



ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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Bring Back the Bola Tie

The bola tie (bolo, in modern parlance) is the official state neck-ware of Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. It consists of an artistic component, such as a cabochon, attached to a slide on a neck-cord. The two ends of the cord are “finished-off” with decorative tips. A few years back “bolas” were much more prevalent at PLS functions than now. The June Workshop Class will be fabrication of a bola tie. A selection of cords, tips, and slides will be available. Participants should provide their own cabochon, or other main feature. (A coin, at least quarter-size, but preferably larger, would also work.)

TOOL LIST: Jewelry pliers, Small metal file, Super glue

Class is scheduled to start at 10:00 am unless delayed.



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Inspiration Unearthed Coming in August

The show for this year has been rescheduled for **August 20-21, 2022**. It seems so long ago that we were able to hold our show and in fact the last one was the CFMS show and convention at the L.A. County Fair Grounds. That was lots of fun and work.

Nancy Robb is collecting cardboard egg cartons and small rocks for the children's area. If you can assist with this, contact nancyrobb@yahoo.com

To volunteer, email marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com

Meetings

Board Meetings – 1st Thursday of the month. Members welcome.

Program Meetings – This month's meeting will be on June 21, 2022 at The Santa Anita Church, 226 Colorado Blvd., Arcadia, CA 91007. Contact Marcia Goetz at marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com

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May 2022 CFMS Show Recap

Dear PLS members,

As your Federation Director, I represented PLS (#58) at the May 7, 2022 CFMS Show and Convention and dinner in Lancaster, CA. Several societies and CFMS officers were present and Jim Barton conducted the meeting efficiently. The names of members who passed in 2022 were announced and the new Federation Directors were introduced.

Here is a summary of some highlights. The CFMS Directors meeting minutes dated November 13, 2022 were approved. According to the Tony and Sandie Fender's Earth Science Studies Report, Camp Paradise will take place in Aug/Sept 2022. The cost is \$275/person per week for day tripper or \$425/person otherwise. There will be no Zzyzx ESS camp in 2022. According to Marcia Goetz Electronic Communication Report, CFMS newsletters are sent out to members. There is a continuous effort to raise funds for the CFMS Endowment Fund. The Facilities Development Committee is actively looking for a location to store Federation's physical assets, CFMS museum assets, and a place to conduct Earth Science Studies. According to Frank Van Hecke's Museum Committee Report, the 50 State Rocks Exhibit could be available to other club shows. Buena Vista Museum came close to burning down in a major fire in Bakersfield; it is noted that our collection may be under insured.

The next AFMS meeting will be held on Oct 7-9, 2022 in New Orleans. The next CFMS meeting/show will be held on Nov 12, 2022 in Visalia, CA.

The CFMS dinner was well attended by many representatives. The dinner meeting started with a prayer followed by recognition of veterans. The Ventura members took home most of the awards in various categories. Our very own Marcia Goetz was named a winner of the Golden Bear Award, one of the most prestigious award given by CFMS.

~ Sue Pang

Upcoming Rock Sale

June 25, 2022 the Delvers Gem and Mineral Society is having a parking lot sale from 10 AM—4 PM. It will be located at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 14515 Blaine Avenue, Bellflower, CA 90706. Admission is free.

Member-to-Member

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Do you ever find your car full before all your gear is inside? Christine and Joel Tureaud have a Yakima Rocket Box Pro 12, aka a car top carrier, for sale. It is new in the box and a roomy 58 x 36 inches. Does not include crossbars. Asking \$375, well below retail price. email raidenmatsuno@gmail.com

Members, are you looking for something or do you have something to sell? Email Phil at plkslahr@att.net by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.



Workshop June 12, 2022

The June workshop has been changed to Sunday due to a scheduling issue. The workshop will be held on Sunday, June 12, from 9 am to 3 pm. It may close early if it is too hot or participation is low.

The "Bring Back the Bola Tie" class will be taught by Ed Imlay.

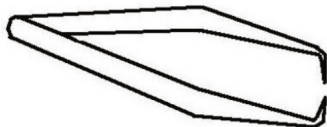
The saws and cabbing units will be available as usual. First timers need to attend the orientation which is held at the beginning of the workshop. To reserve your spot and get directions to the shop, call Marcia (626) 260-7239. An introductory class is generally offered after the orientation and experienced members are available to help all day.

