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## May General Meeting: Program

**The shop is moving....the shop is moving!** This month we have some pretty important business to discuss during the meeting and decided to use our program time to inform our members of what exciting things have been happening.

1) We will be discussing the shop closure and relocation move. The board has been and will continue to view properties that are prospective locations. We are looking for several things: a) a safe and secure area; b) a property that will allow us to conduct meetings, have ALL equipment in use , classroom areas, silversmithing area, retail/consignment area, library corner, and rock bins; c) a central location with bus access nearby; and d) plenty of parking area, especially for meeting times. We have some properties to show you, just so you'll see what we have in mind. There has been no decision, because we want to have the time to find the right property at the right price. So we'll continue to look until we find several choices that are attainable for us.

2) The Board of Directors has discussed and approved the move of our investments, to funds that could yield more than double what our present investment yield has been. Past performances are consistent and we feel this is the best move to make more money on our investments. More information will be given at the meeting and we hope to have the consultant available to answer any questions you may have concerning this.

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**May 8** Field Trip for Geodes  
**May 10** Shop Closes  
**May 27-31** Memorial Weekend Campout—Gold Point, NV  
**May 29** Field Trip with Nolan O'Neill



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## Upcoming Shows

May 1-2: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society (Anaheim, CA) [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

May 7-9: Snyders Pow Wow (Valley Springs, CA) [www.valleyspringspowwow.com](http://www.valleyspringspowwow.com)

May 8-9: Reno Gem & Mineral Society (Reno, NV) [www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

May 14-16: Superior-Cal Gem & Mineral Society (Anderson, CA), Shasta Fairgrounds on Briggs St.

May 15-16: Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society (Yucaipa, CA) [www.yvgms.org](http://www.yvgms.org)

June 18 - 20: **AFMS/CFMS 2010 Gem Show**



## Nez the Prez

from Teresa Nezgoda

Did ya'll "Stirrup Some Fun" at the Clark County Fair? Even though I was many states away.....I had daily reports from many of our volunteers. All reports were so full of energy and enthusiasm...I was jealous I wasn't in the thick of all the work and fun! Many made new friends and got a chance to showcase their enthusiasm for SNGMS with huge amounts of interested parties that stopped by our booth for a visit. All in all, our booth was a success with some profit in our account and many potential new members. Thanks to all of you who made this possible.....you know who you are!

We have some news that will be music to the ears of the many members that utilize our workshop facilities. We are in the process of acquiring a lease on a bigger and better facility! The present owners of our workshop has notified us that they will not be renewing our lease and have given us a 60 day notice. They are interested in leasing the entire building and we felt that this was a great opportunity to move to a property that suits our membership with bigger facilities and safer location along with an adequate parking area. We will keep you posted on the latest news as it happens. The board is viewing properties as I write and we should have some locations narrowed down by the time of the May meeting. It may take us a couple of months to narrow down the list enough to vote on, so, in the meantime, the shop contents will be stored until we find the property that suits us best. The shop will officially close on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the fun with moving starts! We will need lots of help to move equipment and clean out the current location, and our members have always surpassed any expectations I have had on help....and I'm sure this will be no exception. I'm so excited knowing that soon, we will have a fully equipped workshop and classrooms that will be the envy of the rock & gem community!

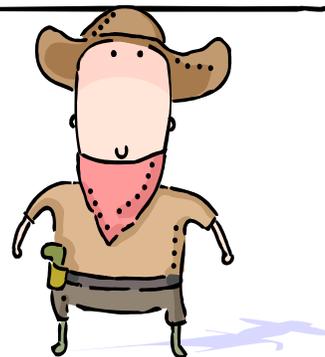
Along with all this exciting news, we have our Memorial Day Campout at Gold Point. I will be able to share the western culture I love so much with you all. There will be numerous opportunities for field trips...so make sure to listen out for who, when and where. Cathy include the menu in The Slab so you can plan your grocery shopping list for the trip! We will have sign up sheets so we can let Sheriff Stone and Red Dog Lil' how much they need to plan on for us. We are not being charged for camping, but a donation of \$10 per family/campsite will be requested to help the Gold Point Preservation Fund. . I'll be bringing my horse with me and will be dressing the part for my other persona, Palomino Penny. And I hope everyone has been thinkin' of their alias while visiting Gold Point! It will be fun to hear what ya'll have cooked up.....Remember, I'll be answering to "Palomino Penny" during the weekend festivities, but I've actually answered to many names.....some I can't repeat (LOL)! Please feel free to really get into the spirit of things by dressing the part, picking out an alias, and just have lots of fun on Memorial Day Weekend! For those who are staying in Vegas for the holiday, we have a special field trip for a guest who is special in many ways. Nolan will be celebrating his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday with us. He is autistic, without 3d vision, but LOVES rocks and interacting with anyone who will talk to him about it. His mother, Mari, is excited that we are taking the time to give him a special birthday field trip. They will be flying into Vegas just for this purpose. Now who wouldn't like a Mom who goes to those extremes for a birthday? Nolan is a lucky boy!

