
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

Hello Fellow Rock Hounds, October's weather has changed and we're already making trips to the desert. October 11 & 12th was the Trona Gem-O-Rama. A small group of TGMS members went to this weekend show. We camped in Panamint Valley for the weekend. We had a good time and found lots of rocks to continue filling our yards with and to show and share with other members. The Trona show had lots of vendors and a large variety of gems and minerals. TGMS members in our group enjoyed socializing with other rock club members and individuals who were at the show. I want to thank Charles Reed for all the hard work he has been doing on the trailer the club recently purchased. We needed another trailer for all of our show display cases and Charles found one at a great price. Thanks again Charles. Judy Link, our Club Director, displayed a show case in the Fresno club's entry at the Fresno Fair and took a First Place. Very good! She also did an interesting talk, at our October monthly meeting, about wire wrapping techniques. Thanks Judy for all the good things you are

Autumn Road Trip

Sanger Depot Museum

Autumn weather sometimes makes us want to just stay in our cozy nest and hibernate until spring comes. But resist that urge, grab the family, pile into the car and drive the short distance to the Sanger Depot Museum.

The Sanger Depot Museum is actually the Sanger Railroad Depot, once the hub of the town's growth. Built in 1887, the Sanger Railroad Depot sat beside the Southern Pacific Railroad that ran between Fresno and Porterville, California. Among the cargo that passed through this depot was grain, citrus and lots of lumber brought down from the mountains by Sanger's booming lumber operation.



A popular and exciting exhibit is The Kings River Flume. From its humble beginnings as a small farm town, Sanger's growth exploded in the late 1800's with the advent of its massive lumbering operation and the construction of the Kings River Flume. Running from the high elevations of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range of California down through the rocky canyons to the rail head in Sanger, the Kings River Flume was the largest of its kind in the world extending over 62 miles by the early 1900's. Designed and built in 1890 by the Kings River Lumber Company, this flume was completed in just

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doing to support TGMS. Please check our website for dates and times of classes offered to TGMS members which are taught by TGMS members. I am thankful to be a part of TGMS and all it does for its members and our community. Keep up the great work.

Marshall Havner
TGMS Chief

Tule Gem & Mineral Society October 6, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Havner at 7:30 PM. Steve Hayward led the flag salute, there were 33 members present. Hiley Wallis won the door prize.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and corrected. The time that the Club work shop will be opened by Don Vieira on Thursday evenings will be from 6 PM to 8 PM not 8 PM to 10 PM as recorded. The minutes were approved as corrected.

A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer reimburse Charles Reed for repairs and updates he has made on the new show trailer. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that Don Vieira be reimbursed \$400.00 total for expenses he incurred while replacing and building new Gem Show signs plus repairing the Club show case lights. Motion carried

The club thanked Retta and Hiley for the excellent job they have been doing on the TGMS news letter and the TGMS web site, respectively. They both requested pictures, club news, and articles for the news letter and web site.

Joe Nunez needs pictures for the year book, It would be nice if each TGMS club member would send him pictures of themselves participating in Club events so they will be featured in the year book.

Membership Chairman, Laura Riggs, announced that she has membership applications for distribution to any prospective new members.

In the TGMS 2009 show chairperson, Margaret Buchmanns, absence, Pepper Okada, announced that there will be a wheel of fortune prize making day which will be held in Margaret's garage on Saturday, November 15th, 2008.

Sign up sheets for the 2009 Gem Show were passed around by the different Club show Chairpersons needing members to fill work positions during the 2009 Gem show.

If you missed signing up, please see President Havner about what positions need filling.

Judy Link gave a report on the show case she sat up at the Fresno Fair which got a blue ribbon. Nice work Judy.

President Havner reported that the next field trip to the Trona Gem show and Panamint Valley will be the weekend of October 10th through the 13th.

Robert Goddard gave a report on the Audit he did on the Club financial records. All was in order except for failure of Club members filling out forms to explain what the expenditure covered, he also announced that the TGMS show raffle tickets are ready for purchase and more items are needed for the raffle prize case.

