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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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Upcoming Events

Jun 27 – Board Meeting

Jul 1 - General Meeting,
Moose Lodge

See calendar on page 4 for
shop hours, classes, trips,
meetings, and other
SNGMS events and classes

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scheduled classes and
instructor contact
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President's Message

from Sheri Johnson

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

My apologies on the delay for this month's Slab. Lorrilee has been patiently waiting on me to provide the President's message. Life has been a bit crazy in my household – I spent the last three weeks packing and moving to a new house – rocks and all. I have always said that you can never have too many rocks. However after having to move all those rocks, I am beginning to think that one person CAN have too many rocks!

I hope you all can join us at Gabbs, NV this coming weekend, June 21st through June 23rd. It should be a "rocking" good time! Bill has been scouting out the area and has found some great areas. We will be looking for petrified wood, opal and agate on the various trips.

For everyone who is staying in nearby (or not so nearby) hotels, we will be meeting every morning at 8:30 in Gabbs for the day's trip. Bill has trips planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Don't be late – Gabbs is not really a "hotspot" of tourist activities, although I hear the food at the bar is pretty good.

Speaking of food, don't forget to bring a side dish to share with the group on Saturday evening's potluck. Bill and Sue are bringing a spiral ham as the main dish. If you have any questions on the trip or just need to get a hold of someone for directions, please give me a call at 702-525-0256.

And finally, if you are planning on going to Gabbs, BRING LOTS OF WATER!

See you there and happy hunting!

Sheri

Board Meeting Summary - May 30th 2013

On May 30th, 2013, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 5:45 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. The minutes of the May 2nd, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for April was 853.89. There was a motion by Tom Skeary, seconded by Shannon Funk and adopted for payment of outstanding bills.

Shop Foreman reports shop inventory delayed, saw repair parts have been

Board Meeting Summary - con't.

received and repairs will be made. An external bubbler for the Genie machines and material to create two metered plug ins for the trim saws are requested.

A motion was made by Lucinda Wilson, seconded by Angelo Cervantes and adopted to purchase six replacement Genie wheels to not exceed \$600.00.

Unfinished Business:

Lorrilee Stackhouse motioned, seconded by John Stackhouse, that up to \$100 be allowed for purchase of meat for the pot luck meal at the Gabbs campout.

The SNGMS Shop will be closed on Friday, June 7th.

Trifolds have been printed and folded. The posters are in progress.

New Business:

The Federation Chair gave a report on the Rocky Mountain Federation show and meeting that she attended in Utah.

Bill Lemmon will lead a field trip in July to obsidian pits in Utah.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

General Meeting Summary - June 3rd 2013

On June 3rd, 2013, 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 May 6, 2013 meeting were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for April was -\$703.12

Membership Chair reports 332 adult members.

The Shop Foreman reports that the saw parts have been received and repairs should be completed soon. The shop will be closed on Tuesdays for the Summer.

Rock Star/Education Chair reports on Kids Club will meet in the shop on the second Sunday of June and will be working on a Kids Club newsletter this summer.

Field Trips – The Gabbs campout trip was discussed. There will also be a trip on July 20th to collect gold sheen obsidian led by Bill Lemmon.

Classes – Instructors discussed upcoming classes.

New Business

Peggy Sue Moore discussed the upcoming need for shop insurance and asked that anyone with a good contact for the insurance contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

May Field Trip



Photos courtesy of Cindy Allison



Purple Agate



Upcoming Events



June - Annual outing to Gabbs NV. Dry camping will be available in Gabbs. The nearest motels are about 30 miles away in Mina/Luning or Eastgate. The main period of the camp out will be June 21-23, with a possible field trip on the 20th as well. Meet in Gabbs at 8:30 AM for field trips to outlying areas. Opal, agate, and petrified wood are some of the materials found in the area. See Sheri's message for additional details.

July 20 - Field trip to Utah to collect gold sheen obsidian. This will be led by Bill Lemmon.

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering the following three classes this Fall:

November 2 Geology of the San Andreas Fault

November 23 – 24 Geology: Creation of the Joshua Tree Landscape

December 7 Earthquake Faults In and Around the Joshua Tree National Park

See their website at www.joshuatree.org for more information.

