
SMOKE SIGNALS

“Great Spirit grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.”

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PUFFS FROM THE CHIEF

A message from our President

Marshall Havner

Summer is here and it's a hot one. In June we enjoyed a bus tour trip to Ventura for the annual AFMS & CFMS Show. Many who attended stated they had a GOOD TIME and appreciated all the planning Judy Link, Club Director, did to make this trip possible. We went to Green Mountain for Rose Quartz and brought back rock for the club. We had our monthly meeting and a BBQ, Potluck at Pat Harrison's.

In July and August we don't have any field trips planned as the weather is just too hot. We will continue to meet at the club shop and classes will also continue although some of the hours have been changed to accommodate work schedules and because of the weather. Check your calendar and look at our web site to see what hours the shop is available. Hope to see you at the club shop. Have a great July.

Rose colored.....Quartz!!

On a Saturday in June, while the rest of us baked in the 100+ heat of the Valley floor, the adventurous members of TGMS braved the trail up to Green Mountain. Their goal, bring back Rose Quartz. Were they successful? Just look at this picture of our club president, Marshall Havner.



TGMS has been mining rose quartz from this wondrous site for years. The trail down is pretty steep, but worth the hike. Beautiful veins of rose quartz cascade down from a hillside at the bottom of the trail. If climbing the hill with hammer and chisel is more challenge than you wanted, you are in luck. Stunning pieces of rose quartz lie all around your feet, in all sizes, color and quality. Just fill your bucket or knapsack.

Located up in the mountains above California Hot Springs, this field trip requires a sturdy car and boots. The drive took about 2 hours on narrow, winding roads through some beautiful country. TGMS members left the parking lot of the Porterville Savemart about 8 am. Once arriving at the Green Mountain site, the fun began. Following a steep trail down the hill, members followed Don Vieira to

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TGMS needs your stories, pictures, and any other items. Send your submissions to : Retta Niday, 4155 W. Myrtle Ave. Visalia, Ca 93277, retta_niday@sequoiahistory.org

Tule Gem and Mineral Club July 7, 2008 minutes

the meeting was called to order by President Havner at 7:30 P.M. The flag salute was led by Debbie Havner. There were 21 TG&M members and 1 guest present. A motion was made and seconded that the TG&M Club accept our guest, George Silva, as a member. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was made by Patrick Harrison. Motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. Motion carried. Patrick also announced that the 2008 TG&M Club Directory will be available at the August 4th meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the Club reimburse him for the supplies purchased to print the directory. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded that the TG&M Club purchase the silver smithing equipment that Charles Reed has for sale for \$680.00 to use at the Club work shop. Motion Carried.

Sherry Honnold reported that the Club received a letter from the Bureau of Land Management about the new areas that have been closed to the public. For more information go to their web site <http://www.blm.gov/ca/news/rac.html> or contact Stephen Razo, External Affairs Director, at (951) 697-5217.

President Havner noted that he, Laura Haberling and Tony Hart gave rock and bead demonstrations to the Cub Scouts at the Washington school in Lindsay.

Margaret Buchmann gave an update on the progress being made in planning the January 2009 TG&M Club annual Rock and Gem show. She also announced that there will be a work day held on July 12th from 9 to 12 at her home in Visalia to make prizes for the wheel of fortune.

Judy Link reported that that the trip to Ventura Gem and Mineral show was a huge success. The members that went were able to purchase supplies they need in crafting jewelry, etc. at a reasonable price. She also commented on how nice the CFMS show case was and that she is going to contact the person in charge of it to see if they will set it up at our TG&M show in January of 2009.

Fereleen Schultz and her husband, John, were the only Club members that were able to join the Lone Pine G&M Club on their June 22nd outing. They traveled up a steep, washboard road to get to the site where an old ghost town is located. It was a great trip for them.

Judy Link announced that there will be a crafts fair at the Methodist Church in Visalia on October 4, 2008. Any member interested in attending please call Jim or Linda Fillmore at 627-1476 for more information. A representative of the Lemoore G&M Club contacted Judy inquiring if any of our TG&M Club members would be interested in setting up a display case at their 1st. Gem and Mineral Show, also the Fresno G&M Club would like to have some of our Club members set up cases at their G&M show which is held during the Fresno Fair. Call Judy at 747-3288 for more information on these two shows.

If any TG&M Club member is willing give a demonstration on their crafting, or knows any one that will give a demonstration or talk at our club meetings please contact President Havner at 562-4133 or Judy Link at her number listed above.

It was reported that the window air conditioner at the TG&M Club work shop was stolen and will have to be replaced, Listed below are the classes and hours that will be offered at the work shop:

Classes: July 19th faceting demonstration by Joe Navero from 9am to 12pm.

July 26th Judy Link 9:30 call for more information

Tuesdays- 9am to 12pm faceting class by Joe Navero
2pm to 4pm - Don Vieira
6pm to 8pm - Mike Obert

Wednesday- 6pm to 8pm - Judy Link on call (open shop)

747-3288

Friday- 4pm to 6pm -Steve Hayward on call (open)

734-3843

Saturday- Early morning - Judy on call (open shop)

The refreshment were brought by Debbie Havner and Laura Riggs thank you ladies.

The Board meeting of the TG&M Club will be at 7pm on July 28, 2008 at the Havner home in Lindsay.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Corene Keys
Secretary

Ventura Highway...with TGMS

If you missed the bus trip to the CFMS Gem and Mineral show, you missed a great time. All the seats on the bus were full. A great time was had by all.

Do you have an idea for a field trip? Drop an e-mail to retta_niday@sequoiahistory.org or mail your suggestion to Retta Niday, 4155 W Myrtle, Visalia, Ca 93277.

the rock pile. Members filled backpacks and buckets to carry their precious cargo back up the steep hill.

At the top of the hill a big flat shady spot served as a base camp for tired and sweaty members. TGMS club members managed to bring up several pounds of rock for the upcoming Gemboree.



GEMBOREE WORK DAY....

July was a busy month, but not too busy to schedule a Work Day for Gemboree 2009. Margaret Buchmann, Chairperson of the 2009 Gemboree, hosted TGMS members as they worked like Santa's elves on Christmas eve putting together gifts for various game booths.

Bracelets and necklaces were just some of the prizes put together by this enthusiastic group.

Special thanks to everyone who came out to help.

Rose quartz is one of the most desirable varieties of quartz. The pink to rose red color is completely unique, unlike any other pink mineral species. The color is caused by iron and titanium impurities. Although usually too cloudy to be used as a cut gemstone, rose quartz is often used as an ornamental stone. Most gemmy rose quartz is used as cabochons where the clarity is not as important as the color. Rose quartz is also a very attractive ornamental stone and is carved into popular spheres, pyramids, figurines and ornate statues. Rose quartz is only one of several quartz varieties. Other varieties that form macroscopic (large enough to see) crystals are: Amethyst – purple gemstone variety, Citrine – yellow to orange gemstone that is rare in nature but can be created by heating Amethyst, Milky Quartz – cloudy white variety, Smoky Quartz – brown to gray variety, Prasiolite – a leek-green variety.



2008 Meeting Schedule

January 7, 2008
February 4, 2008
March 3, 2008, Installation Dinner
April 7, 2008
May 5, 2008
June 2, 2008 Annual Picnic
July 7, 2008
August 4, 2008
September 8, 2008
October 6, 2008
November 3, 2008
December 1, 2008 Christmas Party

No field trips scheduled until October.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

