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Our next meeting will be Friday, November 8, 7:00 PM,
at the PG Natural History Museum.
The program will be The Annual Auction!

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ANNUAL DUES: Adults (21 & over) $15, Couples $20, Juniors (high school) $1, and Pebble Pups (grade school or younger)- Free
INITIATION FEE: $10 plus $5 each additional family member (includes "*stinkin' name badges!*")
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SOCIETY PURPOSE: The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the study of mineralogy and geology, to encourage the collecting of specimens and the practice of the lapidary arts, to promote responsible field excursions to mineral locations, and to further the education of all. **And remember, please...Tread Lightly!**
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Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society general meetings: **2nd** Friday, 7:00 PM; guests & visitors are welcome. Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM, before the General Meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CLUBS:

The Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00pm, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Their website is **www.SCGMS.org** for club info & their newsletter, The Lapidarian.
The Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at the Vererans Hall in Spreckles, 5th & Llano streets; guests & visitors welcome. For club information & their newsletter, the club website is **www.salinasrockandgem.com**. Also contact Karin Salomon, 375-5233. Guests and visitors are welcome. **Annual SVR&G Show: March 9 & 10, 2013, Veterans Hall, Spreckels.** Admission will be free, lots of FREE parking.

2013 CVGMS Tentative Monthly calendar: PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.
January: Friday the 11th
February: Friday the 8th
March: Friday the 8th.
Sat. March 9: The Newark bus trip has been cancelled. Carpooling is suggested instead.
April: Friday the 12th
May: Friday the 10th
June: **Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Sunday, June 10, Noon (or before), Whispering Pines Park, Monterey (no general meeting)**
July: Friday the 12th
August: Friday the 9th
Sept.: Friday the 13th (General meeting); **53nd ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SAT.& SUN. the 28th & 29th**
October: Friday the 11th
November: Friday the 8th - **THE ANNUAL AUCTION!**
December: **Sunday, Dec. 8- 4:30 PM, ANNUAL XMAS DINNER** & INSTALLATION OF 2014 OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

WOW....this year is flying by!
First a great big THANK YOU to Jim and Nancy Brace-Thompson for a wonderful program about their visit to Germany, Idar-Oberstein, world famous for its amazing agates and cutting and faceting....my dad had his benitoite faceted there. I gained a whole new appreciation for the breathtaking beauty of agates from his slides (and some specimens)...the colors and patterns were absolutely beautiful! Thank you so much for coming all the way from Ventura to share these treasures from the earth with us!
November 8 is AUCTION NIGHT!! So please look through your treasures and pick a few you can part with and contribute to a lively evening! The auction benefits our annual show, club activities like our June picnic and December Christmas Dinner, our school programs, pebble pup programs and scholarship programs (our recipient last year was Addison Sani who graduated from MPC and is now at UC Santa Barbara majoring in Geology).
Anything rock related is welcomed....specimens, equipment, etc. (but no white elephants please....they won't fit into the museum!)

Two IMPORTANT MATTERS:
First, ELECTION OF OFFICERS and Board Members at the November meeting. Be thinking if you would like to be an officer or board member (the board members offer ideas and suggestions and have a vote in all board decisions) as we will take care of this before beginning the auction.
Also, the DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER on Sun Dec 8: we will have a sign up sheet for a few specific dishes and then the rest of the membership will bring salads, side dishes and desserts. We also bring our own plates and silverware.

I look forward to seeing you all Friday, November 8 at the P.G. Museum of Natural History for a lively Auction!!

Susie Harlow, Pres. CVGMS

CVGMS BOARD MEETING: October 11, 2013

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Susie Harlow.
Present: Susie Harlow, Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Talma Taormina, Barb and Matt Biewer, Jay House, Adrienne Pimentel, Karin Salomon, Rich Saylor, and Janis Rovetti.
Correspondence: Matt reports we received our refund from the Monterey Fairgrounds. Matt has also reserved the banner space for next year's show from the City of Monterey.
Membership: Jay reports no new members.
Treasurer's Report: Pearl gave the treasurer's report. It was M/S/P to pay the current bills.
Federation: Karin reports that Zzyzx is coming up from March 30 through April 6, 2014. Karin will also be attending the CFMS Annual Fall Meeting in Visalia on November 8-9, 2013. Plus the annual CFMS Show sponsored by the Pasadena Lapidary Society will be May 30-31, 2014. It will be held in Pomona Fairplex Bldg 5 and called "California Gem & Mineral Bounty."
Scholarship: Talma did a school presentation at Bay View Charter School on 10/3/13 called "Earth Oven."
Old Business: Our annual show was a success! Now we will start thinking about next year.
New Business: New CVGMS officer suggestions and nominations.
October Program: Jim and Nancy Brace-Thompson will give a presentation of their trip to n Idar-Oberstein.
November Program: Our annual Auction! Bring some great stuff to sell!
December Program: Christmas dinner and installation of officers.
The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is November 8, 2013

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

AT THE SNACK TABLE....

