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NEW SNGMS WORKSHOP

Hello Everyone!

It won't be long before this picture will be a reality for us. Negotiations are over and we'll be signing the lease very soon. Then the fun starts! You'll all be getting the message via phone and/or email that we need your help. So please plan to spend an hour or more (much more!) with the rest of your club members to help with this big move sometime in early July.

This will be our new address:

**East Sahara Commerce Center
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Las Vegas, NV 89104**

Our building sits on Sahara between Lamb & Nellis. We've leased two units—back to back—for a total of 1,787 square feet of usable space! Be sure to check the building address—ours is 4425, our unit is #23.



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July 12th General Meeting



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Chairpersons Needed:

The following committees are currently in need of chairpersons. These committees are necessary for the club to fully function so if you are interested in serving, or just have questions about a committee's purpose, please contact John Zimmerman as soon as possible. We're grateful for your time and we'll be happy to help you get started!

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July 9-11--DURANGO, COLORADO: Show; Four Corners Gem & Mineral Club; La Plata County Fair Grounds, 2500 Main Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Bill Birza, P.O. Box 955, Durango, CO 81302, (970) 385-6850 (970) 385-6850; email: wcbirzz@durangolive.net; Web site: www.durangorocks.org

July 10-11 19-20 2010, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club Veterans Mem. Auditorium 4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver) Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5 Robert Thirlaway (310) 213-7677 Email: thirlawr@earthlink.net <http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

July 17-18--TULSA, OKLAHOMA: Show, "Treasures of the Earth"; Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society; Central Park Hall, Expo Square, Tulsa County Fairgrounds, 21st and Yale; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children under 12 and Scouts in uniform free; Wayne Mouser, 1514 S. Carson Ave., Tulsa, OK 74119, (918) 582-8700 (918) 582-8700; e-mail: okyrocks@peoplepc.com; or Finis Riggs, (918) 587-4400 (918) 587-4400; e-mail: Lriggs@cox.net



from John Zimmerman

President's Message

The heat was on! So we headed north and enjoyed field trips to cooler places like the Apex Mine, and the weekend spent in Lund, NV at club member Bill Kogan's place. Bill took us for agate, bulls eye rhyolite, jasper, and magnasite, and he let us pick through his rockpiles for some great deals. Some of us made a trip to Garnet Hill outside of Ely and found some nice garnets. The area is beautiful country for Rockhounding.

The Saturday night BBQ and campfire was great and there was enough food to feed a small army. I would like to thank Bill for a great time and the next time you see, Bill make sure you ask him about the runaway spare tire. If you didn't make this year's trip to Lund, make sure you put it on the calendar for next year.

We will be receiving the lease for the new shop any day now. We are, and will be, working on getting moved in and up and running as soon as possible. Make sure that you don't miss this month's meeting on July 12th—we'll undoubtedly have good news for everyone then. Also, we will be giving a Tribute to our Lifetime Members and holding a Silent Auction. See you then! John



SNGMS Bulletin Board

Selling a Genie or saw? Got a suggestions about shop procedure? Or maybe an idea for a great field trip? This is your new bulletin board to post all things SNGMS! Send in your questions or ideas to me, Cathy Baca @ sngms_editor@yahoo.com each month by the 20th—but please forgive if space is short. It may be placed in the following month's issue. Here we go.....

From Harv & Lois Kapsner: Field Trip Ideas

Bill Lemmon does a great job as Field Trip chairman, and we appreciate all he does for the club, but we're wondering if he could supply the members with written directions to these great places, like to Green Garnet? I couldn't retrace that trip on my own!

Also, I've been a member for three years and have never been to Buffington Pockets. And I've always wanted to go to Tonopah and get turquoise. Can we do these trips, and when?

One more thing: When the workshop gets up and running again, it would be nice to have a Field Trip Journal available in the library for all of us to write our suggestions

From Stephen Taylor: Turquoise Mine Claim

Seeking Investors for Partnership Opportunity in Turquoise Mine Claim. Twenty (20) Acres with Paved Road Access.

Contact Stephen Taylor @ (702) 286-2601

From Phyllis & Bruno Syzdek: SNGMS needs a DEDICATED HISTORIAN!!!

