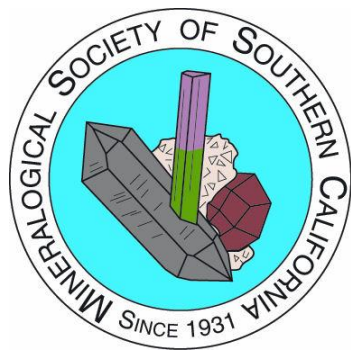




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The 1,044th meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California

With Knowledge Comes Appreciation

A ZOOM Meeting
November 14, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.

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Program: “Calcite from Arizona” Presented by Les Presmyk

Arizona is well known for its copper and lead minerals including azurite, malachite, copper, cuprite, vanadinite and wulfenite. Calcite, not so much. Dick Graeme once told me he thought calcite was one of the Big Five of collectable and displayable species from Bisbee. I certainly agree. Other notable calcite localities in Arizona include the Magma mine at Superior, the Old Dominion mine in Globe and the cuprite included calcites from Ray and Ajo.

Calcite, unlike quartz, is susceptible to the action of percolating meteoric waters so that near surface environments result in etched and dull crystals. As a result, many, but not all, of Arizona’s calcite localities are the copper mines, or at least underground mines. There are a few near surface locations but not many.

There is a wide variety of shapes and colors. Associated minerals include quartz, baryte, copper, cuprite and malachite. Localities stretch from the Grand Canyon to the southern border with Mexico. Most of the localities are located south of the Colorado Plateau and Mogollon Rim. There are even a number of localities that produce fluorescent specimens.



Calcite with Cuprite
Czar Mine, Bisbee, AZ



Calcite and Malachite
SW Mine, Bisbee, AZ



Calcite on Malachite
OD Mine, Globe AZ



Calcite
E. Magnolia Mine

Les Presmyk spent 42 years as a mining engineer in underground copper and coal mines in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico for Salt River Project, Arizona’s second largest electric utility. He and his wife of 49 years, Paula, are Arizona natives and are both graduates of the University of Arizona. Les has been actively involved in his community of Gilbert, Arizona for over 30 years, serving as an H.O.A. president, Planning Commissioner, and Town

Councilmember for 12 years and additional roles since 2011, including starting and chairing its Veterans Advisory Board. On October 6, 2025, he assumed the role of Arizona's State Mine Inspector.

Les started collecting at the age of 10 and just attended his 62nd straight Tucson Show. Their displays have received AFMS Regional and National Trophies, along with the Prospectors and Pearl Trophies in Denver and the Desautels, Lidstrom and Bideaux Trophies at the Tucson Show. They have been the featured exhibitors at the East Coast Gem & Mineral Show in Springfield, Massachusetts twice.

Les is a former President of the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, is a former President of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Board member and Chairman of the Flagg Mineral Foundation, a founding member of the University of Arizona Mineral Museum Advisory Board, and a member of the Tucson Show Committee for 39 years, along with the 2026 Show co-chairman. He is a member and vice-chairman of the advisory board for the University of Arizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum in Phoenix.

Les received the 2002 A. L. Flagg Distinguished Service Award, Is a charter member of the 2014 Mineralogical Society of Arizona Hall of Fame, the recipient of the 2017 Carnegie Mineralogical Award, and the 2023 John S. White Mineral Legacy Award.

Les has explored and collected in several localities in Arizona, Missouri and Mexico and provided mining and engineering expertise at the San Francisco mine in Sonora, Mexico, the Brushy Creek mine in Missouri and the Red Cloud mine in Arizona. Les has written numerous articles and co-authored "Collecting Arizona – State of Mines, Legacy of Minerals." He has spoken at various symposiums, including Dallas, Yale, and the Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium, along with numerous Arizona and New Mexico Symposiums, the Tucson, Springfield, and Denver Shows, and many clubs throughout the United States.

