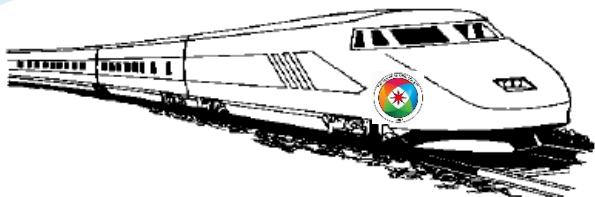


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SPECIAL
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TIME FOR THE ANNUAL OPAL GEM & JEWELRY SHOW!

OCTOBER 28-29, 2023

President's Message

Greetings Opalholics!

We thought since it's been four years since our last show, we would have a "Blast from the Past" issue and show pictures from previous shows. I hope this gets everyone excited and looking forward to the show!

This will be our first year at our new venue:

Velvet Rose Event Center
300 S. Flower Street
Orange, CA 92868

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual 53rd
Opal, Gem and Jewelry Show!

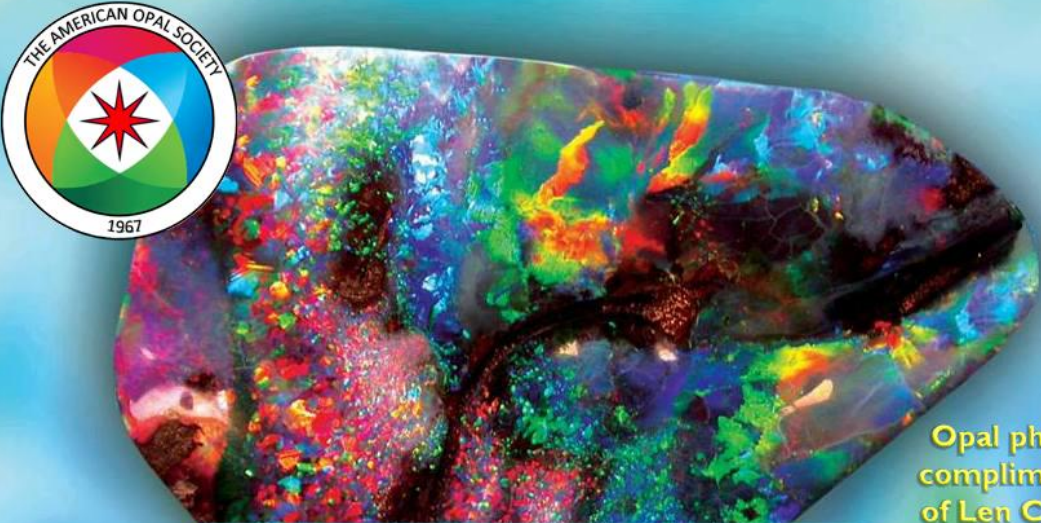
In the meantime, enjoy this special issue of The Opal
Express!

Stan McCall
AOS President
Custom Creative Gem Cutting



We're Back!

After three long years, the Opal Show is back and we have a new location!



Opal photo compliments of Len Cram

53rd Annual Opal Show
October 28-29, 2023
Velvet Rose Event Center



American Opal Society proudly presents
53rd Annual OPAL, GEM & JEWELRY SHOW

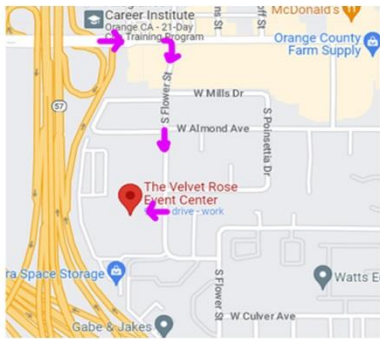
October 28th & 29th, 2023 Saturday 10AM - 6PM Sunday 10AM - 5PM	!Fabulous New Location! Velvet Rose Event Center 300 S. Flower St., Orange, CA 92868
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Opal and Gem Dealers from around the USA and beyond
Rough and Cut Opals, other gemstones, jewelry & supplies
Huge Drawing Grand Prize custom design by Stan McCall
Many other prizes: gemstones, jewelry, books, tools, surprises
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Contact: Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959
info@opalsociety.org <http://opalsociety.org>
(dealer inquiries welcome)

DIRECTIONS: exit Chapman from the 57 towards Orange. Take Flower Street and follow. Make a right into the venue just after passing Larkspur Drive. Parking lot is in the back. There is a church next door.