Wait!....there is so much activity, I hope I have room for all of this. The CFMS (California Federation of Mineralogical Society) is holding it's annual show and convention in Whittier California, which is approx 260 miles from Vegas (4.5 hrs driving time). I have it on good authority from inside sources that the daily field trips and speakers will be phenomenal! Let me know if you plan on going or want to go and we'll get an SNGMS officially organized trip planned. I'll post the info as I get it in. Stay tuned for more info! See ya at the meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.....don't forget to bring goodtimes and fun with ya! Teresa

# Gold Point Ghost Town:

Gold Point, NV

Memorial Day Weekend—May 27th—May 31st



## Update:

*We're so excited about this trip—we sure hope you'll be there! Look for the sign-up sheets at our May general meeting, and be sure to indicate:*

- ~which day you'll be arriving*
- ~the number of people in your party*
- ~how many tent sites you'll need*

*It's critical that we get an accurate head count so Sheriff Stone & Red Dog Lil get enough grub for us! Places & meet-up times each day may vary so listen up at the May meeting for all this info.*

*Initial camp set-up: Thurs. 5/27 on the outskirts of town. Camp take-down: Mon, 5/31. Gold Point is approx 183 miles north of Las Vegas. ATV's allowed (5mph in town), dogs (please have on leash), heck,....Sheriff Stone said I could even bring the horses! Food will be available starting Thursday.*

*Remember...when in Gold Point, Teresa will be her alias from SASS (Single Action Shooting Society), "Palomino Penny". Dan will probably be in his alter ego mode, too. Hmmmm..... maybe all of our members should have SNGMS alias names. ....are you up for a "best alias" competition during the weekend? Sounds like fun!*

*Note: We're asking for a minimum donation of \$10 per family to put towards the preservation fund. Thanks everyone!*



## MENU

Miner's Breakfast - 8 a.m.  
\$7.25

Bacon & Sausage Links (limited to combo of 5 total)

### All you can eat/drink:

Scrambled Eggs, Fried Taters, Beer Cakes, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee, OJ

### Dinner Grub - 5 p.m.

\$11.00 Meal Only

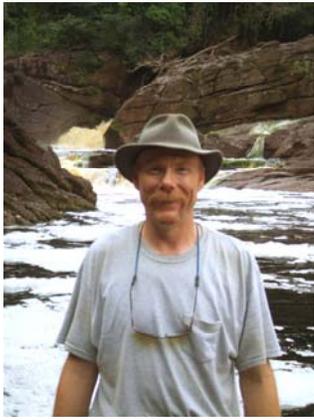
\$13.00 Meal & Drink Token:

~Saturday marinated tri-tip

~Sunday 1/2 lb. Steak

(Limit 1 steak—additional steak \$4.00)

### All you can eat fixins':



# Education Mine

from Dan Nezgoda

Greetings from the mine shafts in our education mines! I am excited to envision a new workshop location that could accommodate all our classes along with our equipment. This will allow us to expand the class offerings since we can have a permanent set up for things such as silversmithing and casting.

And just think.....the whole family can enjoy the shop at once! When one member is taking a class...other members can utilize the equipment. What better way to keep our families happy and all together!

Because we're still in a state of transition, we have not added any additional classes at this time. Our efforts are concentrated on organizing class spaces in the new location. We will continue with our silversmithing, wire wrapping and geology classes. Here's a listing of instructors names and contacts. Please contact the instructor for info on these classes.