How to Join our ZOOM Meetings

MSSC members are automatically included in the invite list each month.

For non MSSC Members who want to attend this meeting. You must respond to our Programs chair, Carolyn Seitz speakers@mineralsocal.org. no later than the Thursday prior to the next scheduled meeting. Please include "*current month ZOOM Meeting*" in the subject line of your response. This response date will allow time for us to send you the information needed to participate in the ZOOM meeting.

From the Editor: Linda Elsnau.

Since I have seen several programs by Les Presmyk I can promise you that this month's program will be one you won't want to miss. I also wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

November is also our annual officer election. As you will see below, MSSC is on the verge of being dissolved for want of one person to come forward and serve as President. The President runs our general and Board meetings, appoints Chairpersons, resolves problems in the membership and performs any other duties customary to the office. A full description of the President's duties is spelled out in the MSSC Bylaws and Operating Rules. Writing a "President's Message" for the Bulletin is **not** listed as part of those duties. As the Bulletin's Editor, I love having a President's Message to include for our member's enjoyment, but authoring an article is not mandatory. If the idea of writing a monthly article keeps you from volunteering, writing one is strictly voluntary.

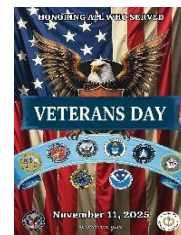


From Our President : Angie Guzman



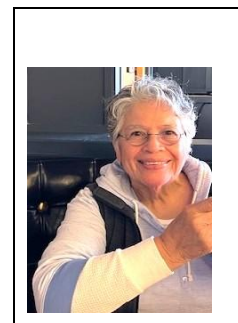
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WELCOME!
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Nov 11, 2025
Photo: U S Veterans
Administration

Now that we've barely survived Halloween, Dia de los Muertos, the end of daylight savings (11/2), and let's not forget all of our military Veterans (11/12) and just 2 weeks before Thanksgiving comes rolling around (11/27), we find ourselves facing MSSC's annual Officer and Director Elections (11/14).



MSSC ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: 11-14-25

CRITICAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

As you are aware, I will be resigning from my position as President at the conclusion of 2025. I made this announcement last year when I agreed to serve as your president for this final year. Who will be the kind individual to step forward and take on the role of President for 2026, ensuring that our remarkable organization continues into its 95th year? Could it be you?

Nominations will be opened, accepted, and subsequently closed during our Membership Meeting on November 14, 2025. Once Nominations are closed, and provided there is a candidate for President, the Election of Officers and Directors will proceed.

However, if there is no candidate for President, holding an election would be unnecessary. In such a scenario, the Board will convene to evaluate and determine the appropriate course of action regarding the dissolution of our Society, which includes asset disposal, the Pacific Micromineral Conference, and the un-registration of our 501(C)3 status in the State of California, along with other society matters.

Rest assured, you will be updated on the Board's decisions as promptly as possible. Our next Board meeting is set for Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 1 PM via ZOOM. YOU, the members of MSSC, are of utmost importance and will certainly be affected. Would you be interested in merging with another mineral society, should they agree – and if so, which one? Please consider this matter now, as I will seek your feedback during our meeting on November 14th. You matter and are important to this society! Thank you.



Featured Mineral:

Chalcedony (Var. Agate) SiO_2

CONDOR AGATE



Photo Credit Angie Guzman

CONDOR AGATE

General Description: variety of quartz
Mode of Formation: vein type
Location: Andes Mountains, Mendoza Province, Argentina
Elevation: 6,000'. Matrix: Rhyolite.
Age: Tertiary 30-50 mya.

Condor agate was first found in Argentina and brought to market in 1993 by Luis de los Santos. These agates feature vibrant bands and are highly valued by collectors and jewelry makers. The specimen shown above displays striking dark banding with a light center that contrasts beautifully. The rhyolite matrix adds the perfect finishing touch. It was sourced from the only vein-type deposit located in the San Rafael Department (Mendoza Province, Argentina). Being relatively young (30 – 52 million years old), Condor agate is mostly free of fractures and may exhibit green fluorescence under short wave UV light.

