

# ROCK CHIPPINGS



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Rock Chippers, Inc.

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## Club Calendar

**April 1st**  
Business Meeting  
On Zoom  
7 PM

**April 22nd**  
Thalia will have a  
class on Wire  
wrapped druse.  
10AM

**April 15th**  
Society Meeting  
At the church  
7PM

Hello everyone,

I would first like to thank the Webbers for a very Interesting program on the beauty of fluorite.

It was 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 will take place at 7pm on April 1st via zoom, and the general meeting will take place at 7pm on April 15th. 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](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)  
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## Birthstones of April

Natural diamonds are a rare and unique ultimate gift for a loved one. Thought to be one of the hardest substances on the globe, natural diamonds date back billions of years.

The diamond is the traditional birthstone of April and holds significant meaning for those born in that month, thought to provide the wearer with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

Wearing diamonds is purported to bring other benefits such as balance, clarity and abundance. It's also symbolic of eternal love, and those fortunate to call April the month of their birth will enjoy the following history behind this rare gem.



Adopted from the Greek word *adamas*, meaning “invincible,” diamonds come in a wide range of colors such as black, blue, green, pink, red, purple, orange and yellow. The color is dependent upon the type of impurities that are present in the stone. For instance, yellow diamonds have minuscule traces of nitrogen while blue ones contain boron.

## Bench Tips for April

### Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

**DENTAL GOLD** One might think that a couple pieces of dental gold would be valuable. But if there is only a small amount, it can actually be a problem. Sending it to a refiner is expensive for small amounts of metal. I made the mistake of thinking I could melt it and roll out my own sheet. However, the trace metals that dental gold contains to make it a good material in your mouth cause it to crack if you try to forge it or roll it out as a sheet. It ruined my whole ingot. So what to do with a couple gold crowns? If you have enough material to do a casting, that's probably the best use for dental gold. If you're not into casting, try melting it on a solder pad and while molten, divide it into small pieces with your solder pick. Then re-flow each piece to make little gold balls for use for accents on your designs. The balls can also be planished a bit to make small discs or struck with a design stamp to add texture.

## Last Month's Class

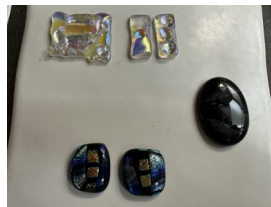
The class on March 11th was devoted to dichroic glass. In attendance were Thalia, Debbie, Shanna, Anita, and Jeanne. Despite a small glitch with the kiln, several successful pieces were completed.



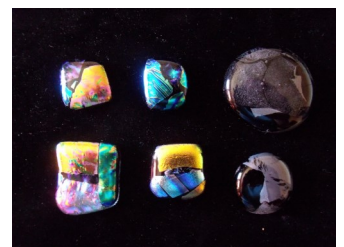
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Anita's Pieces



Debbie's Pieces



Shanna's Piece

## 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 05-06-07-2023

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

### **46th Pageant of a Thousand Gems**

#### **Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show**

April 22-23, 2023 Sat. 10AM-5PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM

Borchard Park

190 N. Reino Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA

*Birthdays: Thalia, Lisa, and  
Shanna*



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*Anniversaries:  
No Anniversaries*

## Upcoming Classes

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# APRIL 22ND CLASS

Wire-wrapped cabochon with accent beads

Class Fee: \$15.00 – includes 6-8 Swarovski Accent Beads

Cabochon minimum size – 12 x 16mm

Thalia has a few druzy stones available

Class at Thalia's 10:00am – Bring wire, stone, tools and your lunch

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## WHRC Business Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:08 P.M.

Location: Zoom WHRC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2023

Call to Order: Sagi

Correction or Approval of Minutes: No corrections to minutes. They are approved by Debbie.

Old Business: The Webbers confirmed the Fluorite presentation.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: We are in the black and waiting for the statement.