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|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Silversmithing</b> | <b>Tues 5:30-8pm (Sr. Center-Bonanza)</b> | <b>Jenna Plein</b>              | <b>702-629-5467</b> |
| <b>Wire Wrapping</b>  | <b>Mon 6-9pm (Shop)</b>                   | <b>Sue Moore/Sheila Tremmel</b> | <b>702-348-9800</b> |
| <b>Geology</b>        | <b>Tues 6-8pm (Sr. Center-Bonanza)</b>    | <b>Dan Nezgoda</b>              | <b>702-210-7888</b> |

## FIRST FRIDAY

**We will not be taking part in First Friday this month due to the loss of our lease at the shop and other commitments.**

## Field Trip with Nolan on Saturday, May 29

I would like to introduce to you a young man that loves to rockhound, Nolan O'Neill. He will be coming to Las Vegas on Memorial Day weekend to celebrate his birthday by going on a Rockhounding trip with our club. Last year for his birthday he went to the Himalaya Tourmaline Mine Tailings Dig in San Diego County and he had a ball and found some small pieces of tourmaline and a couple quartz crystals. He loved talking with the other people there asking them questions about what they found and what he found and really enjoyed digging with others who enjoy the same things he does. If you are able to join us, we will meet at Rail Road Pass Casino at 7:30 am and head south toward Searchlight to collect Quartz Crystals and other lapidary goodies. Hope you can join us and help make Nolan's birthday a very special occasion.



Nolan O'Neill proudly wearing the silver medal he earned in Swimming at the Special Olympics.

# FIELD TRIP NOTES

from Monika Giles

Hey all, we had a wonderful time on the field trip. Cliff is a mighty fine wagon master and Mary Beth is a delight to hunt with. We came back with lots of stuff but we did miss all your smiling faces!!!

**Next Trip:** When: May 8th

Where: Milford Utah (approx 3 hrs driving time)

Time: Meet at 7 AM (location to be announced at meeting)

4WD is necessary in certain areas so you can jump in with someone with 4WD when we hit those areas. Please make sure to bring plenty of water, collecting buckets, hat, sunscreen, medications, and rockhounding tools. There are hotels in Milford for anyone wishing to stay the night and drive back the next day. Bill told me there were several other collecting materials and locations to keep you busy all weekend, if you wanted. For more info.....contact Bill Lemmon at 443-7195, 443-7192, or [sngms\\_fieldtrip@yahoo.com](mailto:sngms_fieldtrip@yahoo.com).



*If your birthday is in May,  
please bring a dessert to  
the General Meeting so we  
can celebrate your big day!  
Thanks everyone!*



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- Don Bowser
- Wes Bryant
- Patrick Bunting
- Sherri Cleveland
- Kristy Denton
- George D Edwards
- Linda Erwin
- Thomas W. Gergits
- Laura Geurs-Dalaimo
- Nicholas Giles
- Charles Huebler
- Ralph Hunt
- Walter Kinney
- Michael Kisner
- Scott Klepzig

- Tammie Leary
- Joseph Lynch
- Duane Matters
- Kathy Mueller
- Paul Nuell
- Denise Camille Petrosillo
- David Seidner
- John C. Stackhouse Jr.
- Eugene Zeigler
- Karen Zimmerman
- Lisa Zimmerman

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  - Robert Boyle
  - Patrick Bunting
  - Dana Coleman Crumpley
  - John Crumpley
  - Peter DiDonna
  - Dan Grillet
  - Ruth Hardison
  - Cindy Hastings
  - David Hastings

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- Edward P. Lawson
- Tamela Mohr
- Jackie Reinig
- Hugh Ward
- Jana Ward
- Brenton Wingate
- Bruce Wingate
- Sarina Wingate

**A Big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who worked at the SNGMS Booth at the Clark County Fair.**

Ivan & Linda Erwin, Bill Lemmon, Linda Rash, Pat & Tom Skeary, Sheri Johnson, Bruce & Sarina Wingate, Sherri Cleveland, Mary Beth & Amber Paladino, Cliff Jackson, Terry Beck, Brittany & Melissa Eliason, Steve Ireland Paul & Joyce Nuell, Frank Auerswald, Dottie Fusch, Bill & Sue Moore, Craig & Sheila Tremmel, Howard & Leigh Abrams, Ron Baca, Nancy Tatum, Walter Hess, Diane Burgess, Cheryl Milne, Art Lory, Scooter, John, Lisa, & Jenna Zimmerman

We will be having the volunteer raffle drawing at the General Meeting on Monday, May 3. You do not have to be present to win. We will be giving away several prizes with the Grand Prize being the Geologic Aerial Tour of the Las Vegas Valley donated by Dan Nezgoda.