Luis de los Santos named this discovery ‘Condor Agate’ to honor the Andean condors that glide over the region near San Rafael, Mendoza Province in Argentina. Luis and his former wife, Ana de los Santos, operate the agate mine and oversee the business.

I wish I could claim that I self-collected the specimen above, but as I have not yet visited South America, this would be a falsehood. Nevertheless, I was fortunate enough to meet Luis de los Santos at the Pasadena Lapidary Society show in September 2025, where, after an engaging conversation, I acquired this fascinating Condor agate.

Resources: Wikipedia, AI Search, Mindat.org



Reminders:

- FALL-BACK Nov 2, 2025: Time changes back to standard time;
- VETERAN’s DAY Nov 11, 2025: Thank you for your service!
- **MEMBERSHIP Meeting Nov 14, 2025: MSSC annual ELECTIONS;**
- **BOARD Meeting, Nov 16, 2025: 1pm via ZOOM – guests welcome;**
- THANKSGIVING Nov 27, 2025: Thanks for each and every one of *you*.



Reflections:

In 1931, the Mineralogical Society of Southern California (MSSC) emerged as a pioneering group committed to the study, education, collection, and appreciation of minerals. At that time, it was the first organization of its kind west of the Mississippi River in the United States. Today, numerous societies and clubs have developed, encompassing rockhounds, lapidary enthusiasts, gem collectors, and more.

Many individuals have become experts in specific areas of the mineral world, gaining respect and recognition among their peers in the gem and mineral community, with several achieving prestigious awards. MSSC takes pride in having many of these esteemed individuals as members. It is essential to acknowledge their dedication and passion for minerals. Additionally, we must not overlook the mineral enthusiasts—whether they are weekend adventurers, hobbyists, or serious collectors—who venture into the field in search of that elusive specimen. Together, all these individuals, regardless of their expertise, enrich the mineral world that we cherish.

As your president, I extend my gratitude for your unwavering support of our society and minerals in general. We would not have reached this point without your passion and love for minerals. The end of 2025 will mark the completion of our 94th anniversary—94 years filled with countless field trips, speakers, and an endless

fascination with minerals. Thank you. I am confident that MSSC's first president, John Renshaw, would be proud of the progress our society and its members have achieved to date.

Thank you! Angie Guzman MSSC President



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MSSC Membership ZOOM Meeting Minutes, Friday, September 12, 2025

Welcome

President Angela G. welcomed 34 members and guests to the Mineralogical Society of Southern California's 1,043rd Membership Meeting (65th Zoom conferencing meeting). She asked guests to introduce themselves, there was Eric De Carlo from Hawaii, Rob Price from Tennessee, Will Moats from Bisbee Arizona, Barbara Edinger from New York, Barbara Noyce, New York Mineral club President, and Jetta Sorensen Culver City Rock and Mineral. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Business:

(1) Minutes to Approve: President Guzman asked for a motion to approve the membership meeting minutes of September 12, 2025, as published in the October 2025 Bulletin: A motion was made by Rudy L. and seconded by Carolyn S. She asked for any additions, corrections or discussion, hearing none, she called for a voice vote to approve the motion. The motion to approve the stated minutes carried.

(2) Officer and Director Nominations: Angie announced "As per MSSC's By Laws and Operating Rules and Regulations, during the October Membership meeting, nominations for its Officer and applicable Director seats shall be declared open and will be facilitated. At conclusion, the Nominations will be declared closed. As a reminder, the same will occur at the November meeting and at that close, MSSC will hold its election, as applicable." [This may or may not be announced: If no election is possible for lack of nominations, MSSC Board will hold a special meeting on November 16th to determine our next course of action: dissolution, merge or temporary vacancy.]

