



# The Polished Slab

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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## Upcoming Events

Mar 3 - Board Meeting

Mar 7 - General Meeting

Wire Wrapping - each Monday except General Meeting night, 3 PM or 6 PM at the Shop, contact Peggy Sue Moore at 702-434-6072 for more information.

(no Wire Wrap classes on Feb. 21st.)

Silversmithing - each Tuesday, 5 PM at the Shop, contact Frank Auerswald for more information.

Clock Making—Feb. 18, 19, and 20th.

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## President's Message

from Sue Moore

Greetings Fellow Rock Hounds:

As I am writing this message, I am staring at the ice which formed on my pool deck last night. I am ready for some of that fabulous Las Vegas winter weather, where it gets up to 70 degrees during the day. Having said that, Bill and I did enjoy those warm temperatures, during our January stay in Quartzsite.

We made a plan to take the RV down to Quartzsite and stay the entire week of the Powwow and attend all of the field trips that we could, which were put on by the Quartzsite Roadrunner Gem and Mineral Club.

We arrived on Saturday, January 15th and camped with Lynn Manthey, Bill Kogan, and Craig and Sheila Tremmel at the usual spot off Plomosa Road (Bouse Road), 6 miles north of Quartzsite. First thing Sunday morning, we headed for town, ready to go through Desert Gardens to look for the elusive perfect rock buy. That was when we remembered that it was indeed Sunday morning, and the vendors don't like to open before 11:00am. We ended up walking the entire Desert Gardens area, buying along the way, and returned to camp. On Monday, Sheila and I hit the two warehouse sales areas in Tyson Wells, where we made some great buys for our wire wrapping hobby.

Then we followed the Arizona Gem Trails book to a jasper field near the town of Brenda and collected a bucket of assorted jasper.

Bill and I stopped at the Quartzsite Roadrunner Gem and Mineral Club to join up and confirm the field trip schedule for the week. The club normally holds a field trip every Tuesday, but during the Powwow, they add two additional field trips, per day, from Wednesday through Sunday. We were ready to go.

Tuesday's field trip was for Pastelite west of Palo Verde, CA, south of Blythe. The distance from the Quartzsite meeting place to the collection site was 48 miles, 4x4 not required. When we arrived at the site, some of the old hands immediately climbed the pinnacle and started to hammer and chisel away. I went up the pinnacle and simply picked up the larger pieces left behind from other rock hounds. This rock was basically pale pink with darker pink and blues laced through it. The density was high and it didn't look like it had a lot of fractures. We collected around three five-gallon buckets full and checked out and returned to camp. I asked Bill Kogan to review our finds to make sure we picked up the good rocks. We passed inspection.

Wednesday, we chose the Desert Rose field trip, which was east of Quartzsite 33 miles. I had never gone for Desert Roses so I was all excited until I found out that they meant Chalcedony Roses. I have 2 large buckets of Chalcedony Roses in the back yard already, but I figured it would be a fun outing, so we went anyway. Bill and I collected around 5 pounds of Chalcedony Roses and checked out to return to town to do some more shopping and returned to camp.

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## Board Meeting Summary - February 3, 2011

Meeting called to order and pledge of allegiance given.

Minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: was given by Pat Skeary. The cost of the newsletter was discussed, and the bills for the kids club, and for the silversmith class were discussed and approved.

**Old Business:** The travel expense report was discussed. The travel expense report must have an odometer report to show date and actual miles. The IRS will allow 51 cents/mile for personal travel this year, however the amount changes each year.

Sue Moore stated that recurring bills would be paid automatically; any other bills must be approved by the board prior to payment.

The complete confirmation of appointments was held for the executive session after the open meeting.

The application for business license for charitable organizations is still ongoing and is nearly complete. Only one more document is required to complete the process.

Sue Moore reports we are going to get 16 lockers for storage and security.

### **New Business:**

2011 Trips: Bill Lemon is moving and will not be able to help with trips this month; in fact he may need help with his move to the new residence.

Last year travel expenses were high and with the increasing cost of gas this would be higher this year. A suggestion was made to distribute the cost to several members. The suggestion was to start with close in trips.

