

ROCK CHIPPERS



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Club Calendar

August 6th
Business Meeting
On Zoom
7 PM

August 13th
Raffle Tickets
Thalia's House
10 AM

August 20th
Society Meeting
At Church
6:30 PM Social
7 PM General
Meeting
Program will be
Rocky Bingo &
potluck

Guests welcome!

From the President...

Hello Fellow Rock Chippers,

I hope everyone is doing well. I would like to thank Thalia for putting together a wonderful program on making paper beads. Sadly, we had less people than we are normally used to. Hopefully, in time, it will be even safer for everyone to be able to attend.

This coming August 20th meeting will be our famous annual Potluck Picnic event with the only difference is it will be taking place outside in our church meeting address.

I hope to see more of you at our next "gathering". Our next board meeting will take place on August 6th at 7pm via Zoom. and our next general meeting will take place on August 20th at 6pm.

Stay Safe and Healthy, Sagi

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Membership Information

For any questions regarding membership in the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers please email Virginia Rotramel at whrc@rockchippers.org

Future Rockhounds of America

For any questions regarding membership in the FRA please email Thalia Goldsworthy at whrc@rockchippers.org

Regular club meetings are held at 7:00PM on the 3rd Saturday of each month at:
First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307

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SOCIETY MEETING PROGRAM

Pot Luck!

Our Society meeting for August will be a potluck at the church, August 20th at 6:30 PM.

Please bring a dish that doesn't require reheating, and don't worry about mask protocol, as we will be outdoors.

The program will be Rocky Bingo—don't forget to bring a modest specimen for prizes!



Last month's program was a family craft night, where we made paper beads.

A great time was had by all, and a few beads even got made!



CLASSES

CLASS FOR AUGUST 13th



Our July class was successful. We made beaded pins. New techniques for using round wire challenged the participants. The photo shows finished pins Debbie's on the left, Anita's on the right and Thalia's on the bottom. Shanna's is on the right.



For August 13th we will take a break from jewelry making to learn and produce the raffle tickets for our show in October. We will take the printed sheets, perforate the stubs, cut them apart and assemble the packets of 6 and staple. We have 480 individual tickets to process into packets. We will distribute packets to our members at the August picnic so they can start selling before the end of August. The remaining tickets will be sold at our show.

We will start at work at 10am. It will go faster if there are 3 or 4 people working together.

Let Thalia know if you can help.

August Birthstones

In 2016, August joined June and December as one of the three birth months represented by three different gemstones. The original birthstone for August was sardonyx, and then peridot was added, becoming August's primary gemstone. The addition of spinel, which can be found in a variety of colors, gives August babies a plethora of options!



Just Plain Rocks.....And Minerals

What are rocks? We see that they are hard masses of consolidated material, varying in size, color and content. They may be as small as a grain of sand, or as large as a mountain. They may be black, brown or multi-colored --- and they make up the earth's crust.

Geologists know that rocks may consist of a single mineral (Gold, etc.) or contain a combination of several useful minerals. For example, a pegmatite rock may contain mica, feldspar, quartz ---and GEMS.

For definition....."A MINERAL is a natural substance found in nature and having definite physical and chemical properties. Its special characteristics are determined by a regular arrangement of the atomic structure within it.

There are approximately 2000 minerals known, but less than two dozen are found in abundance throughout the world.

A mineral may be identified by its chemical content, color, appearance, cleavage, crystal form, hardness, luster, specific gravity, etc. i.e.;

A few are attracted by a magnet. (iron)

Some conduct electricity better than others. (copper)

Some fluorescent ores glow under ultra violet lights. (fluorite)

Some have varied electrical properties, or different reactions to heat and high temperatures.

Some are radioactive and emit rays at great speed. The rays cannot be heard, seen, or felt, but are detected by special equipment. (For example, pitchblende emits about 1200 counts per minute as shown by a geiger counter.)