Susie's spinach dip recipe: Mix together & chill:

16 oz. sour cream (Susie prefers "Knudsen's")
1 cup mayonnaise (Susie uses "Best Foods")
1 package Knorr's Vegetable Soup Mix (dry) note: not their "Spring" veggie soup mix!
1 10 oz. package frozen CHOPPED spinach
2 green onions, chopped
1 small can water chestnuts, drained & chopped

Note: Susie made a point of the various brands she used. I included her recommendations, of course. Serve chilled; thin slices of baguette bread go well with this dip! The sliced bread served with this dip at the meeting came in bags, pre-sliced, from Knob Hill Foods in PG.
Note: if you choose to use non-fat or low fat products don't blame Susie (or me) for the taste...

IN THE MAIL...

Hi - here are some good tips sent via brad. Enjoy, Karin

Included below are a couple of Jewelry Bench Tips for use in an upcoming issue of your club newsletter. Attached are some pictures to help illustrate the tips. Please get in touch if there are any questions.
- Brad

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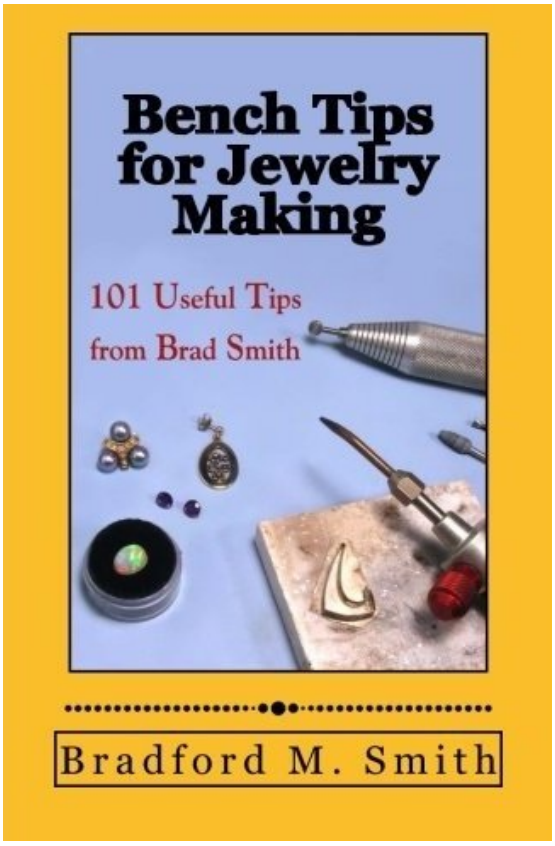
MARKING YOUR TOOLS

It makes sense to mark your tools if you ever lend them to friends or take them out to classes or workshops. The question is, how to mark them permanently. For metal tools, I use a very small ball bur running fast in the Dremel or Foredom to "engrave" my initials. Other times I'll form the initials with a number of hits with a center punch.

For hammer handles and other wooden tools, the country boy in me came back and thought "Why not make a branding iron?" If you'd like to try one, all you need is a little scrap copper or nickel about 22-24 gauge, a piece of heavy brass or copper for a base, about 6 inches of metal rod and a piece of wood for the handle.
I formed my initials from a couple 4mm strips of sheet nickel. The "S" was one piece, but the "B" was three pieces soldered together with hard. (Remember to form the letters backwards). I then soldered the letters with medium onto a piece of 1/8 inch thick brass bar to act as a heat sink. Finally, I soldered a piece of 1/8 round rod on the back of the brass bar as a shaft to join to a wooden handle.



BENCH TIPS HOLIDAY SPECIAL

If you find these monthly tips useful, then think how nice it'd be to have the full bench tips reference guide for your shop or as a present for a jewelry friend. Between now and Thanksgiving I'm offering a Holiday Special that includes a free bonus pack of jewelry articles with every copy purchased.

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" contains 101 of the most popular and useful bench tips organized into ten main problem areas. It's filled with close-up photos and has a detailed index to help find the solution you need by key word.