February: Glenn Beye has two locations, one to Rosie's Den area on 12 Feb. and the other to Taylor Mountain 26 Feb. March: Trips to Oatman for fire agate would require a fee. Suggestions for a weekday trip were discussed; also a return to Buffington Pockets was discussed. April: The trip to Burro Creek, AZ will be April 6-10. May: Gold Point on Memorial Day weekend. June: Bill Kogan in Lund will guide to a lake south of Ely June 10-13. The remainder of the year's trips are open for suggestions.

Clare Breneman will be doing the show and sell on Monday the 7th of Feb.

Frank and Chuck will be checking on the requirements for placement of our signs in the meeting.

Sandy Cunningham stated we are late to sign up for the Sons of Erin; the costs were \$400 for a booth and \$100 deposit and insurance. These prices were thought to be high. Also discussed was a possible garage sale by the club, the Bead Renaissance show. It was noted that the California Federation website keeps a list of all shows.

Sue Moore noted that our library needs new material, donations will help. She also noted a used book store called Michael's Used books on the corner of Tropicana and Pecos. The address is 3430 E. Tropicana.

Mary Beth Paladino will make a presentation at Brown Middle School. The kid's club Valentine's Day party will be held in the shop 11 Feb. 2011.

Jan Fitzgerald said she would do publicity and asked what approvals would be needed. The answer was any costs would require board approval.

Chuck stated his phone number 702-6896-4186 if any questions came up about the shop. A question was made about the cost of a phone in the shop; we will seek a reasonable rate for a non-commercial telephone.

Open session closed at 7:45 and Executive meeting at 8: PM. The names were assigned to the jobs and the list was generated. Speakers for our meetings were discussed and suggestions are welcome.

## General Meeting Summary - February 7, 2011

Meeting started at 6:00 PM. Pledge of allegiance was done.

Treasurer's report given by Pat Skeary. Reading and approval of minutes of last meeting with the following corrections: the kid's club is called the Rock Hounds, the older group above the 4th grade will be called Rock Stars, and the younger group will be called the Pebble Pups; referring to Doris Currington's talk the word geographical should be geological; the name of our visitor was written as Frank Walling is corrected to read Frank Rowley.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: John Stackhouse reports 364 members.

Mary Beth Paladino not present, however the Valentine's Day activity for the Rock Hounds will be 11 Feb. at the shop.

50/50 Raffle will be run by Bill Moore.

Raffle Table will be run by Tom Skeary.

Field Trips: Glenn Beye will present two field trips. One to Rosie's Den are 12 February 2011. Four wheel drive vehicles are needed. Meet at Railroad Pass Casino at 8:00 AM.

The other trip to Taylor Mountain will be on 26 February 2011. Four wheel drive will not be needed. Meet at Railroad Pass Casino at 8 AM.

Chair Positions were announced: Librarian-open, Sunshine-Dottie Fusch, Pat Skeary will chair till March, Webmaster-Jack Toogood, Program-Board, Hospitality-Bob and Sue Lofaro, Historian Terry Beck, Publicity-Jan Fitzgerald, Raffle-Tom Skeary, 50/50 Raffle-Bill Moore, Refreshments-Sue Dobson, Inventory-Ron Fetcho, General Shop Foreman-Tom Skeary and Chuck Huebler, Membership-John Stackhouse and Mary Brandt, Federation Director-Doris Currington, Alt. Federation Director-Sheri Johnson, Field Trip Director-Board, Show Chairperson-Sandy Cunningham information compiler, Board management, Rock Stars/Pebble Pups-Mary Beth Paladino, Education-Mary Beth Paladino and Doris Currington, Sargeant at Arms-Greg Tremmel.

### Comments:

Jan Fitzgerald asked for member input on publicity suggestions, t-shirts, jackets, hats, etc.

Lorrilee Stackhouse reported the bulletin will be sent to those who request it for a \$6.00 yearly fee to cover the cost of mailing.

New members were noted.

The birthday song was given. Amethyst is the February birthstone.

### Old Business -

We still need a Librarian, Program Director, and Field Trip person.  
Remember you bring the food items on your birthday month.

### New Business -

George Edwards reports he knows a source that pays 96 cents/pound for cans.

