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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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Upcoming Events

Oct. 2 - Board Meeting

Oct. 6 - General Meeting

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President's Message

from Sue Moore

Wouldn't it be great if we had clear weather for our General Meeting? Tropical Storm Norbert greeted us for our meeting, last Monday evening, but we still had a great turnout. The show and sell members were busy and the presentation by the Rock Stars was a delight to all.

Congratulations, once again, to Anthony Rivera for winning AFMS Junior Rockhound of the Year. With his positive attitude and great spirit he will go far in life. I also want to thank Theresa Brooks for her efforts with the Rock Stars' Newsletter, as that was the source of our Federation's information for Anthony's award.

The storm brought a closure to I-15, which is a large problem for us until the NDOT gets it fixed. The news said that they would complete a temporary go-around in 4 days and I can only hope that it will be so.

Meanwhile, we are rounding up members who wish to run for office for 2015. We will nominate officers at the October meeting, vote in November and install the new Board at the Awards Dinner on December 7th, at the Westgate Las Vegas.

Even though the Awards Dinner is in December, we are now starting to accumulate items for the annual Chinese Auction. We are looking for donated items, preferably made by our members. They may be dropped off at the shop and will be displayed at the Auction showing the name of the donor, so don't forget to put your name on your donation.

The next item is our drive for Nevada shaped cabochons, to be dropped off at the shop, for our gift to the Old Mormon Fort. They will be giving them out, in our name, to children visiting the Fort during the Sesquicentennial Celebration. We already have some in the upper display cabinet at the shop, thanks to Ed Rupprecht. I have quite a few in process that I will be donating, so let's join in and make our goal of 400 Nevada cabochons.

Visit the shop, create beauty with your rocks and specimens, and keep on rockhounding!

Peggy Sue Moore, President

Board Meeting Summary - August 31, 2014

SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 8/31/2014

On August 31st, 2014, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 12 Noon by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. The minutes of the July 31st, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for August was negative.

Shop Report: Maintenance work has been done on Genies and saws. Additional oil is being purchased. Shannon Funk proposed, seconded by Danny Fesler, that "fourteen wheels be purchased for the Genies to replace worn ones." The Board approved the proposal.

Unfinished Business:

The Show Committee has sent out vendor forms for the Spring Jamboree.

The cabochon contest for August will be any size/shape cab out of native Nevada material with the area of origin identified.

Awards dinner menu approved. Lorrilee Stackhouse will design and print tickets. The cost will be \$18.00 for members and \$33.00 for non member guests.

New Business:

Pat Skeary proposed, seconded by Tony Duran that "the Kid's club be allowed to use, with permission of the photographer, photos taken for Spring Jamboree publicity for the purpose of having a calendar printed. The calendar will be sold to generate funds for Kid's club equipment and activities." The proposal was approved.

The annual picnic at the Ore Car claim will be Sunday, October 19th starting at 10 AM.

Cindy Allison was appointed chair of the Nomination Committee.

Mary Beth Paladino agreed to create a scrapbook of club activities for the National Federation's All American Club Award Program.

The Kid's Club annual Florescent meeting will be October 26th and the Kid's Awards Banquet will be December 14th.

Cliff Jackson will lead a field trip on September 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.

General Meeting Summary - September 8, 2014

SNGMS General meeting minutes for 9/8/2014

On September 8th, 2014, 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 August 4th, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for August was negative.

Sunshine: Ed Rupprecht is improving in rehab and expected to return home soon. Bill Kogan is doing well after his hip replacement.

Publicity: A new video is being prepared to use for club publicity.

Shop: the new 24" Highland Park saw is in the shop and will be ready for use soon. Come down and use the equipment!

Membership: We have 422 adult and 75 child members.

Federation and Show: Our member, Anthony Rivera, the grandson of Jim and Mary Switalla, was awarded his Junior AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year certificate. Photos of extraordinary rock specimens will be being taken to use for publicity for the Spring Jamboree rock show. Members will be notified by email to bring their rocks to be photographed.

Field Trips: Cliff Jackson will lead trip on Sept. 13th to a site he discovered for mineral specimens and zebra marble.

The Kids Club presented a program on gypsum and passed out selenite samples courtesy of James Sloan.

Unfinished Business:

Remember to make and bring your Nevada shaped cabs to the shop or the October meeting so they can be distributed to kids at the Mormon Fort.

Classes were discussed. Jaen Rupprecht asked for assistance in sewing 'rock bags' for use at the Spring Jamboree show and for tumbled rocks.

New Business:

The Awards Banquet will be held on December 7th, Noon to 5 PM at the Westgate (old LVH). The menu has been finalized and the cost to members will be \$18, \$33 for non member guests.

