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## A SPARKLING EVENING AWAITS YOU!

One which will give you good FHS members a preview of what the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society has in mind for its part in a special section of THE MUSEUM (when that Dream becomes a Reality!)

PLACE: Maie Ellis Cafetorium
405 So. Mission Rd., Fallbrook

## CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR and plan to come out to hear:

Mr. Cal Graeber, resident geologist of Pala Properties International, owners and operators of four tourmaline mines here in the North County ... plus the company's showcase gallery, "The Collector" in Fallbrook, and another in La Jolla. Mr. Graeber has been associated with the firm for the past 7 years, is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado and previously worked in Mexico and Canada. He, of course, is an active member of the local Gem & Mineral Society.

He will tell us of the rich harvest of tourmalines being excavated from the local mines, and show us fascinating slides plus mineral and jewelry samples. Depending upon color and quality, these fabulous stones are cut either into gem stones of varying value (from \$100 to \$600 per carat) or preserved in mineral specimen status. Specimens from Pala Properties are on display at the National Museum in Washington D. C. and other national galleries.

Historical Background: These mineral deposits were first known to the Indians of our North County area in the late 1800's; the last Empress of China became aware of their existence here, and in the early 1900's sent an agent to buy everything available. San Diego County is the only known source of tourmalines of the exquisite bright pink color, other stones running to a green hue, rarer ones in blue.

SOUND EXCITING? It will be a great program and we hope that you will constitute a rousing throng to welcome Cal and enjoy his presentation. A Word of Caution! For obvious reasons, there will be no mention in the upcoming Enterprise or other news stories about the valuable items he will show us! \*\*\* Refreshments will be served after the meeting, and you may feast your eyes on Cal's displays. Bring friends and plans concerning THE MUSEUM ... and MORE! \*\*\* SEE YOU ON THE 30TH!

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GREAT NEWS DEPT.: FHS membership has grown to 446 as of press time! A large WELCOME to our 11 newest members, below. Please clip and attach to your roster as Page 14.



THURSDAY

OCTOBER 30TH 7:30 P. M.

