

# ROCK CHIPPERS

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Rock Chippers, Inc.



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## Club Calendar

**November 5th**  
Business Meeting  
On Zoom  
7 PM

**Class**  
No class  
scheduled at time  
of publication

**November 19th**  
Society Meeting  
At the church  
Saturday Nov, 19  
6:30 PM

## *From the President....*

Hello everyone,

I would first like to thank everyone for their support and hard work this year for our annual rock show, It was a great success. Yes, I say year, because it really does take that much work to organize / put together all that is needed to make it the success that it is... Just seeing everyone with their great big smiles walking around the show talking, laughing, looking at amazing rocks and gems, makes me happy that our hobby is still strong.

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 November 5th via zoom, and general in person meeting will take place 7pm November 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](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

## November Election Information

Election of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers 2023 Officers will be held at the November 19<sup>TH</sup> in person General Meeting at the church. If you would like to vote on the officers but will not be in attendance, please email your “Yes” or “No” response to our club’s email [whrc@rockchippers.org](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org) . If you have no access to email, you can snail mail your response to our P.O. Box 205 Woodland Hills, CA 91365 please have it arrive by 11/18/22 to be counted. If you want to run for any of the offices listed below please contact Debbie or send to our club’s email, nominations will be also be taken from the floor at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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.

Here is the slate for 2023 officers of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers: All have agreed to run again for their current posts for the 2023 year.

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

## Bench Tips for November

### PRE-MADE BEZEL CUPS

As a general rule of thumb I assume it's going to take me 15 - 20 minutes to make a bezel for an ordinary cabochon, so for some projects buying pre-made cups can save a lot of time. But if you go this route, keep in mind three things. First, try to get cups made from fine silver, not sterling. Fine silver is softer and burnishes over the stone more easily.

Second, you may have trouble matching the shape and size of the stone with the shape and size of the bezel cup. Purchased cups can only be found in a limited number of standard sizes. You may have to adjust your choice of gemstone to match the cup. The other consideration is that pre-made cups often have fairly low side walls. While these are fine for low-dome stones, they're not dependable for stones with steep side walls.

Lastly before setting, check the fit of your gemstone in the cup, particularly around the bottom. The bottom corners of a stamped cup are much more rounded than a bezel you would fabricate yourself. This causes a problem with stones that have a sharp edge around the bottom. Burnishing the bezel over one of these stones will place a lot of stress on the stone and may cause it to crack. To avoid this, I round off the bottom edge of the stone with a diamond file (or use sandpaper on soft stones).



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Wishing you well for Thanksgiving,

- Brad Smith

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## November's Birthstones—Citrine and Topaz

Those with November birthdays have two beautiful birthstones to choose from: **topaz and citrine**. Topaz comes in a rainbow of colors; citrine is prized for its charming yellow and orange hues. Both November birthstones are known to have calming energies while bringing fortune and warmth to the wearer.

When talking about topaz as a birthstone, you will normally be referring to the yellow or orange topaz (also called “precious topaz”). It’s an exceptionally hard gemstone, ranking eight on the Mohs scale of hardness, falling just behind corundum and diamond.

As mentioned, it’s impurities that cause this normally colorless stone to come in a dizzying array of hues. Red and pink shades come from chromium while the classic blue color is an unnatural shade that comes from exposing mined topaz to high energy radiation. There are also highly prized sherry-colored stones in shades of orange and pink, which are referred to as “imperial topaz” after the 19th-century czars of Russia.

A member of the quartz family, citrine is found mostly in the mines of Brazil and Bolivia. This gemstone is also found in small pockets of Russia, Colombia, Madagascar and Congo.



## *Birthdays*

*Deborah, Jim, Rue*



*Anniversaries—Pete  
and Jeanne*



## Gem Jar answer: 977

Thanks to all that participated in, “**Guess how many items in the Gem Jar**” at our Twenty Second Annual Gem Show on October 15th. The lucky winner was, Linda Scheetz, who guessed the amount, 922, which was the closest guess without going over. She was thrilled that she won!

