

# MINERALOG



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Join us for the next General Meeting...

## Chinese Jade from 18th to early 20th century -- Inspiration from Nature & Auspicious Meanings

Speaker: *Pauline Tsui, Asian Art Museum docent and artist*

Friday, November 1, 2013

7:00 P.M. — At the Clubhouse



In China jade is believed to have life-prolonging qualities, and many consider jade to be more precious than gold. Emperors admire jade; scholars praise jade; women use jade ornaments to adorn their beauty. For thousands of years craftsmen have drawn inspiration from nature and creatively worked jade into various sizes, forms and shapes. Over time,



layers of meaning have been associated with the essence and quality of jade objects.

Asian Art Museum docent and artist Pauline Tsui will present the story of Jade: with a brief introduction on history, a slide show of jade pieces from 18th - early 20th century China, and focus on the symbolic and auspicious meaning behind the designs. After the talk, Pauline will give a short 'show-and-tell' on small decorative art objects.

*Marina Shoupe*

Does **your last name** begin with **A, B, C, OR D**? If so, you are a refreshment volunteer for the General Meeting. Please bring a finger food snack to the meeting.

## SFGMS Wants YOU!



It is that time of year when we seek to find able and willing members to step into leadership roles for our club. If you have such an aspiration, don't be intimidated or shy about approaching any officer or instructor about your interest. We have positions to accommodate any level of commitment you are willing to make, and we will welcome you. We won't throw you directly into the deep end; we'll help you ease into a spot where you'll be comfortable and can grow into a role of greater responsibility.

*The health and prosperity of our club is dependent on the participation of our members.* Taking on a greater role in its operation and management is a great way to help ensure that health and prosperity with a direct say on club matters and decisions. And it's very rewarding. You'll find yourself getting to know more of our members, and you'll be contributing significantly to a beneficial part of our community.

There's no requirement that you be a member for years to step up - and no point at which we no longer need you. You just need a sincere desire to be involved and the ability to honor a commitment. If you've been involved before, maybe you'd consider another stint. Our current officers, board members, committee chairs and instructors are truly dedicated to the interests of the club and work together very well. Won't you consider joining them? We set nominations at our November Board meeting and "elect" our new officers at our December Holiday Party so there's no time to waste. Let us know... look on page 7 of this Mineralog for contact information or speak to any officer or instructor at the clubhouse.

*Kevin Anderson*