

*Pandemic Protocol Relaxed - Come Healthy - Sign In - No Temp Checks - Masks Are Optional*

 JOIN US FOR THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

**On ZOOM — Friday August 4th at 7pm**

***Paula Crevoshay:  
“North American Gemstones”***




**Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society:** Our August program will feature **Paula Crevoshay**, recognized as a remarkable international artist-jeweler. Inspired by richly colored gemstones and nature, she is affectionally known as the “Queen of Color.”

This presentation will focus on Gemstones from California and Montana, and will showcase many of Paula’s imaginative and unique creations which are displayed at the Carnegie Natural History Museum, Gemological Institute of America and the Smithsonian. Join us for this review of some of her extraordinary creations and famous collaborations, which will inspire us all to transform our ideas and designs into immortal art!

Wherever you are, settle in with a favorite drink or snack and enjoy! After Paula’s presentation a general discussion will follow.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcvdu6hpz4vGdZ6SRfLVWwFpFrZP0keiK5P>

 **Sunday August 27th • Open House & Fair 10-3pm**   
*Afterwards...* Town Hall Voting Meeting for Members 5-8pm

Our Town Hall Meeting features a brief auction of beautiful Green Chrysoprase, gemstones, opal, agates and door-prizes for those in attendance. We will have potluck dinner followed by a presentation of the Silver Room Project design, sponsored by the instructors and supported by the Board, to further enhance the versatility and flexibility of the jewelry tables in the Silver room.

**We will vote in person on approval of the Silver Room Project at the meeting and need a quorum of members to be approved.**

*See page 2 of this newsletter for Silver Room Project design and associated costs.*

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**

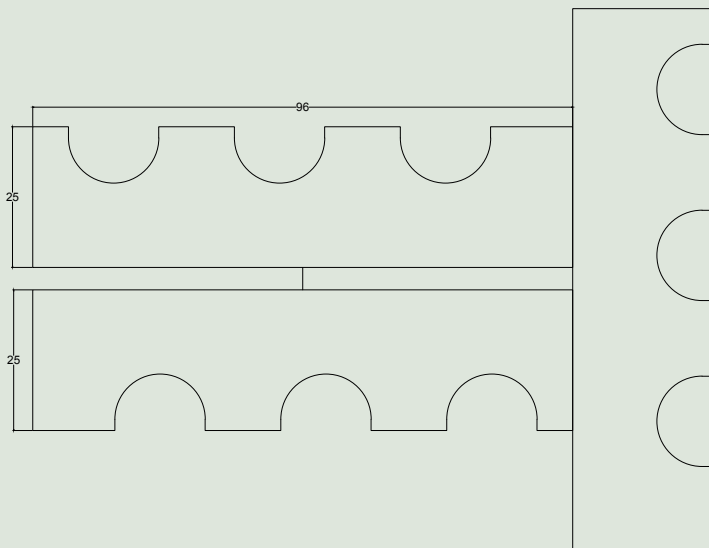
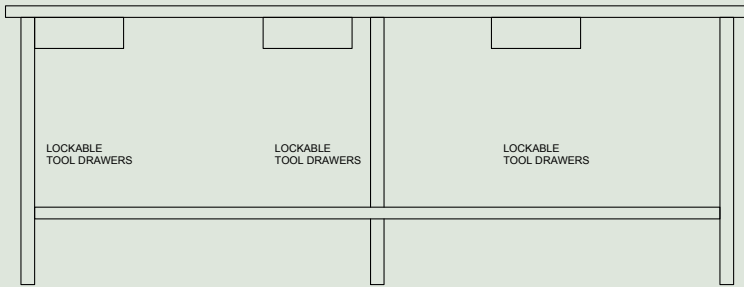
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(Potluck snacks and drinks to share are very much welcome!)

