

Livermore

Lithogram



Volume XXXVIII, Number 7 **Livermore Valley Lithophiles**
September 2013 **Livermore, California**

Next General Meeting:
 Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013
 Livermore Library Community Room
 7:30 PM

Program:
Planning for the rest of this year and for the start next year for the Society.

Next Board Meeting:
 Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013
At the Shop
 Members are welcome to attend!

Meeting Location: Livermore Library Community Room 'A'

Refreshments: Chris Hunt & Bill Beiriger

September 12, First Meeting after Summer	
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Presidents Message:

Sensational September Lithophiles! I hope that you had a splendid summer break, and are ready to enjoy some fabulous fall Lithophile activities. We will need every member's participation to finish the year with a flourish.

At church last Sunday, the message was about rest. Leaving religion out of it, let's talk about rest for the Lithophiles. Fall is the club's busiest time of the year: the Lithorama is a huge undertaking; the Nominating Committee is seeking officers for the coming year; and we wrap up the year with the Holiday Party. Each member needs to step up to help the club in some way, so that we all can rest at least a little. The alternative is that a few people take on the bulk of the work, get worn out, and quit helping at all. Then, we don't have a club because we need the Lithorama to raise funds to run the shop, newsletter, and meeting programs, and we need officers to manage the club activities. So, how will you help your club, so we all may rest?

Officers for 2014

The Nominating Committee is searching for 2014 officers – talk to any of the committee members (Larry Patzkowski, Shelley Buchberger, and Lee Davisson) if you want to serve. We have volunteers for some offices, but are still looking for members to serve as Secretary and President. Act now and get some solid on-the-job training!

Presidents Message - cont. from pg. 1**Lithorama 2013**

The club needs all members to help with the Lithorama coming in November. Set-up and clean-up are all-hands-on-deck activities, so please plan to help then. Other important jobs are open as well – we need people to manage the kitchen, to create the set-up dinner, and to provide overnight security. Please consider accepting one of these important Lithorama jobs. Contact Lee Davisson for more details.

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party is our December general meeting on December 12th. The club needs someone to chair this event, contact me if you want to volunteer.

Upcoming field trips

Frank Gouveia is arranging a “fossil field trip” to the Petrified Forest up in Sonoma County. The date would be Saturday Sept. 28th (or perhaps Sunday, the 29th). The park is open from 9am to 6pm. It’s about a 2 hour drive from the Barn in Livermore, from which we would carpool. The cost is \$9 or \$10 depending on your age plus you can print a 10% off coupon from the website. Contact Frank at fishheads1@comcast.net or call 925 462-9269, if you’re interested. Chris and I were in this area in July – it’s really a nice area so we’re looking forward to this trip. Hope you can join us. We’ll talk more about this trip at the upcoming September general meeting.

Bill Bish is arranging a field trip to the petroglyphs and Ohlone cultural site at Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park in Gilroy. This trip is an alternative to the Brushy Peak trip that we had discussed earlier – LARPD wants too much money to take us up to Brushy Peak, and our Native American speaker at the June meeting mentioned this park as a much more interesting alternative to Brushy Peak. This trip will be on November 3rd.

-Rich Hunt rcjhunt@comcast.net 925-443-5525

Minutes of the General Meeting

June 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7.37 PM by President Rich Hunt at the Livermore Library Community Room A.

Guests: -Our only guest for the meeting was Mr. Alphonso Ramirez, our guest speaker.

Correspondence: - We received a flyer announcing an auction by World Class Auctions for an auction in Reno, Nevada in August and November, 2013. Also, we received a copy of the AFMS Newsletter for June 2013.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed

Treasure’s Report: There was no Treasurer’s report.

Shop Report: Dick Friesen reported that the two slab saws are working. So far, training on the operation of these saws has been to Frank Gouveia and Chris Hunt. The second trim saw has a new platform surface but needs a new blade. Frank will see if one of the tile blades he has would work. Dick reported that the surface of the No. 1200 sanding wheel has been replaced and others may be replaced in the future. The afternoon shop openings, conducted by Albert Hess, will cease as he is now working afternoons.

Show and Tell:-Silver wire wrapped pendants made during the recent wire wrapping class were shown. Nancy Bankhead showed a lovely black onyx pendent that was attached to a string of black beads. Pat Iannucci showed a very nice malachite pendent and a colorful amethyst pendent with amethyst and glass bead necklace. Jenny Siders showed two very nice moss agate pendants, one a light-colored translucent color and the other dark; the cabochons were cut by her son Charlie.

