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JOIN US FOR THE MAY GENERAL MEETING

On ZOOM — Friday May 3rd at 7pm

“British Columbia Jade Mining Operations” with Matt Strauts from Jade West



Polar Jade's Polar Pride, an 18 ton boulder of jade from Canada

Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society:
Our May 2024 First Friday Zoom Program will feature **Matt Strauts**.

Matt is CEO of **Continental Jade**, one of the largest Jade mines in North America.

Come join us to hear about some of the most famous mines: Polar, Kutcho, Ogden, and Cassiar.

Matt's presentation is titled **“British Columbia Jade Mining Operations.”**

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

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZU5fu2qrzMiHdRdE8Soea5fcXQl9W2uRFxC>

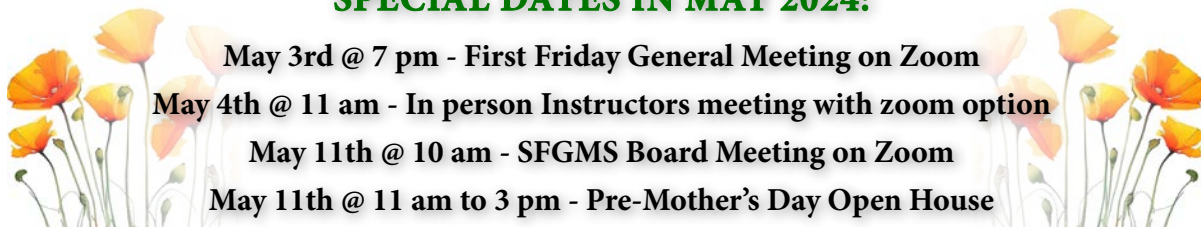
SPECIAL DATES IN MAY 2024:

May 3rd @ 7 pm - First Friday General Meeting on Zoom

May 4th @ 11 am - In person Instructors meeting with zoom option

May 11th @ 10 am - SFGMS Board Meeting on Zoom

May 11th @ 11 am to 3 pm - Pre-Mother's Day Open House



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EXHIBITION NEWS

San Francisco Center for the Book: “Carved Stone Books”

via Robin Crabill



Editor’s note: As someone who loves stones, books, and books about stones, as well as unusual collections and museum shows, longtime contributor Robin Crabill forwards the following item about a unique exhibition now on view in the city.

April 27 – June 23, 2024. The San Francisco Center for the Book showcases 19th-century carved stone books from the collection of Ian Berke, noted San Francisco collector.

Remember Me: American Carved Stone Books from the Ian Berke Collection is a fascinating exploration of the realm where book-like objects and folk art intersect. San Francisco collector Ian Berke began collecting these intriguing artifacts during a chance encounter at an antique show in New England in 2007. Fascinated by a small, white marble book bearing the inscription “Remember the Maine,” Berke’s interest was piqued, leading him down a path of discovery that ultimately resulted in amassing a collection of over 500 unique pieces over seventeen years.

The exhibition at San Francisco Center for the Book (SFCB), curated by Mindell Dubansky, allows viewers to explore a selection of intricately carved books from Berke’s collection. Crafted from various types of stone, these objects are more than mere curiosities; they are tangible expressions of emotion,

whether friendship, love, devotion, or commemoration of significant events. From the delicate intricacies of the carvings to heartfelt inscriptions etched upon their surfaces, the works offer a window into a bygone era, where craftsmanship and sentimentality converged in remarkable ways. *Remember Me: American Carved Stone Books* from the Ian Berke Collection shines a light on the cultural and historical contexts in which these objects were created, inviting viewers to reflect on the enduring power of material objects to convey and preserve the intangible aspects of human experience.

- **Thursday, May 9: “Objects of Interest: Carved Stone Books”;** 6:30 pm - 8 pm: Join curator Mindell Dubansky at SFCB as she discusses the history of these unique objects and noted collector Ian Berke’s long-time passion for them. RSVP and details [here](#).
- **Friday, May 10: Opening reception,** 6 pm - 8 pm; RSVP and details [here](#).

San Francisco Center for the Book
375 Rhode Island St., San Francisco, CA 94103.
<https://sfc.org/> Wed. – Sun., 10 am - 5 pm.
Admission free. Phone: (415)565-0545.

