

 JOIN US FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

On ZOOM — Friday November 3rd at 7pm

  **“All Things Turquoise”**  
With Jacob Lowry

Dear members and friends of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society: Our November program will feature **Jacob Lowry**, Executive Director of **The Turquoise Museum** (on the web: <https://turquoisemuseum.com/history-and-mission>) located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jacob will review the museums history and exhibits and its contribution to the science and education of Turquoise in a talk “All Things Turquoise”.



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

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucemqrTgjH9w11GsN95mIfaGchsfdc_ql

Field Trip Opportunity
Capella, CA

Sunday November 12th • by Tony DeLeon



Members of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society. Member **Tim Darnel** and I are arranging a day trip to **Capella** – about 2 and a half miles north of San Francisco. It will be a chance to go on private land to rockhound for jade, quartz, red jasper, and other minerals.

Date – Sunday November 12th

Time – meet in Capella at 11:30 am (before 9 am if leaving from San Francisco).

We plan to be onsite by Noon and spend about 2 hours rock hounding, then go into Ukiah for a meal before heading back to the city. It will be a full day.

Drivers entering the site must have a copy of proof of car insurance. A waiver of liability must be signed before being admitted to the site.

The trip is limited to 10 members.

Please email Tony by November 10th if you want to join the field trip at tonyhetm@aol.com – Subject line: “Capella Trip”.

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Masthead by Kevin Anderson

The Lesson of Big Yolk

I ordered several *Streptocarpus* leaves in the mail once and got an extra leaf as a gift. Strops are like African violets, if you snitch a leaf off Granny's plant, you can root it and grow more just like it. However, the gift leaf had a weird, ugly name... "Big Yolk." I hate ugly plant names. Some growers of African violets create really ugly plants and then give them strange names such as Stinky cat, Combustable Pigeon, and Suicidal Squirrel. No kidding, so who wants a flower called "Big Yolk."

I tossed the leaf in the garbage, but, later that day, I felt bad about that, so I retrieved it and stuck it in the soil with the others. All my new leaves grew, including the Big Yolk leaf, which produced a big, healthy plant. Then, it bloomed...

Imagine a flower like a lily, beautifully shaped with a yellow throat fading into pearly white with an intense lavender purple around it's edge. Picture an especially beautiful flower and you have "Big Yolk" It's been the star of my collection for years.

Whenever I've been too quick to judge, or in too much of a hurry to look further, I think of Big Yolk. I almost lost it by "Looking a gift horse in the mouth." An old aphorism, but true.

That said, how about rocks? On the outside they can be pretty ugly, but slice them open and the inside could hold a wonderful surprise.

Imagine...on your next field trip as you trudge down that hot dusty path, you ask yourself, how about that rock over there, could it's plain dirty exterior be hiding something gorgeous? You pick it up and keep searching, then there's another rock that looks even better, so you grab that one, then grab an even better looking rock further on.

It's quite a ways from the car and rocks are HEAVY. So, you drop the least likely stone and trudge onwards finding other rocks that look like they could be even better. It's kind of like the lottery. Maybe bring a cart with you next time? Probably not practical.

The guy who's rock hunting behind you then finds the rock you discarded and picks it up thinking it's his lucky day. But, you've changed your mind. That first rock now seems to be the best one, a real beauty. As you back track to retrieve it you find your original treasure in the clutches of a fellow rock hound coming up behind you. "Uhhh, that's MY rock," you say, "I left it there to pick up later."

Okey, I'm going to tell you a little story, I understand this actually happened. I wasn't on that field trip, but...I heard all about it, many years ago. So that's why I can tell you now. These guys are gone, I don't even remember their names. So don't ask, okey?

It seems they got into a fight over a nice-big-piece of jade. A real honey of a rock that they both claimed to have seen first. The argument turned into shouting and the shouting got physical. It's a good thing that rock was too heavy to throw. Other field-trippers who came running to break it up said things got pretty nasty.

This argument came back to the club and the parties involved squared off during a board meeting. Ewww...I was sitting about two feet from them, and I thought they would start howling and spitting. I've seen some scary board meetings, but that one was the worst. Both men dropped out of the club soon after. Whew!

It's really too bad it wasn't an African violet they were fighting over, like I said, a violet can be shared. Put a leaf down and you get lots of baby plants.

I received another gift leaf a month ago, it's called "Pew Pete." Huh, maybe somebody misspelled the name??? I asked my friends at the Violet Society if they ever heard of it, they just said, "Nope." But it seems the hybridizer also created a violet called "Exit Wound" so, anything's possible.

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	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	6 PM - 9 PM Gem Carving		

SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November 1-2 (Wednesday and Thursday)
Clubhouse Closed for Delivery of New Jeweler Benches!

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

November 4, Saturday • 11:00 am
Instructors Meeting In-Person at The Club
**Zoom option - Info: tonythetm@aol.com*

November 11, Saturday • 10:00 am
Board Meeting on Zoom
**Zoom Meeting - Info: tonythetm@aol.com*

November 19, Sunday • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
SF Gem and Mineral Society Fair and Open House

November 19, Sunday • 5:00 pm
Mineralog December Submission Deadline

December 1, Friday • 7:00 pm
General Meeting on Zoom

December 16, Saturday • 3:00 - 8:00 pm
In-Person Holiday Celebration and Business Meeting



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

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NEW MEMBERS FROM OCTOBER

A warm welcome to the following new members!



Leona Baclocco

Susy Cincone

*The Baxter family Joseph and
sons Noah and Xavier*

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

Nov. 4-5, 2023 – Concord, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Soc.
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521
Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 – 4
mike@diablorocks.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGs>

Nov. 14, 2023 – San Francisco, CA
Golden Gate Gemological Institute of America Alumni Event
Tom Chatham will regale us with a fun, insightful, first hand conversation of the behind the scenes experience of building Chatham Created Gems into one of the largest crystal growers in the world.
Hotel Emblem 562 Sutter St. Union Square, San Francisco, CA 94102
6:15 - 7pm: Social Hour. No host cocktails.
7 - 8:15pm: Introduction and Lecture
Cost: \$30. Current GIA students: \$15 (use code GIAStudent at checkout)
Register: Eventbrite for Golden Gate Chapters November Event
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-incredible-history-of-chatham-created-gems-tribulations-solutions-tickets-723468221927?aff=ebdss_bdestsearch



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