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## CINCH

Members from Cinch toured Magee house on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were representatives of the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum, San Dieguito Heritage Museum, Escondido Historical Society, the Las Flores Adobe and the Marron Adobe. Cinch is an informal organization of local historical societies, museums and sites. The purpose of Cinch is to interact with like minded individuals and groups, learning about projects and exhibits, and promote the efforts of others in preserving our local history. In the past Cinch has obtained grants that were used in printing promotional material of local historic sites. Some interesting information obtained at the April meeting: Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum will be donating some local minerals to the Carlsbad Historical Society for a display, the Marron Adobe is in the process of creating a museum display, and San Dieguito is hosting a deep pit bar-b-q in June using recipes from their earliest residents. The website for the Fallbrook Gems and Minerals Society is:

<http://www.fgms.org/>

## Gem stores in downtown Carlsbad

Tourists to the Carlsbad Village used to shop for gems and minerals in the large store at the south end of State Street. Former Mayor Manuel Castorena initially opened this business after running other stores here and in Oceanside.

B. M. Christiansen also participated in this endeavor and promoted the

Del Norte Gem and Mineral Society in Carlsbad. He had a replica made of the King Karl's Crown, the founder of Karlsbad, Bohemia. The crown had a large number of polished stones.

## Mining in Carlsbad

In advance of the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum donation of minerals for display, we thought our members would like to read a little about the earliest mining in Carlsbad. These stories were excerpted from Carlsbad's first newspaper the Sea Lion.



Quartz

## Excerpts Carlsbad Sea Lion

May 12, 1888

### A Good Prospect

A.E. Bantry, Lane Solander and F.D. Mitchell are probably the most jubilant men in town and judging from some of the specimens of rock exhibited by them, they have good reason to be. The two first named have for some time been quietly prospecting a vein of quartz in this vicinity and the results of their researches have all along been satisfactory. Recently, the latter gentleman connected himself with the discoverers, and will devote his experience and judgment in developing the promised bonuses.

The vein is said to be well defined for this distance explored. The rock assays remarkably rich in silver and also carries traces of gold, copper and other minerals. The location of the lode is at present withheld from the public for obvious reasons.

May 19, 1888

### Auriferous Advantages Which Carlsbad Has a Just Claim to Extensive Mineral Deposits Good Assays and a Most Favorable Outlook Several Locations Already Made

That vast mineral wealth lies within the boundaries of San Diego County has been fully proven by developments that are constantly being made. Veins of rock containing gold, silver, copper, iron, tin, etc. are being worked in different sections with rich returns to the owners, and it is claimed by those who have made this subject a study that before long ore deposits rivaling in richness and extent those of any in other parts of the State will be developed tight at home. What wonder then that Carlsbad rich in all other natural advantages should share the prize? That she has done so is almost conclusively proven by the rich developments made in this vicinity within the past few weeks. As announced briefly in the last issue of the Sea Lion some of our citizens experienced in mining matters have been quietly prospecting for some time near town but wisely refrained from exposing the scene of their labors or the results obtained until they were fully satisfied of the merits of

same. Becoming convinced that their discovery was a valuable and extensive one they gave the benefit of their researches to the community in general, and now it is safe to say that hardly a resident of Carlsbad is without his claim. The benefits that will immediately accrue to this town should the result of this find sustain present appearances will be great as from its convenient situation and easy access to and from the mines it will naturally become the depot of supplies and shipment for that section.

#### **The First Location**

E. Barry, Lane Solander and F D Mitchell can claim the credit of first bringing this important matter to the attention of the public. As stated last week they are the original discoverers and as a consequence have secured what at first sight would appear to be the best location. Their claim embraces an area of 1500 by 600 feet and includes all of that prospected. In connection it may be stated that this ground has been partially worked at some former period as the shafts and drifts observable indicate. There are also fully 100 tons of ore evidently sorted with great care and apparently very rich in minerals lying near these excavations. This rock of course is claimed by the present owners. Silver predominates in the rock already tested.

#### **The Next Location**

Adjoining the claim of the pioneers in the district to the north is that of the company comprising J.A. McCullough, Theo. Steinhilber, Frank and Ralph Patterson. This claim is of the same dimensions as the first one but its course is a little different as the locators have gone further to the east in order to include a mound of higher altitude

from which good croppings have been obtained. As in the first location, silver, is the most abundant of the metals contained in the ore examined.

#### **The Third Location**

A.J. Culver, E.M. Brass, H. Woolman, A.L. Clark and A.A. Hansen form the company owning the third claim. They have set their stakes at the southwesterly end of the first location, running thence southwesterly 1500 feet with uniform width of 350. This part of the section has not been as fully prospected as the first two named but the owners are confident of its merit from what has already been developed.

#### **The Lagenbach Site**

Due west and two miles nearer town is the Langenbach claim. The company comprises E.W., P.J. and E.L. Langenbach. Gold predominates in the rock already tested, although silver is plainly visible under the glass. The company will proceed at once to open up the mine, and will probably have one of the finest locations on the line of discovery.

#### **An Expert's Opinion**

A gentleman representing a New Mexico mining company and who is an expert miner visited the discovery this week and was most favorably impressed with the indications developed. He gives it as his opinion that untold wealth lies buried in this locality. So confident is he of the value of the district that he will return early next week to explore it for the benefit of the company he is engaged by.

