

 JOIN US FOR THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Friday October 3rd at 7 pm on Zoom

A Talk About Quartz “Eleven Tears” with Lawrence Stoller

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

Lawrence Stoller is an internationally recognized, award-winning artist who has pioneered the art of sculpting spectacular megagems, including several of the largest gemstone sculptures in existence. His work has been featured in numerous shows and galleries in the United States, from Rodeo Drive in Los Angeles to Fifth Avenue in New York, as well as international shows. His museum exhibitions include the Fersman Institute of Mineralogy (Moscow, Russia), the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art (Elhurst, Illinois), the Carnegie Museum of Natural History (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), and the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

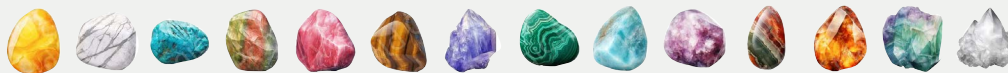
In 2003, Stoller completed a commission for American Express, creating the centerpiece of the 9/11 **Eleven Tears Memorial**, located across the street from Ground Zero. His collaborative work **Bahia** stands as the cornerstone of the museum collection at the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, California.



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

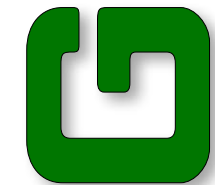
REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/RFDytyY3Sq6h02V0ABFq4A>



Located on the N-Judah Streetcar Line (stops at 46th) • Clubhouse is between 46th & 47th Avenues in San Francisco

NOTE: There's often more detail about club events on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SFgem.mineral



MINERAL

SAN FRANCISCO GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. • WWW.SF-GMS.ORG • (415) 564-4230

Club Scenes: *First Friday Talk & September Open House*

Photos courtesy of Tony DeLeon



From Top Left Clockwise:
Cool Carrie rocks her turquoise boots!
The Friday Night Crowd.
Steve and Tony at the open house.
Carrie and Ann holding a beautiful bracelet.
Elizabeth Price wearing a gorgeous turquoise pendant and beads.
Doug gives a wave at the Sept. Open House.
Robin Brant's unique Halloween creations.



Recent Jade Events in Coastal California

© 2025 By Robert Crabill

After a packed opening evening in June coinciding with the nearby 2025 Monterey Bay Jade Festival, the “Jade Beneath the Sea” show now on longterm display at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History held its first tie-in event on Sept. 18th. Called a “Dive Into Jade,” and the start of a series, the evening featured three speakers experienced in finding, working and popularizing the nephrite jade of the Big Sur coast.

The museum show itself is a tribute to the exciting history of jade finding and crafting on the rugged and scenic Big Sur coastline, showcasing modern day jade and jewelry artists of Monterey County along with the important early achievements and carvings of scuba divers such as the late Don Wobber.

In addition to ocean-shaped and smoothed cobbles and pebbles of jade — rare natural occurrences on their own — you will see carvings made from stones in a range of sizes, including the 2400 lb. polished boulder “Leucothea” in the museum’s garden. The notable and exotic colors and forms of the nephrite jade occurring in Big Sur are on display, on loan from local collections. These include the distinctive blue-green and blue jades, stones with mineral-tinted rinds in various earthy colors, locally known as “Vulcan jade,” and the very rare botryoidal specimens, grape-like clusters of nephrite jade.

At the program, the first speaker was Kenny Comello, a longtime Big Sur resident, jade diver and artist, and a founder of both the Big Sur Jade Company and the Big Sur Jade Festivals. He and friends began collecting jade on the beaches and in the ocean, staking jade claims on mountain slopes in the 1970s, established the first lapidary setups and hippie jade gift shop in the micro-town of Gorda on the coast highway. Kenny even coined the better term “Big Sur Jade” to describe what had been called Monterey jade, based on the large county it is found in.

Comello showed rare historic photos and described the early lapidary shops: drag saws, grinders, large tumblers and flex-shaft machines, powered at first by generators whose fuel had to be hiked in to hillside sites. The jade being cut was ocean boulders and mountainside vein material. California rockhounds and scuba divers knew for years of the coastal jade deposits centered around the fabled Jade Cove, 65 miles

south of Monterey. Scattered stores in the remote region sold souvenir pebbles or jewelry, but sales for the pioneer jade trade grew to depend on visibility to drivers along coastal Highway 1. The earliest outreach was just jade and jewelry on folding tables at pullouts along the road, followed by a small gift shop, and eventually the early Big Sur Jade Festivals, first at Gorda, then for years at a nearby school grounds. These festivals are now held far south in the tiny art town of Harmony, south of San Simeon and Cambria.

