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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7: Board Mtg
NOTE: Starts at 5 PM

July 11: General Mtg

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Wayne Muth

To all SNGMS Members:

This is urgent, as a club we always need volunteers, and right now we are in desperate need of them for the shop. Richard Rawe needs shop supervisions to help with vacations and now some vacated positions. If we do not have these positions filled, then I will have to consider closing or changing the hours of the shop. We need new people to volunteer for the shop and the training is not that difficult. I plan to spend more time at the shop to see if I too can be of help.

We also need to have a permanent person for the Raffles. Currently my wife Rimma is doing them, but her situation may change here soon.

With regard to the Lund trip, we had a great time. We all found some great sites and rocks that were out of this world. The Pot Luck was a lot of fun too. The only draw back was the heat, but we all made it. We did have some mechanical problems, but we got through it. I have one comment on any field trip, everyone must stay together for safety. Sue Moore is going to come up with some rules of the road for all of us to share.

Special thanks to Bill Kogan for all his help and sharing his knowledge with us.

We are planning our next field trip for July 16th, 2016 in the Rachael area, details will be in The Slab.

Keep Rocking.

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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Southern Nevada Board of Directors Meeting May 26, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Read The Minutes: Minutes were read and approved

Treasurer Report: Balance was a plus. No bills were presented for approval.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY. CONT.

By-law Committee Scott Edwards proceeding with committee Meeting to be held June 9th at 6:00 at the shop

Shop report: Pat Skeary made a motion to purchase polishing discs for faceting machines not to exceed \$600.00, John Stackhouse seconded, motion passed. There was discussion on equipment abuse and what should be done.

Rock Stars: Rock Stars to meet June 5th at 3:00

Insurance: Pending

Cabachon Contest: July contest, Red, White, Blue

Supervisor Rewards: It was decided that the certificates and mementos at the awards banquet were sufficient.

John Stackhouse made motion to adjourn, Steve Wilson seconded
Meeting adjourned at 7:08

GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

SNGMS General meeting minutes for June 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:00 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Treasurers Report: Report was negative. George Messenger gave a report on the investments which are doing well

Secretary: The minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Beth Jones stated that Peggy Sue Moore had surgery and is doing well. It was said that John Stackhouse is having back problems.

Shop: Need paper towel donations



Federation & Show: Sheri made announcement thanking all the volunteers for helping at the Jamboree

Field Trip: Pending trip to Tempe Piate July 16, 2016

Program: No program.

Shop Contest: Red, White and Blue. The winners for June were 1st place Jamie Brown, 2nd, Ruth Dziadon

Classes: All classes were announced

Rockstars Rock stars will meet June 26, 2016 3:00 to 5:00.

By-Law Committee: There will be a meeting of By-Law committee June 9, 2016 at 6:00 at the shop

New Business: Award Banquet tabled to July meeting

Scott Edwards made a motion to adjourn, Beth Jones seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6.56

SNGMS 2016 Meetings

	Jun 06 General
Jan 04 General	Jul 07 Board
28 Board	11 General
Feb 01 General	28 Board
Mar 03 Board	Aug 01 General
07 General	Sep 08 Board
31 Board	12 General
Apr 04 General	29 Board
28 Board	Oct 03 General
May 02 General	Nov 03 Board
Jun 02 Board	07 General
Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Eagles Lodge, 1601 E Washington	

SNGMS General Meeting

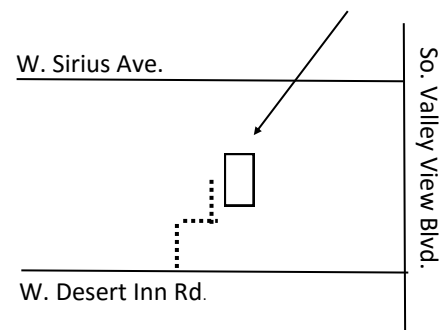
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

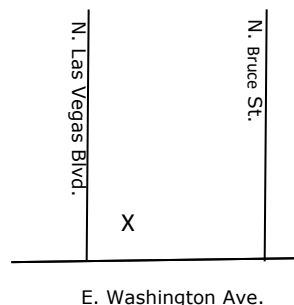
Show & Sell	5-6 PM
General Meeting	6-8 PM

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.



Finding the General Meeting Location

Eagles Lodge #1213

1601 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas,
NV

(702) 642-1213

Come Early!

Be sure to come early on General Meeting nights, because between 5 and 6 PM many of our talented members exhibit their works for your admiration and possible purchase. Cabochons, beadwork, silversmithed and wire wrapped jewelry, rock slabs, unfinished stones, and more are usually available. It is a good time to chat with other members and catch up on their latest creations.



Discounts Available with your SNGMS Membership

All the establishments featured on page 4 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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SHOP INFORMATION

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	12 noon –5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed **
Wednesday	12 noon - 9 PM
Thursday	12 noon –9 PM
Friday	12 noon - 9 PM
Saturday	10 am – 6 PM

** open Tuesday following
General meeting



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

Shop Fee

All equipment is now metered and charge will be:
\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

Congratulations to the May cabochon winners—1st place Jamie Brown, 2nd place Ruth Dziadon

The June Cabochon contest, judged at the July meeting will be a red, white & blue themed cab.

Remember you must have paid for one hour use of the shop equipment during the month to be eligible to enter. The winners receive free shop time.

Shop Donations Needed - Donations of shop towels, and paper towels are always needed and appreciated. Bring your donations to the shop or to the meeting.

Come in and enjoy the fellowship of the shop - share your rocks, share you knowledge - get to know your fellow members a little 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.



Happy July Birthday!

*If you have a July birthday please bring something
for the refreshment table at the July meeting.*

Cindy Allison, Salomon Arar, Lois Bloom, Faith Brown, Julie Cooley, Scott Edwards, Luigi Iamele, Devynn Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Jim Jones, Thomas Lawlor, Brian Lundberg, Katherine Matthews, Irene McLaughlin, George Messenger, Allen Miciek, Kyle Mills, Melissa Mitrevski, Nelson Muniz, Sara Nowobilski, Joyce Nuell, Lee Padilla, Kiera Rand, Ellen Reeves, Catherine Stackhouse, Mary Switalla, Paul Thomas, Kim Wenzl, Orville Wiemers, Bruce Young

No new member listing this month due to illness of membership chair, we'll catch up on our new members in the July Slab!

Sunshine Report

from Beth Jones

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 Beth Jones at 702-505-5819 or email her at Punkyjones@hotmail.com (please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)

Peggy Sue Moore has recovered from her recent surgery. John Stackhouse is expecting to have back surgery soon.



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Federation.....Sheri Johnson

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New Member Liason...Tony Duran

Program.....Cindy Allison

Publicity.....Scott Edwards

Raffle.....open

50-50 Raffle.....John Brown

Refreshments.....Rita Bergeron

Rock Stars.....Mary Beth Paladino.....702-255-1647

Rock Hounds

Show Chairperson.....Sheri Johnson

Sunshine.....Beth Jones

Webmaster.....Jack Toogood.....702-642-4788

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Conduct

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collecting on private lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning materials - - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my Club or Federation Officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations and for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of Natural Resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

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

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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

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No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our
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