



SDMG Award Winners at the SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

By Garry Cannon

Drum roll, please. SDMG was well-represented in the displays, with many award-winning exhibits submitted from our own ranks. Our club had a total of 33 entrants in 37 classes. Among the eligible categories, SDMG members won twenty 1st place ribbons, fifteen 2nd place ribbons, twelve 3rd place ribbons, five Awards-of-Merit, twelve Special Awards, and two Cups. Our club member entrants, along with their class and awards, are listed in the table below. Apologies to anyone I've omitted. Many more pictures of the entries can be viewed on our club website at sdmg.org. Props to everyone for a great show!

Class	Description	Name	Place	Special Award
2	Fluorescent minerals, SW, full case.	Gerald Lohmann	2nd	
3	Single fluorescent mineral, SW.	Gerald Lohmann		
3	Single fluorescent mineral, SW.	Angela Ravenscroft	1st	Greg Anderson Award: Best Single Shortwave Mineral
4	Pegmatite minerals. One specimen.	Rhonda Epstein	1st	
4	Pegmatite minerals. One specimen.	Scott Maylen	2nd	Jan Wittenberg Award: Best Pegmatite Mineral Worldwide
4	Pegmatite minerals. One specimen.	Angela Ravenscroft		
4	Pegmatite Minerals. One specimen.	Lex Wright		SDMG Award: Best Self-Collected Mineral Worldwide

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5	Pegmatite minerals. Five specimens.	Scott Maylen	3rd	
6	Five mineral specimens, one species.	Angela Ravenscroft	3rd	
10	Minerals, full case. Master.	Scott Maylen	1st	Irv Brown Award: Best Exhibit
10	Minerals, full case. Master.	Angela Ravenscroft	2nd	Scott Maylen Award: Best Asian Mineral, Jake' Award: Tallest Mineral; CalNeva Award: Best Mineral
15	One mineral from San Diego County.	Scott Maylen	1st	Josie Scripps Cup: Best Mineral Specimen from San Diego County
19	One mineral, not from S.D. Master.	Scott Maylen		
23	Petrified wood. Full case.	Hugh Lawrence	2nd	
24	Petrified wood. Single piece.	Hugh Lawrence	1st	
27	One self-collected fossil.	Dolores Wheeler	2nd	Darwin Warriner Award: Best Self-Collected Mineral
28	Single plant fossil.	Dolores Wheeler	3rd	
31	One faceted stone from North America.	Don L. Parsley		
31	One faceted stone from North America.	Jerod Schneider	1st	
32	One faceted stone, w/1 or more inclusions.	Don L. Parsley		
32	One faceted stone, w/1 or more inclusions.	Ellen Riceman	1st	
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33	One faceted stone. Amateur. Beginner.	Lily Grill		
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33	One faceted stone. Amateur. Beginner.	Paul Williams	3rd	
34	One faceted stone. Amateur. Advanced.	Ellen Riceman		
34	One faceted stone. Amateur. Advanced.	Jerod Schneider	1st	
39	Three cabochons, worldwide.	Itziar Parramon		
39	Three cabochons, worldwide.	Don L. Parsley	3rd	
39	Three cabochons, worldwide.	Angela Ravenscroft	2nd	
39	Three cabochons, worldwide.	Darcy Salzl	1st	
39	Three cabochons, worldwide.	Lex Wright		
40	One cabochon, worldwide	Itziar Parramon		
40	One cabochon, worldwide.	Angela Ravenscroft		
40	One cabochon, worldwide.	Darcy Salzl	1st	SDMG Award: Best Cabochon Worldwide
40	One cabochon, worldwide.	Darcy Salzl		
41	One intarsia.	Paul Kloppenborg	1st	
42	Polished spheres. Full case. ("Paul's Glowing Balls")	Paul Williams	1st	Coordinator's Cup
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43	One polished sphere, worldwide, 2"– 4".	John Kruzel		
43	One polished sphere, worldwide, 2"– 4".	John Kruzel	3rd	
43	One polished sphere, worldwide, 2"– 4".	Darcy Salzl		
43	One polished sphere, worldwide, 2"– 4".	Richard Sampson	1st	
43	One polished sphere, worldwide, 2"– 4".	Sherry Trochta	--	
43	One polished sphere, worldwide, 2"– 4".	Sherry Trochta	2nd	
44	One carving. Amateur.	Jan Kunsa	1st	John & Helen Dahnke Award: Single Carving Done By The Exhibitor
44	One carving. Amateur.	Jan Kunsa	2nd	
44	One carving. Amateur.	Graham Porter		
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44	One carving. Amateur.	Dolores Wheeler		
44	One carving. Amateur.	Dolores Wheeler	3rd	
46	Theme jewelry: "Outer Space".	Donna Beers		
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46	Theme Jewelry: "Outer Space".	Kellie Roussos		
46	Theme Jewelry: "Outer Space".	Mark Smith		
47	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Amateur.	Javier Ramirez	1st	
47	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Amateur.	Ellen Riceman		
47	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Amateur.	Dee Smith		
47	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Amateur.	Mark Smith		
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47	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Amateur.	Katie-Jane Wilson	2nd	
47	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Amateur.	Katie-Jane Wilson	3rd	
48	Constructed jewelry, all metal. Amateur.	Katie-Jane Wilson	2nd	
49	Cast jewelry. Amateur.	Nancy Brescia		
49	Cast jewelry. Amateur.	Nancy Brescia	3rd	
49	Cast jewelry. Amateur.	Dolores Wheeler	1st	
49	Cast jewelry. Amateur.	Rich Yarbrough		
50	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Professional.	Jeff Fulkerson	1st	
50	Constructed jewelry, w/stones. Professional.	Jon Lovegren		
51	Cast jewelry. Professional.	Jon Lovegren	2nd	
53	Enamel, plique-a-jour or cloisonné jewelry.	Jackie Leverone	3rd	
54	Southwest jewelry.	Don L. Parsley		

