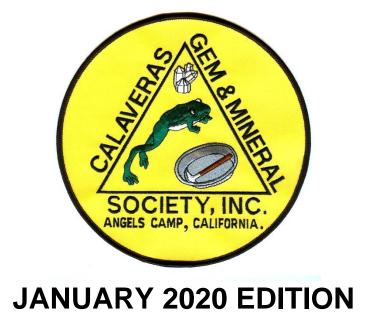
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A Message from Our 2020 PRESIDENT...

What a wonderful Christmas meeting we had in December.

The decorations were so festive and help put everybody in the mood.

Thank you to Debby Brooks for doing the ham! It was wonderful.

We had our election of officers and they will be installed in our January meeting. Thank you all for volunteering your time and energy to serve as Officers of the CGMS.

The clubhouse is very comfortable due to the heating and air conditioning that was installed. Even in this cold weather It is still so comfortable inside.

Here's hoping many of you can make it to our January 19th meeting.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.

Anna Christiansen, 2020 President

8th century AD gold bracelet with garnet inlay



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On our WEBSITE and at the Clubhouse: Camp Paradise Sponsorship Application

JAN 19th Meeting Info

- 3rd Sunday, Jan 19th, 2020
- Meet & Greet begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Pot Luck Lunch at Noon
- General Membership Meeting
- opt: 10 a.m. Board Meeting TBA

JANUARY PRESENTATION -Joan Sutton

Not all of us have lovely risers and scenic backdrops to enhance our SHOW DISPLAY CASE EXHIBITS, so Joan, as our 2020 Display Case Chairman is offering an interactive "work-shop" as our January Program.

She wants to demonstrate how to use items around the house to build a 3-dimensional display instead of just laying our treasures on the bottom of the case. Not only does this add some aesthetic excitement to our case but it also makes it easier for viewers to see all our wonderful items.

Feel free to bring ideas and items you have used before to share with the audience.



DAN BROOKS MEMORIAL BENCH

The recently installed Memorial Bench honoring our past President, Dan Brooks, a truly selfless club volunteer, wonderful friend, and gentleman, was visited by his family this November. A bittersweet moment but their smiles say it all. They shared their thanks for the wonderful gift and their gratitude to all of you who made it possible.

Thank you, everyone.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from Dec. 15th, 2019

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting ~ December 15, 2019

Meeting Called to Order at 1:19 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Directors Present:

President: Anna Christiansen

Vice President: Lynn Becker
Secretary: Debby Brooks
News & Show Robin Williams
Field Trip: Brad Becker
1 Year Director: Bob Young
2 Year Director: Amy Sturdivant
3 Year Director: Pat Gulyas

Board of Directors Absent:

Treasurer: Karen Crabtree Fed. Director: Marion Roberts

Members Present: 38 Guests: 1

Minutes from Nov. 17, 2019 meeting:

● Rich Lundin made a motion to accept the minutes from November 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Loretta Pagni seconded the motion. Minutes approved by majority.

Club Correspondence: Debby Brooks

● The CGMS Newsletter is located on Sign-In desk by front door of the club house. Gem Faire dates, locations, and coupons are located in the same area.

Treasurer's Report:

 Current expenses and income will be posted at club house for members review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CFMS -Federation Report:

n/a

Field Trips:

Brad Becker

● The Annual January 1, 2020 Field Trip to Chinese Camp is planned, weather permitting and details will be emailed to club members.

Historian/ Sunshine:

Loretta Pagni

- Loretta reported club members who have surgeries and ill.
- She also gave a history of her long-time membership and the various positions she has held.

Newsletter:

Robin Williams

- The newsletter is being published every month now that the club is meeting year-round.
- The \$10.00 additional yearly charge to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to members who request a paper copy will continue for 2020. The \$10.00 is due January 1st along with the yearly club dues.

Website/Facebook:

Andrew Brown

- Andrew has been working on revamping the website's "member section." The website has all the current newsletters that can be read on-line.
- He has also been able to add older issues of the club newsletter to the website, pre-Golden Frog. Loretta Pagni has even older issues of the newsletter and will make them available to Andrew to put on the website.
- Andrew has received positive feedback on the Club's Facebook page.

Shop Report:

Murray Smith

- One saw is down and being repaired.
- ATTENTION! The polishing wheels are being unevenly worn down! Murray is available to teach the correct use of the polish wheels to extend their life span.

Continued... GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from Dec. 15th, 2019

GEM SHOW Up-Date:

Robin Williams

- The Raffle has a chairperson! Anna Christiansen has volunteered. Thank You!
- Show security: Members are planning for overall safety and researching laws to determine a pet policy in time for the 2020 show.
- Show signage: Still need a signage team to blanket the area with our signs and flyers advertising the show.
- March 1, 2020: Loretta Pagni and Andrew Brown will be putting up a show display at the Tuolumne County Library in Sonora.

