

# ROCK CHIPPERS

The Bulletin of the Woodland Hills  
Rock Chippers, Inc.



Volume 63 Number 4  
April 2022

## Club Calendar

**April 2nd**  
Business Meeting  
On Zoom  
7 PM

**April 9th**  
Class  
Thalia's House  
10 AM

**April 16th**  
Society Meeting  
On Zoom  
6:30 PM Social  
7 PM General  
Meeting  
Program will be  
One Hour  
Bracelets

Guests welcome  
Email society or  
Thalia for Zoom  
invitation.

## *From the President....*

Hello Fellow Rock Chippers,  
I would like first to congratulate Larry and Barbara Bradbury, for the many years of contributions and hard work to our beloved club, earning them both the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers Life Membership.

I also would like to thank our very own Paty Mejorado on finding us a very exciting and informative video program, I'm looking forward to watching part two this coming April.

If anyone would like to contribute to our newsletter, please send our editor any correspondence as soon as possible in order for it to be included in the next newsletter.

The April business meeting will take place at 7pm on April 2nd via Zoom. And our general meeting, via Zoom, will take place at 7pm on April 16th with pre meeting chatting starting at 6:30pm.

Sagi Salomon

## Bulletin Index

**Page 2**  
Program, second half  
of Jeff Fulkerson DVD  
One Hour Bracelet  
CFMS Message

**Page 3**  
Birthdays  
Anniversaries  
Gemstone of the  
Month

**Page 4**  
Let's go to a show!  
Tech tips.

**Page 5**  
Society Meeting  
Minutes

**Page 6**  
Business meeting  
minutes

**Page 7**  
Statement of  
incorporation  
Officers and board  
members

## Membership Information

For any questions regarding membership in the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers please email Virginia Rotramel at [whrc@rockchippers.org](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)

## Future Rockhounds of America

For any questions regarding membership in the FRA please email Thalia Goldsworthy at [whrc@rockchippers.org](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)

Regular club meetings are held at 7:00PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at:  
First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91303

Visit our website [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)  
WHRC Editor: P.O. Box 205 Woodland Hills, CA 91365

## SOCIETY MEETING PROGRAM

### Program for April 16<sup>th</sup> – One Hour Bracelet

Second half of One Hour Bracelets by Jeff Fulkerson. Seven watch and learn lessons on five unique bracelet projects. How-to's on soldering, setting stones, and more.

### CLASSES

On April 9th there will be an in-person class at Thalia's home. We will continue wire wrapping a geode slice into a bead enhanced pendant. If you are experienced in wire wrapping you may attend and catch up to the class. You will need to bring your usual wrapping tools. Thalia will provide kits that include the wires, geode slice and beads needed. Prices for the kits: Copper, \$10.00, Sterling Silver \$15.00, 14k Gold Filled \$20.00. If you have 24 - 22ga square and 21 or 22ga half-round wire the cost of the remaining items and class fee will be \$8.50. There is no class fee for continuing students.

Class size is limited, so email or phone Thalia for your reservation.



### A Message from the President of CFMS:

Some of us are getting more sophisticated spam emails from posers pretending to be members of your CFMS Executive Committee (EC).

My predecessor PastCFMS President Juanita Pardun discussed some of the older ones that pose as an EC member and request you buy gift cards and that we (EC) will reimburse you, which are really obviously not legitimate correspondence. But I recently became aware that someone is posing as an EC member and using the tack that they "just want some of your precious time" to discuss something ambiguous.

Do not respond to them if their motives are not clear. They are trying to hook you when you let down your guard.

Please delete the message and create a new message to report it to me.

Don't send me the spam message. I will be tracking this activity at [President@CFMSinc.org](mailto:President@CFMSinc.org).

## *Birthdays*

*Thalia and Lisa*



## *Anniversaries*

*Lisa and Mark*



## **April's Birthstones**



The jewelry industry promotes Diamond as the “traditional” birthstone for April, but that wasn’t always true. Since 5000 BC the world’s various cultures designated different stones for the zodiac and calendar months. Their choices often were based on what was available and the cost.

