



JOIN US FOR THE JULY GENERAL MEETING

In-Person — Friday July 11th at 7 pm at the Clubhouse

Townhall Meeting: Help Plan Our 90th Year Celebrations!

Come for Happy Hour from 6 to 7 pm. Please bring snacks or drinks to share.

Our July Program is a Townhall Meeting to gather ideas (and volunteers) to put on the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society 90th Year Celebration during the first 3 weekends in August. It's time to put on a show — or as our club President Kirk would say, "Get with the Program". (See the article in our June Mineralog on page 6.)

Want to Participate From Home?

For the first time, the club will try a hybrid option for those of you who want to participate from home. Use the link below to join from home:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/B9A9QUIYS522SLJlaiNH8A>

Some Ideas Floating Around...

90 Carat
Challenge

Gold Panning
Demo

Club History
Talk

Lapidary Hands-
On Demos

Friday Kick-Off
Activities:
Dance Party, Happy
Hour, Beach Hike,
Sing-Along Night

Wine Auction

Show Cases filled
with Members' Works

Geode Cracking

Sidewalk Sales

*Come Help Us ...
Add to the List!*



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Enter To Win The 90 Carat Challenge!

Our “Challenge” goal is to create a stone that is as close to 90 carats as possible. Your stone can be carved, shaped, faceted, a cabochon, or set in jewelry. The stone will need to have more than two faces to qualify. The deadline for entry is August 1st, 2025. This contest is in celebration of our 90th Anniversary and entries will be on display the entire month of August at the club. Below are our instructors projects showing before and after pictures and the days and times that you can learn from that instructor. This challenge is ongoing and must be entered by August 1st. To register, email your interest and a picture of the stone you would like to work with, to Kirk at handsofglass33@gmail.com.

	Before	During	After
LAPIDARY Instructor: Steve Browning Monday 10am-1pm			
FLAT LAPPING Instructor: Joe Dempsey Monday/Tuesday 7-10pm			
SILVERSMITHING Instructor: Robin Brandt Monday 9am-1pm Tuesday 9am-6pm			
FACETING Instructor: Kirk Kwiatkowski Wednesday 6pm-9pm			
GEM CARVING Instructor: Roy Leggitt Thursday 6-9pm			
JADE CARVING Instructor: Bob Kozak Sunday 10am-3pm			
SPHERE MAKING Instructor: Steve Watry Thursday 10am-3pm			

Clubhouse 90th Year Celebration – Time to put on a show!

by Tony DeLeon, Show Committee Chair



To celebrate the club's ninetieth year, it's the board's vision to have an extended celebration during the first 3 weeks of August with special events during the first 3 weekends. This is a chance to show off our club and raise awareness of what we do for the community.

We are planning to dust off 6 to 8 show cases from previous shows and invite members to populate them with their best work. We would love to see class projects from the lapidary and metalsmithing sessions.

We also invite pieces to be donated to the club so that members and the public can bid on these items with the funds raised benefitting the club. As a reminder, our club is a 501c3 non-profit.

The scheduled dates are August 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17.

Be a part of this celebration by joining the show committee. Please contact me at tonythetm@aol.com if you want to be part of the planning committee or want to have items displayed.

Commemorative 90th Anniversary Enamel Pin Available Now!



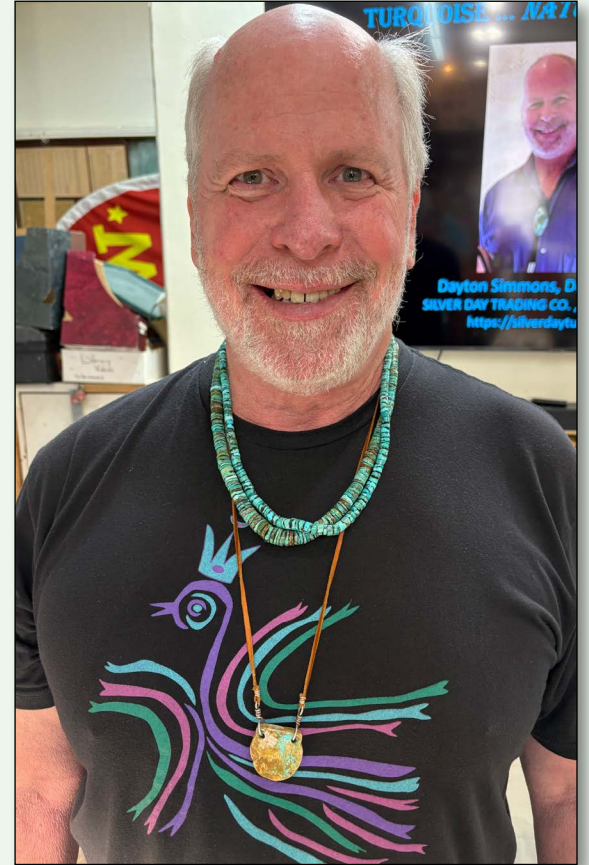
Designed by a SFGMS member and produced in a limited quantity of 250, this high-quality soft enamel pin is the perfect addition to your backpack, jean jacket, apron, or just about anything else where you want to show off your SFGMS pride. Buy yours at the clubhouse.

Pin purchases also come with a sticker of the same design!

(At this time, we are unable to mail pins/stickers.)