Phyllis and Bruno Syzdek have been club Historians for many years. We obtained and consolidated bulletins, newspaper articles and reams of materials for the History of the clubs. We received boxes of materials from previous club members, historians and archives. All has been reviewed, assorted and much has been reproduced on archival paper and placed in binders. We want to pass this archival material to the Society Archives and a (HISTORIAN) who will maintain a positive approach to keep the HISTORY of our clubs for the future members and generations.

Thank you,

Phyllis and Bruno Syzdek

WE CAME... WE SAW'D... WE CONQUERED!!

Oh yes, we came to the shop a lot.....to cut and polish rocks on the Genies, the trim saws, the flat lap, and the faceters. We sawed.....big time, as much use was also made of the geode and "big' saws.

Sadly, these activities will be put on hold for hopefully a short time. We will especially miss the camaraderie and enjoyment of the lapidary activities, and even little shopping for small peripheral lapidary items. BUT..... we conquered!!

The first move to storage via Chuck Huebler's breaking down of the saws and the joint efforts of many members who cleared out everything but the "kitchen sink" - or rather the shop and bathroom sinks. Cabinets, counters, tables, workbench, bookcases, utility shelves, desk, signs, lighting and all rock, gem and mineral contents were moved out. In some cases it was done with heroic efforts. Friday workers, lead by Superman Chuck Huebler, included Wes Bryant, George Peterson, John Crumby, Ron Fetcho, Tom Skeary and Pat Skeary.

Saturday workers, again under the capable leadership of Chuck Huebler and his clothesline whip...er...belt, were Ron Fetcho, Claudia Fetcho, Wes Bryant, Bart Solomon, Sharon Rogow, Tom Skeary, Pat Skeary, David Marks, Lucinda Wilson, Sheri Johnson, Mick Sprott, JoAnne Sprott, Rich Wagner, and Bonnie Wagner. Thanks so much to everyone involved in this project. We really appreciate you! We Came, We Sawed, We Conquered!!!!

By Sharon Rogow

SHOW AND SELL

Remember!!! Our SNGMS will hold July's meeting on July 12th—the SECOND MONDAY- due to the holiday.

Bring your creations to Show & Sell from 5-6 p.m. on July 12th. Just \$5.00 to sell your wares. There's no charge to for "display only"! Our General Meeting starts at 7 p.m. See you there!!

Out in Left Field.....

The Apex Mine trip was apparently successful!! Thanks, Brian Johnson, for these great shots of the mine area and all the beautiful specimens you brought home! We'll be seeing some awesome cabs at the next SNGMS meeting, right? :)



Wire Wrapping Class

Classes for July will be held at Sue Moore's house: 4782 Chama Court, LV 89121.

All classes run from 6 p.m. to project completion :)

July 5:

Paisley Earrings: Need 10 inches 16 ga round wire; 18 inches 20 gauge round wire; 5 feet of 24 gauge round wire. All soft. It also takes around 18 – 4mm beads, round or crystals. If you want to make a matching necklace, you will need more wire and beads (lots of extra beads.)

July 26:

Fan pendant: Need 44 inches of square or round wire (21 or 20 gauge). 12 inches of half round. I used 18 gauge half round and it held the best. Order half round from www.parawire.com

Let Sue know by phone or email if you want to attend! Phone: 348-9600

Email: peggy_sue1@earthlink.net

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

If your birthday is in *****July***** please bring a dessert to the General Meeting on the 12th so we can celebrate your big day!

Howard Abrams

Cora Beye

Howard (Doc) Blanchard

Betty Calhoun

Paula Driscoll

Scott Edwards

Salvatore Ermocida

Tony Fetcho

Xan Goodman

Joe Graziano

Walter Hess

Samantha Jiminez Hooks

Jim Jones

George Messenger

Nelson Muniz

Joyce Nuell

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If you see an error in the list above, please write Cathy Baca @ sngms_editor@yahoo.com! Thanks!!

Tribute to Art Lory

ART LORY: A precious collection

Gemstone cutter interested in many facets of jewelry

By ELLEN ZIEGLER

VIEW STAFF WRITER

Art Lory's residence is cluttered with all the gems and minerals he's designed and faceted. He suspects he has more than 500 finished pieces lying around his house. Although the collection could yield him millions if he were to sell, he isn't trying to cash it in. At 83, he's more concerned with leaving his children and grandchildren a legacy.

