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BOARD MEETING
Mt. Olive Parish Center
5:00 P.M. February 14, 2014
2170 Havasupai Blvd.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

Winterfest Staffers'
planning meeting at
Library on Mon
February 3 at
4:00pm
Need slabs & cabs!
For Winterfest
Call 920-246-3692
for pick up.

Winterfest
February 8 & 9

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BRING ITEMS FOR SILENT AUCTION (Feb Meeting)

A fun part of our February meeting will be our annual silent auction. Bring anything from rocks, cabs, slabs, books, tools, jewelry and money. Before the meeting starts and during the break members will have the opportunity to bid on your treasures. (the money goes to the club). At the end of the meeting, winning bids pay for their items as they leave. This is a fun way to share your interests and enjoy others.

CLUB INFORMATION

The Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society is a member of The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

The Purpose of this Society shall be to;

- A. Increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
- B. Foster good fellowship among its members.
- C. Host an annual Gem and Mineral Show for the community
- D. Foster awareness of the earth sciences by:
 - 1. Increasing knowledge pertaining to minerals, gems, and rocks.
 - 2. Disseminating knowledge of collecting and classification of minerals, fossils and rock through collection and classification.
 - 3. Improving the practical knowledge of cutting, grinding and polishing materials to use in the design and creation of jewelry and other useful objects.
- E. Provide educational scholarships in the scientific fields.
- F. Procure and improve the Society's property.

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society meets the second Friday of each month from September through May at Mt. Olive Parish Center 2170 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ. The membership typically votes to eliminate the June, July, and August meetings.

Fiscal Year: February 1 – January 31.

Name badges are required for all members.
One time or replacement badge cost - \$8.00
Single membership cost - \$16.00
Family sponsored Junior membership cost - \$8.00
Family membership cost - \$16.00 for the first member and \$8.00 for each member thereafter with a maximum of \$25.00.

Annual Membership dues are payable on January 1 and shall be delinquent after the February meeting.

Please remit payment to:

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society
Attn: Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 990
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0990

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Barry Bandaruk	President	928-706-9382
Gayle Gilpin	Vice President	
Susan Kirk	Secretary	
Steve Greel	Treasurer	
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--President's Message--

When I started as President in January of 2012, I presented a story about a rock. This rock could be ugly on one side and beautiful on the other. It might just be another stone but when cut open, the stone exhibits some real beauty. The analogy was related to people. We all have some faults that will occasionally upset others. Remember there is good or beautiful side to each of us. Just like the stones that we find beauty in, I would suggest we could do this with others. It does take effort to find forgiveness. Listening and working with others, accepting those in which we even disagree will only improve and strengthen this Society. I hope that people will continue their involvement to improve the Club. Quitting, based on disagreement, will not solve issues. Involvement and dialogue will. We had a successful year in 2013; let's continue to work in a positive direction.

Since our last General membership meeting, a budget committee has met and has developed a budget. The budget is conservative. Hopefully, this approach will lead to another budget that increases our assets at years end. Accolades to Larry Brown for his budget suggestions and work in 2013. Steve Greel will take over for Larry as the Society's Treasurer.

A rules committee has met three times in reviewing the Standing Rules and By-Laws and will have future recommendations. Thanks go to Susan Kirk for her efforts in leading this committee. There have been 7-10 members at each meeting with some lively discussions. The discussions have led to consensus on most points. If you are interested, you may still participate.

Curt Curtis has stepped up to organize the Field Trip Committee. We have one more trip to add to your calendar. On February 22, we are heading for an agate mine, in the Oatman area. The cost is \$15 per person to use the private mine. If you want to attend, we will have signups at the meeting on February 14. More information will also be presented.

The Lapidary Shop is a real value for our members. The college built the \$2.2 million facility through donations. No tax dollars were used. Our club is a beneficiary of these efforts. We will have signups at the February 14 meeting for new classes. We will hold two classes beginning February 19 and 20, ending March 26 and 27. The cost of each class is \$40. Classes do fill up fast and we had a waiting list last time.

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--President's Message, cont.--

Our February meeting will be highlighted by the annual silent auction. This event is important for a couple of reasons. First, you have some place to donate rocks, stones, slabs or rock oriented tools to rid your garage of excess. Second, you now have an opportunity to purchase some materials to work on. This benefits your society and helps with other expenses. Your participation is surely welcome! We will also be honoring Madge Klinger. Madge is a charter member of the society and will be celebrating her 100th birthday in February

The most important event for the month is the Winterfest. The date is February 8 and 9. Sue Stievo has been planning the event and organizing the workers to ensure a successful event. Again, if you have donations of slabs or mineral specimens, they are welcome. I will be loading my trailer, Friday the 7th, 9:30 AM. I can use some extra help at our storage facility, 3000 Sweetwater.