Club Scenes: June Open House & Dayton Simmons Sale

Photos courtesy of Tony DeLeon



Shown above and at the top of page 5: Dayton Simmons Friday Night Talk and Saturday Turquoise Sale was well attended as usual. Below, Club Vice President Bob Kozak shows off the new opened up space in the Silver Room that will now be devoted to casting equipment and processes. Shown below right, our club handyman Roland is hard at work. Club Entertainment Director Dragonfly's June birthday is celebrated by a few club members.





NEW CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

New and Continuing Members are asked to attend:

“Club Introduction 101” Essential Shop Skills & Safety

4th Monday Every Month; 7-10 pm

***** NEXT CLASS JULY 28TH *****

Get a basic introduction. Learn what is required to use the shop and review shop rules.

Club Scenes: *Our Faceting Students Exceptional Work!*

Photos courtesy of Kirk Kwiatkowski



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*Great focus on detail
with great outcomes!*



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California Events of Interest to Club Members:



Orcutt Mineral Society Show

Start Date: 08/01/2025 End Date: 08/03/2025
Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00
Venue: Nipomo High School
Address: 525 N Thompson Ave
Nipomo High School, Nipomo, CA 93444
Website: <https://www.oms-inc.org>

Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Fossil & Mineral Show

Start Date: 08/02/2025 End Date: 08/03/2025
Hours: Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00
Venue: @the Grounds Roseville - Roebbelen Event Center
Address: 700 Event Center Dr
@the Grounds Roseville - Roebbelen Event Center, Roseville, CA 95678
Website: <http://www.rockrollers.com/show.html>

Contra Costa Crystal Fair

Start Date: 08/09/2025 End Date: 08/10/2025
Venue: Civic Park Community Center
Address: 1375 Civic Drive
Civic Park Community Center, Walnut Creek, CA
Website: <http://www.crystalfair.com>

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Start Date: 08/16/2025 End Date: 08/17/2025
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00
Venue: Tehachapi Senior Center
Address: 500 E F St
Tehachapi Senior Center, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Website: <http://tvgems.org>

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Show

Start Date: 09/20/2025 End Date: 09/21/2025
Hours: Sat 9:00 - 5:00 Sun 9:00 - 4:00
Venue: Silver Dollar Fair Grounds
Address: 2357 Fair St
Silver Dollar Fair Grounds, Chico, CA
Website: <http://www.featherriverrocks.org>

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Show

Start Date: 09/20/2025 End Date: 09/21/2025
Hours: 10:00 - 5:00
Venue: Monterey County Fairgrounds
Address: 2004 Fairground Rd
Monterey County Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA 93940
Website: <http://www.cvgms.rocks>

CLUBHOUSE 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	10 AM -3 PM Spheremaking	PLEASE CALL FIRST FOR ANY OPEN HOURS	10 AM - 5 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking
	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary	7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting	3 PM - 6 PM Goldsmithing		6 PM - 9 PM Gem Carving

SPECIAL DATES IN JULY :

NOTE: July 4, Wednesday - Clubhouse Closed

First Friday In-Person Town Hall:
90th Celebration Planning (with Zoom Option)
July 11th, Friday • 7:00 pm
*Zoom -Info: tonythetm@aol.com

NOTE: NO OPEN HOUSE IN JULY

In-Person Instructors Meeting at the Clubhouse with
Zoom Option • July 12th, (Note) **Saturday** • 11:00 am

Board Meeting on Zoom*
July 14th, Monday Night • 7:00 pm
*Zoom -Info: tonythetm@aol.com

Mineralog August 2025 Submissions Deadline
July 16th, Wednesday • 5:00 pm

New Member Orientation “Club Introduction 101”
July 28th, Monday • 7:00 pm



CLUB BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Note: Exact birth “DATES” are not shared to protect privacy.

Aaron Lerer
Angela Omran
Anne McFarlin
Antonio Chavez
Augusta Szego
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Ben Gutierrez
Betty Iseri
Carly Bliss
Carol Wentzel
Charles Larribeau
Charles Ayers
Charlotte Mckenzie
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Christine Doo
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Dane Volek
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Dianne Estrin
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Elizabeth Blackwell
Heather Peguero
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James Picerno
Jane Storseter
Janet Dudley
Jason Lizotte
Jean Ng
Jim Ambrose
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Johnny Wan

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Judy Kahn
Julia Yee
Karen Athanasatos
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Kiyomi Noguchi
Lars Johnson
Lawrence Tuft
Lily Dang
Maria Keehn
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Michelle Pusaiea
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Rebecca Cstiglia
Rebecca McMullan
Robin Brandt
Roland Small
Ross Guarino
Ruby Smith
Russell Woo
Sara Gossett
Serina Howard
Stephanie Kunugi
Steve Quaresma
Thomas Huarte
Trey Matkin
Vanessa Giles

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM JUNE:

Callum Gilchrist
Douglas Cheung
Ellie Strube
Jacob Ramirez

Michael Day
Steve Grant
Nicole Lu.

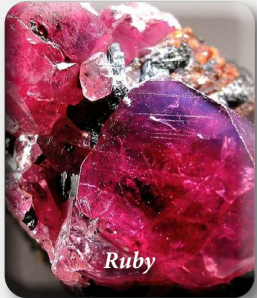


To add, update or change a calendar event,
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