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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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Upcoming Events

Jan 3 – Board Meeting

Jan 7 - General Meeting,
Moose Lodge

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President's Message

from Sheri Johnson

Hello Fellow Rockhounds!

I am not a poet, but that has not stopped me before, so here goes....

*'Twas the night before rock trip and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even dog Claus
The rock hammers were set by the front door with care
In hopes that daybreak soon would be there.*

*The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
With visions of quartz crystals and minerals unsaid.
With Ma in her nightgown and I in my jammers,
Dreaming of buying a 2 lb. sledge hammer.*

*When out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter,
That I jumped out of the bed to see what had shattered.
And what to my wondering eyes did appear,
A jolly old Rockhound with cheeks full of cheer*

*His four wheel drive truck all loaded with rocks
It looked as if the sagging axel would drop.
Quick as a wink, he started to his task
I knew what he was doing, no need to ask*

*A tumbler for Bobby, wire jewelry for Marie,
Cabochons for mother and a flat lap for me.
And lest he forget, four footed family relations,
Paw booties for Claus to wear on rock vacations.*

*The presents were set, he looked to the skies,
It was time to go, other rockhounds to surprise.
But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,
Happy hunting to all and to all a good night.*

Have a wonderful holiday and see you all next year.

Sheri

2012 Awards Banquet

The SNGMS 2012 Awards Banquet was held at the Moose Lodge on Dec. 9th. All attendees received either a beaded poinsettia flower corsage or a wire wrapped SNGMS poker chip, all created by our members.

Reverend Kathy Haslett (Duran) offered the blessing and the group enjoyed a bountiful and delicious pot luck dinner. Following the meal, President Sheri Johnson thanked the 2012 Board of Directors and then the 2013 Board of Directors was sworn in by Federation Director Jason Fabbi.

Award certificates and SNGMS mugs were presented to the 2012 volunteers. The Chinese auction was held and the winners happily received their items. The winning centerpieces were announced with Barbara Sines' prospector and bear winning first place, followed by the Peggy Sue Moore's beaded holly and poinsettia wreath in second place, and John and Lorrilee Stackhouse's desert landscape with cactus and scorpions in third place.

Thanks to all who contributed Chinese auction items: Tom & Pat Skeary, Chuck Huebler, Corinne Silvia, Clara Hatz, Peggy Sue Moore, Ed & Jaen Rupprecht, Sheri Johnson, Ernie Parrish, Angie Cervantes, Nancy Tatom, Lucinda Wilson, George & Priscilla Messenger, Jim Gawura, and Mary Brandt.



2013
Officers
are
sworn in



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



Santa Moose presides over the SNGMS Awards Banquet



Photos courtesy of Caitly
Stackhouse



Winning Centerpiece



Photos courtesy of Theresa Brooks

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 Faceting	17 Wire Wrapping 5	18 Shop 12-5	19 Shop 12-8	20 Shop 12-5	21 Shop 12-8	22 Shop 10-5
23 Faceting	24 Shop Closed	25 Christmas Shop Closed	26 Shop 12-8	27 Shop 12-5	28 Shop 12-8	29 Shop 10-5

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Faceting	31 Shop Closed	1 New Years Shop Closed	2 Shop 12-8	3 Shop 12-5 Board Mtg 6	4 Shop 12-8	5 Shop 10-5
6 Faceting	7 Show & Sell 5; Gen Mtg 6	8 Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	9 Shop 12-8	10 Shop 12-5	11 Shop 12-8	12 Shop 10-5

The Kids Club met during November and December and worked on their centerpiece for the Awards Banquet. They constructed star ornaments with a Nevada rock specimen to decorate a small tree. The kids were rewarded for their entry in the centerpiece contest with a pizza party which was held on Dec. 16th. The party featured a lot of singing, crafts, distribution of donated gifts and a visit from the man in the red suit. They are looking forward to more fun and activities next year!



Kids Club Activities



Photos courtesy of Theresa Brooks

Discounts Available

All the establishments featured in this section offer discounts to SNGMS members. Be sure to show your membership card when making a purchase, and say that the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society sent you!

