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Next General Meeting:
 Thursday, January 8, 2009
 Carnegie Building, 4th and 'J' Streets
 7:30 PM

Program: Town meeting to make plans for the coming year.
 Let's plan to have another sale of Mike Gorges material for March or April.

Next Board Meeting:
 Thursday, January 22, 2009
 The SHOP, 7:30 PM
 Members are welcome to attend!

Refreshments:
 Need another volunteer to bring refreshments.



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Presidents Message:

Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year, it's time to start planning our events and activities for 2009. We need to think about the things that we do and consider if we might do them differently, or even if we will do them at all! Our January meeting will be a town-hall style meeting at which the club membership will strategize for the coming year. It's your club – regardless whether you're a shop-user, a field-tripper, a meeting-goer, or a Christmas Party bingo-player – so please attend the January meeting and let your voice be heard.

I will be looking for volunteers among the members to help with our many activities, including many positions that have gone unfilled for sometime (i.e., programs, historian and refreshments chairman). Many of these positions don't require a lot of time, or the duties can be shared to lighten the load. Bill has been show chairman for many years – perhaps two people want to volunteer as co-chairpersons if we decide to have the show.

Come to the January meeting and support your club.

- Chris Hunt, President

Minutes of the General Meeting

December 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by president Bill Snyder at Dick Freisen's home. Bill S. first thanked the several "junior helpers" [and the Myers' daughter who drove from Patterson to help] for their able, energetic and welcome assistance during the tear-down and clean-up after the show closed. These were friends of Shana Scott [and Rich and Gayla Langlois' grandson Nick Angelo]. Beth Myers moved that the Lithophiles show their appreciation with gift certificate for ice cream, movies or other appropriate token. Approved.

Lithorama Report (Bill Beiriger):

Lower attendance than last year, but people stayed longer. Dealers did well and were happy. Fewer adults on Sunday, but more kids. The silent auction/sale brought in \$1,535.00 for the two days, and the sale of Mike Gorges' microscope, portable uv lamp and microscope brought in \$421.00. Bill B. thanked everyone for their help, especially Gayla Langlois for her work in the kitchen.

Schools (Bill Beiriger):

- Seven out of ten schools with 4th graders participated in the crystal growing. Bill B. will make-up certificates. He would like to see \$400 – 500.00 donated [to the science department]. Some discussion followed regarding what the schools were purchasing. Teachers expressed interest in books, videotapes and fossil samples.

- Rock collections for school use are coming along. Need to make mineral kits and rock cycle boards.

- Bill B. will be giving about 12 presentations to schools in January.

- Ernie Myers moved that the amount we donate to schools be increased to \$400.00 per year, designated for science programs. The motion was seconded by Dick Friesen and passed.

- Bill B. sent another letter to the District Office informing them of the nature and extent (including dates) of our annual gem show and sale. Reminders seem needed.

Park District: LARPD is not happy about Lithophiles furnishing their own night time security watch and about the set-up dinner extending beyond 6 p.m. Not aware that our society has been doing this, without incident, for many years.

Treasurer: Deloris Colonna called for all bills for the show to be turned in to her clearly earmarked.

Christmas/Holiday Party: At the Carnegie building on December 11, 2008. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Food and activities the same as last year.

Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

- Bob Trimmingham, secretary



DUES ARE DUE!

Send to Diane Day or bring to the next meeting. Please place in an envelope marked dues. Don't just throw cash on the table.

California Shows And Events

2009

January 17-18, Exeter Tule Gem & Mineral Society Exeter Memorial Bldg. 420 N Kaweah, Exeter
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
Margaret Buchmann (599) 739-0401
Email: mab@mindinfo.com
Webpage: tulegem.org

February 13-22, Indio San Geronimo Mineral & Gem Society Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 27 - March 8, Imperial Imperial Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. Gem and Mineral Building on Fairgrounds
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. Noon - 10 Mon. through Thur. 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Jim Strain (760) 356-2361

March 6, 7 & 8, Hayward Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
Centennial Hall
22292 Foothill Blvd.
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10-5
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
E-mail: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: http://www.mgscv.org

March 14-15, Turlock Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway, Turlock
Hours: Sat. 10 -6 , Sun 10-5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
Show Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 28-29, Calaveras Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras Frog Town USA Fairgrounds
Highway 49 in Angels Camp
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579
Website: Calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 28-29, Roseville Roseville Rock Rollers
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd., Roseville
Hours: Sat.10-5; Sun.10-4
Gloria Marie (530) 367-2262
Email: Gloria.Marie@Conservation.ca.gov
Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 17, 18, 19, San Jose 54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's Showcase
Hosted by the **Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society**
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Email: info@scvngms.org
Website: www.scvngms.org

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

Additional Resources:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: www.amfed.org

American Lands Access Association website: www.amerlands.org

CO-OP website: www.coop.freeservers.com

Show Chairman Needed!