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 Faceting 9	17 Wire Wrapping 5	18 Silver Smithing 5-8	19 Shop 12-8	20 Shop 12-5 Metalsmithing 3-10	21 Shop 12-8	22 Shop 12-4
23 Faceting 9	24 Polymer Clay 2-5	25 Silver Smithing 5-8	26 Shop 12-8	27 Shop 12-5 Board Mtg 6	28 Shop 12-8	29 Shop 12-4

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Faceting 9	1 General Meeting 6	2 Silver Smithing 5-8	3 Shop 12-8	4 Shop Closed	5 Shop 12-8	6 Shop 12-4
7 Faceting 9	8 Wire Wrapping 5	9 Silver Smithing 5-8	10 Shop 12-8	11 Shop 12-5 Beading 6-8	12 Shop 12-8	13 Shop 12-4

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.

Correction to information presented in May, the school visited was Helen Smith.

The Kids Club met on June 9th. They made plans to produce a summer newsletter and get their Communication Badge.



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

Kids Club/Education Activities

Bulletin Board

FOR SALE: Lorraton 3 Rock Tumbler Kit New in Box (never opened). Lists for \$120, asking \$55. Call Tom at 452-7866

FOR SALE: Whites MXT Tracker E Series, Super 12 Search Coil, Bullseye II Pinpointer, Royal GT Headphones, Carry-All Case. Asking \$600. Contact Mike Kisner 702-285-2032

Contact the editor to place a notice on the Bulletin Board by calling 702-631-5291, emailing lorrilee@cox.net, or see me at the meeting.

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!

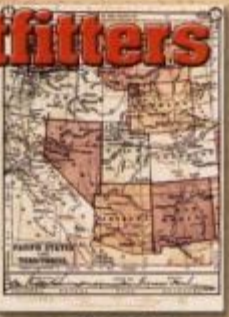


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SNGMS 2013 Meetings

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

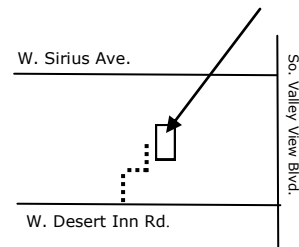
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

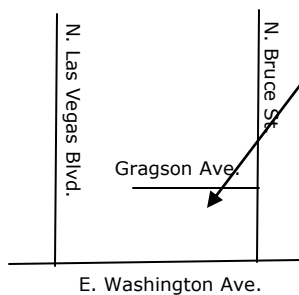
Moose Lodge 1600 Gragson Ave.

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**

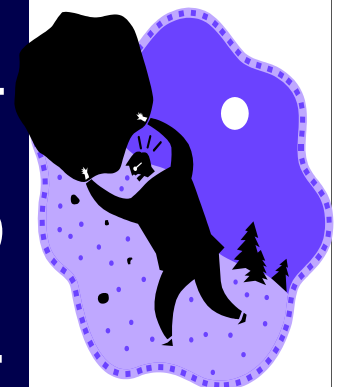
Proceeding south on N. Bruce St., take the left onto Gragson Ave. and proceed to the Moose Lodge parking lot on your left at 1600 Gragson Ave.

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



Fun with the Genie

Bring 'em home and polish 'em!



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 June are: June 10th - Coil Drop Earrings, June 17th Heart Pendant. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.

Beading class is 6 - 8 PM on Thursday. The June class is the 13th and is the Flower Bud Chain. The July class will be on the 11th and is the Bead Blast Necklace. 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 a Thursday class in basic metal smithing available as well, led by Mary Brandt meeting 3-10 PM on some Thursdays. In May the dates are the 16th and 23rd. Both classes are suitable for beginners, with the Tuesday class also for intermediate to advanced students.