These rustic autumnal gatherings (see Events of Interest list, page 4) have been partnered for six years now with jade festivals held in the city of Monterey in June, put on by many of the same organizers, and still featuring a range of jade and jewelry dealers and artists, with live music and free admission.

This past summer’s Monterey festival even featured a first-ever International Jade Summit, a separate ticketed event. Two major jade mining industry pioneers who discovered and developed important jade resources in the Americas spoke: Mary Lou Ridinger of Jade Maya, on the rediscovery of Guatemala jadeite and the thriving Native carving workshop she helped create, and Kirk Makepeace of Jade West Group, on British Columbia nephrite mining. Geologist Eugene Blanck gave a detailed talk on metamorphic deposits of jade, and Jeff Mason of Mason-Kay, the top U.S. jadeite testing and valuation laboratory, closed with a presentation on the changing world of treatments and color enhancements done to the jadeite variety of jade.

It definitely seems like a growing wave of jade-related activities in California, and we even hear event organizers, jade artists and dealers now speak credibly of a growing, evolving “jade culture” in America. That California — with a number of deposits of both nephrite and jadeite varieties of jade, more than any other state — should be the center of such a movement makes sense, and it has inspired the creation of new, smaller jade festivals now in Washington state and Wyoming.

In my next article I will write more about September’s remarkable jade panel at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History for its “Jade Beneath the Sea” show, and also hope to report on this month’s Big Sur Jade Festival, Oct. 10-12.



California Events of Interest to Club Members:

Big Sur Jade Festival — 29th Annual

Dates: October 10-11-12, 2025
Location: Harmony, CA (Population 18), approx. 5 miles south of Cambria, CA on Highway 1. Numerous motel & camping options nearby. More Jade and food vendors than last year!
Free admission, Free Parking - as always.
The Big Sur Jade Festival features the best Jade and lapidary artists & vendors from around the country and beyond, world class musicians, drum circles every morning, and much more!
<https://bigsurjadefestival.com>

The Fall Contra Costa Crystal Fair

Dates: 10/11/2025 - 10/12/2025
Hours: Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-4:00
Venue: Civic Park Community Center
Address: 1375 Civic Dr.
Civic Park Community Center. Walnut Creek, CA 94596
<http://www.crystalfair.com/>

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Show

Dates: 10/18/2025 - 10/19/2025
Hours: Sat 10:00 - 6:00 Sun 10:00 - 5:00
Venue: Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
Address: 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
<http://www.srmgs.org>

Sacramento Gem, Jewelry, Mineral and Rock Show

Dates: 10/25/2025 - 10/26/2025
Hours: Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 10am-4pm
Venue: Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Address: 6151 H St.
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Sacramento, CA 95819
<http://sacgemshow.com>

Humboldt Gem & Mineral Show

Dates: 10/31/2025 - 11/02/2025
Hours: Fri/Sat 9:00-6:00 Sun 9:00-4:00
Venue: Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
Address: 3750 Harris St.
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
Eureka, CA 95501
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1956949027903675/>

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society's 67th Annual Mineral & Gem Rock Show

Dates: 11/08/2025 - 11/09/2025
Venue: Centre Concord
Address: 5298 Clayton Road
Centre Concord, Concord, CA 94521
<https://www.ccmgsclub.com/show>

JADE CARVING WORKSHOP



Pacific Coast Workshops

Contact & Registration:
info.pcworkshops@gmail.com
(831) 238-7122

DISCOVER THE ART OF JADE CARVING

Join us for an immersive five-day journey into the world of jade artistry. Under the guidance of instructors Matthew Glasby and Justin Barrett, you will explore the complete carving process—from selecting your raw stone to shaping and refining it into a finished, wearable work of art.

Set in the serene rolling hills of Carmel Valley, California, this hands-on course offers not only technical instruction but also a chance to connect with the timeless beauty of jade in an inspiring natural setting.



Curriculum Highlights

Day 1 & 2 with Matthew Glasby

- Stone**
- Reading stone and understanding grain direction
 - Selecting the right piece for your project
 - Cutting and finishing techniques
- Design**
- Planning for a quality finished product

Days 3-5 with Justin Barrett

- Shop Introduction**
- Overview of common and specialty tools
 - Tool safety and body mechanics for extended carving sessions
- Carving**
- Step-by-step instruction through the carving process
 - Hands-on coaching to refine skills to achieve a finished product
- Presentation**
- Suspension techniques for jewelry or display
 - Cordage selection and finishing details

Workshop Details

This experience is designed to be both hands-on and inspiring—combining technical skill, artistic vision, and the natural beauty of jade. You will not only leave with a work of art, but also with a deeper appreciation for this timeless craft

November 17-21, 2025
Tuition: \$1,250 per participant
Location: Carmel Valley, CA
Daily Schedule: 9am to 5pm

Tooling will be provided, though we recommend bringing your preferred tools and wearing comfortable clothing suitable for studio work in a semi open air environment. A selection of stone and supplies will be available for purchase at the venue if desired.

