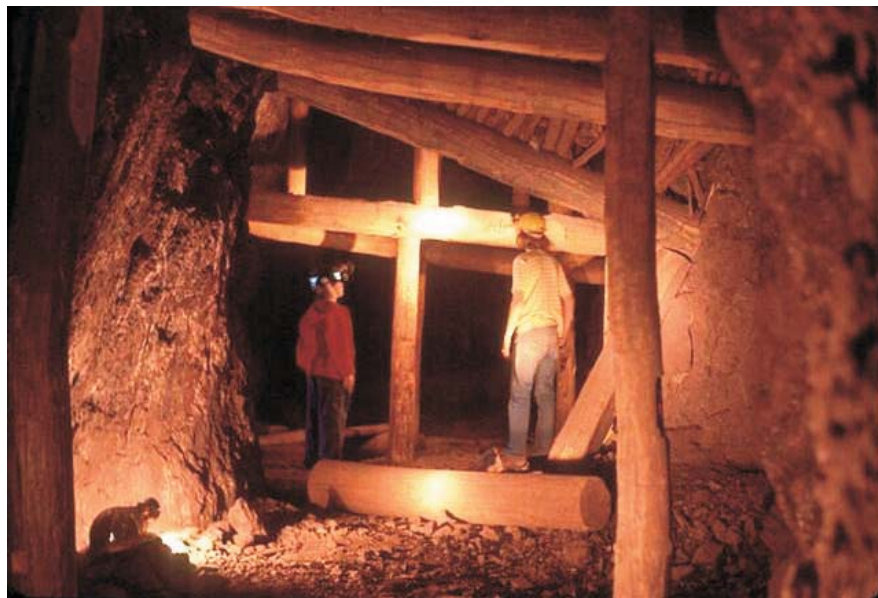


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**FGMS APRIL 10TH
MEETING AT 7:00PM**

The Himalaya Mine

by Simon King

The April 10th meeting of the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society will feature a talk on the Tourmaline Pocket of May 2007 at the World Famous Himalaya Mine, near Mesa Grande, San Diego County. Simon King will be showing us images taken at the mine of this recently discovered pocket and will be talking about the excitement of the discovery. He will have specimens to show and available to sell for anyone interested. This mine and Mr. King have recently appeared on the Travel Channels popular Cash & Treasures show and he organizes the fee digs that are open to the public. Please join him and us this evening to get into the excitement!

Refreshments for this month will be Francine Jampetero and Elizabeth Cheatham.

**SUMMARY OF THE
MARCH 1, 2008
FGMS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Board of Director minutes of January 6 and February 2, 2008 were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Vanessa Jones presented a two page Profit & Loss Statement on FGMS finances and a Cash Allocation Estimate.

In exchange for letting the Visitors Bureau use the Meeting Room, FGMS will get a membership in the Visitors Bureau. The unspent 2007 TOT funds will be used for purchasing table skirting for the booth at the Fair and other club functions. The 2008 TOT grant will be used for landscaping the front of the building and for promotional post cards. The Rally for Children grants will be used to purchase rubbing plates.

Mary Fong/Walker will hold an event planning meeting Monday evening, March 3 at 6 pm.

President Palculich reported that FGMS is still under threat of litigation by Dave LaMarr, Cal Graeber, Ann Ondraka, and Pete Bancroft because their attorney, Victor Ramirez, has given us no word to the contrary. In addition their attorney has made allegations regarding FGMS directly to the State Attorney General. The Attorney General's investigation may take years, and our attorneys have put us on their long calendars.

Volunteer hours totaled 353 hours for February. All members should log in all of their volunteer hours, either done at the club or at home on FGMS business. The volunteer log calendar is in the office. Museum visitors should also be requested to sign in so we can send them a Lithosphere.

The Strategic Plan was discussed and is still under revision and development.

The Pending List was reviewed and the status of items updated.

Bill Hollingsworth reported that he is working on the Operations Manual and Bylaws. He has hauled two loads of junk from the adjacent lot and had it mowed.

Janice Bricker arranged that Jason Stevenson of the Collector will speak on the Oceanview Mine for the March meeting.

Diane (Tjepkes) Rose will be asked to expand distribution of our brochures throughout the community.

Liz Yamaguchi (Public Relations) reported on the San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan. Having FGMS recognized as a contributor and researcher of mineralogical, gem and fossil information of the area, means that we would receive documents relating to park development. The County has proposed having informational markers along the trails so that users can learn about geological and mineralogical features of the watershed and riverbed. Similar markers have been used in Borrego State Park.

Erich Kern gave his facilities report detailing his work on the Exit signs, outlets, plans for a study of the CAPS fire alarm system and video monitor cameras.

Don Parsley's report on the meeting between FGMS and FCDC was read and discussed. FCDC will not be ready to do anything for about 18 months.

President Gina Palculich reported that our CDBG request to make the bathroom handicapped accessible has been placed on the alternative list for funding.

There was a discussion on various ways to deter skateboarders from using our driveway/parking area.