Get your copy by going directly to my printer at http://CreateSpace.com/3976439. Upon ordering the book, you will receive a confirmation email. This is your proof of purchase. Forward a copy of this to me at benchtips@yahoo.com to receive your free bonus pack. *(Ed.: the book lists at $16.95.)*

The articles include:
1. Cuttlebone Casting - Get wonderful textures quickly and easily
2. Bezel Basics - Hints for making a perfect bezel every time
3. Make Your Own Wax Pen - You'll love this $20 electric wax tool
4. Depletion Gilding - An easy way to avoid tarnish on your pieces
5. Setting Up A Home Shop - Tool tips and safety considerations
6. Building a Jewelry Web Site - Develop a plan to save money

The following attribution is requested with each publication: More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at facebook.com/BenchTips/ or search for "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon.

JADE FESTIVAL REPORT

October 12-13, 2013

The 22nd Annual Big Sur Jade Festival was held at Pacific Valley School (partly for which this event is a fund-raiser). There was a lot of confusion caused by the government shutdown... The U.S. Forest Service administers the lands upon which the school are located, and of course requires an annual permit to hold the event. The claim was that "no funding, no USFS staff, no permit, no event". Anyway many people got involved, including Congressman Farr, and the result was that a permit was issued, but with severe restrictions on parking, camping, etc. A much fuller report by Kim Noyes, together with some mighty fine photos of the event can be found at the following website:

http://eclecticarcania.blogspot.com/2013/10/22nd-annual-big-sur-jade-festival.html

-Thanks to Karin Salomon for passing on the report!

The 2013 Jade Festival *Photo: Kim Noyes*

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PEBBLE PUPS:

Hey Pebble Pups,

This month our meeting is the Annual Auction. We won't be having our regular Pebble Pup Activity, but you'll have a chance to add to your collection by bidding on auction items. I hope to see you there.

Talma Taormina, Scholarship Chair

FEDERATION REPORT *Karin Salomon, Federation Director*

Upcoming Federation events: Annual Fall Meeting, Visalia, 11/8 & 9; **Camp Zzyzx, open for registration**, March 30-April 6, 2014; $390 per person, inclusive. Go to amfed.org/camps.htm for info. Annual CFMS show, Pasadena Lapidary Society, May 30-31, 2014. CFMS has an annual subscription to "Diamond Dan" in electronic format at www.diamonddanpublications.net, "Mini Miners Monthly". Articles of interest online: BLM is working on Travel Management Plan for La Posa District (Quartzsite); http:blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/travel_mgmt/la_posa/maps.html ; also cfmsinc.org/newsletter then follow the listed menu items for past & latest CFMS news, especially regarding land use.

LOCAL UPCOMING EVENT:

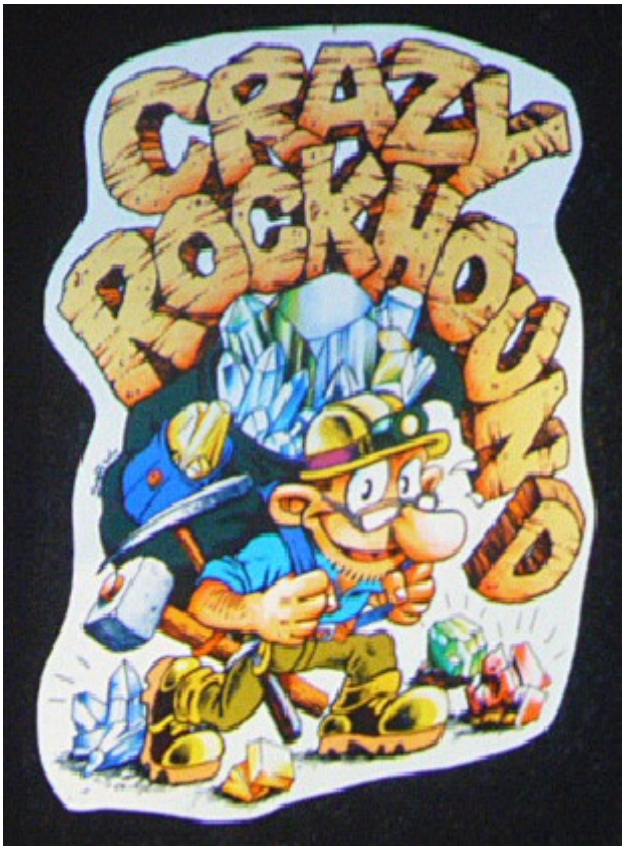
November 9th and 10th, Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society members will host a holiday gift fair at the Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Avenue in Santa Cruz. Please see the complete listing in UPCOMING EVENTS, page 11. *Lots of nice stuff!*

OCTOBER MEETING SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION:

