

ROCK CHIPPERS



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Rock Chippers, Inc.

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Club Calendar

March 5th
Business Meeting
On Zoom
7 PM

March 12th
Class
Thalia's House
10 AM

March 19th
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 everyone, 2022 is starting off wonderfully, we are finally almost clear of the covid situation, which brings us closer to in person meetings. I would like to thank the Webbers for a very Interesting program on the inner beauty of caves. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our members and guests on line, and hopefully soon we can all be together. 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 March 5th via zoom, and general meeting via zoom will take place 7pm March 19th. With friendly mingling starting at 6:30pm...

Wishing everyone a Beautiful, Happy, and Safe month.
Sagi Salomon

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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 91303

Visit our website www.rockchippers.org
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SOCIETY MEETING PROGRAM

Program for March 19th – One Hour Bracelet

One Hour Bracelets by Jeff Fulkerson. Seven watch and learn lessons on five unique bracelet

Project. How-to's on soldering, setting stones, and more.

CLASSES

We had a long class In February. Time did not permit finishing the piece, so the students were finishing at home.

On March 12th at 10am there will be an in-person class at Thalia's home. We will be wire wrapping a geode slice into a bead enhanced pendant. 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 are: Copper, \$10.00, Sterling Silver \$15.00, 14k Gold Filled \$20.00. If you have 22ga square and 21 or 22ga half-round wire the cost of the remaining items and class fee will be \$8.50.



IN MEMORIAM

Gary Levitt, a long time member of the Rockatomics, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers and the Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club, passed away on February 11, 2022. Gary was active in CFMS and held many Committee Chair Positions; his favorite was Rockhound of the Year. He was a recipient of the Golden Bear award. Gary attended many CFMS ESS Camp ZZZZX programs.

He was an active member of the Shriners and supported the Shriner's Children's Hospital, helping to inspire young people to never let their disabilities define them. He never let his physical problems hold him back.

Gary's sense of humor is one thing that made him so special. One of his Gary's last major trips was to Davis Creek, a place he always wanted to visit. Gary was a true Rockhound, humanitarian and friend who will be missed.

Submitted by Tony and Sandie Fender

Birthday & Anniversaries



No Reported Events



THE TWO BIRTHSTONES OF MARCH

Aquamarine, the gem birthstone of March, evokes the colors of the sea. From deep green blue to light, slightly greenish blue.

This jewel is known for its vivid appearance and for the pop of color it provides. Aquamarine birthstones are mined in Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Zambia and Mozambique, as well as elsewhere in Africa. USA, Vietnam and Cambodia. Aquamarine evokes the purity of crystalline waters, and the exhilaration and relaxation of the sea. It is calming, soothing, and cleansing, and inspires truth, trust and letting go. In ancient lore, aquamarine was believed to be the treasure of mermaids, and was used by sailors as a talisman of good luck, fearlessness and protection. It was also considered a stone of eternal youth and happiness. Today it protects all who travel by, over, or near water, and opens the channels of clear and heartfelt communication.



Bloodstone, the other birthstone of March is a dark-green gemstone flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this gemstone are India, Brazil, and Australia. The original deposits of bloodstone is mined in Australia, Brazil and India and typically found as pebbles in riverbeds or embedded in rocks. A stone of courage, purification, and noble sacrifice, bloodstone has a long history of use for its healing properties. It was considered a somewhat magical stone because of its ability to transmute negative energy and purify a space while protecting it at the same time. In the ancient world, bloodstone was considered to be the most beautiful of the Jaspers, a deep, earthy green gem emboldened with spots of bright red. Called the Sun Stone, and later Christ's Stone, its energy carries the purity of blood and inherently speaks of life and birth, vitality and strength, passion, and courage. As a talisman it is both mystical and magical, and its virtues are protective and nurturing



WHRC Society Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Secretary: Patricia Mejorado

Date: February 19, 2022

Call to Order: Sagi

Flag Salute: Thalia

Correction or Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved by Debbie

Old Business: None to report.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: Everything is up-to-date.

Auditor - Virginia: We are in good shape.

Bulletin/Publisher - John: Everything is good.

Classes/Workshops Thalia: Two people were present for the class. It came out wonderful. The March class is "Geode Slice Pendant." Please contact Thalia for further details.

Corporate Administrator - Debbie: Everything is up to date. I will be receiving the new numbers to file paperwork.

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: All cards are up-to-date.

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: The "Got Quartz" showcase is headed to the Ventura County Gem Show on March 5-6, 2022 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. www.vgms.org.

Federation Director - Maureen: Virginia is the Back-Up person for the CFMS. We also need an alternate person. 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/>. Maureen found the original copy of the Yearbook Award the club won previously.

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: All dues are paid for CFMS. Sending an updated list to Pat La Rue with Officer names. Latest updates can be mailed out to memberships.

Programs: "The Inner Beauty of Caves" presented by the Webbers.

Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia: We are looking at different vendors for the show.

Ways and Means: Larry won the door prize for a small green quartz specimen in matrix. In March the prize is a Red Agate from Thalia.

Webmaster - John: Everything is good.

New Business: We are looking for a new contact person for the CFMS.

Meeting adjourned: 21:00

Patricia Mejorado

Secretary, Board of Directors

WHRC Business Meeting Minutes



Time: 7:00pm
Location: Zoom
Date: February 5, 2022

Call to Order: Sagi

Correction or Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved by Debbie.

Old Business: None to report.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: Everything is okay.

Auditor - Virginia: We are in good shape.

Bulletin/Publisher - John: Everything is good. Updating the website as necessary.

Classes workshops - Thalia: The Heart Pendant class is scheduled for February 12th. The March class is "Geode Slice Pendant." Please contact Thalia for further details.

Corporate Administrator - Debbie: Everything is up to date.

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: We sent a thinking of you card to Betty May, pending response. Gary is in the hospital. Jim G. has relocated to La Mesa.

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: The "Got Quartz" showcase is headed to the Ventura County Gem Show on March 5-6, 2022 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. www.vgms.org. The flyers for the October Gem Show need to be updated, will Pat K. be at our show?

Federation Director - Maureen: Gary L. won a very prestigious award. We will ask Maureen for more details.

Field Trips: Pending

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

Historian - Gene: Received some reports for the Archives.

Insurance - Debbie: Everything is current.

Librarian - Shanna: Nothing to report.

Membership - Virginia: Membership dues are up for renewal.

Programs: "The Inner Beauty of Caves" presented by the Webbers.

Publicity: Doing some publicity on flyers.

Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia: We are looking at different vendors for the show.

Ways and Means: The door prize for a small green quartz specimen in matrix for the February Society Meeting. Debbie has the trailer keys.

Webmaster - John: Everything is good.

New Business: Per Barbara, the post office has been renewed. The church is aware we are not meeting every month in the Conference Room. The Library can stay there for right now.

Meeting adjourned: 19:45

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 EditorJohn 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

MembershipVirginia Rotramel
 Outreach.....Thalia Goldsworthy
 Parliamentarian.....Open
 ProgramsThalia Goldsworthy
 Publicity.....Open
 Shop Pat Keene. Anita Niles
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 Ways and Means..... Virginia Rotramel
 Webmaster.....John O'Brien



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Society Meeting Program

March 19th

6:30 Social & 7:00 Program

One Hour Bracelets - DVD



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