

Livermore



Lithogram

Livermore Valley Lithophiles

Livermore, CA

Next General Meeting

Dec. 13th, 2016

6:00 pm

Community Room
Civic Center Library

Program: Holiday Party

Refreshments: Potluck

Next Board Meeting

TBA.

All Members are welcome to attend!

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Holiday Potluck

December 13th is our holiday party and potluck. We'll be playing bingo and there will be a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring your own plates/silverware and cups. Party begins at 6:00 and we eat at 6:30.

Lithorama 2016 Report

Bill Beiriger

Well we made it through another Lithorama. Dick F. and I were the unofficial chairmen for the show.

So, thanks you Max G. for redesigning the postcard, Dick F., thank you for getting the dealers and the guest exhibitors. Thank you Chris H. and Rich H. for doing the setup dinner and Connie B. and Connie G. for taking on the big job of heading up the food for sale at the show. Next in line Rich O, Stephanie G., Molly A., Max G. and several of the junior members for a great job with the silent auction and Stephanie G. for her auction item. I want too also thank Stephanie G. for the polished rock panning project for the children, Bill Bish for the fossil dig in the children's area, Rich L. for the Glow Room and Andrea R., Pat I. and Sue F. for heading the Beading Buddies area. I also wish to thank Jennie S. and the 4-H for a great job of demonstrating cabochon making. Thank you Frank G. and Diane D. for the entry table and Joan B. for taking in the food money.

I want to thank all who helped with setup and takedown and putting everything away. I also want to thank all who helped to make the show a success this list has the names of the members who spearheaded most of the main areas of the show and I know that there were many of our other members and spouses who spent a lot of time helping.

I want to thank Pam Ferrucci for putting together the group of teachers that helped in the children's area. The children's area had the help of seven of the Science Specialists from the Livermore Schools; this also included a retired teacher, Pat Boyle.

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We gave out a lot of the postcards and we had the show on Facebook and on Livermore Patch. Bill Bish turned the info for the show into the newspaper but they never ran the information.

I was disappointed with the total number of people who attended the show, for the two days we had 370 adults and 125 children. Since I didn't see any of the Bilingual Postcards at the entry table I do not think the school district e-mailed them to the parents like they did last year. So, I think we will have to bring hard copies of the postcards to the science teachers again next year.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED

The money has been paid for the BARN and for the 4th Street Banner for next year, NON REFUNDABLE.

WE NOW NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE STEP FORWARD AND TAKE ON THE JOB OF CHAIRPERSON. WE HAVE A GOOD GROUP TO HELP WITH THE SHOW BUT WE NEED A 'NEW' INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS TO CHAIR NEXT YEARS LITHORAMA. SEVERAL OF US HAVE DONE IT FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS, SO! PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

Minutes of the Lithophile Meeting**November 10, 2016**

Rock and Mineral Show banner has been put up.

Friday, Nov. 18, 9:00 am – help set up for Lithorama at the Barn. The 2 Connies are in charge of the Friday night set-up dinner.

Joan – The Lithorama is advertised in the Livermore Patch as well as the Dublin, Pleasanton, Union City, San Ramon, Fremont, Danville, Castro Valley, Newark, Milpitas, and Walnut Creek Patch. The Lithophile Biography is now in the Livermore Patch.

There are 15 exhibit cases.

Bill Beiriger distributed Lithorama Information to schools via e-mail. Two science teachers from Arroyo Seco Elementary School will help in the children's corner. Still waiting to hear from other science teachers.

Donated rocks in Pleasanton will be picked up and taken to the shop on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4:00 pm. The location is on the south side of Stanley at Valley Avenue.

Lithorama Mystery Bags -- \$1 bags -150, \$3 bags- 100, \$5 bags- 50 = 300 bags

Tim Rose and Lee Davisson identified, labeled, and sourced the minerals that were in the shop.

\$5 bags – from loft use tray with small minerals; also check blue and green tubs.

Slabs retail prices - \$3 – small, not well-carved; \$8, \$10, \$14

Four teens will help with the silent auction. Stephanie and teens will run the gold panning.

Rich – 2 fluorescent lights will be in the glow room. Stephanie has short-wave lights -- \$300-\$400.

Demonstrations:

- 1) Beading Buddies
- 2) 4-H Club

Fossil-mineral dig will be the same as last year.

Shop - One of the new wheels is torn.

Bill Bish did a rock and mineral dig at Jackson and Sunset Elementary Schools.

Lee Davisson has served as President for two years. All voted in favor of changing the By-Laws so that Lee can be President-For-Life. Bill Bish will continue indefinitely as Treasurer.

