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Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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PGMC **HAPPENINGS**

GENERAL MEETINGS

April 26, 2010

Monday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
7:00 PM

May 24, 2010

Monday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
7:00 PM

June 28, 2010

Monday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
7:00 PM

BOARD MEETINGS

May TBD, 2010

Tuesday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
7:00 PM

June 8, 2010

Tuesday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
7:00 PM

NOVEMBER SHOW MTG.

June 14, 2010

Monday at Russ and
Lorna's house.
6:30 PM.



PROGRAM

Cheri George and Susy Martin will present an informative program on preparing your work for exhibit and setting up a case for competition. This program will be of great value to those entering the Gem, Mineral, Jewelry competitive exhibits at the Antelope Valley Fair as well as those desiring to enter the California and American Federation exhibit competitions.

DISPLAYS

Bring your favorite crystals, lapidary piece, and fieldtrip rocks

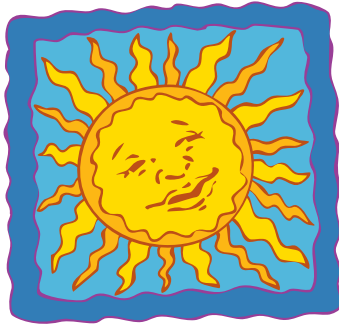
WORDS of WISDOM



**Rodney
Skillings
President**

REFRESHMENTS

This month refreshments are brought to you by: Brad and Lisa Murphy



SUNSHINE

A Memorial Service for Clint Crawford will be held at the Riverside National Cemetery on May 14th at 1:00 p.m.. It is to takeplace on a Friday because the Cemetery does not hold services on Saturday or Sunday. His family knows that because of distance and time it will be hard for people to come that far but they know that you will hold Clint in your thoughts at this time.

Jennifer Martin saw Cora McCrumb and her daughter Deena at Costco recently. Deena is doing very well after her surgery and in excellent spirit and attitude. We wish her a swift recovery.

Ginny Sandoval injured her hand during the Easter weekend camp-out. It swelled up and was thought to be broken. We hope she is doing better.

Melba LePage is doing great!

PGMC - TID BITS

MEMBERSHIP

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



April Birthdays are:

Jackie Birch	17th
James Chaisson	21st

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

ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this month

Congratulations to Melba LePage as she will be awarded a Lifetime Membership! Thanks for being a long-time member of our Club!

ROCK SALE

Saturday May 8th at Lucy Tunnel's house. Purchase by the pound.

Check the roster for her address and phone number.

PALMDALE GEM &
MINERAL
CLUBGENERAL MEET-
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29March 2010

LARRY CHIMBOLE
CULTURAL CENTER
38500 SIERRA HIGH-
WAY
PALMDALE, CALIFOR-
NIA

Meeting was called to
order by John Martin, at
7:13pm.

Flag salute was led by
Cheri George.

MINUTES: Minutes had
been published in the
newsletter. Motion to
approve as printed was
made by Susy Martin,
seconded by Russ Lass,
motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:
Ginny passed out the
correspondence to the
appropriate people.

HOSPITALITY: Members
present- 14, 4 guests
(Leslie Kalmbach; Nick
Marquez and Pam
Callahan; and Tony

Sneath), and 1 pebble
pup. The badge drawing
was won by Mary
Cornelison; Attendance
was won by Leslie
Kalmbach; the \$5 draw-
ing was won by Lorna
Lass.

MEMBERSHIP: Brad
said that next month we
will check the roster for
accuracy so we can have
it oriented.

SUNSHINE: Gary Levitt
has had surgery on his
spine. We hope his re-
covery will be short and
as pain free as possible.

SOCIAL: Annual
Tehachapi picnic is
scheduled for 21-24 July.

DISPLAYS: None

President Rod Skilling
arrived at this time and
took over the meeting.

REFRESHMENTS: Pro-
vided by Rod and Russ.
Buy raffle tickets now!

RAFFLE: Hunter
Chaisson- 2; Russ- 2;
David- 2; Pam Callahan-
1; Lorna- 3; Ginny- 1.

PROGRAM: Volcanoes.

Meeting adjourned at
8:30pm.

FEDERATION REPORT

May 2010

The Multi-Federation trip is scheduled for May 28-June 2nd, there are several trips scheduled for different locations within a 40-50 mile radius of Fontanel, Wyoming (Blue forest Petrified Forest area).

The base camp will be at Slate Creek Campground, just east of Fontenelle, next to the Green River. This is a no fee campground with fire pits, tables and restrooms. We will post the area with signs marking camp area on Thursday May 2ih. Trips will leave from the camp to the Blue Forest Dig area, one trip to the Eden Valley area, and others, Most of the trips will be related to collecting Petrified Wood. At the base camp we will have maps available for other areas.

