



ROCKHOUND RAMBLINGS

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Trapiche type crystal (tra-PEE-che)



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Trapiche refers to a milling wheel having spokes. In the gem world trapiche refers to a gemstone that has radiating six rays with inclusions between the gemmy sections. Trapiche gemstones are considered to be rare and are expensive when you can find them. Trapiche gems are not the same as gems that have stars because the star is included within the gem and the trapiche growth is coming from the center. The trapiche has inclusions between the spokes of carbonaceous material and the gem sections grow individually. In the photo above the dark material between the emerald is carbonaceous.

Trapiche crystals include emerald, ruby, quartz, tourmaline, sapphire, beryl (aquamarine and bixbite) and very rarely pezzottaite.

Trapiche gemstones are very rare and found in only a few locations world-wide. Most of the trapiche emeralds are found at the Muzo mine, Columbia and some of the Burmese trapiche rubies from Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and India. Trapiche sapphires can be found in Mogok, Myanmar. Some of the trapiche tourmalines were found in Zambia.

Minerals like chiastolite are not considered trapiche.

For more great photos of samples of trapiche, check out the internet.



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Membership!

We are delighted to have new rock hound(s) join our society in Sept. 2024. We also welcome back former members.

Note: *JR denotes Junior member. *F denotes former member.

Yvette Fitzgerald (*F), Kathleen Formanack, Diane Liu, Barbara Marxmiller, Frank McDonough, Norma Mellin, Linda Nelson (*F), Maria Pakhdikian, Luping Qi, Carissa Rak, Angela Tesch, Delilah Torres-Soto, Angel Torres, Christine Tringali (*F), Doran Tyson, Sarah Jane Warner, Alex Wiewcigroch (*F), and Hai-Ping Yung

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.

Meetings

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

General Meetings – Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

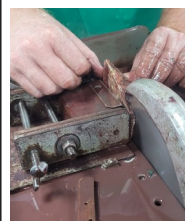
The PLS General Meeting to be held on October 15th will be held in the Fireside Room because our regular room is going to be used for election training. As David phrased: "the meeting will be very cozy". It would be difficult to set up a slide show in the Fireside Room or outside depending on the weather, so we will not have an invited speaker in October. Instead, we will feature three of our club members—Sue Dekany, Curtis Kan and Daniel Nishimura who will give 'show and tell' talks about recent field trips to the Clear Creek, CA area, the Dead Camel Mountains, NV and McDermitt in OR/NV. Daniel's upcoming speech is going to be about his adventure collecting wonderstone in the Yellow Mountains, near Fallon, NV.



Wonderstone

Highlights of the September workshop:

At the workshop members were able to work on their projects. Steps include:

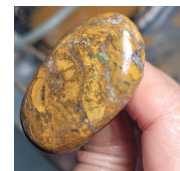


Trimming the stone (the oil in the saw looks like chocolate milk!)

Getting the oils off by placing the cut stone in kitty litter



Polishing the stone



Now to learn how to do something with the newly finished cabochon. Ed Imlay held a Cabbing 101.



Samples of finished wire wrapped cabochons created by Barna Laszlo.





At our last general meeting we had a lot of visitors. Part of being a new visitor is being able to pick out a tumbled rock to take home. Sometimes it's a tough decision because the rocks are all pretty. Two of our guests, Tony Swatton and Andiana Kleiman were delighted with their choices.



We hope you chose wisely...it's tough to think you should have taken one of the other stones!!

Rockhound of the Year (ROTY)

Every year we select an adult and a junior member as "Rockhound of the Year". The purpose of this award is to honor club members who have made outstanding contributions to club. The criteria for nominating someone is:

- The person or persons nominated shall have been a member of the Society for a minimum of two years.
- The nominee is expected to be an individual. If a married couple's contribution to the Society in the year or years under consideration warrant the awarding of a joint honor, they may be considered jointly for nomination.
- Nominees shall have exhibited extraordinary service, achievements and activities that advance the Mission Statement of the Pasadena Lapidary Society.
- Consideration will be given to the nominee's spirit of cooperation with both organizations and individuals.
- The award will not be given posthumously.

Voting will take place at the November 2024 General Meeting.

A copy of the ROTY form can be obtained from Barna Laszlo (blaszlo0911@gmail.com) or at our website — pasadenalapidary.org/membership (all the way at the bottom of the page).

DUES ARE DUE

Reminder! Your membership expires in December. Please submit your 2025 membership dues to Sue Pang at the October or November General Meeting, Workshop, or send to:
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\$25.00 for adult member.

\$15.00 for 2nd adult member.

\$10.00 for additional adult or Junior member.

October Workshop—Wire Wrap 102

The next workshop will be held on Saturday, October 12. 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.

Ed Imlay will present "Wire Wrap 102" at the October and November workshops. The first (lecture) session consists of a presentation and demonstration of techniques for implementing the process. The second (lab) session provides support for those who decide to use the process to wrap a stone.

Traditional wire wrap techniques utilize a multiple-wire bundle secured by multiple bindings. Each bundle has two ends that must be dealt with. The wire wrap process can be reduced to a single strand of wire. However, it is more practical to use the one piece of wire for the bundle, and a second piece for the binding. Both techniques will be described in the class. An RSVP to Ed at edimlay@hotmail.com would be appreciated.

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.

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Phil Lahr, Workshop Chair

Member-to-Member

We have two Foredom units available for sale. \$150 each with one grinding head. There are also two extra grinding heads available for \$25 each. By the way, there is a Foredom and a Dremel available at the workshop for those who have a small job or want to try them out.

We also have one faceting machine available, a Graves Model IV. We haven't fully checked it out yet but hope to have it at the workshop in October. We also have been promised another faceting machine as a donation. Stay tuned.

A few of the tumblers mentioned last month have sold, but not all.

Contact Phil (plkslahr@att.net) if you want more information on any of these items.

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

VOLUNTEERRS NEEDED FOR BARNHART SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Pasadena Lapidary will have a booth at the Carnival on October 26 at the Santa Anita Church (outside where we meet for meetings). We will be there from 1-6 PM. We need set-up and take down help along with staffing the booth. All proceeds go to PLS.



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President's Message

Hi Rockhounds! A quick note or bunch of thoughts floating in the mind. First, At the General Meeting the membership a vote to hold another Annual Show! The Board will be looking at several dates the Arcadia Masonic Center gave us. They cautioned us to choose the dates soon as the venue schedule fills up quickly. Look forward to putting the dates in your date book/calendar/mental Post-it-note pad as a volunteer possibility.

Second, make note of the fact that the October General Meeting will probably be held in the patio at the Santa Anita Church due to the Fellowship Hall being invaded by the LA County Clerk/Registrar Recorder for Vote Center Clerk training. Believe me (six elections served as a Clerk) the position needs some training, as the process is somewhat involved But fun to participate in. Try It, You (may) Like It!

Third, the Field Trip for October is still up in the air as to where and availability of place. Supposed to be in Palos Verdes but a scouting trip was supposed to happen last Saturday; no report received as of yet. Last report for the November Thanksgiving Field Trip was that Rex is going to lead it to his usual destination - Check with him regarding where, what time, how long, what to bring for the usual potluck, etc.

Last note. Found out that Joe Goetz' right foot is Healed where the toe was removed!! Or at least mostly. Wishing him "Getting better all the time", cause this has gone on Way Too Long. Just ask him! Speaking of health-related issues, I may not be at the October General Meeting, as I will be in the hospital for some tests & Very minor work. No Big Thing.

Sincerely, David Lacy, President

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