Access the workshop by walking up the alley on the west side of the building and use the sliding door there. Please do not use the door at the loading dock.

Brad's Bench Tips

FIND THE BALANCE POINT

With odd-shaped pendants or earrings it's often difficult to find the right place to attach a bail or loop so that the piece is balanced and hangs straight.



A quick way to make a tool for this is to modify a set of tweezers. Any set of tweezers will work. Spread the tips, sharpen them with a file, and bend the tips at a right angle to point towards each other.

To use the tool, suspend the pendant or earring between two sharp points to see how it will hang.

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems
[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

Donations Needed for Silent Auction at PLS Show

Fellow members, our show is approaching and we are asking everyone to look at their collection and consider contributing some items to our Silent Auction. Donations are an important part of the Silent Auction and help offset the cost of putting on a show.

Please feel free to give a call for setting up a pick up date and time! Possible donation items include rocks, slabs, mineral specimens, books and magazines, fossils, lapidary tools, and small equipment.

Sincerely,

Armando Pedroza

Silent Auction Coordinator

(909)-455-6800

Sunshine Committee

PLS congratulates Curtis Shurer as he graduates high school. Curtis and his mother Michelle are in charge of Ways and Means and they host an excellent raffle at our program meetings. Curtis plans to begin his studies of Geology & Mineralogy at Pasadena City College in the Fall.

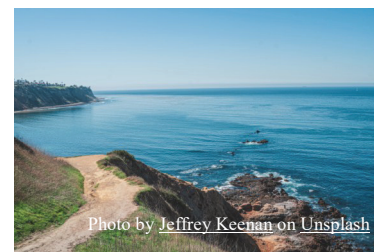


Pasadena Lapidary Society lost a long time member on March 27th. Charlotte Bane was a great member who contributed a lot to the club. Her favorite thing to do was go on field trips. She always found the best specimens and was so happy. She enjoyed everything about the club, the meetings, the workshop, and anything where there were lots of folks to talk to. Charlotte loved making the gem trees and she was very good at the task. Charlotte was a member for 15 years and we will all miss her.

~Ellen Ferrell

Field Trip on June 7, 2022

Our next field trip is to Bluff Cove in Palos Verde on Saturday, June 18th. We will meet at the top of the trail that leads down to the cove. Bluff Cove is a cobble strewn beach and some of the neatest finds are root beer agates, green serpentine, and blue glaucophane. There are rocks with clam bored holes, some sea glass, and conglomerates. The ocean does 90% of the work for tumbled rocks so it's easy to tumble your finds.



The beach has no services and parking in the neighborhood is sometimes hard to find. Carpooling is recommended. The walk down is moderately steep and you really feel it when you lug your rocks back up! Be prepared to get near or even in the water to find some awesome rocks.



Hazards are twisting an ankle on the rocks, waves surprising you, and the cliffs (stay away from them).

RSVP your interest to my email apple_pis@yahoo.com and I will give you details, directions and the meet up time when nailed down.

~Sue Dekany



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Thanks to Christian Schulze for the pictures from our May field trip!



Dear members,

Dear members, this month of May has been busy. We had a board meeting; some of us attended the CFMS show and convention in Lancaster; some members attended the field trip associated with the show; we held our workshop on the second Saturday; and had our general meeting. At the workshop Carolyn Duncan joined us for the first time in what feels like a long while, and we were all happy to see her. I think she was going to help Phil Lahr demonstrate drilling in stones but everyone wanted to talk to her, so I think she spent most of the time visiting.

June will include a field trip to the beach led by Sue Dekany (see article in this newsletter). She led the trip last year and I understand everyone enjoyed it. June will also include a bola tie making workshop (Did you know that this year has been declared the year of the bola tie?)

We had 24 members and 7 guests at the May general meeting and watched the Sweet Home Mine Rhodochrosite DVD. All were spellbound at the beautiful crystals. At June's general meeting, we will see the second half of the film.

A big thank you to Janie Duncan who presented the program in April on The History of Beads.

Sincerely, *Marcia Goetz, President*

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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