A TRIP TO GERMANY, BY JIM & NANCY BRACE-THOMPSON

Jim & Nancy came all the way from Ventura again to tell us about their trip to Idar-Oberstein, world famous for its cutting and faceting, but especially for its agates! President Susie H.'s dad had his benitoite faceted there 50 years ago.
Jim writes: **Idar-Oberstein is especially significant because it's there that our modern form of agate cutting and crafting began over 500 years ago. The first legal document registering a gem-cutter in this area dates to 1497! The methods they developed and used are the same we modern rockhounds and lapidary artists use with our rock saws and grinding and polishing units.**
Ed.: the photos below were actually taken of the projected slides during the presentation; the captions are Jim's own. To get an idea of the size of the specimens, see the photo of Holger Quellmalz's case, page 7

A restaurant immediately outside of the Museum Idar-Oberstein serving up spiessbraten, a Brazilian delicacy (neck of beef or pork roasted on a spit over a beech wood flame) that's been adopted as the official meal of Idar-Oberstein; it was brought back by immigrants who also brought back Brazilian agates, saving the Idar-Oberstein agate factories in the early 1800s when the local supply of agates was playing out.



A cartoon that was in one of the display cases at the 49th Annual Munich Show (Mineralientage Munchen), illustrating that rockhounds the world over are crazy fellows, with an odd sense of humor…

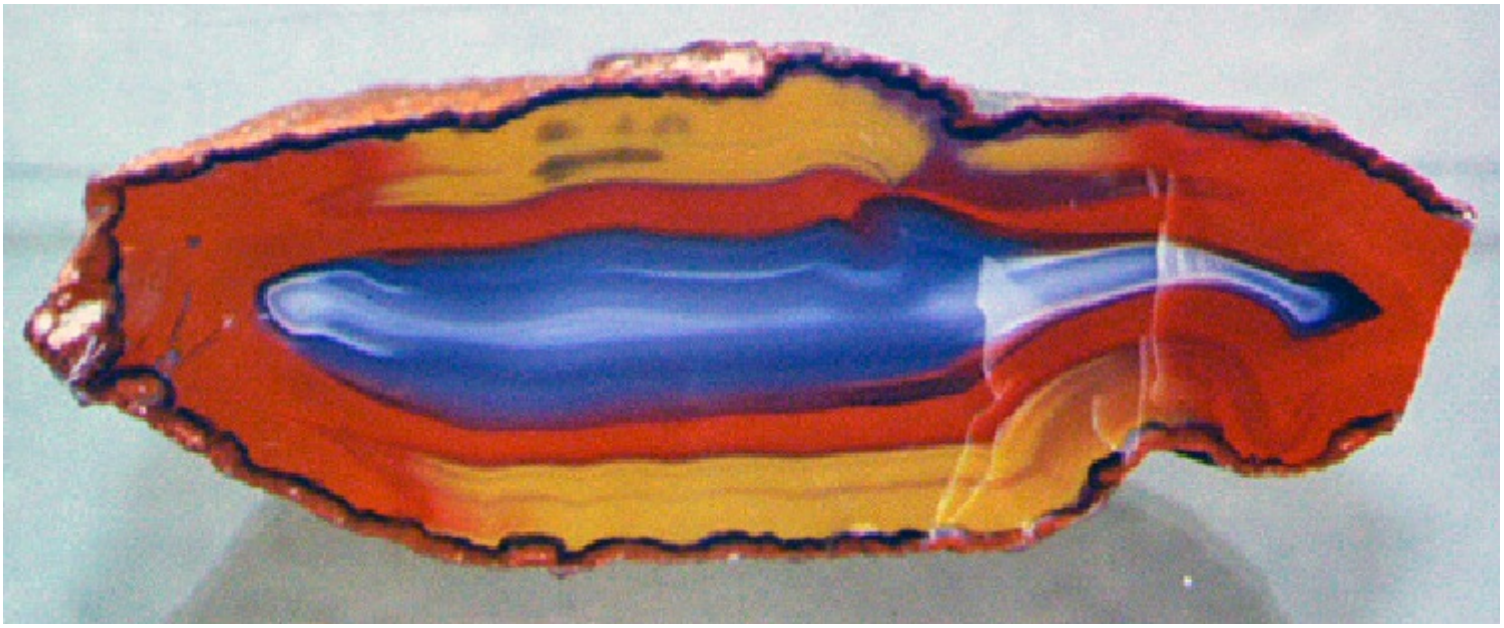
Two Tyrolean folk musicians (from the Austrian Alps) inspired folk dancing in the halls at the Munich Show, which is often referred to as "The Tucson of Europe."

A traditional Bavarian um-pah band added to the noisy din of the famous (or infamous) Hofbrauhaus, where a rabble-rousing Adolf Hitler developed his political chops.

