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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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Upcoming Events

- Mar 31 - Board Meeting
- Apr 4 - General Meeting
- Wire Wrapping - each Monday except General Meeting night, 3 PM or 6 PM at the Shop
- Silversmithing - each Tuesday, 5 PM at the Shop
- Beading - Thursday, March 26th at 6 PM at the Shop.
- Dremel Use—Tuesday, March 15th at 2 PM at the Shop.
- See page 8 for more class information

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President's Message

from Sue Moore

Thank you to everyone who braved the 60mph winds to attend the March meeting on Monday. We have 3 field trips this weekend alone (March 12th & 13th), so we will all be busy in the shop when we get back. **Don't forget to change your clocks. Spring Ahead!**

This week, a small group of us have been helping Doris Currington move specimens from her home and other sites to the Zoo. They intend to set up a **large exhibit in the reptile house with these loans. This exhibit won't be ready for several months**, as they need to set up track lighting, etc., for the display. While we were there we received a tour of the Zoo by the Director and CEO, Pat Dingle. He had received a mild chomp on his hand that morning by the lioness, which I thought was pretty impressive. I hate to admit that I have lived in Las Vegas for **ten years and that was my first visit, however, it won't be my last.** I was impressed by the variety of animals that were on exhibit. Go to lasvegaszoo.com and read all about it. They have a discount coupon on their website for children and I understand that you can get a tour for your organization if you arrange it in advance. The Zoo is located at 1775 N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Bill Moore, my better half, talked to Sheriff Stone yesterday to find out about Memorial Day weekend at Gold Point. **They aren't putting on their annual event this year**, however, many people are going up there anyway, including a group from Las Vegas, who will be doing some ghost hunting. He extended the invitation to our group, should we wish to go up there and rock hound. Camping is free but you need to dry camp. There may be a couple of spots with electricity in the town. If you want to try for one, you need to call for Sheriff Stone. His number is on their website, just google Wild West Weekend, Gold Point, NV or go to goldpointghosttown.com.

On the Silver-Smithing front, Frank Auerswald is going to be ordering copper sheet and bezel, so we can all try our hand a making pieces in copper. The process is just like silver-smithing, only hotter.

We are still looking for someone to get us started on faceting. I even bought some fiber-optic glass in Quartzsite to facet. Anyone who has experience in faceting would be appreciated.

That's all for now so keep rockhounding and pursuing your lapidary arts!

Board Meeting Summary - March 3, 2011

Meeting called to order and pledge of allegiance given.

Minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given. The shop made a profit for the first time; the classes have also done well. Discussion followed on a list of expenses and income for the club.

Board Meeting Summary—Continued

Field trips discussed. The trip to Rosie's Den went well. The trip to Taylor Mountain was cancelled due to rain. A follow up trip will be announced.

We discussed placing business card sized ads in the bulletin. Business who placed the ads would give members **a discount...**

The budget was discussed. Projecting cost with the kids club, shop costs, and the amount of donation to the scholarship fund were discussed. Presently we donate \$1,000.00 to UNLV, the CPA suggest it be increased. This would require a vote.

The silver smith class was discussed, Frank Auerswald, has requested we purchase silver while the price is optimal. This action needs a vote from the club membership.

The post office was discussed, Sheri Johnson lives close to the post office and she will pick up mail. There is a mail drop at the shop door, a motion was made to allow mail to come to the shop, we would continue to get official mail at the post office, however routine mail and local communication could come to the shop, the motion was made by Frank Aureswald and seconded by Glenn Beye, The motion passed.

A code of conduct has been presented for members of the SMGMS. Discussion surrounding the code of conduct requires the Bylaw committee discuss the terminology and where to place it in standing rules.

The membership list was discussed. The list will not be given out to all persons rather to a limited group. The board, Membership, Kids club leader, and editor of the bulletin, will get the list. The shop will get a list of names only.

Final note. Please see your area is cleaned up after meetings and classes.
Meeting closed 7:15

General Meeting Summary - March 7, 2011

Quorum present, Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. and the Pledge of allegiance was given.

The Minutes of the 7 Feb. 2011 were read and passed with a correction. The number stated as members in the club last month was 364 is corrected to read 269.

The treasurer's report was given. A profit was noted last month.

Committee reports:

Membership reports 321 members today.

Kids club representative not available today.

Field trips to Oatman, Sat. 12 Mar and Sun. 13 Mar. Both will depart from Railroad pass casino at 7:15 A. M. by caravan. There is a fee \$15.00 for digging fire agate; a limit of 25 diggers per day has been requested by the mine owners. Persons not digging can buy the material directly.

