

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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SHOW DATES

September 23 - 24: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

413 East Lockford Street

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411

Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com

September 23 - 24: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Monterey Fairgrounds

2004 Fairgrounds Road

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311

Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net

September 23 - 24: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: William Spence, (408) 398-7502

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October 7 - 8: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society

Boron Community Center

26998 John Street

Hours: 9 - 4 daily

Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829

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Happy Birthday

9th Eve Toles

16th Karl Zellner

17th Steve Depue

27th Gino Abaldo

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MDGMS Officers 2017

President: **Danny Watts**

Vice-President: **Scott Stevenson**

Treasurer: **Judy Livingston**

Secretary: **La Vella Tomlinson**

Board of Directors

Bill Johnson

Janna Johnson

Joe Sumners

Toni Pizzo

John Printz

Past Pres. **Vivian Watts**

Annual Membership Dues

Adults: \$ 20.00

Juniors: \$ 10.00 (10-18 yr)

Meetings / Workshops

Meetings: 1st Friday 7:00 PM

Workshop: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Friday 6:30 PM

Location: 25647 W. Main St

Barstow, Ca 92311

Club Objectives

- To collect and study minerals and rocks.
- To disseminate a general knowledge of the science of mineralogy and allied subjects.
- To provide opportunity for the exhibition and exchange of specimens.

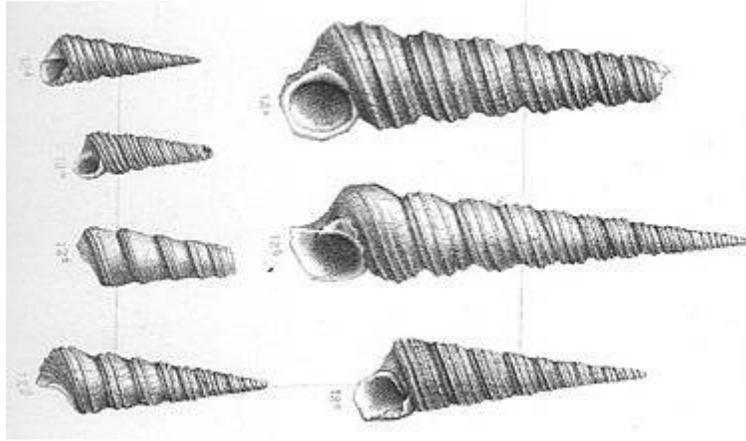
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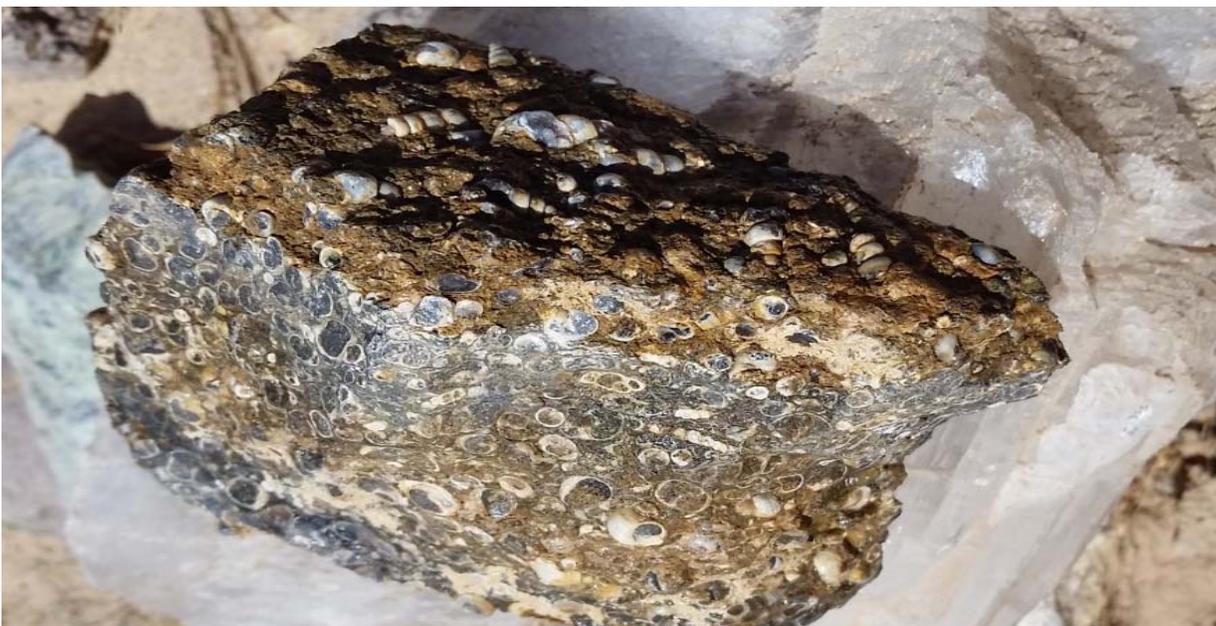
Rock of the Month: *Turritella* Fossil species From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Fossil specimens of *Turritella incrassata*