Club logo apparel:

Anna Christiansen

- Anna presented a hat and polo shirt that will be embroidered with the club logo.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around to get a preliminary assessment of club interest...REMEMBER...The Dec. sign-up was NOT an actual order! We will gather your payment and actual order at the January meeting.

EDITOR'S NOTE: An official order sheet is in this Edition on Page 7. You can send your check with your actual order via USPS mail to the club treasurer if you are unable to attend the Jan. meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2020 Officers/Board of Directors

● The Slate of Officers presented for 2020 was voted in by a member majority.

President: Anna Christiansen

Vice President:
Secretary:
Debby Brooks
Treasurer:
Karen Crabtree
Bob Young
Fed. Director:
Newsletter:
Newsletter:
Amy Sturdivant
Year Director:
Year Director:
Jim Vicars

Thank You all for volunteering to Serve!

New Member vote:

WELCOME to Christina Lundgren.

2020 Budget:

Lynn Becker

- Lynn created a preliminary budget based of 4 years of history, income, and expenses. The preliminary budget was passed around for comments.
- The club needs a minimum of 16K to 18K to keep the doors open.
- The budget will be presented to club members at the January 2020 meeting.

January 19, 2020 Program will be presented by Joan Sutton. The topic will be: ● Creating a Display Case.

This will be an interactive presentation of members' input moderated by Joan.

Christmas Gift Thank You:

 Benny and Melody Earl thanked the club members for generous donations of rocks to add to their rock collection.

Next Meeting:

January 19, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

● The Annual Club Christmas Gift Exchange followed the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Brooks, Secretary Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society



Christmas 2019...



Members gathered in the warmth of our cozy club house for a delicious ham dinner with all the yummy side dishes brought by members for our Dec. Meeting. The decorations were perfect, even our little tree.

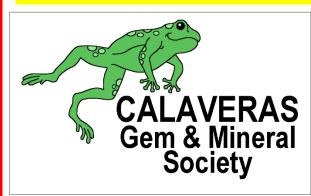


Our gift exchange was fun and offered a perfect setting to lavish our youngsters with hefty bags of wonderful specimens and slabs donated by our generous members. They were shocked and delighted and graciously thanked everyone for their gifts.

A perfect ending to a perfect day and a big head-start for their growing rock and mineral collections.

ATTENTION!

LOGO CLOTHING INFO:



The sign-up sheet that was passed around at the Dec. Meeting to get a preliminary assessment of club interest was NOT an actual order!

You must fill out the form on page 7







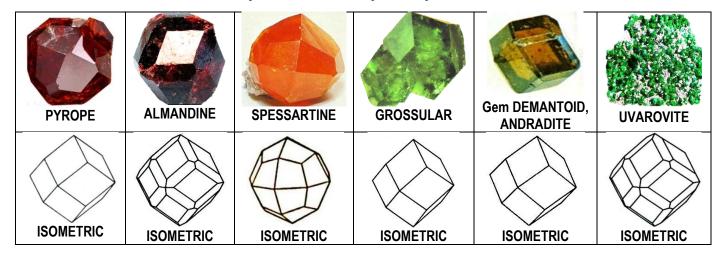


and either BRING IT to the January Meeting or MAIL IT in time for the Jan. Meeting, with your payment to actually receive a hat or polo shirt or both!

Read the form carefully! We have info pending in order to complete the form...

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE: GARNET

GARNET is actually a GROUP of very closely related aluminum silicates.



EMBROIDERED LOGO APPAREL ORDER FORM

Bring this form with payment to the 2020 JAN 19th MEETING or... MAIL BEFORE JAN 10th to:

CGMS TREASURER P.O. BOX 517 ANGELS CAMP, CA 95222 PLEASE NOTE: We are waiting for confirmation so bear with us...Except for Kids, 2 & 3 XL sizes, and tax %...we "think" this form is correct regarding available sizes and prices. But... If you have questions or reservations...wait until the Jan. Meeting to turn in your order. Any over-payments will be cheerfully refunded.

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Murray Smith & Marilyn Bodle chosen 2019 ROCKHOUNDS of the YEAR

When their names were announced Marilyn said they were stunned and speechless, "So many club members are deserving of this honor." Murray feels that "All the volunteers should be chosen as Rock Hounds of the Year!"

"The SIGN" Lured Us In!

When Murray and Marilyn retired in 2014 from "their construction business, their full-scale nursery, and sold their hardware store" they decided to take some needed time off and travel.

Coming home from one of their adventures, they spotted "The Sign" for the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society at Meacham Ranch Road (off Hwy 49 south of Angels Camp). Turns out that some of their friends were club members and invited Murray and Marilyn to attend club meetings; they also attended the Gem and Mineral Show in March. Their first introduction at the club was at the Thanksgiving Dinner meeting, November 2014.