Class	Description	Name	Place	Special Award
54	Southwest jewelry.	Mark Smith		
54	Southwest jewelry.	Mark Smith	2nd	
54	Southwest Jewelry.	Dennis Turner	1st	
55	Exhibitor's Best Piece. Amateur.	Lily Grill		
55	Exhibitor's Best Piece. Amateur.	Karen Roussos	1st	
55	Exhibitor's Best Piece. Amateur.	Kellie Roussos		
55	Exhibitor's Best Piece. Amateur.	Mark Smith	3rd	
57	Art Jewelry. Amateur.	Kellie Roussos	3rd	
57	Art Jewelry. Amateur.	Mark Smith		
58	Art Jewelry. Professional.	Jon Lovegren		
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60	Bead weaving / embroidery.	Jessica Roussos	2nd	
60	Bead weaving / embroidery.	Karen Roussos	1st	
61	Beads: Purchased and strung.	Betty Hanson		
63	Wire wrap jewelry, single piece.	Betty Hanson		
63	Wire wrap jewelry, single piece.	Jessica Roussos		
63	Wire wrap jewelry, single piece.	Kellie Roussos	2nd	
63	Wire wrap jewelry, single piece.	Dee Smith		
64	Educational exhibit.	Bob Hancock	AofM	
64	Educational exhibit.	Lois Lukasky	AofM	
64	Educational Exhibit.	Paul Kloppenborg	AofM	John Burton Award of Excellence: Innovative Use of Lapidary Material
64	Educational exhibit.	Angela Ravenscroft	AofM	Cal & Kerith Graeber Award: Showmanship
64	Educational exhibit.	Rich Yarbrough	AofM	



Left: Paul William's exhibit of glowing balls was a big hit with visitors at the San Diego County Fair this year. Photo: Angela Ravenscroft.

Facing page: Paul's spheres on display at the Fair were carved from a wide variety of minerals, eliciting the unique beauty in every material.

IN FOCUS: THE GOLD!

By Shirley Leeson, Historian, and Dee Holland, CFMS Rules Committee

Anyone who's around **Paul Williams** for any time knows his love of spheres. He's won numerous awards at the SDMG shows and the San Diego County Fair achieving his most prestigious medals this year at the San Diego County Fair (June 8 – July 4).

So, Paul decided to extend his winning ways and entered the California Federation of Mineralogical Society's competition at Riverside. He entered two exhibit cases in competition but was quickly encouraged to split them up and keep the exquisitely lighted case of spheres in competition and the other as a guest exhibit. It proved to be the right choice.

The judges liked the unique exhibit. Spheres lighted from below, spheres that would show light through them. It was the talk of the show, and Paul walked away with an Advanced 1st Place plaque to prove it. (Actually he scored high enough for a Master, but Paul didn't enter that group—we hope you will next time, Paul.)

Paul wasn't able to attend the CFMS Banquet Saturday evening, but we accepted his honors on his behalf. We're just sorry he wasn't there to accept the accolades.

In submitting an entry for a competitive exhibit at the CFMS level, Paul is the first SDMG member who has exhibited and won in many, many years. It's been too long since the golden days of Society competition by SDMG. At one time SDMG had as many as seven Society competitive exhibits in the CFMS shows, with additional individual exhibits by members.

We asked **Jim Parrish** if he would lead a group of SDMG members and put in a society competitive exhibit next year at Ventura, and he said yes. So folks, let's see what we can do next year—May 31 – June 2, 2013. Maybe even one more? Or two?

Jim Parrish, Dee Holland, and Shirley Leeson judged exhibits at the show. There were 24 competitive exhibits at CFMS. There were 19 at NFMS. And there were six at the national AFMS show in Minnesota. CFMS and NFMS lead the way in competition currently. Our hope is that we can go back to the glory days of competitive exhibiting that rival the 1984 AFMS/CFMS show in San Diego with over 100 competitive exhibits.

