



# THE POLISHED SLAB

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Mtg

Two Board Meetings in  
September due to  
Labor Day Holiday

Sep 12: General Mtg

See page 8 for details on  
scheduled classes and  
instructor contact

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Wayne Muth*

### I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND

We had our first Holiday Party Committee Meeting Saturday August 20th, and below is an outline of the meeting. We will induct the new board and have a Chinese auction at the event.

Sue Moore will be heading the Chinese Auction. Paul Toves and I will co-ordinating the food.

Party is on December 11th, 20016 at 12:00 pm doors open, 1:00 pm or so for food Service.

This is a Pot Luck, but we will be coordinating what food people will bring to get the best variety. The Club will be providing the Turkeys and Hams. All items must be pre-cut in pans or platters. If it is hot and large, a pan will be needed to keep it a hot tray at the Lodge. If you wish to use a crock pot that is fine, we should be able to plug them in. We are trying to avoid using the Lodges Kitchen, as it is to expensive.

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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

### Southern Nevada Board of Directors Meeting September 8, 2016

#### Call to Order: 6:00

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Read The Minutes: Minutes were read and approved

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

Shop report: PeggySue Moore made a motion to send one facting machine for tune-up, Pat Skeary seconded, motion passed.

Frank Timbers made a motion to purchase parts to repair the "B" saw, not to exceed \$500.00, John Miller seconded, motion passed.

Rock Stars: Rock Stars to meet October 9<sup>th</sup>, they will have a florescent display

Cabachon Contest: Autumn colors.

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**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY, CONT.**

**Renewal of Tax Exempt letter:** In progress waiting for forms

**New Business:**

**Field Trip:** Trip to Muddies on September 24. Meet at Albertsons on Lake Mead at 8:30

**Protection One:** Wayne is putting new passcode in

Steve Wilson made a motion to adjourn, Tony Duran seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully Submitted By:

Patricia Skeary

**How to stabilize your slabs and cabs**, by Peggy Sue and Bill Moore

When we first started making cabochons, we, like everyone else, were frustrated with material that was too soft or unstable to hold together.

We first tried Opticon. We bought a little toaster oven to process slabs and cabochons, but were not happy with the results as it never hardened to our satisfaction.

The best advice we received came from our friends in Kingman, AZ, who were into working with turquoise. We followed their advice and have worked out how to get the most out of our efforts.

Here is how it works:

Buy 330 Epoxy. It comes in a 1 oz. box or in two 8 oz. bottles. (see picture)

Use all of the two ½ oz. tubes, or equivalent from the larger bottles, by mixing it in a wide mouth glass jar with something like a popsicle stick.

Add approximately 1 cup of acetone. Mix this together until fully blended.

Put in your cabochons and/or slabs, making sure that your material is covered by the liquid.

Cover the jar tightly with the lid and put it into a refrigerator for 1 week. Each day I pick it up and slosh everything around to make sure that the mix is getting everywhere on the slabs and cabochons.

The reason you keep it in the refrigerator is to retard the hardening process and allow the epoxy to penetrate into the material.

When you take it out at the end of the week, place the items on a cookie cooling rack or a classifier and let dry for a day in the sun. You can now add a second batch of slabs and cabs to your jar of left over liquid. I usually run batches in the same liquid until I don't think it is working any more, at which time I put in more epoxy mix.

I have had great success with this process but remember, some material is just too crumbly to work with, no matter what you do.



See Del at Desert Art Supply for the epoxy, as he carries the larger bottles.

## GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

SNGMS General meeting minutes for September 12, 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.

**Secretary Report** The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Report was in the positive.

**Sunshine:** Beth Jones gave a report on the people in the club that having health concerns, John Stackhouse surgery postponed again, Alexandria Jimenez recovering from back surgery and Rita Bergeron with back problems.

**Field Trips:** To Bittersprings ,meet at Albertson parking lot on Lake Mead at 8:30 on the 24th

**Shop:** Ron Johnson gave report on equipment in the shop, also asked for volunteers for supervisors. Jim Calloway will be holding a rock swap at the shop on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> in afternoon.

