

ROCK CHIPPERS

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Rock Chippers, Inc.



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Club Calendar

October 1st
Business Meeting
On Zoom
7 PM

October 15th

Annual
Gem Show

At the church
Saturday Oct, 15

Open 10:00am

Close 5:00pm

From the President....

Hello Fellow Rock Chippers, I hope everyone is doing well.

Thank you for all that attended our September meeting, it was great to have everyone together on an informative, and visually beautiful, wonderful presentation by Maxine Dearborn on the fascinating subject of Amber.

On an even happier note, this year we will have our famous annual rock show. So come one and all for a fun day filled with friends, gems and minerals, and practically a library of geological knowledge to be shared and learned by everyone.

I hope to see more of you on our next "gathering". Our next board meeting will take place on October 1st at 7pm and our rock show will take place on October 15th

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 of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers 2023 Officers will be held at the November 19TH 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 . 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 19th 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

Bench Tips for October

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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



WINDING JUMP RINGS

If you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.

To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get near the end of the wire. If the end passes under your thumb, it can cause a nasty scratch or cut.

TOUCHING UP A BEZEL

Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Moh's scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your agates or Jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be real careful of using pumice near the softer stones like Turquoise, Amber, Howlite, etc.

If you're unsure about the hardness of your wheels, test them on a piece of glass. Glass is about 5 ½ on the Mohs scale, softer than quartz. So if the wheel doesn't harm glass, it's safe for use on the Quartzes and harder stones.



October's Birthstones—Opal and Tourmaline

Tourmaline is the name of a large group of boron silicate [minerals](#). These minerals share a common crystal structure and similar physical properties - but vary tremendously in chemical composition. The wide range of compositions and color zoning within crystals causes tourmaline to occur in more colors and color combinations than any other mineral group.

Tourmaline is one of the world's most popular [gemstones](#) and it serves as a [birthstone](#) for the month of October. Because of its popularity, tourmaline is easy to find in jewelry stores. Well-formed tourmaline crystals are also valued by mineral specimen collectors. Specimens with attractive colors and crystal forms can sell for thousands of dollars.

Opal is one of the world's most popular [gemstones](#) and the [birthstone](#) for the month of October. A nice precious opal can flash every color of the spectrum with an intensity and quality of color that surpasses the fire of [diamond](#). The best opals command prices per carat that rival expensive diamonds, [rubies](#), [sapphires](#), and [emeralds](#).



Birthdays

*Maureen, Jean, Pete,
Steve, Gene*



*Anniversaries—Maureen &
Gary*

SHOWTIME IS HERE

Everyone by this time knows where or what they are going to assist in doing.

Any questions - ask the person in charge of the area you are going to help.