Reserve Your Place

Spaces are limited for this intimate jade carving experience. Secure your spot today and take part in a rare opportunity to learn this timeless art in the heart of Carmel Valley.



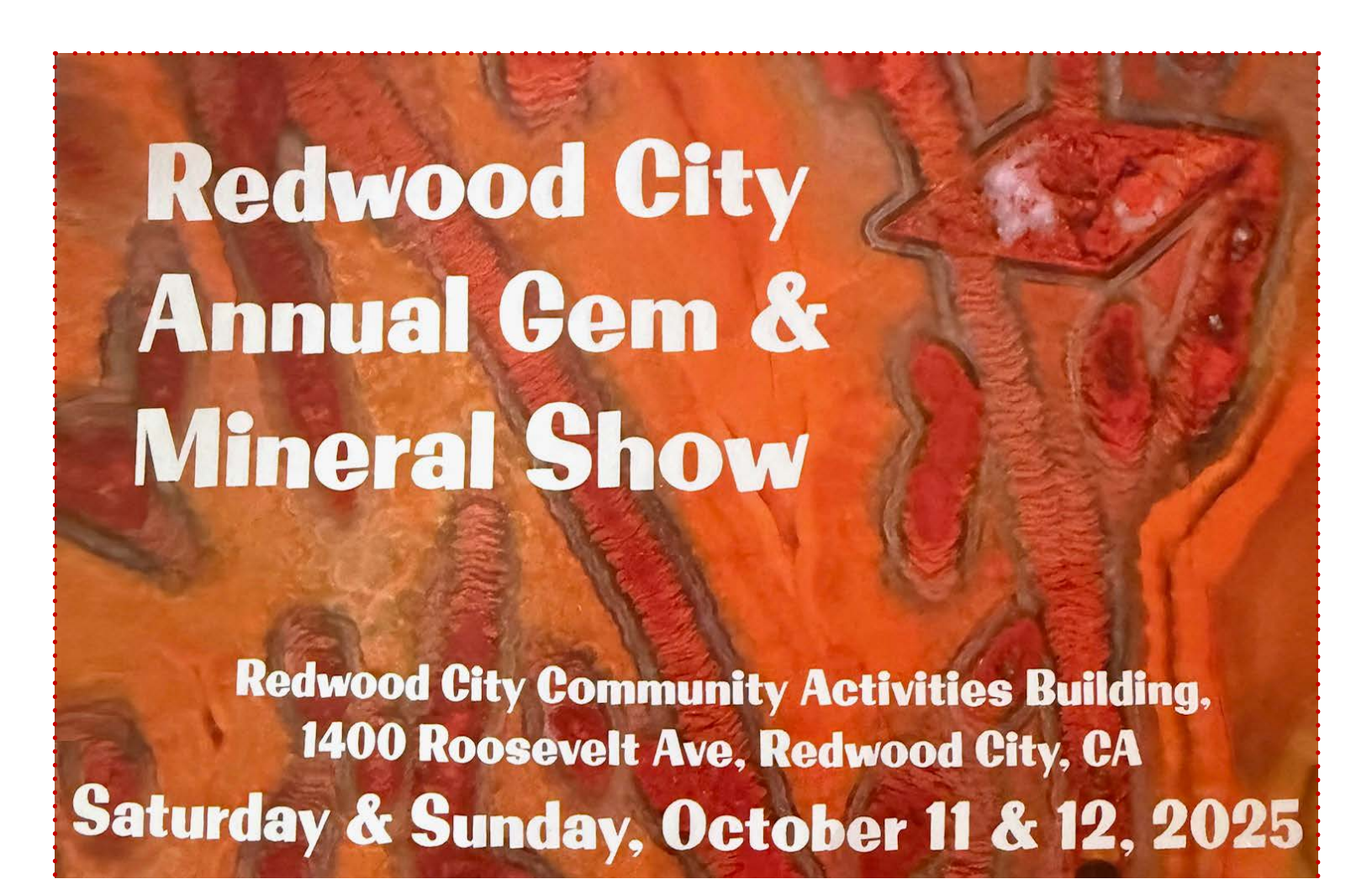
Matthew Glasby

Matthew Glasby is an internationally recognized jade artist whose intricate designs and refined craftsmanship have been featured in galleries across California. With a fine arts background and decades of dedication to jade, he brings both mastery and mindfulness to the carving process. As a teacher, Matthew is known for his patient, hands-on approach and his belief that the true joy of jade lies in the act of creating.



