

The Conglomerate

The Monthly Newsletter of the Reno
Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

July 2022

General Meeting

Wed. July 6, 7pm

Baldini's Second Floor

Board Meeting

Wed. July 13, 6 pm

Rock Building, 480 S. Rock,
Sparks

RGMS Mission Statement

The mission of the **Reno Gem and Mineral Society** is to create, develop, and encourage interest in the Earth Sciences and to locate and identify various material through field trips. As a **501C₍₃₎** corporation, RGMS qualifies for donation write offs of cash and materials. Donation receipts are available at the society's headquarters.

A **General Meeting**, open to the public, is held usually the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Baldini's Casino, Second Floor, 865 S. Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV.

Board meetings are open to all members and are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM at the Rock Building, 480 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dean Sizemore

Happy 4th of July. Denise and I wish you all a safe holiday--have fun, celebrate this amazing country of ours, have an extra dessert or 2 for me.

We're heading into our hottest time of the year for the next 2 months; field trips will slow down but many will be going out on their own. If you go out for the day or weekend, invite a friend along; better, invite someone new you've just met, make some new friends. You are welcome to share trips on our Facebook account; just understand that if you go out on these, they aren't RGMS trips. After August more RGMS trips will start back up until weather prevents them to happen safely.

The expansion at the Rock Building is fully underway. Excitement about the work being done and what's to come is hard to contain; funds and volunteer help will determine how soon it's all ready for us. The building group has been purchasing items for a while now as they came across deals. We've had some incredible donations so far and still need more of those. The schedule of work going on will go out in email blasts, so watch for those. Please don't think you may not have the skill to help; We can show you how to do something new because we need and can use everyone's help.

The Jackpot of Gems (JPOG) is only 2 months away. This is our biggest event of the year, and it takes a lot of manpower to pull off. There are lots of opportunities to help--Wednesday before loading the truck, Friday setting everything up, Saturday and Sunday at the event, from Admissions to demonstrations, to Security, Silent Auction, Raffle (selling tickets and we can use your best items for this). Don't forget to show off your beautiful work, about 40 exhibit cabinets to display the items you make, great opportunity to show off and show new members and the public what we and you do. There are prizes and bragging rights up for grabs that are voted on by the public and even one by me. The General Meetings between now and then will have members working to help you sign up to volunteer, buy raffle tickets, and sign up for a exhibit case or two. We also need lots of help over the next months to clean, label and bag rocks for the Silent Auction. Admissions and Silent Auction are the two largest fund raisers at JPOG. The funds raised these 2 days

Jackpot of Gems Raffle

allow us to support RGMS and pay the bills for the next year. We need your help to advertise this event. In case you didn't know, the convention center is raising the cost drastically in 2 more years. When we were moved from the old Live-stock Event Center to the Convention Center, they were nice enough to keep our rate for 3 years. If we aren't able to increase our numbers through the door even beyond last year's record-breaking days, we may not be able to continue. Please share the information on your Facebook and with friends and co-workers. IF you know of another location, we can use in the future we are open to hearing about it. Please get with Daniel Ellis and he can let you know the details of what we need to make it work.

Have a great summer, be safe and I look forward to seeing you on July 6th at Baldini's. I'll be the guest speaker this month and we will be going over the survey that went out and all the comments and suggestions.

**1872 Mining Law Update
Al Bolshazy, ALAA Representative**

There has been one meeting of this diverse group examining the 1872 Mining Law. The purpose of the group is to reform the law. Reading their mission, their main purpose is to examine hard rock mining for minerals needed for our electronics, vehicles and more importantly, our country's security. The overriding consideration is the environmental impact mining has on the environment. There are so many other issues they will be examining.

My concern is the effect it may have on recreational rockhounding and small mining claims. I have been in touch with Steven Feldgus, Assistant Interior Secretary. He reported that nothing has been accomplished to date, and they are just starting their examination of the law. He said he will keep me posted on their meetings. We have until the 31st of July to submit comments. I will keep you posted..

Hi Everyone,

My name is **Debbie Bush** and I am in charge of getting donations for the Jackpot of Gems Raffle. We need Raffle prizes that are oriented around rocks and gems but also other prizes such as gift certificates, collectibles, baskets, wall pictures or any other items with a value between \$30-\$50.