Email: info@sfc.org
More show info, with photos:
<https://sfc.org/rememberme>

 **Special SFGMS Club Tours Planned:
at California Academy of Sciences**

by Steve Browning

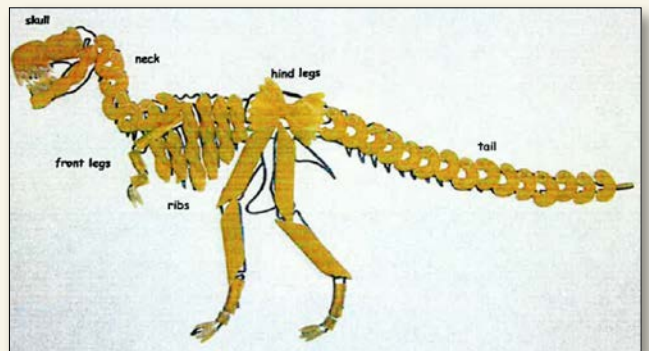
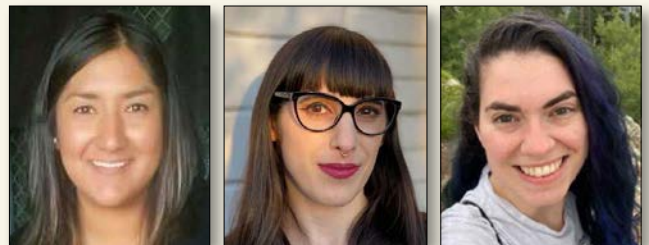
Club Member and Instructor Steve Browning has arranged to treat SFGMS members to a behind the scenes tour of the **Geology & Paleontology collections in the California Academy of Sciences.**

We are sure there will be lots of interest in the tour, so we are planning to do 2 tours. Both tours are scheduled for **Monday May 20th**. The morning tour will begin at 10am and the afternoon tour starts at 1pm. Steve will be at the Academy for both tours to greet members at the “back door” and get you checked in. You will need to do an online check-in and have your photo taken for a guest badge to wear while touring, so please plan to show up early. You should enter the Academy using the “employee” entrance located back of the building at **75 Nancy Pelosi Drive**. If you see a sign saying “No Public Access” then you’re in the right place.

The tours will be led by **Crystal Cortez** (Collections Manager, Geology), **Marie Angel** (Curatorial Assistant II, Geology) and/or **Ariel Berenyi-Tonesi** (Curatorial Assistant II, Geology). There is a limit of 15 people per tour and each tour will take from 1 to 1.5 hours.

You can reserve a spot on the morning or afternoon tour by sending an email to Steve Browning (swbrown013@gmail.com). Include your full name, email address and which tour you would like to do.

If you would like to hang out in the Museum after the tour (which we recommend!), you will need to purchase a ticket. **If you purchase it in advance you can save \$3. See purchase link below.**



To purchase Academy tickets visit <https://www.calacademy.org/buy-tickets#step=type>

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 MAY

General Meeting on Zoom
May 3, Friday • 7:00 pm

Instructors Meeting
May 4, Saturday • 11:00 am

In-Person at the clubhouse

*Zoom option - Info: tonythetm@aol.com

Board Meeting
May 11, Saturday • 10:00 am

In-Person at the clubhouse

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SFGMS Pre-Mother's Day Club Fair & Open House
May 11, Saturday • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact Tony to reserve a spot: tonythetm@aol.com

Mineralog June 2024 Submission Deadline
May 20, Monday • 5:00 pm

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

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A warm welcome to the following new members:

Jill Ellefsen
Lisa Estrella
Emily Schwartzman
Jon Walton
Patricia Forte
Josh Guyut



UPCOMING SHOWS

GIA Alumni Collective • May Meeting

Sheahan Stephen "Current State of the Gemstone Supply Chain"
5/16/2024: 6:30-7 Social; 7-8:15 Presentation/Q&A
Commonwealth Club, 312 Sutter, SF. Cost: \$30

Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-current-state-of-the-gemstone-supply-chain-tickets-869528973567?aff=oddtcreator>

CA & American Fed. of Mineral Soc. Nat'l. Show & Convention

5/24 - 5/26/2024 Hours: Fri/Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA
Website: <http://www.2024cfms-afms.com>

San Francisco Crystal Fair

6/1 - 6/2/2024. Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
SF County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., SF.
50+ vendors. Admission \$14 (12 and under free)
Website: <http://www.crystalfair.com>



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