The genus is known from the [Cretaceous](#) to the [Recent](#) periods. The shells are quite frequently found as [fossils](#), and the [carbonate](#) stone made from large quantities of *Turritella* shells is often referred to as "Turritella limestone", or, if [silicified](#), "Turritella agate". Both varieties of this stone are commonly sold as polished [cabochons](#).

"Turritella agate" One variety of "Turritella agate", that from the Green River Formation in Wyoming, is a [fossiliferous](#) rock which does indeed contain numerous high-spired snail shells. However, contrary to the common name, these snails are not in the marine genus *Turritella*, instead they are freshwater snails in the species *Elimia tenera*, family [Pleuroceridae](#) from the [Eocene](#) epoch.^[88] The rock in which these snail shells are so abundant varies from a soft [sandstone](#) to a dense [chalcedony](#). This dense silicified rock is popular with gem and mineral hobbyists, as well as with [New Age](#) practitioners.



General Meeting Minutes, General Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by vice president **Scott Stevenson**, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

- Guests: **Denise Orvall** was a guest again tonight. She has attended our wire wrapping workshop & now is a new member. **Dale Peabody** is also a new member – he has been attending the cab making workshops.

- Happy Birthdays were wished to our August Birthday members.

Hostesses for our delicious refreshments tonight were **Chieko Printz** with double chocolate Brownies, **Scott Stevenson** with chocolate frosted cream Éclairs, and **Leslie Walker** with a scrumptious fruit platter and fresh fruit Ambrosia.

- Business: The Minutes were motioned to be approved by **Bill Johnson**, and seconded by **Toni Pizzo** to be approved with the spelling correction of **Mayra**'s first name. The Minutes were voted approved by the members as printed in the newsletter with the spelling corrected. **Judy Livingston** reported that the donation for \$100 towards Autism children's school supplies and our club booth at that event was cancelled by the organizers.

- Show report: **Judy Livingston, Trisha & Norm Sheppard** reported that they washed the tumbling rocks at the 600 grit stage for the grab bags yesterday. Two weeks ago **Leslie Walker & Dian Hare** joined them for another grit washing. ALL of the larger grit must be washed from the rocks before they can be restarted tumbling for the next stage of a finer grit. A lot of work goes into those beautiful tumbled rocks we put in our grab bags. **Terese Carlson** brought in another 50 colorful grab bags that she has sewn which included another batch made of dragon fabric - a very popular choice in the grab bag pile at the show. **Judy Livingston** reported that she met with **Tanya** from the City of Barstow about the requirements for our club after receiving the grant from the Community Event Program. The MDGMS was granted exemption from paying rent for 3 days, December 1st, 2nd, & 3rd for our Gem & Mineral Show. We must present a After Event Report to the City Council & include in our advertising that the Cora Harper Center was provided buy the City of Barstow. **Melita Crowell** has added this to our poster advertisement on our website www.mdgms.net. Our online advertising with the Daily Press Newspaper will also transfer to this page on our website.

- Treasurers Report: **Judy Livingston** reported that income came from dues & the gold pan. Expenses were the yearly registration for our show trailer and **Brittany Wendlandt & Mayra Avila**'s scholarship payments to their colleges. The post office has a new program; the P.O. will text a message when mail has been placed in the post office box. **Toni Pizza** made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented to the members, & **Trisha Sheppard** seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership.