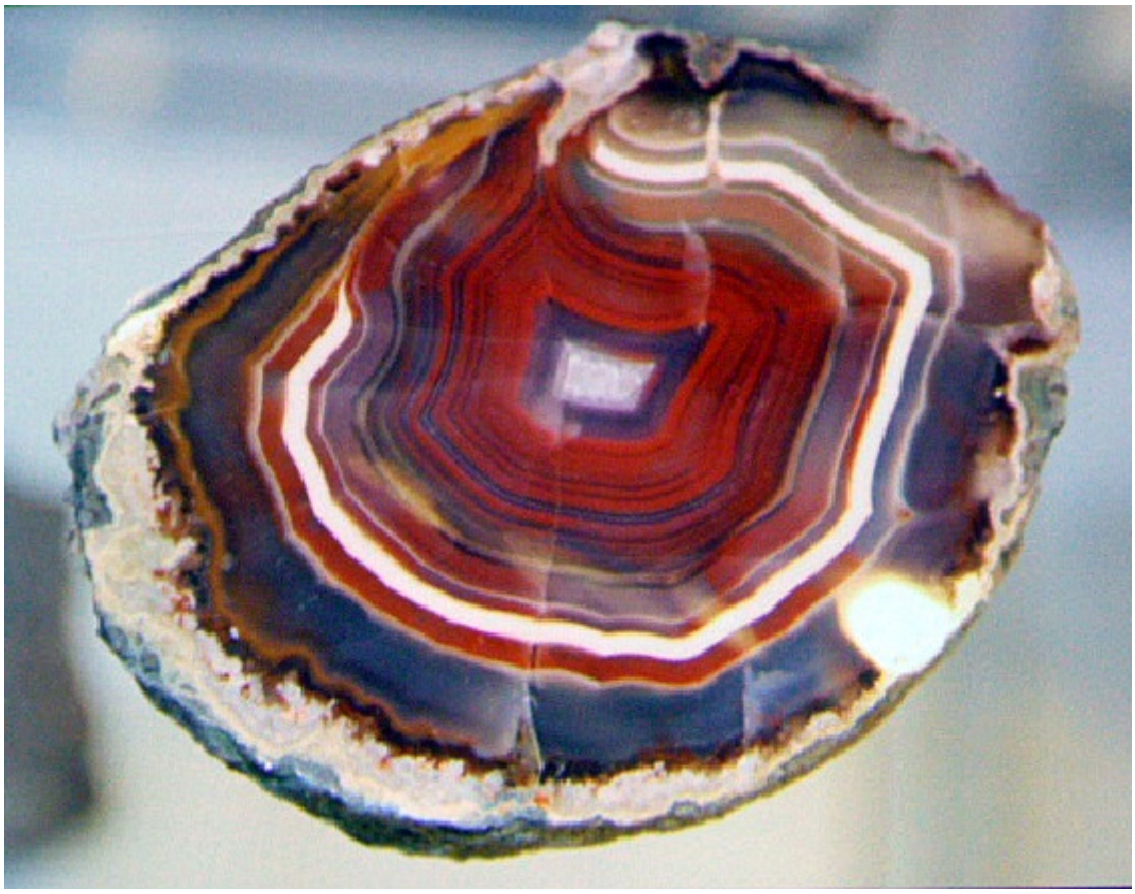
Exhibitor Holger Quellmalz self-collected, cut, and polished all the specimens of German agates and thunder eggs in this case. He also sold me the agate pictured on the label at the back of his case.

The theme of the 49th Annual Munich Show in 2012 was “Africa,” and displays included fabulously huge specimens of rare gemstones like this tanzanite.