Check out the beautiful color of this opal!



Opal rough



Raffle prizes donated by our dealers



Dealer Brent Whalen demonstrates making a cabochon



Look at all those beautiful opals!





AOS members hard at work at the front desk



A happy dealer!



AOS members striking a pose with Anaheim Beautiful members



Gorgeous opal pendant!



Mexican fire opal





Happy visitors enjoying the show



Strands and strands of beautiful beads!



Opal specimens and rough



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Dr. Walter Johnson with Mr. & Mrs. Purpura



Dealer, Mayer Morchy



Corey Kuepper explaining opal cutting



Beautiful opal cabochons!



~ Bench Tips ~

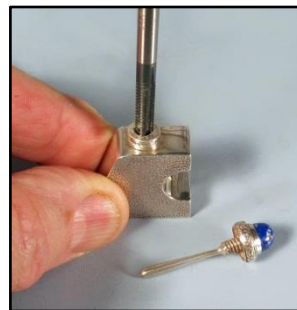
This page will be dedicated to bench tips and techniques from our readers. If you have bench tips you'd like to share, let us know! Bench tips can be anything - metal work, lapidary, wirework - anything creative that you would like to share. Send your tips to: aos.editor.02@gmail.com

THREADED FASTENERS

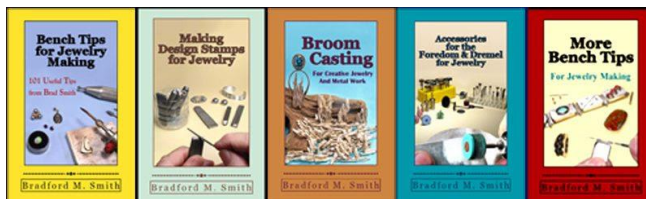
by Brad Smith

In some jewelry designs we need to join a couple elements together and cannot risk the heat of soldering. With other items, we may want to be able to disassemble the piece occasionally for cleaning or polishing. An easy solution for things like this is to use small bolts and nuts to hold components together.

Threaded fasteners come in all sizes from large ones on locomotives and earth moving machines to really small ones used in watches and cameras. A Google search will turn up specs and sources. Sizes are generally designated by a two-digit code, the first denoting a diameter and the second describing the threads. Fasteners are made in a wide variety of materials (steel, brass, stainless, plastic, etc.) and come in both US and Metric sizes.



Work Smarter & Be More Productive with Brad's "How To" Jewelry Books on [Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Reader: If your organization has an opal or rockhound-related event, please email particulars to info@opalsociety.org. Upcoming Event listings will be included at the discretion of The Opal Express editor as space and scheduling permit.

October 7-8, 2023 – Signal Hill, CA

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Signal Hill Library, 1800 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755
"Gems on the Hill" Annual Show
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: (562) 253-1390, lbrmineralgemsociety@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS>

October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
57th Annual Earth's Treasures Show: 25+ vendors, gem and mineral exhibits, Gold panning, lapidary arts demonstrations. Kids Corner, food and ice cream trucks. Admissions – Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an "active military" I.D. Free, FREE PARKING
Contact: 4vanclan5@att.net

October 7-8, 2023 – Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem and Mineral Society
67th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007
Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
FREE! 67th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Jewelry, Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Silent Auction, Exhibits, Kids Area
Contact: sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com
Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St. (show on street a& in parking lot), Fallbrook CA 92028
Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM
Rock Fallbrook! Over 40 mineral gemstone, jewelry and fossil vendors at the annual Fallbrook Festival of Gems & Minerals. Gem ID, Bargain Booth, Wheel of Fortune, kids activities, food booth, and a GIANT raffle of some gorgeous items. Free admission and free parking.
Vendor applications due August 1, 2023. Email info@fgms.org if you're interested.
Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA

Penninsula Gem and Geology Society AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: (650) 575-3144, cci@pacbell.net
Website: <http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

October 21-22, 2023 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Hours: Saturday and Sunday – 10 AM – 5 PM
Annual show featuring 35 vendors, gold panning, florescent mineral display, children's activities, raffle prizes, on-going silent auction, member displays. FREE Parking
Contact: (707) 849-9551, jolene4srmgs@gmail.com
Website: <http://srmgs.org>

