

# ROCK CHIPPINGS

The Bulletin of the Woodland Hills  
Rock Chippers, Inc.



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## Club Calendar

**October 5th**  
Board Meeting  
On Zoom.  
7 pm

**October 12th**  
Nothing currently  
scheduled for  
second Saturday

**October 19th**  
SHOW  
10:00 am  
To  
4:00 pm

Hello Fellow Rock Chippers,

I hope everyone is doing well.

Thank you for all that attended our last meeting, it was so amazing to see everyone again and seeing a few new faces as well.

I would like to thank James Ronald on a beautiful, educational, and informative presentation on gemstone carving, stone setting, and jewelry techniques. It was a pleasure to have you over our club.

On a funner note, the month of October is finally here, and you all know what that means. Our annual rock show is upon us, and this year we have some old and new vendors along with what will be one of our best silent auction. So please come, bring your family and friends and join us on this fun and exciting day.

I hope to see more of you on our next "pow wow". Our next board meeting will take place on October 5th at 7pm and our beloved annual Rock Show will take place on October 19th.

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](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)

## Future Rockhounds of America

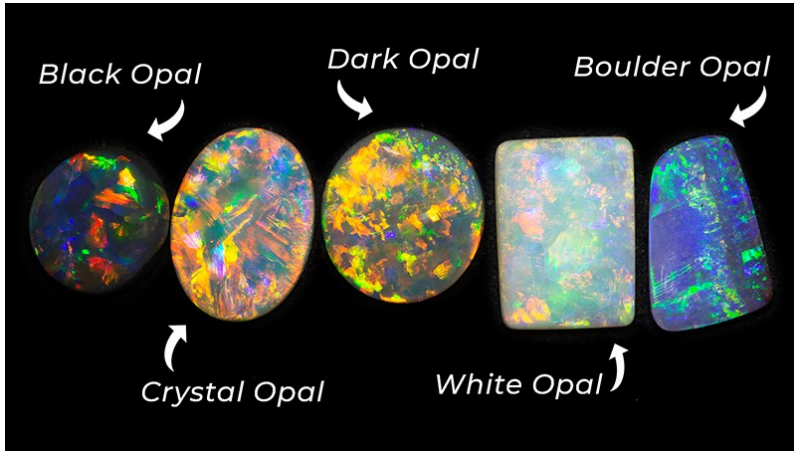
For any questions regarding membership in the FRA please email Thalia Goldsworthy at [whrc@rockchippers.org](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)

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

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## Gemstone of the Month

Those born in October enjoy two spectacular birthstones to commemorate their birthdays – opal and tourmaline. Both October birthstones have endless color combinations and beautiful coloring characteristics.





An educational non-profit community organization

**WOODLAND HILLS  
ROCK CHIPPERS, INC.**

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

**Saturday, October 19, 2024  
10 am - 5 pm**

**DEALERS, DISPLAYS, CRAFTS,  
RAFFLE, GAMES,  
SILENT AUCTIONS, GOLD PANNING**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307**

**FREE ADMISSION**



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Well, folks, it's that time again! Time for our gem show. These are the vendors and Presenter we are featuring this year.

**OUTSIDE VENDORS**

- Lynn Fischer's Things
- Woodland Park Glass
- Nancy Rocks
- East Fork Mining
- Amargosa Gems & Minerals
- Stella Stones & Jewelry
- Amber Gifts

**VENDOR**

- Lynn Fischer
- Marlene Marquez
- Nancy Bird
- Greg LaFrinere
- Russell Belevick
- Pete Baram
- Audrone (Anna) Kazlauskene

**INSIDE VENDORS**

- Juliet's Crystals
- Sonia DeLong Trader
- MJD Custom

**VENDOR**

- Juliet Manglicmot
- Sonia DeLong
- Paty Mejorado

**DEMONSTRATION**

- Stone Carving
- Cabbing
- Gold Panning

**DEMONSTRATOR**

- James Ronald
- Virginia Rotramel
- Pat Keene



# LET'S GO TO A SHOW!

**32nd Annual  
Chatsworth Historical Society**

# Pioneer Day

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring your children  
& grandchildren

Take the  
Pioneer  
Challenge



### Old-time fun for everyone!

- Panning for Gold
- Blacksmith
- Leather Crafts
- Chores and Games of Yore
- Bake Sale
- Woodcarvers
- Spinning Wheel Demo
- Design a Quilt Craft
- Rock Chippers
- Bee Keeping
- Telegraph Station
- Butter Churning and more!