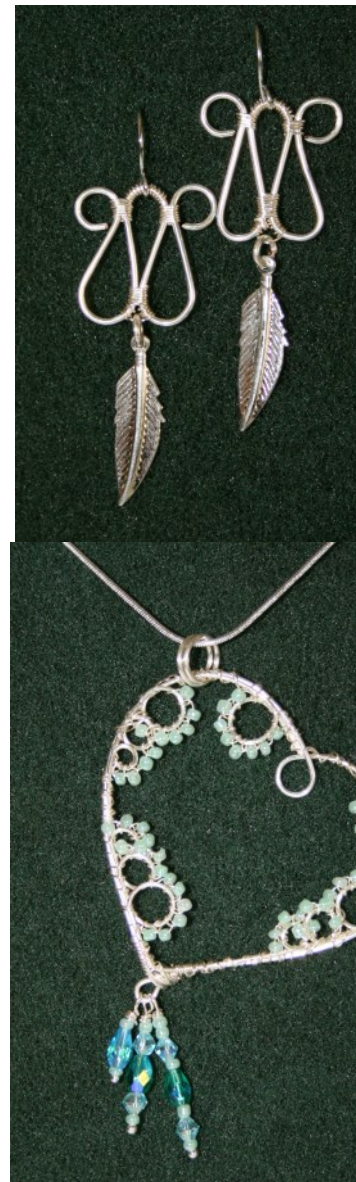
Polymer clay classes are the last Monday of the month at 2 - 5 PM. The June class date is June 24th. The project is starfish & seaweed. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

July Beading Project



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

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.



June Wire Wrapping Projects

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\$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

Shop Report

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 noon - 8 PM
Thursday	12 noon - 5 PM
Friday	12 noon - 8 PM
Saturday	12 noon - 4 PM

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

Shop Talk

from John Stackhouse



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

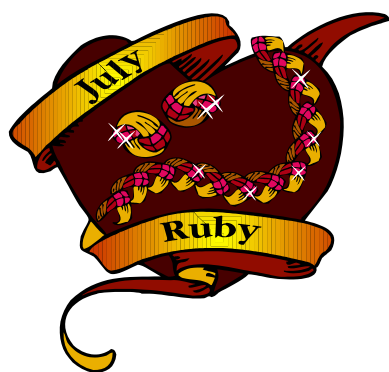
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New users just need to come in, we'll even give you a slab to make your first cabochon from. No additional equipment or experience is necessary, we have everything you need to get started doing lapidary work, and will teach you all the basics at any 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 during the Summer.





Happy July Birthday!

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

Cindy Allison, Scott Edwards, Tony Fetcho, Thomas Lawlor, Irene McLaughlin, Clyde H. Merrick, Nelson Muniz, Lee Padilla, David Rogers, Dave Smith, Chantal Southers, Mary Visnaw, Corazon Beye, Paul Thomas, Andrea Meckley, Mary Switalla, Pamela Torres, Eric Pretz, Ellen Reeves, Luigi Iamele, Jim Jones, Phyllis Mazzotti

Welcome New Members



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

We are having technical difficulties with the membership list, so we aren't able to list our newest members this month. Know that you are welcome to the club, and that your name will be listed as soon as the issues are resolved.

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.

Sue Lofaro's brother passed away. Ed Rupprecht had a trip to the hospital, but is doing better.

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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50-50 Raffle.....JoAnne Sprott

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

Rock Hounds

Show Chairperson..Board of Directors

Sunshine.....Dottie Fusch.....702-648-5886

Webmaster.....Jack Toogood.....702-642-4788

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

Upcoming Shows

June 14-16 - Woodland Hills, CA, Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society, Pierce College Farm, 20800 Victory Blvd, Hours: 10 - 5 daily

June 28-30 - San Bernardino, CA, Orange Belt Mineralogical Society, Western Regional Little League Ball Park, 6707 Little League Drive, Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily

Aug 2-4 - Prescott, AZ, Prescott Gem & Mineral Club, Tim's Toyota Center, Glassford Hill & Florentine, Prescott Valley, Hours Fri/Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4

Aug 2-4 - Nipomo, CA, Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria, Nipomo High School, 525 North Thompson Ave., Hours: Fri/Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

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

Raffle Donations are always welcome!
 Contact Tom Skeary or bring to SNGMS Shop.



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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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