### Classes:

Clock Making, Wire Wrap, Silversmith, Lost Wax, Cabochon, Beading, and Faceting are all available for sign-up.

There will be a trip to PABCO Onyx on 13 Feb. 2011.

Trip to Burro Creek will be April 6-10.

George Messenger reports the Rare Earth Mine is opening soon.

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Jack Toogood is making a page to help with new people orientation.

A motion to fill the chair positions after the first meeting of the year was made by Sue Lofaro and seconded by Sandy Cunningham. Discussion followed by a vote show of hands; the motion did not pass.

The end of the meeting was a talk given by Darrel Wade. Darrel discussed the tips and methods for safe travel with four wheel drive vehicles.



Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Darrel Wade of Vegas Valley 4 Wheelers giving talk and answering questions on 4 Wheeling at Feb. 7 General Meeting.

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Bill Kogan's brother Joe drove down to meet up with him and set up his camp with our hearty group.

Thursday's trip was for Green Banded Rhyolite and was just up the Bouse Road to Quinn Pass. The total mileage from the meeting place to the site was 13 miles. We parked and started up the arroyo to the vein. I went wild when I saw the quality of the rock and ended making 3 trips back to the jeep with rock and actually took my turn with hammer and chisel on the side of the hill to release new rock. I donated some of these slabs to the raffle table. Bill and Joe Kogan went with us back to the Rhyolite for some more samples, which was fun since it was so close to camp. On the way back to camp we picked up some red jasper, which we found 2 years ago, also just east of camp.

Friday, we took the longest trip, 58 miles, which was north and west past Parker, into California for Purple Jasper. This was harder work. We parked and hiked around a mile up the dry wash and then went up the hill with hammer and chisel. This yielded a nice jasper that not only had purple, but red and blue colors as well. Once Bill and I staggered back to the Jeep with our bounty, we checked out and returned to camp. Once again, Bill Kogan inspected the lot and gave his blessing.

Saturday, we went for Jasper and Hematite. Sheila Tremmel and I had tried to find this on our own, using the Arizona Gem Trails book, but we couldn't find the correct turn off from the Bouse Road, into the desert. Once again, we met the Roadrunners at the fire house meeting place and took off. The total distance to the site was 21 miles. I don't know what I was imagining, but this rock was stripes of red jasper and black hematite. I had purchased some samples in town that I really liked so I was delighted to be at the source. Bill and I collected 2 5-gallon buckets full and checked out to return to camp. However, we started talking to the old hands who knew the area and we asked about the Sunday trip to get "bacon rock". I haven't been rock hounding forever, but I had heard several description of "bacon rock" and wanted to know what it was. They gave us directions to the site, which was on the way back to camp, so off we went to find it on our own. Somehow, we fumbled around and met up with 2 other guys who were in their custom Samurai and together, we all found the bacon rock. It turned out to be an extremely heavy onyx which was clear, golden and red colored in a yellow and brown base rock. Then we hammered and chiseled to our hearts content until I was sure glad that we had the Jeep lifted because we came back to camp loaded up.

We were the last of the Mohicans at our camp by then as everyone else had gone home, so we decided to return to Las Vegas on Sunday, having met our goal of 6 club trips. What a great way to spend a week in Quartzsite! I recommend this to anyone who enjoys field trips, as the area is so diverse in the types of rock available.

# Shop Report

## SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Closed
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	12 noon-9 PM
Thursday*	12 noon-9 PM
Friday	12 noon-9 PM
Saturday	10 AM -9 PM

\*Closed after 6 PM on the Thursday of the Board Meeting.

Supervisors will close the shop if no one comes in after two hours. The next shift supervisor will then re-open the shop.

### Fees

Trim Saw \$3.00 per hour, all other equipment is \$5.00 per hour, after the first hour charges are pro-rated in 15 minute increments.

## Shop Talk

*from Chuck Huebler and Tom Skeary*



Thanks to Caitly Stackhouse for photos

Supervisors will be glad to help anyone who is unfamiliar with the equipment to learn, and to get certified. No special knowledge or equipment is required to get started learning the lapidary arts. You don't even need to have a rock, as materials are available at the shop.