### Chatsworth Museum Exhibits

Featuring  
Chatsworth Early Businesses  
and the history of  
Chatsworth

### Tour the 1911 Homestead Cottage

**Location:** Homestead Acre,  
Chatsworth Park South  
(West end of Devonshire St.)  
10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth, CA

**Information:** (818) 882-5614  
chatsworthhistory@gmail.com  
www.chatsworthhistory.com

**Admission:** Adults: \$5,  
Children: \$1  
**Donation:** (Free for kids under 5)

Park your car at the Chatsworth Train Depot (10038 Old Depot Plaza Road) and use our free shuttle service, every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society presents:

# GEMS ON THE HILL

Saturday October 12, 10am - 5pm    Sunday October 13, 10am - 4pm  
Signal Hill Library 1800 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA 90755

Gems • Crystals • Rocks • Slabs • Fossils • Books • Tools • Lapidary  
Children's activities • Gold panning • Raffle • Jewelry

FREE ADMISSION    FREE PARKING

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## September's Program Great Success

In September, we welcomed Ronald James, a local, self taught gem carver. To what turned out to be his premier presentation on his work.

We are fortunate to be the very first audience to see his presentation of his work and methodology. In addition to showing a lot of his beautiful work, he went into considerable detail about the techniques and tools he utilizes to achieve the fantastic results he achieves.

He finished with a Q & A taking any and all questions people had about his art and how it is made.

It was a thoroughly delightful evening, and thanks, Ron!!



Our very own Debbie Hirlinger was designated by CFMS as our group's Rockhound of the Year following nomination by our Federation Director. She will receive a pin from CFMS and a Certificate. She was nominated as she is presently serving as Corporate Administrator and doing a great job. She often acts as President Pro Tem as our president, a busy family man, lives far away. She's Rockhound of the Year as she has presented programs and "show and tells" about her trips.

She brought samples of geodes collected from her and friend Linda's trip to the Hauser Geode Beds, a trip organized by CFMS in April. She recounted how they had a hair-raising ride in a borrowed 4-wheel drive vehicle.

She gave a show-and-tell about her visit to the Arkansas diamond hunting area in May and told how lots of people worked real hard to find a lot of nothing.

She and Linda also visited the Herkimer diamond mine in New York and they bought grab bags and she showed us her tube with diamonds.

She's always bright and sunny, livens up every meeting, and is one of the most reliable members of the organization. She and Barbara (our treasurer) take the club showcase to shows, set it up, enjoy the show and then break it down, bring it on back, ready for the next one.



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries October***



***Happy Birthday  
Gene, Jean, Maureen, Steve!***



WHRC Business  
 Location: Zoom  
 Time: 19:05

President: Sagi

Present: Paty, Barbara, Debbie, Virginia, Thalia, Gene B, Celia, Steve D, John and Shanna, Maureen

Establish Quorum: Yes

Corrections or Approval of Minutes: No corrections.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: We haven't received the bank statement yet. We are receiving a rebate on the trailer parking rental.

Auditor: Virginia returned the books, everything is in order.

Bulletin: John received a suggestion to send emails via BCC.

Classes/Workshops: Thalia, Cecil and Shanna are working on the club case to see if it needs modifications. Celia confirmed the original liners were attached with staples.

Community Outreach: Do we want to put flyers in the libraries? The members agreed to distribute the flyers to the libraries.

