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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



August 2013

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Upcoming Events

Sep 5 – Board Meeting

Sep 9 - General Meeting,
Moose Lodge

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shop hours, classes, trips,
meetings, and other
SNGMS events and classes

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President's Message

from Sheri Johnson

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

August is upon us again, and it's still hot. For those of us who have lived in the valley for more than a few years, it's no surprise. I highly recommend staying indoors and keeping cool. It's an ideal time to check out the shop and enjoy the air conditioning while working on some rock.

We have no trips scheduled for August, however we do have some upcoming events. At the September meeting, the nominating committee is formed to find people to run for 2014 SNGMS Officers and Board of Directors. They will be looking for volunteers for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and 3-Year Board. Elections are conducted at the November Meeting.

The program at the September meeting is a video on Fluorescent Rocks. If you have not stayed for the program at previous meetings, you have missed some entertaining and informative programs.

The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 – start planning your centerpieces for the contest. Mary Beth has graciously volunteered to be the Chinese Auction Chairperson again, so start gathering your donations as well.

Well that's about it for now, stay indoors and stay cool. Happy hunting (on the internet).

Sheri

Board Meeting Summary - August 1 2013

On August 1st, 2013, 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 June 27th, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for July was negative. There was a motion by Ernie Parrish, seconded by Lorrilee Stackhouse and adopted for payment of outstanding bills.

Shop Foreman reports external bubbler received, a Genie wheel is still needed, and

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a door knob that will latch is needed for the shop door, keyed to the dead bolt. There was a motion by Lorrilee Stackhouse, seconded by Shannon Funk, to purchase a replacement Genie wheel not to exceed \$75.00. There was a motion by John Stackhouse, seconded by Lucinda Wilson, to authorize Shannon Funk to purchase and install a door knob and dead bolt that are keyed the same, and to procure keys for same, not to exceed \$100.00

Unfinished Business:

Insurance for the shop is due in October. Peggy Sue Moore will be receiving quotes.

The Award Banquet plans were discussed. The Moose Lodge has been reserved for Dec. 8th. Mary Beth Paladino will be in charge of the Chinese Auction at the banquet. Clara Hatz is gathering information on possible provision of meats by the club.

New Business:

Possible suspension of meetings during July and August was tabled for now.

A Nomination Committee will be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

General Meeting Summary - August 5, 2013

On August 5th, 2013, the regular meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:01 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for July was negative

Membership Chair reports 352 adult members.

The Shop Foreman reports the geode saw pump is being replaced, and help is needed to get the C Saw meter working. He asks that members contribute brown bags (to strain used oil) and paper towels to the shop.

Sunshine Chair reports Diana Mack's mother passed away, Jan Fitzgerald has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and Margaret Mahler's mother is in hospice. Lori Greens daughter is doing well and they were scheduled to return to Las Vegas.

Rock Star/Education Chair reports Kids Club will meet in the shop on the second Sunday of August when Ed Rupprecht will be showing some of his rock collection. Some members of the Kids Club entered posters in the Midwest Federation Youth Poster contest and won a first and fourth place in their grade levels. The Kids Club published a summer newsletter and copies will be emailed to members. She will be representing the club at a Boy Scout day camp on August 6th, distributing rock and fossil specimens to 400 boys.

Field Trips – There will no field trips in August due to the heat. Thanks go out to Bill Lemmon for the

General Meeting Summary - con't.

field trip to Utah in July, and to Bill Kogan for the camp out in Gabbs.

Classes – Instructors discussed upcoming classes.

New Business:

The Awards Banquet was discussed.

Volunteers are needed for the Nomination Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Utah Field Trip

Photos courtesy of Cindy Allison



Led by Bill Lemmon, the participants brought back several different types of obsidian



Centerpiece Contest

Awards Banquet Centerpiece Contest—Requirements

The requirements for the contest:

Must be a member to submit a centerpiece for the contest

Submissions can be from an individual or a group

The maximum dimensions are 24" diameter and 24" tall

Must include a rock, mineral or any type of crystals (including bead crystals)

Must be handmade

No visible identification marks to indicate its creator(s)

All entries must be registered and present 30 minutes prior to the start of the event

The centerpiece can either be donated to the Club as a prize, or the creator can chose to keep it

Every centerpiece will be issued a number at the time of registration for the purpose of voting. During the event, members will have the opportunity to vote on the best centerpiece via a secret ballot.

