



ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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Visiting the 2024 CFMS-AFMS Show in Ventura, CA

CFMS held its show in Ventura CA this year in conjunction with the AFMS. There was a meeting on Thursday morning, Friday morning and Cracker Barrel Friday night. Saturday we held the Director's Meeting and then an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. We had a great dinner and socialized a bit before the awards were handed out. We were also introduced to the two CFMS Scholarship

Honorees and the students who were chosen to receive a \$2,000 scholarship.



We had several members volunteer at the show; Demonstrators: Kevin Koppers—faceting, Ferdie Sanchez—gem tree making, Joe Goetz—cabbing. Sue Dekany, Sue Pang and Steve Cady worked in the Raffle Booth. There were several PLS members that were seen at the show; Eliza-

beth Weston, Shirley Wong, Nancy Robb, Lucia Yang, Jim Graffius, Emily Hou, Mireya Morales, Curtis and Lynn Kan, Chip Metz, Sylvia Cliffe, Tony and Sandie Fender, and there may have been others.

Highlights of the show were the display cases and Pasadena Lapidary Society had a few represented—Daniel Nishimura put in a case with a piece of rough material and then several cabochons cut from that type of material (right).

Tony and Sandie Fender displayed some of their chain making and beading projects and also Joe and Marcia Goetz shared a case with Joe's cabochons on one side and Marcia's jewelry on the other.



Paolo Sanchez had a case of Southern California minerals (left).



Ferdie Sanchez was the only PLS member to put in a case for competition and he received an AFMS Award for 1st place in the Open Division. He also won the President's Trophy!





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Membership!

We are delighted to have new rockhound(s) join our society in May 2024. Esther Cha, Warren Cha (Jr.), Linda Fisher, Shane Jacobsen, and Chloe Silence. (*JR)Note: *JR denotes Junior member.

Invite a friend to join PLS! There is a \$10.00 initiation fee for new members. Please pay in person or send in via US postal service to our PO Box. Extra membership donation is always welcome. Reminder! Your membership expires in December. If you haven't renewed your 2024 membership, please send in your dues ASAP, otherwise your membership will be terminated.

\$25.00+\$10.00 for adult member.

\$15.00+\$10.00 for 2nd adult member.

\$10.00+\$10.00 for additional adult or Junior member.

~Sue Pang, Membership Chairman

Meetings

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

General Meetings – Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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Sue Dekany reported "I drove out to Ventura in the wee hours on Sunday morning to scan the beach at low tide. I found a couple promising rocks before finding other PLS members (Shirley, Elizabeth and Chip). At the CFMS/AFMS show I strolled the silent auction and asked many questions. Some of my questions were more than fully answered by display cases! There were many drool worthy displays. My favorite was the giant-sized jewelry from Verdugo Hills Gem and Mineral Society. It was such a surprise to see fine materials used so extravagantly. "



Paolo Sanchez Presents

The Laos Impact Expedition: Australasian Tektites and the Hunt for their Lost Source

Tektites, glass blobs formed from melting terrestrial material from a high-energy meteor impact, are found all over the world. More often than not, tektites seen in the gem and mineral market come from Southeast Asia and are a part of the larger Australasian tektite strewn field, an area covering around ten percent of Earth's surface. Despite their prominence and over a century of research done on these glasses, their source crater has remained elusive until 2019, where researchers proposed the site of a 790,000-year-old meteor impact buried under ancient lava flows and jungles of southwestern Laos. Here, Paolo delves into a recent expedition that he and other geoscientists took to examine the geology of the potential crater, and what they found (including a lot of tektites, of course).



**BUG EYE RHYOLITE Field Trip by Curtis Kan**

On Saturday, April 27, an excited group of PLS members headed out of Pasadena to the abandoned Grand View Gold Mine in the Lucerne Valley. We all met bright and early where the paved road ended and the dirt roads began. After a slightly bumpy and very dusty drive, we all found ourselves on a hillside just above the abandoned mine that was last active in 1934. The weather was warm with a slight breeze and the succulents were blooming. Almost immediately after getting out of our cars, Rex found a small non-venomous Desert Rosy Boa snake near where we had parked. It was a reminder that summer was right around the corner and we should be aware of where we stepped.

Our goal for the morning was to find Orbicular "Bug Eye" Rhyolite and maybe a little gold trapped in the rhyolite if we were lucky.