If you know anyone who can direct me toward a restaurant, grocery store, liquor store, beauty salon, etc. for a gift certificate or item donation, please let me know. I am more than happy to contact them. I can also pick up any item that someone would like to donate.

In addition we are also putting some theme baskets together. I will be at the monthly meetings if you want to donate a few items to add to the baskets. Here are the ideas:

<u>Italian</u>	<u>Mexican</u>	<u>Spa/Beauty</u>
Jar of Sauce	Taco kit	Lotions
Pkg of Pasta	Salsa	Soaps
Breadsticks	Refried Beans	Shampoo/ Conditioner
Wine	Margarita Mix	Scrubbies
Biscotti	Plastic Marg. Glasses	Nailpolish

***Any other items that are compact enough to go in a basket.

LASTLY:

Raffle tickets: \$1.00 each, 6/\$5, 12/\$10, 18/\$15, 24/\$20, or 30/\$25.

I will be at the General Meetings to sell Raffle tickets but if you would like to send me a check and what name you want on the tickets, I am more than willing to send them back to you.

I realize this is a tough time and I truly appreciate anything you can do to help RGMS have a successful raffle/show this year. No donation is too small.

My email is bunches325@hotmail.com Phone 775-848-9639

Thank you!

Field Trips

Important: What's New!

Due to the high price of fuel (\$6+ per gallon) the following field trips are cancelled for the time being. The Texas Springs [7/8-10], Ft Mc Dermitt [9/16-19], and the Black Rock Desert [9/2-5] are the three cancelled for now. Once fuel costs come down we will be rescheduling these prime spots. The last 2 trips cost over \$350 each for fuel alone. If you are on a fixed income you understand. The good news is we will have several close in day trips in the near future. Please respond with ideas. I am thinking fossil hill, Unionville, Lovelock for the 5 stamp mill and specimens, and Coal Canyon Road for fossils and Wonderstone. Sorry, but the cost is too high and I know I am not the only one feeling the pinch.

However,

We have enough interested people in **car sharing rides to Texas Springs** in Jackpot, NV. We will leave in the morning of July 8th and stay in the West Star hotel in Jackpot for Friday and Saturday night. Hotel runs about \$100 a night, so if a shared double queen room would be about \$100 each for 2 nights. By ride sharing you can also save by sharing fuel costs between 4 people. Get together with your Friends and let me know if you are interested. e-mail me @ ericcf@netzero.net. You will have to get a group together and make hotel reservations yourselves. A pull-thru camper site is also available at the casino/hotel. This time of year flash floods and snakes are a real threat to camping near the water hole. We saw a lot of rattlers last trip. With the cost of gas being what it is I can't foresee many people making this trip alone, especially pulling a trailer 460 miles one way. So figure on 1,000 miles round trip. At \$6.50 a gallon at 15 mpg that's \$433. Split 4 ways, \$109 each plus lodging. Let me know if you are going, and how many in your party. Jackpot has grown. It used to be one hotel/casino. Now 2 hotels and one casino/hotel. Book your room online. We will meet up at the West Star Hotel Saturday morning at 7AM. Tools required are: Long handled shovel, scratcher, gloves and buckets. There are no facilities at the dig site. Bring water, food and snacks.

Eric Fendelander, Field Trip Director (303)725-3040

Education Outreach

Steve Norman

The Education Outreach program visited Pine Middle School in May and had a few places to visit in June. The school year is done at Washoe County with 32 schools visited starting last fall. The team attended 76 classrooms enabling 1,976 students to get a presentation on "The World of Minerals". Students were given Earth Science information as well as receiving a small rock gift from the Society I especially thank **Debbie Bush** for helping out in the schools' classrooms.

Future Rockhounds of America had 5 Saturday classes with about 40 students attending. Helping with the Future Rockhounds of America were **Renée Samuels, Sue Webb, Tom Nichols, and Virginia Keeley**. Thanks also to the many people who help out with rock samples and gifts. This includes **Alan** and **Bobbie Metzger, Sam Knipmeyer, Hilary Loupee, Albie and Janet Longueira, Eric Fendelander, and Julia Tachihara**. Thank you so much. Education Outreach could not be done without help. Thank you so much!