**Shop Contest :** Mary Skaarup and James Sloane Tied for 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rockstars :** Schedule for Rock Stars: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 Shop

October 29<sup>th</sup>-Halloween Party 12-2, Eagles

November 13<sup>th</sup> 3-5, Shop

December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party 12-2 Eagles

**Awards Banquet:** December 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to R.S.V.P. to lowiem@embargmail.com

This is a pot luck , let Wayne Muth know what you will bring.

**Program:** Mary Beth Paladino gave an educational talk on dangerous minerals.

**Federation:** Sheri Johnson talked about American Federation in Albany, Oregon.

**New Business:** PeggySue Moore is chairmen for the election committee ,if you wish to be on the board contact PeggySue.

**Ore Car Claim:** There has been some vandalism on sign at the claim, proposing to have a barbeque and doing clean-up on October 15<sup>th</sup>, more information later

**The Slab:**Del Walkenshaw is new editor

Frank Timbers made a motion to adjourn, Bill Moore seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted By:

Patricia Skeary

## Field Trip for September

BRING WATER AND FOOD, IT COULD BE HOT AND IT IS DRY OUT THERE. I WILL ALSO HAVE A CHAIN IF SOMEONE GETS STUCK.  
WAYNE MUTH

We are still going on the field trip on Saturday, September 24th, however, conditions of the road were too severe to reach our collecting site. We will go via the eastern route instead.

Date: 9-24-16

Meeting time: 8:30am

Depart. Time: 9:00am

Destination: East of the Muddy Mtns. via Northshore Road, Lake Mead

Meeting Location: SE corner of Hollywood and Lake Mead Blvd. (CVS and Albertsons parking lot)

Off-road conditions: Very loose sand washes. Must have 4 wheel drive. High clearance recommended. All wheel drive not sufficient.

What we will be collecting: Agate and some stromatolite.



# 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

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We are going to have to have an accurate account of who is attending the Banquet. We must let the Eagles Lodge know how many we are expecting. This is for members only, but we are considering that if you have guests, we need to know and it will be taken under consideration on a case by case basis and possibly a small charge for the guests. We are going to discuss more at the Board Meeting on this subject. Members will not be charged for the Banquet.

I would appreciate that if you bring food, you have serving utensils for them. All paper plates, plastic utensils, and napkins be provided by yourselves.

Cut off Date will be December 1st to RSVP for the Party.

There will an email sent for people that will be taking information on the food provided, and the attendance count. I will get that out soon.

I will need volunteers for the following,

15 centerpieces

25 Trash Bags

We need a member or someone to do the invocation. It needs to be presented to the Board for approval.

I want to thank Del Walkenshaw for helping us on the Slab. It may not have everything for a while, but we will catch up. The Shop is running well and I want to thank everyone that is coming to use the equipment. I am working on the water for the Cab Kings, and we are repairing B saw today. Sue Moore got the new wheels for the Cab machines.

I have sent out our notes on the Holiday Party, and we will discuss further at the General Meeting.

The Board Meeting is September 8th, 2016 at the shop, 6:00 pm sharp. The General Meeting will be on September 12th, 2016 at the Eagles Lodge, 6:00 pm.

The Field Trip for September will be through the Muddy's on Saturday, September 24th. Peggy Sue and Bill will lead the group. See page for details.

**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**

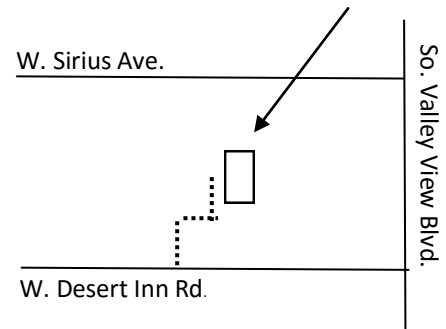
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

***Non-members welcome!***

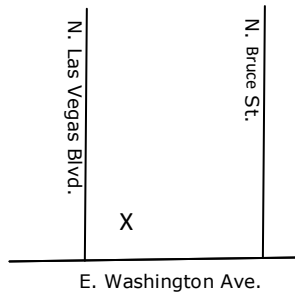
Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

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

## 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***

Kids Club meeting is To Be Announced for the month of September



## Field Trip Fun

We love our field trips. We love collecting and just the enjoyment of being outside in Nevada. I wanted to take the time to talk about driving off road safely and some good safety tips for our members to follow.