There are four other stones considered alternate birthstones for April: Sapphire (especially the white or clear variety), Rock Crystal (Clear Quartz), White Topaz and Opal.

Hardness varies - thus durability. In hardness order these are Diamond - 10, Sapphire - a variety of corundum, White Topaz - 8, Rock Crystal - 7 and Opal - 3.5.

## Let's Go To A Show!

### **April 30 – May 1, 2022 – Anaheim, A**

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10AM – 4:30 PM

61st Annual Searchers Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Show

Fun activities for kids! Free. See rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, rough, slabs, gold panning, door prizes, tools, supplies and exhibits.

Contact: (909) 815-3045, [searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com](mailto:searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com)

Website: <https://searchersrocks.org>

### **May 6-7-8, 2022 – Lancaster, CA**

#### ***CFMS Gems, Minerals, Fossils & Jewelry Show***

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

Hours: Friday, Saturday 9 AM -5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM

Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Demonstrations, Exhibits, Dealers, Kid's and Family Activities.

Free parking and Free Admission.

Contact:

Bob Backus (661) 526-3564, email: [lbackus@aol.com](mailto:lbackus@aol.com)

Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 406-0143, email: [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)

### **May 6-7, 2022 – Yucaipa, CA**

Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street, Yucaipa CA 92399

Hours: Friday 6 PM – 10 PM, Saturday noon – 10 PM

The YVGMS annual show features great vendors, geode cracker, kids' activities, raffle, and club store. The YVGMS show is part of the Yucaipa city Music and Arts Festival with music, various local artists, kids' zone with rides and jumpers, other craft vendors, food vendors, and a beer/wine garden. It is a fun time for the entire family.

Contact: (909) 794-0731

## **TRY A TOOTHPICK**

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, and with Zam for polishing in tight spots.

Toothpicks are also handy for holding a small faceted stone while setting it. Just break off the sharp tip, mold a little beeswax over it, and press it onto the table of your stone.

More smart solutions for your jewelry making problems can be found in my metal arts books on Amazon at <http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

## *WHRC Society Meeting Minutes*

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** March 19, 2022

**Call to Order:** Sagi

**Flag Salute:** Thalia

**Correction or Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved by Debbie

**Old Business:** A copy of the by-laws will be sent for members to have on file.

**Report of Treasurer - Barbara:** Everything is in order.

**Auditor - Virginia:** Not present.

**Bulletin/Publisher - John:** Everything is good.

**Classes/Workshops Thalia:** The April class is part 2 of "Geode Slice Pendant."

**Corporate Administrator - Debbie:** Barbara has year-end numbers. Filing paperwork with the Department of Justice. Everything is ready to go.

**Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian:** No birthdays or anniversaries to announce for March. Everything has been sent out.

**Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia:** Thalia is re-working the showcase "Got Quartz". Adding a few other items like, Obsidian, Tiger Eye Rough. It will be displayed at the CFMS AV Lancaster Show at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on May 6, 7 & 8, 2022. Steve also asked if we would like the showcase to go to Culver City for the 2022 Fiesta of Gems on July 16-17 at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA.

**Federation Director:** We are in need of a volunteer Federation Director. The Federation meets twice a year, once in Visalia during the month of November and a second location. The 2022 CFMS Show and Convention is scheduled for May 6th, 7th & 8th, 2022 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The address is: 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536. <https://cfmsinc.org/shows-2/>

**Field Trips:** Pending

**FRA - Thalia:** We are not meeting at the moment.

**Historian - Gene:** Nothing to report.

**Insurance - Debbie:** Everything is current.

**Librarian - Shanna:** Nothing to report.

**Membership - Virginia:** Not present.

**Programs:** Presented by Shanna – DVD: One Hour Bracelets with Jeff Fulkerson. The second part will be presented at the April 16, 2022 Society Meeting.

**Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia:** Still working out the details.

**Ways and Means:** Silent Auction tentatively scheduled for an outdoor meeting in May. The Church hasn't responded to our inquiry regarding the Covid-19 policy. Prize: A Lovely Red Agate Donated by Thalia, Raffle Winner: Paty

**Webmaster - John:** Everything is good.

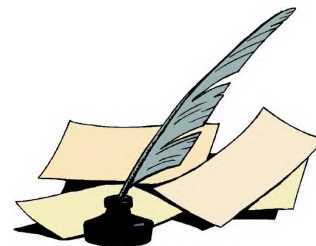
**New Business:** Thalia announced that the Board has approved Life Membership for the Bradbury's. Virginia will have a hanger made for the badges. Congratulations to Larry & Barbara Bradbury!

**Meeting adjourned:** 20:38

**Patricia Mejorado**

**Secretary, Board of Directors**

## WHRC Business Meeting Minutes



**Time:** 7:03pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** March 5, 2022

**Call to Order:** Sagi

**Correction or Approval of Minutes:** Minutes looked good. They are approved.

**Old Business:** Thalia needs a digital copy of the by-laws. A copy needs to go to the members.

**Report of Treasurer - Barbara:** We are good right now.

**Auditor - Virginia:** The books are in fine order.

**Bulletin/Publisher - John:** Thalia and John are you looking into Benchtips from Brad Smith?

**Classes/Workshops Thalia:** The March 12<sup>th</sup> class is on a "Geode Slice Pendant."

**Corporate Administrator - Debbie:** Barbara is sending me the numbers.

**Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian:** Thank you for the updated membership roster.

**Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia:** Thalia is re-designing the showcase "Got Quartz". It will be displayed at the CFMS AV Lancaster Show at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on May 6, 7 & 8, 2022. **Federation Director:** We are in need of a volunteer Federation Director. The job requires traveling to Visalia and the State show. Maureen is going to the show in May. The 2022 CFMS Show and Convention is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The address is: 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536. <https://cfmsinc.org/shows-2/>

**Field Trips:** Pending

**FRA - Thalia:** We are not meeting at the moment.

**Historian - Gene:** Nothing to report.

**Insurance - Debbie:** Everything is current.

**Librarian - Shanna:** Nothing to report.

**Membership - Virginia:** Roster went out. Any updates, please send it to us.

**Programs:** Presented by Shanna – DVD: One Hour Bracelets with Jeff Fulkerson. The Program will start at 7pm.

**Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia:** Still working out the details. We will have a show meeting. We need a theme for the show.

**Ways and Means:** Silent Auction tentatively scheduled for an outdoor meeting in May.

**Webmaster - John:** Everything is good.

**New Business:** The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate is March 11, 12, and 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. Easter Sunday is the Day after our meeting. Are we meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>? Do we need the Marshall case or should we sell it. Virginia brought up the dedication of the Bradbury's and can we install a Life Membership Larry & Barbara Bradbury. The Board approved and it will be announced at the Society Meeting.

**Meeting adjourned:** 19:59

**Patricia Mejorado**

**Secretary, Board of Directors**



**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 Editor .....John O'Brien  
 Classes.....Thalia Goldsworthy  
 Courtesy/Hospitality...Lillian Berwager  
 Custodian.....Open  
 Federation Director.....Gary Levitt  
 Alternate Fed Director..Maureen Levitt  
 Field Trips.....Committee  
 FRA.....Thalia Goldsworthy  
 Historian.....Gene Berwager  
 Librarian.....Shanna O'Brien

Membership .....Virginia Rotramel  
 Outreach.....Thalia Goldsworthy  
 Parliamentarian.....Open  
 Programs .....Thalia Goldsworthy  
 Publicity.....Open  
 Shop ..... Pat Keene. Anita Niles  
 Club Show Chair.....Sagi Salmon  
 Asst.Show Chair.....Virginia Rotramel  
 Ways and Means..... Virginia Rotramel  
 Webmaster.....John O'Brien



Material from Rock Chippings may be duplicated for non-commercial purposes with appropriate credits. For commercial use, individual authors must be contacted for approval. Articles lacking bylines have been generated by the Bulletin staff.



# Society Meeting Program

April 16th

6:30 Social & 7:00 Program

One Hour Bracelets - DVD



Address exchange Bulletins to: Editor at above address

*Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.*  
MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
P.O. BOX 205, Woodland Hills, CA 91365