*Silver Room Project Design and Associated Costs:*



Joseph DiMaio, Cabinetmaker.	
14140 Washington Avenue, San Leandro CA 94578	
INVOICE # 449	
NAME:	San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society
ADDRESS:	4134 Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94122
DATE:	June 17, 2023
work benches for amateur jewelry manufacture	
Three benches, with maple countertop-type work surfaces, small drawers for tools, "belly scoops" to allow users to move in for close work, and brackets with wood bench pins for fretwork and other purposes	
materials:	
3 pcs countertops, maple, 25 * 96, 1.5" thick, \$663.80 per counter - \$1991.40	
electrical outlets, housings, conduit, bracings, and romex cable - \$200.00	
9 sets of drawer slides and locking mechanisms - \$29.13 per set; \$262.17	
lumber for legs, foot-shelves, and drawers - \$200.00	
materials subtotal: \$2653.57	
sales tax: \$285.26	
lumber surcharge (yes that's a thing in alameda county at 1%): \$21.94	
Labor \$4440.00	
grand total : 7400.77	
Joseph DiMaio accepts Cash and Checks please make payments to: Joseph DiMaio	
This invoice and attached drawings specify our scope of work. We are happy to alter these specifications and will do our best to restrain subsequent costs, based on time and materials. Accepting a deposit is your commitment and ours to the completion of the invoice. While we do not install cabinets, we are happy to offer assistance to your contractor in those areas where our skills and resources allow us.	
TOTAL:	\$7,400.77
DEPOSIT/ PROGRESS/ FINAL/ FULL?	deposit
DUE:	\$3,700.39



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Masthead by Kevin Anderson

## Purge ...

So...what are you doing this summer? I'm having yet another PURGE! That's when you reevaluate the objects you are living with and you ask yourself, "Why! Why do I need this stuff?"

Saturday morning the Board finished another ZOOM call. I have to admit, it's very handy, especially if you live far away and don't own a car. Next month however, on the 27th of August, a Sunday, we will have an open house and sale at our club from 11:00 to 3:00. **The same day, we will have a "Town Hall" and potluck meeting from 5:00 to 7:00pm at our club for fun, food, and a little business.**

Some things just can't be done on ZOOM. You can't check out those lovely rocks for sale, or see the fabulous BEADS I will be selling as well as you can by actually standing over them and drooling on them. Uhhh, no drooling without paying for them first.

One of the main reasons we will be having the "Town House" meeting is to vote on spending some money to renovate our Silver Room where we have our workbenches, soldering station, and other tools. Whenever the club needs to spend more than \$5,000 on a project, we have to get the go-ahead from a quorum via a member vote with a quorum of members voting. So, if you want to add your voice, BE THERE.

Another item we've been talking about is doing our own "PURGE."

We have a large storage locker that costs us more than three hundred dollars a month to rent. Our club used to

have big once-a-year shows and we have hundreds of pounds of show cases and other equipment we're storing in those lockers.

Like my own personal "PURGE," we have decided to rid ourselves of these things. After all, we no longer have support from the many volunteers that are needed for a show, and renting a venue just costs too much. So, if anyone has a suggestion as how to "downsize" and find a new home for this stuff, please help us out.

As for the August 27th evening meeting and party... Oh, it will be a party. Please bring food. And drink. Just don't get carried away. Don't bring a huge roast turkey, mashed potatoes, that kind of stuff, it's a party—not a royal feast. I'm planning to bake cakes, probably cookies, you know, the kind of stuff I'm not supposed to eat.

Back at my house, I'm purging cookbooks. Hundreds of them! No kidding. My ex-housemate collected those things. She didn't cook, she just bought cookbooks and stored them. I think she looked at them only once when she bought them, then they filled our garage, our hallways, our other rooms. Going through them and packing them in boxes, I sometimes found two of the same books. She had so many that she forgot she had them. Don't laugh, I know you rock and mineral hounds have forgotten things in the garage. It's like, "Did I buy that? I don't remember." Please bring those extra rocks to the club—good rocks, not "leaverite." All experienced rockhounds know about leaverite, as in leave-it-right-there. And, no, I didn't make that up.

Working through MY garage yesterday, I found a full sized Radio Flyer in excellent condition. For you Millennials, that's a "little red wagon" that we Boomers loved as kids. I used it long-ago for shopping at my corner grocery store and taking the dirty clothes to the coin-laundry. I acquired my first one as a kid by collecting "Blue Chip Stamps" and pasting them in the (empty) books provided by the supermarket.