For safety, users of the shop equipment are requested to wear closed shoes and long pants or an apron. They also need to wear eye protection and a mask and/or hearing protection, depending on their activity. Goggles, hearing protection, and masks are available at the shop. Wearing old clothes is recommended

### THINK SAFETY!

Be mindful of what you are doing in the shop, as equipment (and You) can be damaged. If you don't know, or aren't sure of the equipment operation, ask for assistance. The supervisors are there to help you.

If none of the listed times are convenient for you, contact Tom or Chuck and they will try to accommodate your schedule, if a supervisor is available.



Left: Installation of new white board and bulletin board in the shop that were donated by Chuck Huebler.

Right: Hard at work on the Genies.





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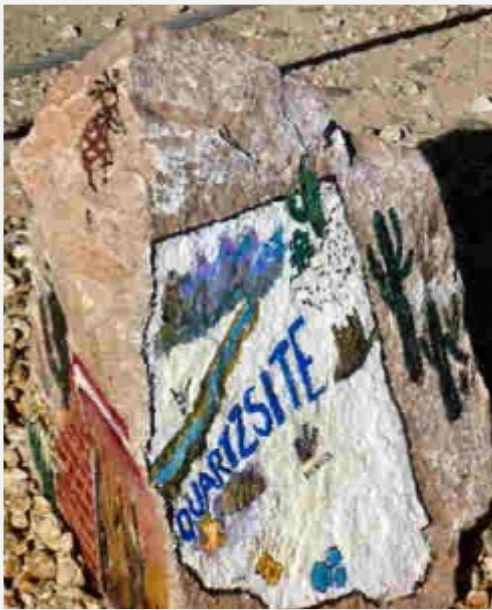



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# Quartzsite



Photos taken at Quartzsite 2011 courtesy of Claudia Fecho

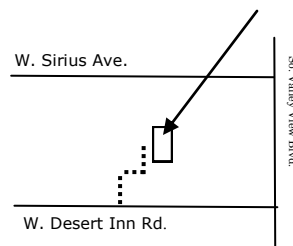
## Change to Polished Slab Mailing

As of this issue The Polished Slab will be emailed to everyone with an email address on file. Members without email, who are within the greater Las Vegas valley, may pick up a printed copy of the Slab at the General Meeting or at the SNGMS Shop. Copies of the Slab will continue to be mailed to out-of-town members who do not have an email address. Please make sure your email and mailing address are kept up to date. **If you are in the local area and want to continue receiving the Polished Slab by mail, you may do so for an additional cost of \$6.00 per year, paid to the Membership chairman.**

SNGMS 2011 Meetings		SNGMS General Meeting	
Mar 03 Board	July 28 Board	1st Monday of every month (2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday)  <b><i>Non-members welcome!</i></b>  3111 S. Valley View Blvd, E-122 Las Vegas, NV  Show & Sell                      5-6 PM Meeting                                6-8 PM	
07 General	Aug 01 General		
31 Board	Sep 08 Board		
Apr 04 General	12 General		
28 Board	29 Board		
May 02 General	Oct 03 General		
June 02 Board	Nov 03 Board		
06 General	07 General		
July 07 Board	Dec Open		
July 11 General			
All Meetings at 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Board Meetings at Shop, Suite 125, General Meetings at Suite 122.			

**3111 So. Valley View Blvd, Building E**



**Meeting Location  
Suite 122  
Shop Suite 125**



**Finding the Shop and General Meeting Location**

Proceeding west on Desert Inn Road, take the first right past So. Valley View Blvd. into the industrial park area. Drive past the building on your right, then jog right, then left and you will be in front of Building E.

# Bulletin Board



**SNGMS Garage Sale:** The club will be having a Garage Sale in March at the Shop, with the proceeds going to SNGMS. The date will be announced later.

Save your donations for the sale, any items will be appreciated. This is not rock specific, any whatnots, doodads and other items are appropriate

**For Sale:** Two 10" Lortone Saws are for sale at \$400.00 each. Contact Fred Weir at 702-524-4647.

**Refrigerator Needed:** The club needs a refrigerator, in working condition. If you can provide one, or for more information, contact Peggy Sue Moore at 434-6072

*To place an advertisement on the bulletin board contact the editor at 702-631-5291 or email [sngms\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:sngms_editor@yahoo.com)*

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## Classes, Classes, Classes!