"We Were Hooked."

They became members and immediately got involved and interested in Lapidary Arts. They started making cabs and honed their skill. They had so many cabs; they decided they needed to do something with all their stones.



- Their initiation into jewelry making was via wire wrapping and they credit Ron Kilcrease and Tak Iwata for teaching them the finer points.
- They branched off into silver smithing, teaching themselves how to make jewelry out of silver, using their cabochons.



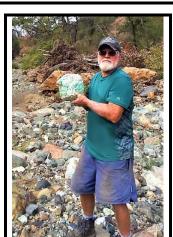


 Their first Field Trip was in 2015 to Black Butte, where they got to know Brad and Lynn Becker and Bob Young.

"Born to be RockHounds"

Murray grew up in Hayward, Calif. and always like working in the dirt and looking for rocks as a child; he loved being outdoors.

He moved to Groveland in 1977.



Marilyn started out in Wyoming and as a child was always gathering rocks - which turned out to be a lifelong interest. She was known for filling the pickup with rocks on family outings. When she was eleven her family moved to Campbell, California. In 1982, she moved to Groveland where she and Murray met.

"We LOVE this Club!"

Murray and Marilyn loved being a part of the club and jumped in to help club president Ron Kilcrease and his wife Sandi take care of the grounds and the clubhouse. Murray especially loved to take care of the landscaping. He wanted the grounds surrounding the clubhouse to look beautiful and to create a nice peaceful environment.

Murray also took on the shop maintenance, keeping the equipment working and running a safe shop. Marilyn became the keeper of the clubhouse, adding her personal touch to the interior. She also directs the meeting potlucks, runs the kitchen with monthly volunteers, and teaches classes in multi-art techniques.

"Share, Teach, & Encourage"

Their philosophy is to spread the knowledge of what they have learned, to share information, and to help people achieve their potential. They THANK the club for their "award" and are still shocked to have been chosen RockHounds of the Year!

A Letter from Marilyn & Murray

RE: Rock Hound of the Year

Dec 24, 2019

To Our Fellow Members at CGMS,

So, you guys really got us. Wow.

I am still shocked that Murray and I were picked out of so, so many great club members.

We both want to say Thank You. It's a great honor to be chosen.

Yet, if it wasn't for each member putting in their energy, whether in the past or currently, this club would not remain in existence today.



Murray & Marilyn's December 2019 Display Case Presentation

Over the years so many of you have reached out and contributed something to this wonderful place we call our club house. Before Murray and I took over as shop stewards there would be at least two clean up days and unscheduled maintenance days where members came and did a lot of work.

We fit well into this area and enjoy this type of work. Both of us have learned a great deal from you guys over the last five years since we joined the club. We have also learned that old equipment can be challenging to maintain, yet in our search for parts, we have encountered many helpful people that openly shared their knowledge and time with us.

We've also learned how to use the Internet to not only fix and maintain but to help the club sell some of the unused equipment. This past year Vance Johnson joined us in helping to be shop stewards giving us some time off. We thank him so much!

Murray and I feel very blessed to have a club we can call ours and we are honored to be a part of. So many of you guys are the reason we are still here. You took us in under your wings and taught us what we needed to know and we in turn felt the need to show our love for you by helping out where ever we can.

Thank you for bestowing such a great and wonderful honor on us. We truly appreciate it. Now I look forward to seeing you at the club and on field trips in the coming year. Have a blessed holiday and a wonderful and healthy New Year.

from Dec. 15th, 2019

CGMS Board of Directors Meeting December 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:38 a.m. by President Anna Christiansen

Board Members absent:

Treasurer: Karen Crabtree Federation Dir: Marion Roberts

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED BUDGET Lynn Becker presented a proposed budget for 2020. There was a lively and exciting discussion reviewing the proposed budget for 2020. Lynn presented the budget as a yearly financial spending plan and a way to track revenue. The budget is a way to monitor spending and predict future expenditures and revenue sources. The budget is an ongoing discussion and will be refined with time.

- Pat Gulyas added that an allocation for the Camp Paradise \$500.00 sponsorship needs to be added into expenses.
- Karen requested more budget detail in the revenue side of the budget.

AUDIT COMMITTEE NAME CHANGED: Lynn Becker stated that the Audit Committee does not perform an audit, more accurately stated, a Financial Review is performed. The Board agreed that the name should accurately reflect what the committee actually does. The Audit Committee's name has been changed to Financial Review Committee.

● An additional member is needed for the 2019 Financial Review Committee. Lynn Becker and Robin Williams are currently the two members, need a third to complete the committee membership.

CAMP PARADISE SCHOLARSHIP FORM: is in the DEC. newsletter. Club members are urged to apply, to learn a new skill or enhance a skill and then give back the information to the club.