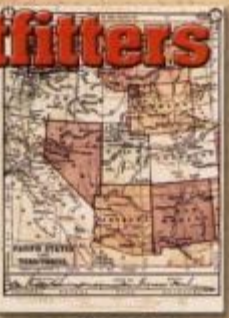


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SNGMS 2013 Meetings

Jan 03 Board	Jun 03 General
07 General	27 Board
31 Board	Jul 01 General
Feb 04 General	Aug 01 Board
28 Board	05 General
Mar 04 General	Sep 05 Board
28 Board	09 General
Apr 01 General	Oct 03 Board
May 02 Board	07 General
06 General	31 Board
30 Board	Nov 04 General

Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Moose Lodge, 1600 Gragson Ave.

SNGMS General Meeting

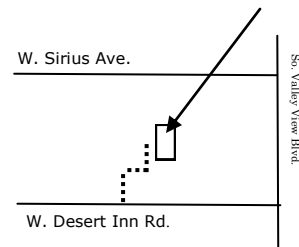
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

Moose Lodge 1600 Gragson Ave.

Food Available	5 PM (\$5.00)
Show & Sell	5-6 PM
Meeting	6-8 PM

3111 So. Valley View Blvd, Building E Shop Suite 125

**Finding the Shop 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.

Clock Class

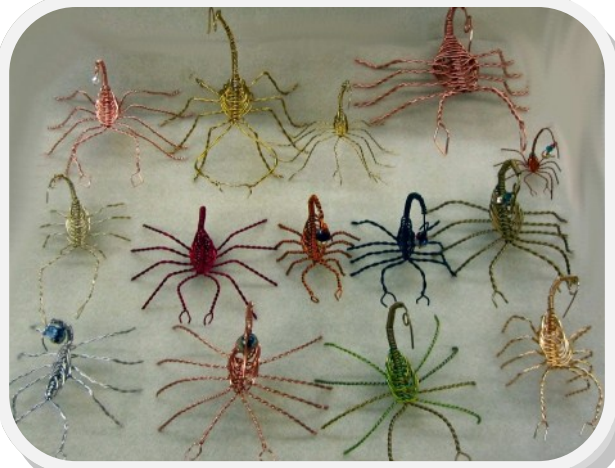
**Pay your 2013 dues
anytime before Jan 31st**

Classes, Classes, Classes!

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The only wire wrapping class for January is the 14th and will be wire wrapping a poker chip or coin. You will need 21 ga. square and 21 ga. half round wire. The SNGMS poker chips will be available for sale for \$2.00 if you want to use one of them. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.

Beading class is 6 - 8 PM on Thursday, the next beading class will be announced at the meeting and by email. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 for more information.

Silversmithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. Bill Lemmon and Mary Brandt are leading the class. They are doing some project classes, or will help you, as needed, as you complete your own individual projects. No experience or equipment is required to come to the class. Come in and Bill and Mary will help you get started. Come to a class and they will be glad to tell you everything you need to know and provide all the equipment you need to do your first project.



Polymer classes are the last Monday of the month at 2 - 5 PM. The next class will be on Jan 28th. We will learn to do a color graduation technique called a Skinner blend and can use it to construct beads or a pendant. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are on Sunday morning. Call Ed Wolf at 702-527-6573 to get in the queue for taking a class, or for more information.

Tom Skeary held a clock class in Dec., see page 7 for photos and be sure to sign up for his next class.

Chuck Huebler is offers a drop-in shop maintenance class on Saturday mornings.

Come in at 10 AM and he will teach you about maintaining your lapidary equipment.

Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, and silversmithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting is \$5.00 an hour, the cost of faceting machine use, or a flat \$5 if you use your own machine. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class. All donations go to SNGMS, instructors are volunteers.



