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 **JOIN US FOR THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

On ZOOM — Friday March 1st at 7pm



“The 2024 Tucson Experience”

Our March Program will be a group presentation with members who attended the 2024 Tucson Gem and Mineral show. Panelists will share photos and stories from the show and give you tips on how to navigate a show of this size. If you have been there, see what has changed. *Never been there?* Our members will share what they know so you can have a great experience when you do attend.



Register in advance for this Zoom meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcOGvrz0oGdczeZToRmeb-MQmjT_sdqWE

Attend Our St. Patrick’s Celebration!

Sunday March 17th from 4 to 8pm

Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society: you are invited to our **St. Patrick’s Day Celebration** at the clubhouse. We need your participation to make this a fun event. We are planning to have seating for about 48 members and guests. Please sign in for a chance to win a door prize. Avoid being pinched – come in your best green attire. And if you have some extra “green” – we plan to have some green minerals that will be available for viewing before the live auction begins.

CELEBRATION AGENDA:

4 to 5 pm – Happy Hour – please bring a beverage to share and enjoy.

Sign-in for possible door prizes.

5 pm Call to Order – short meeting until 5:30 pm.

Enjoy food, drink, and conversation!

6:30 pm – Live Auction.

Ongoing: silent auction and door prizes!



To make this event successful we need your help to set up and clean after the event. We also have a wish list for finger food such as cupcakes, cookies, finger sandwiches, meatballs, fruit kabobs, cut up veggies, pigs in a blanket, baked pork buns, cheese crackers, deviled eggs, sushi rolls, pizza rolls, chicken nuggets, stuffed mushrooms, egg rolls/lumpia, 7-11 mini tacos ... etc. – *you get the idea.*

Please RSVP for the March 17th Celebration:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15J-JU3Ipgs7HoWfLiFJbfmHwZAenBOgaSgqZJD7Qpjw/edit?usp=sharing>

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New Silver Room Tables Installed

by Bob Kozak

DURING FALL 2023 planned work was completed to replace the working tables in the **Silver Room**. New, better designed tables were constructed—appropriate for the jeweler—with cut-outs for sawing, and leather-like aprons added to catch any metal filings and scrap.

The new tables have had extra brackets and legs added for stability, a foot shelf and storage area for bags, and drawer locks to secure tools. New electrical conduits are EFI safe. Further, we plan to follow instructor recommendations that all carving be done in the club's front room—using trays and drip lines—to help extend the life of the wood, and to create a safer working environment.

While there were delays due to contractor injury and health issues, member tolerance and ingenuity allowed for jewelry making work to proceed while the tables were finished and installed.



Leather Apron Team: Robert Patrick Kozak, Gerson Finlev and Bodo Langen designing, constructing and modeling a leather apron to be used as a template for other stations.



Table with electrical conduit and support bars for visors, flex shafts, and ear protection.



Table with brackets and foot shelves in place.



Joe Dimaio our carpenter and Robert Patrick preparing table brackets.

ALSO DURING THE FALL we have been working on refinishing all 32 of the Covington grinders that were peeling and suffering from corrosion. Ron Hall spearheaded the team and lead disassembly and reassembly of the equipment. 10 units at a time were sent to Precision Powder Coating, a company in Belmont, CA, for sand-blasting and powder coating. Trevor McLaughlin helped cut open the closed hole in the tray bottoms to better drain water and Kirk Kwiatkowski and Robert Patrick Kozak helped with their reassembly. Housing around the belts will be replaced with plastic in the future and new wheels will be installed. A restart of the back room will be supported by new workshops such as Trevor's Lapidary 101 and new training/safety videos. Thanks to all who participated! It should be a new start with like-new equipment in the lapidary shop.



Cassandra Adams Named Front Room Committee Chair

by Tony DeLeon

Last December, the club approved funds to update the West wall cabinets. The long desired goal is to match the cabinets on the east side.



Cassandra in front of museum display cases on the East wall of the clubhouse.

On February 3rd 2024, during the combined instructor/Board meeting, instructors and board members nominated and approved member **Cassandra Adams** to lead and facilitate this project. Her job is to communicate the needs of the club on the project, and to coordinate and collect bids from contractors. Once a bid is accepted, she will project manage the work to be done. Cassandra is reportable to the board.

Cassandra's Professional Experience:

- 10 years with a large construction firm as an on-site engineer or superintendent on a variety of institutional, civil, and industrial projects.
- 8 years as professor of construction materials and methods at U.C. Berkeley.
- Currently a semi-retired licensed green architect in California, with a small primarily residential practice.

Her experience will benefit the club and we are thankful to have Cassandra lead the team. This is a big project and Cassandra will need help getting input on what is needed from the club. She would especially like to get any recommendations for local cabinet-makers, electricians, small residential wood-framing/insulation contractors, and air quality testing companies.



If you want to help, please contact Cassandra Adams by email: cassadams7@gmail.com with a description of your participatory interests.

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 3 - 6 PM Gold/ Silversmithing 6 PM - 9 PM Gem Carving	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			

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

-  **General Meeting on Zoom**
 March 1, Friday • 7:00 pm

-  **Instructors Meeting**
 March 2, Saturday • 11:00 am
In-Person at the clubhouse
**Zoom option - Info: tonythetm@aol.com*

-  **Board Meeting**
 March 9, Saturday • 10:00 am
In-Person at the clubhouse
**Zoom option - Info: tonythetm@aol.com*

-  **St. Patrick's Day Club Celebration**
 March 17, Sunday • 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Contact Tony to reserve a spot: tonythetm@aol.com

-  **Mineralog April 2024 Submission Deadline**
 March 18, Monday • 5:00 pm

-  **SFGMS Club Fair & Open House**
 March 23, Saturday • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Contact Tony to reserve a spot: tonythetm@aol.com



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

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

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 Asa Perryman
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 Melody Lai
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 Daryl Ducharme
 Anelga Halajian
 Johnathan Walker
 Natasha Volhontseff
 Prentice Welch

UPCOMING SHOWS

San Francisco Crystal Fair 3/2 - 3/3/2024
 Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, 1199 - 9th Avenue (at
 Lincoln Way), SF. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. \$14 (12 & under free).
 Discount tickets & vendor list at <http://www.crystalfair.com>

**Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley 75th Annual
 Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show** 3/1 - 3/3/2024
 Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA.
 Fri 11-5, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5.
 Discount tickets & vendor list at: <http://www.mgscv.org/>

Mother Lode Mineral Society Rock & Gem Show
 3/9 - 3/10/2024
 Venue: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
 900 North Broadway Ave., Turlock, CA
<http://www.turlockgemshow.com/>

NEW MEMBERS FROM FEBRUARY

A warm welcome to the following new members!

- Luke Jaskowski
- Grace Cho and her son
Maru Sakounlophoum
- Connor Call
- Kyle Denton
- Katy Jane Tull
- Danny Mondo



To add, update or change a calendar event, please contact mineralog@protonmail.com

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

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