



Nuggets From The Prez

This year seems to be whizzing by – red maples around town are already showing fall color! Glad for the sip of rain as we come into prime fire season, would love to see more to prevent stupid people (and our energy provider) from late season fires. Please remember to be fire safe, we still have a way to go until safely into winter.

With fall coming, it is time for a few things:

1. We still need a show chair. Frank has done a lot (probably at the 60% stage now), but someone is needed to take it over the finish line, and aid in development of a continuity plan for the future. Frank and Dan will be available to coach, you will not be left to figure it all out. There is a month left, support is needed ASAP. I'm making calls this weekend, but so far, been unsuccessful getting a response.
2. I'm looking for a couple people to step up to be the elections nomination board (making calls, encouraging, etc.) They need to be emplaced by October so we can hold November elections.
3. We need to independently audit our books, also looking for a team for that task – is it a requirement per our charter and tax law.

4. And last, the holiday party, we need someone to coordinate that.

With deep gratitude I would like to thank the family of Don King for reaching out to the club and opening up minerals and equipment from his estate to club members. This afternoon Frank and I will move a couple pickup loads of milk-crated rocks they also donated to the club for auctions, raffles, etc. to our storage site. This is a wonderful way to honor rockhounds that have passed. While at the same time a little sad, I cherish rocks I received from rockhounds that have passed, and when labeled I always keep their labels in addition to mine in my collection.

For the September sapphire birthdays – you truly got a bonus birthstone! Coming in any color, nearly as hard as diamonds, readily available from around the world and labs, they make for great daily wear. I'm partial to Montana sapphires, but Songea sapphires are incredibly sparkly and very affordable!

Two meetings until the show, a lot of prep discussion at the Sept. meeting, and last minute planning touches on Oct 1. Please, please step up to help, it is *your* club.

V/r, -Blaze

NCGMS 2024 Field Trips *(please double-check before the trip to ensure it is still planned):*



2024 Proposed Trips		Host
Aug 30-31	Bagby	John Dolman
Sep 1-2	Bagby	
Sep 21-22	Crystal Peak (Verdi) trip by Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club	LeRoy Salas
Oct 5-6	OUR GEM & MINERAL SHOW!!!	
Oct 11-14	Tuledad	John Dolman
Nov 28-30	Big X area or Dec 7/14/21/28 (weather replacement dates)	John Dolman
Dec TBD	Crozier Wildfire and Big X Mountain (pending reopening of area to public)	Rich Cross
TBD	Do you have an idea for a field trip? Maybe you know a nice place for rocks and don't mind sharing with the club? Please contact us with your trip ideas!	varies

Exploring Wildfire Scars

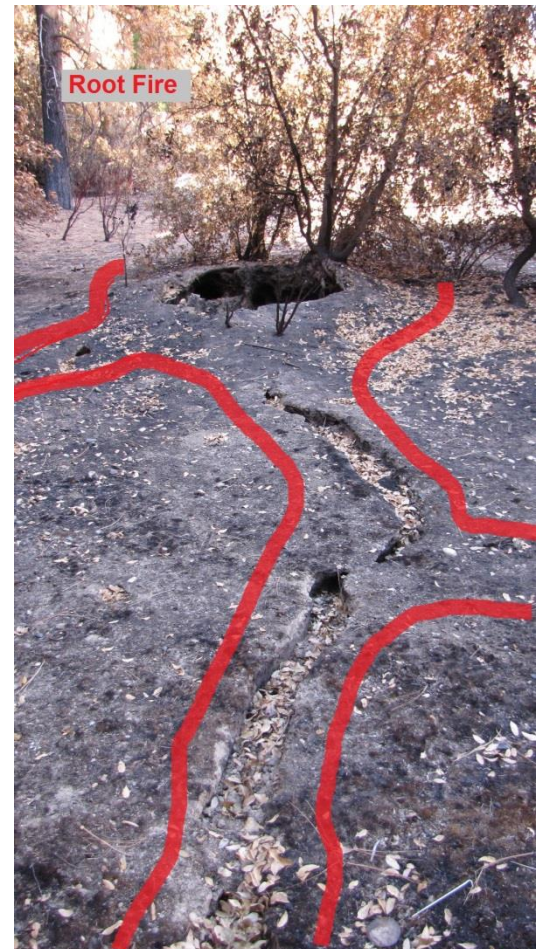
(Editor)

This month's Crozier Fire, in El Dorado County near Quintette, has burned over one of the more productive quartz crystal areas in the region, clearing the brush for us rockhounds. Wildfire scars can be excellent collecting areas for the first couple years after the fire, until grasses and underbrush have started growing back. The heat of the fire will also crack cobbles open for you, allowing quick and easy inspection for minerals within the quartz, such as gold.