**In the News.....**

**Did you see the Review Journal on Easter Sunday? If so, you just might've seen our very own Doris Currington in the "Living" section! She was among those creative gals wearing their hand-decorated Easter bonnets! Here's the article— "Doris Currington's Easter bonnet reflects her love of rockhounding and the lapidary arts. She decorated her bonnet with tumbled and polished stones and gems she has collected on rockhounding excursions. By the way: Currington can tell you a story about every one of them." LVRJ, April 5, 2010. Great job Doris! You've got more talent than just rockhounding, that's for sure.**



Contact Mary Beth Palladino (702-255-1647) for information on upcoming activities for the Rock Stars.



SHOW CHAT from Lisa Zimmerman

Well, the Clark County Fair has come and gone and a good time was had by all that attended. We met a lot of great people that were excited about the club and a few have already joined. The fair was not a huge money maker for the club but we did turn a profit but more importantly we were able to tell a lot of people about this wonderful club. I want to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to come out and help with the booth. I hope next time we will have more volunteers as we had a great time. We will be having the raffle drawing for the volunteers at the May meeting. I don't have any shows planned for the next few months but am looking for a show in the fall and will keep you posted as things unfold. Thanks, again for making the fair such a success.

Sunshine Report

Art Lory is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip. He is doing well and is currently at the Veterans Hospital at Nellis AFB.

Membership

We have 355 members posted to the SNGMS rolls. If you are a renewal member just now sending in your membership dues, don't forget to complete the renewal form. By doing so, you can be assured that our mailing and email list is accurate. If you have a change of information, contact me at [sngmsmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:sngmsmembership@yahoo.com).

# SNGMS Shop Talk

Well, as the Prez said in her message we have been given our sixty day notice that our current lease is being terminated.

from : John Zimmerman



Date	Time	Supervisor
5/1 Saturday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Charles Huebler
5/2 Sunday	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Charles Huebler
5/4 Tuesday	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Tom Skeary
	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Mike Kirk
5/6 Thursday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Tom Skeary
	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Charles Huebler
5/8 Saturday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Charles Huebler
5/9 Sunday	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Charles Huebler

We are actively looking for a place that will give us more space to put out all the equipment we have, hold classes without rearranging the shop, and maybe even hold the general meetings. As a last resort we may have to put everything into storage until a new location can be leased. Because we are going to have to be completely out of our current location the BOD has decided that we need to close the shop on May 10th to give us ample time to move all of the equipment and supplies, and clean up the current location by the end of May. Keep checking the website or our Facebook page for updates on the shop situation.

## Wire Wrapping Classes:

We have temporarily moved the classes to my house at 4782 Chama Court, Las Vegas, NV 89121. The May classes will be on the following Mondays: 10th, 17th, & 24th. I will have a contact sheet for you to sign at the Monthly meeting, if you are interested in joining our classes. The fee is a \$5.00 donation to the club, due at the time of the class. You can also call me for information at 348-9600.

### SILVER, TOOLS & BOOKS...OH MY!!

*If you haven't noticed our little "retail showcase" at the shop, please stop in and check it out! We are carrying some silver wire, tools, books, and lots of other stuff that are rock & jewelry related. Could save you a drive or stir up the creative side.*

# Editor's Note...



As a Triple R (Really Rookie Rockhound), I do get stumped time to time on the simplest rock issues, but answers always seem to come in the nick of time! My most recent "situation" was to do with an end-piece of Cherry Creek Jasper - too small for the slab saw, too big for the trim saw. And I'm sure you're all ready to type me an email with the solution, but no necessito! Magically, page 18 of the March "Rock and Gem" mag had the answer I needed.....and Tom Skeary had the glue! Using Gorilla Glue, Tom glued the smooth side of my rock to a chunk of wood (2' X 4', etc.), creating a sturdy base to set between the metal grips of the slab saw. Just like in the magazine. Obviously Tom had done this before. In fact you've ALL probably



done this before. But, in case some of you are new like me, this simple solution will allow you several more slabs of a great rock. I learn something new from you people every day!

Thanks Tom!

Even my dog liked it.....



Expect great things!

Cathy Baca

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**Missing something?** If your newsletter isn't arriving by email *and should be*, please give me your correct address at the next meeting, or send me an email to correct it. We don't want you to miss a thing!



