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The President's Message

Jennifer Martin



President's Message: It's April and the poppies are in full bloom. What amazing beauty! I hope you have been able to catch a glimpse of them, whether at the Reserve, the side of the freeway, or somebody's yard. They're everywhere! Last month we took a family trip to Springfield, Missouri. While there we were treated to entry into the Fan-

tastic Caverns. It's a drive through cavern (the only one in North America) hollowed out by underground rivers where limestone stalactites, stalagmites, and columns are being formed at the rapid pace of one square inch per one hundred years. Well worth the visit if you're ever in the area.

I'm looking forward to spring weather. I hope you take some time to enjoy it too!

Birthdays

For April



Jackie Birch	17th
Bert Young	22nd
Christine Malone	30th

Your Birthstone is Diamond for Innocence and your flower is Sweet Pea for Love.

Anniversaries

Tony & Sandie
Fender 10th



Enjoy your day to the fullest and continue throughout the year with happiness and good health.

Have a great day and many more!

SUNSHINE

Susy Martin

It is with great sadness to report Carolyn Weinberger, Editor and Publisher of the AFMS Newsletter, passed away on March 25, 2019.



The Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival is fast approaching. Get your exhibit Entries ready - time is running out.

Federation Report

Don George



Hi, it's April!! Have you been out to the west side of the valley to see the beautiful flowers?! What a wondrous display of beauty. We came home from Zzyzx to the explosion of color across the lower foothills.

As for Zzyzx, the Earth Science Camp was full, including thirty new people who had never been to camp before. That is always a great trend. Our own Scholarship winner, Rich Stanford went and was quite successful in the Lapidary class as well as the Silversmithing class. I know Cheri had a great Beading class, and everyone seemed to learn something new.

We always welcome new people at our Earth Science Seminars with wide open arms as they are needed to keep the program going.

Marion & Vivien Roberts are retiring and our own Tony & Sandie Fender are taking over as Earth Science directors for both Zzyzx and Camp Paradise. We look forward to the future with them as our Directors.

Displays

April: ZZYZX and silver class creations
May: Emeralds or green gemstones and rocks

Program

April: Rich Stanford (ZZYZX) [Click here for pictures](#)
May: Lapidary how-to videos

Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club Belongs to and Supports these
Rockhound Organizations



Deadline for articles for **May Hill & Gully Pay Dirt** is **April 24, 2019**

MEETINGS

Social Meetings

The **4th Wednesday** of the month
unless otherwise noted

January 23, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

February 27, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

March 27, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

April 24, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

May 22, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

June 26, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

July 24, 2019

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center

August 2019

Dark for AV Fair

September 25, 2018

Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM
Palmdale Cultural Center



REFRESHMENTS

Christine Malone



Refreshments for April. Cheri George
May. Jennifer M



Camp ZZYZX 2019



Mark your Calanders Now!
CFMS ESS - Camp ZZYZX 2020
April 5-12, 2020

Property and Inventory Report

John Martin

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Both of the Club Genie's are back and in good working condition. The Genies are available for loan to PGMC Members in good standing for a month period, please contact me to make arrangements to pick one up. Please contact me to make arrangements to access the shed.

California Campfire Permit

Do you Camp or recreate on Public Lands in California?

Do you use a Campfire or Cookfire? (Even an open flame Propane Stove)

Do you know to be legal you must have a valid California Campfire Permit in your possession?

Do you know where and how to get your Free "California Campfire Permit"?

Get Your 2019 California Campfire Permit Online

Visit www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit

Watch a short video-take a quiz-get your on-line permit - save or print pdf or just bookmark the link on your mobile device to display when needed.

Do not get caught with a campfire without your Campfire Permit!

We have a new website and Email Address

www.palmdalegemandmineral.org

pgmc@palmdalegemandmineral.org

News and Information About Geology <http://geology.com/rocks>

Mark your calendars, CFMS Convention June 25-28, 2020

Lodi, California - Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

TID-BITS THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB THIS YEAR

1. Call someone you haven't seen at meetings lately
2. Volunteer to present a program. (**Share your Knowledge**)
3. **Send your editor some news. (Still Waiting for some news!)**
4. Come to each meeting and **bring a guest**, and/or a member who cannot drive.
5. Come to the meeting ready to help others learn and **allow others to listen**
6. **Consider accepting a Committee Chairmanship - Contact Jennifer Martin**

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PALMDALE GEM & MINERAL CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**LARRY CHIMBOLE CULTURAL CENTER
38500 SIERRA HIGHWAY
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:19pm

Flag Salute led by Madeline Martin.

Minutes were published in the newsletter. Motion to accept as published was made by Yvette McClung; second by Christine Malone. Motion passed.

Correspondence: 1 renewal was received.

Hospitality: It was reported by Don George that we had 14 members present, as well as 2 guests and 5 pebble pups. Guests present were Cruz & Bud Seidel and their grandsons, Tommy, Nathan, and Joey Wilkins (JRS).

Federation Report: Don George reported that the CFMS Show is scheduled for 8-10 March at the Pomona Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Pasadena Lapidary Society.

Birthdays: Ginny Sandoval and Yvette McClung. We sang to them.

Sunshine: Susy reported that she had seen Kathy Garner and got some updated information from her.

Refreshments were provided by Jane Benefiel.

Drawing

Program was a YouTube video of Lapidary 101, showing how the instructor set up his saw, and how to design or cut out a cab from the material sliced on the saw.

Adjourned at 7:35pm

CFMS ESS CAMP ZZYZX 2019

BEADING



SOFT STONE CARVING



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SILVER ARTS



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SILVER CLAY ARTS / FACETING



DESERT STUDIES CENTER - ZZYZX



Lake Tuendae
Home of the Mojave Chub



ZZYCOTT Cottages
Rooms for Two



ZZYCOTT Cottages
Rooms for Two



Camp ZZYZX - Fresh Air Dining

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First View of Camp ZZYZX
from ZZYZX Road



The Castle - Couples rooms on the
bottom - Dorm Room upstairs



ZZYCOTT Cottages
Rooms for Two



ZZYZX - Powered by Solar Panels and
Batteries with Generator Back-up

To See More
Camp ZZYZX
Pictures click
here!

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Up Coming Shows

May 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA

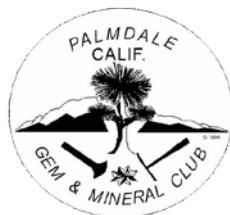
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth,
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

CFMS CLUB SHOWS LISTING

August 16 - August 25
81st Antelope Valley Fair
& Alfalfa Festival
"Sweet Delights
and Carnival Lights"
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
4:00 pm - 12:00 am
Parking \$10

June 8 - 9: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626)
963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com



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September 21 LONG BEACH, CA
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Expo Arts Center
4321 Atlantic Avenue
Hours: 10:00 - 5:00
Contact: Carol Kron and Karin Alva-
rez, (562) 577-9044