Angie declared "nominations for MSSC Officers, CFMS Director and (2) Director seats (2026-2027) are open. I will take nominations for each seat. The person nominated will please state if they either accept or decline the nomination." Remember, nominations will also open during our November 14th meeting and be immediately followed by the elections of these positions.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
President:	Angie G	none
Vice President:	Renee K	Accepted
Secretary:	Leslie O	Accepted
Treasurer:	Carolyn S	Pat S nominated by Carolyn, Pat was not present at the meeting
CFMS Director:	Angie G	Accepted
Director #1	Pat C	Accepted
Director #2	Ahni D	Bert V. Accepted

Angie asked "Are there any other nominations for any of these positions? If not, I declare these nominations closed until our next membership meeting on November 14th. Thank you all."

Program

President Guzman turned the meeting over to MSSC's Speaker's Chair, Carolyn S. who introduced Brian Swoboda. Brian presented "Storytelling to Preserve the Future"

Introduction

BlueCap Productions is a full-service video production company focused on documenting the mineral-collecting world. As the son of mineral collecting pioneer Edward Swoboda, BlueCap Productions' President, Bryan Swoboda, grew up surrounded by minerals and mines. From running around underground with candles at the Tourmaline Queen Mine in Pala, California (which is still owned by the Swoboda family) to riding ore carts up the incline at the Amelia Mine in Santa Rosalia, Mexico, minerals were always in Bryan's life. But more than just the minerals, it was the stories that went with the minerals that always fascinated Bryan. Since 2007, BlueCap Productions has been traveling the world capturing some of the most important mineral stories today. From in-depth video show reports to full-length feature films on different mineral localities to recording the many presentations going on in the mineral world, BlueCap Productions is dedicated to preserving our mineral legacy for future generations.

Blue Cap's Mineral Legacy Journey

Bryan Swoboda, president of BlueCap Productions, shared his family's long history with the Mineralogical Society of Southern California and his company's mission to document the mineral collecting world through video production. He introduced his presentation, which included stories about his father's mineral collecting experiences and their connection to Brazil, highlighting the significance of the country in mineral discovery. Bryan emphasized his role as a filmmaker rather than a mineralogist or collector, and he planned to share stories that would illustrate his beliefs about the mineral collecting world and the role of BlueCap Productions in preserving its legacy.

Journey to Brazil, Jungle Adventures

Bryan shared his father's incredible journey to Brazil in 1939, where he worked at a grocery store to save money for the trip. After arriving in Rio de Janeiro, his father met Doc Davron, an American explorer, and joined him on a bird-trapping expedition for the Smithsonian Museum in the Mato Grosso jungle. Bryan's father lived there for several months, experiencing thrilling adventures and dangerous encounters with wildlife. He eventually returned to Rio, where he continued his adventures and made important connections in the scientific community.

Father's WWII Geological Adventures

Bryan shared his father's story of working in Brazil from 1939 to 1941, where he initially served as a field guide for U.S. Geological Survey personnel searching for strategic minerals during World War II. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Ed was ordered to report to the American Embassy in Rio, where he remained to assist with geological surveys. He later discovered a new mineral, Brazilianite, with the help of a local miner named Raimundo and an American curator named Fred Poe, who named and studied the mineral. Bryan's father and Fred Poe remained lifelong friends, and Bryan shared a photograph of them together.

Blue Cap Productions' Origins

Bryan shared the story of how Blue Cap Productions began after the death of Fred Pough, a mineral expert and author of the successful book "Rocks and Minerals." Inspired by Fred's untimely passing and his conversations with his Ed Swoboda, Bryan decided to create a documentary-style show called "What's Hot in Tucson" with David Wilbur, filming mineral dealers and discussing their wares.