Nature's minerals are classified as metallic (gold, copper) or non-metallic (graphite, sulfur, etc.). They may be as soft as talc, or as hard as diamond.

The powerful link between man and earth is as great today as it was thousands of years ago when he made his tools, weapons, and decorations from simple stones. Rocks and their minerals continue to provide the basic needs for civilization and live as we know it today.

By: Ferne Shelton
Gem and Mineral Lore

Birthdays

Jeanne



Anniversaries

Antonia & Andy

SHOW NEWS

There has been some progress in the planning for our show.

I have a count on the tables needed by size. This allows for lay-out of the tables for the quantity a vendor wants/needs.

Many of the vendors we have had in the past shows were contacted. Responses back regarding participation in this show were received with resounding enthusiasm. IF we do not have any further participants we will still have enough for a small show.

What will be needed for future planning will be the lay-out of the vendors in the Fellowship Hall. One of the requirements will be how many Display Cases will be needed. Also, the craft table, FRA and the "Guess How Many Are In The Jar" game.

Raffle tickets need to be printed and members need to be getting prizes ready for that. IF we get prizes early pictures can be taken and help sales early on.

I know October seems a long way off, but, there is much to be done. And the more positive information we have the easier it is for publicity to tout. Customers are our goal and selling Raffle tickets to them.

Virginia
Asst. Show Chair

FINISHING PIERCED PATTERNS

After sawing patterns there's always a little cleanup to do, and the smaller cutouts can be a challenge. Needle files (7-8 inches) can get into the larger areas, and escapement files (4 inches) can get into some of the corners.

But I often find myself wanting even smaller files. I couldn't find them, even at a watchmaker tools supply company, so I had to try something else. I ended up grinding down the tip of a small 4" barrette file using a separating disk (or cutoff wheel) in your Dremel or Foredom.

Be sure to wear your safety glasses when using this tool. A flake of steel in your eye makes for a bad day.



SMALL PARTS CONTAINERS

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date and are thrown out. On my last doctors visit, I asked the nurse if they had any expired vials. She replied "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200).

The ones shown above are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They're clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings.

- Brad Smith

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WHRC Business Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:01 P.M.

Location: Zoom

Date: July 2, 2022

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Quorum: Yes

Correction or Approval of Minutes: 1 Ticket is \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, 5 ticket books are \$25.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: We haven't received the statement.

Auditor - Virginia: hasn't had the books for review. Hopefully she can get them for the next meeting for review.

Bulletin/Publisher - John: Removing Maureen and Gary from the newsletter. Trying to post the newsletter to the website. Please contact John for website updates.

Classes/Workshops Thalia: The Suncatcher class in June was a success. The July class is a Pearl Pin with dangling beads. Please contact Thalia for more information and to sign up.

Corporate Administrator - Debbie: Everything is up-to-date. All of the taxes are in. In August Barbara has return to turn in. I'm requesting the permits for the show.

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: Not present.

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: The club is going to display at the Culver City Fiesta of Gems Show on July 16-17th 2022 at the Veterans Auditorium, located at 4117 Overland Ave. Culver City, CA. Larry and Barbara are setting up the showcase.

Federation Director: We are looking for a new Federation Director.

Field Trips: We are meeting at the show on July 16th – Fiesta of Gems with the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club. Veteran's Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Ave Culver City, CA 90230. See you at 10am at the main entrance.

FRA - Thalia: Nothing to report.

Historian - Gene: Not present.

Insurance - Debbie: Everything is up to date.

Librarian - Shanna: Sending an email list.

New Business: Gary and Maureen are listed in the newsletter. It will be updated. Who would like to go to these meetings? The director will be travel to the CFMS meetings, twice a year. Debbie received a case of the Mining Journal Magazine for the October Gem Show distribution.

Membership - Virginia: Everything is up to date.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Programs: The program for July is Family Craft Night.

Publicity: The Raffle Tickets are being edited. The Gem show is published in the Rock & Gem Show Magazine.

Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia: Raffle Tickets are being printed, Thalia is sending PDF for proof reading. Vendors are responding to our contracts.

Ways and Means: John is requesting donations for the Gem Show's Silent Auction. For the next meeting a regular Raffle will be held.

Webmaster - John: Everything is good.

Adjourned: 20:08

Patricia Mejorado

Secretary, Board of Directors

Woodland Hills Rockchippers

WHRC Social Meeting Minutes



Call to order: Time 7:06 PM In person 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA. July 16, 2022

John lead the meeting and flag salute, Sagi not present.

Guest: Mary Pat Weber

Program for the evening: paper bead making by Thalia. Next month will be our picnic/potluck (no BBQ) at the church special time- 6:00 pm followed by rocky bingo. Bring a specimen for prizes.

Minutes approved, no corrections

Treasurer: In the Black

Auditor to pick up books after this meeting-Virginia

Bulletin John/Thalia get articles in by the 25TH, may send bulletin for further proofing to board.

Classes Workshops: Good class making a pin, Thalia made several styles with the samples she created, next month maybe a u-tube project, meet at Thalia's at 10:00 am

Community Outreach: Showcase at Culver City Show, set up by Barbara and Larry. Discussion about Ventura County Fair showcase, due to short time span and long drive no one immediately volunteered, call ahead as many new rules and changes per Mary Pat Weber.

Corporate Admin will work on permit for our gem show

Federation director, this position still is open, requires some travel

Trips Several members met up at the Culver City Show on Saturday the 16TH.

Insurance up to date per Debbie

Library no new donations –library open

Membership no new members

Publicity Debbie took fliers for our show to Culver city Gem Show, printed by Thalia

Show chair Virginia-New 8' table needs inventory lable, Debbie has already prepared. ½ of the vendors have paid already. Need table cloths (blue)

Ways and Means raffle was held tonight

Website: Changes are going to be made to the website to simplify /condensed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34PM

Minutes by Debbie Hirlinger Pro-tem



Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Incorporated



Our organization, a non-profit corporation, was formed for educational and instructive purposes: to foster collection and study of minerals, to disseminate knowledge about them, to sponsor field trips to find them, to encourage the use of them in lapidary and faceting studies, etc. And to have one whale of a good time doing those things with all of our friends.

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Social time from 6:30 p.m.

Field trips are at various times throughout the month. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Membership is open to interested applicants after they have attended at least 2 Society meetings. Annual dues are due in November for the following year. Membership fees are currently \$27.50 for one adult, \$17.50 for a second adult at the same address, juniors (ages 10-18) and pebble pups (ages 4-9) \$5 each. New members pay an additional \$15 initiation fee per person. Late joining new members may have lower dues as they are prorated after mid-year.

Elected Officers/Directors

President	Sagi Salomon	Director At Large	Gene Berwager
Treasurer	Barbara Bradbury	Director At Large	Lillian Berwager
Secretary	Paty Mejorado	Director At Large	Larry Bradbury
Corp. Adm.	Debbie Hirlinger	Director At Large	John O'Brien
		Director At Large	Shanna O'Brien

Chairpersons and Appointed Positions

Auditor.....Virginia Rotramel
 Bulletin EditorJohn O'Brien
 Classes.....Thalia Goldsworthy
 Courtesy/Hospitality...Lillian Berwager
 Custodian.....Open
 Federation Director.....Open
 Alternate Fed Director.....Open
 Field Trips.....Committee
 FRA.....Thalia Goldsworthy
 Historian.....Gene Berwager
 Librarian.....Shanna O'Brien

MembershipVirginia Rotramel
 Outreach.....Thalia Goldsworthy
 Parliamentarian.....Open
 ProgramsThalia Goldsworthy
 Publicity.....Open
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 Asst.Show Chair.....Virginia Rotramel
 Ways and Means..... Virginia Rotramel
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**Society Meeting Program
At the Church
August 20th
6:30 Social & 7:00 Program
Pot Luck & Rocky Bingo**



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