The business portion meeting broke for the program.

Program:- Jenney Siders introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Alphonso Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez refers to himself a story teller and is a Native American of the Ohlone Indian Tribe, Rumsen Triblet. He briefly described the extent of the Ohlone Indians in coastal California, extend northwards from Los Angeles to the northern San Francisco Bay area. He gave a very interesting talk about a large boulder located in the canyon Trails Park in El Cerrito. The boulder contains numerous petroglyphs, especially cup marks and older oval markings. The boulder also has a large carved groove that, according to Mr. Ramirez, lines up with the Winter Solstice. He also showed us examples of Ohlone jewelry and clothing such as his abalone shell necklace and beaded hat. The beads were very small and were fashioned on a loom. His talk gave us a glimpse into and an appreciation of Ohlone history and culture.

Field Trips: A field trip to the Richard's ranch in Oregon tentatively scheduled for July 6 – 13 did not garner much interest. Apparently the membership is more interested in shorter and more local field trips. Frank Gouveia suggested the Petrified Forest in Sonoma County. Brushy Peak was suggested by Nancy Bankhead; Bill Bish will look into this location for a possible trip in October. The New Almadin area was also mentioned.

Programs: - The program for the September meeting will be given by Chris Hunt on jewelry.

Arts Council:- Nancy Bankhead reported that The Arts Council would like to borrow 4 of our cases for a display in the Library. We will also have a couple of cases on display. Frank Gouveia, Chris Hunt, Pat Iannucci and Nancy will organize this.

Picnic: The picnic will be held at Shelly Buchberger's home.

Officer Nominations: - Rich Hunt asked us to think about serving as Club officers next year. It is very likely that current officers may be stepping down. New blood is needed.

Facebook: - We will look into setting up a Facebook page for the Club, at Lee Davissons' suggestion. Jenney and Charlie Siders and Pat Iannucci will look into this.

4-H Project: - Rich Hunt indicated that this year's 4-H project at the Shop was successful and asked to consider becoming a 4-H Leader or an instructor at the Shop. It is a worthwhile endeavor for our youth and leads to more new, young members.

Science Talks: - Bill Beiriger stated that his school talks have finished but that he has given talks at his home for neighborhood kids. It was mentioned that home schooled children could be included in the future.

Refreshments: - Chris Hunt and Bill Beiriger will provide refreshments for the September meeting.

The meeting broke up about 9:02 PM.

Larry Patzkowski, Secretary

Minutes of the Board Meeting

June 27, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Rich Hunt at the Barn.

Those also in attendance included Bill Beiriger, Dick Friesen, and Lee Davisson.

Correspondence: -Several pieces of mail were collected from the post office by Bill Beiriger. The mail included an item from the IRS and the 2013 Lithorama contract and fee from Mineralogical Research.

Field Trips: - A possible field trip to Brushy Peak was scrapped as East Bay Regional Parks wanted a fee of \$350 for up to 15 people to visit the site.

Program: -The program for the September meeting is being planned by Chis Hunt. Bill Beiriger indicated that we need to pay the Library for our meetings to insure we can get the room when we need it. The cost per meeting is \$40 per meeting and we should lock in 6 months.

Shop: - Dick Friesen stated that three of the sanding wheels need resurfacing soon at an approximate cost of \$50 each. Dick made the motion to have them resurfaced; Rich Hunt seconded the motion which passed.

Lithorama: - Bill Beiriger told us that this year's show will be our fortieth show. He will contact the newspaper that did his article on sand to see if we can get an article on the Show

Nominating Committee for 2014 Officers: -Rich Hunt appointed a nominating committee consisting of himself, Lee Davisson and Larry Patzkowski to prepare a slate of officers by the October General Meeting. Bill Bish has indicated that he would serve as Treasurer and Lee Davisson said he would continue as Vice President. Therefore, nominations are needed for President and Secretary.

Picnic: - The picnic will be held Sunday August 25 at the home of Shelley and Doug Buchberger. Details and a Club roster will be sent out soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Larry Patzkowski, Secretary

Lithophile Display

Nancy Bankhead setup a display at the Livermore Civic Center Library showing some of the things the Lithophiles collect and make.

The display was one of the many displays showing what the Livermore Cultural Arts Council does here in the valley.

Thank you Nancy.



The Volcanoes of Alaska.

