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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 29th - Board Mtg  
Apr 2nd - General Mtg  
Apr 29th - Board Mtg  
May 7th - General Mtg

See page 8 for details on scheduled classes and instructor contact information

SNGMS Contact :  
702 561-3086

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Bob Belcher*

To all SNGMS Members:

Hi, April is here and we are looking forward to another great month. We had our April General Meeting and our guest speaker was Jill Lagan of Boulder City Chamber of Commerce. She filled us all in on what's going on in Boulder City and our participation in the Boulder City Spring Jamboree. We had two guest couples at the meeting and two birthday girls. We hope to see them again.

We are signing up new members almost every day. I signed up one today at the shop. All the classes are going well and we're starting a new beading class April 9th. Thanks to Sue Dobson and Gary Webb for getting it started. It will be on the 2nd Monday of each month for now. Come one come all and enjoy the class.

On April 7th, the Kids' Club Easter Egg Hunt is at Paradise Park, 4775 McLeod Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89121, from 10 am until 2 pm. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served and each parent bringing a side dish. There will be games from 10 am to 12.

Sunday, April 8th at 10 am there will be a shop supervisor's meeting at the shop. Following the supervisor's meeting, the Semi-Annual Rock Swap will begin at 11:30 am. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available. Come and have a great time.

Another piece of good news. All of our booths are full at this time for the Spring Jamboree. Thank you Sheri.

I don't want to forget Bill Kogan who drove down from Lund, NV, to be with us at our monthly meeting. In case some don't know, Bill is recovering from hip surgery. Thanks again Bill, it was great seeing you in such great shape. We look forward to joining you at more camp outs.

I can't say enough about having such great friends as we do in SNGMS .

**Bob Belcher**  
**President SNGMS**  
**April 2018**

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## Field Trips

**April 14th, 2018, Saturday:** Fluorite in Afton Canyon, CA, requires **4x4** high clearance vehicle. Meet at the gas station at the I-15 Jean exit on the right side, leaving at 7:45 am. Or, meet at the I-15 Basin Road exit #230, South side parking lot. Meet at 10:00-10:15 am.

**A few more pictures from our recent trip to Burro Creek, AZ, March 7th—12th:**



### **Subject: Ore Car Mine visit**

Thank you again for the opportunity to visit the Ore Car claim. Our two clubs, Southern Utah Rock Club and Mesquite Rock On Club, fielded 13 cars (26 members). We had no trouble filling our 5 gallon buckets. There is so much different stuff out there-can't wait to see how it polished. **Best to you and your club, Stella Tandy**



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## Next Month is the 2018 Spring Jamboree Gem & Mineral Show in Boulder City, May 5th and 6th.

To get ready for the show, we will be getting together at the shop on the following dates / times to prepare:

- Thursday, April 5th, 6:00 pm
- Saturday, April 21st, 1:00 pm

This will be our best year yet! We have added a few new items (like Ed, the 7.5 Tyrannosaurus Rex and a Plinko Board). It should be fun!

See you there!

**Birthstone for the Month of April is Diamond:** Our hardest gem on the Moho's scale (10). It's name is derived from ancient Greek meaning "unbreakable", "unalterable" and is thought to be first mined in India 3,000 to 6,000 years ago. Diamond is a solid form of carbon with a cubic crystal structure. It's color comes from small amounts of impurities, Blue (boron), yellow (nitrogen), green (radiation exposure). It also occurs in pinks, purples, oranges and reds.

Diamond has relatively high optical dispersion, the ability to disperse light of different colors. And because of this property, especially the brilliant-cut stones, diamond is surrounded by stories of grandeur, murder and misfortune.

The diamond symbolizes wisdom and enlightenment, purity and clarity. It provides protection, preserves peace and gives power.



## SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 3/29/18

On March 29th, 2018, the regular Board of Directors 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.

The minutes of the March 1st, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported that the investment account with Wells Fargo is still in the process of being transferred to the new treasurer. He also reported the balance in the checking account. Beth Jones proposed, seconded by Wayne Muth, and approved by the Board that "The bill for the kid's club be paid."

Shop Report: A meeting of the shop supervisors has been called for Sunday, April 1. After discussion it was moved to April 8 at 10 AM to be followed by a Rock Swap. John Stackhouse proposed, seconded by Scott Edwards, and approved by the Board that "A barrel of oil be purchased not to exceed \$700.00." Beth Jones proposed, seconded by Wayne Muth, and approved by the Board that "up to \$450.00 be spent for replacement Cab King wheels." The need for additional electrical capacity in the saw room was discussed. Membership will be asked at the general meeting if any members can provide electrician services to accomplish this.

### Unfinished Business:

The Board approved placing a sign in the shop for "no photography without permission."