Big thanks to all of the members that contributed for the last two years- their polished stones, cabochons, petrified woods, sea glass, beach stones, slabs, shells and findings. We all know it is hard to part with our treasures!

Debbie Hirlinger





***WHRC Business Meeting Minutes******Time:*** 7:15pm***Location:*** Zoom***Date:*** October 1, 2022***Call to Order:*** Sagi***Correction or Approval of Minutes:*** Virginia had some corrections to Minutes all else approved***Old Business:*** Show duties covered, Virginia needs table and donations picked up, Sagi to arrange.***Report of Treasurer - Barbara:*** We are good right now.***Auditor - Virginia:*** The books are in fine order.***Bulletin/Publisher - John:*** Will send draft to board for review before release, get in articles by the 25<sup>TH</sup>.***Classes/Workshops Thalia:*** No class for Oct 22, will use for any work needed for the show, need ideas for future classes.***Corporate Administrator - Debbie:*** All up to date, will have sales tax return after the show.***Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian:*** All up to date, cards went out.***Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia:*** Thalia, John, Shanna, Paty and Debbie to attend Pioneer Days in Chatsworth on 10/2/22, set up at 9:30 hours are 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Our booth will have the spin-a-wheel game with prizes for the children each spin \$1.00. Ring making will be the demo by Thalia/Paty also handing out flyers to our show and club info brochure, Debbie bringing some samples of petrified wood to show the kids. Thalia bringing completed projects from classes for display.***Federation Director:*** We are in need of a volunteer Federation Director. The job requires traveling to Visalia and the State show.***Field Trips:*** Pending***FRA - Thalia:*** We are not meeting at the moment.***Historian - Gene:*** Nothing to report.***Insurance - Debbie:*** Everything is current, check released for policy renewal***Librarian - Shanna:*** Nothing to report.***Membership - Virginia:*** Nothing new.***Programs:*** Next month The Weber's will give in person presentation on Lake Superior Agate.***Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia:*** Still working out the details. Barbara to get seed money, for each booth/event. Get prize money for raffle. Virginia needs keys, banner needs to go up the week before out front of church –do not attach to fountain, Friday set up can start coming at 8:00 am, will need people for after the show as well. Display cases have been assigned, see Steve for changes.***Ways and Means:*** No meeting in October 2022, has stock for the gem show silent auction.***Webmaster - John:*** Everything is good. I will pass on some emails of interest when I get on the website.***New Business:*** Officer's election will take place at the November 19<sup>TH</sup> meeting, ,Debbie, The Nominating committee, to get the slate to John for publication, our same officers have agreed to run again, nominations will be taken on the floor at the Nov 19<sup>TH</sup> meeting, should anyone else decide to run.***Meeting adjourned:*** 19:58***Debbie Hirlinger******Pro-Tem Secretary******WHRC Board Gem Post – Show Minutes******Location:*** Zoom***Date:*** October 22, 2022***Call to Order:*** 7:00 p.m.***President:*** Sagi***Report of Treasurer - Barbara:*** I still need the raffle ticket and flyer printing expense sheets. All the departments did well.***Open Floor:*** The vendors reported a good show. Suggestions for next show per Steve and John are to move the showcases further down the middle of the hall and using the floor outlets. It will eliminate the rubber bump when cables are covered on the floor. Per Virginia the vendors used less tables. We are going to discuss a new layout of cases and tables for future shows.

Thalia has a set of keys. Debbie found a separate loose key. All showcase items were returned to members. The risers for the Marshall case ended up in the trailer. One of the liners was modified. A workshop will be scheduled to make liners for cases.

Questions / Comments: Virginia is suggesting a new person Chairperson for the Gem Show. It requires loading and unloading different items and coordinating with Vendors and the members. Virginia is also working on new pricing for the show.

***Adjourned:*** 19:46***Patricia Mejorado******Secretary, Board of Directors******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
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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# November Social Meeting

**At the Church  
Saturday, November 19th  
6:30 pm**



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