Auditor - Virginia: Virginia receives the books in July.

Bulletin/Publisher - The bulletin will be released earlier.

Classes/Workshops Thalia: The March is a Dichroic Glass pendant. For April it's Druzy Wire Wrap Pendant. For class information and cost please contact Thalia.

Corporate Administrator - Debbie: Categorizing the forms.

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: Everything is up to date.

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: The Showcase will be displayed at the Conejo Valley Show.

Federation Director: Virginia hasn't received anything yet.

Field Trips: Possible Tourmaline Mine in San Diego area.

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

Historian - Gene: No report.

Insurance - Debbie: Everything is current.

Librarian - Shanna: Nothing to report.

Membership - Virginia: Two new members submitted for applications. Shanna motioned to approve the new members. Debbie seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Welcome Dan and Cecile.

Programs: March is the Fluorite presentation. April is pending.

Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia: Church date was confirmed.

Shop Committee: Equipment needs to be moved.

Ways and Means: Donations for the club are being accepted.

Webmaster - John: Nothing to report.

New Business: The Church confirmed the Gem Show Date, sending the deposit. Possible program pending for "Why did I pick up that Rock?" Thalia will ask for more details. Pending for the April program. Will he need a projector? Shannon motioned for more information, John seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned: 20:16

Patricia Mejorado

Secretary

Woodland Hills Rockchippers

***WHRC Society Meeting Minutes******Time:*** 7:07 P.M.***Location:*** In Person 227400 Sherman Way***Date:*** March 18, 2023***Call to Order:*** Sagi/flag salute. Larry. Guests Introduced by Virginia***Correction or Approval of Minutes:*** Debbie approved minutes***Old Business:*** None***Report of Treasurer - Barbara:*** We are in the black, statement arrived.***Auditor - Virginia:*** The books are done and the audit finished for 2022, July 2023 next review***Bulletin/Publisher - John:*** get in articles by the 25<sup>TH</sup>, published bulletin on time***Classes/Workshops Thalia:*** April 22, 2023 sign- up sheet for druzy pendant class and examples on the table at Thalia's 10:00 am. On March 11<sup>TH</sup>, dichroic glass class at Thalia's was a big hit, some pieces overcooked in the kiln, vaporized the color we are always learning.***Corporate Administrator - Debbie:*** All up to date, will have tax returns due in April. Barbara brought year-end tax return info for 2022***Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian:*** up to date***Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia:*** Next show Conejo April 22 and 23, Barbara and Larry will be taking/bringing back. Our case looked nice at the Ventura Show March 4-5 2023 located at the Ventura Co Fairgrounds. Thanks to Barbara and Larry who set up/took down case.***Federation Director:*** Virginia will be director, still need alternate. .***Field Trips:*** No report***Shop:*** Debbie brought up that Anita wants to have equipment moved to another storage place. The possibility of a future sale was discussed but not decided. Maureen may have room for storage until we decide to keep or sell, Debbie will meet with her soon to look at the space- very wet muddy now- will meet soon.***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:*** Two new applications have been approved by the Board. Welcome new members!***Programs:*** Tonight is a "Fluorite" presentation by Dick Weber, great and informative program. Mary Pat also brought along many beautiful specimens for us to look at up close and ask questions. She mentioned they have a new Tucson Program for a future program idea. . Next month Barbara will bring DVD on Turquoise. Open ideas for future months.***Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia:*** No discussion for show***Ways and Means:*** Will have raffle tonight at March meeting.***Webmaster - John:*** Everything is good.***New Business:*** Future shop equipment relocation, discussion on equipment from the list (see shop above).***Meeting adjourned:*** 8:13pm after the program concluded-followed by raffle.***Debbie Hirlinger******Pro-Tem Secretary***





## 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 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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**April Society Meeting  
DVD Presentation on Turquoise  
At the Church  
Saturday, April 15th  
7:00 pm**



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