Sheri Johnson reported that all the vendor booths for the Spring Jamboree show are filled. There will be an April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at Jerry's Nugget at 6 PM.

### New Business:

Scott Edwards proposed, seconded by Beth Jones, and approved by the Board that "a new microphone extension be purchased, not to exceed \$35.00." Sheri Johnson volunteered to purchase the extension.

John Stackhouse proposed, seconded by Beth Jones, and approved by the Board, that "the meeting be adjourned."

## **Shop Talk: Brad's Bench Tips for April** (Courtesy of [www.BradSmithJewelry.com](http://www.BradSmithJewelry.com))

### **NO - MAR PLIERS :**

Pliers can often leave nicks and scratches on your work. If this is giving you a problem, first take a close look at the plier jaws. New tools can be a little rough. I typically relieve any sharp edges, sand away any tool marks, and give working areas a quick polish.

If that doesn't solve the problem, you probably need to cover the jaws. Plastic electrical tape provides a quick fix but can leave messy adhesive on the jaws, and dips don't seem to last very long.

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*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

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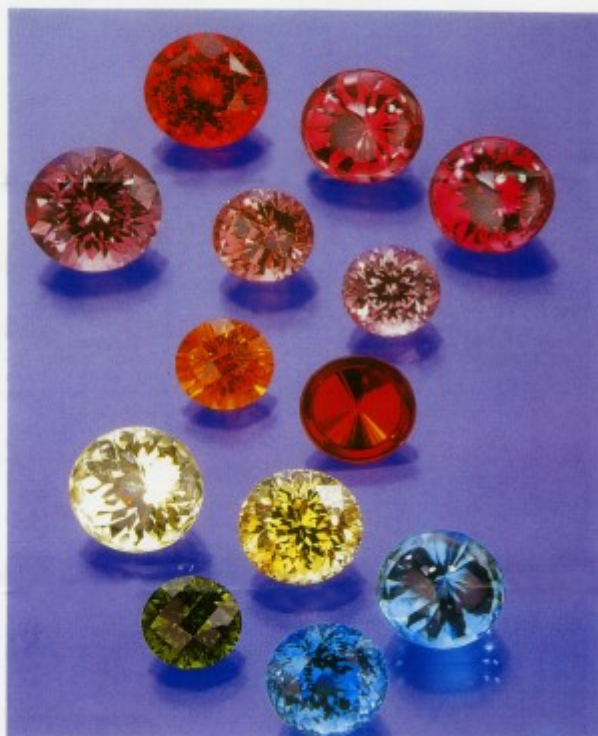
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**SNGMS General meeting minutes for 4/02/18**

On April 2nd, 2018, 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.

The minutes of the March 5th, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported the account balances.

The GPAA Gold Show will be at the South Point Hotel & Casino April 21-22.

**Committee Reports:**

All SNGMS events will be scheduled by contacting Peggy Sue Moore who will coordinate dates and put on the calendar.

Field Trip: Cliff Jackson will lead a field trip on April 14<sup>th</sup> to a fluoride mine. Agate, jasper, opalized material, etc. will be available. This is 4-wheel drive only.

Classes: Next Monday will be a beading class, followed by wire wrapping the next three Mondays. Projects include scorpion, dragonfly, and a chain maille bracelet.

Sunshine: Sandy Cunningham passed away March 7<sup>th</sup>. Bill Hogan was at the meeting, up and walking. Jenna Plein broke her finger, John Stackhouse broke his back, and Beth Jones fell at the Burro Creek outing.

Membership: John Stackhouse reports 40 child members.

Jr. Members and Rock Stars: Mary Beth Paladino reported April 7<sup>th</sup> will be the annual egg hunt with crafts, games, and prizes. The Valley of Fire trip was most enjoyable.

Federation and Show: The Rocky Mountain Federation meeting will be in Rapid City, South Dakota in July 2018 with 20 field trips planned. Sheri Johnson reported that all vendor booths are filled for the Spring Jamboree show with a waiting list of vendors. Volunteers are needed for the show. Silent auction material is needed as well, if you have some to donate please give to Peggy Sue Moore or take to the shop and mark it for the Spring Jamboree silent auction.

Shop: We have all the Cab Kings in good shape with new wheels. We need a volunteer electrician to add electrical capacity to the saw room. Cliff Jackson added ventilation to the geode saw.

**New Business:**

Information to be distributed to the members via email can be sent to Bob Belcher, Peggy Sue Moore, or Del Walkenshaw.

Orville Wiemers proposed, seconded by Ann Harris, and approved by the membership that "up to \$1600.00 be spent for shop resale merchandise."

