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Agates tumbled by Anna McFarland

The rough was sold as "stromatolite tubes" from Tennessee

Taps From the Gavel

Hello Everyone!

We had another fun Delvers Meeting March 8. Some of our members sure were missed but we also hope you had a great time out at Stoddard Wells. We look forward to hearing some stories. We sort of celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Bangers and Mash, sides dishes and cookies. Yummy! Thank you everyone for bringing food/snacks. We sure eat good!!

We talked about the future of our club and are looking forward to a great time. We discussed field trips and looking for a Field Trip Chairman, as well as the activities of the CFMS. We even enjoyed the Show and Tell.

Remember that we will have a Silent Auction during the April 12th Meeting. Bring something to auction and support the club.

At the June 14th Meeting will pack grab bags for the June 15th Parking Lot Sale. Parking Lot Sale Flyers will be available. If you have a picture of specific items you will be selling or of equipment, send it to me (Guynell Miller) and I'll try to include it on the flyer.

More details of our activities will be discussed at the April Meeting and our President will be back. Yahoo!!

Thank You Everyone for supporting me and the Delvers Club! See you in April!

Guynell Miller

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PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS

April 2 – Torrance – *Fossils of California*, at the monthly meeting of the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society meeting, 3301 Torrance Blvd. (Torrance Civic Center Library community room), 6 PM

April 8 – Long Beach – *California Jade*, presented by Craig Polliard. Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society, Long Beach Senior Center Room #207, 1150 E 4th St, Long Beach. 6:00 PM

Mar 12 – Bellflower – **SILENT AUCTION**, at the monthly meeting of the Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

April 16 (one week later than usual in April!) – **Anaheim** – monthly meeting of the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society meeting, Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center St., Anaheim, 6:30 PM

April 19 – Downey – monthly meeting of the Prospectors Club of Southern California (held on third Fridays), at 9813 Paramount Blvd. (Women's Club of Downey), 8 PM. <https://pcosc.wildapricot.org/>

April 19-21 - Hauser Geode Beds Field Trip(CFMS): <https://cfmsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/CFMS-Newsletter-Mar-24.pdf> (page 7)

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ROCK AND GEM SHOWS

April 6 & 7 – Vista Gem & Mineral Society Show. At the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista. Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4

April 13 – Lake Elsinore – Rock and Craft Show. 32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore. 10 AM – 4 PM

April 20 & 21 – Conejo Gem & Mineral Society Show. Borchard Park, 190 Reino Rd., Thousand Oaks (Newbury Park). Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4

April 27 & 28 – Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Show. Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 Crescent Ave., Anaheim. Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4:30

May 24 & 25 – CFMS/AFMS Show. Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura. Admission \$8.

Minutes from the Board and General Meetings, March 8th, 2024 – *Russell Belevick*

Board Discussion: All board discussions were covered during the general meeting.

Flag Salute & General Meeting: The general meeting was called to order after the flag salute and pledge of allegiance led by our Vice President Guynell Miller. Hospitality Anna McFarland reported 12 club members and 1 guest were present for a total of 13 in attendance at the meeting. Special thanks were given to all who contributed food to the meeting. Guynell Miller for contributing Pea Salad, Cole Slaw and drinks, Anna McFarland for Pasta Kale Salad, Ronald Mohr for Shrimp, Chris Oliver for Bangers and Mash, William Strickland for rolls and Yvette Lafrinere for cookies. All were delicious! Our guest tonight was Kim Young who likes collecting rocks that appeal to her and thought she would check out our club. New members are always welcome. A number of our club members were unable to attend this meeting. Many of them are camped at Stoddard Wells for the rock and gem show that runs for three days there. Vice President Guynell Miller reminded members that our silent auction will be held at our next meeting in April. So that our silent auction is the usual success, bring your auction donations and have some rock money ready! Guynell introduced that the club has the opportunity to purchase a club banner to be used at our club tailgate show and events. The cost will be approximately \$75.00. The banner will be open for further discussion as well as the approval, size and design in upcoming meetings. Treasurer Chuck Pierce stated the Delvers bank account was balanced and that we are still collecting dues from members. Librarian Dale Harwood announced that the club's copy of Wyoming Jade is now available in the club library for check out. Dale also stated that if you wish to purchase a copy for yourself it can be purchased from Nevada Book & Mineral (Walt Lombardo) for \$45.00. I myself have purchased a copy and can attest that this book is a must have if you are a Lapidarist, Jade Collector or Field Collector of lapidary materials. This book is a soft cover and 148 pages with color photography, maps and extensive information on the formation, occurrences, characteristics and history of Wyoming Jade by Wayne M. Sutherland. This book is the only treatment available on the market of this fabulous North American Jade occurrence. Lastly as a reminder our club's 3rd Annual Parking Lot Sale is rapidly coming up on Saturday June 15th. Buyers and sellers be ready. More information will be forthcoming.

No other business was conducted, or news reported concluding the General Meeting.

Refreshments were now served, followed by Show and Tell and the Club Raffle.

Show & Tell: Our first up for the evening was Chuck Pierce who displayed some of his finds for this year at Quartzsite. Chuck displayed 2 wonderful fossil specimens of algal stromatolites. Both were approximately 2 ¼ inches in size displaying an unusual concentric bulls-eye pattern (locality unknown). Also displayed by Chuck was a fantastic piece of brown agate with spectacular white dendrites. This wonderful, polished specimen came from Mexico. Next Greg Lafrinere showed an excellent specimen of petrified wood that he had polished displaying wood grain in blacks and tans. Last up was Dale Harwood who brought in several specimens of ore of different species from different localities. The first was a specimen of the antimony ore stibnite (Sb_2S_3) from the McLoughlin Mine, in Napa County, CA between Calistoga and Clear Lake. This specimen was a full cabinet size (7 x 5 inches) consisting of bladed intergrown silvery metallic crystals in a matrix of quartz (SiO_2). This gold and silver mine is now flooded and no



longer producing specimens. Next Dale shared a smaller (3 ½ inches) specimen of galena (PbS_2) on chert matrix. The bright silvery metallic cubic crystals came from the Tulsa Mine at Treece in Cherokee County, Kansas. This mine was one of many located in the Tri-State District that historically was an important supplier of Lead and Zinc to the nation for manufacturing for over 100 years. Dale's last specimen for the evening was a black (3 inch) pyrolusite ($Mn^{4+}O_2$) pseudomorph after manganite ($Mn^{3+}O(OH)$) from the Stella Maris #1 Mine in Pima County, Arizona. Pseudomorphs are crystallized mineral specimens that begin as one species of mineral and go through a change in chemical composition and species yet retain the crystal shape of the original species. There are many physical and chemical reasons that can cause mineral species alter as pseudomorphs. Some mineral collectors thematically collect the phenomena of pseudomorphs. You would be surprised at the number of pseudomorph occurrences there are in the mineral world.

This concluded our meeting for March 8th, 2024.

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Regular Meeting of the
Delvers Gem and Mineral Society

April 12th, 2024, at 7 PM

at the Holy Redeemer Church,
14515 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA

Program: **Silent Auction!**

Visitors Always Welcome

Board Meeting (all members invited) at 6:30 PM

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Saturday, April 27th, 2024 / hours 10am - 5pm
Sunday, April 28th, 2024 / hours 10am - 4:30pm
www.searchersrocks.org

ROCK & CRAFT SHOW



4th Annual Lake Elsinore
Rock & Craft Show

Saturday April 13, 2024
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, Ca 92530
A wide variety of local vendors, plus Fossils and Minerals
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