The company logo, featuring a rabbit ears tourmaline with an incorrect crystal structure, was designed by David O'Connell and remains unchanged as a humorous tribute to Peter Bancroft's criticism of the design. Bryan explained that the rabbit ears tourmaline was his father's favorite specimen from the Blue Cap pocket discovery at the Tourmaline Queen mine, which he chose to keep despite offers from the Smithsonian and other collectors.

Mineral Collecting Stories and Legacy

Bryan shared stories about his father, Dave Wilbur, and their experiences in the mineral collecting world, including a deal involving a Rolls Royce and the Bancroft rhodochrosite. He discussed the creation of various mineral collecting shows and documentaries, including "What's Hot in Tucson" and "Mogok, the legendary Valley of Rubies." Bryan emphasized the importance of preserving and sharing stories about the people, species/specimens, and locales in the mineral collecting community, encouraging others to record and share their own stories to carry them forward to future generations.

Mogok Documentary

Bryan shared his experiences filming in Mogok, explaining how the project evolved from an initially unscripted approach to becoming a documentary, with Federico Pezzotta providing finishing funds through MCP.

If you want to see some of the BlueCap Productions work, here are some links:

[BlueCap Productions](#)

[Mineral Talks Live](#)

[What's Hot Videos](#)

A short Q & A session followed. Angie thanked Brian for an amazing program. She also thanked members and guests for attending.

Approved Mineral Species Update

According to the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) there are 6,176 approved mineral species as published on the latest IMA List of Minerals as of September 2025. (IMA/CNMNC List is currently published every other month.) Please note: The [RRUFF.net](#) site lists 6,177 while Mindat lists 6,174 approved mineral species. Marek mentioned that Tony K. now has over 400 minerals he has identified!

MSSC's Fire Victims Fund On behalf of MSSC, I would like to acknowledge and thank our members for their kind thoughts, well-wishes and monetary donations to our Fire Victim's Fund. We hope all of those affected by the January 7, 2025, Eaton Fire will be able to bring some semblance of order back into their lives. We sincerely hope for the best going forward. Thank you.

Announcements

Marek - [Field Trip](#) update and share; on the recent field trip to Ridgecrest members bought minerals at Minerals Unlimited (they bought more in one day than the shop usually sells in a whole week!) and collected scheelite at night with UV lights and a full moon.

Rudy – no report

Angie - MSSC Special Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16th

at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Main Topic: MSSC Election of November 14 results.

Guests are welcome; please contact our Treasurer, treasurer@mineralsocal.org;

Renee - Instagram mineral video- Renee not present. Check out our Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/mssc1931/>.

Shows: Fallbrook Sunday, Oct 12th, San Diego Nov 1-2 and 20th Sinkankas Symposium, April 25, 2026.

Last Words:

President Guzman asked that all members please attend the nominations and elections on Friday, November 14th at 7:30pm via Zoom. If there is someone you know who would also like to attend, please notify Carolyn at treasurer@mineralsocal.org prior to Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

To Elizabeth Moller, thank you for your kind words in the October 2025 Bulletin. It is wonderful to know our members who grew up with the society remain loyal and care about MSSC. Thank you!

Lastly, to all of you, my gratitude for attending tonight's meeting. Your membership and attendance are sincerely appreciated. See you next time!

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie O., MSSC Secretary

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List of Upcoming MSSC Events : Mark your Calender!

Event	Date	Comments / Scheduled Program (if known)
Meeting Dates::	Zoom December 14, 2025	Charles Rogers - Crater Rock Museum, Oregon/Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Society, Inc
	ZOOM January 9, 2025	TBA
Special Board Meeting	ZOOM November 16th, 2025	ZOOM at 1:00 PM
Board Meeting	ZOOM December 7th, 2025	ZOOM at 1:00 PM
Field Trip		No News At This Time

Note: Dates and programs shown above are subject to change. Check your bulletins to confirm final information each month.

The Ride Share Listing is being temporarily discontinued until such time as MSSC starts holding in-person meetings again.