We immediately spread out and scrambled up the hillside looking for interesting pieces of this spotted black, brown and white rhyolite.

Lucia and Sue D. found an amazing seam of the bug eye rhyolite up a small ravine and were generous enough to show me the spot where large chunks had broken off the seam naturally. The specimens we found were perfect for tumbling and for making spheres!



After heading back towards the cars with our bags filled with large and small pieces of bug eye rhyolite, we settled in around a relaxing campfire and talked about the treasures we had just found. We shared a breakfast of pigs in a blanket, banana bread, grilled cheese sandwiches and home grown oranges before packing up and heading back for the day. I don't think anyone found any gold but we all still had a wonderful time and had another memorable adventure.

Special thanks to Rex for leading us on another fantastic day of rockhounding!

**Workshop**

The next workshop will be held on Saturday June 8, door opens at 9 am and we need to be cleaned up and out by 3 pm. Cost is \$5 for the full day or \$3 for a half day.

We do not plan on stuffing grab bags this month. That has been moved to July due to a schedule conflict.

Saws, grinders, and other equipment and help using them will be available as usual.

The workshop is open to members age 9 and above. Minors must be accompanied by a member parent/guardian. First timers and anyone who needs an orientation or help with learning to make cabochons needs to rsvp a few days in advance to Marcia at (626) 260-7239 to get directions to the workshop and allow us to schedule an instructor. Orientation will start about 9:30 am but come a little early.

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.

Phil Lahr, Workshop Chair

Member-to-Member

2018 Forest River Wildwood X-lite travel trailer for sale. 23'x8', sleeps 5. Call or text Elizabeth

18-inch Frantom slab saw with used blade. Runs good. Needs new electrical cord. Call Armando
Asking \$900.

8-inch Inland Swap Top. Flat lap has separate attachments to convert to either a trim saw or a glass grinder. Set of diamond laps, and saw blade included. Appears to be new in the box and include

all parts. Asking \$300 to PLS. Contact Phil
plkslahr@att.net.

Do you want to advertise your equipment here? Submittals for the next bulletin should be sent to Phil by the 15th of the month.

**PLS Jr member****Calling all Junior Members!**

Do you have a rock collection or something you have made from rocks that you would like to show our club members?

WHO: All Junior PLS Members

WHAT: Show your rock collection or rock creations

WHEN: June 18th 7 PM

WHERE: At the June PLS Regular Meeting

WHY: Because junior members are awesome and do wonderful things with rocks

HOW: Email Nancy Robb at
nancyrobb@yahoo.com



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President's Message

Hi Rockhounds! Again, it has been a busy time since I wrote last. By the time you read this the May General Meeting will have happened, with Sue Dekany acting in my (and Barna's) stead. Something about not being able to be in Pasadena and Texas at the same time, but then Grandson's graduation only happens once in a while and can't/shouldn't be missed! As it is, I will have missed the presentation by Condor Agates (editor's note: the Condor Agate presentation had to be postponed), the Rock Talk on past PLS shows, and the Display table exhibit of my favorite (next to opals) gem - Emeralds! It's my birthstone so I am a bit prejudiced.

As I asked last month, what are your thoughts on the history of PLS? Do we have anyone who can write a fair hand and is willing to help write up some articles of the "You Are (or "I Was") There" type? We need to do Something to celebrate the fact of 75 years in existence, and we have asked for, and received, a Certificate of Commendation from the Mayor of Pasadena as a start. Not bad for a "Club/Society" that has been around for that long! Still need people that can and are interested on writing some kind of History of PLS for use as a handout at the Gem Show in August.

Linking all this to the Show, we/I still need some kind of estimate of how many people are interested in helping to get the Show "On The Road" as it were. How about all of you "lapidarists/cab hunters" getting together for an hour at the Demonstration area, or even putting your best efforts together in a display case? This would be a chance to show what can be done by someone committing "Lapidary on poor rocks". As Security chair, I particularly am looking for some people to be Security for the Show. What I need is some persons who are good/informed talkers for the "lost and wandering" who show up and good watchers for anything out of the ordinary during the show. Regular Security folks will be around during the show so we don't need to be worried about handling disturbances.

By the way, please let Sue Dekany know I am confident that she will do, or has done, a Great Job as usual. All of you contributors to PLS, in whatever fashion you have performed, have done a great job and I am thankful for that! Can't do it alone, so we get the best help available. Thanks.

David Lacy, President

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