

August 2024

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 JOIN US FOR THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

**IN PERSON!! — Friday August 2nd at 6pm**

# ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT

*In-Person Social at The Clubhouse!*



Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society: Our August 2024 First Friday Program will feature **IN-PERSON BINGO!**

Our get-together at the clubhouse will start at 6pm with Happy Hour, with a Call To Order for a short meeting at 7pm, followed by BINGO with member-donated mineral prizes (**please bring some!**). Game cards will be issued (at a suggested donation of \$1 per card) for this mini fundraiser. *Note: by law no one under 18 may 'gamble'.*

Please bring food and or drink to share, and we can always use members' help to set up or clean up after the event.

## SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST 2024:

August 2nd @ 6 pm - First Friday General Meeting: BINGO

August 3rd @ 11 am - In person Instructors meeting with Zoom option  
(August 9th to 11th traffic/parking issues from Outside Lands Events in GG Park)

August 12th @ 7pm - SFGMS **Monday Night** Board Meeting on Zoom

August 18th @ 11 am to 3 pm - Club Open House

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NOTE: There's often more detail about club events on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SFgem.mineral](http://www.facebook.com/SFgem.mineral)



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*Masthead by Kevin Anderson*

## A Little Gold Heart

**O**n a chain. Jewelry has always fascinated me, because as an art form it is a limitless opportunity for the imagination. Or so I thought...

I used to watch a television show called “Bull” about a man who’s job was choosing ideal trial juries. In one case he needed a jury with people who “thought outside the box,” you know, nonconformists. So, during voir dire (jury selection) he had his lawyer ask a prospective juror about the “little gold heart on a chain” that the woman was wearing.

He next asked another juror, a man, if he’d bought a little gold heart for his wife or girlfriend. The man said, “Yes.” Almost every one of them had purchased a “little gold heart on a chain.”

Finally, he questioned a man who said, “No, I don’t feel the need to look like everybody else!”

Well, this show really got me thinking, so I started looking at jewelry websites and jewelry stores. I also watched people on the street and people on television. WHAT were they actually wearing for jewelry? Answer: A LITTLE GOLD HEART ON A CHAIN!

I also watch “Shark Tank,” another interesting show. They introduced a VERY successful jewelry designer whose career had taken off when women saw her work and absolutely LOVED it. They were crazy about her designs, they bought it and they made her rich. I was

intrigued, how had she done it; what fabulous designs inspired people to demand her work? What was her SECRET!!!

I got her name, looked up her web site and saw her designs. WOW! She made little gold hearts...hanging from chains. Also, she made little crosses, simple loop earrings, and the silliest piece of all ... a plain inch-long stick of gold wire worn as a pendant hanging from a chain.

All her pieces were cookie-cutter simple and totally lacking in imagination. Uck!

I told one of my best friends about this and it sort of became a little joke between us. Suki, that’s her name, needed a new washing machine and so we went over to Costco to check them out. Strangely enough the computer screen where you order washers was sitting on the end of a large jewelry case filled with watches, rings, necklaces, ect. You had to fill out an order for them, and give it to the salesperson. While Suki ordered her washing machine, I noticed a man pick out a piece from the case, and call a salesperson over. “I need it for an important gift!” But what was he buying? I’m a snoop, so I turned my good ear his way and strained my myopic eyes to where he was pointing. WHAT did he buy?

Suki was curious too, and later when she asked, I told her ... “It was a little gold heart on a chain.” The salesman didn’t know why we were laughing so hard, “Private joke,” I said.

Now, don’t get me wrong, I really love hearts. I’ve always liked hearts, but I don’t have anything that simple and boring. I like imaginative, beautiful jewelry with lots of design.

Come to think of it, what does my jewelry look like? Well there’s the bracelet with the two bugs fighting and inter-tangling their antennas. Also, moths, other creepy-crawly critters, and flowers, leaves, and more bugs. The jewelry from the Art Nouveau and Art Deco periods are my favorites, complex and interesting. No minimalist, mid-century, BORING stuff. No little gold hearts on a chain...so there!



## 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	<b>CLOSED</b>	10 AM - 5 PM Lapidary	10 AM- 5 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking
	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary	7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting	<b>CLOSED</b>		

### SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST

**General Meeting BINGO NIGHT**

August 2nd, Friday • 7:00 pm (Happy Hour 6:00 pm)

**Instructors Meeting**

August 3rd, Saturday • 11:00 am

*In-Person at the clubhouse*

\*Zoom option - Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)

**Board Meeting on Zoom\***

August 12th, Monday Night • 7:00 pm

\*Zoom - Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)

**Mineralog September 2024 Submission Deadline**

August 13th, Tuesday • 5:00 pm

**SFGMS Club Fair & Open House**

August 18th, Sunday • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact Tony to reserve a spot: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)

**Sale, Meet & Greet - Brian Cook Brazilian Gem Miner**

September 28th, Saturday • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

See September Mineralog for more information

**\*\*NOTE: TRAFFIC AND PARKING ADVISORY\*\***

- August 9 to 11th - Outside Lands Music Festival
- October 4 to 6th - Hardly Strictly Bluegrass

### CLUB BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

*Note: Exact birth "DATES" are not shared to protect privacy.*

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 Luke Jaskowski  
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### UPCOMING SHOWS

**Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Fossil & Mineral Show**

08/03 - 08/04/2024

Hours: Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00

Venue: @the Grounds Roseville

700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678

Website: <http://www.rockrollers.com/show.html>

**Contra Costa Crystal Fair**

08/10 - 08/11/2024

Venue: Civic Park Community Center

1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, CA

Website: <http://www.crystalfair.com>

**Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society**

08/17 - 08/18/2024

Hours: 9:00 - 5:00

Venue: Tehachapi Senior Center

Address: 500 E F St., Tehachapi, CA 93561

Website: <http://tvgems.org>

### NEW MEMBERS FROM JULY

*A warm welcome to the following new members:*

Meaghan Long

Maria Keehn

Kate Milburn

Nicholas Morante

Sara Gore

Magdaline Chan



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



# 2024/25 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

4134 Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94122

415-564-4230 • www.sfgms.org

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 2025 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, 2024 (\$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 2024/2025 Membership Renewal:

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

*All email addresses will get the Mineralog in color  
Help keep our cost down with email - thank you.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Current Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check or money order, payable to SFGMS, to: The San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society • 4134 Judah Street • San Francisco, CA 94122

## ***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)



*Field Trip Opportunity:*

# Sunstone Collecting In Oregon

*September 20 through September 22*

*Steven Yuki to Lead the Trip*

1. **Number of participants** – limited to 20
2. **Overnight accommodations** - Dry camping at Oregon Public Sunstone Collecting Area; some camp sites have picnic tables; the campground also has an outhouse but no water or electricity; some fee-dig mines may have space in an RV to rent; the Spectrum Mine also has a cold shower; nearest motel is in Lakeview, OR (at least 1hr away)
3. **Travel** - Field trip members must arrange their own transportation. 4w drive is not needed, but good tires are important. Will need to drive for about 30min on gravel /dirt roads.
4. **Description** - Camp in an area of spectacular scenery in the Oregon high desert. Hunt for facet-grade and cab-grade Oregon sunstone, a unique American gem found only in Oregon. Collect for free in the public area (mostly small, yellow sunstones) or hunt for rarer colors (schiller, pink, orange, red, bicolor, green, color change) in several fee-dig mines.
5. **Please email Steven Yuki** for more information and to register for the trip:

**[steven.yukl@ucsf.edu](mailto:steven.yukl@ucsf.edu)**

**Subject line: “Sunstone Field Trip”**

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