

# Livermore

# Lithogram



**Volume XL Number 12** **Livermore Valley Lithophiles**  
**December 2015** **Livermore, California**

Next General Meeting:  
 Thursday, December 10, 2015  
 Community Room  
 7:30 PM

**Program:** **Pot Luck**  
**Christmas / Hanukkah / Holiday Party**  
**Meet at 6:00 Eat at 6:30**

Next Board Meeting:  
 Thursday, December ??, 2015  
**7:30 PM At the Shop**  
 Members are welcome to attend!

**Meeting Location:** Livermore Library Community Room

**Refreshments:** POT LUCK FROM ALL MEMBERS

<b>It's Time To Pay Your 2016 Dues</b>	
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**Presidents Message:**

Thank You

The 42nd year of Lithorama was a raging success and congratulations and thank you go out to those who dedicated their time to make it happen. Special thanks goes out to Stephanie Goldsmith for the gemstone panning for the kids, creating a show raffle prize, and having two display cases. Thanks also to Richard Ochoa for making the Silent Auction a success and to Connie Gouveia for stepping up at the last minute to cook food and run the kitchen. Lastly, thanks to the 4H and Jenny Siders for their demonstration time and lapidary display.

## **- Lithorama 2015 Report -**

Bill Beiriger

Lithorama 2015, Show Number 42, is now behind us. The major change was adding an eighth dealer, the concern by several of us, including Dick and myself, was that we would not have enough space between dealers, but it all worked out just fine. We had 849 Adults and 270 Children as the official head count.

Having an extra dealer caused the lose ten display spaces and partially rearranged the Silent Auction area. We also eliminated some of the seating from the eating area.

At one point during the early planning stages we were considering serving the food out the outside door to the kitchen, but we changed our plans as Fridays set-up procedure advanced.

Chris and Rich Hunt got to the Barn early and put the speakers up, the electrical drops for the dealers and brought most of the kitchen supplies to the kitchen.

We also added two events outside the South side of the Barn. The first was a Gold Panning Demonstration by the East Bay Prospectors. The second event was Panning for Small Polished Colored Stones; this was Stephanie Goldsmith's idea, and the Children Loved it.

Dick used mostly members for displays with only a few from outside the Lithophiles. This year the Demonstrations were the Beading Buddies and the 4-H group. During the show several members demonstrated and worked on Beading Projects; I saw Andrea, Chris, Pat, Sue, Lanny and JoAnn working on projects. Rich Langlois for doing the Glow Room.

I want to thank the 4-H members for their display, their poster project and Demonstrating Cabochon making during the show.

The Kitchen Crew found a Big surprise when they entered and found All New Stainless Steel Tables, Shelves and Sink, plus a New Oven and Cook top. Also there was a new floor installed. The two Connies, myself and Gala, enjoyed the Great facility.

Joe Waldhaus ( 757-7348 ) from the East Bay Prospectors did a Great Job Demonstrating Gold Panning to the Children and the Adults of all ages.

Joan got the decorations in place and she also took care of the food cash table for much of the show.

Frank was in charge of the Front Door during much of the show. Richard Ochoa along with several adult and Junior members made the Silent Auction a success with the Surprise Bags.

Bill Bish was in charge of the Children's Area with help from some of the teachers and several other members.

Thank you to the over night security detail for a job well done. Lee worked up in the storage area to make room for the new tables.

Many other members helped with Set-Up, During the Day and at Break Down for this years Lithorama, many Names are Not included but I wish to thank All Who Helped. Stephanie's idea of the Lithophiles T-Shirt worked out 'Great', as you can tell by looking at several of the photos in this Lithogram.

