

# HILL and GULLY PAY DIRT

## Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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### PGMC HAPPENINGS

#### GENERAL MEETING

**September 28, 2009**

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

**October 26, 2009**

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

#### BOARD MEETINGS

**October 13, 2009**

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

**November 10, 2009**

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

### Thanksgiving Campout

**Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Boron Dry Lakebed.**  
**Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### PROGRAM

A presentation by  
Jeff Woolford

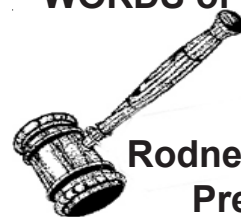
### REFRESHMENTS

This months refreshments are provided by:  
Chris Martin & Mary Cornelison

### Displays

PLEASE bring your favorite Blue rock or gemstone to share at this months meeting!

### WORDS of WISDOM



### **Rodney Skillings** **President**

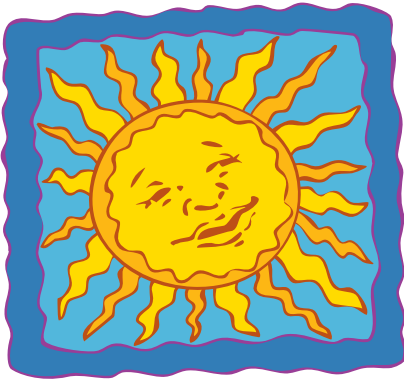
It's hard to believe it's nearly October. We had a great time at the fair and are thankful to our wonderful club members who took time out of their busy schedules to lend a hand and volunteer. Many of our club members entered cases and won. Congratulations! Now we must turn our focus to the November show. Please consider giving of your time again in helping set up the building, working a shift or two, and taking down Sunday night. The more people that help, the less work for everyone. Set up will be on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, the show will run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, and take down will take place immediately following the close of the show on Sunday. Thanks for all you do!



Cheri George accepting her 1st place award



Cheri's award winning case at the AFMS show in Billings, Montana



## SUNSHINE

At age 85, Fran Jones quietly passed away August 7, 2009, at her home in Ohio with her daughter Ruth by her side. She had recently been diagnosed with cancer. She will be missed by all that knew her and a great loss to our club.

### **For Sale:**

Melba LePage has an 18" Highland Park Slab saw for sale. Asking price is \$500.00, Negotiable. She will be leaving her house and moving in to a retirement manor at the end of the month.

Melba's Phone Number is 661-944-2365 or you can contact me for more information.

# PGMC - TID BITS

## MEMBERSHIP

*Brad Murphy*

### **August Birthdays:**

<i>Craig Frick</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Joe Wood</i>	<i>7th</i>
<i>Gary Levitt</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Claire Martin</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Sandy beightol</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Anna Burton</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Kristopher Chaisson</i>	<i>22nd</i>

*Your birthstone is **Peridot** for happiness and friendship and your flower is **Poppy** for fame.*

### **September Birthdays:**

Chris Martin	4th
Don McCLung	8th
Melba LaPage	13th
Lynnae Chaisson	16th
Melissa Morch	20th
Dorothy McDonald	22nd
Richard stanford	25th
Lois Ebel	29th

Your Birthstone is **Sapphire** for **Wisdom** and your flower is **Aster** for **Memories** .

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### **September:**

Brad and Lisa Murphy	2nd
John and Susy Martin	3rd
Don and Yvette McClung	16th

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

Have a great *day and many more!*

## 2009 SHOW Updates

Susan Chaisson-Walblom & Rodney Skillings- 2009 Show Chairmen

The show is coming, the show is coming! Please sign up at a general meeting to volunteer to make this our best show yet. Richard Wade will be presenting his Dinoaur program both days and will be presenting on fossils. Women in Mining will also have a booth. If you are able to hand out flyers, please contact us and we will get you some.

## COUNTRY STORE

Hi!!!! Just a friendly reminder! That's right, it is almost time for our annual SHOW!!!! November will be here before we know it! So, lets get busy bringing all our extra knickknacks and garage sale goodies! Contact Lorna Lass.

## SHOW TICKETS

Show raffle tickets are for sale. (One dollar each, or six for five dollars). If you need to get more tickets contact Rod Skillings. Turn in your money and ticket stubs to Rod. Help support your show.

PALMDALE GEM & MINERAL CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
18 July 2009

TEHACHAPI MOUNTAIN PARK  
TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA

The General Membership Meeting for the Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club was called to order at 2:56PM at Tehachapi Mountain Park, in the beautiful Tehachapi Mountains as part of the annual PGMS Picnic.

Rod thanked everyone for coming to the picnic. He also had the signup sheet for the fair and asked everyone to please signup where they could.

Treasurer- A bill for the Tehachapi Mountain Park camping fees, the PO Box rent. Susy motioned to pay the bills, Russ Seconded.

Correspondence- Ginny had passed out the mail to the appropriate parties.

Scholarship- We received the receipt from San Jose State for Eric Isaacs's scholarship money.

Program: Rich said he is going to ask Jeff Woolford to come back and present a program on his thesis.

This was the very best picnic meal we ever had, THANK YOU MARY!! YOU are the greatest!!

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary and seconded by Cheri, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.

**Federation Directors Report: August** submitted by Don George

The AFMS & NFMS Show was a great success. We had a fabulous time. Cheri George and Susan Martin had great success at the AFMS Rules Committee meeting. The Beading rules they had prepared for CFMS were approved by the Uniform Rules Committee with a 10 - 1 vote. Thank you, ladies.

Based on the problems concerning the non-happenings at the AFMS Show in Texas last year, a Bylaws change for CFMS has been recommended and will be voted on at the upcoming CFMS meeting in Visalia. This change should be reviewed by each club's membership before it's voted on.

