
Monthly Newsletter of the *Kern County Mineral Society (KCMS)***President's Message
James May - KCMS
President 2022**

The Kern County Fair has officially come and gone and now we can look forward to cooler temperatures and hopefully some exciting field trips and lapidary workshops. I think the overall theme is that the Kern County Fair really takes a lot out of us during the 12 days of operation. The good news is we had our most successful year in selling rocks and minerals and we all can be proud of that accomplishment. I want to thank each and every one of you that were able to contribute in either working the fair or helping in the preparation for the fair. It is really a team effort by everyone, and we came through looking like a shiny piece of metallic sphalerite.

Part of our mission as a club is to educate the public on the science and adventures around mineral and rock collecting. We had many visitors to our table who had excellent questions and showed an active interest in coming to our next general meeting. It will be exciting to see some new faces and we have decided to have a show and tell of some of our favorite lapidary creations and highlight our field adventures. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th and hopefully you all can attend. We would like to move the presentation up on the agenda for the benefit of the guests. After break, we will head onto some of the important business items.

The election for Officers in 2023 will be on our November slate, but we need to go through the nomination process leading up to the elections. Sue and Kay will be calling each member prior to the meeting to seek their nominations for Officers. Please be ready for call.

With the hot temperatures and busy preparations for the Kern County Fair we have not been able to go on many field trips. Our first field trip of the fall will occur on Saturday, October 22nd to Lockwood Valley for Ozena rock. There is plenty of good rock to pick from. The Ozena rock does have an excessive amount of mica, so it is a little challenging to get a good polish on, but when you do, it's worth the time and effort. Future trips will be to the Mojave Desert to some of our favorite collecting locations. A few will be overnight camping trips with the stars shining bright and the stories around the campfire should keep us all entertained.

Also returning to the schedule is the Rock and Lapidary Workshop. The next workshop will be on Saturday, October 29th. You will have an opportunity to cut slabs and polish cabochons. We also will be offering a pour paint workshop. We will have a couple dozen rocks ready with primer and you will have the opportunity to mix and pour some paint on rocks. We will have to complete the rocks in November.

I would like to finish with mention of some of the excellent display cases that were prepared by members of the KCMS. We entered a number of excellent display cases, and many were honored with award-winning ribbons. Again, this can only be possible with the tremendous contributions of members in the KCMS. --- James



Upcoming General Meeting

- Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 PM
East Bakersfield Veterans Hall
Address: 2101 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA

GENERAL MEETING



The next KCMS Rock and Lapidary Workshop

- Saturday, October 29th
Steve and Connie's House from 9:00 A.M. till Noon
Concurrent with Pour Paint Workshop





**UPCOMING FIELD TRIP
OZENA/ LOCKWOOD VALLEY**

Saturday, October 22nd

Meet Bernie at 7:30 AM at Harbor Freight



Macrame Workshop Photos

During our latest workshop, the Club also had a concurrent *Macrame Workshop* hosted by Anita. Perhaps due to the hot weather, Michael, Becky, Sue, Connie, Steve, and James learned a little about macrame. We had such an excellent time that we decided to enter a Display Case showing our macrame masterpieces. We did win second place for group.





Pictures From Kern County Fair 2022



Lynette and Jack selling unique items to customers at this year's Kern County Fair.



Steve Fleishauer enjoying his time at the Fair. Willow taking on duties at *Pirate Treasure Hunt*.



The *Pirate Treasure Hunt* was a big hit at this year's Fair. Anita and Pirate Bob took turns working the *Pirate Treasure Hunt*.



Michael doing the Rock Googly Eyes Routine and Steve, Connie, and Anita talking strategy.



Two award winning display cases. Above is 3rd Place Winner “treasurers from San Simeon” and 1st Place Winner “Pyrite Right” submitted by Connie Fleishauer.



Another excellent display case was prepared by Dennis Huggins on **Obsidian**. Speaking of Dennis, there he is with his fluorescent mineral display. Gary is in the foreground.

**UPCOMING ROCK, MINERAL, AND GEM SHOWS****UPCOMING ROCK AND MINERAL SHOWS – FALL 2022**

October 15, 2022 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First Methodist Church, 22770 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91204

Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

A variety of vendors selling slabs, findings, displays, minerals, beads, craft table, carvings, diamond tools for foredoms and dremels, raffle, gold panning and more.

Website: <http://www.rockchippers.org>

October 15-16, 2022 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society

45th Annual Mineral and Gem Show

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Minerals, gems, rough rock, slabs, jewelry, beads from 30 vendors. Kids activities, gold panning, raffle, door prizes and Silent Auction. Displays, demonstrations, scavenger hunt and fluorescent minerals.

Kids under 12 are free with paid parent and there's Free Parking.

Contact: (707) 849-9551, jolene4srmgs@gmail.com

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October 15-16, 2022- Placerville, CA – CANCELLED DUE TO ONGOING FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS WITH THE MOSQUITO FIRE

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

Contact: office@edcmgs.org

Website: <http://www.eldoradocountymineralandgemsociety.org>

October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA

Hours Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM. Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

86th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show. Minerals, Fossils, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, Jade, Equipment, Gold, Opals, Crystals, Food, Slabs, Rough Rock and Cabochons, and much more!

Contact: (916) 662-5819, gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org

Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

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
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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





KCMS Monthly Meeting

Please join the KCMS at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 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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is a Charter Member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies



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; \$20 for singles, \$25 for couples.

KCMS WEBSITE: <http://www.kerncountymineralsociety.org/>

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FUN, GAMES, & FIELD EXCURSIONS



GUESS THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY CABACHON



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 Anita Andersen who correctly identified the slab as sandstone. Nice work Anita.

The picture on back page is of Lockwood Valley overlooking the Ozena Fault.

The Definition of a Mineral:

- Must be Naturally occurring
- Generally inorganic
- Solid Substance
- An Orderly Crystalline Structure
- Definite Chemical Composition with Slight Impurities

**The Definition of a Rock:**

- A solid mass of minerals or mineral-like matter that occurs naturally