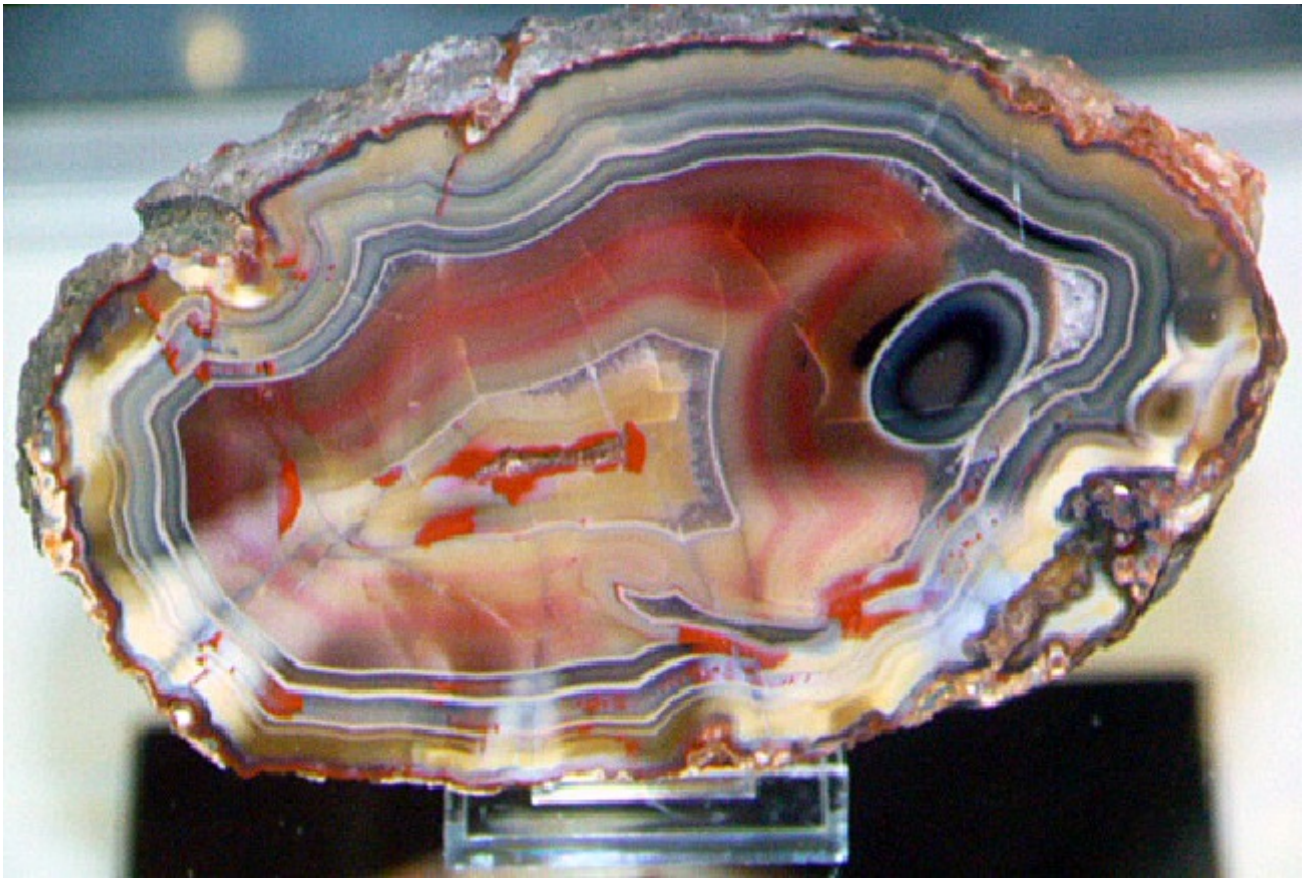
Folks checking out the displays at the Munich Show.



Carnelian agates were especially favored in Idar-Obserstein; this one is housed in the Museum Idar-Oberstein and came from the nearby village of Baumholder.



An Idar-Oberstein agate on display at the Munich Show.



Another Idar-Oberstein agate on display at the Munich Show.

At right: one of the show lapidary demonstrations... they use pretty much the same equipment as we do!

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Again, many thanks to Jim & Nancy for taking the time & trouble to give this spectacular presentation of their trip to Germany! And thanks as well, Jim, for "captioning" these copies of your slide photos via email! - Ed.

One of the Idar-Oberstein agates self-collected and cut by exhibitor Holger Quellmalz and on display at the Munich Show.

UPCOMING EVENTS *(November 2013~January 2014)*:

In general, due to space limitations, only club and Federation shows in California (CA) , & "nearby" shows in Oregon (OR), Nevada (NV) Washington State (WA), Arizona (AZ) and New Mexico (NM) are listed. However there are many, many shows throughout the US and Canada, both club/Federation and commercial. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com/showdates or cfmsinc.org
PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMERCIAL (non-club) GEMSTONE, JEWELRY, & BEADING SHOWS such as Gemfaire, Crystalfair, Martin Zinn Expositions, and others are generally not listed, since there are so many, but can be found at the above websites. Please confirm all show dates- Ed.