The winner of the August cab contest prize was Tony Duran. Karl Camp won second place. The September contest is any size/shape cab out of native Nevada material with the area of origin identified..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Upcoming Events

October 19th Ore Car claim picnic Sunday, 10 AM.

Oct 26th Kid's Club Florescent Event, 2 PM at the Eagles.

December 7th Awards Banquet Noon - 5 at the Westlake Casino. Chinese auction items are needed so bring your donations to the shop or to any board member. Be sure to label with your name so you can be credited for the donation.

December 14th Kid's Club Holiday Party, 2 PM at the Eagles.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Kids Club 2-5 Faceting 8—12	15 Wire Wrapping 5	16 Silver Smithing 5-8	17 Shop 12-9	18 Shop 12-5	19 Shop 12-8	20 Shop 10-6
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October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Shop 12-9	2 Shop 12-5 Board Meeting 6	3 Shop 12-8	4 Shop 10-6
5 Faceting 8-12 Kids Club 2-5	6 General Mtg 6	7 Silver Smithing 5-8	8 Shop 12-9	9 Shop 12-5 Beading 2-5*at Pat's house*	10 Shop 12-8	11 Shop 10-6
12 Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	13 Wire Wrapping 5	14 Silver Smithing 5-8	15 Shop 12-9	16 Shop 12-5	17 Shop 12-8	18 Shop 10-6

Nevada's 150th

In celebration of Nevada's 150th year, the October meeting will have a Nevada theme. The presentation will be "Five Dramatic Events in Nevada's Geologic History", presented by Steve Rowland, a geologist from UNLV. The cab contest will be any cab as long as it is made from a rock collected in Nevada. Entries must include the location where it came from, either the nearest city or the county. This should be a great opportunity to see what can be done with our own native rocks! Additionally, there will a display of Nevada rocks and maps, Nevada raffle prizes, and even Nevada food. If you plan to donate anything for the raffle table, please consider donating something relevant to the state or it's history. Also, I have asked the vendors to bring out their best Nevada items. Happy anniversary, Nevada!

Nominations

Nominations will be made at the October meeting for the officer election held at the November meeting. Please contact the nominating committee if you have any questions or nominations. You may also read the bylaws at <http://www.sngms.com/ByLaws.pdf>

Two years of membership are required for elected officers and board members. Whoever serves on the Nomination and Election committee cannot be running for office.

Cindy Allison - Chairperson, callison14@cox.net

Joann Spratt, Ann Harris, John Stackhouse, Caity Stackhouse

Oxalic Acid

The American Federation September newsletter has an excellent article on the safety precautions for using oxalic acid when cleaning rocks. The newsletter may be downloaded at the following link:
http://www.amfed.org/news/n2014_09.pdf Refer to page 8 for the article

Bulletin Board

Used Covinton Slab Saw 16" with power feed & stand. Almost new MK 303 diamond blade \$1,400

Contact Cliff Jackson 702-292-7938 or rockguy1@cox.net

Combo Unit for Sale at the shop: Deadline to put offer in will be the next meeting in October.

Of course you can buy it for 300.00 anytime...

Call or email: (702)-768-2989, johnmiller735@msn.com

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SNGMS 2014 Meetings

Jan 02 Board	Jun 02 General
06 General	Jul 03 Board
30 Board	07 General
Feb 03 General	31 Board
27 Board	Aug 04 General
Mar 03 General	Sep 04 Board
Apr 03 Board	08 General
07 General	Oct 02 Board
May 01 Board	06 General
05 General	30 Board
29 Board	Nov 03 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

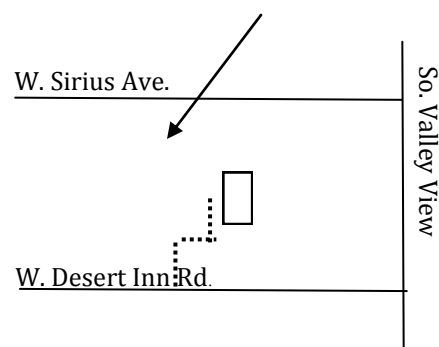
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

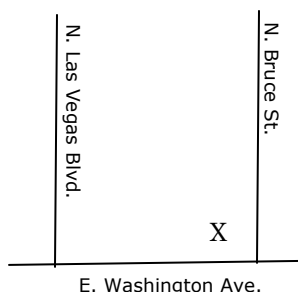
Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

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**

Eagles Lodge #1213

1601 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV

(702) 642-1213

Attention All Members

The Club is looking for members to help sew rock bags for the upcoming gem show in May. Please speak with Jaen Rupprecht to get the pattern and sample bag. We could also use donations of material suitable for making the rock bags.

Awards Banquet

Awards Banquet December 7th from Noon to 5 at the Westlake Casino. Silent auction items are needed so bring your donations to the shop or to any board member. Be sure to label with your name so you can be credited for the donation.