Elizabeth Cheatham has appointed Bill Rupp to be Chair of the Scholarship Committee with Jan Stromsoe assisting. The Scholarship will be called "Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society's Don Layton Scholarship".

Vanessa Jones will be coming to FGMS to work on the 1st Thursday of the month and will be able to help B.J. with the Beading Brigade.

This year Gina Palculich plans to do a permanent inventory list of all magazines in the library and will start to file the books in order using the Dewey decimal system.

Don Parsley reported that the Phase 2 fundraising campaign is finished and that he will be working on the current fundraising campaign.

Janice Bricker announced that those wishing to donate items for the Rummage Sale on March 29 can bring them the previous Tuesday afternoon.

Janice Bricker gave the names of Todd and Catherine Hiner and Amanda, Doria La Voie, and Pankajabala Patel as a new members.

It was (M) Janice Bricker (S) Erich Kern that it be recommended to the membership that the current Bylaws, adopted January 1, 2007 and amended November 8, 2007, be repealed because they were not approved by legal counsel; and that the Bylaws of October 12, 2000 and amended October 31, 2002, be adopted. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Gina Palculich, adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm

SUMMARY OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 13TH

Vanessa Jones, Treasurer, reported donations and pay-down of mortgage.

Profit and Loss Statement was posted on the bulletin board.

Special thanks was given to the Volunteers for Minerals for their donation of minerals and fossils worth \$2,500. A Sunday work party was planned for March 16th to process eleven flats of Celestite donated by Don Olson.

Gina Palculich, President, reported on the sad loss of long-time club member and supported, Howard Grant. A memorial was to be held at the Silvergate Residence.

Club members were notified of a field trip the following weekend to the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.

A call was put out for volunteers to help with the Avocado Festival April 22nd, and the San Diego County Fair in June/July.

Gina notified members that our grant from CDBG had NOT been approved because David LaMarr had written to CDBG stating he was a Board member and making claims of mismanagement in the Society.

Gina also informed members that the Board had unanimously passed a motion at the March Board meeting to recommend that the membership rescind the current bylaws adopted January 1, 2007 and amended in November 8, 2007, and revert to the previous bylaws adopted October 12, 2000 and amended in October 31, 2002 because the current bylaws had not been approved by legal counsel. Gail Kerry made the motion and Lea Barton seconded. There was discussion and the motion passed.

The guest speaker, Jason Stephenson, gave a strong presentation about the importance of the new find at the Oceanview Mine and the impact it would have to our County and to the mineral world. Our specimen "Pinky, Blue Boy &

Nubbs" was presented after Bill Larson trimmed and cleaned it. Bill was present and helped answer questions about the value of the material found.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 10:00
AM - 12:30 PM NEXT BOARD
MEETING**

2008 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society will officially share a booth this year with the Volunteers for Minerals in the Gems & Minerals Pavilion at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. With the Fair opening in barely 90 days, members of both organizations have been feverishly planning for the 21-day event (June 14 - July 6) and diligently preparing inventory. "Work Parties" have been in full swing assembling flats of mineral and fossil specimens, grab bags and creating fabulous jewelry. All of these items, plus mineral decorator items, books, and the ever-popular "spoonfuls" (of polished stones), will be offered for sale to "kids of all ages". Participation in the Fair is an extraordinary opportunity for FGMS to raise substantial funds towards our mortgage, but the only way we'll be successful is with your support! Come and join the "Work Parties". There's a great group of people already on board, but there's plenty of room for many more, so... "the more the merrier"!

Put the following dates on your calendar and come join the fun: April 17, (Thurs) 10 am - 4 pm Beading

April 3, (Thurs) 10 am - 4 pm Beading

April 6, (Sun) 10 am - 1 pm Grab Bags (1 pm pot luck)

April 12 & 13, 9 am - 1 pm Grab Bags & (Sat & Sun) (1 pm pot luck) Mineral/Fossil Flats

If there are experienced "beaders" who would like to make jewelry at the weekend work parties, please call Gina Palculich at the Office (760) 728-1130.

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GARTH'S WORLD

Garth Bricker, FGMS Member and Museum Curator April 2008



The San Diego County Fair is totally different this year. The Volunteers are combining forces with the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral to work the fair booth. We are looking for things to box up and sell at the Volunteer's fair booth. We are buying fold together boxes and having people cutting cotton to put in the boxes and printing labels and pricing the boxes. We will be doing this for the next two months. I'm going to rummage through my yard looking for all the things I have collected for the last 50 years so these can be put into boxes and sold at the fair with the money being donated to the FGMS. We would appreciate anything mineral, fossil or mining that you could get to us to use at the fair. The mining material will be sold at our museum store.

When I moved from College St. years ago I found buried a very nice epidote with very artistic twists and everything ending with terminations. I had collected it years ago and put it into a cardboard box in the back yard. Over the years rain and dirt covered the contents of the box so I forgot what was buried in the dirt and out of sight. Right now it is in the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum sitting right next to the Fallbrook Street

very big smoky quartz crystal and a Fallbrook area axinite.

