SOUTHERN NEVADA GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY
Las Vegas, Nevada

The Polished Slab

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President's Message

Dave Rogers, President

Here we are 2005. Where did 2004 go? Wow what a great year we have had in 2004. I would like to thank all our members for making this year a successful year. With the hard work and dedication of our members we have begun to pave the way for the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society. I am excited about what's ahead for 2005. More and exciting field trips. New speakers for our meetings.

We are now looking ahead at 2005. We will be looking for new volunteers to help our club continue its success. I would now like to challenge our members to look for what they may give to their club. We will need our members to give time for each show. We will need members to enhance our meetings with presentations. This truly will provide the support our clubs needs to advance.

In closing I would like to thank Craig and Carolyn Edmonds for their support of your new 2004 President. Craig for his advice and Carolyn for her patience. Thanks you Craig and Carolyn.

An Awards Banquet to be Talked About for Years

Dave Rogers, President

Well the year 2004 is over. The members of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society finished our year in style. What a great Awards/ Holiday Banquet. As the President of the SNGMS I would like to say thanks to all who played a part in the success. This Banquet will be talked about for many years to come. I truly felt at home with the choice of entertainment.

I would like to give special thanks to Clare Breneman for her efforts in arranging the Banquet Hall and menu. Special thanks as well to Beth Jones for her efforts in ticket sales and assistance to Clare. Lastly I would like to thank a former member for his contribution. Thanks Jim Paulis for your wonderful MC and entertainment arrangements.

To all the members. Have a wonderful Holiday Season. You have made this year one to remember.

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Long Journey?

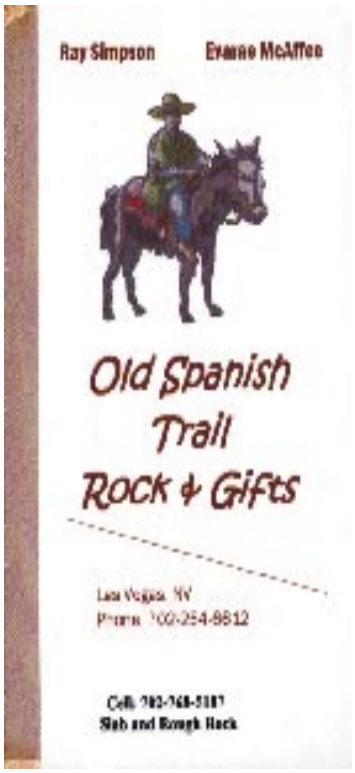
Charlotte Robinson, Sunshine Chair

I am sure that every one of you reading this letter has had to make a long and tedious journey that you just dreaded, like the trip from Las Vegas to Reno. Many call this the loneliest road in America. I had to make said trip by myself when my daughter had to have emergency surgery and it was the first time that I was alone as Bill always drives and I am puttering with paper work or some other thing so I never really never noticed how long the trip was.

When I left a severe snow storm was predicted and I had to make haste and was dreading the whole idea of such a long trip. After I left Las Vegas, I started looking at the mountain ranges ahead of me and wondering just what gems were out there to form all the pretty colours that I encountered. It is strange how you perceive things when you have to entertain yourself.

There are more mountain ranges in Nevada than all the other states so I was intrigued as

I was driving wondering what the pioneers thought of our state as they passed thru with wagons and horses and had to endure such hardships. One can only image the heat and dirt that they had to survive and I am sure that they didn't think our mountains were very pretty.



The next time that you have to take a long trip, look at your surroundings and put yourself in the place of the poor pioneers and think just how lucky you are to be here today to be able to drive to those mountain ranges and find the beauty in them and all the gems that they have to share with us. Look upon the new year to find new adventures and better health.

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Club Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Field Trip
16	20	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Class Schedule

Cabochon	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 until 4; and Monday and Wednesday from 7 until 9
	Call Ed Rupprecht at 459 8747 to schedule
Beading	Every other Monday from 7 until 9. Call Jaen Rupprecht at 459-8747 to schedule
Silver Smithing	Every Tuesday from 7 until 9. Call Mona Howells at 645-3587 to schedule
Wire Wrapping	Saturdays. Call Jaen Rupprecht at 459-8747 to schedule.

Shop Schedule

Monday: 12 to 4, and 6 until 9
Tuesday: 12 until 4
Wednesday: 12 to 4, and 6 until 9
Saturday: By appointment. Call 459-8747 to schedule.