Sunday night, Nov. 20, after the Lithorama, there will be a board meeting at Dick and Andrea's house. (However, there was no board meeting.)

Note from Bob Cooke

This email is primarily for Bill & Joan Beiriger and other members.

My name is Bob Cooke. In the early 1980's my wife Carolyn and I were members of the Livermore Lithophiles while I was stationed at LLNL as an Army Military Research Associate.

Skip forward 30 years ... I am now retired, living in Springfield, VA and happen to be President of the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. As I was proof-reading the latest draft of our Newsletter, I was intrigued to see an article entitled "Mineral Crystals in Sands" which was adapted from an article by William Beiriger in the Dec 2009 issue of the Livermore Lithogram.

That brought back lots of pleasant memories of the making cabs in the barn next to the library, Lithophile field trips, and especially the club members. Hope all is well

Bob Cooke

State Fossils

Illinois State Fossil

Bill Beiriger

Tullimonstrum gregarium, Tully Monster, a soft-bodied vertebrate that lived during Pennsylvanian period about 300 million years ago.

They ranged in size from 3” to 14”. They were related to our modern day lampreys; that are a form of jawless fish with a funnel-like sucking mouth. Tully Monsters had an interesting long stalk appendage on each side of their body had two round organs that may have been eyes.

They are found only in the Mazon Creek formation in Grundy County, Illinois, they were first collected in 1955.

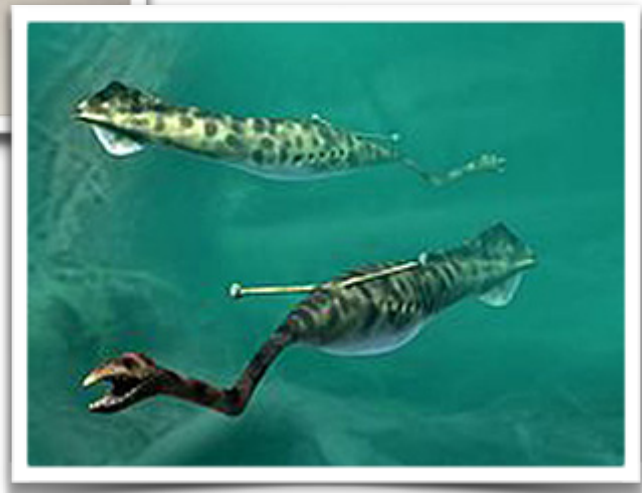
It became the Illinois State Fossil in 1989.



Specimen from the Milano Museum

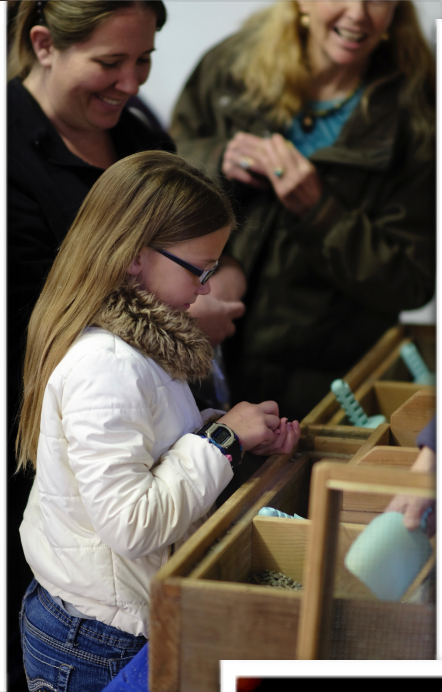


Tully Monster Model – on plastic stand



Reconstruction by McCoy

Lithorama 2016



Beading Buddies



Our next beading project will be an ornament cover. I'm planning on multiple sessions so, hopefully, everyone who wants to make it will finish it before Christmas. You can attend any or all of the sessions. We will be meeting at my house, 889 Waverly CMN, Livermore.

Saturday, December 3, 1-4 pm

Friday, December 9, 1-4 pm

Saturday, December 10, 1-4 pm

Please print out the pattern, bring your beading mat and needle. I will be providing an ornament as part of the kit.

Email, call, or text me with questions

443-6122 home

925-989-4752 cell



California Shows & Events

January 21 - 22: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Laura Manser (559) 303-0632
Email: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 18 - 19: 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
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 25 - 26: 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
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 3 - 5: 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) 305-4196
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 11 - 12: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckel's Veteran's Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Gary Beck, (831) 679-2896
Email: garybeckpca@yahoo.com
Website: salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com

March 25 - 26: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (off Washington)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114
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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 younger.)

Meetings: General Meeting – Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. Civic Center Livermore Library Community Room (**Locations change go to 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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