Justin Barrett

Justin Barrett is a jade artist and diver whose work is deeply rooted in the wild beauty of Big Sur. For over two decades, he has combined the thrill of sourcing jade directly from the Pacific with the artistry of transforming it into bold, wearable pieces. His creations reflect both technical skill and a profound connection to the ocean. As an instructor, Justin offers students not only practical carving knowledge but also a rare perspective on jade's journey from stone to art.



Redwood City Annual Gem & Mineral Show

**Redwood City Community Activities Building,
1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City, CA**

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12, 2025

**Rocks, Fossils, Crystals,
Minerals, Gems & Jewelry,
Beads, Exhibits,
Educational activities &
FREE rocks for kids!**

**Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12, 2025**

Admission: \$5.00. Ages 12 & under are free.

**Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society and Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
present our 2025 Annual Gem & Mineral Show!**

More information: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org and www.pggs.org



Dear SFGMS Members,

Membership renewal invoices were emailed to members on September 15, 2025. If you did not receive your invoice or believe we may have missed including you, please contact me at AChan123@Yahoo.com.

If you did receive your invoice, we kindly ask that you use the PAY NOW link included in the email to submit your renewal. This option saves a significant amount of time since the backend is fully automated.

As a reminder, we provide a membership list to CFMS at the end of each year. Renewing on time ensures that you are included and covered for activities such as field trips, shows, and meetings.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
Andrew Chan, Treasurer

From
Club Treasurer
Andrew Chan



MANY CLUB BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER!

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

Cassandra Adams	Emily Dorazi	Kelila Krantz	Patricia Defechereux
Casson Kauffan	Emily Schwartzman	Kevin Anderson	Robert Andrini
Catherine Fraser	Eric Imperiale	Larry Cronkhite	Rosabelle Gold
Celia Zapanta	Evie Kyritsis	Linda Tabor-Beck	Rosie Kaplow
Christina Ortega	Farrow Adamson	Lisa Vuskovic	Sadie Mellerio
Christina Stenstrom	Hajar Majed	Lou Krippenstapel	Sheena Carrasco
Connie Kuzmicki	Jessica Kaplow	Lucas Welch	Sherri Mills
Craig Carraher	Jesus Negrete	Margaret Jarrett	Silvia Kacic
Daniel Greeman	Johnathan Alkema	Mayumi Ichihara	Stacey Michaels
David Chen	Judith Lim	Ming Fung Ha	Steve Saarman
David Zandman	Judy Chang	Modera Anthony	Steve Browning
David Loo	Juliette Cove	Monica Morris	Steven Yukl
David Leech	Justin Linebaugh	Natalie Gavidia	Tereza Cihelkova
Deana Farole	Kai Langen-Wong	Nick Cary	Tristan Eastburn
Diana Petty	Kat Lui	Olga Betyntseva	Vicky Graham
Douglas Cheung	Kathryn Kelly	Olivia Cowen	Zongju Zhou

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

WEEKLY CLUBHOUSE 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 3 PM - 6 PM Goldsmithing	Noon - 4PM Lapidary, Silversmithing	10 AM - 5 PM Lapidary, Silversmithing, Spheremaking
	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary	7 PM - 10 PM Lapidary	6 PM - 9 PM Lapidary, Faceting	6 PM - 9 PM Gem Carving		



SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER



- ▶ **First Friday Meeting on Zoom**
Featuring Lawrence Stoller • Oct 3rd, Friday • 7:00 pm

- ▶ **SF Gem & Mineral Society Club Fair & Open House**
Oct 12th, Sunday • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Contact Tony to reserve a spot: tonythetm@aol.com

- ▶ **Mineralog Nov 2025 Submissions Deadline**
Oct 15th, Wednesday • 5:00 pm

- ▶ **In-Person Instructors Meeting at the Clubhouse with Zoom Option** • **Note: Oct 19th, Sunday • 2:30 pm**

- ▶ **Board Meeting at the Clubhouse with Zoom Option**
Note: Oct 19th, Sunday • 3:30 pm
**Zoom -Info: tonythetm@aol.com*

- ▶ **New Member Orientation**
Oct 27th, Monday • 7:00 pm

WE WELCOME 27 NEW MEMBERS FROM SEPTEMBER!