The new beading class started on Feb. 10th. As you can see from the photo, the class is very popular! Pat Skeary is teaching peyote stitch. The January class project has four bands of peyote stitch that are connected together with bands of sparkling crystal beads resulting in a stunning bracelet. The Feb. 10th class taught basic peyote stitch and got everyone comfortable with starting the stitch and adding threads. At the next session, on Feb. 24th, the students will return with their four bands completed and will be taught how to combine them with the crystals. Sue Dobson will be teaching herringbone stitch in March and the project will be a gorgeous necklace. Beading classes are on Thursday at 6 PM, but not every Thursday. Sign up for beading to receive information on the class dates by contacting Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649.

Wire Wrapping taught by Sue Moore is meeting on Feb. 14 to create a wrapped heart necklace, and, led by Sheila Tremmel, on Feb. 28 to create three rings. The class is a lot of fun and always has a large attendance, so much so that there are two classes on each date, one at 3 PM and another at 6 PM. Wire wrapping meets on Mondays

Silversmithing is also very popular. It meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. The class does not do group projects, but help is available to get you through your first simple project and then to help you as needed as you complete your own individual projects. Contact Frank Auerswald for additional information.

Tom Skeary is teaching clock making in a weekend marathon on Feb. 18, 19 and 20th. Participants can make a wall or a desk clock. We have all admired Tom's creations and now have an opportunity to create our own masterpiece.

Examples of the wire wrapping and beading projects are displayed in the SNGMS Shop, so come down and take a look. Wire wrapping, beading, and silversmithing classes have a very modest fee of \$5.00 per session that goes to the club. Other class fees may vary.

Get Involved and Learn a New Skill

# Sunshine Report *from Dottie Fusch*

Please if you hear of any SNGMS member in need of a bit of sunshine due to accident, illness, death in the family or other need, call me—Dottie Fusch at 648-5886 (recorder on). Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well. Cards were sent to Joann Sprott and Ed Rupprecht.

Clare Breneman has had surgery and all our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to her.





## Rock Hounds Kid's Club



The meeting on Feb 11th was a combined meeting for both the Rock Stars and the Pebble Pups groups. The kids completed three projects during the evening. They made a beaded necklace featuring a large heart shaped quartz bead, assisted by Simy Bryant. They decorated votive candle holders with Valentine themed ribbon and stickers. Finally, they constructed valentine greeting cards. A contest found them trying to create the best rock themed Valentine sentiment. Everyone left happy with their creations and with some valentine candy.

If you have a child in your family contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647 about the Rock Hounds so that you will be notified about meeting dates. The kids always have a ton of fun and learn something as well. Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. are all welcome at the club.

**From a 1880 Geology Book ...** information provided by Doris Currington

At that time (1880), it was stated that Nevada was only fit for mining as the land was scarcely fit for agriculture or pasturage. Its silver mines are its sole worth and are producing 45% of all the silver wealth in the United States at \$12,000,000 yearly. The only towns are mining towns. Nevada has the richest salt mine, in Clark County, Lake Shore Rd.

The Nevada census: 1860 - 6,857, 1870 - 58,711, 1880 - 62,266. Teachers in public schools - 56, Students - 1,856, non-public school teachers - 28, and students - 517.



## Field Trip for February

Glenn Beye will lead a trip to Taylor Mountain on February 26th. Meet at Railroad Pass Casino parking lot on the Boulder City side. Sign-in by 8 AM. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person at Taylor Mountain.

## Nevada Geology *by Doris Currington*

Nevada geology is rare among other states, except Hawaii as it has a non-history being volcanic except for sand. Nevada was above water thousands of years when the rest of the world was underwater, and making fossils. It had the oldest exposed land.

Pre-Cambrian - meaning hidden life. Areas in Clark County now are Johnnie Mine, Gold Butte, and Virgin Mountains.

Cambrian - includes areas with limestone shale, quartz, dolomite, and is found in multiple areas in Clark County.

Ordovician - Spring Mountains and Arrow Canyon Range.

Silurian - North Spring Mountains and West Dry Lake.

