



Pasadena Lapidary Society

2017 Ballot for 2018 Rockhound Of The Year and Junior Rockhound Of The Year

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Instructions:

Listed below are the candidates nominated by the membership, in the order in which they were received. Please vote for ONE candidate for Rockhound Of The Year and ONE candidate for Junior Rockhound Of The Year. Votes for write-in candidates will be accepted. If voting during the October monthly program meeting, please place a mark in the box next to your choice, fold it in half to obscure your vote, and place it in the ballot box as designated at the meeting.

Voting By Mail or Email: To cast your ballot by mail or email, please mark your ballot, print your name on the line at the bottom of this ballot and mail it to the Society at P.O. Box 5025, Pasadena CA 91117-0025. Ballots received by October 31st - will be accepted. Ballots received without the name of the submitter will not be accepted. All ballots will remain confidential.

Rockhound Of The Year — Please vote for one candidate only:

Mona Ross

Carolyn Duncan

Cindy Lamarche

Phil Lahr

Ferdie Sanchez

Ben Shutman

Write-in Candidate: _____

Junior Rockhound Of The Year — Please vote for one candidate only:

Paolo Sanchez

Jennifer Nishimura

Write-in Candidate: _____

Ballots are distributed at the October meeting and via the web site. All ballots are confidential.

If voting by mail or email please print your name here: _____

Candidate Statements

(Provided by those nominating these individuals)

Mona Ross. Mona is an outstanding member. She has stepped up and taken a position when needed and volunteers for every club event. As vice president of the club she has recruited and organized interesting monthly speakers for the monthly meeting. She did a great job at show time in the kid's booth. Her tireless efforts during the rock show enables our club to introduce the public to the beauty and value of the lapidary hobby and gem industry. She also helps Janie Duncan with club education booths.

Carolyn Duncan: Unending support of workshop. She is a wonderful teacher in the workshop and on field trips, helping us to know what to look for. She donates a lot of time and resources to the club, including items from home for others to use and learn. She organizes workshop beautifully and goes above and beyond.

Cindy Lamarche: Cindy goes over and beyond her work with hospitality, she puts in several hours for our society.

Phil Lahr: Phil Lahr is always there to help, especially at workshop, moving rocks, and on field trips.

Ferdie Sanchez. Ferdie Sanchez's lapidary bonsai trees do a couple of great things for our hobby: (1) showing there are many creative outlets for rockhounding and (2) bringing eastern and western cultural traditions together. When people see his distinctive display cases at a show, PLS gains public interest and respect as an organization that nurtures talent. Ferdie created a display case for PLS that won a top prize at the state/national show in Ventura in June 2017.

Ben Shutman: Even though Ben is relatively new to PLS, he is exemplary in volunteering, providing service to the club members, and sharing his knowledge with others. He works on the machines at workshop to make them run better, offers technical expertise and assistance in setting up audiovisual equipment for presentations at program meetings, tumbles rocks for the club, and has pitched in on every activity we do, including mucking out the saws, selling and moving rocks, and working to enhance the club's website.

Candidates For Junior Rockhound Of The Year

Paolo Sanchez. I'm impressed by Paolo Sanchez 's knowledge and interest in rockhounding. He is dedicated to our club — showing commitment and pride through his passion. When our bulletin editor asks for articles for the monthly bulletin, Paolo steps up, does the research and writes a great article. This year his article on Painite was ranked #1 in California by the CFMS and #2 in North America by the AFMS!

Jennifer Nishimura: Her skill at lapidary earned first place in the Junior Division at the last two CFMS Gem Shows. These accolades helped the PLS to be recognized as one of the premier rock clubs in North America. She speaks at schools and other events and presented a ROTM talk on blue lace agate. At the PLS Show she demonstrates ring making, sells raffle tickets, sets-up and breaks down. Jennifer Nishimura is a great asset to our club and an exceptional candidate to represent PLS as Junior Rockhound of the Year.