Instructors

Cabochons: Ed Rupprecht 459-8747

Faceting: Open

Wirewrapping: Jaen Rupprecht 459-8747

Beading: Jaen Rupprecht 459-8747, Maxine Riggs 431-4523

Silver Smithing: Mona Howells 645-3587

January Birthdays

Name		Day
Hilary	Grillett	1
Clare	Breneman	2
Carl	Fields	2
Diane	Burgess	4
Mimi	Peak	5
Lynne	Whelan	7
Simy	Bryant	18
Jack	Toogood	19
Pauline	Moore	20
John	Swartz	20
Dorothy	Hansen	23
Jerry	Bertschi	25
Krinstina	Hamilton	26
Pat	Skeary	29
Walter	Lombardo	31

Upcoming Field Trips

Bruce Wingate, Field Trip Chair

Date	Destination
February 19	To Be Determined
March 19	To Be Determined
April 13-17	Burro Creek, AZ
May 21	To Be Determined
June 18	To Be Determined

If you are unable to make the club meeting, you can call me at 702 547-6590 to sign up or find out about the next field trip.

If you are unsure about making a trip, you can call the day before, or show up at the meeting site on the day of the trip.

DUES ARE DUE

The Sourthen Nevada Gem and Mineral Society is now collecting membership dues for year 2005. You may send you dues to

SNGMS
P.O. Box 94744
Las Vegas, Nevada
89193-4744

OR

Give your dues payment at the next scheduled club meeting.

SNGMS Members Can Lean How To Turn Rocks Into Gems

Larry Grillett, Vice President

Members can learn to transform rocks into gems beginning January 5 when Larry Grillett teaches an eight week course on Meetpoint Faceting at the SNGMS workshop.

The class meets Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The class is limited to six members so register early. The cost is $75, which includes laps, material, and access to the faceting machine. Bring a notebook, writing instrument, and a stiff toothbrush.

The workshop's address is 4777 E. Harris, which is between Washington and Bonanza, and between Nellis and Lamb. From Las Vegas, take Washington east to first stop sign beyond Lamb. Turn right and proceed around a left heading curve to first house on the right (across from the school).

From Henderson, take Nellis Blvd North to Harris(first light beyond Bonanza). Turn Left on Harris and proceed to last house on the left (across from the school).

The workshop is a large “Quonset” hut in the rear yard of the house at 4777 E Harris (you should be able to see it from the road

Board Meeting Minutes for December 2004

Priscilla Messenger, Secretary

President David Rogers opened the Board Meeting at 7 PM and thanked everyone for their help in our lovely Holiday Awards Banquet and the gem show at the Convention Center in early December.

Some members will travel to Laughlin or QuartzsiÝe for the January gem and mineral shows.

David Rogers showed the Board members a letter of thanks from UNLV for the $1,000 scholarship in geological sciences.

New classes in faceting and in lost wax casting will form in January.

Art Patton presented a list of new equipment and supplies needed for lost wax casting classes. Art will investigate if Syma Sherratt has some lost wax supplies she wishes to donate.

Craig Edmonds, Parliamentarian, made a motion to approve the purchase of the requested acetylene torch and components from Rio Grande. David Rogers seconded the motion and it passed. A second motion was made by Larry Grillett, Vice President, to approve the purchase of several items from Kingsley North for approximately $84.00. Priscilla Messenger, Secretary, seconded the motion and it passed. Craig Edmonds then submitted a motion to authorize Art Patton to purchase workshop equipment and supplies from Rio Grande for up to $500 excluding vulcanization kit, hot wax injector and the buffing and polishing cabinet. George Messenger, Board member, seconded the motion and it passed. Art will make sure he gets any club discounts available.

It was decided that the 14-inch, the 18-inch and the 24-inch saws at the workshop will be refurbished in the next few months. Larry Grillett proposed that cards indicating certification in certain skills be issued before members can use most of the workshop equipment without supervision. Security issues to protect new equipment were discussed.

It was decided to investigate having a club booth at various community fairs and art shows where we could offer agate slices and cut geodes, etc.

David Finch, Treasurer, gave his December report. It appears that the club expenses were approximately $500 more than our income but that was without using any of the year's interest earned by our bonds. This year the workshop fees met the workshop expenses. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Letters

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November 29, 2004

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Submitted by Bruno and Phyllis Syzdek, Historians

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The Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was organized to educate ourselves and the community in the science and arts related to rocks, mineral, 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. We are incorporated for the purpose of promoting an active interest in Geology, Gemology and facilitate an improvement in knowledge of the art of cutting, polishing, collecting and displaying gems. We began in 1932, and became the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society in 2003. The very first Polished Slab was published in 1940 by Paul Mercer.

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