The Taylor Mountain trip was rained out and has been rescheduled for 23 April 2011 sign up will start on our April meeting.

Doris will take a local trip Sunday 13 Mar. 2011 to collect pink granite. Trip will depart from the south west corner of Lake Mead and Hollywood at 8:30 A. M.

The trip to Burro Creek will be 6 - 10 April. Sign up now.

The local trip for petrified wood will be 30 April

The trip to Gold Point is on hold; the date will be sent out when confirmed.

General Meeting Summary—Continued

The trip to Ely at Cave Lake is 10-13 June, if you are not in an RV. Make your reservations soon. There are several places in Ely to make overnight stays.

Sunshine: Dottie Fusch. Doc Blanchard's memorial information still being collected, this will be announced when available. Clair Breneman is home after surgery however she is home bound.

New members were noted, March birthdays were noted. The Birthstone for March is the Aquamarine. Traveling visitors were also acknowledged from Alaska and from Maryland.

Wes Bryant introduced Stephanie Maes. Stephanie has a fund raising program for the Justin Timberlake Shiners Hospital for Children Open Golf Tournament held in October. Stephanie Maes is asking our membership to sell these tickets. Tickets would be sold for \$20.00 each and SMGMS would get half for each ticket sold.

Announcements:

The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club have its meeting 11 - 12 - 13 March.

The GPAA Show is on April 16 - 17. They have offered a free table for the SNGMS.

Class Sign Up. Cabs, ask shop foreman, Clocks ask Tom Sceary.

Wire wrapping classes on Mondays 3 and 6 P.M.

Beading class on Thursdays twice monthly

Faceting, Instructor needed.

Lost wax, TBA.

Silver Smith class, Frank Auerswald needs funds to buy silver. A motion was made by Diane Hale to allow Frank to buy \$2000.00 in silver supplies; Motion was seconded by Lorrilee Stackhouse, the vote by show of hands was all in favor; none apposed. The motion passed. Please note: if you want a personal silver purchase, contact Frank, he can help with the price.

Sharon Rogow reports the Federation show will be in Redding 13 - 15 may 2011.

Ray Simpson - Remembering the Donner Party

According to an article in the Las Vegas Sun published Sunday, November 17, 1996, Ray Simpson devoted much of his life to researching his ancestor who traveled with the Donner Party 150 years ago. One room of his home was filled with Donner Party documents and photos. His forefather, 17 year old teamster Noah James, helped build shelters at Alder Creek for the Donners.

Raymond figured the party should be forgiven for its cannibalism and admired for its courage.

"They should be celebrated for the fight and the struggle they went through," he said.

For much of his life, Simpson tried to find out what happed to James, who disappeared after he was rescued. He was one of the boys hired by George Donner through newspaper advertisements offering a trip to California, where hundreds of acres of wonderful land would be given away.

James deliberately may have shied away from attention. Simpson remembers his own mother didn't want to talk about their history.



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In Memoriam – Howard James (Doc) Blanchard

Howard was born on July 21, 1917 to Bill and Lena Lucier Blanchard in Worcester, Massachusetts. His parents divorced a few years later, after presenting him with a younger brother, Clayton, and he was reared mostly by his Lucier grandparents. His mother remarried and had two daughters, Gini and Vivian. He won a scholarship to the prestigious Worcester Polytechnical Institute, which he supplemented by working part-time in a mortuary.

He left school before graduating (although he finally received his Bachelors of Science in Military Science from the University of Omaha in 1957, he was considered an alumnus of WPI) and began working, getting preference for several drafting jobs due to his father's reputation as a superb draftsman: "You were trained by your father, Bill Blanchard? Well, you must be really good, too!" Among other things, he drafted the first patent

drawings for Tupperware and the Monopoly game.

He married Reina Jeanne Beaudoin in 1939. They divorced in 1970. He then married Norma Jane Rankin who passed away several years later. He was briefly married to Dorothy Sayers, and after divorcing her, remarried his first love, Reina, in 1987. They lived happily in Southern California, Tahoe, Nevada, and for a short while in Maine, before finally settling in Las Vegas in 1992, where she died in 2006. Always liking to be on the move, Howard purchased a home in Rockland, Maine and travelled between there in the summers and Las Vegas in the winters for a couple of years before deciding to remain in Las Vegas. During his military career he and his family lived in Dayton, OH when he was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Tachikawa AFB near Tokyo, Japan in the early 1950s, Omaha, NE while he completed his BS degree, Glen Burnie, MD, Southern California, Eglin AFB near Pensacola, FL, and back to Southern California where he was stationed at Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO) in El Segundo, and finally Norton AFB in San Bernardino, where he received his final Honorable Discharge upon his retirement at the rank of full colonel.