Our March meeting will include our annual potluck. More will be explained later.

I need to also mention several other members that are key to the success in our organization. Alberta Wiederrick who spends her summers in Idaho. She is the editor of our Rocky Tales. Also, if you have a poem, a haiku, a story about a rock please submit the information to Alberta. She is always looking for goodies to include in the newsletter. Also, Bruce Wilhelm who keeps our webpage updated needs to be applauded for his efforts. Our hospitality duo of Helen Reyes and Kathy Padilla, are essential in promoting good fellowship, at our meetings, by organizing the goodies. Remember, your donations of brownies, cookies, cakes and other stuff always enhance our general membership meetings.

When a person looks at all the activities in which the club is involved, we need all the members participating. Let's stay involved, bury some hatchets, and continue to strengthen our society and community by being involved. Let's have another great year and thanks for your membership and all you do!

Barry Bandaruk
President



Be My
Valentine!!!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2014
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sergeant-At-Arms led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 59 members and 3 guests present. Board members in attendance were: Barry Bandaruk, President; Gayle Gilpin, Vice President; Barbara Wiggins, Secretary; Larry Brown, Treasurer; Jack Fritchey, Sergeant-At-Arms; Lou Porter, Past President; Sharlene Hellberg and Ron Murphy, Directors.

The president welcomed all attendees with wishes of a Happy New Year and requested comments and corrections to the December General Meeting minutes published in the LHGGMS newsletter **Rocky Tales**. No corrections or comments were offered and the December 2013 meeting notes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Larry Brown gave the Treasurers Report with monthly and annual figures noting we are operating “in the black”.

President’s Announcements:

Congratulations were offered to members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of January. Several celebrants were present and a round of applause was given in salute of making it another year.

Introduction of the 2014 board to the membership. New Board members were introduced and asked to step into their new positions as Barry thanked the out-going board members for their excellent service.

The 2014 LHGMS Board Members are:

President:	Barry Bandaruk
Vice President:	Gayle Gilpin
Sergeant At Arms:	Jack Fritchey
Treasurer:	Steve Greel (new)
Secretary:	Susan Kirk (new)
Directors:	Curt Clark (new)
	Ron Murphy
	Vereen White
Past President:	Vacant

Barry announced Lou Porter submitted his resignation to the Board, and thanked him for his service. Barry stated the By-Laws will be reviewed to determine how to fill the Past Presidency position vacated by Mr. Porter.

Barry requested members bring treats or snacks to share at the next general meeting, and thanks the Hospitality committee for their hard work.

New Members:

Gayle Gilpin, Membership Chair, reported we received, and the board approved, four new membership applications. Our new members are:

Jim Helgeson, Mike and Sheryl Brown, and Gary Leizinger.
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Gayle presented badges to new members explaining the necessity to wear badges at all club events, and reminded everyone of the 25 cent fine not wearing a name badge when signing into a meeting.

Gem Show:

The outgoing Gem Show Chair, Liz Porter was thanked for the outstanding job she did in coordinating the 2013 Gem Show, noting it was a great success. It was announced that Susan Kirk has accepted the position as the chair for the 2014 Gem show. Susan will be meeting with Liz Porter next week to go over last year's show details, reserving the aquatic center, and contacting members for input and support.

Winterfest Report:

Winterfest: February 8-9 - On Main Street.

Sue Stievo, Winterfest Chair, requested volunteers for set-up, tear-down, and manning the booth. A signup sheet was being passed. It was noted that set-up begins at 6:30 a.m.; all cars must be off the street by 7 a.m... The exact location of the booth is not known. Barry will send out an email when the location has been assigned

Sue explained Winterfest has a carnival atmosphere and she is working on adding more fun activities for children. Sue requested members donate rock slabs and finished cabs, and tumbled rock that could be sold; she also indicated she was working on obtaining other items that would further the societies mission of earth appreciation.

(After the meeting Sue asked that when donating slabs and finished cabs if you could please include a note with the name of the rock, and if possible where the rock comes from, and any other information about the rock. This will help the people selling in the booth talk to the customers about each piece.)

Field Trips:

Barry noted an accident occurred on the last outing involving a branch and 6 staples to close the ensuing wound. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the field trips and he reminded everyone needs to wear name badges on field trips. Additionally, it is important to carry walkie talkie radios so everyone can be in contact in the convoy and in case of an accident while in the field. Barry explained the protocol for signing in and out for field trips. He also pointed out that if members brought guests on a field trip the guests need to ride with the member.