The scholarship Committee made up of **Tom Nichols, Jennifer Rhodes, Renée Samuels, and Steve Norman** has a candidate in the Earth Science department for a \$1,500 scholarship. The individual has cleared certification at the University of Nevada, Reno to meet the grade point average, and class load. This scholarship is a yearly award to primarily an Earth Science major who is enrolled in a Northern Nevada college. This includes UNR, Truckee Meadows, Great Basin or Western Nevada College. If Society members have a candidate who may qualify, let someone on the committee know. We are looking for Northern Nevada students enrolled in Earth Science, Geology, Paleontology, Mining Engineering, and even Science, Technology, Mathematics, or Engineering (STEM) if we can't find a candidate in the Earth Sciences.

Officers' Reports

Board minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the Rock Building monthly. Treasurer's reports are available to any member on request. **Steve Norman**, Secretary; **Robyn Howard**, Treasurer.

Volunteer Report
Terry Bush, Volunteer Director

We still need volunteers to step up to fill the following positions. If you volunteer, keep track of your hours. You **MAY** be able to get credit for them on your 2022 IRS tax return.

Facility Director – Responsible for coordinating building repairs and upkeep and working with the Security Director to maintain security of our facilities.

Assistant to the Secretary – Work with our current Secretary (Steve Norman) to attend and take notes of various meetings that that require a record.

Shop Director – Responsible for the necessary equipment and supplies for and maintenance of equipment needed for classes and other shop uses as approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership
Janet Longueira, Director

RGMS now has over 700 members. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please complete the application attached and send it in. Dues for July-Dec are prorated to half—\$17.50 individual, \$25 family. The form can also be obtained from the website: Membership — Reno Gem & Mineral Society (renogms.org/membership). We want to welcome all of the new members who have joined us recently:

- Meryl Delabarrera
- John Henricksen
- Marge Mirsky
- Jarad Mouchou
- Rachel Salvagione & Joseph Valdez
- Mark Anthony Sanchez & Amanda "Marie" Zayas
- Allison Sharpes

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Robyn Howard, Treasurer

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July Meeting Announcement
Steve Smith, Vice President

July 6th General meeting will be full of great information about your RGMS. Dean Sizemore, RGMS President, will present the results of our recent survey. Please join us for this very important meeting.

We will have signup sheets for our upcoming Jack Pot Of Gems event. You will receive free entrance to the event and our one of a kind, active participant, commemorative T-shirt. Please sign up at the meeting, so we can get the right size of shirt for you.

This is our big fundraiser for the year, an opportunity to show off our collections, share the joy of Rockhounding, and enjoy the friendship and pride we have for our RGMS. We need your help to make this the best show ever.

The July door prize theme will be Red, White and Blue in honor of fourth of July celebration. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. See ya there.

Jackpot of Gems Silent Auction-

Hi everyone. This is **Lori Connel** and **Eric Fendelander** and we are co-chairing the Silent Auction section of the Jackpot of Gems show on September 10th and 11th. As you probably heard in the general meetings, we are in need of volunteers to help us do the following:

***Rock identification, bagging, labeling and pricing.** This is a huge assignment and we need your support to get at least 165 buckets ready for the auction. We will be starting this at the Rock building on:

- June 22nd - Wednesday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- June 23rd - Thursday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- June 25th - Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- June 29th - Wednesday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- June 30th - Thursday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- July 2nd - Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **More dates to follow- Watch for email blasts!**

Please come in and/or give Lori a call at 775-233-5693 or Eric at 303-725-3040 if you have questions.

We need some new quality rock donations. Please review what you have and donate the rock to the Rock building on Mondays from 11am - 8:30pm. You may also drop them off on the above dates while we are working. If you are unable to deliver them to the Rock Building, please call us and we'll try and make arrangements to pick them up. We are also hoping to get some special Tufas donated. We will be adding some garden succulents to them for the daily auction. We would like to get them as early as possible so they look established. Please mark them for the Silent Auction.

Donation items are welcomed for the silent auction. There are many creative folks in the Society that make things using rocks. For example, special rocks with air plants, tufas with garden succulents, wind chimes, etc. We would love to have your donations.

