



# ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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*~What a Comeback! ~*

## *New venue and a strong volunteer turnout at PLS Show 2022*

It was the beginning of set up for our show when eager volunteers turned on the hot dog machine and instantly, a circuit blew. Everything went dark and we held our breath. Would this PLS Annual Show be remembered as the Year Without a Kitchen? Not to worry. PLS remembers how to put on a great gem and mineral show — even after shuttering for two years due to the pandemic. Within minutes, Trustee Joe Goetz put the power cords in good order and the kitchen was ready for Trudi Krose and her crew. Our Annual Show was back in the saddle again.

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## General Meeting-September 20, 2022

The August general meeting will occur at 7 pm at The Santa Anita Church, 226 Colorado Street, Arcadia, CA. This month, we will hear from Gabriel Mosseson. Gabriel travels to Ethiopia to collect and recently returned from a trip. Gabriel will tell us about his trip and talk about the beautiful emeralds and opals found in Ethiopia.

## Meetings

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

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

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## What a Comeback!

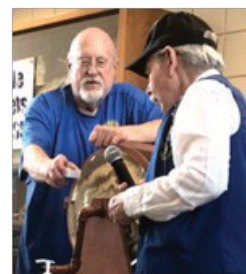
Bright and early Friday morning, more than sixty volunteers arrived at the Arcadia Masonic Center to skirt tables, set up display cases, run power cords, put tape on the floor, and fill two cases with enough raffle prizes to fill a Woolworths.

At the Membership and Information tables, Sue Pang praised the new venue. All the little things, parking, general lighting, and the bathrooms, set the stage for an enjoyable experience for visitors. Elizabeth Weston's promotions on places like Facebook resulted in a steady stream of guests. A *Pasadena Star-News* reporter came Saturday and declared the Show "a real gem."



The friendliest greeters in SoCal!

Chris Kyte stepped in to manage the Raffle for Christine Tureaud, who suffered a bad fall before opening day (actors say "break a leg" before a show, but not like this!). You can send Christine your good wishes through Sunshine chair Mona Ross. Elaine Ige and Jennifer Jang arranged the display case of Raffle prizes, which included three flat boxes for business cards, decorated with turquoise. Mona, an urban field tripper, discovered these beauties at an estate sale and "snapped them up so fast it left a twirl of air." Anyone who remembers Road Runner cartoons will be able to visualize what she meant.



David Lacy announced Raffle prizes while Chris Kyte kept the winning tickets coming

In Kids Activities, rock collections in egg cartons were selling like hotcakes. Kids of all ages, including grandparents, chose from trays of geodes, agates, and other good-quality specimens collected by club members. The hand-decorated carton served as a carrier for the kid's new rock collection. Nancy Robb introduced the "collection in a carton" feature, adding to the kid classic Sand Scoop and Spinning Wheel.



Nancy Robb holding a rock collection carton

Janie Duncan was an unofficial angel to the Show from beginning to end.

Janie getting kids excited about earth science





She led a PLS team of cooks to the kitchen at her church, where Marcia Goetz, Joe Goetz, Elizabeth Weston, and Diana Kreinbring prepared ten batches of chili. Leftover batches went to Janie's church kitchen for people in need. During the Show, you saw Janie at the "Rock-It" science table in Kids Activities. From there she had a good view of the boys of the Silent Auction, who were turning blue like Smurfs in the light of a stained-glass window.



Janie at the Rock-It Science table

The Silent Auction gang — including Armando, Rose, and Matthew Pedroza, plus Paolo Sanchez — introduced a very good deal on boulders. For \$50, you could fill a tote bag, and keep the bag!



Armando and Rose Pedroza selling rocks at a bargain!

Demonstrators took to the stage in the main hall, not in protest but to share their skills in lapidary. Ed Imlay, master of two-wire and single-wire wrapping, was on hand both Saturday and Sunday, and so was our new Ways and Means chair, Michelle Schurer, showing how cabochons are made. Sylvia Cliffe, Paolo Sanchez, Phil Lahr, and a trio of siblings — Jennifer, Alyson, and Danny — showed how rockhounds celebrate the beauty in treasures unearthed.



Ed Imlay demonstrating wire wrapping to Han



Danny (first time demonstrator), Alyson, and Jennifer demonstrating gem tree making and wire wrapping

At the end of the day — Sunday, August 21, after 5pm — the success of the 2022 edition of the PLS Annual Show came down to two people, Marcia and Joe Goetz. In a strange time and in a new place, Marcia and Joe were the ones who were there and remembered how the club organizes and delivers its annual gem and mineral shows. We never know for sure what the future will bring, but one thing we know: PLS has the love of the rockhounding hobby to make a great show happen. Well done, PLS members and friends. And from the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for your support!



Joe Goetz and PLS President Marcia Goetz take a breather on Sunday afternoon. In the foreground, Marcia's display case showed a range of styles in wire-wrapping.

~Karl Stull

#### Workshop-September 10, 2022

It was exciting to see our August workshop busier than it has been in a long time. With larger attendance, we need to be conscious of others waiting to use equipment and allow them a turn after a reasonable time.

September will allow continuing opportunity for new members to get oriented and started on their first cabachons while others enjoy time on the saws, grinders, and other equipment. The tables will also be available to work on other projects.

First timers need to rsvp a few days in advance to Marcia at (626) 260-7239 to get directions to the workshop and reserve a space in the orientation and Cabbing 101 classes. Please arrive at 9:00 am because orientation starts soon thereafter.

The September workshop will be held on Saturday, the 10th. It is scheduled from 9 am to 3 pm. but this time of year we often close early due to high temperatures. Cost is \$5 for the full day or \$3 for a half day. If it is warm, be sure to stay hydrated. There is bottled water and a few sodas in the refrigerator. A small donation helps us keep it in stock.

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.

#### Member-to-Member

The club has no equipment for sale this month.

This space is available to all members with something to sell or who are looking for something that may be just taking up space in someone else's garage.

If you have something to sell or are looking for something, e-mail Phil at [plkslahr@att.net](mailto:plkslahr@att.net) by the 15th of the month to have it included in the next bulletin.





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THANK YOU



Dear Members,

This has been a busy month for the Pasadena Lapidary Society. The show turned out to be a success. After skipping the show for a few years, I was concerned that we wouldn't know how to do it again. I should not have been worried at all. We had great attendance and everyone was smiling and happy. Many thanks to the committee chairs who did outstanding jobs and all the volunteers who donated their time. The kids area was always swamped, silent auction area had lots of action, raffle sold almost all its tickets, grab bags sold a lot of bags and people were delighted with the contents, membership sign up was amazing, the demonstration area had people visiting all the time, people enjoyed the display cases, the kitchen did an outstanding job and the setup and tear down of the show went smoothly. My gratitude to everyone that helped make the show a positive experience for our guests, members and vendors!

Sincerely, Marcia Goetz, *President*

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