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Faceting 9	19 Wire Wrapping 5	20 Silver Smithing 5-8	21 Shop 12-8	22 Metalsmithing 3-10	23 Shop 12-8	24 Shop 12-4
25 Faceting 9	26 Polymer Clay 2-5 Wire Wrapping 5	27 Silver Smithing 5-8	28 Shop 12-8	29 Metalsmithing 3-10	30 Shop 12-8	31 Shop 12-4

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Faceting 9	2 Holiday	3 Silver Smithing 5-8	4 Shop 12-8	5 Board Mtg 6	6 Shop 12-8	7 Shop 12-4
8 Faceting 9 Kids Club 3	9 General Meeting 6	10 Silver Smithing 5-8	11 Shop 12-8	12 Beading 6-8	13 Shop 12-8	14 Shop 12-4
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Kids Club/Education Activities

The Kids Club will be meeting on the second Sunday of most months at the SNGMS Shop from 3-5. With a regular schedule, we hope you can plan so that your kids (and yourself) can attend each month. As always, for more information or to volunteer to lead an activity contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647.

Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



The Kids Club met on August 11th and enjoyed a show and tell by Ed Rupprecht, as he shared some specimens from his collection. The club completed their newsletter, Summer Rockz, and a copy was sent to all members by email.

Several Kids Club members entered posters in the MidWest Federation Youth Poster contest. Congratulations to Elizabeth Brooks for receiving first place for her grade division and to Daniel Brooks for placing 4th in his grade division, and thanks to all the kids who participated.



Ed Rupprecht shows a selection of his specimens at the Kids Club meeting.

Mary Beth Paladino - Education Coordinator

Special Thanks

For several years we have participated in the Henderson Boy Scout Day Camp. This year it was held once again at O'Callahan Park off of Horizon Drive on August 6th. We had a geology station to help the scouts with their geology badge and belt loop requirements. Cliff Jackson explained how to identify rocks and minerals and the types of rock, Doris Currington shared her knowledge of fossils and the early geology of Las Vegas and I tried to cover the other requirements. Scott Edwards gave out over 335 rock bags that contained two Nevada fossils and five Nevada rocks.



I sincerely appreciate their help in the 104 degree temperature for 4 hours, not including set up and pack up of all the rocks for give away and for display. I don't want to forget to thank Diane Hale who contributed 400+ pieces of Gabbs wood and Doris, Elana, Bernadette, and Michael Paladino for their time making rock cards and putting all the rocks in the bags. Doris and Cliff get additional thanks for helping gather the coral and 5 rock specimens given to each boy and for hammering all the large rocks to card size pieces.

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!

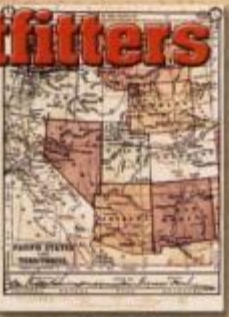


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SNGMS 2013 Meetings

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

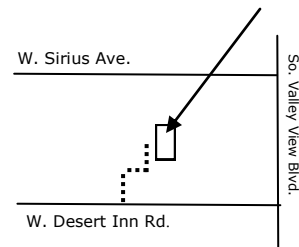
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

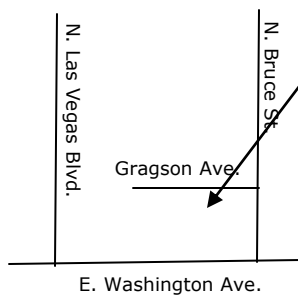
Moose Lodge 1600 Gragson Ave.

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.