Volunteers to work the Silent Auction are needed. On September 10th and 11th there will be 3 shifts - 9:00am - 12 noon, 11:30am - 2:30pm, and 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Please sign up at the General Meeting the first Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm at Baldini's casino conference room.

Start saving cardboard boxes and plastic bags for our customers winning the auctions. The boxes should be around 12"x 16" or smaller and the grocery store paper and plastic bags should be fine. You can deliver them to the Rock building on Mondays from 11am - 8:30pm. Please mark them for the Silent Auction.

We look forward to working with all of you to make this a successful Silent Auction. Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 775-233-5693 or Eric at 303-725-3040.

Why You Should Exhibit at the Jackpot of Gems

**By Theresa Langhans
from the August 2021 Conglomerate**

I want to thank those of you who have already signed up to exhibit at our annual show! **We still need about 15 more cases, so if you haven't already, would you please consider putting in an exhibit?**

We have 44 exhibits to fill for this Show. I encourage you to complete the attached form to reserve your case!!

If you need assistance, I am happy to help. If you feel that you may not have enough material to fill a 4' X2' case, then you can share space with another individual. Please note that someone doesn't have to be a member to exhibit. Our exhibits are generally related to our hobby, but individuals have put in some great cases of antique glassware, stamp collections, etc..... It truly is a lot of fun to exhibit your collection(s)!! And how rewarding it is to hear the comments of appreciation from individuals who come to the show and see your work! You may win our people's choice award where favorite cases are voted on by the general public and receive awards.



Photo: Gabbs Jasper

Photo: Robin DeVisser

RGMS 2022 Artisan Craft Fair
Theresa Langhans, Coordinator

If you are interested in being a vendor at our upcoming craft fair, please complete the attached reservation form and return to me so that I may save you a spot. I do need to receive your reservation before September 10. I will be unable to accept any late registrations. This is a great opportunity to sell your craft.

Friday, October 8		10am-6pm
Saturday, October 9	1	0am- 5pm
Sunday, October 10		10am-3pm

The event will be held at Reno Town Mall, South Virginia Street, next to Burlington Coat Factory.

Hope to see you there as either a vendor or as a CUSTOMER!

Jackpot of Gems Exhibits 2022
Mary Hicks ,Co-Coordinator

Exhibitors it is time to fill out the show form for Jackpot of Gems 2022. Thank you to members who have been Exhibitors in the past and who are returning this year and to those members who are planning on signing up for the first time. Exhibitors add so much of interest in our shows and this year will be no exception. Our visitors always look forward to seeing the varied and beautiful exhibits. I get a personal joy and renewed enthusiasm for our craft when I see the exhibits. So do not delay, fill out the Exhibitors Entry form included in this newsletter. Forms are also available at the Shop and at the General Meeting. Sign up for the new liners class that will be on Saturday July 16 at the Shop. You can purchase your material using the directions that are available upon request.

mary.phyllis.hicks@gmail.com cell 925-207-0015

Expansion of The Rock Building L.L.C.
Project Manager Patrick Davis

As Project Manager of the New Classroom Expansion, I would like to take a moment to explain what the new expansion entails and why we are doing what we are doing.

We are definitely expanding into the building unit next door, formerly leased by Ace Motorcycle. This allows us to keep our existing space and address at 480 S. Rock Blvd. It also allows us only to have to build out half as much space which saves us some funds.

For your information and background.

The new classroom expansion area is classified as a tenant improvement, (TI), with the City of Sparks Building Department. Even though we own the building, as a commercial tenant we are required by law to obtain a building permit. We are also required to use an authorized, licensed Architect and General Contractor for the project. We are in the process of doing that at this time. We have been collaborating with the architect for a number of months due to the complexity of the issues that we were facing in the various units.

Why are we doing an expansion ?

The expansion of the home of The Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. has been in the works for a number of years since the Society purchased the building in October of 2018. As many of you know who have visited the building recently, it is readily apparent that we are outgrowing the space we currently occupy. In addition, the classrooms are sometimes very busy with holding different classes at the same time in the limited space that we have.

Why has it taken this long to expand ?

After purchasing the building and creating an LLC so that we can manage the building for profit, the funds generated over the last few years were spent on major repairs to the building.

A new roof was installed, many new doors and windows have been put in, and the outside of the building has been painted. Various repair projects were undertaken in other parts of the building to get units into better shape for our tenants for the foreseeable future.

Why are we doing the expansion now ?

Before the Society purchased the building, the previous property owners, who were Society members, allowed the Society to pay a minimal amount of rent for the space that we had occupied over many years. This allowed the Society to save and save, which ultimately allowed us to buy the building.

So, over the last 4 years after purchasing the building, the Society was able to save funds from the rentals of the other units in the building and put those funds towards the above mentioned projects. Now we are able to put the majority of those funds into the new tenant improvement project in the former Ace Motorcycle unit.

As some of you who attend the Board Meetings or read the minutes know, our tax advisor and enrolled agent, Will Hitchcock, gives us advice on how much money we need to spend each year. This help allows the corporation (the Inc. part of our name) to pay the least amount that we can in taxes. So, we either spend the funds over the next couple of years on this project or pay taxes. That is why we are trying to do the beginning of the expansion now.

Why are we moving into the space previously occupied by Ace Motorcycle ?

The Society first thought of moving into the last 2 units of the building which are actually on Pittman Drive. Over many conversations with the Architect and the City of Sparks, we realized that this was not feasible as the costs were way too high to do that. The City of Sparks was going to require us to fix, install and build

too many items for our budget as the units were basically empty. They only had 1 bathroom, a heater which we would have had to replace, new electrical panels, completely new wiring and new access into the units including ADA access and ramps. The costs were estimated to be too prohibitive for the Society to expand into those two units.

While RGMS was looking at the 2 end units, I had a casual conversation with Jerry at Ace Motorcycle. He offered to move into the last unit and give up the unit that his company was in to help us out. By doing so, we estimate that he has helped to save the Society \$200,000 to \$250,000 dollars. That is the estimated difference between moving into the last 2 units or keeping our current unit and expanding next door.

In appreciation of his offer to do this, The Society cleaned up the last unit, fixed a lot of items that needed repairs and painted the unit. We were able to do this for an exceedingly small sum which again saves us a lot of funds to put towards the new project.

By the way, in addition to moving, Jerry, his wife Patty, and all of their friends completely moved their entire inventory by themselves without the Society's help. Please thank Jerry and his wife Patty if you happen to see them at their business. Their help will definitely assist the Society to achieve many of our long-range plans.

Where are we on the current Expansion ?

Ace Motorcycle is now completely moved into the last unit of the building at 1680 Pittman Avenue. The Society has taken over their former digs at 1690 Pittman Avenue.

We have a few things to finish in the unit that Ace Motorcycle is now occupying. After that we will begin to fix some things in our new unit as it is not in good condition. We are allowed to make small repairs, clean up, and paint the new unit without a permit.

This is now our new expansion unit. We are currently using the unit for storage and staging for the Jackpot of Gems show in September.

After we get all of our ideas tentatively approved by the City of Sparks, we will submit everything we need to obtain a permit and go from there.

What is the timeline for the Expansion?

We are hoping to turn our project in for permit to the City of Sparks sometime around the end of July or the first week of August. It might take 2 to 3 months for us to have the permit approved as everything to do with building in the Sparks area is very slow and backed up.

The Building LLC is still continuing to put away funds for their part of the project. The donations to our Building Fund continue to go up monthly. However, we do need more donations to pay for new cabinets, countertops and specialty equipment that we would like to purchase to adequately furnish the new classrooms appropriately.

Please help us out and continue to donate to our Building Fund. Thank you for any previous and future donations.

Hopefully, this has answered a number of questions that our members have and has quashed a few rumors that might be floating around. I believe that this will be the biggest project that the Society has undertaken in terms of labor and funding ever.

It would be nice to have the funds to completely finish the project within the next year. However, we will have to wait until the Architect and the various engineers decide what we need to satisfy the Building Code used by the City of Sparks. After we have an approved set of plans we will bid out the various projects and see where we are with our funding and schedule.

We will continue to update the Society members with our progress.

Thank you for your donations and volunteer hours to help us achieve our goals.

Shop Update**Patrick Davis, Temporary Shop Director**

As TEMPORARY Shop Director, I would like to take a moment to update everyone on the progress we have made in the current shop areas and temporary classrooms.

We all need to give a big shout out to **John Ballard**. Thanks to his skills, he has reworked all of the valves on the 8 lapidary machines--under my supervision, of course. LOL. This keeps the needle valves for the water to each wheel in the proper position and he has made them all into a t-handle valve. We even have spares in case one breaks down. This really helps everyone as they are much easier to use and turn the water on and off. No more pliers.

In addition, the rigid plastic covers he has made on the ends of the lapidary machines to keep the water from splashing out and replace the soft flexible covers which leaked. We are now working on a few other saw projects to clean up some specific issues that will make the saws work better and be easier to clean.

A number of us have cleaned up the rock storage areas and have rearranged how everything is kept. This has been done for distinct reasons: it is much easier to identify rocks, we know whose rocks are whose, and we also use a paper rock slip to identify ownership of the rocks and how to cut each. The storage area is now much easier to keep clean and organized and we know what is going on there.

A new feature that we are now providing is rock gluing onto small pieces of wood. This allows us to slab a rock all the way through on the saws. We are charging for this, but it is a very minimal charge, 1\$ for a small rock, 2\$ for a medium rock and 3\$ for a larger rock. This pays for the glue which we supply, (Gorilla Heavy Duty Construction Adhesive), and we also supply the wood block and do the labor. Any saw person authorized by me, or by Julie, who has been taught to do this can do the glue up for you. This helps us to cut more rocks for classes, customer and members rocks, and even JPOG and 32 Auction rocks for sale.

All of the saws have been cleaned again. I have chosen to do this fun chore by committee. There are a number of us who are now cleaning the saws, and we are looking for even more people to join in. We will be cleaning the saws at least 4 more times before JPOG due to the large volume of rocks to be cut. Come down and play in the mineral oil with good company. Thanks to **Spencer, Phillip, Denzel, Steve S., Eric F.** and others for all of their help.

Again, I am asking for people who have passed the saw class to help out with cutting slabs for the upcoming Jackpot of Gems Show, (September 10th and 11th), for our members, for our classes and for 32 Auctions. With my building expansion duties, I do not have time to cut slabs any more (I used to cut for approximately 15 hours a week minimum). However, **Phillip, John, Ed, Denzel** and some others are starting to help cut. Starting on June 20th, we will be cutting rocks for JPOG which will then be identified and placed in the appropriate buckets for our shows.

As you may know, I stepped in as Temporary Shop Director when it was needed. I did not plan on being in this position for long though I will still continue until a new Shop Director offers to take over. I am managing this position by having formed different working committees to help out with the projects that we have and with the maintenance that needs to be done.

While I have a lot of diverse skills, I did not know a lot about this type of equipment. So, I have done a crash course to learn how to maintain it and work on this equipment. This has taken me some time as rock saws and cabbing machines were not my forte, even though I do understand the workings of them. I own several

I own several types of saws and different types of equipment in my businesses that I have worked on over the years. Now that I have been working on the rock equipment a lot, I know better what to do and how to do it. And I have some people who have volunteered to help out on them with their own skill sets that complement mine.

So, to summarize, the lapidary and saw equipment is currently in good shape and being used often, as it should be. The more use, the more funds to support various other projects and new equipment that is on our wish list for the new space-and that we will be moving into in the future.

Field Trip to Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park

Photos: Steve Smith RGMS Photographer



Peterson Mountain Fee Dig
Photos: Steve Smith RGMS Photographer



Hints for Exhibitors by Theresa Langhans,

from the August 2021 Conglomerate via Mary Hicks. Theresa and Mary are Jackpot of Gems Exhibit Co-chairs:

As I have every year, I am once again sharing with you an article that was published in the May 1989 issue of the Conglomerate (with some information edited for the current year). I thought it also fitting and timely for our exhibits article for this month. I want to thank all of you who are exhibiting at our Show this year. I hope that this article helps to give you some tips and ideas for how best to display your treasures.

These are a few tips that may be helpful to new members, as well as some veteran displayers.

SHOWMANSHIP: *displaying your favorite collection should be the highlight of our hobby. Showmanship is very important in presenting an interesting and outstanding exhibit. Good showmanship is the ability of the exhibitor to use the material, arrangement, and labeling to create a display, which will be educational and will attract and hold the interest of the viewer. Remember that sometimes **LESS** is **MORE** (don't overcrowd your case with material). One collection may impress you as just "okay" when actually it contains outstanding specimens; conversely, another may have you dazzled by the beauty of a very ordinary collection. Showmanship is the basic difference.*

CLEANLINESS: *do not display a dusty or finger-printed specimen or case. Make certain that the glass on the face of the exhibit case is clean on the **INSIDE** and the outside. Material that cannot be polished should be as clean as possible with emphasis on the perfection and rarity of the article. This would include fossils, artifacts, and shells, etc. with correct nomenclature and, if rare, brief historic information to make it more interesting to the layman. Be neat, display with no lint, dust or foreign objects to distract the viewer's observation.*

LIGHTING: *Good lighting is essential to gem display. Scenic agate slabs are best viewed with a light behind them. Spotlights are suitable for large spectacular pieces, but in most cases lights directly above or inside each case are best. (Lighting is provided for you if you are borrowing a "club case"). Check for shadows and do not use mirrors.*

BACKGROUND: *Make your case as inconspicuous as possible, devoting time to keep the eye focused on the subject of the display. Materials used as liners should be of such color and texture as to enhance rather than detract from the theme of the display. (Some of you are borrowing liners that are available from the "Society"). Again, keep in mind that sometimes "less is more". If you put too many items in your case, it is distracting and can't catch someone's attention.*

SET-UP: *We certainly do appreciate all of the help that our volunteers offer throughout the Show. Beginning at 7am on that Friday (10th of September) we will be gathering at the Reno Sparks Convention Center Exhibit Hall. It takes a lot of time to set up the hall to get ready for the Show. We invite everyone who is able to assist! Beginning at noon, and until 8pm, you can set up your exhibit. For those of you borrowing cases, the case will be set up and will be ready for you to just put in your material. I look forward to working with each of you at the Show!*

School Report
Julie Hilsabeck, School Director

The following classes have their first class date **Before** the General Meeting. To attend these classes you must register via email to me, Julie Hilsabeck, at school@renogms.org. Class sizes are limited so register early!

Beginning Lapidary

Tuesdays, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, mandatory safety class at 12:30pm on the 5th. Class Fee is \$60.00.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, mandatory safety class at 6:00pm on the 5th. Class fee is \$60.00.

Slab Saw Use

Tuesdays, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Class Fee is \$60.00.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Class Fee is \$60.00.

Beginning Silver

Tuesdays, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, mandatory safety class at 5:45pm on the 5th. Class fee of \$120.00, includes the kit fee.

Basics of Tumbling

Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Class fee is \$60.00.

Wire Wrapping

Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Class fee is \$60.00.

Registration for the following classes must be completed at the General Meeting, July 6th, between 6:30pm and 7:00pm. The General Meeting is held in the second floor meeting room at Baldini's Casino in Sparks.

Advanced Silver

Thursdays, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Class fee is \$90.00.

Casting

Thursdays, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Class fee is \$120.00, includes the kit fee.

Cold Connections – Jewelry 101

Saturday, July 23rd, 10:00am to 1:00pm. Class fee is \$22.50.

Beading with Sue

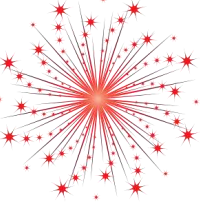
Sunday, July 17th, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Class fee is \$20.00.

Display Case Liners Class

Saturday, July 16th, 10:00am to 4:00pm. Free to members.