Today, I put a "free" sign on the wagon and took it down to a park two blocks from my house where it disappeared very quickly.

Have fun, kids.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE be sure to call the clubhouse (415-564-4230) before traveling \*\*\*\*\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 AM - 3 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing	10 AM - 1 PM Lapidary	9 AM - 10 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking	9 AM - Noon Lapidary	9 AM - Noon Lapidary, Silversmithing	10 AM - 5 PM Lapidary	10 AM - 5 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking
	7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting	6 PM - 9 PM Gem Carving		

## SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST

- August 4, Friday • 7:00 pm**  
**General Meeting on Zoom**

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- August 5, Saturday • 11:00 am**  
**Instructors Meeting In-Person at The Club**  
*\*Zoom option - Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*

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- August 12, Saturday • 10:00 am**  
**Board Meeting on Zoom**  
*\*Zoom Meeting - Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*

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- August 17, Thursday • 5:00 pm**  
*Mineralog September Submission Deadline*

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- August 19, Saturday • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm:**  
*Bay Area Fine Agate Society  
Special Argentinian Agate Sale - Lunch - Meeting*

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- August 27, Sunday**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm: SFGMS Fair / Open House**  
**5:00 pm - 7:30 pm: Town Hall Meeting / Potluck / Food**  
*\*\*\*Silver Room Improvements Voting\*\*\**

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Nusbaum</li> <li>Kristine DeLeon</li> <li>Michael Payne</li> <li>Robert Stadtmiller</li> <li>Sharon Ghigliazza</li> <li>Doriene Lopez</li> <li>Tony DeLeon</li> <li>Anne MacRae</li> <li>Jonathan Smith</li> <li>Joel Graham</li> <li>Jerry Bales</li> <li>Catherine Gilbert</li> <li>Darlene Diaz</li> <li>Karen Landry</li> <li>Sabina Alistar</li> <li>Sebastian Merrill-Langen</li> <li>Jen Hung</li> <li>Jo Ann Kidwell</li> <li>YP Lily Mok</li> <li>Janice Whaley</li> <li>Lauren Frisch</li> <li>Emily Free</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeffrey Katz</li> <li>May Makubuya</li> <li>Ken Iza Hartman</li> <li>Jalal Clemens</li> <li>Larry Cannon</li> <li>Yuenyee Marie Cheng</li> <li>Audrey Esquivel</li> <li>Jacquelyn Paull</li> <li>Hazel Goforth</li> <li>Courtney Stack</li> <li>Evelyn Cunningham</li> <li>Michael Friedman</li> <li>Lisa Mazuca</li> <li>Mike Athanasotos</li> <li>Robert Shaw</li> <li>Madeline Snyder</li> <li>Savanna Kunz</li> <li>Andrew Cantino</li> <li>Steve Alves</li> <li>Peggy Bechtell</li> <li>Jon Harman</li> </ul> |
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## NEW MEMBERS FROM JULY

*A warm welcome to the following new members!*



- Mary Blonkenfeld
- Sam Hawkinson
- Veronica Robertson
- Sarah Mehl
- Sabrina De Silva
- Hannah Bouchard
- Kurt Schwartz

## IN MEMORIAM

*Former Club Member Rob Rothfarb has passed away.*

*From Steve: "Rob was laid to rest in Tampa, FL this morning. I want to thank all of you who sent your thoughts and condolences for Rob. It helps!"*

## UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

**August 5-6 • Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society**  
Roebelen Event Center, @the Grounds – 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 61st show. Over 60 vendors, featuring Crystals, Fossils, Minerals from around the world, Opal, Amethyst, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, Gold, and for Kids – "Education Station", Gold Nuggets, Prospecting equipment, detectors and supplies, Petrified Wood, Stone carvings. Free – Scientific Mineral and Gem ID! Bring your Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Meteorites and treasures, for a no-cost identification. \$8; Seniors 60+ \$7; Kids – 12 & under Free. Discount coupon. Parking \$10.  
<https://www.rockrollers.com/>