**Finding the General Meeting Location**

Proceeding south on N. Bruce St., take the left onto Gragson Ave. and proceed to the Moose Lodge parking lot on your left at 1600 Gragson Ave.

There is a ramp available for handicapped access to the building. Once you enter the meeting room is to your right.

Beading is for Everyone



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 wire wrapping classes for July included: Aug 12 - Carrick ring, Aug 19 - Briquette Pendant, Aug 26 - Angel pin or pendant. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.



Beading & Wire Wrapping

Beading class is 6 - 8 PM on the second Thursday of the month. The August class was on the 11th and is was an easy ring. The September class will be a netted Christmas ornament on Sept 12 from 6-8 PM. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 for more information.

Silver Smithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM, with Bill Lemmon leading the class. There's a Thursday class in basic metal smithing available as well, led by Mary Brandt, meeting 3-10 PM on some Thursdays. In August the dates are the 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Both classes are suitable for beginners, with the Tuesday class also for intermediate to advanced students.



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

Polymer clay classes are the last Monday of the month at 2-5 PM. The August class date is Aug. 26th. The project is making a feather cane. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning and are for current students only at this time.

Scott Edwards is available on Saturdays to teach you how to maintain your shop equipment. Just come in and talk to him during shop hours (12-4).

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 \$5.00 if you use your own machine. 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.

Faceting



Photo courtesy of Mary Brandt

Metal Smithing Class
Karen Thomas' second piece
Jade with copper and silver

Sharrie Western's second piece created in the Thursday Metal Smithing Class



Photo courtesy of Mary Brandt

Shop Fee Chart

Metered Equipment:

\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

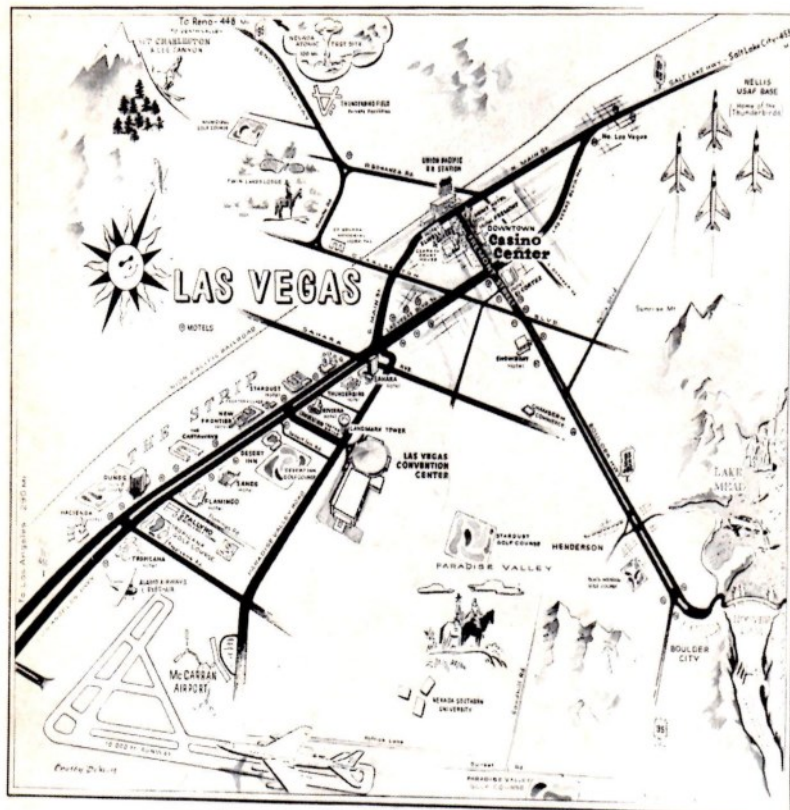
Non-Metered Equipment:

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

BLAST FROM THE PAST

1966 CONVENTION AND NATIONAL SHOW AT
LAS VEGAS, MAY 12-15



A map showing all the major access routes leading to the Las Vegas Convention Center, the site of the 1966 Convention and National Show.