After Pearl Harbor Howard enlisted in June, 1942, as an Army Aviation Cadet, serving less than one year before receiving an Honorable Discharge in order to accept a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He served in the South Pacific in the original 421st Night Fighter Squadron as a Communications Officer. A major part of his duties were hitting the beaches of the islands in New Guinea and other areas before the planes and pilots got there to have all the communications gear set up and functional so the pilots could start flying missions immediately upon arrival. Occasionally he served as navigator on various planes, and a few times rode PT boats to get food. By the time he received another Honorable Discharge, this one in 1946, he had advanced to Second Lieutenant,

Howard returned home to have his own drafting business, remaining an officer in the Reserves, but the Korean War intervened and he was called back to active duty. Instead of returning to civilian life at the end of the War, Howard remained active in the service, retiring in 1964 as a full colonel in the Air Force.

Howard was a conscientious worker, always performing to the top of his capabilities and sometimes beyond. One of our favorite stories is from his service during the Korean War. Because of his engineering background and familiarity with certain bombers, he was required to attend a conference of many high-level officers. As a lieutenant, he was one of the lowest ranking officers present, along with his immediate superior. Certain changes in the bombers were being considered. He was well prepared with specific recommendations and made his presentation. When General Curtis LeMay asked another officer how long it would take him and his unit to complete the alterations, the answer was about 18 months. General LeMay objected, saying, "I have a war to fight – I can't waste that much time!" Howard's superior, knowing his abilities, asked him how long it would take him to make the changes, and he replied that he could do the planes in question in one week! His superior

assured General LeMay that he always followed through on his assignments, so General LeMay asked what he would need to do it. Howard asked for top priority on getting whatever materials he needed, and the men to do **the job, and he got it. He didn't sleep for more than a couple of hours a day that entire week, a lot of the work** had to be done outside in a severe rain storm, and he never once went home to his family during that week – but he got the job done right and on time!

After retiring, Howard worked in the aerospace industry in Southern California for Hughes Aircraft Company, El Segundo, working the civilian side of the types of work he had done in the Air Force. One time he went to Washington to testify before a committee about a proposed plane design, which he thoroughly blasted. The designer had put in an escape seat for the pilot to use in case of fire in the plane, which ejected the pilot violently out through the bottom of the plane, never considering that a fire could start while the plane was still on the ground!

Throughout his life, Howard loved flying, music and lapidary work. He could not be a pilot in the Army or Air Force, due to his eyesight, but he had a civilian pilot's license and was an instructor. He taught his son Jim to fly, and Jim had his pilot's license before he was old enough to drive a car.

Howard sang and played the guitar, appearing on Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour on the radio. He loved to have friends and family gather around and sing along with him and his guitar - all types of music, from hit songs from his entire life to the coarser songs of military men at war, to country and western, to children's songs, for his children and grandchildren.

In later years Howard had the wherewithal to purchase and the time to use lapidary equipment, and he began making beautiful jewelry, including channel work, all of which are highly prized by his family and friends.

Howard passed on at the age of 93 on Monday, February 28, 2011, in Las Vegas from heart problems. He was active, alert and loving life right up to his final moment here with us on earth. Howard loved being among people and never met a stranger – everyone was his friend. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Reina, and by their daughter, Carol (Jesse) Winger. He is survived by his son, Jim (Kay) of Torrance, CA, daughter Jeanne (Jim) Ranes of Cincinnati, OH, his two half-sisters, Virginia (Chuck) Temple and Vivian (Robert) Moore, both of Florida, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is greatly missed by all.