Lory began collecting gemstones in 1961 with a woman he lived with at the time. She was an avid collector, and Lory took it upon himself to learn more about those aspects of gemstones that make them visually pleasing.

"I took up tumbling, which is when you place the gemstones in a large drum that's gritty," he said. "You spin them for about three weeks and that's what makes them shiny. After that I wanted to learn how to make them pretty, so I learned to facet."

Faceting gemstones involves a detailed, dextrous shaving of small cuts into the stones. Lory learned to facet all different cuts for different stones including sapphires, fiber optics and alexandrite. He continues to share his knowledge with others as a member of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society.

"There are currently 300 local members," Lory said. "It's continuing to grow. New people come to meetings all the time, and I teach a faceting class each week at a residence near Harris (Avenue) and Nellis (Boulevard)."

But the crown jewel, or set of jewels in Lory's collection have gained him attention as the man with some of the only two truly millennium pieces. In the year 2000, Lory took on a heavy piece of atomic lead crystal, which he faceted with 2000 cuts as a tribute to the new century. In order to cover his bases, he designed a similar stone the following year with 2001 facets.

"We all know the new millennium was born January 1, 2000," he said. "But a lot of people don't start counting 'til the number one, so I made one that year, too."

In addition to gems he creates for his own collection, he also facets stones for people who want to use them to make jewelry. Each year, he and the other gem society members participate in several shows around the southwest part of the country.

Lory will display his stones at the upcoming International Gem & Jewelry Show at Cashman Center, 850 Las Vegas Blvd. North, this weekend. He also will showcase, if by accidental usage, his unusual walking stick. (Cont'd on Pg. 8)

ARTHUR LORY



Arthur Bernard Lory passed away quietly in his home, surrounded by family and friends, Friday, May 28, 2010. He was born Oct. 17, 1920, to Kelless and Matilda Lory, in Detroit. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Navy from March 1944 until November 1945. Arthur lived and married in Detroit, where he resided until the early 1950's, when he relocated to Las Vegas. Art's life in Las Vegas was centered around family and his four sons whom he loved. He worked in the auto parts industry for most of his life and also sold life insurance in the 1960's. Art had a change of career in the 70's, and ended his working life as a bartender. Arthur's one great love was rock hunting and gems. Any spare time was spent in search of the next amazing stone, and he usually found it. Later in life, Arthur took a large interest in cutting and faceting stones and was depicted on the Southern Nevada public channels several times. He was a lifelong member of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society. Art was our father, grandfather and brother and we loved him very much. He will also be missed by his friends and fellow rock hounds that made his days worthwhile. He is survived by his five sons, David of Las Vegas, Douglas and Bernard, both of Muskegon, Mich., Kelless of Atlanta, and Kenneth Weathers of Las Vegas; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Joyce (Peggy) Breaz of Las Vegas; and many close friends. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the American Legion Hall, 737 Veterans Memorial Drive, Las Vegas.

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Tribute to Art Lory (continued from Pg. 7)

"I got the stick and decided to dress it up," said Lory of the carved wooden stick with a skull carved at its grip and another jade skull on top. "I recently added crystal earrings to it. It gets noticed a lot. People are always asking me if they can buy it."

Lory's home is totally paid for, but when his wife died several years ago, he took out a reverse mortgage on the property to make up for the loss of income. But he has a plan to make sure his four sons and one stepson are cared for in the event of his death.

"I'm leaving each of them 100 gems that will be worth about \$1,000 a piece, so they'll each get about \$100,000," he said.

As for the rest of his collection, the huge lead crystals with their combined 4001 facets, as well as other pieces such as "Patience #2," a gemstone with 736 facets, Lory is accumulating more and more items to toy with. He has piles of rock and gemstone pieces in his yard that could prove to be many days of entertainment for the retiree.

"I'm too old to chase the dollar," Lory said. "What I'm trying to do is achieve a collection."

When asked how long it took him to facet even one of the millennium jewels, Lory replied, "At my age, who gives a damn."