ROCK HOUND OF THE YEAR: ballots will be tallied and winner announced today at the General Meeting. Members will be given a chance to vote today prior to the tally.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD: Lynn reported that design ideas are in progress.

LOGO WINDOW STICKERS: A price for the logo stickers is being researched.

CANOPY BANNERS: Lynn and Robin will meet to determine what banners are needed for the 2020 show and then submit for approval.

EMBROIDERED CLUB HATS & POLO SHIRTS:

Anna reported that she has researched a vendor to embroider club hats and polo shirts. The quote for the hat is \$15.00 and the quote for the polo is \$17.50. Robin created a sign-up sheet to pass around to assess how many club members are interested in purchasing hats and shirts. (Use the Official Order Form on Pg. 7)

TABLE CLOTH STORAGE BINS: Lynn Becker presented the need to have bins to store the show table cloths. The bins will protect the table cloths and make easy to transport the table cloths to the yearly show.

Robin W. made a motion giving Lynn the authority to order the 20 necessary containers to safely pack the 85 table cloths for a maximum of \$400.00. Brad Becker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority.

CLUB BROCHURE UPDATE:

The Club Brochure needs to be corrected to reflect changes of shop meeting times etc. Lynn will bring the up-dated brochure to the January 2020 Board Meeting for approval. Robin Williams made a motion to approve the process of making the appropriate changes. Bob Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority.

YARD CLEAN UP: The Board decided instead of using weed killing chemicals this year for weed control, club members will have a weed whacking day. Date to be determined.

FLAT BED TRAILER NEEDED to move rocks from the club to the GEM SHOW to sell. The discussion was tabled for January to gather info and prices.

Board Minutes continued on next page...

Continued...BOARD MEETING MINUTES from Dec. 15th, 2019

GEM SHOW UPDATE:

Robin Williams

Robin reported several important positions have not been filled:

- Need an ADMISSIONS CHAIRPERSON.
- Need a HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON. NOTE: Rich Macias and Patti Summers have signed-on as Hospitality Cart Operators. Yay!
- Need a SECURITY CHAIRPERSON.
- Anna volunteered to be in charge of the RAFFLE-but, she will need a strong team to get it all set up on Friday and volunteers to commit to work on Saturday and Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

Next Board Meeting: January 19, 2020

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Debby Brooks, Secretary
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

2020 GEM SHOW UPDATES

THE COLD, HARD FACTS...

We presented the proposed budget for 2020 at the Dec. Meeting and we are looking at \$19,600 in EXPENSES for 2020.

Your dues, at \$15 per person (for 150 members) brings in about \$2,250 a year. Unfortunately, that leaves us about

\$17,350 SHORT.

The solution? Raise the dues to \$130 a year per person? Nope. Not gonna happen. As a non-profit organization, the only way the CGMS has lasted for 71 years is by members working their butts off to raise the money to cover club expenses!

The time-proven solution is: WE FUNDRAISE the MOOLA!

and..

Our Gem Show is our #1 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY.

The Calaveras Gem Show is known for its warm hospitality and friendly family atmosphere.

What generates the GEM SHOW INCOME?

- 1. ADMISSION FEES
- 2. DEALER TABLE FEES
- 3. ROCK SALES
- 4. RAFFLE TICKET SALES
- 5. SNACK BAR SALES



What keeps dealers and people coming to our GEM SHOW year after year?

- 1. THOROUGH PLANNING behind the scenes.
- 2. FRIENDLY, CHEERFUL & HELPFUL HOSPITALITY.
- 3. QUALITY ROCKS for sale
- 4. KNOWLEDGEABLE DEMONSTRATORS
- 5. EXQUISITE RAFFLE PRIZES.
- 6. EXCITING KID'S & FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- 7. 49 DISPLAY CASES of exquisite collections & art
- 8. QUALITY DEALERS
- 9. GOOD FOOD & FUN. FUN. FUN.
- 10. EXPERIENCED SECURITY TEAM
- 11. LIGHTS, COLORS, FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE.

BUT, all of the above takes MEMBER VOLUNTEERS. LOTS OF THEM!

We have thorough training materials for each VOLUNTEER JOB necessary to produce a quality show...you don't have to re-invent the wheel. We still need:

ADMISSION's	HOSPITALITY	SECURITY	
CHAIRMAN	CHAIRMAN	CHAIRMAN	

Please step up to keep the CGMS alive and make this 2020 SHOW a whopping success!

JANUARY 2020

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JANUARY BIRTHD	AYS	Thought for the Day:	COMING EVENTS
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Sue Reeves Claudia Brackett Lundin Brad Becker Marion Roberts Margaret Young Dian Gardner Alan Altaffer Delores Williams HAPPY BIRTHDAY	9 14 15 16 17 18 30 30	(and some REALLY NICE BEADS!)	Tap into the "what's happening in quartzite" web sites and plan your 2020 trip now.