The theme of the Combined American and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies Convention and National show to be held at Las Vegas, Nevada will be "Around the World With Gems and Minerals." The Host society is the Clark County Gem Collectors. The special exhibits were secured that would represent as many of the gem and mineral areas of the world as possible and the following exhibits will be shown. The Smithsonian Institution is preparing a collection of gems and minerals representative of various countries throughout the world and is featuring the world's largest and finest star ruby. From Japan they have secured an exhibit which will display the native gems and lapidary art by members of one of Japan's largest gem and mineral clubs. The exhibit from India will display rubies and sapphires, as well as some antique Indian jewelry with typical enameling, gold work, and precious stones. The Uruguay exhibit has an unusual selection of geodes and sections lined with amethyst. The Australian exhibit is a large 100 pound piece of black fire opal in matrix. There

will be many other special exhibits in addition to the competitive and non-competitive exhibits.

Approximately 200 rooms have been reserved at the Stardust Hotel for those wishing to attend the convention. Camping sites will be available at the Lake Mead campsite. There will be some camper and trailer accommodations in a huge parking area near the convention site, but there will be no sewage "hook-ups" and no water or electrical "hook-ups". However, the area will be well lighted with large flood lights. For further information concerning the camping information contact the show chairman, Col. Daniel L. Muilaly, P.O. Box 4261, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. The following chairmen should be contacted if you need further information concerning these sections competitive displays, Mrs. Josephine Maltby; non-competitive displays, Victor Robinson; special exhibits, Thomas Tad-donio; pre-registration, Loretta Riggs; banquet, Dorothy Best; campsites, Howard Riggs, all addresses are P.O. Box 489, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. ☺

Shop Report



SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 noon - 8 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	12 noon - 8 PM
Saturday	12 noon - 4 PM

Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

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

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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.

Please bring your 2013 membership card with you when you come to use the shop's resources so we can verify your current membership. If you haven't paid your dues yet you can do so at the shop and the supervisor can issue your card.

The Shop will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer.



Happy September Birthday!

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

Carol Anger, Harvey Bergeron, Barbara Brown, Lisa Burgess, Sharon Diamandis, Anthony MD Earle, Billy Ernest, Claudia Fetcho, Jim Gawura, Erica Hamilton, George Hegie, David Landry, Mickey Lazenby, Sue Lofaro, Ben Lucero, Gail Mayes, Thomas Mayes, Tamela Mohr, Tony Monda, Rimma Muth, Madeline Nelson, Diane Rogers, Judy Ross, (Arthur) Mick Sprott, John Stackhouse, Mark Towers

Welcome New Members



A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during June and early August. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Rachel Anderson, Toni Blackwell, Jason Bock, Edward Drew, Michael Kisner, Al Miciek , Ashley Monteith, Richard Monteith, John Parochelli

Sunshine Report *from Dottie Auerswald*



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.

Diana Mack's mother passed away. Margaret Mahler's mother passed away after a stay in hospice. Jan Fitzgerald has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Mike Kirk has been in the VA Hospital. Our best wishes go out to all our ill and grieving members.

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.

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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

September 7-8 - Downey, CA, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Women's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

September 28-29 - Monterey, CA, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

October 2-6: Joshua Tree, CA, Hi-Desert Rockhounds of Moronga Valley, Yucca Valley, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, 6225 Sunburst Street, Hours: 9 - 6 daily

October 5 - 6 - Boron, CA, Mojave Mineralogical Society, Boron Community Building, South End of Boron Avenue, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sat, Sun 9 - 4

October 19-20 - Whittier, CA, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Blvd (corner of Mar Vista & Washington), Hours: 10 - 5 daily

November 2-3 - Ridgecrest, CA, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 West Richmond Road, Hours: 9 - 5 daily

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: Rocky Mountain Federation
http://www.rmfmts.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm
 California Federation -
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/cfmsshow.htm> and
 the Rock & Gem website -
<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>



Veriscite from Ed Rupprecht's collection

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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 the Moose Lodge, 1600 Gragson. 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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