Minutes of the September 28, 2025, MSSC Board Meeting

Present: Angela G., George R., Pat S., Renee K., David L., Leslie O., Ahni D., Carolyn S., Rudy L.

From the Chair

President Angela G. called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Business:

1. Approval of the last board meeting minutes from July 20, 2025, as published in the August 2025 bulletin. Angie called for a motion to approve; the motion was made by David L. and seconded by Rudy L. The president called for a voice vote. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Topics - Items up for discussion

1. MSSC's Elections November 2025: Nominations at October and November meetings, with elections 11/14/25;

- If there is no President and Treasurer nominated by November 14, 2025, the society will be dissolved.
- If MSSC has a President and Treasurer then the society continues – the Installation Banquet and PMC will be held, and the society is status quo.
- Membership –

If a) above, begin sending refunds for 2026 and beyond starting at the end of December 2025.

Discussion: David asked that we send out a stand-alone email to let all members know of the perilous state of the society. Rudy asked if plans had already been made for the PMC in Fallbrook. Angie said she would check with Al W. Maybe have a special board meeting after November 14th meeting. Will club be dissolved? Or melded with another club?

David wanted to know how many minutes Angie put in as president. She didn't have a definitive answer. President: chairs all meetings, writes agendas, presidents message (previous presidents have done, not required). The agenda is a template for the flow of the meeting. Treasurer: Carolyn said it is seasonal, lots early in the year and then for events. Pat S. said he thought David L. would make a good president, David declined. Pat said he could be a "straw" president. He said treasurer is the more difficult job. Renee suggested we need in-person meetings. The "hang out" after the meeting is important. No one to do outreach to new members.

Angie talked about difficulty of international presenters and members. We would need a hybrid meeting. Rudy stated that meeting at PCC would be \$500/month. For in-person, we would have to find a new venue. Some people won't drive to a meeting on a Friday night.

If b) above, continue to accept membership for 2026 and beyond.

2. MSSC's Fire Victims Fund – status and, distribution by end of September 2025.

Officers and Committees:

- Financials (Carolyn) Financial report and Insurance- Carolyn emailed the financial report to all board members. There were no questions.
 - Web (Leslie) status/stats-602 Instagram followers, Facebook views are up, we have 870 followers. On the website, there are a steady number of views~20/day. People were looking for a link to the Southern California Friends of Mineralogy (2500 views) which no longer exists,
 - Membership (Linda)-no report
 - Bulletin (Linda)- she has lots of stamps
 - Events (Rudy) Installation Banquet January 2026 – All events are on hold until elections. He will check with LANHM about a possible field trip.
 - PMC (Al) – Angie will call Al W. for an update.
 - Other- Angie will attend the CFMS conference in November.
- Pat S. said he will volunteer for one of the positions (most likely treasurer). He talked to a club in San Diego that has a gemological club under its umbrella.
- Angie will get bylaws to Pat S. for review, Angie will check w/CFMS about club status.

Next MSSC Board Meeting: Date: November 16 at 1pm via ZOOM.

Adjournment - Board meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by Leslie O., MSSC secretary

OTHER (FREE) THINGS TO DO...by Ann Meister

The **Watson Lecture** is on Wednesday, **November 19** at 7:30 PM at Caltech's Beckman Auditorium. The speaker is **Ashwin Vasavada**, Project Scientist, Mars Science Laboratory, JPL. The title is "**Thirteen Years in the Dust: How a Robot Showed that Mars Was Once Habitable.**" Was life ever possible on Mars? The Curiosity rover, equipped with the most sophisticated scientific payload ever sent to the Red Planet, reached Mars in 2012 to find out. Join Ashwin Vasavada (PhD '98), project scientist for the Mars Science Laboratory, which delivered Curiosity safely to the surface, as he recounts the rover's journey up the slopes of a Martian mountain whose rocky layers hold a record of the ancient past. He'll also share a behind-the-scenes look at the triumphs and challenges that are a part of the mission's legacy. The Curiosity rover is operated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), which is managed by Caltech for NASA. **REGISTER** to ensure a seat: [AudienceView Professional](#). Enjoy pre-lecture activities and music including food, drinks, and books available for purchase starting at 6 PM. Find past lectures on [Caltech Watson Lecture Series - YouTube](#)

