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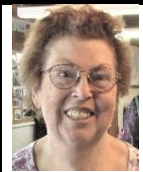
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 Est. in 1948 and incorporated in 1950 as a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to share our love of rocks & minerals and all the lapidary arts with our community. Member of both the California and American Federation Mineralogical Societies.

**DEC. BIRTHSTONE**



**TURQUOISE**

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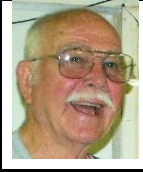
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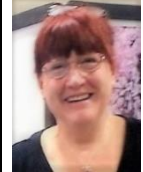
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**A Message About our  
ELECTION...**

It's time to elect a new Board of Directors for 2021. Our nominating committee has been hard at work looking for willing candidates to take on a role of leadership for our club.

We have been active for the past 72 years and it would be a shame for a nasty virus to put an end to our wonderful organization.

Even if you have been unable to "leave the house" during this pandemic we still need to prepare for the future and we need dedicated helpers to ride out the storm. So...

Give the committee a call and get your name on the ballot...or, send in your nomination for a "shy" member.

Voting will be at the December Meeting on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Maybe we should consider mail-in ballots...??? Let us know what you think...we have 20 days to get this together.



TURQUOISE, December Birthstone

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**DEC 20<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting Info**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**NO POTLUCK**
- Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.
- opt: 10 a.m. Board Meeting TBA

**Don't Forget Your Mask!**

**PLEASE, DO NOT ATTEND IF:**

- You are sick.
- You have been traveling.
- You have been exposed to Covid.
- You have Covid.

**COLLECTING ROCKS**

I think that there shall never be  
An ignoramus just like me,  
Who roams the hills throughout the day  
To pick up rocks that do not pay;  
For there's one thing I've been told,  
I take the rocks and leave the gold.  
O're deserts wild and mountains blue  
I search for rocks of varied hue.  
A hundred pounds or more I pack,  
With blistered feet and aching back.  
And after this is said and done,  
I cannot name a single one.  
I pick up rocks where e're I go,  
For reasons why I do not know,  
For rocks are found by fools like me  
Where God intended them to be.



(Author Unknown - 1954)

## Minutes of General Membership Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
2500 Meacham Ranch Rd  
Angels Camp, CA 95222

General Meeting: November 15, 2020

**Call to Order** at 11:40 a. m. by President Anna Christiansen.

**Board Members absent:**

Newsletter: Robin Williams  
Federation Director: Marion Roberts  
One Year Director: Amy Sturdivant

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance:** 11 members 0 guests

**Minutes from Oct. 18, 2020 meeting:**

● Bob Young made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from the September 20, 2020 minutes and to accept the October 18, 2020 minutes. Jim Vicars seconded the motion. Motion passed to accept the corrected September 20, 2020 minutes and accept the minutes from the October 18, 2020 meeting.

**Club Correspondence:** Debby Brooks  
No correspondence during the month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Crabtree

- Karen reported on income garnered from contributions, donations, Tailgate income, dues and shop fees. Karen reported on the bank balances.
- CGMS has 122 paid members; this member number determines the club's yearly dues for California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Federation Report:** Anna Christiansen

- The Mother Lode club and Mariposa club have cancelled their yearly show. Tucson Gem and Mineral Society also cancelled their 2020 show. The shows cancellations are due to Covid-19.

**Field Trip Report:**

Bob Young

- There aren't any field trips planned currently due to Covid-19. The future of field trips is dependent on the Covid-19 forecast and the possible shutdown of group activities.

**Historian/Sunshine Report:**

- It was reported that the club Historian Loretta Pagni is sheltering in place and there is not a report available.

**Newsletter Report:**

Anna Christiansen

- The Newsletter Editor had a major computer meltdown which made it impossible to send the monthly newsletter.
- Minutes from the October 18, 2020 meeting were emailed separately to the membership for review and approval at the meeting.

**Shop Report:**

- There hasn't been a large attendance at the weekly Saturday shop. The shop is open every Saturday from 10:00 – 3:00.
- Vance Johnson is the shop steward. If shop has to be cancelled, a notification email is sent to the membership advising of the shop closure.

**Gem Show Report :**

- Robin Williams has resigned as the show chair person. Anna C. suggested that each committee have a chairperson with volunteers completing the required tasks.

- There was a discussion on the possibility of the annual show being cancelled in 2021 due to Covid-19. The severity of the pandemic in the spring is unknown at this time.



## Continued...Minutes of General membership Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Classes:

- Bob Young will teach wire wrapping Saturday November 21, 2020 at the club house. The hours are 10:00 - 3:00. Class participants will need to bring their own supplies. Lynn Becker will email club members a supply list needed for the class.
- Hopefully classes will get other members interested in teaching a skill. Covid-19 precautions are always practiced, masks, social distancing and sanitizing the work spaces.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Preparing Slate of Officers for 2021

#### Nominating Committee:

- Lynn Becker, Pay Gulyas and Debby Brooks are accepting candidates for Board of Directors. Interested club members call with your interest to any member of the nominating committee.
- Positions to be considered:      ...cont →

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter, Show Chair, Field Trip, Federation Director, 3-Year Director.

- Anna Christiansen has expressed her interested in being President.

#### Audit Committee:

- The annual audit will be rescheduled.

#### New Members:

- No new members were voted in at this meeting

#### Next Scheduled Meeting:

December 20, 2020

Due to Covid-19 no potluck or gift exchange and no Display case.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 12:24 p.m. by President Anna Christiansen

#### Minutes respectfully submitted:

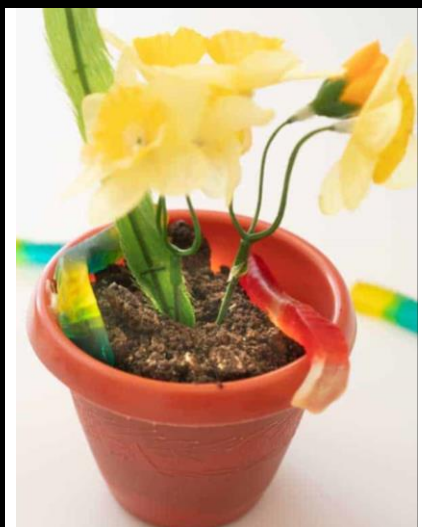
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## FOR THOSE WHO MISS DIGGING IN THE DIRT...

### The OREO Dirt Cake

- 1 large pkg of Oreo cookies
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 4 Tbsp margarine or butter
- 2 small (3 1/2 oz) pkg instant vanilla pudding
- 4 cups of milk
- 12 oz Cool Whip

- Beat pudding and milk according to the package instructions until thick.
- Add the Cool Whip to the pudding and refrigerate.
- Blend the butter, cream cheese and sugar together and set aside.
- Crush Oreo cookies in a blender. (It works best if you crumble the cookies first before putting them in the blender).
- Mix 1/2 of the Oreo cookie crumbs with the cream cheese mixture and pudding mixture.
- Pour into an 8-inch flower pot, Yes. A real clay flower pot. (or bowl)
- Top the rest of the mixture in the bowl with the remaining cookie crumbs.
- Serve with a clean trowel (or spoon).



Serving ideas: Since the crushed Oreos look like real dirt you can put flowers in the "dirt" in the pot, rocks on the "dirt" in the pot or hide gummy worms in the "dirt cake." Use your imagination!

# DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Dave D.	2	3	4	5 SHOP 10-2
6 Ken C.	7	8	9 Joan S.	10. Nellie B.	11	12 SHOP 10-2
13 Teresa C.	14	15	16	17	18	19 SHOP 10-2
11 a.m. 20 <b>Meeting</b> NO POT LUCK! Marylin N. Dave B.	21	22	23	24	25	26 SHOP 10-2
27	28	29	30	31		

## DEC. BIRTHDAYS

Dave Duncan	1
Ken Chizek	6
Joan Sutton	9
Nellie Byam	10
Teresa Casler	13
Marylin Nelson	20
Dave Barboza	20



Happy Birthday!



## COMING EVENTS...

# WHO KNOWS?!?

You know something has gone really wrong with the world when they cancel

# TUCSON!

The world as we know it has come to a screeching halt!  
Stay SAFE! Stay HOME! Stay SANE & HAPPY.  
This too shall pass.