But there are dangers involved; do not enter a recent burn unless you are prepared to walk off-trail in treacherous conditions. And if you do get hurt, please don't sue our club for this article or the Forest Circus for allowing you access.

Root fires are real, acting as underground conduit for the flames. As the flames follow underground roots, the ground collapses overhead, sometimes creating thinly-covered pit traps with hot embers at the bottom. Tall, leather boots are best at preventing such accidents. In the graphic, above, you can see the trap, just waiting to catch you! Stay away from big stumps.

Children and dogs don't understand the concept of root fires, so keep them close to you, or consider leaving them at home.



Don't touch any standing trees! Nevermind the soot you'll get on yourself, there is a real danger of any burned tree out there falling over. Just assume that any tree you touch will fall. This danger seems to be worse a year after the fire, and continues for several years thereafter. When driving in such an area, always have a chainsaw with you, and assume that a tree may fall down on the road behind you, blocking you in. (I've had this happen twice, but I do carry a saw.)

Newly-fractured quartz, exploded by the fire's heat, is wickedly sharp! Be careful when handling it. Hillsides and talus fields will be unstable as things tend to be lubricated by the ash and loss of plant material.

Also obey any temporary closure orders issued by the Forest Service. They close the forest after fires to prevent additional damage to the roads, and to prevent tourists interfering with rehabilitation of the burn area. Don't pick up any brass fittings the firefighters left behind; they'll be back for them. Yield to heavy equipment, don't get in the way! Pro tip: if you want to blend in, wear a Nomex shirt and wave at everyone you see. Put a hard hat on your dashboard, even, and cones around your bumper when you park. You must be official, with those cones!



August Board Meeting Minutes (8/6/2024)

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Sheila Baker at 6:06 pm.

It was determined there was a quorum present.

Present: Mike Field, Cathie Field, Edwina Swensen and Sheila Baker.

Absent: Blaze Baker, Lori Woodhall and Eric Trigg.

Request for additional items for the agenda:

Anita Wald Tuttle's achievement award - Sheila

Discussion of review/amending the Rules and bylaws - Edwina

Motion I: Cathie made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting as submitted. Seconded by Edwina, vote carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike. He advised in his analysis of the club finances if we do not have our annual rock show, the club will not have funds to continue in a couple of years.

Motion II: Cathie made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Seconded by Edwina, vote carried unanimously.

Sheila advised the Board that we have the plaque ready to present to Anita Wald-Tuttle at tonight's general meeting for lifetime membership.

Edwina asked what happened to the thought the Board had about reviewing the Rules and By-Laws of the club? It was agreed to table this until the September meeting.

Lengthy discussion took place concerning how to get members to volunteer to step up and do their part for our annual rock show, scheduled for October. We will pitch the need at the regular meeting and have sign-up sheets available. Currently, only 10 people have signed up and we need at least 20 folks. Having a member co-chair the show with Frank Van Hecke and another member to be a mentee going forward for the next show would be ideal.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Baker, Secretary



August General Meeting Minutes (8/6/2024)

Secretary Sheila Baker called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Members present: 25, guests present: 2

First order of business was to present to Anita Wald-Tuttle a plaque for her tireless work on behalf of the club and awarding her a life membership in the club. Charles Lindquist made the presentation. A photo of the plaque is attached to these minutes. Anita seemed pleased. Thank you Anita for your service to the club. (Editor's note: Anita was President when I first joined, and she is the reason I decided to return...)

Mike Field and Sheila discussed the topic of how to get members to step up to work at our annual rock show scheduled for this October. Mike had the sign up sheets and said only about 10 folks had signed up thus far – we need at least 20 members to get the job done. He further stated that without the revenue from the annual show, the club will not last much longer. We have expenses that need to be attended to, rental of the Grange for our meetings and two other rental places (one being for the trailer storage). That being said, the sign-up sheets were made available to everyone present. Let's all step up!!