- Program: Diamonds & Opals were on our program video, a continuation of our series "Gems of the World"

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- Cab of the Month: Winner of the Cab of the Month was **Janna Johnson's** Pink Tourmaline crystal that she found this summer at the Himalaya Mine in the Julian Mining District near San Diego. **Bill's** father in Montana wire wrapped it for her. **Scott Stevenson** came in 2nd with his cab from Sleeping Beauty in the Cady Mountains. Our new member, **Denise Orvall** was 3rd with her first polished cab of Silver Lace Onyx collected by her aunt year's ago in the Calico Mountains. **Denise** learned to slab her Silver Lace Onyx and then form & polish it at the Friday workshops lead by **Leslie Walker & Scott Stevenson**. These workshops continue on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays at 6:30 pm where you can learn to make beautiful lapidary cabs from our expert instructors.



Ladies enjoying the workshops.

- Workshop: Rock'n Critters Party will be on the 3rd Friday workshop this month, 6:30 pm. We will glue, paint small rocks for Spin the Wheel prizes for the Show. Bring some rocks that show imagination & supplies if you have them. **La Vella Tomlinson** told about the "Pittsburg Paints Rocks" Facebook site where you can see the fun a whole city is having painting cheerful rocks for others to find. **Scott Stevenson** said that out at Fort Irwin, especially near the administration offices, they are finding painted rocks. You can also find photos for inspiration of painted rocks by searching with "Painted Rocks for Kids" on the computer.

- Rock of the Month: Unakite examples were shared by **Leslie Walker & Scott Stevenson**.
- Show & Tell: **Leslie Walker** brought her potted succulent plant with her Ugly Rock contestant living in its shade. Now her Basalt Dragon ugly rock is as cute as a bug's —very difficult to find a truly Ugly Rock. **LaVella Tomlinson** wore the bolo made

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from the Chalcedony prize from the Ugly Rock contest. Also brought rock examples and where they can be found to make Rock'n Critters for the Spin the Wheel. **Bill Johnson** brought a Calcite specimen that has sharp edges, found in the Sunshine Mine in Idaho -very unusual. **Denise Orvall & Trisha Sheppard** brought their wire wrapped pendants made at the Wire wrapping workshop. They used **Dian Hare's** method for wrapping sand blasted vintage desert glass. Workshop report: At the workshop **Dian Hare** also demonstrated her wire weaving for pendants & bracelets. **Scott Stevenson** demonstrated his style of wire weaving for mounting the large free-form cabs that he makes. **Vivian Watts & Lana Heller-Wood** demonstrated the more traditional wire wrapping of cabs, but each with their own style. **Joyce De Garmo** helped **Seth Perez** make a wire-wrapped arrowhead pendant with petroglyph swirls, which he wore proudly.

- Door Prizes: Door Prizes were donated by **Lana Heller-Wood, Bill Johnson & Debbie Savacool**. The happy winners of slabs of Wonderstone, Cady Mt. agate, Jackhammer Pass Agate, Blue Agate, Obsidian, Graveyard Point plume agate and more — were — **Deandra & Seth Perez, Scott Stevenson, Joe Sumners, Janna Johnson, Linda Hensley, Denise Orvall, Trisha Sheppard, Bill Tomlinson, Leslie Walker, Gayle Gilpin**.

Joseph Deer & his mother came to the meeting to give us the sad news that **Rick Deer** has passed away. **Rick** passed his love of rocks & minerals to his grandsons, **Joseph and Travis**, helping **Joseph** earn his Geology & Mineral Boy Scout Badges, make a mineral collection & learning polishing and jewelry making. **Rick** helped **Joseph** make a display of his work at our Show & **Joseph** was also awarded Junior Rockhound of the Year from the California Federation. Our condolences to **Rick's** family.

The meeting was adjourned by vice president **Scott Stevenson** after motioned for adjournment by **Toni Pizzo**, seconded by **Janna Johnson** & approved by the members. Respectfully submitted by **La Vella Tomlinson**, Secretary MDGMS



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