Shop Report

Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Appointment only
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12 noon - 5 PM
Wednesday	12 noon - 8 PM
Thursday	12 noon - 5 PM
Friday	12 noon - 8 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM

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

Fee Chart

Metered Equipment:

\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

Non-Metered Equipment:

Turquoise/Opal Saw—
\$3.00 for first hour; prorated \$0.75 per additional 1/4 hour increment

Other - \$5.00 for first hour; prorated \$1.25 per additional 1/4 hour increment

Shop Talk

from Chuck Huebler and John Stackhouse



www.sngmsshop.wix.com/home

The shop is now open during the day on Thursdays, 12-5 PM. Come in and use it to ensure it stays open on Thursday! The shop is closing an hour earlier on Wednesday and Friday as well, at 8 PM instead of the previous 9 PM.

New users just need to come in, we'll even give you a slab to make your first cabochon from. No additional equipment or experience is necessary, we have everything you need to get started doing lapidary work, and will teach you all the basics at any time that the shop is open.

Due to lack of use, the shop is open by appointment only on Sundays. Call Lori Green at 702-255-9594 by the Saturday prior to the Sunday you want to come in, and plan to spend at least two hours working in the shop.



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Happy January Birthday



If you have a January birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the January meeting

Marcelia Aguilar, Samantha Altergott, Don Andretti, Suzanne Barnes, Rita Bergeron, Nicholas Brooks, Simy Bryant, Diane Burgess, June Cravenn, Sandra Cunningham, Doris Currington, Kevin Donovan, Ali Ess-Haghabadi, Jan Fitzgerald, Joan Gramm, Hilary Grillett, Leo Karnes, Joseph Krusa, Bob Lofaro, Eli Lopez, Roy L. Mobley, William (Bill) Moore, Sarah Neale, Ron Nelder, Jesse Penick, Jaun Resendiz, Renate Robertson, Gary Shaw, Lance Silva, Barbara Sines, Pat Skeary, Devon Smith, Taciana (Endi) Timbers, Jack Toogood, Rich Werner, Nancy Wheeler, Sierra Whitehead, Lucinda Wilson

Welcome New Members



A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during November We look forward to getting to know you better!

Ronald Gregrich, Gerald Hendrick, Ron Liccardo, Randi Wright

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.

Frank Timbers had surgery and is recovering. Lori Green's daughter was hospitalized, but is now feeling better.

Please, **under no circumstances**, park in front of Unit 124 or Unit 126 (the units next to the Shop). The owners of the units come in at odd hours and need access to their parking spaces. There is ample parking across from the Shop that is not in front of any unit.

2013 Board of Directors

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Contact any Board member to volunteer for a position, or a Committee Chairman to offer to help on their committee.

Upcoming Shows

Jan 4 - 6: Mesa, AZ, 41st annual show, Flagg Mineral Foundation, Mesa Community College, SW parking lot, US 60 and Dobson, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5

Jan 18-20 - Globe, AZ, Annual show, Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Gila County Fairgrounds, 3 miles northeast of Junction U.S. 60-70, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

February 15 - 24: Indio, CA, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 46-530 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 - 10 daily

Quartzsite Dates:

Desert Gardens Rock & Gem, Showgrounds West Kuehn St, Jan 1 - Feb 28

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show, Showgrounds West Kuehn St, Jan 4 - Jan 13

QIA Pow Wow Gem Show, 235 East Ironwood, Jan 23 - Jan 27

Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club Pow Wow Field Trips, Jan 23 - 27:

See <http://qrgmc.org/special%20events/2013powwowtrips.pdf> for a complete list.

These are only a sampling of shows that are fairly close to the Las Vegas area. There are rock clubs throughout the United States and the computer is your friend in finding information about clubs and shows. Just search for the area you are interested in and rock club and you should find plenty to keep you busy, wherever you are going.

Some links that you may find helpful are:
California Federation - <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>,
Rocky Mountain Federation - http://www.rmfmf.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm,
and the Rock & Gem website - <http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

Raffle Donations are always welcome! Contact Tom Skeary or bring to SNGMS Shop.

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2013 Dues!**

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Club Mascot: Rock Wren Club Gemstone: Turquoise Club Logo: Rocks-R-Us Membership is open to anyone with an interest in: Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing Annual Dues: Individual - \$20; Family - \$30 Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at Eagles Hall, 1601 E. Washington. No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our annual awards dinner. Visitors are always welcome and bring a friend or two.	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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