Cab contest winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Debbie Bucknam

Ann Harris proposed, seconded by Debbie Bucknam "that the meeting be adjourned." Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

**SNGMS 2018 Meetings**

Jan 04 Board	Jul 05 Board
08 General	09 General
Feb 01 Board	Aug 02 Board
05 General	06 General
Mar 01 Board	Sep 06 Board
05 General	10 General
29 Board	Oct 04 Board
Apr 05 General	08 General
26 Board	Nov 01 Board
May 07 General	05 General
31 Board	Dec None
Jun 04 General	Annual Awards
	Banquet

Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Eagles Lodge, 1601 E. Washington Ave.

**SNGMS General Meeting**

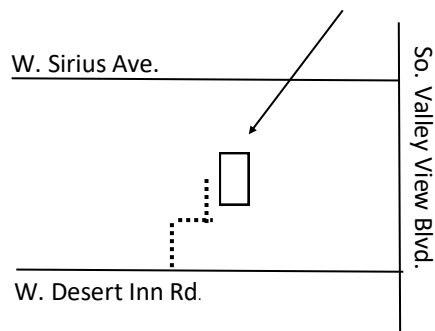
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

**Non-members welcome!**

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



**SNGMS Contact: 702 561-3086**

**Finding the General Meeting Location**

Eagles Lodge #1213  
1601 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV  
(702) 642-1213

**KIDS CLUB / EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

*The Kids Club meets on the second Sunday of most months at the SNGMS Shop from 3-5. As always, for more information, or to volunteer to lead an activity, or to help with an educational event contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647*

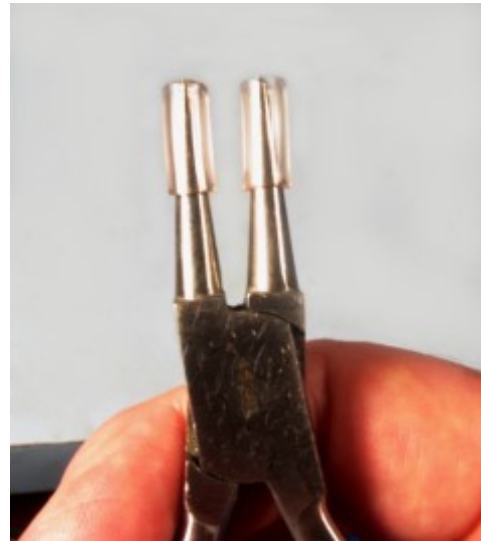


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**Shop Talk: (Courtesy of Brad Smith) (Continued from Pg 3)****NO - MAR PLIERS :**

A quick and easy solution is to slip a length of 1/8 dia vinyl tubing over each jaw. It works well and leaves no sticky residue. The tubing can be found in a store that sells aquarium supplies. Note that this will increase the size of the plier jaws a bit, but I haven't found that to be a problem.

**PATINA RECIPIES :**

Sometimes it's fun to explore some new patinas. If this appeals to you, here are a couple web sites that have ideas particularly for copper and bronze.

The first is The Science Company at <http://www.sciencecompany.com/Do-It-Yourself-Patina-Formulas-W12C672.aspx> with plenty of formulas for a variety of colors. And there are more formulas at Tim McCreight's Brynmorgen Press web site at <http://www.brynmorgen.com/resources.html>

Small quantities of chemicals for making your own patinas are available from The Science Company at <http://www.sciencecompany.com/Patina-Chemicals-Patina-Book-C672.aspx>

If you prefer to buy the patinas ready for use, one of the best sources I've come across is Sculpt Nouveau at <http://www.sculptnouveau.com/> Don't miss all the instructional pdf's on the site and be sure to take a look at the videos showing how to use the products at <http://www.youtube.com/sculptnouveau>

For more tips or to learn new jewelry skills see

[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](http://Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

Many thanks,

- Brad

[www.BradSmithJewelry.com](http://www.BradSmithJewelry.com)

## Classes

**Wire wrapping**, led by Peggy Sue Moore or Scott Edwards , meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The fee is \$5.00 for the shop and \$1.00 pattern fee.

**Beading:** Gary Webb and Sue Dobson will be hosting the new beading class with the first class set for April 9th at 5 pm. Follow on classes will be the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

**Metal and Silver Smithing**, Scott Edwards has changed the Metal & Silver smithing class from Saturday mornings to Tuesday evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm. The class is suitable for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. The shop is now opened Tuesdays from 1 pm to 5 pm for regular shop usage.

**Faceting classes.** Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm. Please contact Peggy Sue Moore [moorepeggysue@gmail.com](mailto:moorepeggysue@gmail.com) in advance to see if a machine is available. Class fee is \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor, Tom Kidwell. **The faceting class dates for February are: February 10th and 24th.**

**Intarsia:** Jim Callaway will teach a Intarsia class the 1st Tuesday in April.

**Wire wrapping, metal smithing, flint knapping, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting class fee is \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class. All donations go to SNGMS, all instructors volunteer their time and expertise to help extend the knowledge of our members.**



# 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](mailto:Punkyjones@hotmail.com)**

(please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)



Sandy Cunningham passed away March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Hogan was at the meeting, up and walking and is felling fine.