Discussion about requirement for 4-wheel drive. Barry asked that if you don't have a 4-wheel drive vehicle please let him know, or ask someone who is going if you can ride along with them. It is helpful to know this before the trip, if possible.

The next trip, Keenan Camp, Saturday, 1/11/14 will meet at 8:30 at Terrible's at the 95 /I-40 ramp. 4-wheel necessary.

There will be a field trip committee meeting at the Library January 16, at noon, everyone is welcome to attend.

Future field trips:

Jan 23-25 Shea Road - Dry Camp

Jan 26-27 Plomosa Road - Dry Camp - the Quartzite for the Rock Show

Feb 1 - Turtle Mountain, Ca - Led by Lou Porter

Other activities announced:

1/17 - 1/26 - Edgewater/ Colorado Belle Laughlin Gem show

1/19- 1/20 - Lake Havasu Balloon Fest

2/8 - 2/9 - Winter Fest

General Meeting Minutes, cont. (January 10, 2014)

Old Business:

Discussion regarding the Christmas dinner, asking if membership wanted to go back to the Lake Havasu resort again next year. Concerns about the food and service were noted and Barry indicated he would make our needs clear to the vendor. Also the day the dinner was to be held Friday versus Saturday was discussed, no decision was reached.

The large trailer previously used for storage is no longer needed and the membership was notified that it would be for sale. (The trailer was bought by member Harold Hillis after the meeting)

New Business:

Barry showed specimens of Aragonite, Copper-ore, and glass eggs he purchased which we accepted into our inventory by the board to be sold and/or used for the wheel game.

Upcoming Meetings:

The following meetings will be held at the Library:

Standing Rules Revision Meeting -	Wednesday, 1-15-14, at 2:30 p.m.
Field Trips	Thursday, 1-16-14 at NOON
2014 Budget	Tuesday, 1-21 at 2:30 p.m.

Barry made a presentation with slides of artifacts that can be found in the area. Many examples of rocks that were modified centuries ago by Native Americans for daily use were shown, as well as examples of Gostioliths, or gizzard stones.

Frank Allen made and donated a slab rack for use in our booths. He is also working on building a showcase that he would like to donate. Frank also said he had found a good rock hammer at Quartzite for around \$15.00, and if anyone wanted one to please let him know, he would pick it up. Cost will be what he paid.

Barry reminded the membership of the Silent Auction being held at the February General Meeting. He asked for donations for any gem, mineral, or stone item, rough, slab, finished or jewelry item for the auction. The auction funds all go to the general fund. Please bring your donated item to the February meeting, or contact any board member if you need items picked up. Barry reminded everyone that a minimum price must be assigned to each item.

The March Meeting is our annual Pot Luck, everyone will be asked to bring something to share. Barry will be sending out the list of food groups based on alphabetical order; he said it was not the same list we have always used.

Door Prize winners were: Joann Jacobsen, Sheryl Brown, Helen Reyes, Robert Wysocki, and Harold Hillis. 50/50 was \$90.00. Harold Hillis won \$30.00, and Mike Playfair won \$15.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Kirk
Secretary



Happy 100th Birthday
Madge Klingler
LHGMS Charter & Life Member



Come
celebrate
Madge's
Birthday at
February
LHGMS
meeting!

GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

February 2014

1-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Eons Expos; Tucson 22nd Street Show; intersection of I-10 and 22nd Street; Daily 9-6; free admission; minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, meteorites, gems, jewelry, rough rock; contact Christine Perner, 38 Fox Ridge Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: Christine@EonsExpos.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com

1-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Miners Co-op Rock Show; independent miners; Kino Sports Complex; 6107 N. Travel Center Dr.; Daily 9:30-5:30; free admission; outdoor show, dealers, jewelry designers and artists, rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry and lapidary supplies; contact Bob Scholl, 6675 Old Ridge Rd., Fairview, PA 16415, (307) 714-0160; e-mail: bob@reallyoldrocks.com; Web site: www.tucsonrockgemmineralshow.com

1-15—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions, LLC; Hotel Tucson City Center; 475 N. Granada; Daily 10-6; free admission; 300 dealers, Gallery of Artists displays; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

1-15—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; Ramada Ltd.; 665 N. Freeway; Daily 10-6; free admission; fossil dealers and displays; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com



*Madge Klingler
Sheila Bandaruk
Chuck Brown
Kathy Clark
Michael Anenberg
Donna Robinson
Jon Norman
David Christiansen
Jack Fritchey
Donna Keil
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