Upcoming Shows

March 17-20, San Bernadino, CA - Orange Belt Mineral Society Tailgate, Little League Western Region Headquarters, 6707 Little League Drive, Hours: Thu 12-5, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-3

March 19-20 - Escondido, CA - Palomar Gem & Mineral Club, Orfila Vineyards, 13455 San Pasqual Road, Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4

March 26-27 - Torrance, CA - South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Ken Miller Recreational Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

April 2-3 - Lemoore, CA - Lemoore Gem and Mineral Society, Trinity Hall, 470 Champion Street, Hours: 10-6 daily

April 8-10 - Vista, CA - San Diego County Council of Gem & Mineral Societies, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: 9-5 daily

April 9-10 - Kingman, AZ - Kingman Academy of Learning, 3420 N Burbank Ave, Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

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: California Federation - <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>, Rocky Mountain Federation - http://www.rmfmts.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm, and the Rock & Gem website - <http://rockngem.com/showdates/>

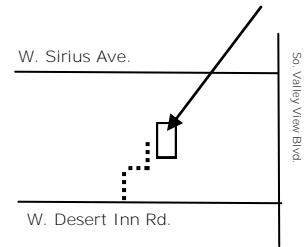


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SNGMS 2011 Meetings		SNGMS General Meeting
Mar 03 Board	July 28 Board	1st Monday of every month (2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) <i>Non-members welcome!</i> 3111 S. Valley View Blvd, E-122 Las Vegas, NV Show & Sell 5-6 PM Meeting 6-8 PM
07 General	Aug 01 General	
31 Board	Sep 08 Board	
Apr 04 General	12 General	
28 Board	29 Board	
May 02 General	Oct 03 General	
June 02 Board	Nov 03 Board	
06 General	07 General	
July 07 Board	Dec Open	
July 11 General		
All Meetings at 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Board Meetings at Shop, Suite 125, General Meetings at Suite 122.		

3111 So. Valley View Blvd, Building E

Meeting Location
Suite 122
Shop Suite 125



Finding the Shop and General Meeting 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.

Please, under no circumstances, park in front of Unit 124 (the unit next to the Shop). The owner of the unit comes in at odd hours and needs access to his parking spaces. There is ample parking across from the Shop that is not in front of any unit.

Raffle Donations Needed

Donations for the Raffle Table are always needed. As well as rocks, fossils, slabs, jewelry, and other rock club related items, Tom Skeary, the Raffle Table Chairman, welcomes white elephant type items in excellent condition. Help keep the Raffle Table exciting and profitable. You can bring your donations into the SNGMS Shop, where a box has been set aside to receive them, or contact Tom at 702-630-6796 to make other arrangements or for more information.



Photos courtesy of Glenn Beye



Classes, Classes, Classes!

Tom Skeary's Clock Making Class held in February was a great success. All the students were proud of their creations, some of which are shown in the photo. If he can be persuaded to teach another class be sure to **participate, you won't be disappointed!**

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore, meets on Mondays (except for the General Meeting night) at 3 PM and again at 6 PM. This month the projects will be: March 14 - Inverted Teardrop, March 21- Dream Catcher, and March 28 - Classic Cabochon led by guest wrapper Sandy Cunningham. Some of the wire wrapped hearts from the February 14 class are shown in the accompanying photo. Sign up with Sue Moore at 702-434-6072 to get on the email list to receive wire wrapping class information.



The beading class completed the peyote stitch and crystal bracelets. The results **were spectacular and I'm sure you will see a lot of happy bracelet makers wearing their creations.** This month Sue Dobson is teaching a herringbone stitch necklace, and the first meeting was held on March 10th. The next beading class will be March 26th at 6 P.M. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 to sign up for beading or for more information.

Silversmithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. The class does not do group projects, but help is available to get you through your first basic project and then to help you, as needed, as you complete your own individual projects. Contact Frank Auerswald at 702-743-4840 for additional information.

Frank Auerswald is teaching a class on Proper Use of the Dremel on Tuesday, March 15th at 2 P.M. A Rotary Tool with Flexible Shaft and Stand will be available for sale at the class for \$45.00. Again, contact Frank for more information.

Examples of the wire wrapping and beading projects are displayed in the SNGMS Shop, so come down and take a look. Wire wrapping, beading, and silversmithing classes have a very modest fee of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Other class fees may vary. All classes are held in the SNGMS Shop.

Sunshine Report

from Dottie Fusch

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.

A card was sent to Clare Breneman who had surgery and is recovering at home.

Lee Turner has had surgery and is in the hospital.



Shop Report

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Closed
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	12 noon-9 PM
Thursday*	12 noon-9 PM
Friday	12 noon-9 PM
Saturday	10 AM -9 PM

*Closed after 6 PM on the Thursday of the Board Meeting.

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

Fees

Trim Saw \$3.00 per hour, all other equipment is \$5.00 per hour, after the first hour charges are pro-rated in 15 minute increments.

Shop Talk

from Chuck Huebler and Tom Skeary



Supervisors will be glad to help anyone who is unfamiliar with the equipment to learn, and to get certified.