Corporate Administration - Debbie: Everything is up to date.

Courtesy/Hospitality: Gene and Pete are unable to volunteer at the Gem Show. We hope they are feeling better!

Display and Education: The Showcase is being set up for the "Gem Show" on October 19th.

Federation Director - Cecil: Nominations are being sent in for the "Rockhound of the Year". She will also bring the printed copy to the society meeting.

Field Trips: Maureen has a contact in the Pasadena Club and is going to forward the information to Paty to schedule field trips with them.

FRA: Spin a wheel and Pioneer Day in Chatsworth Sunday October 6th.

Guest: Maureen

Historian: Nothing to report.

Insurance - Debbie: Barbara sent Debbie a check for the insurance. The rate increased to \$325 with added benefits. Barbara made a motion to not file a claim. John seconded the motion. It passed with unanimous approval.

Membership: Kindly welcome Larry L. to the club!

New Business: Debbie announced the slate is being put together for the November ballot. She will check with members about the positions they currently hold and if they wish to run again. New members will be encouraged to participate. The president position will be open. The voting will take place on November 16th's Society meeting at the church. Maureen asked if the By-laws are on the website and they are. Board approved a stipend for the program in September.

Program: September Program - James Ronald - Gemstone carving, stone setting and jewelry making techniques. October - The Gem Show on October 19th

Publicity: Cecil submitted the Gem Show to the CFMS newsletter. We are listed with Rock and Gem Magazine. Debbie submitted it to the Mining Journal and it's in large print. The Rockchippers are at the Pioneer Day in Chatsworth on October 6, 2024. Come and see us!

Show Chairman - Paty asked if any of the members could let us borrow 6ft or 8ft tables and cash boxes. The club showcase and signs are being worked on at Thalia's. Steve received four milk crates of donations for the Silent Auction. On pre-show day October 18th, we are asking for volunteers to move tables and set-up chairs and showcases. Steve, Shanna and Virginia are bringing led lights and regular lights for the showcases. We may need more. We are adding Show and Tell to the Showcases. Kindly bring extra large specimens for this on Saturday October 19th. Gene has one case, it needs the glass. Thalia has the Raffle case and needs lights. Steve will bring lights for this to the society meeting. Barbara has one case for Larry. Steve is bringing a case. Maureen has a big case and needs assistance to move it and take it to the church for set-up. Shanna is working on the banner and signs with Thalia and Celia. The Crafts table has a sign. We are also having a consignments table. Virginia is at the Pixie and saw. We kindly request volunteers for the set up on October 18th and the breakdown on October 19th. Please let Virginia or Paty know if you can assist us! Thank you!

#### Department Chairs

Sagi and John are at Silent Auction

Maureen and Steve are at Security

Cecil and Shanna are at Craft Table

Barbara is at the Country Store

Jane is at the Consignment Table

Thalia is at the FRA table

Debbie and Anita are hosting, Gem Jar and Raffle (also bringing microphone and speaker)

Shanna is collecting the Raffle prizes

Paty vendor table.

Ways and Means: We are currently taking donations. Thank you for your support!

Webmaster: John is working with Yvonne on the website. More to come.

Meeting adjourned: 18:50

Patricia Mejorado

Secretary, Woodland Hills RockChippers

WHRC Society

Location: In-person 22700 Sherman Way

Time: 7:21pm

President: Sagi

Establish Quorum: Yes

Corrections or Approval of Minutes: No corrections.

Report of Treasurer - Barbara: No extra monies were made since we had a potluck and no raffle.

Classes/Workshops: Thalia, Cecil and Shanna are working on the liners for the showcase. No class in October. November is pending.

Community Outreach: Flyers are being distributed to the area libraries by members.

Corporate Administration - Debbie: Not present to report. Barb mentioned everything was in order.

Courtesy/Hospitality: Everything is up to date.

Display and Education: The Showcase is being set up for the "Gem Show" on October 19th.