For those not camping at Slate Creek and need a Motel there is one at Farson ,about 35 minutes to the east Sitzmans, (307) 273 9246, this is a small motel only 6 rooms so make your reservations now. Rates = 1 person \$50+ tax, 2 per \$58.+ tax (one Queen Bed) 2 Beds \$65.plus tax. Farson also has Gas and Groceries. There are more motels

in Kemmerer also: Fossil Butte Motel (307) 877-3996, Fairview Motel (307) 877-3938, Frontier Suites (307) 877-3377, Energy Inn (307) 877-6901, Antler's Inn (307-877-4461. There is also an RV Park in Farson and several in Kemmerer. Kemmerer is about 25 miles from our base camp. You can also get gas and some supplies in Fontenelle.

For all of you who plan to make this wonderful trip, remember when you get home there will only be two weeks to get yourselves ready for the CFMS/AFMS Show in La Habra. We hope you have made your application to the appropriate person, as time is getting short and space is very limited.

Sincerely,

Don George

Federation Director

April Field Trtip
Easter in Boron 2010



Gathered around the campfire



Dutch Oven cooking



Overlooking the campsite at Boron



Richard and Mitsy, hanging out.

Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club Easter Weekend Fieldtrip Report

Attending the fieldtrip were 12 members and families. They included Mary Cornelison, Bill Hopkins, Richard Stanford, Ginny Sandoval, Linda Baillie, Don and Cheri George, Chris and Jennifer Martin, Tony and Sandie Fender and John and Susy Martin. We had several visitors throughout the weekend from the Tehachapi Club. Tony, John, Susy and Linda arrived at the campsite around 2:00 PM on Thursday and started setting up the campsite. The weather was beautiful and warm. Later that evening Don and Cheri arrived in camp and brought another load of needed fire wood. Dinner that night consisted of Mexican Pot-roast cooked in a Dutch oven with bell peppers, and onions, there was green salad, and Cheri's Magic Beans. After dinner there was a wonderful campfire until around 9:00 when everyone called it a night. Friday morning found the camp awakening to the smell of fresh camp coffee and with a breakfast of Yogurt and Muffins followed by a great day of rockhounding and collecting of paving stones from the Boron Dry Lake Bed. Before lunch Richard and Ginny (and the

kids) and Bill and Mary arrived which finished the camp circle. Sandie Fender showed up early that evening after a hard day of work and made it in time to relax and enjoy the evening dinner of Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese. The Campfire was enjoyed by all until around 10:00 PM. Saturday morning found the camp waking up to the smell of sizzling bacon and hot camp coffee. The main course for the morning meal was the world famous Cowboy Dutch Oven Breakfast. For lunch we enjoyed a gourmet's delight of Bacon Wrapped Scallops that were Bar-B-Q'd, Oven baked and Pan-fried. They too were fabulous. By now the wind had started blowing which made for an exciting afternoon. Chris and Jennifer and the kids showed up for lunch and stayed around for dinner then headed back into town. Dinner on Saturday night consisted of Dutch-Oven Prime Rib with Fire Pit cooked potatoes and yams, Green salad and toasted garlic French bread plus all the trimmings. Following dinner there was movie night with buttered popcorn. The movie selection for the evening's entertainment was UP and Night at The Smithsonian, a good time was had by all. After the movies we all bid a

good night and returned to our own accommodations. Sunday morning brought breakfast of Tony Fender's famous Eggs Benedict and as usual they were wonderful. With the wind still gusting and the approaching rain storm it was decided to cut the trip a day short and cleaned camp packed up the stuff and all left by early afternoon. A fun time was had by all.

The PGMC Field Trip Committee



Cooking bacon wrapped scollaps



Susan basks in the sun



Cana on the prowl

Upcoming Shows

*April 24-25, 2010, Newbury Park, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Show
Borchard Park Community Center/dd>
190 Reno Rd. & borchard Rd.
Hours: Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 10-4:30
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734
Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net
Website: <http://www.cgamc.org>*

*April 30 - May 1-2, 2010, Bishop, CA
Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)
Corner of Sierra St. & Fair Drive
Hours: Fri. 6-9, Sat. 9:40-4, Sun. 10-3
Francee Gaham (760) 876-4319
Email: franceem@quet.com*

*June 18-20 2010, Whittier, CA
AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention
Hosted by North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
So. CA University of Health Sciences Campus
16200 E. Amber Valley Rd., Whittier CA
Hours: 10-5 daily
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Email: odwarthen@verizon.net
Website: www.nocgms.com*

For more shows and dates visit cfmsinc.org

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