Devonian - Virgin Mountains and Muddy Peak

Mississippian and Pennsylvanian - Monte Cristo, Bird Springs, Roger Springs, Callville, Roger Springs area has the largest salt deposits.

Permian - Kaibab, Toroweep, and Coconino Red Beds.

Triassic - Moenkopi and Coconino.

Jurassic - Sandstone.

Cretaceous - Horse Springs, Muddy Creek, Overton Fanglomerate.

Tertiary - Las Vegas Formation, Las Vegas Range, S.E. Las Vegas Valley, and Henderson. The Tertiary period begins our period and our pre-history of less recent and recent life.



Birthstone:  
Aquamarine

Flower: Jonquil



# Happy March Birthday!

***If you have a March birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the March meeting. And if your birthday was in December, this is another an excellent opportunity for you to bring a refreshment!***

Elizabeth Brooks, Danny Fester, Thomas W. Gergits, Monika Giles, Hubert Graley, Diane Hale, Michael T. Hardison, Travis Johnson, Karlene Kennedy, Thomas Lyons, Cheryl Milne, Michele Muniz, Roland Parsons, Corinne Silvia, and Leon (Lee) Turner

## Aquamarine Facts & Fancy

**Facts:** The semi-precious aquamarine is a gemstone-quality blue beryl, with a hardness of 7.5-8. It is a fairly common and affordable gemstone. It is very similar to light blue topaz in both color and properties. The most valuable color is a deep blue aqua. Most aquamarines on the market are heat treated to intensify their color.

Sources of aquamarine include the United States (California, Colorado, North Carolina, and New England), although most valuable aquamarine comes from Brazil. The name of aquamarine is derived from Latin words meaning water and sea.

As well as the March birthstone, aquamarine is the stone for the 19th anniversary.

**Fancy:** Aquamarine has been thought to bring foresight, courage, and happiness to the wearer, and to increase intelligence and youthfulness. As a healing stone it is said to decrease anxiety. Legend says it is the gem of the mermaid with the power to keep sailors safe and protect them from seasickness.

## Welcome New Members



***A hearty welcome to members who joined SNGMS during late December and January. We look forward to getting to know you better!***

Holley Beaumont, Ashley Decastro, Juan Decastro, Rhea Decastro, Roslinda Decastro, Jodie Erikson, Clark Hamer, Linda Herring, Angelus Johnson, Travis Johnson, Vicky Johnson, Joanna Koss, Rick Koss, Adam Lane, Linda Lewis, Jerry Lunsford, Sanford McDonald, Jill Ono, Kathy Ratcliff, Frank Rowley, Dan Thomas, Scott Thomas, Steven Thomas, Susan Thomas, Taciana (Endi) Timbers, Ben Turley

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## Upcoming Shows

**February 18-27, INDIO, CA** - San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Gem amp & Mineral Building Bldg #1. 46-350 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 -10 daily

**March 5-6, ARCADIA, CA**—Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc., Los Angles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 Baldwin Ave., Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily

**March 5-6, VENTURA, CA**—Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

See <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>,  
[http://www.rmfmts.org/rock\\_shows\\_by\\_date.htm](http://www.rmfmts.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm),  
 and <http://rockngem.com/showdates/> for additional shows and more information

## Vendor Opportunities

**Feast of San Genaro:** Located at the Silverton this year. Vendor booths start at \$600.00. DEADLINE IS 4-21-2011. Google Feast of San Genaro and follow the vendor links.

**Clark County Fair:** website is [www.ccfair.com](http://www.ccfair.com). Go to website to download forms. DEADLINE is 2-15-2011

**GLDA Trade Show:** To be held at the Mirage on May 30 - June 2. The website is [http://www.glda.com/lasvegas\\_may.htm](http://www.glda.com/lasvegas_may.htm). See the website for more information.

**Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary Arts & Crafts Festival:** April 16-17 9:30-5:00. Call Barbara Price at 702-505-5127 for more information and to reserve a booth.

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Return Service Requested



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The Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit corporation, organized to educate ourselves and the community in the science and arts related to rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, and nature in general. Fostering an understanding and appreciation of the physical world, we can use it and protect it for future generations.

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