General Meeting Minutes—June 2010

The General Meeting meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on June 7, 2010 by President John Zimmerman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

- Treasurer's report – Pat Skeary
- General meeting minutes – Sheri Johnson
 - Approved as read
- Field Trips – Bill Lemmon
 - In May:
 - Utah for green garnets and gold sheen obsidian
 - Crystal trip with Nolan
 - Gold Point – Wild West weekend at a ghost town
 - Upcoming:
 - Dixie Apex Mine in Utah – June 12, Meet at Valley of Fire exit at 7:00 am
 - Weekend at Bill Kogan's ranch in Lund – Bill and Sue Moore to provide maps
- Membership – Sue Moore
 - Approximate 365 members
- Rock Stars – Mary Beth Paladino
 - Meeting in June
- By-laws – Clare Breneman
 - The committee has met twice
 - They expect to present a final draft to the BOD soon

Refreshments

(cont'd on Pg. 9)

General Meeting Minutes—June 2010 (continued)

New Business

- New workshop – presentation to follow meeting
- Volunteers – John Zimmerman
 - Committee chairs/members are needed for the following:
 - Education – Talk to Wes Bryant to volunteer
 - Program – Talk to Bill Moore to volunteer
 - Workshop
 - Field trips – Talk to Bill Lemmon to volunteer
 - Webmaster – Jack Toogood volunteered, but need additional members
- Art Lory – Glenn Beye
 - Memorial services will be held for Art on June 13th at the American Legion
 - Art was a member of the club for 20+ years
 - His last request was to go out and collect stones
- July meeting
 - There will be a silent auction and a tribute to the lifetime members
 - Please bring rock related items for the auction
- Program – Options for the new workshop, Sheri Johnson
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sheri Johnson, Secretary

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- The severe sunburn acquired on your last vacation was a one inch wide strip of skin at the gap between the tail of your shirt and the top of your pants.
- You think Franklin, New Jersey might be a cool place to go on a vacation.
- You buy silicon carbide grit in 50lb loads and congratulate yourself for saving money.
- You care more about what happened to the diamond than the people in the movie "Titanic".

Our thanks to the MLMS Ghost Sheet

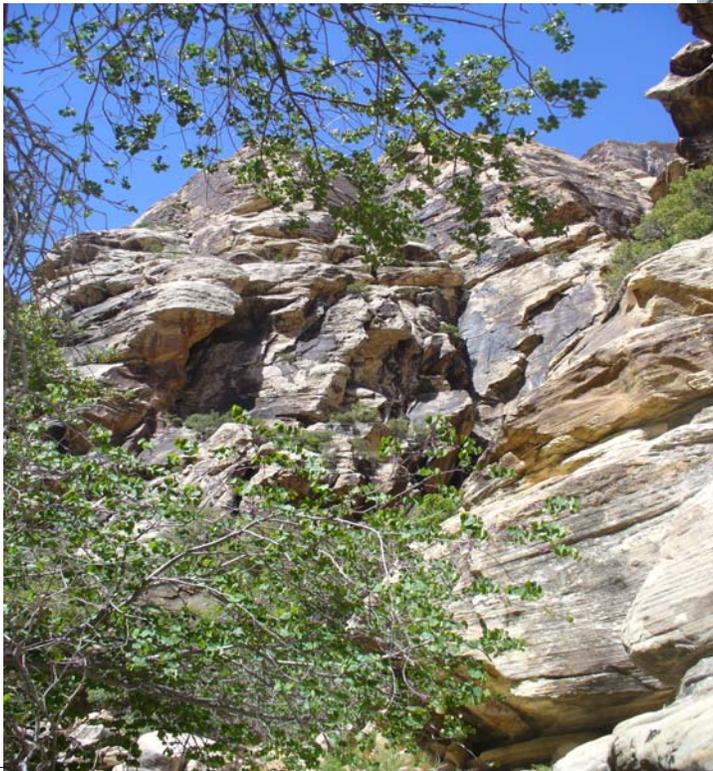
From the Editor.....

It won't be long, I promise. No, I'm not talking about this here article, Sweetie, I'm talking about the *wait*.....what most of us have been doing (some of us NOT so patiently!!), hoping to hear the good news so we can finally get on with our lives. But that's coming.....very soon.....we're just days (moments!) away, in fact, from throwing open the doors of our new SNGMS WORKSHOP, and I'm happy as a toad in a green pond. So get ready.....

But while my rocks wait to become something more, Ron & I have been visiting friends/family in SoCal, golfing a little, and hiking at Red Rock. Here's some shots of what we saw in Ice Box Canyon recently. I hope you're enjoying "your own adventure", as my friend always says. Send me some photos of places you've gone while "waiting" for the shop to open.