October 21, 2023 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307
Twenty Fourth Annual Gem Show
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: whrc@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 28-29, 2023 – Orange, CA

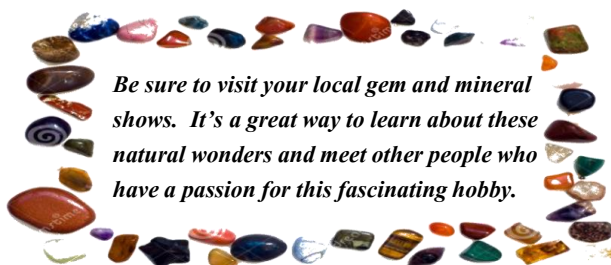
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Contact: (714) 501-9959, info@opalsociety.org
Website: <http://opalsociety.org>

October 28-29, 2023 – San Diego, CA

Sponsor: San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106
Hours: Saturday 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Admission and Parking – Free
Contact: luannz@att.net
Website: <https://SDMG.org>
Show Web page: <https://bit.ly/gemdiego2023>
GEM DIEGO IS BACK!- San Diego's Finest Gem Show
Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Crystals, Jewelry, Carvings, Beads, Equipment, Tools, Slabs, Rough, Books, Demos, Door Prizes, 20+ Exhibits, Free Gem and Mineral ID.

October 28-29, 2023 – Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento, CA 95819
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
The Sacramento Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show is the annual fundraiser for the Sacramento Mineral Society and features a wide variety of vendors, exhibits, and demonstrations. There is a great raffle with over 50 different prizes (including a Large Amethyst Cathedral grand prize), games, and a variety of fun activities for all ages! Admission is \$8.99 for adults, children 12 and under get in free with a paid adult. Parking is free!
Contact: (916) 662-5819, webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <http://www.sacgemshow.com>



Be sure to visit your local gem and mineral shows. It's a great way to learn about these natural wonders and meet other people who have a passion for this fascinating hobby.

American Opal Society Membership Application

FILL IN APPLICABLE INFORMATION		DUES / FEES	AMOUNT PAID
DUES:	RENEWING MEMBERS	\$35.00	
SELECT ONE	NEW MEMBERS	\$45.00	
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (All addresses <u>outside</u> of USA)		\$15.00	
PRINTED NEWSLETTER FEE (Paper copy postal mailed instead of PDF file by e-mail)		\$10.00	
ADDITIONAL BADGES (Your first badge is <u>free</u> when joining)		\$15.00	
TOTAL PAID DUES plus International, Print or Badge Fees if Applicable:			

Please make check or money order payable to "American Opal Society". Mail payment and application to:

American Opal Society: PO Box 4875, Garden Grove, CA 92842-4875

An optional quicker method of payment is via the internet. To pay via PayPal, please visit the membership page on our website at http://opalsociety.org/aos_application_by_web.htm to complete the form and make your PayPal payment. You may pay with a credit card or via PayPal account. The transaction is completely secure and the AOS never sees your credit card number. The AOS PayPal account is membership@opalsociety.org.

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NAME BADGE ORDER FORM:

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE using up to two (2) lines of text for your name, nickname, or name of your opal related business.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: The AOS publishes a membership roster once per year in its newsletter, The Opal Express. Your name will be included. Please check what additional personal information you listed for other members. If it is different from the information above, please note that on the application.

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Are Your Dues Due Now?

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL OR NEWSLETTER E-MAIL.

There will be a date that shows the current month/year of your membership. If the date is older than the current date, your dues are overdue.

A Renewal Grace Period of two months will be provided. Please note, that as the system is set up, if your renewal is not received you will be AUTOMATICALLY dropped from membership thereafter. It is your responsibility to assure your dues are current.

Thank you.

The Editor

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— GENERAL MEETINGS —

3rd Wednesday of the Month

6:30 pm - 9:30 PM

[Anaheim Downtown Community Center](#)

250 E. Center Street

Anaheim, CA 92805

TO:



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**Meeting – October 19th
at the Anaheim Community Center**

Social Time: 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting - Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting Location at:

[Anaheim Downtown Community Center](#)

250 E. Center Street

Anaheim, CA 92805



**Next meeting will be Thursday, October 19th, at the
Anaheim Downtown Community Center**

**→ Social Time: 6:30 p.m. ←
General Meeting - Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.**

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