ARTICLE VI Section 9: Natural Disasters or War If the semiannual meetings of the CFMS cannot be held at the designated physical facilities, the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct the business by whatever means are available, including electronic mail.

If the annual convention and show cannot be held at the designated location, the Executive Committee is authorized to either obtain a new location or postpone the convention and show. In the event the meetings will be conducted other than by physical presence, the Executive Committee will publish, for approval of the Directors, the agenda, the methods for proposing and voting on motions and any other business requiring Director's approval. Minutes of the meetings and committee reports will be sent to all Directors and Chairpersons.

If events occur requiring this section to become necessary, any other section of Article VI conflicting with Section 9 is inoperative for that meeting.

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### **Federation Report Sept 2009**

I have had no comments, pro or con on the proposed by-law changes to the CFMS by-laws that were published last month. I'm going to believe that our club has no objections to this change. I will give it a 'yes' vote when we meet in Nov.

I am currently being told that a representative from the Insurance company that covers our activities will be at the November CFMS

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### Tehachapi Campout

report by Mary Cornelison

All I can is ANTS, ANTS AND MORE ANTS!!!!!! Just kidding!!!!!! The festivities started when a few campers arrived at the Tehachapi's Sierra group campsite on Wednesday. As the week progressed a few more campers tickled in and a total of 8 families camped out. We enjoyed nightly campfires and our camp dinners consisted of Kabobs on Wednesday night, prime rib was on Thursday night, and Friday night's dinner was interesting all entrees were cooked in crock pots. Would you believe even a chocolate cake was cooked in a crock pot??? Believe it!!!! And it was yummy, along with the ice cream it was served with!!! We even had a demonstration on how to cook with a solar cooker. On Saturday the clubs picnic feasting began at 1:30 pm. The menu consisted of Rib Eye steaks and New York steaks, marinated chicken breasts, hot dogs, baked beans, assorted salads (fruit, macaroni, 3 bean, and green) and deserts. After the feast we proceeded to conduct the monthly club meeting for July. The July birthdays were observed for following club members: Jennifer Martin, Mary Cornelison, Rodney Skillings, and Russel Lass. After the meeting Lisa Murphy con

ducted a critter making session. Everyone in attendance had a great time and enjoyed the cooler mountain temperatures. My understanding is that in the Antelope Valley the temperature on Saturday soared to 108 degrees, whoa that's HOT!!!! I want to thank every one who brought side dishes to the picnic. Can't wait to do it again in 2010!!!!



Food Feast



Fun Time Campers



Tehachapi Group



Gail & Chris Race



Sandy Clif & Gail



Ginny's Bug

### Sept. Fed Report Cont'd

meeting and will be available to answer questions that we may have re guarding our insurance coverage. I will be attending that meeting. If you have any questions that you would like information about, please let me know before we head for that meeting.

Thank You, Don George  
email:  
dlgeorge99@yahoo.com

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PGMCTO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER

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*NOMINATING DIRECTOR*

This position requires a person who understands the needs of the Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club and has the best interest of the club in mind at all times. This person is the head of the nominating committee and through the committee will recommend a slate of officers for the board of directors for the ensuing year. The person in this position ensures the club will continue by evaluating members' actions through the year, then enlists and recommends candidates for positions on the Board of Directors, who will continue the club in the best interest of the club and according to by-laws, and for the benefit of the members. It is expected that this person be present at all general and board meetings and as many other functions as possible throughout the year... The committee will also furnish a list of acceptable candidates to the incoming President of committee chairs for the ensuing year. Basic computer skills, email and internet are a plus for this position, but are not a necessity.

*VICE PRESIDENT*

*This position is the second in the leadership roll of the Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club and requires a person who can step-into the position of President in the event the President is absent at a meeting or function and conduct the business of the club. They must be familiar with the duties of the club committees and act as committee head in the event the committee head, or their designee, is absent from a function that requires the committee participation. They are expected to be at all general and board meetings and attend as many other functions as possible throughout their term. Basic computer skills in word processing, Email and internet activities are needed to efficiently fulfill this office within the club.*

**NOTE:**

*Additional information and responsibilities on each club position can be found in the position description book on file with the Recording Secretary*

*Other positions will be highlighted next month..*

*PRESIDENT*

*This position is the top leadership in the Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club and carries the responsibility of being the focal point and the spokesperson when representing the club in public gatherings. The primary duty is to preside over all standing and special meetings of the Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club. Attend as many club functions as possible through the term of the office. Coordinate the duties and activities of the club through direction, guidance and council to the Directors and Committee Heads, keeping the best interest of the club and its members as the primary concern. Lead by example keeping the values of the club and the CFMS as a focused priority..*

*Basic computer skills in word processing, Email and internet activities are needed to efficiently fulfill this office within the club.*

## Up and Coming Shows

### **October 10 - 11 2009, Trona, CA**

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
"66th Annual Gem-O-Rama"  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4  
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

Email: [sigms@iwvisp.com](mailto:sigms@iwvisp.com)

Website: [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

### **October 17 2009, Woodland Hills, CA**

Woodland Hills Rockchippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Shemman Way, West Hills  
Hours: Sat. 10-5

Email: [show@rockchippers.org](mailto:show@rockchippers.org)

Show Flyer: <http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/2009showflyers/woodlandhills.htm>

### **November 7-8 2009, Lancaster, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14  
Hours: 9 - 5 both days  
Susan Chaissin-Walblom  
(661) 943-1861

Email: [SLChaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:SLChaisson@yahoo.com)

Website: [palmdalegems.org](http://palmdalegems.org)

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**For a complete list of shows visit the CFMS website at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)**

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