**Photos by Bill Beiriger**



**Beading Buddies Display**



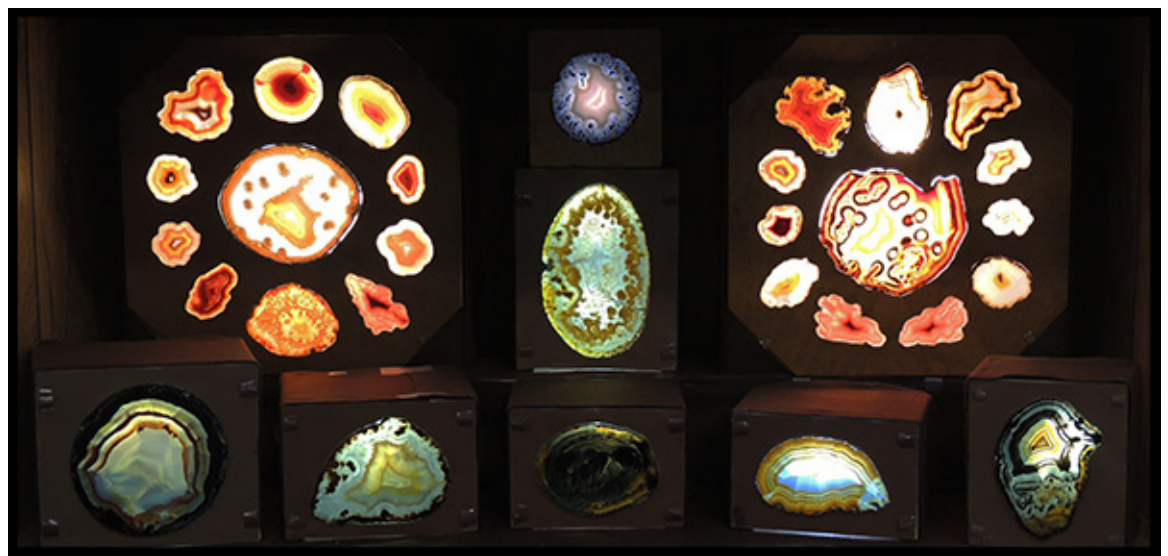
**4-H Members Display**



**Richard Ochoa Cache Creek Jasper Display**



Pat Iannucci's Beading Display



Bill Bish's Agate Display



Stephanie Goldsmith's Uranium Glass Display  
Photo - Jenny Sider



**Joe Waldhaus Gold Panning**



**4-H Cab Making  
Photo - Jenny**



**Stephanie's Colored Stone Panning**



**Silent Auction  
Molly & Richard  
Photo - Bill Bish**



**The Kitchen Trio  
Connie, Connie & Sue  
Photo - Bill Bish**

### Fish Eye Lens Photos by Craig Sider



Overall View of Show



Frank Gouveia's Fossil Display



Bill Beiriger's Trilobite Display

## General Meeting November 12, 2015

No changes to minutes or to Lithorama.

Paula Rose, a teacher at Livermore Charter High School, asked that her students (approximately 30) be allowed free admission to Lithorama. Her students will have a display of their mineralogy projects. Lee Davisson motioned that Paula Rose's students be given free admission. Bill Beiriger seconded it, and all favored.

**Shop** – Bill Bish mentioned that LARPD allows the shop to be open an extra two hours on Tuesday, but they cut the yearly fee for those two hours in half:  $\$200 - \$100 = \$100$

Another electric outlet is needed to use the electric heater. The petroleum heat that is in the shop is too dangerous to use. A bigger fan is needed for the saw fumes.

**Lithorama** – All dealers have paid their table rent.

Demonstrations – 4-H Club and Beading Buddies – Dick Friesen has not received a list of who is demonstrating at what time.

Bill Beiriger bought 8 tables at Costco. He gave Lithorama postcards to Valley View Elementary School, and gave approximately 200 to each Livermore school. The LVJUSD e-mailed notice of the Lithorama to all parents via its newsletter. Not many teacher volunteers this year, probably because their Thanksgiving vacation starts Friday, November 20, the day before the Lithorama.

Stephanie needs troughs for pan handling.

The t-shirts arrived and cost \$10 apiece. All members present bought a shirt to wear at the Lithorama.

Man who has father's collection of gems has agreed to have the gems sold via Silent Auction. The club will keep 25% of the profit.

Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders get free admission if they are wearing their uniform and the Lithorama; same deal with 4-H Club members. Three Boy Scouts will assist in the breakdown on Sunday.

Bill Beiriger will cook ham and bean soup on Friday. He needs to know the quantity of sloppy joes, hot dogs, beverages, etc. Needs volunteers Saturday and Sunday mornings 7:00-8:00 am to prepare food. Need space for eating inside and outside.

Security – Lee Davisson will spend Friday night at the Barn, and Molly Alexander will sleep there Saturday night.

The display cases have not been repaired yet. Maybe repair them on Friday, Nov. 20. There will be dinner at the Barn on Friday evening whenever the Lithorama setup is complete. The next board meeting is on Sunday, Nov. 21 after the Lithorama at Dick Friesen's house.

## Minutes of the Board Meeting October 22, 2015

**Present:** Lee Davisson, Bill Bish, Bill Beiriger, Andrea Rodriguez, Connie Gouveia, Frank Gouveia, Stephanie Goldsmith, Molly Alexander

**Lithorama:** It was motioned to buy t-shirts for members to wear during Lithorama; seconded; and all those present voted in favor. Stephanie will order 30 t-shirts (5 medium, 7 large, 18 x-large). The cost is \$8.59 apiece = \$257.70 total. Members will buy the shirts for \$10.00 each.

All demonstration tables will be inside the barn. Gold panning, fossil digging, and digging for polished stones will be outside.

A man wants to sell his father's collection of gems at the Lithorama. A table in the barn costs \$13 per linear foot and his name would need to be added to the insurance. The board is considering two options: 1) Sell the gems at Silent Auction and the club keeps 25% of the profit, or 2) the man donates the gems to the club; we sell them and keep the profit.

The Kleins and Rick Kennedy have not yet paid for their tables at the Lithorama.

All the light bulbs in the display cases need to be replaced. LED light bulbs at Costco cost about \$12 for six bulbs.