This was Bill Beiriger's last year as Show Chairman for our annual gem & mineral show.

We need a volunteer to fill this position. If you are the one, please call Chris Hunt (925) 443-5525 or Bill Beiriger (925) 443-5769.

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies web page www.cfmsinc.org gives everyone access to the CFMS Newsletter.

Evelyn Bankhead passed away on December 21 at the age of 91. Evelyn had been in and out of the hospital many times in the past year. Our prayers go out to Nancy and the rest of the Bankhead Family.

Lithorama Fourth Grade Crystal Project



Participating Livermore Schools

Largest Crystals

Leo R. Croce
Emma C. Smith
Sunset

Most Unusual Material

Jackson Avenue

Most Unusual Substrate

Altamont Creek
Joe Mitchell
Rancho Las Positas

FIMO CLAY BEAD CLASS

Sunday February 15 at 1:00 PM

At Nancy Bankheads

Bring 2 Fimo Clay Blocks - your choice of colors

\$6.00 per person

Call Nancy 447-6375 or Beth Myers (408) 897-3060

Shop open every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

General Meeting January 8th at 7:30 PM

Board Meeting January 22 at 7:30 PM

LITHORAMA

LITHORAMA 2008 SHOW REPORT

Well Lithorama 2008 is behind us. As in the past, I am disappointed in the attendance, we had about 445 adults come to the show. There may have been a few less than that because members paid so they could have a chance for a door prize. We also had about 150 children come to the show, last year we had 208.

My first thank you goes to Gayla and Rich Langlois for the food shopping and cooking the 'Sloppy Joe Mix. Gayla also handled the set-up dinner and the Ye Old Timers breakfast. There were many other individuals that helped in the kitchen, Joan Beiriger, Jane Crone, Chris & Rich Hunt, Sue Fernandez, Diane Day, Shana Scott, Pat Iannucci, Nick Angelo, Jeff Cames & sons Jacob and Jared. Since Joan Gilmore could not make the ham & bean soup, and since I like to cook, I took on that job. Deloris Colonna handled most of the food money.

I think the Friday set-up was done in record time. The members showed up starting at about 8:20. The earliest-birds were Jim Gruver, Joe Bruns and myself. Others that helped with the set-up were Albert & Sylvia Hess, Pat Iannucci, Rich Langlois, Ernie & Beth Myers, Lynn Zirkle, Rich & Chris Hunt, Bill Snyder, Bob Trimmingham, Bob & Debbie Whiteside, Diane Day, Jeff Cames, Sue Fernandez, Dick Friesen, Andrea Rodriguez, and since I am bad at putting faces with names together I cannot remember the newer members. We had the largest number of members doing the set-up in many, many years, THANK YOU.

Thanks to Dick Friesen for the Dealers, Demonstrators, and Exhibitors. Also a thank you goes to Bob Trimmingham for organizing the Auction Table and Albert Hess and Max Goehry for helping.

Since I have been working with the Livermore Schools I tried to have a special display as a center point. This year I asked Terry & Bud McMillan, from the Mother Lode Club to bring their case of the California State Mineral, Fossil, Gemstone and Rock. This was the display I used on the Children's Flyer that went to the schools. The McMillan's also had a case of Dinosaur Claws and other items, plus I also put my Dinosaur case in.

As with last year I asked the fourth grade students to have a Crystal Growing Project for display at the show. Last year I had three schools participate; this year it was seven schools out of ten schools in the district that have fourth grade classes. Last year they used alum that the club supplied to the schools; this year I told them to use anything they wanted to, so they tried growing crystals on different substrates and used five different chemicals.

The children's corner worked out ok; we had the Mine Tunnel. I was the mine forman and spent all day Saturday there except when I took a few breaks. Sunday I was there most of the day and then I asked Andrea Rodriguez to take over for part of the afternoon. Next year we will try a different project for the children.

Rich Langlois took on the job of the 'GLOWROOM'. We had six four foot cases in the back room including a memorial case with Mike Gorges material in it. Mark Isaac from the Florescent Mineral Society took the time to place a value on Mike's collection so we can sell it at a special event of the Florescent Mineral group, thank you Mark.

