

ROCK CHIPPERS



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Rock Chippers, Inc.

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Club Calendar

December 3th
Business Meeting
On Zoom
7 PM

Class
No class
scheduled at time
of publication

December 17th
Society Meeting
At the church
Christmas Party
6:30 PM

From the President....

Hello Fellow Rock Chippers,

As we all made it through November, I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving day. Entering December, and the wonderful holidays coming up. Let us all complete the year with positive intentions and a steadfast excited outlook to the future of our beloved rock chippers club. We will be having our holiday party gathering this year at the church, with a finger food potluck, and our famous gift exchange.

I ask everyone again to please try to make the time to attend and support our club by trying to make it to our last gathering of the year; the board of the WHRC are working hard at keeping our club educational, fun, and exciting.

I hope to see more of you on our next gathering. Our next board meeting will take place on December 3rd at 7:00pm and our holiday party will take place on December 17th at 6:30pm.

Stay Safe and Healthy
Sagi

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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 91307

Visit our website www.rockchippers.org
WHRC Editor: P.O. Box 205 Woodland Hills, CA 91365

Election Information

The Election of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers 2023 Officers was held at the November 19TH 2022 in person General Meeting at the church. The following officers were unanimously voted in for 2023. Congratulations to all. Looking forward to an exciting 2023!

The newly elected President will fill the open committees/positions, so if you want to participate on any of those please let us know as well.

Sagi Salomon-President

Deborah Hirlinger –Corporate Administrator /VP

Barbara Bradbury-Treasurer

Paty Mejorado-Secretary

Directors:

Lillian Berwager

Gene Berwager

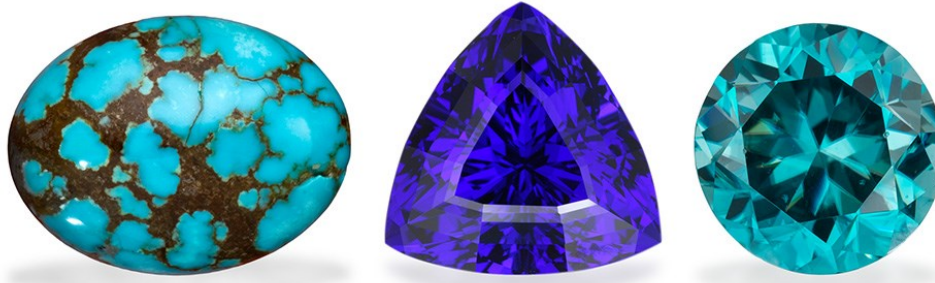
Larry Bradbury

John O'Brien

Shanna O'Brien

By the Nominating Committee/Debbie Hirlinger

Birthstones of December



Turquoise is a semi-translucent to opaque gem that ranges from blue to green and often has veins of matrix (remnants of the rock in which it formed) running through it. This December birthstone has been cherished for millennia. The pharaohs and other rulers of ancient Egypt adorned themselves with it. Chinese artisans carved it more than 3,000 years ago.

Tanzanite may be a relative newcomer to the world of colored stones, but it was one of the most exciting gem discoveries of the 20th century. Blue stones emerging from Tanzania were identified as the mineral zoisite in 1962. Not until 1967, though, did prospectors locate the primary source for this December birthstone: the Merelani Hills. It was eventually named tanzanite in honor of its country of origin. The tanzanite birthstone is often described as “velvety,” mostly because of its deep and saturated color, which ranges from a pure rich blue to violet, with the blue considered most valuable.

The origins of the word “*zircon*” have elicited colorful debate. Some scholars believe it comes from the Arabic word *zarkun*, meaning “cinnabar” or “vermilion.” Others think the source is the Persian word *zargun*, or “gold colored.” Considering the broad color palette for this December birthstone – red, orange, yellow, brown, green and blue – either derivation seems possible. Colorless zircon is known for its brilliance and flashes of multicolored light, called fire, which have resulted in centuries of confusion with diamond.

Gift Exchange Notes

December 17th is the Holiday Potluck . Everyone should bring finger foods.

We will have a White Elephant Gift Exchange up to \$20. Please label the gift, For Her, For Him, or Anybody.

Bench Tips for December

DIVIDERS

A set of dividers is a tool I find very useful in laying out the geometry of a piece I'm making. It has two needle-like tips with an adjustment to set the spacing between them.

