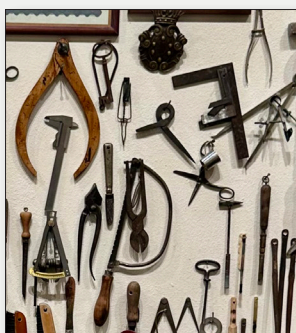


 JOIN US FOR THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING  
ON ZOOM — FRIDAY MARCH 7TH AT 7 PM

## *“An American Rockhound in Italy” with Emily Schwartzman*

Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society:  
You are cordially invited to our March 2025 First Friday Meeting on Zoom.



Emily Schwartzman is an artist and member of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society. During a recent painting residency in Naples, Italy, she explored the region’s art and geology—from intarsia to active volcanic landscapes. Her presentation will share lapidary inspirations, geological wonders, and art created during her journey.

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

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/jz3ikg-jSQ-VcwVQEXJ-6A>

## *Attend Our St. Patrick’s Celebration!*

*Sunday March 16th from 4 to 8 pm • At The Clubhouse!*

### 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!



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 16th Celebration:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15J-JU3lpgs7HoWLiFJbfmHwZAenBOgaSgqZJD7Qpjjw/edit?usp=sharing>

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*Masthead by Kevin Anderson*

## I Have a Reputation...

For being somewhat of a storyteller. I once had several people vie to take me home from our club to hear my latest goofy tale. But ... I also have a reputation for getting myself into various scrapes, and have also earned a reputation for having bad luck. As I've gotten older, (I recently turned seventy six) I've come to the conclusion that I'm not so unusual, other people seem to have as many odd, awful, and interesting stories as I do, but, you just don't talk about them.

I wish you would. On those occasions when I am allowed inside your private stories, I marvel at the horrible, wonderful, and amazing experiences you've lived through on the way from childhood to old age. I learned long ago that ever since the Stone Age people told stories. Our ancestors set around the campfire telling of their experiences, this is how we learn, this is how we teach. And ... it's fun.

My friend Suki and I met a man named Bob a few months ago whom we now call a good friend. He works in a fascinating place in the east bay called "The Caning Shop." Their primary job is to repair old chairs with caned backs and bottoms, but they also sell supplies for basket weaving, gourd art, and anything weird, wonderful and interesting. The place is huge, but is so stuffed with marvelous objects that won't be seen elsewhere that it's hard to walk through the place. Stuff hangs from the high ceilings, bulges from

the walls, covers the floors, and is just everywhere. There are musical instruments made out of dried gourds hanging from the ceiling, shelves of books for sale on various related subjects, baskets and other woven things, and people fixing antique chairs on crowded tables. The beautiful old chairs people bring in for repair often have carved backs and arms that belong in a museum, but Suki and I go there for pine needle basket classes. Before this, I never knew there were baskets made out of pine needles. We've actually gathered the needles from pine trees in our neighborhood, but the longest and best come from the "Long Needle Pine" from South Carolina. They sell them at the shop and our friend Bob, a real artist, teaches us how to work with them.

Suki and I refer to the bathroom at this odd place as "The museum." It too, is a large room filled with woven things, hats, baskets, anything that can be woven from natural fibers. The people who work at this warehouse full of fascinating objects are artists and craftsmen. There is a man who makes flutes out of wood, a woman named Grace who makes costumes for famous performers, and, not far from The Caning Shop is "The Potter's Studio," another huge place, this one dedicated to ceramics.

As I believe I've mentioned before, Berkeley is also home to Laxis, a fabulous store and museum all about handmade lace and costume making. I used to live not far from there and took classes in lace knitting and tatting. Don't know what tatting is? Look it up!

Suki and I sit there with Bob, our teacher who is well past eighty, smart, interesting and fun. We laugh it up while we work on our baskets, talk, and sometimes even recite poetry.

Last year I met a man in my dentist's waiting room and we started gabbing and telling stories too. Well, the next time I went to the dentist to get my teeth cleaned, I found out he must have enjoyed himself, because it turned out he paid my dental bill.

Oh my God...



# Club Scenes: February First Friday Sea Glass Presentation

Photos courtesy of Liz Lopez



## Commemorative 90th Anniversary Enamel Pins Available Now!



Designed by an 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 at the March Open House on March 8, or at the St. Patrick's Party on March 16. Pin purchases also come with a sticker of the same design! (At this time, we are unable to mail pins/stickers.)



## Local Upcoming Events of Interest to Club Members:

### San Francisco Crystal Fair Show 3/8 - 3/9/2025

Hours: Sat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Venue: San Francisco County Fair Building - Golden Gate Park;  
1199 9th Avenue, at Lincoln Blvd.  
Admission \$14 (12 and under free)  
Website: <https://www.crystalfair.com>

### Santa Clara Valley Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show 3/15 - 3/16/2025

Hours: Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sun 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Venue: Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA  
Admission \$8 (12 and under free)  
Website: <https://www.scvgems.org>

### Fresno Gem & Mineral Show 3/21 - 3/23/2025

Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sun 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Venue: Clovis CA Rodeo Grounds  
748 Rodeo Dr., Clovis CA  
Website: <http://fgms.rocks>

### South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society Show 3/22 - 3/23/2025

Venue: Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA  
Website: <http://southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com>



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## 2025 GEM & JEWELRY SHOW & SALE



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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  6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary	9 AM - 10 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking  7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	9 AM - Noon Lapidary  6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting	10 AM -3 PM Spheremaking  3 PM - 6 PM Goldsmithing  6 PM - 9 PM Gem Carving	<b>CLOSED</b>	10 AM - 5 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking

### SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH :

- ▶ **First Friday Clubhouse Meeting on Zoom**  
 March 7th, Friday • 7:00 pm
- ▶ **SF Gem & Mineral Society Club Fair & Open House**  
 March 8th, Saturday • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
*Contact Tony to reserve a spot: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*
- ▶ **In Person Instructors Meeting with Zoom Option**  
 March 9th, **(Note) Sunday** • 11:00 am
- ▶ **Board Meeting on Zoom\***  
 March 10th, Monday Night • 7:00 pm  
*\*Zoom -Info: [tonythetm@aol.com](mailto:tonythetm@aol.com)*
- ▶ **Mineralog April 2025 Submission Deadline**  
 March 12th, Wednesday • 5:00 pm
- ▶ **In-Person St. Patrick's Celebration & Potluck**  
**At the Clubhouse**  
**March 16th, Sunday • 4:00 - 8:00 pm**



### CLUB BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

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

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### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM FEBRUARY:

- Christina Stenstrom
- Christopher Greger
- Katherine Dunham
- Michael Hogan
- Rob Long



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