Cathy Baca

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"Remember, we agreed. I'd carry the canned goods if you'd carry the rocks out."

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via Golden Spike News 2/0

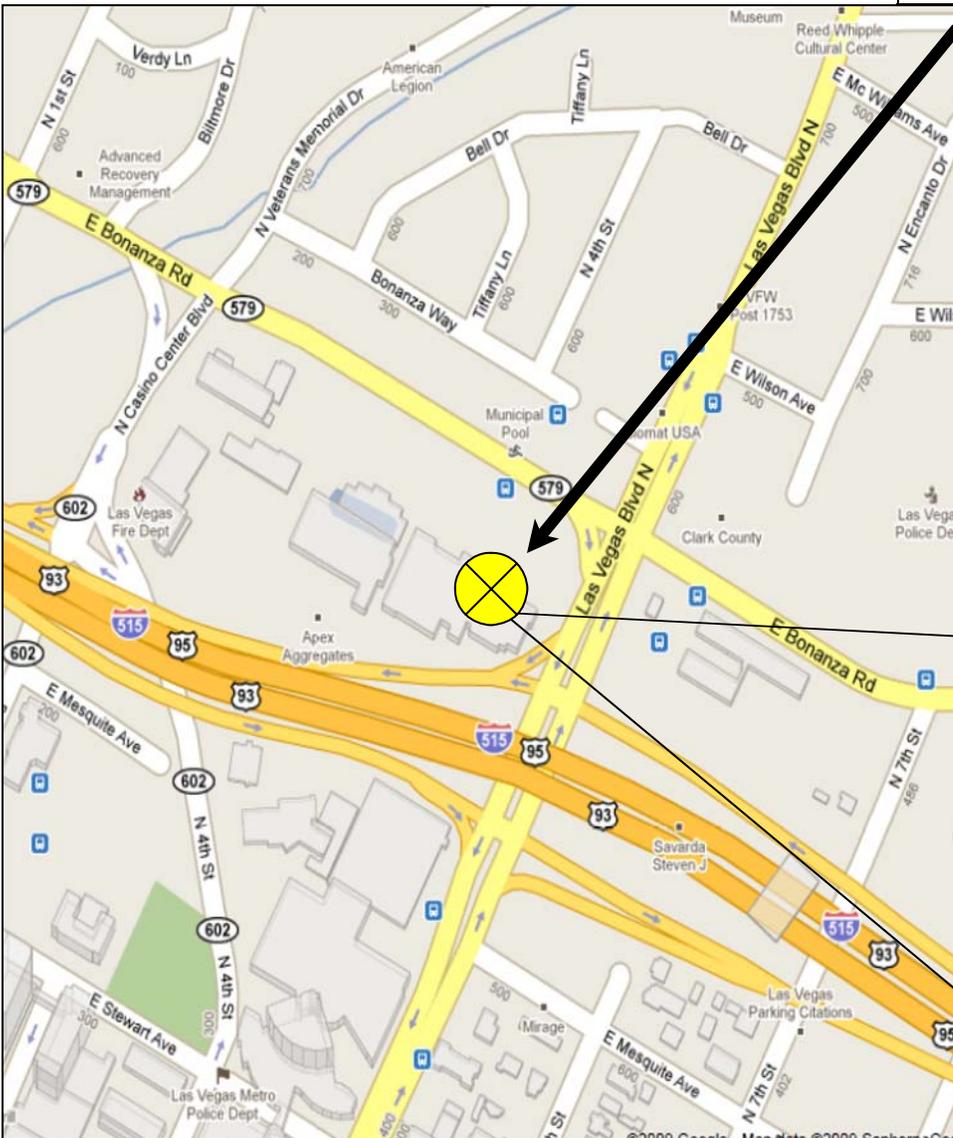
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<p>Club Mascot: Rock Wren</p> <p>Club Gemstone: Turquoise</p> <p>Club Logo: Rocks-R-Us</p> <p>Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing.</p> <p>Annual Dues: Individual - \$20; Family - \$30</p> <p>Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the Senior Center at 451 Bonanza Road, on the southwest corner of Bonanza Road and Las Vegas Blvd. No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our annual awards dinner.</p> <p>Visitors are always welcome and bring a friend or two.</p>	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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