Rich Cross introduced our guest speaker Richard Hilton, Paleontology Professor at Sierra College, Rocklin. Mr. Hilton gave a very interesting presentation on the dinosaurs and reptiles of the land and sea of California and Baja California. He urged members to visit the museum at Sierra College, Rocklin. Thank you, Mr. Hilton!

No rock raffle this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Respectfully submitted by Sheila Baker



CFMS Updates & Shows (<https://www.cfmsinc.org/>)

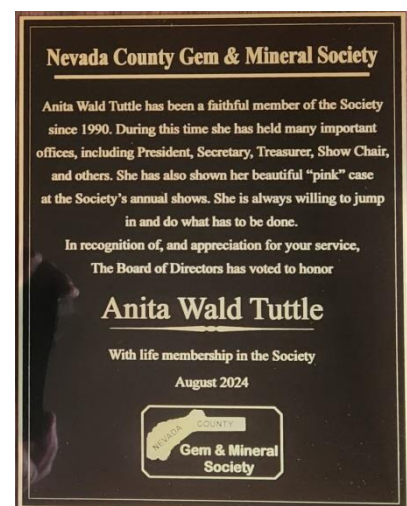


2024 CFMS Shows

<p>August 3-4, 2024 – Roseville, CA Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society The Grounds Roseville, 700 Event Center Drive, Roseville Hours: Saturday 10AM – 5PM, Sunday 10AM – 4PM Over 70 vendors, inside/out, featuring: Crystals, Fossils, Minerals, Amethyst, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, plus Free – Scientific Mineral and Gem ID – bring your rocks for a no-cost Scientific Identification! Fun for Kids in “Education Station”, Petrified Wood, Stone carvings, many special exhibits. Demonstrations, Huge Rock Auctions. General admission \$10.00, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10. Tickets at the door, online, or grab a discount coupon on our website: www.rockrollers.com/</p>	<p>September 21-22, 2024 – Monterey, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Monterey, CA Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM both days Rocks, minerals, fossils, vendors, gems, silent auction, beads, equipment, exhibits, kind’s stuff, and jewelry Contact: susieharlow@gmail.com Website: http://cvgms.rock</p>
<p>October 12-13, 2024 – Redwood City, CA Peninsula Gem and Geology Society and Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM daily Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gems, Jewelry, Beads, Demonstrations, Kid’s Activities Contact: cci@pacbell.net Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org/sgms-gem-mineral-show.html</p>	<p>October 26-27, 2024 – Sacramento, CA Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento Hours: Saturday 10AM – 5PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM 88th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show. Free parking, \$8 adult admission, kids under 12 free with paid adult Contact: (916) 662-5819, gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org Website: www.sacgemshow.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 5-6, 2024, Grass Valley, CA Our Show! Also, search online using phrases like “Oregon gem and mineral society shows” Other events, closer than the SoCal shows – and no state tax, show up. Nationally: http://www.amfed.org/fed_shows.htm</p>	

Lifetime Achievement Award for Anita Wald-Tuttle!

Longtime club member, Anita Wald-Tuttle, was awarded with lifetime club membership and a plaque for her tireless work on behalf of our club. She’s a regular, friendly face at our meetings, who’s practical leadership has benefited our club in many ways.



Charles Lindquist made the presentation, to a round of applause!

Thank you, Anita, for your service to the club.



Charles Lindquist and Anita Wald-Tuttle



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VICE PRESIDENT	Lori Woodhall
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**(Call, Text, or Email, no voicemail)*

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Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society meets monthly with few exceptions. Membership is informed of exceptions on the website, at meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

General Membership Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange Building, 11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA

September's Meeting: Back by popular demand – Jenn Ulatowski of New Era Gems: Jenn and her husband Steve's gem adventures have spanned the globe since the 1970's. Her last talk on Tanzanite and the details surrounding this gorgeous stone wowed us! Jenn's next presentation is yet to be determined, but will not disappoint. Don't miss it!



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September, 2024

September meeting: Tuesday September 3. 7:00

Presentation: *TBD, by New Era Gems*

Meetings Monthly First Tuesdays

Board Meeting (All are welcome!) 6:00 p.m.

General Meeting and program at 7:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange Guild

11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

2024 Membership dues

Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are \$25.00 for singles and \$30.00 for families. Deduct \$5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email. Dues are annual and payable in January.

Bring a Friend!