## SHOW AND SELL

\*From 5-6 before the General Meeting

\*NO CHARGE FOR DISPLAY!!

\*Only \$5.00 to sell your wares

\*Drawing for tables done at sign-up

Be sure to bring your beauties—slabs, jewelry, cabs—for the May 3rd Show & Sell!

## Membership

Hi Everyone! Wanted to let you know that our Name Badges will be available for pick up at the shop as well as at the monthly meeting. So if you ordered one at a previous meeting, there's no need to wait until the next meeting to pick it up. Stop by the shop during our new hours of operation—find that info in "Shop Talk". Thanks!



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## Rockhounds

### Glossary and Terms:

For those of us who are new to the rock-hounding arena, we offer the following definition of terms you may encounter on your journeys:

*Trashite* — a specimen of even lesser value than leaverite.

### The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough; remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large but empty mayonnaise jar and started to fill it with geodes. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the geodes. He again asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The geodes are the important things - Family, children, health, friends, and favorite passions. Things that, if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else -- The small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the geodes. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked'.

It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'

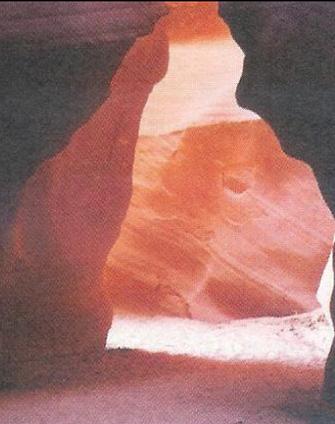
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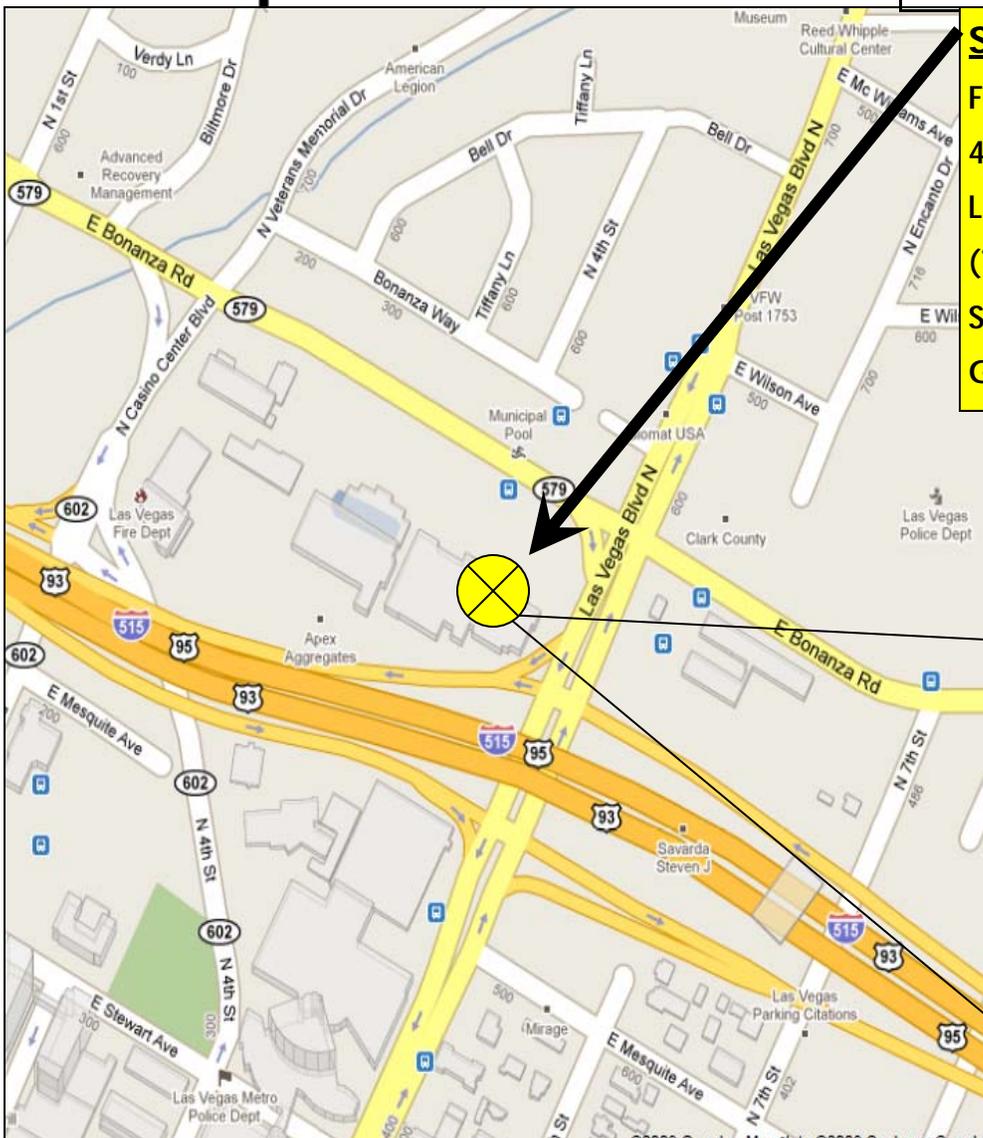
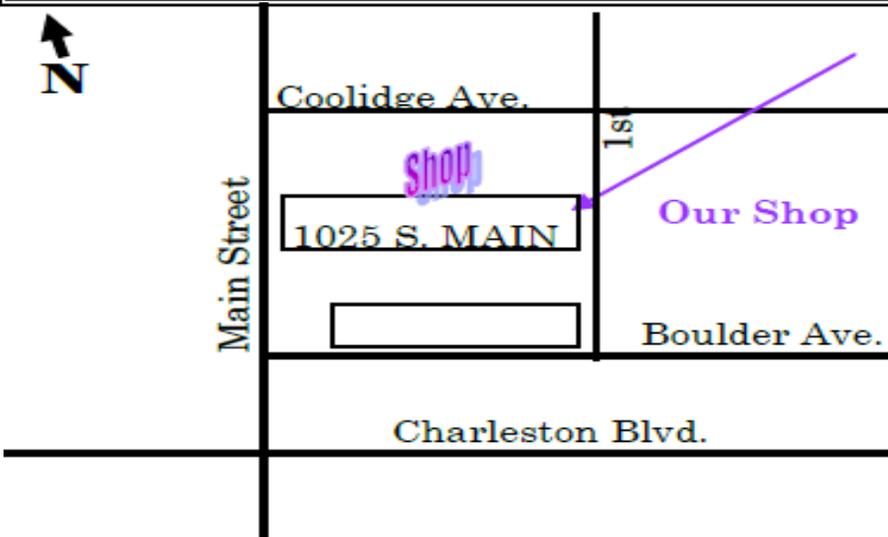
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**Contact: John Zimmerman**  
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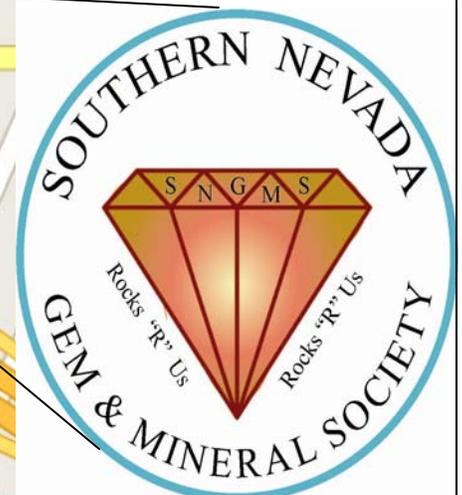
**Equipment Use Rates:**

Genies (grind/polish)	\$3/hour
Slab Saws	\$3/hour
Geode Saw	\$3/hour
Flat Lap	\$5/hour
Trim Saws	\$1/hour



**SNGMS General Meeting**

**First Monday, Every Month**  
**451 East Bonanza Road**  
**Las Vegas, NV**  
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**Show and Sell 5 - 6 P.M.**  
**General Meeting 6 - 8 P.M.**



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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.

<p><b>Club Mascot:</b> Rock Wren</p> <p><b>Club Gemstone:</b> Turquoise</p> <p><b>Club Logo:</b> Rocks-R-Us</p> <p><b>Membership</b> is open to anyone with an interest in: Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing</p> <p><b>Annual Dues:</b> Individual - \$20; Family - \$30</p> <p><b>Meetings</b> 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><b>Visitors</b> are always welcome and bring a friend or two.</p>	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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