Clawson

Oct. 9, 10 Fernley, NV for various minerals, Sutter Buttes Club, Gerry Hill

Oct. 23, 24 New York Cyn., NV for epidote, copper, minerals, microcline, RRR Club, Jim Hutchings

Ant Hill (Shark Tooth Hill)

I made a stop at 'Ant Hill' outside of Bakersfield for Shark Teeth and Sand on Monday after the CFMS/AFMS Show in Whittier. This was one of the field trips on Wednesday after the show, I had to be back home before the trip took place. I had a map that I received in May 2009 and tried my luck.

I went looking for small teeth on the ant hills, and found none. I did find some great sand including a bright yellow-green Glauconite sample and collected about 4 pounds of it to use for trading. After I got home I washed and sieved the samples and found four small teeth. Because of my back I did not spend much time on my hands and knees. If you take your time I know you can find them. Bill B.

Ideas for summer fun via Ghost Sheet Mother Lode Mineral Society

Sierra College Natural History Museum, Rocklin - Dinosaurs, fossils, marine, local plants and animals. Interesting exhibits. www.museum@sierracollege.edu

Great Valley Museum, Modesto - Hands-on activities, displays. Several science, math and art classes for children. Nice fossil museum.

Modesto Junior College Planetarium

Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton (east of San Jose)

Columbia State Park. Columbia - California Gold Rush era town. Gold panning.

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco - Many museums suitable for children

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum & Planetarium, San Jose - Egyptian mummies and art Good for students entering 5th and 7th grade www.Egyptianmuseum.org

California Gold Rush events, Auburn- Mines and parks. Sutter's Fort, Sacramento - One of first non-native settlements recreated as it was in the 1890's. California State Park

California Missions - Good activities for students entering 4th grade where they study early California and the Missions.

Ocean Beaches - Check California tide charts for the low tides that expose tide pools.

U. C. Berkley Museum of Science

California Caverns - Moaning Cavern near Angels Camp; Mercer Caverns, Murphys; Black Chasm, Volcano.

Indian Grinding Rock, near Volcano. Nice museum. Good for 4th grade students.

Fish Hatchery on Priest Grade. The fish cycle is studied in 3rd grade.

More Ideas Bill Beiriger

The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose - Invention Innovation, Space Junk, Technology Benefiting Humanity, and much more. IMAX Theater www.thetech.org

NASA Ames Research Center, Sunnyvale - Space Station, Mars, Thermal Protection, and more. www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/events/explorationctr/explorationctr.html

LLNL Discovery Center, Livermore - History of Nuclear Programs, Cleaning up the Environment, Energy, Genome Project. www.publicaffairs.llnl.gov/com/discovery_center.html.

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, Hayward - Shore & Marsh Environments. www.hayshore@aol.com

San Francisco Bay Model, Sausalito - US Army Corps of Engineers, How the Bay works, its tides, plotting oil spills, Sacramento & San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta System. www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc

Exploratorium, San Francisco - All kinds of Hands On Science and more. www.exploratorium.edu

California State Railroad Museum, Sacramento - History of the Railroad in California and America. www.csrmmf.org

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, Pacific Grove (Monterey). www.pgmuseum.org

Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey - Sea Life of the Monterey Bay area and other parts of the world. www.montereybayaquarium.org

Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland - Observatory, Beyond Blastoff, Kinetic Sculpture, many changing exhibits. www.chabotspace.org

Lawrence Hall of Science. Berkely - Forces that Shape, The Scream Machines, Roller Coasters, other changing exhibits. www.lawrencehallofscience.org

Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Walnut Creek - Animals & Wildlife Art. www.wildlife-museum.org

There are many other Museums and Interesting Areas in this part of California. Go to the internet and see what is out there. If you go to any of the above sites let us know what you think of them. If you find other sites please let me know. Bill Beiriger

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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. Call Lynn Zirkle, Shop Foreman, at (925) 443-2920.

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 Sept. 9th at 7:30 PM
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