**August 12-13 • Contra Costa Crystal Fair**  
Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 25+ vendors; crystals, small specimens, tumbled stones, jewelry, laser wands, crystal skulls, specialty raw geodes, crystal collectables, readings, etc. \$14 (\$11 with postcard or email, good both days. Info (415)383-7837 • [jerry@crystalfair.com](mailto:jerry@crystalfair.com)  
<https://www.crystalfair.com/crystal-fair-shows>



**To add, update or change a calendar event, please contact [mineralog@protonmail.com](mailto:mineralog@protonmail.com)**

# Club Scenes: July Open House & Fair at The Clubhouse

Photos by Tony DeLeon



**Saturday August 19 • 11am**

**SPECIAL SALE - ARGENTINIAN AGATES**

*Presented by Luis De Los Santos known for the popularization of Condor Agates of Argentina.*

Luis sometimes brings other famous material from Argentina such as rhodochrosite, petrified pine cones and wood, etc. Join us for fun day which could be full of surprises.

Pizza and salad lunch at noon followed by discussion of agate news with the Bay Area Fine Agate Society.

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Deadline for **September** Mineralog is 5:00 PM **Thursday, Aug 17**

Any submissions or changes received after the deadline will automatically be included in the following month's Mineralog.

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Membership Activities Include:

**Earth Sciences, Lapidary, Field Trips, Collecting, Jewelry Making, Shows**

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## ***Membership Renewal - Time to pay your club dues!***

### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- Access to a wide variety of equipment for cutting, shaping, and polishing rocks, and making jewelry.
- emailed monthly newsletter
- Affordable instruction by experienced club members in lapidary, beading, intarsia, faceting, silversmithing, and sphere making
- Field trips
- Opportunities to volunteer at events that further the goals of the Society, and are fun
- Monthly lectures by notable experts on topics pertaining to earth sciences and lapidary arts
- Access to extensive gem, mineral, jewelry making, and earth science resource library
- And much more!

### **Dear Member,**

If you have already paid your club dues thank you very much and move on to enjoy the club newsletter.

If you have not paid please flip over this page and find the 2023/24 membership renewal application. Dues are renewable each September.

Yearly Dues - Regular \$30 - Associate \$20 - Junior \$12

Please fill out the renewal application form and mail it to the clubhouse with your check.

**On-line payment option will also be sent out by email using "Square" starting mid-August.**

### **Membership Renewal**

**The San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society  
4134 Judah Street  
San Francisco, CA 94122**

Application and payment can also be dropped off at the clubhouse into the membership renewal box or club's mailbox. Can't print? Send me the information requested using your own form.

New membership cards will be issued by mail as once payment is received.

Thank you in advance for you payment and support.

Tony DeLeon, Club President/Membership Chair - [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)



# 2023/24 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

4134 Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94122

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Dear SFGMS Member,

It's time to renew your membership in the San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society. Our membership year runs from October 1st, through September 30th each year. On receipt of your payment a new membership card reflecting your membership status through September 2024 will be mailed to you.

Annual dues are unchanged this year. When paid before October 31, 2023, dues are as follows:

**Regular Members..... \$30.00**

**Associate Members..... \$20.00** (One member of your family must be a regular member)

**Junior Members (under 18 years old)..... \$12.00** (One member of your family must be a regular member)

Important note: Dues indicated above will be subject to late fees beginning November 1st, 2023 (\$10.00 per member)

*THIS NOTICE IS FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY.*

(IF YOU HAVE A LOCKER IN THE CLUBHOUSE, YOU WILL RECEIVE SEPARATE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT)

*Please update all of your contact information • Fill out the form entirely • Print legibly.*

Use an envelope to drop your payment into the “Membership Renewal” box near the front door in the clubhouse, or mail your payment to:

**Membership Renewal  
The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
4134 Judah Street  
San Francisco, CA, 94122**

*Thank you so much for your support through membership in our society!*

Sincerely,

Tony DeLeon, Club President, SFGMS

## SFGMS 2023/2024 Membership Renewal:

		MEMBER TYPE		
		Regular	Associate	Junior
Name _____	Birthday _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name _____	Birthday _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Address <b>(REQUIRED !)</b> _____			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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