For safety, users of the shop equipment are requested to wear closed shoes and long pants or an apron. They also need to wear eye protection and a mask and/or hearing protection, depending on their activity. Goggles, hearing protection, and masks are available at the shop. Wearing old clothes is recommended

BE SAFE!

Be mindful of what you are doing in the shop, as equipment (and You) can be damaged. If you don't know, or aren't sure of the equipment operation, ask for assistance. The supervisors are there to help you.

If none of the listed times are convenient for you, contact Tom at 702-459-2649 or Chuck at 702-686-4186 and they will try to accommodate your schedule if possible.



Left: working on the Genies



Right: the saws are very much in use

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Birthstone:
Diamond

Flower: Daisy



Happy April Birthday!

If you have an April birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the April meeting.

Harvey Ader, Everett Bartlett, Bill Benton, Russell Crick, Jason Fabbi, Russ Gladem, Sue Goodloe, Brennan Hale, Belinda F. Hayes, Olivia Hayes, Rick Kasky, Kenneth Keyser, Mary McKinstry, Joyce Watmore Miller, Edward Morken, Debi Morrison, Jennifer Nicholson, Steve Orr, Elaine Pratt, Linda Rash, Kathy Ratcliff, Cindy Raygoza, Jason Snyder, Lorrilee Stackhouse, Nancy Tatom, Susan Thomas, Desiree Walker, Richard Walton, and John Zimmerman



Shop Special

Bring a desire to learn and come down to the SNGMS Shop for a special offer. Those who have never made a cabochon, or who made their last one a long time ago—can learn (or relearn) the skill by selecting a small slab from the ones available in the shop. The slab and instruction is free, pay only for the saw and Genie use needed. The supervisor will guide you through the process, giving you as much help as you need to complete your cab.

Welcome New Members



A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during late January, February and March. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Helga Watkins, Judy Carlin, Brennan Hale, Gina Hale, Glenn Hale, Larry Haugen, Eileen Haugen, Belinda F. Hayes, Olivia Hayes, Bruce Hayes, Joseph Kerr, Juanita McClellan, Martin McClellan, MariLynn McDougal, Jennifer Nicholson, Conner Nicholson, Alexandra Skeary, Karen Smith, Michael C. Smith, Jason Snyder, Doug Storseth, Erica Weaver, Cory Weaver, Vincent Zebrowski, Al Firebaugh, Hailey Gallo, Anthony Gallo, Logan Gallo, Shannon Gallo, Sue Goodloe, Tex Goodloe, Kathy Grew, Paula Lawlor, Thomas Lawlor, Joseph Lynch, Dianna May, Kathryn Ralli, Cindy Raygoza, David Rogers, Diane Rogers, Stanley Satiago, Debora Shafer, Gary Shaw, and Steve Orr

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Committee Chairmen continued

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 position, or a Committee Chairman to offer to help
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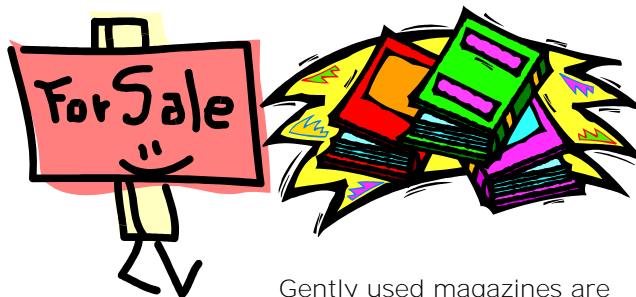
Feast of San Genaro: Located at the Silverton
 this year. Vendor booths start at \$600.00.
 DEADLINE IS 4-21-2011. Google Feast of San
 Genaro and follow the vendor links.

GLDA Trade Show: To be held at the Mirage on
 May 30 - June 2. The website is
http://www.glda.com/lasvegas_may.htm. See
 the website for more information.

Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary Arts & Crafts
 Festival: April 16-17 9:30-5:00. Call Barbara
 Price at 702-505-5127 for more information and
 to reserve a booth.

GPAA Show: April 16 - 17 at the South Point
 Hotel. There may be free table space for
 SNGMS.

Kingman, AZ: April 9-10. The website is
<http://www.gemstoners.org/> and the necessary
 applications may be printed from there.



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 Lapidary, and Beading.

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The Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit corporation, organized to educate ourselves and the community in the science and arts related to rocks, minerals, 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.

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 3111 So. Valley View Blvd, E-122. 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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