The BIG surprise was that Ellen Placas was able to help at the front door. She is still on medication,

but is getting out a little more and is getting stronger. Thank you Ellen.

Shana Scott and her friend Jenni Hammer handled the hourly door prize drawings. Shana you did a GREAT job, thank you.

A thank you goes to Mineralogical Research Co., Klein's and Bill Snyder for donating items for Door and Raffle Prizes. I also used several bolo ties that Mike Gorges had made for door prizes.

I wish to thank the Shop Crew for cleaning up the shop and having it ready for setting up the 'GLOWROOM'.

We finished cleaning up and were completely out of the BARN by 6:20 PM. I was busy taking care of the money from all the venues at the show so I have no idea who helped with the break down. I know many of the members that helped with set-up also helped with break down, so thanks to all.

We always had some problems; the first was that we did not get the dates that were agreed to for hanging the banner on Fourth Street. It was to be up from Nov. 10 thru Nov. 24, the city changed it to Nov. 3 thru Nov. 17, because the Park Department's Thanksgiving Dinner Banner had precedences over our show. I also received a call from the Park Department because we stayed beyond 6:00 PM on Friday night after the Park Department staff member had to go home. They were also upset that we had a security person on duty all night.

The Banner and the Barn are reserved for next year.

NOW WE NEED A NEW CHAIRPERSON.

As I reported last month, I will take over the Lithogram Newsletter, I will start that job with this January Lithogram. As I have said in the past couple of meetings I will not do both, SO PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE SHOW.

Thanks to all,

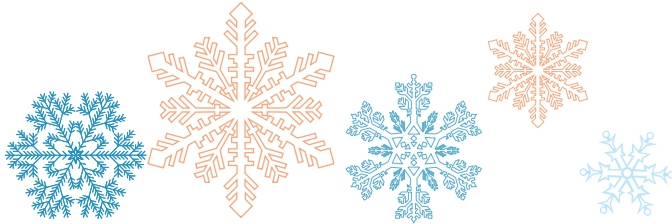
Bill Beiriger, LITHORAMA 2008 Chairman



Beth & Ernie Meyers Actinolite Display - LITHORAMA 2008

Minutes of the Board Meeting

December 11, 2008



The meeting was called to order at 7:26 PM by vice president Beth Myers in the absence of the president Bill Snyder.

The meeting followed the Lithophile Christmas Dinner at the Carnegie Building.

Beth thanked the Beirigers for preparing the facilities for the evenings activities.

LITHOGRAM: The minutes of the November 13, 2008 General Meeting were corrected as follows: Rich Hunt did not volunteer to help collate and staple the Lithogram. The mistake is the secretary's.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Deloris Colonna briefly summarized income and out for November with emphasis on Lithorama. Food made a small profit and the auction/sale, with no expenses, netted \$1741.00. All bills have been paid. Gayla Langlois gave financial details for the food. The current balance is \$14,874.06 excluding the CD. Beth M. will audit the financial records. This should be done every two years, she stated.

CFMS: The cost of membership plus insurance has been raised to \$8.00 per member.

LITHORAMA: The show brought in a total of \$6821.10 gross. Mineralogical Research Co. donated a 21"x13"x2-1/2" flat glass-topped display case for our club. It was decided to keep the case for use at festivals and fairs. Bill B. thanked everyone for their help at the show, remarked it was nice to see Ellen Placas there.

SUNSHINE: Evelyn Bankhead is in the hospital; Dave Dimon and Joan Gilmore have had surgery (not major).

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion continues on selling some of the club's unneeded display cases to Alameda Co. Fair, perhaps for \$20-\$25 each. Pending

NEW BUSINESS: Bill B. discussed a telephone message system available (or to be?) through AT&T. Possible our society's phone number could be listed under the clubs name. Dick Friesen moved that we look into this. Approved.

The new slate of officers was introduced and installed.

They are Chris Hunt – President, Bill Snyder – Vice President (absent), Bob Whiteside – Secretary, and Diane Day – Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned prior to 8:00 PM.

STATE ROCKS, etc.

Alabama

State Rock - Marble
State Mineral - Hematite

Alaska

State Mineral - Gold
State Fossil - Woolly Mammoth

Arizona

State Gemstone - Turquoise
State Fossil - Petrified Wood

Arkansas

State Rock - Bauxite
State Mineral - Quartz

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Elected Officers:

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V. President Bill Snyder (925) 443-5497
Secretary Bob Whiteside (925) 455-1540
Treasurer Diane Day (925) 606-0888

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*.

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