



# ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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## President's Message



Dear Fellow Members,

2019 was a wonderful year for Pasadena Lapidary Society. We saw our membership grow as a result of the many fine speakers at our meetings and a spectacular show at the Fairplex, where PLS hosted the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual show. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make all these things happen.

We closed out the year with our annual Holiday Party, held at the Santa Anita Church. It was a very nice facility, and Martha Wilson, Cathi Considine, and Mickey Moriarty put a lot of time into organizing the event. Thank you, for your many hours of planning and hard work.

Congratulations to Karl Stull and Danielle Sanchez, our PLS Rockhounds of the Year. You earned the award by your many contributions.

2020 will reveal many changes. Our Annual Show will be in April – in a larger venue with lots of parking. Our Show Committee is already putting lots of energy into making this a great show. We will be asking you to help. There is a big need for volunteers in the kitchen for two-hour shifts.

Karl Stull is stepping down as editor of our bulletin, and Jared Nishimura is stepping up to take over. Thank you, Jared. We all have a lot of confidence in you. And many thanks to Karl for giving us a fine bulletin these past two years.

Mona Ross has scheduled Ken Rogers to speak at the January meeting, and now Mona will turn over the task of recruiting speakers to our new Vice-President, Michelle Vandenbroeck. Michelle will also be looking for PLS volunteers to do Rock of the Month presentations.

Our January field trip will be to sites near Quartzsite. Rex Nishimura and Jay Valle will lead the trip. I will provide information via email to all club members about when and where to meet for the field trip – so watch your email.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

– *Ellen Ferrell, President*

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Around the table, left to right: Carole Sumler, Carol Burton, Mary Kirmil (Santa), Tim Dirks, Bonnie Lacy, and David Lacy. Holiday Party photos by Sue Pang and Steve Cady.

## Holiday Party Roundup

by Sue Pang

At the Pasadena Lapidary Society's Holiday Party, held on December 14, Martha Wilson and her party planning team executed flawlessly. PLS members began arriving by 2 o'clock and helped with setting up. Tables were decorated with a wreath, candy canes, and a sparkling white Christmas tree centerpiece. Members brought entrees, appetizers, or desserts for the potluck dinner. They also brought gifts for a gift exchange and nonperishable foods for a food drive.

Dinner began around 6 o'clock, but first we enjoyed craft activities and conversation – socializing and catching up with each other. Carolyn Duncan and Sylvia Cliffe must have been sharing some great memories because both were smiling and laughing out loud. Mona Ross walked around with a blinking Christmas necklace. The craft activities included Christmas earrings or pendants with Martha Wilson, gem trees with Ferdie Sanchez, and byzantine chains with Phil Lahr.

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## Committee Chairs

<b>Annual Show</b>	Ellen Ferrell	Michelle Vandenbroeck (Co-Chair)
<b>Bulletin</b>	Rex Nishimura	Jared Nishimura (Editor)
<b>Display Table</b>	Ferdie Sanchez	Joan Harrison
<b>Field Trips</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Hospitality</b>	Mona Ross	Jennifer Jang
<b>Membership</b>	Yvette Fitzgerald	TBA
<b>Social Media</b>	Elizabeth Weston	Ellen Ferrell
<b>Technology</b>	Ben Shutman	Philip Lahr
<b>Webmaster</b>	Elizabeth Weston	Carolyn Duncan

## Membership

Membership per calendar year is \$25; for additional adults at the same address, \$15. Junior members are \$10. There is an initiation fee of \$10 per person to cover costs of name badges, etc.

Renewals are due in October and delinquent after December 31. Mail checks to PO Box 5025, Pasadena, CA 91117-0025.

## Meetings

### Board Meetings – 1st Thursday of the month

7 p.m. at Matt Denny's Ale House  
145 E Huntington Dr, Arcadia

Dinner at 6 p.m. PLS members are welcome.

### Workshop – 2nd Sunday of the month

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$3 for half-day, \$5 for a full day. Equipment instruction is required; also liability waivers, eye protection, and closed-toe shoes. For directions, please call **(909) 455-4360** (cell) or **(909) 593-2781**, or email [gem.quest38@gmail.com](mailto:gem.quest38@gmail.com). Bring lunch!

Junior members 9 and older are welcome with adult supervision.

### Program Meetings – 3rd Tuesday of the month

Doors open at 6 p.m. Meeting is 6:30–8:45 p.m.  
Pasadena Central Library, 285 E Walnut St.