Prepare your vehicle: always have a full tank of fuel at the start of any trip. Bring extra fuel in a safe can if necessary. Check your tires: old tires, even with good tread, can be brittle and puncture easily. All terrain tires work great. I used to have Kevlar-wrapped knobby off-road tires on the jeep but developed a very severe "death wobble" as they wore down. The problem was solved when the guys at Discount Tire recommended Falken LT265/75R16. I have gone over the roughest roads that we will travel as rock hounds and aired-down to run Dumont Dunes with those tires and never had a problem. Bottom line...go high on the ply when picking out your new tires. Tell your tire guy what you intend to be doing with your vehicle.

Buying something to take off road? 4 Wheel drive and high clearance is the way to go. High Clearance is more important than 4 wheel drive, as we always have wash outs to contend with. All wheel drive is not the same as 4 wheel drive. If you need to traverse a climb that is in the dirt, you may want to be able to go into 4 wheel low, 3rd gear, to make that climb. Talk to the 4 wheelers before you make your purchase.

Don't get left behind! When we are keeping the group together on the highways and paved roads, we want to keep a tight group. Don't lag behind and miss a turn off. If you have a problem, call the leaders with your cell phone and let them know what is going on. If the group is off-road, you need to stay together, but don't tail gate. When climbing a hill, give the guy in front of you time to reach the top (just in case he can't make it and needs to back up) before you go. If you have a problem, immediately turn on your flashers on and stop. The guy in front of you needs to stop and put on his flashers and so forth, until the entire group has stopped! You never know who might have the right tool to help with the problem. If you allow the vehicles in front of you to continue ahead, you may cause everyone behind you to lose the group. We rarely have cell service off-road. It is the responsibility of every driver to keep track of the guy behind him. If he has stopped, put your flashers on to alert the guy ahead of you, and stop and see what is going on.

Get a CB radio: If you have a CB radio, you can let everyone know what is going on. Sometimes you just need to stop to relieve yourself behind a tree. Many Rock and Gem Clubs require their members to have CB radios. They don't have to be bulky. Get one where the works are in the hand set. You can use an installed antenna or a magnetic one.

Off road tow service: Just so you know, AAA won't go off road to tow you. Bring a heavy duty tow strap and battery jump cables in your "go kit".

We have never lost anyone and we don't want it to happen in the future. Follow the field trip guidelines from our website and talked to the experienced rock-hounds about their experiences. It will assist you in being ready for a safe and fun outing.

Peggy Sue Moore.



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## CLASS INFORMATION

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. There will be only one Wire Wrapping class for September on the 26th at 5:00pm. Beading class is the third Monday of the month. For more information call Pat Skeary 702-630-6796.

Silver Smithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM, with Bill Lemmon leading the class. This class is suitable for beginners, and also for intermediate to advanced students. .

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning from 8 - Noon and are open to new students at this time. Please contact Sue Moore in advance to see if a machine is available. If you use club machines they are \$5 an hour, no class fee.

Scott Edwards is teaching Metalsmithing and Miscellaneous Lapidary Arts every Saturday from 8-10 (except Feb. 27).

Another knapping session will be organized. Watch for the announcement. The contact is Michael Kisner, (702) 285-2032.

***Wire wrapping, beading, metal smithing, flint knapping, and silver smithing 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 to help extend the knowledge of our members.***

Every Tuesday at 5pm is Silver Smithing Class, at the shop

### September

9-5-16 Labor Day, no classes

9-8-16 Board Meeting at the shop 6pm

9-12-16 SNGMS General Meeting 5pm for Show and Sell

9-19-16 Beading Class, 5pm

9-26-16 Wire Wrapping Class, wire wrapping free form pieces.

9-29-16 Board Meeting at the shop 6pm

### October

10-3-16 SNGMS General Meeting, 5pm for Show and Sell. Nominating of Officers for 2017



## 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



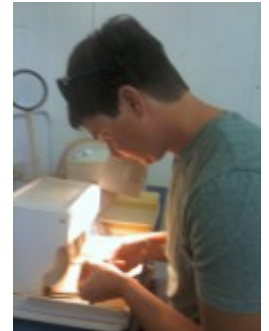
Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

### Shop Fee

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

The September Cabochon contest, judged at the October meeting will be a cab of Autumn colors.