Federation Director: Nominations are in for the "Rockhound of the Year" -per Cecil.

Field Trips: October possible field trip to Ocean View. If you are interested please let us know.

FRA: Spin a wheel needs donations of minerals or rocks for the kids activities at the show.

Guest: James and Pauline, Aurora R., Kevin

Insurance - Debbie: Not present to report. Barb mentioned everything was in order.

Membership: We have a new member that signed up with us. Kevin, welcome!

Program: September Program - James Ronald - Gemstone carving, stone setting and jewelry making techniques. October - The Gem Show on October 19th

Publicity: Rock and Gem magazine online listing, library flyers

Show Chairman - Paty: Everything is coming together. We have members letting us borrow showcases, tables and cash boxes. We do need volunteers for the October 18th and 19th. Please speak to Virginia or Paty for this. Kindly bring all showcases to the set up day, October 18th. Steve is working on the showcases setup and breakdown this year. We kindly ask volunteer assistance with setting up and breakdown of the showcase on October 18th and 19th. For show and tell, kindly coordinate with Virginia and Steve on this. Cords and Junction boxes are needed for the electrical portion to connect the showcases. Shanna, Cecil and Thalia are working on the club case. Thalia has a slant case for us to borrow. Virginia is handling the layout of the indoor vendors tables and chairs. We kindly ask for volunteers to assist with placing the tables and chairs where needed. Barbara is at the Country Store this year. Sagi and John are at the Silent Auction. Thalia is at the FRA table with the Spin-a-Wheel. Cecil and Shanna are at the Craft table. Virginia is at the Pixie and saw. Thalia, Cecil and Shanna are working on signs. Barbara received as a donations for a few tables. Debbie and Anita are at the raffles table. Debbie is the MC and is bringing a microphone and speaker. Virginia is donating bags for the country store. Maureen is also donating boxes. Maureen is bringing the brown paper covers for the tables at the Silent Auction. Maureen is also bringing the vests. Sagi bringing canopy for the Silent Auction. Yvonne is bringing led lights for the showcases. We are very excited!

Ways and Means: We are currently taking donations.

Meeting adjourned: 19:00

Patricia Mejorado

Secretary, Woodland Hills RockChippers



## Election of Officers

Election of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers 2025 Officers will be held at the November 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 in person General Meeting at the church. 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 16<sup>th</sup> meeting before the vote.

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 2025 officers of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers: All have agreed to run again for their current posts for the 2025 year, except for our President, Sagi Salomon- he has moved quite a distance from the club and would like to step down after serving 6 years but will remain on and zoom call when needed if no one else steps forward. In order to be President for our club, you must have served in some capacity on the board, per our by-laws.

President: Position **Open** *Sagi will continue if no one else steps forward*

Deborah Hirlinger –Corporate Administrator /VP

Barbara Bradbury-Treasurer

Paty Mejorado-Secretary

Directors:

Lillian Berwager

Gene Berwager

Celia Barnett

John O'Brien

Shanna O'Brien

**By the Nominating Committee**

Debbie Hirlinger



**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 | Programs .....       | Thalia Goldsworthy |
| Courtesy/Hospitality... | Lillian Berwager   | Publicity.....       | Open               |
| Custodian.....          | Open               | Shop .....           | Open               |
| Fed Director.....       | Cecelia Barnett    | Club Show Chair..... | Paty Mejorado      |
| Alt. Fed Director.....  | Virginia Rotramel  | Asst.Show Chair..... | Open               |
| Field Trips.....        | Paty Mejorado      | Ways and Means.....  | John O'Brien       |
| FRA.....                | Thalia Goldsworthy | Webmaster-A/V.....   | John O'Brien       |
| Historian.....          | Gene Berwager      |                      |                    |
| Librarian.....          | Shanna O'Brien     |                      |                    |



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**October—Annual Gem Show**  
**Saturday October 19th**  
**Time: 10:00 am—4:00 pm**



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