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Jeff Doka | James Lukanta | Lucinda Love |
| Aidan Webb | Jean Wilkinson | Nelly Zhukovsky-Smith |
| Allison Simpson | Jeff Drake | Rick Luoyan Yu |
| Asima Arif | Jim Cureton | Susan Terrell |
| Consuleo Rivera | John Wilkinson | Terry Seefeld |
| Cuc Pham | Jordan Miller | Vera Lukman |
| Daniel Tores Pomoares | Joseph Morrales | Zaid Zarama |
| Dawn Brown | Kathy Bayler | Zoe Genolio |
| Debra Hoiem | Kent Walters | |
| Douglas Kitt | Kim Den | |



SPECIAL ON-GOING 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 OCTOBER 27TH *****

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

***Commemorative 90th Anniversary Enamel Pin
Get Yours 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.

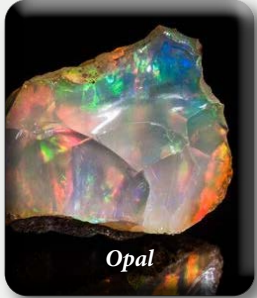
Buy yours at the clubhouse.

Pin purchases also come with a sticker of the same design! (At this time, we are unable to mail pins/stickers.)

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Kirk Kwiatkowski	handsofglass33@gmail.com	
<i>Vice President</i>	Bob Kozak	topaz00805@comcast.net	650-554-0251
<i>Treasurer</i>	Andrew Chan	achan123@yahoo.com	
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mary Sue Bucher	midnightcloud@hotmail.com	
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	David Zandman	davidzandman@gmail.com	
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Tony DeLeon	tonythetm@aol.com	415-624-7576
<i>Museum Curator</i>	Geno De Hostos	hostos@pacbell.net	415-244-1965
<i>Entertainment Director</i>	Robert Courtney	exlibrys13@yahoo.com	
<i>Librarian</i>	Mariana Photiou	parathiraki@gmail.com	415-712-2997



DIRECTORS ON THE BOARD

Joe Dempsey	dempseygategems@live.com	415-731-2701
Mike Welsh	easyestimate@gmail.com	
Trevor McLaughlin	trevormclaughlin9@gmail.com	
Elizabeth Lopez	lopezelsf@gmail.com	
Robert Courtney	exlibrys13@yahoo.com	
Amanda Ganong	amandaganong@gmail.com	

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

<i>Donations</i>	Joe Dempsey	dempseygategems@live.com	415-731-2701
<i>Donations</i>	Bob Kozak	topaz00805@comcast.net	650-554-0251
<i>Federation Liaison</i>	Dylan Mooney	djmooney@sfsu.edu	415-308-8271
<i>Field Trip Chair</i>	Stan Bogosian	sbogosian@aol.com	408-568-2489
<i>Faceting Instructor</i>	Kirk Kwiatkowski	handsofglass33@gmail.com	
<i>Mineralog Editor</i>	Christopher DeWinter	mineralog@protonmail.com	
<i>Mining Property</i>	Steve Watry	swatry@comcast.net	
<i>Purchasing</i>	Steve Watry	swatry@comcast.net	
<i>Safety</i>	Bob Kozak	topaz00805@comcast.net	650-554-0251
<i>Shop Foreman</i>	Open		
<i>Show Committee Chair</i>	Tony DeLeon	tonythetm@aol.com	415-624-7576
<i>Website</i>	Christopher DeWinter	mineralog@protonmail.com	

THE MINERALOG STAFF

<i>Copy Editor/Proofreader</i>	Robin Crabill	recses@comcast.net	415-233-1860
<i>Editing/Calendar</i>	Christopher DeWinter	mineralog@protonmail.com	

THE MINERALOG

We are always grateful for editorial and photographic submissions, especially from our members.

To contribute content, submit story or calendar additions, updates or corrections, please email the Editor:
mineralog@protonmail.com

Deadline for **November** Mineralog is 5:00 PM **Wednesday, Oct. 15th**

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

Original material published in the Mineralog that is not copyrighted may be reprinted with all due and proper credits.

For Membership Info, contact the Membership Secretary:
tonythetm@aol.com

SAN FRANCISCO GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

4134 Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94122-1125

415-564-4230 • WWW.SF-GMS.ORG

Membership Activities Include:

Earth Sciences, Lapidary, Field Trips, Collecting, Jewelry Making, Classes

An Educational Non-Profit Organization Founded in 1935

Member, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies