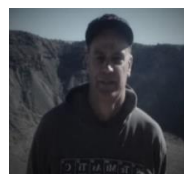


President's Message

James May – KCMS President 2021



The Kern County Mineral Society successfully made it through the end of 2021 with a fantastic Christmas Potluck and Bingo Extravaganza Event. There was plenty of delicious dinner foods and decadent desserts and I personally want to extend a warm thanks to all who attended. Ken B. was the Bingo caller, and he did an excellent job reading off those winning numbers. That was the last Club sanctioned event of the year, and we look forward to meeting back up again in January 2022.

On Friday, December 3rd a small number of us were invited over to see Bill and Mary Jean Leslie at their home in Shafter. As many of you are aware, the Leslie's have been moved to an assisted living facility in Bakersfield. Bernie reached out to the family and arranged for the two of them to be brought over to the house for a surprise lunch. It was a great time, and the Sun kept the lunch table basking in warmth. We had four straight mornings of fog in the Valley, so a bit of sunshine was a great change. Bill and Mary Jean had lived in their home since 1972 and raised their family there. Bill worked as a mail carrier while Mary Jean was a schoolteacher. They both joined the Kern County Mineral Society in 1985, and if you visit their property, you know they were really into rocks, minerals, and jewelry making. At the conclusion of lunch, we presented Bill and Mary Jean a framed lifetime membership recognition award. The Leslie's were both instrumental in the growth and success of the Kern County Mineral Society.

On Saturday, December 11th, field scout Bernie Bentsen led us on a field trip to Pipeline north of Mojave and two Kramer Junction agate sites. Bernie invited the Antelope Valley Club to join us, and we had a great day of collecting.

As we proceed into 2022, the Kern County Mineral Society would like to continue its strong momentum. We have three goals for the upcoming year. First, we would like to continue with our monthly lapidary workshops. This gives our members a chance to work on jewelry under the guidance of our experienced lapidary artists. Our next workshop will be in January.

The Mineral Society would also benefit from having a dedicated day once a month to use saws and other heavy-duty rock equipment. Many of us lack access to large slab saws and sphere machines so I believe this would be a great addition to our schedule.

Finally, we would like to promote growth in the Club. We should all be on the lookout for individuals who might be interested in attending a Mineral Society meeting to see what we are all about. Reach out and invite a new member.

On the committee front, we plan on meeting the last Friday of January to complete the bylaws. It's been a lengthy process, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Please review the list of upcoming rock shows. On the 15th and 16th of January, the Exeter Show will be hosted by the Tule Gem and Mineral Society. This is a great event, and not too far a drive from Bakersfield. Let's make a day trip of it.

Finally, I would like to extend a thank you to all members who make the Mineral Society viable and fun. Without your support, we would not have such a great Club. --James

Upcoming General Membership Meeting

➤ **Thursday, January 20th at East Bakersfield Veterans Hall at 7:00 PM**

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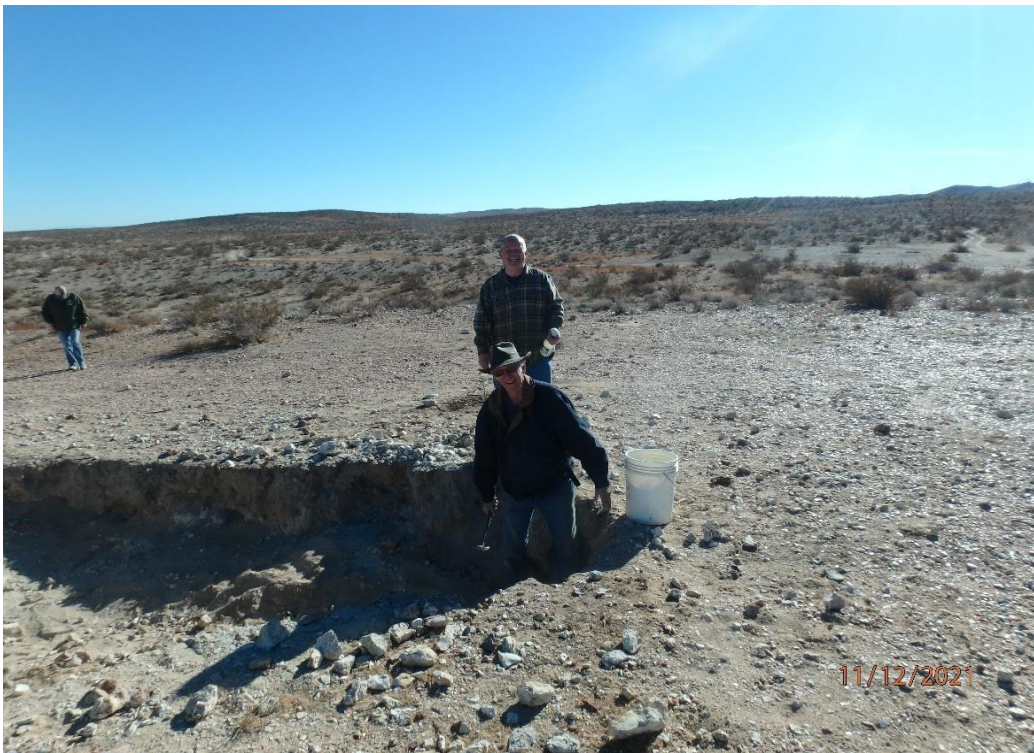
Lunch at the Leslie's on a warm sun-splashed afternoon of Friday, December 3rd.

Field Trip Pictures from December 11th to Mojave Desert



Upper Photo. Anita and Michael under the Sun.

Lower Photo. Bernie on the hunt for flame agate.



Upper photo. Steve on the lookout for Kramer Junction Agate.

Lower photo. Steve and Bernie attacking the opal vein with vengeance.



Upper Photo: Group photo with KCMS and the Antelope Valley Club.

Lower Photo: Picture from James' bucket of precious flame agate.

Lifetime Members – Bill and Mary Jean Leslie
Dedicated Ceremony on Friday, December 3rd



The Christmas Party – Thursday, December 16th at the Veterans Hall







UPCOMING ROCK, MINERAL, AND GEM SHOWS



January 15-16, 2022 – Exeter, CA
 Tule Gem & Mineral Society
 Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah
 Ave., Exeter, CA
 Contact: (559) 802-6029

February 12-13, 2022 – Antioch, CA
 Antioch Lapidary Club
 Jewelry, Gem & Rock Show
 1201 West 10th St., Antioch, CA 94509
 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
 Admission: \$6
 Contact: edysnyder@gmail.com
 Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>



February 26-27, 2022 – Vallejo, CA
 Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
 McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds,
 Vallejo, CA
 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA
 Spring Bling 2022
 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM both days
 Contact: (510) 377-4545
 Website: <http://vjgems.co/>



March 5-6, 2022 – Ventura, CA
 Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
 Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor
 Blvd., Ventura
 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM
 – 4 PM
 Gems and Minerals, fossils, jewelry, healing
 stones, silent auction, exhibits, dealers, kids
 activities, lapidary arts demonstrations,
 raffle, flea market, plant sale. A successful
 and valued South Coast show since 1963. We
 are happy to be back again after COVID!
 Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

KCMS CLASSIFIEDS

KCMS is proud to announce the addition of a Classified Ads Section to the Pseudomorph Newsletter!!

Calling on all members who have any items that they want to sell or those looking to buy.

**Rocks, Minerals, Rock Saws, but that's not all!
We will also accept Lawn Equipment, Electronics, Homemade Crafts, etc.**

The Pseudomorph Classifieds will not be limited to only rock & mineral related items, but to any items members are looking to sale.

When making a classified ad for the newsletter be sure to include:

- Description of Item
- Asking Price
- Contact Information
- Picture(s)

Pictures are not necessary but will be added if provided. Please send photographs in JPEG (.jpg) format if possible.

Classified Ads for the Pseudomorph are due to the editor no later than the first Thursday of each month, via Email or by U.S. Mail.

James May, Editor
Email geojim9@hotmail.com

If you have any ads you want added to the next Pseudomorph, please email me the details and I will post.

Don't Forget the BREAKFAST CLUB

The first Wednesday of each month, year-round, KCMS Members and occasional guests meet at 8:30 AM at Lorene's Coffee shop at 23rd and Eye streets in downtown Bakersfield. Everybody is welcome to attend!
-- Dalia Hernandez



KCMS Monthly Meeting

Please join the KCMS at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th at the East Bakersfield Veterans Hall located at 2101 Ridge Road in Northeast Bakersfield. We hope you can attend, and visitors are always welcome.



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The Kern County Mineral Society, Inc. was organized in 1935 to promote the study of mineralogy and allied earth sciences, to collect and study minerals and rocks, to study and practice the techniques of jewelry making, to promote good fellowship and good citizenship and to promote education in the earth sciences. Membership dues are; \$15 for singles, \$20 for couples.

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GUESS THE SLAB



Here is this month's mystery slab. Please submit your answer to geojim9@hotmail.com. Each month's winner will be placed in a drawing at the end of the year for a special prize. Last month's winner was Steve Fleishauer who correctly identified the slab as Stone Canyon Jasper.





Kern County Mineral Society Membership Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Last **First** **M.I.**

Address: _____

Street Address **Apartment/Unit #**

City **State** **ZIP Code**

Phone: _____ *Email* : _____

Birthday (Month/Day): _____ Occupation: _____

How did you hear about the Kern County Mineral Society? _____

What skills do you have that may benefit the Club? _____

Interests

What are some activities you would like to pursue in the Kern County Mineral Society?

Field Trips: Camping: Community Outreach:

Lapidary: Presentations: Collecting Rocks/Minerals:

Jewelry Making: Rock/Mineral Sales: Social:

Membership Dues and Signature

The Kern County Mineral Society was organized in 1935 to promote the study of mineralogy and allied Earth sciences. We are a social club, interested in collecting rocks and minerals, learning lapidary techniques, sharing our experiences with each other and with our community, and promoting rockhounding and jewelry making hobbies throughout our community.

Dues Paid: \$15 for Individual \$20 for Couple Partial (after Oct 1st)

Signature: _____ Date: _____