



QUARTZ FAMILY SEMINAR

Hosted by the San Diego Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
Dedicated to long-time member John Sinkankas

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2003

Location: GIA Headquarters, The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, California 92008
Second Floor Conference Center
(Above library and museum main entrance)

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SDMG will host a one-day seminar on quartz. Talks on quartz will be given by **Si Fraiser, John Koivula, John Stockwell, Walton Wright, Cal Graeber, Dave Hignett, and Rainer Hoffmann**. Presentations will cover a wide range of topics and levels, suitable to novices as well as experts in gems and minerals. The topics include: theories on the formation of agates and thundereggs, inclusions in agates and crystalline quartz, new finds in the agate fields of northern Mexico, identification of petrified woods, and agates from Germany. This will be a casual event, and questions and discussions are encouraged. Please bring in specimens from unknown locations or with unusual inclusions or phenomena. In addition to talks, there will be display tables of various quartz varieties, books on quartz, and hand-painted pictorials and hands-on determination of whether a crystal is right- of left-handed.

Cost will be \$35 in advance, payable to SDMG. The Society encourages pre-enrollment at the Gem Diego Show on March 29 and 30, 2003, at Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd, in San Diego (just west of Hwy. 163 at the Clairmont Mesa Blvd. exit, behind the Hampton Inn). The show is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Alternatively, checks may be made out to SDMG and mailed to the Society Vice-President: Anne Schafer, 8473 Hydra Lane, San Diego, CA 92126-1854. Checks must be received by Tuesday, April 8. Registration at the door on April 12 at GIA will be \$45. Please be advised that there is a limit of 175 attendees, so there may not be day of event registration.

Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning, and sandwiches and drinks will be served at lunch, all of which are covered by the registration fee.

For further information, please contact the event organizer, Mr. Roger Merk, at (619) 281-1032 or merksjade@cox.net after March 29.