#### **The Easy Access**

Of these mines is greatly in their favor. Situated about four miles from Carlsbad they can be reached from the town by an excellent road over which the heaviest teams can be driven and the ore hauled from the works to our depot at a nominal

cost in the event of shipping. Then again the Escondido branch of the California Southern Railroad runs within a mile of this district and it would be an easy matter to connect it with that line by rail if desired. In fact a project with that end in view is already contemplated.

#### **The Ore Found**

[It] bears indications of great richness, practical miners giving it as their opinion that it will run close to \$50 per ton. Silver is the most prominent metal discernible although gold and other valuable metals are also markedly visible. We have it on first class authority that with a smelter and reduction works established at San Diego ore ranging from \$14 per ton upward can be profitably handled. If this be correct, the great revenue which may be derived from rock as rich as that already produced in this district is obvious even when shipped away.

#### **Energetic Measures**

The companies already formed will begin at once to develop their claims and a sufficient force of men will be put to work to determine the extent of the deposit. We hope ere long to be able to proclaim Carlsbad as the Leadville of California without the climatic disadvantages of that famous region.



Tourmaline

**May 26, 1888**

#### **The Mines: Prospecting Continuing with Satisfactory results**

Interest in the recently discovered mines near Carlsbad has



not flagged and the parties immediately interested are still pursuing the work of prospecting to discover the true extent and value of the deposits known to exist in the district with commendable zeal. In this connection it is well to correct an impression possibly existing abroad caused by the efforts of a well meaning but enthusiastic correspondent of a San Diego journal to create a boom for this property. The truth is that the mines as far as developed present an undoubtedly rich appearance satisfactory to holders and observers alike. But Carlsbad is not deserted in consequence nor are her citizens elated to such a high degree as the published reports referred to would lead strangers to infer. The fact is there are too many other opportunities for amassing wealth in this region tangible and easily accessible to allow a mining discovery however genuine to interfere with the general course of business in this community. People are still pursuing their every day avocations undisturbed and although pleased at the good fortune of the lucky ones are perfectly satisfied with their own prospective futures.

An assay of the cropping of Solander, Barry & Co's claim gave \$25 per ton silver and a good indicator of gold as a result. Some of our local capitalist are favorably impressed with the outlook in the mine and will probably render substantial aid in developing the same in the near future.

Prospecting in the other locations mentioned last week still continues and satisfactory reports are had from each.

It is said that a New Mexico Company are in negotiation with some of the locators, and in the event of satisfactory terms being

concluded will proceed at once to extract the hidden treasure.

A tunnel has already been run in this mine a distance of thirty feet. A mining district has been organized with F.D. Mitchell as Recorder and known as Rose Mining District. About two years ago Captain J.A. Frazier examined this section of country and located a claim and called it Hayes Mine.

### **New Displays at the Barn**

People walking the Magee park and rose gardens often stop to read the posters we have placed outside the Barn and near the back door of the house. The information is available to visitors at any time during the day. We have repaired the rain poster and added a new one, on Ranching in Carlsbad. Many thanks to Marvin Sippel for his help.

### **Police Department donates Civil Defense and Swat old equipment**

These donations have added to the megaphone and search lamp given to us previously, and now form a display section inside the Barn. The Geiger counters and monitors came from the Civil Defense organization. There is a lot of history on the efforts to fight a nuclear attack in San Diego.



Geiger counters and radiation monitors



Tear gas mask and canister

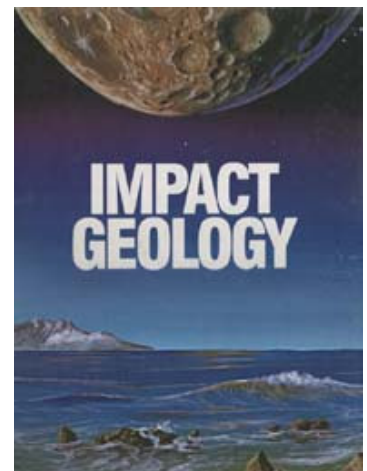


Kevlar helmet

### **Impact Geology book on sale**

We have received a donation of several boxes of a book on Impact Geology written by amateur geologist Alan O. Kelly. The purpose of this book was to introduce a new concept of earth history.

We are asking for a donation of \$10 but our members can have free copies.



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## BOARD MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend our bimonthly Board of Directors meetings. Meetings are held in the Magee House meeting room at 4 p.m. the third Monday of every other month. Meetings are held in the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November

## CHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Susan Gutierrez  
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Members-at-Large: Dr. Jerry Colling and Sue Ladouceur.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

-Volunteers welcome in any of these areas  
\*Third grade tours.  
\*School presentations with audiovisual display and trunk show.  
\*Private tours with Victorian teas.  
\* Carlsbad history research  
\*Photo collection management

When we checked our email one day last week we found a request for the famous Twin Inns corn fritters. These fritters were served along side the chicken dinner. Luckily we found the recipe in our cookbook "A Taste of Carlsbad Past" published by the Society and still on sale for \$7.00.

## Twin Inns Corn Fritters

1 (1 pound and 1 ounce) can cream-style corn  
3 eggs  
3 tablespoons baking powder  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
oil or lard for deep frying

Combine corn and eggs, mixing well. Stir in baking powder. Sift together flour, salt and sugar. Stir into corn mixture. Using ice cream scoop, scoop fritter batter and drop into oil heated to 300 degrees. Do not crowd pan. Cook until golden brown for about 10 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Makes 20 fritters.  
-- Nina Brower.

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Open Friday 10 to 4 pm and  
Saturday 10 to 4 pm.

Private Tours with Tea are given  
on Tuesday and Thursday  
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