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Send articles by the 15th for publication in next month's issue. Very short items can get in as late as the 22nd but are not guaranteed to make the next issue.

## Holiday Party *continued...*

PLS President Ellen Ferrell led the event at her President's table. She monitored the food drive area, while Michelle Vandenbroeck accepted PLS membership dues. Jennifer Jang made sure that members who brought a gift for the exchange received a gift ticket. Paparazzi Sue Pang and Steve Cady walked around and shot photos. Mona Ross and cheerleader Janie Duncan started the evening with a PLS cheer. Give me a P. Give me a ...

In ceremonies after dinner, President Ellen Ferrell presented the Junior Rockhound of the Year award to Danielle Sanchez. The winner of Rockhound of the Year in the adult category was Karl Stull, and he will receive the award at the January meeting. CFMS President Tony Fender made a speech with PLS President Ellen Ferrell, and Marsha Goetz was welcomed as the incoming CFMS President for 2020. Then PLS officers for 2020 were named and officially installed.

Everyone went home happy as the evening concluded with the gift exchange. ♦



Above: Around the table, left to right, making wire earrings, are Martha Wilson, Mickey Moriarty, Charlotte Bane, and Sue Pang.

Below: Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, Chris Kyte made several soups. He and his kitchen friends kept the food warm and held up their spatulas to show they mean food business.

## Program Meeting – January 21



### Pictures in Rocks

The program at our January meeting should be highly entertaining. The speaker will be Ken Rogers – photographer, enthusiastic teller of funny stories, and mainstay of the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club. His topic will be “Pictures in Rocks,” and you are encouraged to bring your own favorite picture rocks to share on the Display Table.

Thank you, Mona Ross, for arranging this program to start the year. I hope to continue your success in booking programs that both inform and entertain PLS members and guests.

For Rock of the Month, David Lacy will present ... feldspar! – *Michelle Vandenbroeck*



### Congratulations, Marcia!



As a past President of PLS, Marcia Goetz serves as a Trustee on our Board of Directors. In 2019, she also served at the state level as First Vice-President of CFMS. In January 2020, she succeeds Tony Fender as CFMS President.

The CFMS meeting and annual show will be in Lodi this year, and while

Marcia presides, our club's new Federation Director, Sue Pang, will be there to represent PLS.



Installation of PLS officers for 2020–2021 took place at the Holiday Party. Left to right are Secretary David Lacy, Treasurer Philip Lahr, Federation Director Sue Pang, Vice-President Michelle Vandenbroeck, President Ellen Ferrell, and Trustees Joe Goetz, Chris Kyte, and Marcia Goetz.

### No Newsletter in the Mail?

If you receive an email version of the PLS newsletter but not the on-paper version, it may mean we have not received your dues for 2020. Please keep your PLS membership up to date.

\$25 for primary member

\$15 for each additional adult at the same address

\$10 for each Junior member (under 18 years)

The preferred way to pay is by cash or check at the monthly meeting or workshop. Or you can mail a check to Pasadena Lapidary Society, P.O. Box 5025, Pasadena, CA 91117.

**NOTE!** Membership payments are due by December 31. After 90 days, unpaid memberships may be dropped from the rolls. Avoid the hassle of applying for a new membership. Renew with PLS today!

### New Newsletter Format

The PLS bulletin has a new look, as one editor steps down and another comes aboard. There are four pages now and simpler page layouts. Going forward, *Rockhound Ramblings* will focus on reports from PLS events and meetings.

The previous 8-page format got started in 2010, and had a good run. However, advertising never came close to paying the costs. The turn of 2020 seems like a good time to make the change. We still have the option to issue an 8-page edition on special occasions, such as the PLS Annual Show.

### Workshop – January 12

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Half day is \$3, all day \$5. If this will be your first time using equipment at the workshop, a safety tour is required. Safety tours are at 9:15. Cabbing 101 begins after the safety tour. We may close early due to heat, storms, etc. If you plan to arrive late in the day, call ahead.

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Cecella Weston and daughter Elizabeth at the PLS Holiday Party, and a closeup of the table centerpiece.



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*Sunrise near Quartzsite*

Keep your newsletter coming!  
Renew PLS membership for 2020.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>January 2020</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Board mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Workshop</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>QIA Pow Wow</b> Jan 15 –19	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>PLS Field Trip</b> in Quartzsite area
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Program mtg</b> Ken Rogers "Pictures in Rocks"	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Happy Birthday, Friedrich Mohs, 1773	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	