

CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2015

Birthstone for February is Amethyst

Featured Fossil is Ammonite

- 7th (Sat) Board of Directors meeting - 10 am
Members always welcome!
19th (3rd Thu) General Meeting - 7 pm

CALENDAR - MARCH 2015

Birthstone for March is Aquamarine/Bloodstone

Featured Fossil is Brachiopods

- 7th (Sat) Board of Directors meeting - 10 am
Members always welcome!
12th (Thu) General Meeting - 7 pm
14th (Sat) Fair Work Party 10 am
21st (Sat) Rough/Cut/Carved Event 1-3 pm
(see attached flier)

Lapidary Workshop 2nd & 4th Fri 11am - 3 pm
(1st & 3rd Fri supervisor training by appointment;
call Gail Kerry 760-723-8568 to schedule)
(\$5 fee per session - front room at FGMS)

Museum/Gift Shop Open 11am – 3 pm
Thursday - Friday - Saturday

TUCSON TRIPS - SHARE NIGHT

BRING YOUR NEW TREASURES THURSDAY

The last week of January your Purchasing Committee (Gail Kerry, Vanessa Jones and Elizabeth Cheatham) drove to Tucson to search out some great new items to sell at the San Diego County Fair and also in our Gift Shop. The committee drove from one hotel or tent to another looking for good prices on earrings, pendants, carvings, minerals and fossils. The small SUV was loaded with boxes on the return trip. This year, several members drove and joined us for a few days. We met many new vendors and found some great items and prices. **Join us for our Fair Work Parties in March, April and May and get a preview as you help process the new items.**

Additionally, Mike Evans, our Curator drove to Tucson with a display of San Diego minerals which he arranged in the Tucson Convention Center for the whole world to see! This is a great way to promote San Diego and our museum.

Gail Kerry, President

MEMBER NEWS

MEMBER RENEWAL: Don't forget to renew your membership. This year you will need your membership card to receive all the discounts available to members including other club field trips.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS: Be sure to show your 2015 membership card to get a 10% discount in the Gift Shop! If you don't have your membership card yet, drop by the office or come to the General Meeting

NEW DOCENT CHAIRPERSONS: Board member and docent chairman, Donna Steinbrenner, has resigned. We will truly miss her humor and spunk on the Board. But, she promises to stay active! Our new coordinators are Mick Palculich and Annette Paterson. Please check your calendar and consider volunteering. Without you, our Museum/Gift Shop could not open.

MEMBER NEWS

MEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We need a Children's Program assistant. Are you a retired teacher? Help share your interest in minerals and fossils with classes and children's groups. Call the club office for more information.

FEBRUARY GIFT SHOP HIGHLIGHTS: The birthstone for February (amethyst) and the fossil ammonite will be featured in the Gift Shop. Come see what this fossil looked like when it was alive! Check out the jewelry as gifts or perhaps something new for you!

ROUGH/CUT/CARVED EVENT: On March 21st the club will be holding a *SPECIAL EVENT* to clear space for new acquisitions. Read the attached flier for more details. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!!**

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society (FGMS) is a tax deductible 501(c)(3).

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month

(3rd Thursday in February, 1st Thursday in June and dark July & August)

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FEBRUARY 19TH GENERAL MEETING

For the February meeting of FGMS we have a special speaker and a special date. The speaker is our own Meg Berry and the special date will be Thursday, February 19 (moved back a week due to the Tucson Show). We are fortunate to have had Meg as a speaker several times in the past few years and, since she has spoken on gemstone carving before, she calls this talk *Carving Gems 2.0*.

Our Gem and Mineral Society is indeed blessed to have a member who not only has special talents but is also willing to teach what she knows. Meg does this through her volunteer work with our lapidary shop and her programs such as the one she'll be giving us on the 19th. Not only is she a locally award winning legend for her lapidary works, Meg is internationally known and has won several awards in international competitions for her lapidary creations of various kinds. Please plan to attend, this promises to be informative and fun!

Michael T. Evans, FGMS Program Chair

MEMBERS: Wear your name badge to be entered into a special raffle drawing at our meeting!

FEBRUARY/MARCH FIELD TRIPS

Our February Field Trip was to Tucson for the internationally acclaimed Gem and Mineral Show. Everyone was encouraged to go on their own and have fun. *AS A SPECIAL TREAT FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING, ALL THOSE THAT WENT TO TUCSON ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR OR BRING THEIR PURCHASES TO SHOW THEM OFF.*

Angela is hard at work planning a great a field trip for March. She has been discussing a return trip to the Omya mine near Hesperia to look for more fluorescent minerals. The Omya mine produces high quality calcium carbonate for use in many products. This is definitely an outing not to miss. Be sure to have a fluorescent flashlight with you as we search in the evening for some amazing minerals!

Watch your emails for more details as they become available. There will be a limit to how many can go, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

Angela's phone number is (760) 468-4900.

FALLBROOK GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board of Directors meeting January 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Gail Kerry. Members present were Rick Rumsey, Mick Palculich, Vanessa Jones, Miles Smith, Mishell Rose, Janice Bricker, Michael Evans, & Angela Hicks. Guests Gina Palculich, Donna Steinbrenner & Elizabeth Cheatham.

Rick Rumsey moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2014. Miles seconded. Approved

Treasurers Report-Treasurer Vanessa Jones presented the Budget verses the actual for 2014. Approval of the Financial Report was postponed. Mishell Rose moved to approve the Budget for 2015 with corrections. Miles Smith seconded. Approved

Committee Reports-Elizabeth Cheatham, Gift shop chairman, reported she would be featuring a Gemstone and Mineral of the month as well as a fossil.

Gina Palculich, Grab Bag chairman, gave a report on the status of our grab bags and will work out a way to use more of the grab bags that we have in abundance.

Old Business -All of the paperwork has been submitted for our loan modification and waiting for a response from Pacific Western.

Directors Reports- Angela Hicks, field trip chairman, is waiting to hear about going to a copper float area in La Costa.

New Business-Whistleblower, Conflict of Interest and other forms were handed out and completed by all Board Members.

Vanessa Jones moved to accept the Strategic Plan for 2015-2016. Miles Smith seconded. Approved

Vanessa Jones moved to have Mick Palculich replace Donna Steinbrenner (who resigned effective December 31, 2014) for the remainder of her term as Director. Miles Smith seconded. Approved

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Janice Bricker, Secretary

Budget for 2015: INCOME

Misc. Income	\$ 350
Membership Dues	\$ 3,500
Grants	\$ 4,000
Events Income	\$85,250
Donations	<u>\$ 6,700</u>
Total Income	\$99,800

EXPENSES

Cost of Goods Sold	\$18,000
Administrative	\$12,950
Building/Lot	\$16,600
Education & Display	\$ 3,960
Fall Festival	\$ 2,000
Major Maint/Grants	\$27,435
Membership	\$ 3,325
Misc.	\$ 1,230
SD Fair	\$ 7,800
Utilities	<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Total Expenses	\$99,800

Balance Sheet December 31, 2014

Checking Account	\$ 97,710.97
Fixed Assets	\$357,405.85
Petty Cash	\$ 330.00
Collection	<u>\$443,572.76</u>
Total Assets	\$899,019.58

Mortgage	\$ 99,494.23
Other Current Liab	\$ 548.86
Equity	<u>\$798,976.49</u>
Total Liabilities?Equity	\$899,019.58