November 2013

1-3—BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA: 37th Annual Rock-a-Rama; High Desert Helpers; High Desert Park; 19001 E. Jacie Ln.; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-2; free admission; outdoor show, door prizes, dealers, demonstrators, minerals, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, crystals, tools, equipment, books, lapidary supplies, gold panning, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, stone carving, gem setting, raffle, rock I.D.; contact Sue Coordinator, PO Box 212, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324-0212, (602) 471-0173; e-mail: riverdiva@gmail.com; Web site: www.highdeserthelpers.org
2-3—ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; American Opal Society; The Phoenix Club - Festhalle; 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., SE of Ball Rd. and 57 Fwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults $3, children (under 15) free; dealers, opals, gems, jewelry, rough and cut opals, jewelry tools and supplies, gemstone photography, books, prize drawing, free opal seminars, kids' area, demonstrations, gem cutting, jewelry making, gem carving, wire wrapping, inlay, faceting, cabbing; contact Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959; e-mail: info@opalsociety.org; Web site: www.opalsociety.org
2-3—CONCORD, CALIFORNIA: 54th annual show and sale; Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society; Centre Concord; 5298 Clayton Rd., near Ygnacio Valley Rd.; Sat. 10-5; adults $6, children (under 16) free; more than 25 dealers, gems, jewelry, fossils, minerals, crystals, jade, meteorites, fluorescent rocks, lapidary tools, equipment, findings, books, supplies, more than 20 demonstrations, cabbing, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, setting, stone carving, gold panning, more than 40 exhibits and educational displays, youth and Scout activities, free rock and gem identification, silent auction, fluorescent display room, hourly door prizes, raffle; contact Harry Nichandros, CA, (925) 289-0454; e-mail: show-r@ccmgs.org; Web site: http://ccmgs.org
2-3—RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA: 58th Annual Show; Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society; Desert Empire Fairgrounds; 520 S. Richmond Rd., Mesquire Hall; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; field trip Sun.; contact John De Rosa, (760) 375-7905; e-mail: jfrocks@dslextreme.com
2-3—SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; San Diego Mineral & Gem Society; Al Bahr Shrine; 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, gemstones, minerals, beads, jewelry, lapidary equipment and supplies, demonstrations, wire wrapping, faceting, lost wax casting, silver chainmaking, intarsia, spheremaking, gemstone identification, Junior Booth, Club Booth, bargain books, rocks, equipment, slabs; contact Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886; e-mail: rtourmaline2@aol.com; Web site: SDMG.org
9—VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: 3rd Annual Christmas Gem, Jewelry and Gift Show; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Vallejo Vet's Bldg.; 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln.; Sat. 9-5; adults $1, children (under 12) free with adult; finished jewelry, beads, necklaces, fossils, minerals, crafts; contact Dan Wolke, (707) 334-2950; e-mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net; Web site: vjgems.org
9-10—SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA: Retail show; Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society; Live Oak Grange; 1900 17th Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; jewelry, gems, fossil fish, ammonites, crystals, activities for kids and adults; contact Michael Cox, PO Box 343, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, (831) 459-0572; e-mail: scruzmgs@gmail.com; Web site: www.scmgs.org
9-10—LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society; LHC Community Center; 100 Park Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults $1, students and children free; more than 40 displays, 40 dealers, findings, finished jewelry, specimens; contact Elizabeth Porter, 2810 Holiday Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403, (928) 453-8415; e-mail: lizinyl@aol.com
16-17—OXNARD, CALIFORNIA: 44th Annual Galaxy of Gems Expo; Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society; Oxnard Performing Arts Center; 800 Hobson Way; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; "Agates": hourly door prizes, 70 display cases, kids' games, demonstrations, wire wrapping, glass bead forging, sphere making; contact Brett Johnson, (805) 822-3836; e-mail: show_info@oxnardgem.com; Web site: www.oxnardgem.com
16-17—PAYSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center; Hwy. 87 Mile Marker 251; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults $2, children (under 12) free; gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, jewelry and findings, slabs, rough material, gold prospecting equipment, displays, education center, Spinning Wheel, fluorescent display, beading, sandstone painting, silent auction; contact Margaret Jones, PO Box 884, Pine, AZ 85544, (928) 970-0857; e-mail: margieaberry@gmail.com
23-24—BREMERTON, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society; Kitsap County Fairgrounds; The President's Hall, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; "Fall Festival of Gems"; dealers, jewelry, fossils, equipment, rough material, minerals, gems, demonstrations, faceting, silversmithing, wire wrapping, bead making, cabochon making, club displays, junior events, silent auction, raffle; contact Gordon Eslava, PO Box 3342, Silverdale, WA 98383, (360) 621-2233

Note: for more up-to-date listings for November and beyond. Please go to the rockngem.com/showdates website for updates.

November-December

30-1—MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Monterey County Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairground Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; fine jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals,

exhibitors, on-site jewelry repair, hourly door prizes; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com ***(Note: this commercial show has been listed only because it's in Monterey.***
30-1—WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Show; Hassayampa Elementary School; 251 S. Tegner St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; rocks, gems, minerals, beads, jewelry, fossils, kids' room, door prizes, raffle; contact Beth Myerson, 21825 W. Date Creek Rd., Wickenburg, AZ 85390, (480) 540-2318; e-mail: myerbd@gmail.com

December 2013

No December club events listed to date.