The Red Cloud Wulfenite display in our museum was taken to the Tucson show and was photographed while being installed on the Wednesday before the show opened by Brian Swoboda in preparation for a DVD of how the show works behind the scenes. Hopefully, the FGMS wulfenite display will be part of the final Tucson DVD along with the talk on the Red Cloud by myself. Brian especially liked the Indian History photos Carol Woolery provided to Pete Bancroft and myself to use in the Mineralogical Record article on the Red Cloud and the Silver District. As you recall Carol's great grandfather was the Red Cloud mine agent in 1881. He and a photographer took pictures of the Red Cloud, Black Rock mine and Indians they knew around the Red Cloud area.

Once I got to Martinez Lake, when going to the Red Cloud, it would take about two hours to get to the Red Cloud mine by truck. There was one spot on this trip to the Red Cloud that was very sandy after some condition changed and you need to put the vehicle into four wheel drive to get through it. Can you imagine the difficulty of getting a wagon over this road delivering multi-ton equipment to the mines and hauling out the ore. Having the stern paddle wheel riverboat visiting all the mines along this area of the Colorado River was just so much faster and economical. Probably this mining area wouldn't have developed for many years

later if not for the river boats with the paddle wheel at the back to force the boat to move up the river against the moving current.

What helped me was a book I found along the way that described the Colorado River and travel up and down it. The book is called, Colorado River Ghost Towns by Stanley Paher. Mr. Paher tells about the mining towns and places the paddle wheelers went. The paddle wheeler went to Ehrenberg and the Castle Dome mining district. In 1884 a famed mining engineer prospected the Castle Dome area for silver. The Silver District is part of the Castle Dome area. The towns of Eureka, Clip, Pacific City, Silent, Norton's Landing and the Red Cloud were in this area and 20 miles by air from Yuma. Gold bearing deposits were found along the Colorado River.

While I was at the Red Cloud one year a Yuma fellow came to the Red Cloud one day and said the Red Cloud was a gold mine. A state reference to the Red Cloud stated that the mine produced several ounces of gold but thousands of ounces of silver. It's a gold mine! I found a reference to gold found along the river near the Red Cloud mine and claims being taken up in 1860's. This reference came from the Paher book. Pretty soon miners were searching farther from the river and finding gold in the difficult Trigo Mts. All was quiet until 1878 when the railroad reached Yuma and brought in more people and prospectors. The land was already known for having lowgrade mineral prospects.

A lot of prospecting started to happen and old claims were reclaimed in the process in the Silver District. In the

Mineralogical Record article by Bancroft and Bricker, Pete told of his relative, Judge Silent, partnering up with John C. Fremont of western fame to buy and sell mining claims while they were Judge and governor of Arizona. People of Arizona didn't think this was the proper use of a judge's and governor's time but they both made money. You will have to read the history about this to find the result of their unethical teamwork.

(To be continued next month)
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IN MEMORY

Howard Grant passed away on February 28, 2008 at Fallbrook Hospital. He was a resident of Silvergate Retirement Residence in fallbrook. He ws born March 17, 1919, in wasco, CA and took pleasure in reminding everyone that was St. Patrick's Day.

Howard is survived by son and daughter-in-law Lyle and Rosanne Grant; grandchildren Justine and Collin Grant; stepdaughters Debi Greene and Nanci Cravens; Jeff Anderson and Emilee Harris; great-granddaughter Aidan Penelope Anderson; and unborn great-grandson Hensley August Anderson.

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SUNDAY WORK PARTY A SUCCESS !!!

Thanks to all who came to help on Sunday, March 16th: Jim and Gail Kerry, Diane Tjepke, Francine Juniptero, Sandra Scheifer, Ron, Janice Bricker, Gina Palculich and Erich Kern. Almost 40 flats were prepared for sale! Next Sunday work party: April 13th.

Also thanks to Erich for his on-going cleaning of minerals in preparation for sale. And to Don Parsley who has been working for weeks preparing SLABS FOR SALE. Don't miss out on the selection - all newly processed material will be on sale at the Avocado Festival.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Donations to the building fund:
Harold and Erica VanPelt \$150.00

And \$25,000 from the final balance from Capital Campaign I, Phase II plus another \$25,000 from the Money Market account were also applied towards the mortgage principle and there was a re-amortization of the loan so now the monthly payment is \$300.00 less.

Current mortgage balance:
\$222,824.03

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Beading Brigade 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	4	5 Board Meeting 10:00 – 12:30
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	11	12 Workshop 9:30 am – 1:00pm Potluck Lunch 1:00 pm
13 Workshop 9:30 am – 1:00pm Potluck Lunch 1:00 pm	14	15	16	17 Beading Brigade 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	18	19 Workshop Prepare for Festival 9:30 am – 1:00pm Potluck Lunch 1:00 pm
20 Avocado Festival 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26 Workshop 9:30 am – 1:00pm Potluck Lunch 1:00 pm
27 Arts in the Park 11:00 am – 4:00 pm	28	29	30			

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