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### No CFMGS Board Meeting, 07/19/05

Board Meeting will resume on 8/16/05 at 6:30 p.m.

### General Meeting Minutes, 07/19/05

-Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

-19 attendees at the meeting – 17 members and 2 guests.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Rent was paid for month of June and the electric bill was received.
- Class supplies were purchased.
- The building was reassessed for maintenance – an extra amount is required to be paid for last year. The reassessment letter is available for viewing if anyone would like to see it.
- A motion was put forth to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put forth by Paul Bordenkircher

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

- The three members that joined several months ago, yet haven't attended meetings or classes since joining were called. I left a voicemail on one, but received recordings on the remaining two numbers.
- We want to have a gem tree party to prepare gem trees for the next annual show. We would need to come up with an agreed upon date, have a pot luck lunch or dinner, and have Emilio demonstrate to all how to create a gem tree.

#### WORKSHOP REPORT:

- Faceting classes – These classes are full. Faceting classes take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is Emilio Garcia.
- Cabachon Cutting classes –We could use 1 or 2 more students. Students are supposed to supply their own materials for classes. Slabs can be purchased for specifically for class from John Luedke. We can display the supplies/slabs in the display case for purchase.
- Cabachon cutting classes take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The instructor is Richard Nagle.

- Cabachon cutting classes also take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is John Luedke.
- Cabachon classes can be offered every Saturday if there is a need. John will keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, and Richard will take the other Saturdays of the month.
- If you would like to join us for either one or all of the classes, just let the instructor know you would like to sign up! The instructors ask that if you are signed up for a class, and cannot make it, please call them to let them know.
- *NEW!* The club is going to be putting a calendar on the bulletin board so that students can sign up for classes. Watch for the calendar at the next meeting!

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Currently our club has 57 members: 51 adult and 6 junior.

#### SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Nothing much to report at this time: Flyers are being put together and new contracts are being drafted.
- Other clubs can have tables to advertise their clubs, recruit new members, have demonstrations, etc. The cost will be the cost of tables and chairs only.
- There will also be a swap table where clubs can swab materials.
- Our club will have information sent to other clubs in the October time frame.

#### FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR:

- The last weekend in August is a tentative date for the Honeymoon Island trip. Please get with Michelle Bogle at the next meeting if you want to go.
- The directions to Honeymoon Island are available.
- There may be a trip to a mine in North Carolina available where aquamarine and other crystals are found. Michelle will get more information about this trip later.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- The disturbance during the last meeting that took place in a neighboring unit was reported. The complex said that if it happens again, please call the police directly.
- The gem tree party can take place after the faceting class on a Saturday at 1:00. Emilio will let us know what date he is available.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- . A/C may cause a problem because it is off most of the time, and when it is time for class the workshop is too warm to be comfortable. It was suggested that the club purchase two oscillating fans. Since the last meeting, Jim Johnstone has donated a fan, which is kept in the shop, and it has helped during the classes. Thank you Jim!
- . Michelle can donate slabs for gem tree making. She is launching her own website and is offering space on her site to sell any materials you may have.
- . Workshop machines are for everyone's use at \$5.00 per hour. A board member must be present in order for a member to use machines.
- . The 16" saw is now operational to cut slabs or cut geodes open, etc.
- . The 10" saw to cut small rocks and gems is still operational.
- . Flat lap is now operational for use—it has a 100 grit wheel.
- . Paul Bordenkircher has donated slabs for gem trees. Thank you Paul!
- . If anyone has video tapes/DVDs to show at meetings or at our annual show, please let us know.
- . Gillespie museum has had display at our show in the past, John Luedke will follow up with the museum to see if they want to do the same for our next show.
- . John L. will follow up with magazine entries in terms of club contact information as well.
- . Michelle has found a new website, <http://mineral.galleries.com/minerals/by-name.htm> it lists lots of minerals, photos, and information. Please take a look at the site and let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the bulletin.

### DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Door prize winners:

1. Michelle, and some of our newer members: Brandon and Margaret. This was donated by Gene Baney and the prizes were chipped gemstones.
2. Susan and donated by Michelle.
3. 50/50 went to Richard Nagel.

### WORKSHOP RULES:

Our club has drafted a few rules for our workshop, and we will be adding to this list as we go along. These are the rules of our workshop as discussed in our general meetings:

1. Teachers of club classes will receive free workshop time, hour for hour, as compensation for teaching classes.
2. Nobody will be allowed in workshop without a board member and/or instructor present.
3. During classes there will be a charge for the beverages in the refrigerator: 25 cents per beverage.

4. Workshop usage charge: \$5.00 per hour for everyone except teachers that have accumulated free hours for teaching classes.
5. To participate in classes in shop, the participant has to be a member.

### Coming Events

Valerie of the Florida Fossil Hunters (and a member of our club) is having their annual Fossil Fair on October 15 & 16 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Exhibit Building A. Please visit [floridafossilhunters.com](http://floridafossilhunters.com) for more information.

The next BOARD MEETING is on Tuesday, 08/16/05@ 6:30 p.m., and the next general meeting is at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the board meeting at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

### Notes from the Editor

For the benefit of our newest members (and as a reminder to others):

Lynn Cole has set up the club email address:

[CFMGS@yahoo.com](mailto:CFMGS@yahoo.com) This is the email address that everyone should be giving out to guests, prospective members and anyone that wants to contact our club!

Everyone that has a computer should have received an email a few months ago inviting you to join the Yahoo Group, CFMGS. Please make sure that you have signed up for the CFMGS Yahoo group. *If you are new to the club and have not joined the CFMGS Yahoo Group, please let me or Lynne Cole know so that we can get you set up as well.*

-The club is looking for free sources of advertising. We need free space in which to advertise our club and our new class offerings. If any member finds a publication that is free of charge, i.e. community publication, please collect a copy and give to the secretary.

-I am always looking for additions to the bulletin. If you come across an article that would be of interest to the group, please forward to me for input to the next bulletin.

### Classified

Dr. Lou has several items for sale. He requests that you send him an email if you are interested. However, the postal address is provided for those of you that don't have access to email.

1. 8" flat lap
2. starrng machine
3. scales
4. solder welder
5. display cases
6. lighted displays

7.25 years of lapidary journals

[louisdezseran@yahoo.com](mailto:louisdezseran@yahoo.com)

9515 Beckford Ave.  
Northridge, CA 91324

Bill Burrage has a contact selling the following:

1. Slab saw with 10" blade (automatic cut)
2. Trim saw with 6" blade

One of our members, Paul Hayes, is looking for a 4" trim saw. If you know of anyone that is selling such an item, please contact him on 407.816.1229 or his email address is [phayes3@bellsouth.net](mailto:phayes3@bellsouth.net).

Ken Reed, another one of our members, wants to buy used faceting machines, Genies, saws and other lapidary equipment in any condition. Please contact him at 386.943.4685 or [kr1113@aol.com](mailto:kr1113@aol.com)

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To encourage active participation in all phases of the search for and identification of mineral and gem specimens, including their collection, evaluation, and preservation, as well as to faithfully uphold the policies of the society.

## CFMGS Membership and Meetings

Dues single - \$10.00, Couple - \$18.00, Juniors - \$5.00; due October thru December for the subsequent year. Members not paid by January 31 will be dropped from the membership. General meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial. Members will be notified of changes. Executive Board meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday before the General meeting.

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