The **Von Kármán Lecture** is on Thursday, **November ??** at 5:00 PM. Available live on YouTube at [NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory - YouTube](#). Date, speaker, and topic were not available at time of publication. Check website for information and past lectures [Lecture Series \(nasa.gov\)](#). Previous lectures are available on YouTube.

The **UCLA Meteorite Gallery** is open to the public weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm and on Sundays from 1 to 4 pm when it is staffed with volunteer docents. Admission is always free. The monthly lectures seem to have been discontinued but the gallery is well worth exploring. Visit the website and check on events, videos, and other neat things including resources for teachers, Go to <https://meteorites.ucla.edu>



Calendar of Events:

Only S. CA shows are listed here. Other CFMS Club shows can be found at: <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

November 1-2, 2025 – San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society

Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road,
San Diego, CA 92106 (in Point Loma)

Hours: Sat 10 AM – 6 PM, Sun 10 AM – 4 PM

Website: <https://www.sdmg.org>

November 1-2, 2025 – Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society

Ridgecrest Desert Empire Fairgrounds

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

Sunday will be a field trip to the club's jasper claim!

Website: iwgms.org

November 15, 2025 – Cabazon, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society

50171 Ramona St., Cabazon, CA

Hours: 9 AM – 3 PM

Website: <http://sgmgs.org>

November 22-23, 2025 – Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society

El Cajon Valley Annual Rock and Gem Round-Up

Hours: Sat 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun 9 AM – 4 PM

Website: <http://www.ecvgms.org>

November 22-23, 2025 – Fresno, CA

Fresno Gem & Mineral Society

Elks Lodge, 5351 N. Diana St., Fresno, CA

Hours: Sat 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun 10 AM – 4 PM

Admittance \$5.00 for ages 13 & up, includes both days
with a wristband. Free parking.

Website: <https://www.fgms.rock>

No shows listed for December 2025

MSSC Advertisement Policy:			
Mineral-related ads are allowable in the MSSC bulletin. Below is the price per month			
	Business Card	\$5.00	
	One-third page	\$10.00	
	One-half page	\$20.00	
	Full Page	\$35.00	
In addition, any advertiser who purchases 12 months of space in advance will receive a discount of 12 months for the price of 10 months. The copy for the ads should be mailed to the editor at bulletin@mineralsocal.org and the payment should be sent to the MSSC Treasurer 13781 Alderwood Lane, #22-J, Seal Beach, CA 90740			

**West Coast
Gem & Mineral Show
Holiday Inn
Orange County Airport
2726 South Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92705
November 14 - 16, 2025
Fri & Sat 10am to 6pm
Sun 10am to 5pm**



Tanzanite – New Era Gems

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About the Mineralogical Society of Southern California

Organized in 1931, the Mineralogical Society of Southern California, Inc. is the oldest mineralogical society in the western United States. The MSSC is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and is dedicated to the dissemination of general knowledge of the mineralogical and related earth sciences through the study of mineral specimens. We are a scientific non-profit organization that actively supports those endeavors through public outreach, field study and related programs. The Bulletin of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California is the official publication of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California, Inc.

The MSSC meetings are usually held the second Friday of each month, January, February, and August excepted, at 7:30 p.m. in Building E, Room 220, Pasadena City College, 1570 E Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, California. However, due to current health considerations, MSSC meetings are conducted via ZOOM conferencing until further notice. The annual Installation Banquet occurs in January, and the annual Picnic and Swap Meeting are in August. Check the Society website for details.

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