### Lithogram Editor

This is my last Lithogram as your Editor. I thank any individuals that have contributed any information or photos over the last past seven years. I wish to thank the Siders for all their photos and Charlie Sider for his travel reports. Frank for his Shop Reports and photos; Pat and Andrea for their Beading Buddies photos and reports. Lee for some Great Middle East Programs and Lithogram stories. Chris and Rich for their San Leandro Summer Reading Project photos. If I have missed anyone I apologize.

During these seven years I have also had to write short articles on many of our members who have passed away. Of those members my biggest loss was Bob Trimmingham who was my collecting partner in the late 60's and early 70's and who contributed to the Lithogram and many programs for the Lithophiles.

So, I will not be your Editor, but I will continue to write articles for the Lithogram.

In January your New Lithogram Editor will be Jennifer Siders. Please give her your support by providing information, photos and articles. Over the past couple of years she has given me support in the form of photos, photos and more photos.

So, Thank you for accepting the call from Lee and Myself for taking over the Lithogram.

Bill Beiriger, Editor



## Beading Buddies

**Next Beading Buddies workshop on December 4 & 5.  
At Pat Iannucci's house.**



**Sue Fernandez  
with Beaded Star**



**Beading Project  
on Beading Loom**



**Beading Trio  
JoAnn, Pat & Andrea**

**Pot Luck**  
**Christmas / Hanukkah / Holiday Party**  
**December 10, 2015**  
**Meet at 6:00 Eat at 6:30**

Hello members it's time for our annual Christmas / Hanukkah / Holiday Party and Meeting on December 10.

We will meet in the Community Room at the library at 6:00 PM and we will **Eat at 6:30 PM.**

**As in the past this event is a Pot-Luck dinner.**

**Please bring a Salad, Main Dish or a Dessert.**

**The Lithophiles will supply coffee and sodas left from Lithorama.  
Only the sodas are left from Lithorama - Not the Coffee.**

There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange (Optional). If you do the exchange please mark your package Female, Male or Unisex.

We will also have BINGO.

We will also have a very short meeting to install our New (Returning) Officers.

**School Report**  
**Bill Beiriger**



I gave a presentation to 120 2nd Graders as a single group at Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton. Most of the time I was able to keep their attention, but with so many items to look at and so many things to talk about I would have a problem and lose control for a few seconds. These are students that are in classes of only 20 students. They receive their classroom instructions in English one day and Spanish the next day.

Valley View is the school that we made a donation to last year with matching funds being given by a corporation. The money went to help with the purchase of i-pad computers.

This was my last school presentation of the year, I will return to classrooms in January.

# California Shows And Events

## 2016

### Quartzite Shows:

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem – Jan 1 – Jan 10  
Desert Gardens –Jan 1-Feb 28  
QIA Pow Wow – Jan 20 – Jan 24

### Tucson Shows:

Most Shows – Jan 30 –Feb 13  
Tucson G&M Main Show – Feb 11 – Feb 14  
Bead Shows Feb 2-7

### February 20 - 21: ANTIOCH, CA Antioch Gem Club

Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
1201 West 10th Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957  
Email: [brenda.miguel@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.miguel@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.antiochlapidaryclub.com](http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com)

### February 27 - 28: VALLEJO, CA Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Solano County Fairgrounds, Mc Cormack Hall  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950  
Email: [dncwolke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dncwolke@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.vjgems.org](http://www.vjgems.org)

**March 4 - 6: NEWARK, CA  
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley**  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Avenue  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 887-9007  
Email: [showchair@mgscv.org](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
Website: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

**March 12 - 13: TURLOCK, CA  
Mother Lode Mineral Society,**  
ModestoStanislaus County Fairgrounds  
900 North Broadway  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494  
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Website: [www.motherlodemineralsociety.com](http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com)

### November 19 & 20: LIVERMORE, CA Livermore Valley Lithophiles

Lithorama 2016 is a Gem and Mineral Show and Sale & will be held at the 'BARN' in Livermore, 3131 Pacific Ave., off South Livermore Ave.  
Saturday 10:00 to 5:00  
Sunday 10:00 to 4:00  
[info@lithophiles.com](mailto:info@lithophiles.com)  
[www.lithophiles.org](http://www.lithophiles.org)

Show information is available at the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

#### Additional Resources:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

American Lands Access Association website: [www.amerlands.org](http://www.amerlands.org)

CO-OP website: [www.coop.freeservers.com](http://www.coop.freeservers.com)

## Field Trips

**It's Time To Pay  
Your 2016 Dues**

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## Elected Officers and Club Information

### Elected Officers:

**President** Lee Davisson ( [leedavisson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leedavisson@sbcglobal.net) )  
**V. President** Tom Johnston ([tj5646@gmail.com](mailto:tj5646@gmail.com))  
**Secretary** Molly Alexander (925) 606-6977  
**Treasurer** Bill Bish ( [bcbish@att.net](mailto:bcbish@att.net) )

**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. Civic Center Livermore Library Community Room (**Locations change goto Lithophiles WEB-SITE**). 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, Stephanie Goldsmith (925) 447-1722.

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

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**Shop open every Tuesday at 7:00 PM**

**General Meeting December 10, at 7:30 PM**  
**Board Meeting - December ??, 7:30 PM**