

# ROCK CHIPPINGS

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Rock Chippers, Inc.



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## Club Calendar

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

**September 16th**  
Society Meeting

Church 7:00

**September 23rd**  
Workshop at  
Thalia's house, to  
prepare for the  
show. Anyone  
who wants to help  
is urged to attend.

Hello fellow rock chippers,

Thank you everyone who came to our annual potluck picnic, and Rock Bingo meeting. I'm sure everyone left full and happy. As always, it turned out to be a fun and entertaining day filled with lots of laughter and great company.

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

The next business meeting will take place 7pm on Sept. 2nd via zoom. And our general meeting on Sept. 16 starting at 6:30pm.

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](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 91307

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

## This Month's Class

This month, class will be a workshop devoted to preparations for the show. The date will be Saturday, September 23rd. Everyone who is interested in helping with the show should attend, if possible.

An educational non-profit community  
organization

**WOODLAND HILLS  
ROCK CHIPPERS, INC.**

**TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL  
GEM SHOW**  
One Day Only!

**Saturday, October 21, 2023  
10 am - 5 pm**

## Society Program For September

The program for our meeting in September will be discussion of the upcoming show, and a show and tell open to any and all.

Meeting is at the church, at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, September 16th

## Birthstones of September

September has three birthstones: Sapphire, Lapis Lazuli, and Carnelian. Sapphire was the original, traditional birthstone, and Lapis was added later, and finally Carnelian was included.

I have also seen references to Chrysoprase and jasper as September birthstones. Sapphire is certainly the chief and original birthstone for September. The gemstone is best known for its striking pure-blue color, but it can range from greenish-blue to violet-blue. Part of the same corundum family as the ruby, stones in violet, green, yellow, orange, pink, and purple are known as “fancy sapphires.” Some exhibit color changes, depending on the lighting.

Corundum is naturally colorless, but trace amounts of elements like iron, titanium, and chromium lead to a range of colors. Outside of red corundum (rubies), all other corundum gems are considered sapphires.



## CLUB SHOWCASE

We are often invited to bring our showcase display to other club shows. Many thanks to the volunteers who make this possible.

The showcase will next be on display at our show, in October.



## *Anniversaries:*

*Jean & David,*

*Pat & Rue.*



## *Birthdays :*

*Pat, Jennifer,*

*Barbara, Gina.*

## *Tips*

### **Chain Repair**

A chain after being repaired is never as strong as it was before it was broken. While most flat chain repairs are nearly undetectable, if the chain is very small, lightweight or badly damaged, there may be some stiffness in surrounding links after the repair is completed. Chains that are more difficult to repair due to their complexities include link chains, like rope and cable chains, and herringbone chains. Some jewelers may charge extra for these jewelry repairs. The upside is that a jeweler may have a laser welder or other exotic tool that can affect a superior repair job.

**See Other Tips in my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making Problems**

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

Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith

[BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com](mailto:BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com)



The Pink Starburst Diamond at the Natural History Museum

Join us for a visit to the

**Natural History Museum**

September 17th 10am-pending

*Members Only Event*

900 Exposition Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007 (213) 763-3466

Special link to watch:

<https://nhm.org/stories/secret-power-zeolite>

**Gem and Mineral Hall**

**900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA**

**90007**

Kindly email for more information

Email: [whrc@rockchippers.org](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)

Tickets are:

Adults: \$18.00

Seniors: \$14.00

Students: \$14.00

Child: \$7.00

Parking \$15.00

WHRC Business Meeting  
August 5, 2023  
Time: 7:04PM  
Location: Zoom

President Protem: Paty

Correction or approval of the minutes: Everything looks good.

Establish quorum: No

Report of Treasurer: Virginia has the books. We haven't received the bank statements yet.

Old Business: CFMS Bulletin doesn't have the show listed yet. It might be posted online per Maureen. We are going to re-submit show info to the CFMS.

New Business: Last day for the Nipoma show, "Orcutt Mineral Society "Rainbow of Gems" Show" August 4th.

Auditor: Per Virginia the books are great.

Bulletin/Publisher- John: The bulletin will include Celia for next month.

Classes/Workshops: Continuation of the Reverse Pendant on August 26th.

Courtesy/Hospitality: Not present.

Community Outreach - Thalia: Showcase is waiting for the October show. The Pioneer Days in Chatsworth is October 1, 2021.

Corporate Administration: Not present. Everything is in order.

Display/Education: The Showcase is waiting for the October Show.

Federation Director: There is a meeting in November for the CFMS.

Field Trips: For Members only: The Natural History Museum is August 20th.

FRA - Thalia: Not active at the moment.

Insurance Debbie: Everything is paid.

Librarian - Shanna: Nothing new at the moment.

Membership: No new applications yet.

Program: August is the Picnic and Rocky Bingo. September is Member Show and Tell. October 21 is the GEM show. In November we the Webbers are presenting the Tucson Show.

We also have Nominations. December is the Holiday Party, the President, Board and Officers are installed. Stay tuned for details.

Publicity: Thalia is emailing flyers for printing.

Shop: The equipment is being moved from Anita's to Maureen's. Plan in process.

Show: We have open cases for the Gem Show. Kindly check with Steve for availability. Per Virginia, the vendors are confirming and contracts are out. Crafts and Games are Thalia and Shanna. Consignments are pending. Please bring prizes for Gem show case and Gem jar.

We have the silent auction slips ready to be made out for donations.

Ways and Means: We are not having a raffle at the Picnic.

Website: Is now Blog style.

Meeting Adjourned: 19:49

Patricia Mejorado  
Secretary, Woodland Hills RockChippers

There will be no minutes for the August Society meeting—the meeting was devoted to playing Rocky Bingo!





**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	Corp. Admin.	Debbie Hirlinger
Director At Large	John O'Brien	Director At Large	Celia Barnett
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 Salomon
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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**July Society Meeting**  
**At the Church**  
**Saturday September 16th**  
**7:00 pm**



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