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 September are the 11th, 18th, & 25th. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.



September Wire Wrapping Project

Beading class is on the second Thursday of the month. October 9th at 2PM at Pat's house. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-630-6796 for more information.

Silver Smithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. with Bill Lemmon leading the class. There is a Thursday class in basic metal smithing available but is on hiatus until further notice. Both classes are suitable for beginners, with the Tuesday class also for intermediate to advanced students.

Polymer clay class will be held September 22 from 2-5 PM. Come make dragons in September and join the fun! Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning from 8—Noon and are open to new students at this time.

Mike Kisner will be teaching flint knapping so watch for information about classes.

Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, 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.



September Wire Wrapping Project

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 or the youth liason, Caity Stackhouse, at 702-239-2581.

This month the Kids Club will be meeting on Sunday, September 26th for their fluorescent show and Halloween party. It is being held at the Eagles Lodge. There will be fun activities so bring your kids or grandkids.

Shop Report



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	12 noon - 5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 noon - 9 PM
Thursday	12 noon - 5 PM
Friday	12 noon - 8 PM
Saturday	10 am - 6 PM

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

Shop Contest

Shop Contest for September! Rules are as follows:

Entrant must have at least 1 hour shop usage in September. Verifiable by shop foremen. The rules for entry of a cab were clarified. **The one hour of shop time must be one hour of time paid for using shop equipment, not class fees.** The prize of shop time may be spent on equipment usage or on class fees. The cab contest will be any cab as long as it is made from a rock collected in Nevada. Entries must include the location where it came from, either the nearest city or the county. Voting will be by the general membership at the October meeting. A prize will go to the winner. Congratulations to Tony Duran for winning Septembers contest.

Please Donate

The shop is out of the blue paper towels that we use to clean the saws -- donations will be gratefully accepted at the shop.



Happy October Birthday!



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

Adam Kooyman, Ann Harris, Anthony Damers, Arland Anderson, Arthur Crabtree, Augustine Mazzotti, Beth Jones, Bonita Sherman, Bruce Martin, Carole Liccardo, Carolyn Golliher, Chuck Higley, Deborah Allen, Ducilia Schanz, Ed Rupprecht, Elfriede Houser, Elly Walkenshaw, Frank Timbers, Harvey J. Kapsner, Heather Stuart, James Sloane, John Brown, John Parochelli, Judy Flaster, Kathy Hassett, Kevin Ware, Lois Kapsner, Lorraine Testa, Lynn Manthey, Martin Malloy, Mika Goldberg, Sandi Anderson, Susan Dobson, William Kogan

Welcome New Members



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

Kris Blake, Michael Burch, Roberto Calvera, Andrew Cirincione, Malia Cirincione, Lorraine Deduci, Wayne Evans, Jerry Foster, Devynn Johnson, Dominique Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Qwynn Johnson, Ron Johnson, Yanping Ma, Pete Martinez, Karen McComb, Patricia McMillon, Naomi Nozoe, Salvador Ortiz, Scarlet Dream Ortiz, Cheryl Owens, Kimberly Rittiger, Deitmar Selzer, Jayda Summer, Jordan Summer, Shiela Tornabene, Steven Tornabene, Andrea Vidmar

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 Auerswald at 648-5886 (recorder on). Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well.



Ed Rupprecht is home after a stroke and hospitalization. Bill Kogan is recovering from his hip replacement and hopes to be home soon.

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.

2014 Board of Directors

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sngms2013@gmail.com

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sngms2013@gmail.com

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Two Year Board.....Shannon Funk

One Year Board.....Sheri Johnson
 John Stackhouse

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Bulletin.....Theresa Brooks

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Education.....Mary Beth Paladino

Federation.....Sheri Johnson

Alt. Federation.....Mary Beth Paladino

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 & John Miller...702-768-2989..johnmiller735@msn.com

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Membership.....Lorrilee Stackhouse

New Member Liason...Tony Duran

Program.....Cindy Allison

Publicity.....Scott Edwards

Raffle.....Diane Burgess

50-50 Raffle.....Mick & JoAnne Sprott

Refreshments.....Ann Harris

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

Rock Hounds

Show Chairperson.....Sheri Johnson

Sunshine.....Dottie Auerswald.....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

Oct 11 & 12 - Trona

73rd ANNUAL GEM-O-RAMA

Sponsored by the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

October 11-12, 2014 Saturday 7:30AM to 5PM -
 Sunday 7:30AM to 4PM



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Organized by: Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks
 County

First United Methodist Church (840 Trenton Road)

1-2 November—Plant City, Florida (Tampa Bay area)

54th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Organized by: Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
 Strawberry Festival Expo Center (2301 W. Oak
 Avenue)

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society

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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 - \$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. Visitors are always welcome and bring a friend or two.	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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