They can be used to transfer a measurement. Let's say you need a 7mm wide strip of sheet metal. Set the spacing between the divider tips to 7 mm on the ruler. Then lay the sheet on the bench, put one tip against the edge, and run the dividers down the edge scribing a line parallel to the edge.



Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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

Class Projects—November



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

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

TULE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY 2023 GEMBOREE

January 21 & 22 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4

Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building 324 North Kawaeh Avenue Exeter CA 93221

www.tulegem.com

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

Lillian



*No Anniversaries
This month!*



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

WHRC Business Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom

Date: November 5, 2022***Call to Order:*** 7:02pm

Quorum: Yes

Correction or Approval of Minutes: No corrections to the minutes.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: We haven't received the statement. We did make some money at the show for the club.

Old Business: No old business at this time.

New Business: Per Virginia membership renewals are up soon. She will be sending renewal notices either November or December. Do we need to change the amount for members? Per Barb, "we can leave it right where it is." Virginia agreed to keep the membership dues the same. Barbara will call the Church for the rental fees to update the budget. John appreciated all of Sagi's hard work during the show.

Auditor - Virginia: Virginia will receive the books in December.

Bulletin/Publisher - John: The presentation wasn't added, however it will be posted to the website. Thalia noted we can send a special program announcement via email.

Classes/Workshops Thalia: Thalia has project and will send an email for next weekend.

Corporate Administrator - Debbie: Debbie received the show figures and will file taxes.

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: Nothing to report.

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: No activity at this time

Federation Director: Virginia is going to the CFMS in Visalia. Maureen is bringing paper-work to the next meeting.

Field Trips: Nothing at the present time.

FRA - Thalia: Nothing to report.

Historian - Gene: Not present.

Insurance - Debbie: Everything is up to date.

Librarian - Shanna: Nothing new at this time.

Membership - Virginia: No activity.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Programs: The program for November The Webers present Agate. December's Program is a Gift Exchange with food.

Publicity: No activity at this time.

Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia: We are looking for a new show chairperson and we will present it to the members at the Society Meeting.

Ways and Means: John is asking for donations of modest jewelry making tools for the Silent Auction and Gem Show. We are also looking for Mexican Agate and other minerals. A raffle will be held at the Society meeting.

Webmaster - John: Adding a flyer for the Program on the website.

Adjourned: 19:41

WHRC Society Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:08 P.M.

Location: In – Person 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, Ca. 91303

Date: November 19th, 2022

Call to Order: 7:08pm

President: Debbie – Pro- Tem

Correction or Approval of Minutes: Minutes look good. Approved by Debbie.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: Everything is in order.

Auditor - Virginia: Virginia will receive the books in December.

Bulletin/Publisher – John: Please submit Newsletter items before the 25th.

Classes/Workshops Thalia: Wire wrapped pendant class went well. We do not have a December class scheduled. January's class is "Bring what you'd like to finish." Email or contact Thalia for more details.

Corporate Administrator – Debbie: Sales tax return required for show, everything else is currently up-to-date.

Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian: Up-to-date.

Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia: No outreach at the moment.

Federation Director: Virginia attended the Visalia show. The Federation annual dues are increasing \$2.00 per person and are to be paid by March 1st.

Field Trips: Nothing scheduled at the moment.

FRA - Thalia: Nothing scheduled.

Historian - Gene: Please turn in any archive pieces.

Librarian - Shanna: The Library is open for members. VHS tapes were added to the inventory.

New Business: Nominations were submitted for the Board and Officers. Thalia made the motion to accept nominations unanimously. Virginia seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to accept the nominations. At the Holiday Party the Officers will be installed. The Budget will be voted on at the Holiday Party. We are working on Hybrid meetings that include Zoom at the Society meetings. At Pioneer day we had a successful table with Spin the Wheel and Thalia's Crafts.

Membership - Virginia: Per Virginia the membership may go up a bit next year.

Programs: The Webers program Lake Superior Agates is tonight's program. December 17th is the Holiday Potluck with a White Elephant Gift Exchange up to \$20. Please label the gift, For Her, For Him, or Anybody.

Ways and Means: Silent Auctions possibly scheduled for February and June of next year.

Webmaster - John: Everything is up-to-date.

Adjourned: 21:41



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
Federation Director.....	Open	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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**December Social Meeting
Christmas Party!
At the Church
Saturday, December 17th
6:30 pm**



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