Showcases = Steve

Country Store = Barbara

Crafts = Paty

Consignment = Virginia

Prizes = Pete/Jeanne

Raffle = Thalia

Guess Jar = Debbie

Security = Larry

Pixie = Jennifer

Silent Auction = John

Geodes = Virginia

WHRC Business Meeting Minutes***Time:*** 7:08 P.M.***Location:*** Zoom***Date:*** September 3, 2022***Call to Order:*** 7:08pm***President:*** Sagi***Correction or Approval of Minutes:*** Minute look good. Approved by Debbie.***Report of Treasurer - Barbara:*** Everything is in order.***Old Business:*** John replaced the stolen taillight from trailer.***Auditor - Virginia:*** We are in the black.***Bulletin/Publisher – John:*** Everything is going smoothly. Maureen found cartoons in JPEG format for the Newsletter.***Classes/Workshops Thalia:*** September 10th is a class liner class. Please sign up with Thalia. We are making liners for the Marshall case.***Corporate Administrator – Debbie:*** Sent the Secretary of State updated forms and Barbara announced the future raffle dates.***Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian:*** Not Present.***Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia:*** One showcase left. Maureen found case and liners needs help loading and unloading. Steve looking at the trailer for next meeting. We are on the list for next year's display at the library. Small display on Pioneer Day in Chatsworth Sunday October 2nd, 2022. Thalia is donating the wire.***Federation Director:*** We are looking for a new Federation Director.***FRA - Thalia:*** Nothing scheduled.***Historian - Gene:*** Nothing to report.***Insurance - Debbie:*** The bill for the Insurance was approved. The new policy starts in October.***Librarian - Shanna:*** Nothing new to report.***New Business:*** Nothing to report.***Membership - Virginia:*** Didi needs one more meeting. She's looking to become a member.***Programs:*** The September Program features Maxine speaking on Baltic Amber. This is an In-Person meeting. Debbie – Show and Tell: Fulgarite from her trip to North Carolina. The Gem Show is on October 15th. The Webbers program Lake Superior Agates is pending for November. December is the Holiday Party.***Publicity:*** We need raffle prize donations.***Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia:*** Jeanne C. Selling raffle during the show. Who is collecting raffle prizes? John/Shanna or Jeanne C? Debbie has a lot of hourly prizes. Sagi is bringing 12x12 canopy for the Silent Auction. Consignment table will be available.***Ways and Means:*** John is requesting donations for the Gem Show's Silent Auction.***Webmaster - John:*** Website is updated. Currently featuring pictures of the raffle prizes on the website.***Adjourned:*** 19:55***Patricia Mejorado******Secretary, Board of Directors******Woodland Hills Rockchippers***

WHRC Society Meeting Minutes***Time:*** 7:17 P.M.***Location:*** Zoom***Date:*** September 17, 2022***Call to Order:*** 7:17pm***Flag Salute:*** Debbie***President ProTem:*** Debbie***Correction or Approval of Minutes:*** Minute look good. Approved by Debbie.***Report of Treasurer - Barbara:*** Everything is in order.***Auditor - Virginia:*** We are in good shape.***Bulletin/Publisher – John:*** Please submit raffle prize pictures.***Classes/Workshops Thalia:*** September 24th is a class liner class. Please sign up with Thalia.***Corporate Administrator – Debbie:*** Sent the Secretary of State updated forms and Barbara announced the future raffle dates.***Courtesy/Hospitality - Lillian:*** Not Present.***Display/Education/Community Outreach - Thalia:*** Flyers were dropped off at the libraries by members. Small display on Pioneer Day in Chatsworth Sunday October 2nd, 2022. More details available on www.chatsworthhistory.com Thalia is donating the wire.***Federation Director:*** We are looking for a new Federation Director.***FRA - Thalia:*** Thalia has books for kids going to the Silent Auction.***Historian - Gene:*** Not present.***Insurance - Debbie:*** The bill for the Insurance was approved. The new policy starts in October.***Librarian - Shanna:*** Nothing to report.***New Business:*** Nothing to report.***Membership - Virginia:*** Everything is up to date.***Programs:*** The September Program features Maxine speaking on Baltic Amber. This is an In-Person meeting. The Gem Show is on October 15th. Debbie – Show and Tell: Fulgarite from her trip to North Carolina.***Publicity:*** We need raffle prize donations.***Show Chairman - Sagi/Virginia:*** We need raffle prizes. The church is helping with chairs. Donations are being accepted for the country store. No clothes, no bags, no broken items. Thalia accepting raffle ticket money with completed tickets. Please bring your lunch to the show. No lunch is provided.

There will be bottled water.

Ways and Means: John is requesting donations for the Gem Show's Silent Auction.***Webmaster - John:*** Please submit JPEG images of the raffle prizes.***Adjourned:*** 21:00***Patricia Mejorado******Secretary, Board of Directors******Woodland Hills Rockchippers***

October Show Raffle Prizes



Additional pictures will be posted as more donations are received.



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.....Open
 Alternate Fed Director.....Open
 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
 Club Show Chair.....Sagi Salmon
 Asst.Show Chair.....Virginia Rotramel
 Ways and Means..... John O'Brien
 Webmaster.....John O'Brien



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Annual Gem Show

**At the Church
Saturday, October 15th
10:00 am to 5:00 pm**



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