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.



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 September Birthday!

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

HARVEY BERGERON, RENEE BROWN, LISA BURGESS, THERESA CALLAWAY, SCOTT CHRISTIANSEN, ELLIS CLAUSEN, LINDA DAVEY, TERRY DAVIS, MICHAEL DUNLOP, NANETTE ELLIS, CLAUDIA FETCHO, MORGAN FOSTER, JIM GAWURA, CYPRESS HALES, ERICA HAMILTON, DACIA HESIAK, JANELLE HOPKINS, JERRY HUGHES, RYAN JAZVAC, DOMINIQUE JOHNSON, JAMILA JONES, DAVID LANDRY, BARRY LAWSON, DAVID LEAVITT, MERRILY LI, SUE LOFARO, BEN LUCERO, PHILLIP LUCHETTA, TAM-ELA MOHR, RIMMA MUTH, STEVE OBRADOVICH, JESSICA PALADINO, AMBER PENICK, TALIALY PHILLIPS, ASHTON PINKERTON, MARK PRUTER, MICHAEL RAWLINS, JUDY ROSS, NEFFE ROXAS, RAMONA SKIDMORE, MICK SPROTT, JOHN STACKHOUSE, YORDANES TESHAGER, TYRA TRIPP, JOHN TSOTSOROS, JIM VIDMAR, SHARON WEBB, JOHN WON, LEE ZIEGLER

## Welcome New Members!

***A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS.  
We look forward to getting to know you better***

Muluken Abegaz, Peggy Ambro, Adam Fink, Mika Goldberg, Joan Lombardino, Anthony Genlish, Peyton Massenaeri, Mahatuhi Santos, Andrea Schweizer, Addisalem Tegegn, El Shadi Teshager, Kalkidan Teshager, Yordanes Teshager, Jeanette Tilley, David Waugh, William Waugh, Kim Winters, Linda Wright

## 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)***

Our best wishes for better health to Richard Rawe's wife and to John Stackhouse.

## **2016 Board of Directors**

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Parliamentarian: Scott Edwards

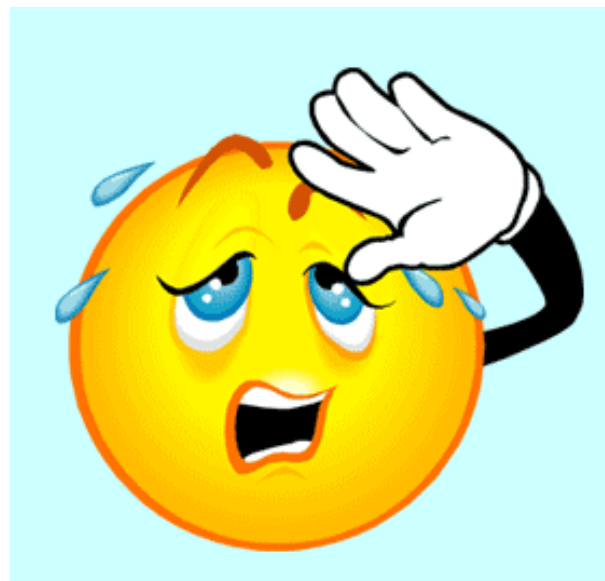
Three Year Board John Stackhouse

Two Year Board: Steve Wilson

One Year Board: John Miller 702-768-2989  
[jjnevada@outlook.com](mailto:jjnevada@outlook.com)

Past President/One Year Board: Peggy Sue Moore

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



## **Committee Chairmen**

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ByLaws.....Scott Edwards

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Federation.....Sheri Johnson

Alt. Federation.....Peggy Sue Moore

Field Trip.....open

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Inventory.....Frank Timbers

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Membership.....John Stackhouse 702-239-0437

New Member Liason...Tony Duran

Program.....Cindy Allison

Publicity.....Scott Edwards

Raffle.....open

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

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

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**Sep 16 - 18 - Placerville, CA, 77th CFMS Show & Convention** Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily

*Stay cool, and plan to attend shows in the Fall. 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>

**and the Rock & Gem website -**

<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

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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 - \$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.

## POLISHED SLAB ADVERTISING RATES

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