January 2014

3-12—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W. Kuehn St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; dealers from around the world; contact Kym Scott, PO Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com
17-26—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W. Kuehn St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; dealers from around the world on 25 acres; contact Kym Scott, PO Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com
18-19—EXETER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Tule Gem & Mineral Society; Exeter Veterans Memorial Bldg.; 324 N. Kaweah Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; kids' Rock Treasure Hunt, Wheel of Fortune, prize drawing, door prizes; contact Pepper Okada, 5924 W. Iris Court, Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 733-5842; e-mail: pepperok@clearwire.net; Web site: tulegem.org

January 2014-February 2014

1-28—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1064 Kuehn St., I-10 Exit 17; Daily 10-6; free admission; Arkansas quartz crystals, rough and polished minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon (manager), 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net
1-28—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Desert Gardens Holdings LLC; Desert Gardens Show Grounds; 1055 Kuehn Rd.; Daily 9-5; free admission; hundreds of dealers; contact Dennis Kuehl, 1055 Kuehn Rd., PO Box 2818, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (623) 606-0053; e-mail: cad53148@yahoo.com; Web site: desertgardensrvpark.net
30-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Eons Expos; Tucson 22nd Street Show; intersection of I-10 and 22nd Street; Daily 9-6; free admission; minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, meteorites, gems, jewelry, rough rock; contact Christine Perner, 38 Fox Ridge Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: Christine@EonsExpos.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com
February 2014
1-15—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail shows: Martin Zinn Expositions, LLC

1. **Hotel Tucson City Center; 475 N. Granada; Daily 10-6; free admission; 300 dealers, Gallery of Artists displays**
2. **Ramada Ltd.; 665 N. Freeway; Daily 10-6; free admission; fossil dealers and displays**
3. **Mineral & Fossil Marketplace; 1333 N. Oracle; Daily 10-6; free admission**

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7-10—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual Westward Look Show; Fine Mineral Shows; Westward Look Resort; 245 E. Ina Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-5; free admission; Al and Sue Liebetrau collection display; contact Dave Waisman, Fine Mineral Shows, PO Box 8543, Spokane, WA 99203, (509) 998-5987; e-mail: dave@finemineralshow.com; Web site: www.finemineralshow.com
8-9—OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Whidbey Island Gem Club; Oak Harbor Senior Center; 51 SE Jerome St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; member exhibits, demonstrations, dealers, rough and finished rock and gems, slabs, silent auction, door prizes, raffle, spinning wheel; contact Keith Ludemann, (360) 675-1837; e-mail: rock9@whidbey.net
13-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; Tucson Convention Center; 260 S. Church Ave.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults $10, seniors and active military get $2 off on Fri., children (under 14) free; contact TGMS Staff, PO Box 42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-6031; e-mail: tgms@tgms.org; Web site: www.tgms.org
14-16—PORTLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Oregon Agate & Mineral Society; OMSI; 1945 SE Water Ave.; Fri. 9:30-5:30, Sat. 9:30-5:30, Sun. 9:30-5:30; free admission; contact Sonia Watt, 4821 Grant St., Portland, OR 97215; e-mail: soniawatt@yahoo.com
14-16—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: 1st Quartzsite Gold, Treasure and Craft Show; Quartzsite Improvement Association, Miners Depot, Natures' Nuggets, Quartzsite Metal Detector Club; QIA Bldg.; 235 E. Ironwood St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults $5, children free; dealers, Quartzsite Metal Detector Club hunt, gold panning contest, speakers, author table, demonstrations, metal detecting and prospecting equipment Q&A; contact Richard Trusty, PO Box 4051, Quartzsite, AZ 85359-4051, (928) 927-5479; e-mail: QuartzsiteGoldShow@gmail.com; Web site: QuartzsiteAZGoldshow.com
14-23—INDIO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society; Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival; Gem & Mineral Bldg., Bldg, #1, 46-350 Arabia St.; Daily 10-10; adults $8, seniors $7, children $6; more than 100 display, lapidary demonstrations, free rocks for kids, dealers; contact Bert Grisham, 1029 N. 8th St., Banning, CA 92220, (951) 849-1674; e-mail: bert67@verizon.net
22-23—MESA, ARIZONA: 48th Annual Jewelry, Gem and Rock Show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Skyline High School; 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults $3, students $1, children free; dealers, jewelry, gems, cabochons, beads, rocks, specimens, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, door prizes, silent auction, gem tree-making activity, wheel-of-rocks, raffle; contact Katy Tunnicliff, (918) 440-9152; e-mail: katydidnt2007@gmail.com; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com