

ROCK CHIPPINGS

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Rock Chippers, Inc.



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Club Calendar

February 4th
Business Meeting
On Zoom
7 PM

Class
Thalia has other
obligations, and
no class is
scheduled for
February.

February 18th
Society Meeting
At the church
Silent Auction
6:30 PM

Hello everyone,

2023 is starting off wonderfully. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our members and guests. I believe by coming together and sharing our knowledge and strengths, we can make our beloved club even better and at the same time attract new people to become members.

I invite everyone to please submit any ideas that may be related to the bettering of our club.

The next business meeting of the year will take place 7pm on February 4th via Zoom. This month's meeting; we will have our exciting Silent Auction. I ask everyone to bring items to auction and participate for a fun evening of laughter and suspense. This is a great opportunity to clear some items from your homes and bring in a few new ones.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 18th meeting starting at 7pm with pre meeting kibitz at 6:30pm.

Wishing everyone a Beautiful, Happy, and Fun Valentine's Day,

Sagi Salomon

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Membership Information

For any questions
regarding membership in

Future Rockhounds of America

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

Regular club
7:00PM on the 3rd
month at:
First United

meetings are held at
Saturday of each

Methodist Church,

Birthstones of February



If you were born in February, your birthstone is amethyst – the purple variety of quartz that has captivated mankind for millennia. Its lilac to deep purple hues can be cut into many shapes and sizes, and it can be manufactured in a lab as well as mined. Amethyst, the February birthstone, can be found in the collections of royal families throughout Europe and Asia. Now it's within reach of most consumers. Consider buying a stunning amethyst for the king or queen of your heart – or treat yourself to a royal present. If your birthday is in February, then wearing an amethyst can also be a symbol of personal empowerment and inner strength.

The name “*amethyst*” derives from the Greek *amethystos*, which means “a remedy against drunkenness,” a benefit long ascribed to the purple birthstone. Because of its wine-like color, early Greek mythology associated the gem with Bacchus, the god of wine. Amethyst was also believed to keep the wearer clear headed and quick witted in battle and business affairs. Renaissance Europeans thought it calmed lovers overrun by passion.

Amethyst is the gem traditionally given for the [sixth wedding anniversary](#). Wear it in celebration of your wedding nuptials or as your February birthstone.

Bench Tips for February



CUTTING MOLDS

Cutting molds is easier and more precise with a sharp blade. A new Xacto blade is sufficient for cutting RTV molds but is usually not sharp enough for vulcanized rubber molds. For that it's best to use scalpel blades available from most jewelry supply companies. The #11 blade is triangle shaped, and the #12 is hawksbill shaped. I find the hawksbill is particularly nice for cutting the registration keys of the mold.



USING YOUR THUMB

When using multiple bits in a Foredom, we often have to deal with several different shaft sizes - the usual 3/32 inch burs, the larger 1/8 inch shaft sizes and of course the many different sizes of drills. For some reason I really dislike having to turn the key multiple times to open or close the jaws of the handpiece chuck.

So I have two ways to speed up that task. For opening up the jaws, I just remember "four", the number of turns I have to make to open the chuck just enough from the 3/32 bur shaft size to the larger 1/8 bur shaft size.

For closing the jaws around a smaller shaft, there's a neat trick. Hold the new bit in the center of the open jaws of the chuck, put your thumb lightly onto the outer toothed collar of the chuck, and gently start up the Foredom. As the chuck turns, it will naturally tighten the jaws around the bur shaft or the drill bit. Then all you have to do is a final tightening with the key.

<https://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

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Let's Go to a Show!

CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

June 23, 24 & 25 - 2023

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds - 413 East Lockford Street Lodi California 95240

WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW

May 12-13-14-2023

Fri & Sat 10am to 6pm

Holiday inn Orange County Airport 2726 South Grand Avenue

Santa Ana California 92705

ANTELOPE VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB'S MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW

Saturday May 6, 2023 10-5 and Sunday May 7, 2023 10-5

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds 2551 West Ave. H Lancaster CA 93536

VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY 60th ANNUAL

GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW

March 4 & 5, 2023 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4

Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Ventura CA 93001

TURLOCK GEM, MINERAL & ROCK SHOW

March 11-12 2023 Sat-Sun 10-5 Adults \$8.00

Stanislaus Fairgrounds 900 North Broadway in Turlock CA

www.turlockgemshow.com

Birthdays:

*Sagí, Sophía,
Demelza, Patrícia
Antonia*

Anniversaries:

Gene & Lillian

**DUES ARE DUE**

Members not at the November meeting will be receiving a notice in the snail mail. Please respond promptly to the request as we as an organization need to respond to the CA Federation with our organization insurance and dues along with our membership information. This information will allow me to make up our membership list for our use to reach one another.

Single (one) member = \$27.50

Couple (two) members at same address = \$45.00

A member under the age of 18 = \$5.00

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

The Board of Directors of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc. held its annual corporate meeting on **January 7 2023** at **7:00 PM** via Zoom in **Chatsworth**, California.

The meeting was called to order by temporary chairman, **Debbie Hirlinger**.

Debbie Hirlinger was elected temporary secretary for this meeting.

There were Officers and Directors present, representing a quorum: **Debbie Hirlinger, Sagi Salomon, Barbara Bradbury and Larry Bradbury Gene and Lillian Berwager, John Obrien and Shanna Obrien.** .