Jenna Plein broke her finger trying to pop her knuckle.

John Stackhouse fell and broke his back and we should know soon how bad it is.

Beth Jones fell at the Burro Creek outing., blacked an eye but is doing well.

Our heart goes out to Carol Wilham who's father just passed away.



# SHOP INFORMATION

## “New” SNGMS Workshop Schedule

### SHOP HOURS

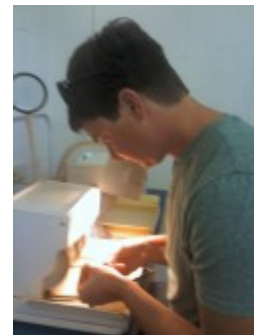
- Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm
- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 12 pm to 9 pm
- Thursday 12 pm to 9 pm
- Friday 12 pm to 9 pm
- Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm

### SHOP CLOSED :

- 2nd Sunday of every Month For Kids Club 2 pm to 5 pm
  - Board Meeting: Various Thursday Nights 6 pm to Approx 7 pm
- Check Email and “Polished Slab” for dates.



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



### 2018 Monthly Cabochon Contest:

May	Flower
June	Desert
July	Patriotic
August	Sea Scape
September	The Cosmos
October	Halloween
November	Holiday
December	<u>None Awards Dinner</u>

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CABOCHON CONTEST YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF SHOP TIME. THE WINNERS RECEIVE FREE SHOP TIME. A “*Flower*” cabochon will be the contest entry to be judged at the May’s general meeting. **Good Luck.****

### April’s “Easter” Winner is:

**Debbie Buchnam**

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 Birthdays!

## April

Gordon Bagley, Samuel Bassols, Barbara Bassols, Barbara Belcher, Toni Blackwell, Karen Blair, Jim Gallaway, Jeffrey Carden, Jenni Collier, Deborah Daly, Sydney Davis, Jason Fabbri, Diane Fiegel, Glenn Hale, Julie Hall, Dennis Harrigan, Juliette Hymer, Alexandra Jimenez, Jon Larson, Debra Lucas, Treena Luchetta, JGerri Margo, Richard Margo, Jariath McNee, Bill Montgomery, Ed Morken, Mabel Quinto, Linda Rash-Lemmon, Lorrilee Stackhouse, Leslie Sturek Nancy Tatom, James Wendel.

## May

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

Anna Bassols, Lisa Boka, Tim Boka, Wes Bryant, Kari Camp, Katerina Chayette, Carol Corden, Linda Erwin, Anthony Gelish, Mike Howard, Kell Hymer, Jeffery A. Justice, Gary Kano, Micheal Kisner, Scott Klepzig, Clayton Lewis, Maria Lewis, Ron Liccardo, Duane Matters, Barb Mazz, Ron Mazz, Ardis Meiklejohn, Dave Oscarson, George Poltronieri, Larry Raburn, sue Raburn, Gualberto Rodriguez, David Seidner, Mary Skaarup, Carol Wilhems, Linda Wright.

# Welcome New Members!

***A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS .***

***We look forward to getting to know you better***

Joseph Abreham, Ruth Anauo, Masha Azari, Jeffery Carden, Dana Coleman, John Crumpley, Mundana Ess-Haghabadi, Walter Ganie, Virgil Garcia, Deborah Lucas, Gerri Margo, Maurice Margo, Richard Margo, Anita McClellan, Dan McClellan, Anna Miller, Robert Miller, Lori Pillsbury, Jenna Plein, Larry Raburn, . Sue Raburn, Linda Rash-Lemmon, Tiffany Selig, Kris Sprague.

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Past President/One Year Board: Wayne Muth

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*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.*

**April 13th-15th:** Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show  
[www.coloradomineralandfossilshow.com](http://www.coloradomineralandfossilshow.com)

**April 14th, Saturday, 2018:** Fluorite in Afton Canyon, CA.

**April 21st & 22nd, 2018:** GPAA Gold Show at the South Point Hotel & Casino

**May 5,6 2018:** Boulder City Spring Jamboree

**Committee Chairmen**

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50-50 Raffle.....Orville and Lisa Weimers

Refreshments.....Ruth Dziadon

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

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**Some links that you may find helpful:**

**American Federation Of Mineralogical Societies-**  
<http://www.amfed.org>

**California Federation -**  
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

**Rocky Mountain Federation -**  
<http://www.rmfmts.org>

**and the Rock & Gem website -**  
<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

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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 - \$25; Family - \$35

**Meetings** are held the first Monday of the month at the Eagles Lodge #1213, 1601 E Washington

**No meeting is held in December.** Instead we have our annual awards dinner.

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