Judy Link announced that there will be a charter bus to the Turlock Club gem show in March 2009. A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone interested in attending. Judy also reported that she will be holding silver smithing and wire wrapping classes in the near future. Check with her for the time and cost of supplies needed.

Judy announced that the Leslie's in Shafter have rocks, including petrified wood, and jewelry making supplies for sale at their home in Shafter. Their phone # is 661-746-3167. Their address is 18631 So Central Valley Highway, Shafter, Ca. 93263. There will be a list of articles they have for sale in the news letter.

Judy gave a very informative talk and showing of the rocks she gathered clear through to the finished pieces she has made, Nice work Judy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectively submitted by
Corene Keys
Secretary.



**Register for 2009 Gemboree
Get your show case registration
forms to :**

**Mary Reed
by November 15, 2008**

over a year. Over the course of its use, this flume carried over 8,000 giant redwood trees, most over 2,000 years old. Sadly, of those trees felled, only 23% actually made it to the mill. The flume exhibit at the Sanger Depot Museum shows a model of the flume and also a self explanatory pictorial display of the huge lumbering operation.

Our Nation's Christmas Tree

Sanger is also known as the Nation's Christmas Tree City. Each year the City of Sanger organizes a trip to participate in the celebration at the General Grant tree. This 3,500 year old sequoia tree was designated as the Nation's Christmas Tree in 1926 by President Calvin Coolidge.

Wheel of Fortune workday.....

Saturday 9:30 am November 15 @ Margaret Buchmann's
Maps will be available at the November meeting. Call 739-0401 or 799-6034 for directions

GEM-BOR-EE RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Donate your handmade items or other valuable Treasures for the raffle at the Gem-bor-ee. Items should be worth \$25 or more. Contact Robert Goddard



We need your help to make this coming show the best ever. Sign up today to help. We need people for the following: Snack bar, kitchen, registration table, grab bag table, wheel of fortune and information/ treasure hunt. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.



GRAB BAG DAY

Saturday December 6th is the day selected to fill the club grab bags. We will start at 9:00 am at Gary's Welding Shop located at: 15582 E. Mineral King Ave. in Visalia.

Bring gloves or whatever is comfortable. We have a dessert/sweets potluck. So bring something to share. Gary provides coffee, juice and water.

**Get all slabs, rough, rose quartz or
other materials to Gary before
December 6th.**

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EXHIBITOR CASE REGISTRATION

53RD ANNUAL
GEMBOREE 2009

January 17 & 18, 2009

Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING, 324 N. KAWEAH, EXETER, CA. 93221

Set up Friday, January 16th 4-8 PM

Breakdown Sunday, January 18th 4-8 PM

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

I need to use a club case. Please reserve one for me

I will display using my own case.

My case is:

New Upright

Old Slant

Homemade

Width: _____ Depth: _____ Height: _____

If homemade, please describe: _____

What type of material will you show? _____

Please describe any donations you may have for the show drawings: _____

Do you plan to attend the Friday night's dinner? Yes No

How many in your party? _____ Friday's dinner will be served beginning at 6 PM

Will you need reservations for RV parking for this weekend? Yes No

Size/Length of RV: _____

Please return this completed form as soon as possible, and definitely no later than November 15th, 2008. Club cases are reserved on a first come first serve basis. If charges occur where you later learn you will be unable to display or attend this year's Gemboree, please contact the Member Case Chairperson:

Mary Reed
430 Colby Place,
Porterville, CA 93257
Phone: 559.784.6394

Please have the courtesy to not sell items from your case during the show.

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Presents

53rd

Annual Gemboree

Gem & Mineral Show

January 17 & 18, 2009

Exeter Veterans Memorial Building

324 N. Kaweah Avenue

Exeter, CA, 93221

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

- **Vendors with a large variety of gems, jewelry, minerals, books and lapidary supplies.**
- **A great snack bar with lots of goodies and home made pies.**
- **Treasure Hunt for the entire family.**
- **Wheel of Fortune**
- **Drawing every half hour.**
- **Demonstrations, Grab Bags, Silent Auction**
- **Outstanding Displays.**

**Bring your family for a day of fun and
education**

For more information

Visit our web site at www.tulegem.org or call Margaret 559.739.0401

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

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