A motion by was made by Shanna and seconded by Barbara that the Officers and Directors for **2023**, elected by the membership in November, **2022** and installed at the December Holiday Party, be designated as the Executive Committee for the year **2023** Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The following were confirmed:

President – **Sagi Salomon**

Secretary – **Paty Mejorado**

Treasurer – **Barbara Bradbury**

Corporate Administrator – **Debbie Hirlinger**

Director – **Gene Berwager**

Director – **Lillian Berwager**

Director – **Larry Bradbury**

Director – **John O'Brien**

Director- **Shanna O'Brien**

A motion was made by Gene and seconded by Sagi that the powers and authority of the Board be delegated to the Executive Committee in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, except as stated in the By Laws. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by John and seconded by Barbara to approve the required appointments made by the President for the following positions:

Auditor – **Virginia Rotramel**

Federation Director – **Virginia Rotramel**

Alternate Federation Director - **Open**

Historian – **Gene Berwager**

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by John and seconded by Shanna to adopt the budget for **2023** that will be **approved** by the membership at the January 21, 2023 general meeting based on 2022 approved budget with price increases for show, rent, and computer fees. Motion passed unanimously.

The annual reports for **2022** from the Various Officers and Chairmen, were requested to be presented for the Archive records. The Corporate Admin will update the asset list for equipment at various locations.

Since there was no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Debbie Hirlinger Temporary Secretary

WHRC Business Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:12pm

Location: Zoom

Date: January 7, 2023

Call to Order: Sagi

Correction or Approval of Minutes: Debbie approved minutes

Old Business: Barbara to present 2023 budget at general meeting 1/21/23 for approval

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: We are in the black

Auditor - Virginia: The books are done and the audit finished for 2022.

Bulletin/Publisher - John: get in articles by the 25TH, published bulletin

Classes/Workshops Thalia: No class for Jan 2023, Thalia will decide for February, might be separate email...

Corporate Administrator - Debbie: All up to date, will have tax returns due in March after gets the info from Treasurer for 2022

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: All up to date, cards went out,, needed update on address changes from Virginia

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: Ventura Show need ideas for show case /theme, March.

Federation Director: Virginia will be director, still need alternate. She will attend show in June 2023, Lodi.

Field Trips: Pending

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

Historian - Gene: Received corporate admin report for 2022.

Insurance - Debbie: Everything is current. **Librarian - Shanna:** Nothing to report.

Membership - Virginia: Most have paid for 2023, still a few outstanding.

Programs: Jan DVD on tourmalines Barbara to bring, Virginia to bring equipment from Thalia's. Next month is silent auction, bring items to the meeting. Possible Weber's guest speakers has new program on fluorite for March or April in person. Need ideas for future months

Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia: No discussion for show but Barbara confirming dates with the church. Steve authorized to buy minerals/specimens \$200.00 when he attends Quartzite, if pricing reasonable, he will be reimbursed.

Ways and Means: Will have raffle at January meeting. Bring items for February silent auction

Webmaster - John: Everything is good. I will bring laptop to general meeting as see if we can include Sagi, zoom hybrid. Debbie to bring I- pad in case we need. Discussion about new zoom fees, Thalia will renew as the meetings are not time limited like the free version. Voted and approved.

New Business: Barbara will confirm all meeting room dates for 2023 with the church, slight price increases. Possible to see if Aug 23 picnic could be in the day time instead of evening meeting. Also voted to not hold general meeting at church in October, may do a zoom meeting to discuss show results on the 4Th Saturday.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm

Debbie Hirlinger

Pro-Tem Secretary

WHRC Society Meeting**Time: 7:02 pm****Location: 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91303****Flag Salute:** Barbara**Guest:** Vanessa D., Celia, Leann and Ernie**Program:** Pala Gems Stewart Lithia Mine**Correction or approval of minutes:** Nothing to report.**Report of Treasurer:** Still in the black**Auditor:** Still in the black**Bulletin/Publisher- John/Thalia:** Everything is okay.**Classes/Workshops:** Dichroic Glass class pending for February 11, 2023. ****CANCELLED******Courtesy/Hospitality:** Cards are up to date.**Community Outreach - Thalia:** We need a new theme for the Club Showcase. The next show for display is at the Ventura Show in March. Please submit any suggestions.**Corporate Administration - Debbie:** Everything is up-to-date.**Display/Education:** We need a theme for the showcase.**Federation Director:** Virginia may go in June to the Local AFMS/CFMs show.**FRA - Thalia:** No activity at the moment.**Insurance Debbie:** Hartford renews in May.**Librarian - Shanna:** Nothing new to report. Book Review: Gem Craft - How to Cut and Polish Stones. A great book for gem cutting and polishing. It's now in the library available to check out.**Membership - Virginia:** Almost everyone has renewed. Renew your dues by February.**Program:** January - Pala Gems DVD - Stewart Lithia Mine / February - Silent Auction**Web Master:** Connected Zoom for the Society meeting.**New Business:** Thalia is requesting assistance for a Showcase theme. We also need to gather the material by next meeting.**Old Business:** Approval of the Budget. Debbie made the motion for approval. Virginia seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous approval.

Meeting Adjourned: 19:30

Patricia Mejorado*Secretary, Woodland Hills Rockchippers*



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.



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	Membership	Virginia Rotramel
Bulletin Editor	John O'Brien	Outreach.....	Thalia Goldsworthy
Classes.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Parliamentarian.....	Open
Courtesy/Hospitality...	Lillian Berwager	Programs	Thalia Goldsworthy
Custodian.....	Open	Publicity.....	Open
Fed Director.....	Virginia Rotramel	Shop	Pat Keene. Anita Niles
Alternate Fed Director.....	Open	Club Show Chair.....	Sagi Salmon
Field Trips.....	Committee	Asst.Show Chair.....	Virginia Rotramel
FRA.....	Thalia Goldsworthy	Ways and Means.....John O'Brien
Historian.....	Gene Berwager	Webmaster.....	John O'Brien
Librarian.....	Shanna O'Brien		



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February Social Meeting

At the Church
Saturday, February 18th
6:30 pm



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