Compiled by Bill Beiriger

Information and Photos from the Global Volcanism Program - Smithsonian Institution.



Pavlof - Alaska Peninsula

Last Eruption - 2007

8,264 feet

55.42° N 161.887° W

The most active volcano of the Aleutian arc, Pavlof is a 2519-m-high Holocene stratovolcano that was constructed along a line of vents extending NE from the Emmons Lake caldera. Pavlof and its twin volcano to the NE, 2142-m-high Pavlof Sister, form a dramatic pair of symmetrical, glacier-covered stratovolcanoes that tower above Pavlof and Volcano bays. A third cone, Little Pavlof, is a smaller volcano on the SW flank of Pavlof volcano, near the rim of Emmons Lake caldera. Unlike Pavlof Sister, Pavlof has been frequently active in historical time, typically producing strombolian to vulcanian explosive eruptions from the summit vents and occasional lava flows. The active vents lie near the summit on the north and east sides. The largest historical eruption of Pavlof took place in 1911, at the end of a 5-year-long eruptive episode. During this eruption a fissure opened on the northern flank of the volcano, ejecting large blocks and issuing lava flows.

Photo by Steve McNutt, 1979 (University of Alaska, Alaska Volcano Observatory).

<http://www.volcano.si.edu/world/volcano>

Shop Talk By Frank Gouveia



Beading Buddies



Wirewrap Class



San Leandro Library Summer Reading Program



Lithophile's August Picnic



California Shows And Events

2013

September 21 - 22: CHICO, CA
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
 Oroville
 Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street
 Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
 John Scott, (530) 343-3491
 Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.featherriverrocks.com

September 21 - 22: REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
 Community Activities Building
 1400 Roosevelt Avenue
 Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
 Preston Bingham (650) 368-6351
 Email: preston.bingham@att.net
 Website: <http://sgms.driftmine.com>

September 28 - 29: LODI, CA
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
 413 East Lockford Street
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411
 Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
 Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 28 - 29: MONTEREY, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Monterey Fairgrounds
 2004 Fairgrounds Road
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
 Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.cvgms.org

September 28 - 29: SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
 Wells Fargo Center for the Art
 50 Mark West Springs Road
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
 Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551
 Email: Jolene@SRMGS.org
 Website: www.srmgs.org

October 12 - 13: GRASS VALLEY
 Nevada County Fairgrounds Main Building
 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley
 Hours: Sat / Sun 10-5
 Website: www.ncgms.org

October 19 - 20: PLACERVILLE, CA
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
 El Dorado County Fairgrounds
 100 Placerville Drive
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Arlene Williams, (530) 676-2472
 Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
 Show Website: www.rockandgemshow.org
 Club Website: www.eldoradomineralandgem.org

November 23 & 24, 2013 Livermore LITHORAMA 2013 Show and Sale,
Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Society; The 'BARN' 3131 Pacific Ave. east of Livermore Ave.
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4. Visit us at our website www.lithophiles.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

Field Trips

Petrified Forest up in Sonoma County (Calistoga)

Hello Lithophiles,

I volunteered at our planning meeting way back when to do a "fossil" field trip of sorts. Finding a location nearby and time to go scout it out has been a bit difficult due to work and weekend commitments. So what I was thinking is a field trip to the Petrified Forest up in Sonoma County (Calistoga) after which you could do a little wine tasting or we could have a group picnic etc. The date would be Saturday Sept. 28th (or Sunday??) and the park is open from 9am to 6pm. It's about a 2 hour drive if you start from the Barn in Livermore, car-pooling could take place there. The cost is \$9 or \$10 depending on your age plus you can print a 10% off coupon from the website. So I'm putting it out there to see if there is any interest.

You can contact me at fishheads1@comcast.net or call 925 462-9269. Frank Gouveia

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**MEMBERS
DUES ARE DUE**



Elected Officers and Club Information

Elected Officers:

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V. President Lee Davisson (925) 371-0699
Secretary Larry Patzkowski (925) 426-7768
Treasurer Shelley Buchberger (925) 292-7122

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. (**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, OPEN.

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

Bulletin: *Livermore Lithogram*. Published monthly and mailed or emailed to active members and guests. News of interest, reports and articles must be received by the first Tuesday of the month. Articles may be reprinted by giving proper credit.

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Shop open every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

**General Meeting Sept. 12th, at 7:30 PM
Board Meeting Sept. 26th, 7:30, At the SHOP**