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Independence Day 	5 Safety 12:30-1 6-6:30 Lapidary 1-3pm; 6:30-8:30 Slab Saw 3:30-5:30 6:30=8:39 Beg. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm	6 General Meeting 7pm Baldini's Tumbling 1pm-3pm WireWrapping 1-3pm	7 Adv. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm Casting 6-9pmx	8 Field Trip Texas Springs	9 Field Trip Texas Spring 10:00 a- 2:00 p Rock Cutting – JPOG Silent Auction Prep Silent Auction Prep – rocks S
10 Field Trip Texas Springs	11 Open House 11am -9 pm	12 Lapidary 1-3pm; 6:30-8:30 Slab Saw 3:30-5:30 6:30=8:39 Beg. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm	13 Board Meeting 6 pm 480 S. Tumbling 1pm-3pm WireWrapping	14 Adv. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm Casting 6-9pmx	15	16 10:00 a- 2:00 p Rock Cutting – JPOG Silent Auction Prep Silent Auction Prep – rocks 10:00 a - 4:00 p Display Case Liners Class
17 Bead Weaving 10-2	18 Open House 11am -9 pm	19 Lapidary 1-3pm; 6:30-8:30 Slab Saw 3:30-5:30 6:30=8:39 Beg. Silver	20 Tumbling 1pm-3pm WireWrapping 1-3pm	21 Adv. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm Casting 6-9pmx	22	23 10:00 a- 2:00 p Rock Cutting – JPOG Silent Auction Prep Silent Auction Prep – rocks 10a-1p Cold Connections
24	25 Open House 11am -9 pm.	26 Lapidary 1-3pm; 6:30-8:30 Slab Saw 3:30-5:30 6:30=8:39 Beg. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm	27 Tumbling 1pm-3pm Tumbling 1pm-3pm WireWrapping 1-3pm	28 Adv. Silver Fabrication 6-9pm Casting 6-9pmx	29	30 10:00 a- 2:00 p Rock Cutting – JPOG Silent Auction Prep Silent Auction Prep – rocks
31	Aug 1 Open House 11am- 9pm	Aug 2	Aug 3 General Meeting	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6

IMPORTANT: There is not enough space to show all the times for rock cutting and prep for silent auction. Please check the online calendar at renogms.com/calendar.

CFMS & AFMS Shows, 2022

Covid is still not over! Please check to be sure the show is happening.

2022 CFMS Shows*

July 16-17, 2022 - Culver City, CA
Culver City Gem & Mineral Society
Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, 90230 Contact: BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

August 5-7, 2022, Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444 Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com

August 6-7, 2022, Roseville, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
@the Grounds, Roebbelen Event Center, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678 Contact email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com

August 20-21, 2022 - Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381 Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com

August 20-21, 2022 - Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Show
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA
Contact: email: getback@csurfers.net

September 10-11, 2022, Reno, NV
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Jackpot of Gems
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia, Reno, NV 89502 Contact: sailondan55@aol.com

September 17-18, 2022 - Chico, CA
Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2757 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928 Contact:(530) 586-7052, mmpg@att.net

September 24-25, 2022 - San Luis Obispo, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA
Contact: 2022show@alogem.org

September 24-25, 2022
Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society
Signal Hill Public Library, 1800 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA
Contact: 562 253-1390, karin.yasuda@gmail.com

*For shows later in the year, go to cfmsinc.org/shows.



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Volunteer Page

A new feature in the *Conglomerate*, this space will feature those members who have volunteered their time to help RGMS function in a number of different and valuable ways. Please thank them for their service if you see them at the Rock Building or at the meeting. You will notice that some members serve in more than one capacity—for example, Steve Norman has 3 jobs—count ‘em. A number of others are doing 2. Think you might find time to do just one job? There are several available.

Used Equip, Sale Coord.	George Forbes
Gen. Mtg. Guest Greeter	Joanne Sworthout
Gen. Mtg Door Prizes	Denise Sizemore,
Educational Outreach	Steve Norman
Future Rockhounds Advisor	Steve Norman
Silent Auction	Available
JPOG Auction	Available
Facility Expansion	Patrick Davis

Instructors

<i>Bead weaving:</i>	Sue Webb
<i>Casting:</i>	Spencer Ennis
<i>Jewelry 101 & Cold Connections</i>	Robyn Howard
<i>Lapidary</i>	Barbara Hartman Julie Hilsabeck
<i>Lost Wax Carving</i>	Tim Steeper
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<i>Beg. Silver Fabrication</i>	Spencer Ennis
<i>Slab saw</i>	Patrick Davis
<i>Stabilizing</i>	Adam Sousa
<i>Tumbling</i>	Janet & Albie Longueira
<i>Wire Art</i>	Ginger Ragazzi