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**BOARD MEETING**  
Library Conference Room  
February 9, 2015  
1:00 p.m.  
1770 N. McCulloch Blvd.

## GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, February 13, 2015

**Mt. Olive Parish Center**  
**2170 Havasupai Blvd.**  
**Lake Havasu City, AZ**  
Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

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*Join  
the*

*Rock & Breakfast*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Friday*  
*Each month*  
*9:00a.m.*

*Golden Corral*  
*1550 S. Palo Verde*

Lake Havasu  
Gem & Mineral  
Society  
T Shirts  
May be ordered  
Through  
Shirley Greel  
Or at  
Monthly  
Meetings

## Thank you Vereen White

Vereen White, a former educator and member of our club, recently presented a collection of rocks to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Havasu Preparatory School this month. The students could view and handle the pieces, and then research the name and characteristics of each. As one of our club's primary purposes, we want to thank her for extending rock and mineral knowledge to our community. If you have time, take a moment to talk with Vereen about the specimens: argonite, galena, fluorite, credite, and peacock ore.

# 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**

## OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

<b>Susan Stievo</b>	President	928=246-3692
<b>Gayle Gilpin</b>	Vice President	
<b>Open</b>	Secretary	
<b>Curt Clark</b>	Treasurer	
<b>Steve Greel</b>	Sgt.at Arms	
<b>Michelle Smedley</b>	First Year Director	
<b>Carol Jose</b>	Second Year Director	
<b>Vereen White</b>	Third Year Director	
<b>Barry Bandaruk</b>	Past President	

## COMMITTEES

	Chairman	BOD Rep
<b>Club Promotion</b>	Open	Gayle Gilpin
<b>Communications</b>	Alberta Wiederrick Bruce Wilhelm	Secretary (Open)
<b>Education</b>	Open	Michelle Smedley
<b>Facilities</b>	Open	Steve Greel
<b>Field Trips</b>	Open	Michelle Smedley
<b>Finance</b>	Open	Curt Clark
<b>Fund Raisers</b>	Open	Barry Bandaruk
<b>Gem Show</b>	Michelle Smedley	Barry Bandaruk
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley Greel	Steve Greel
<b>Hospitality</b>	Helen Reyes Kathy Padilla	Steve Greel
<b>Property</b>	Open	Carol Jose

The Rocky Tales is published monthly, except for June, July, and August. The submission deadline is the 3rd Friday of the month by email to:

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**Group Site Moderator:** Bruce Wilhelm

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**--President's Message--**

*As the incoming president, I would like to sincerely thank those individuals who have recently served on our board: Ron Murphy, Jack Fritch, and C Russell. Their contribution of time and talent has made us all richer. And, even though still on the board, I would like to thank Barry Bandaruk for his enthusiasm and his willingness to go well beyond presidential responsibilities because of his love for this club.*

*I would also like to thank you, as a member, for expressing trust in the 2015 board. We hope to fulfill our duties to justify that trust. Please feel free to provide constructive criticism to help us serve you better.*

*My primary goals include (1) increasing member participation through social and committee events, and (2) increasing education efforts for our members and the community. So that you know, I've already sent a letter to MCC regarding our Lapidary classes. Hopefully we will have positive news in February.*

*My meeting format will be much different than Barry's and, hopefully, you will have an open mind. Even though it may take time for me to learn names, I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.*

Sue Stievo  
President

***Happy Birthday  
Madge!***

Madge Klinger, our last charter member turns 101 years old on Feb 13th.

Last year we had a wonderful party with several of her family members present.

Madge, we wish you a wonderful birthday with many more to come!



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Jan. 9, 2014**  
**Mt. Olive Parish Center**  
**2170 Havasupai Blvd.**  
**Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403**

Members – 57

Guests – 8 (our guests are from Michigan, Iowa, Idaho, Alberta, Washington and Montana)

President Barry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Sargent-at-Arms Jack Fritchey led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

December General Meeting minutes were published in the Rocky Tales. Member Allen Yanity moved to accept the December minutes as presented in the Rocky Tales. JoAnne Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer Steve presented the January report. The past month we received \$409 in dues, \$44 from the auction at the December meeting, \$29 from the 50/50 and \$73 from the Christmas party. Funds were moved from the General Account to the Scholarship account. The safe deposit box and the storage unit are paid for 2015. For more detail, see the report.

A question from the floor was asked regarding the intent of the club for the savings account. President Barry answered that the club has a goal of building a club rock and lapidary shop. The commitment of funds would be much larger than our annual income, planning needs to be done to make this a sustainable project.

Membership – Director Gayle Gilpin reported there have been 68 paid renewals and 2 new members in the past month. 5 new members received their packets at the meeting!

President Barry made the Birthday and Anniversary announcements.

Lapidary class – nothing new to report.

Breakfast meetings are going well. The room at the Golden Corral was a hit, so we will be there again on January 26.

Tee shirts are still available, order through Steve & Shirley Greel.

Rocky Tales – President Barry is asking for articles, pictures etc. to be submitted to the newsletter. Annette Maroney has resigned from distributing the newsletter. Letter in file.

Keenan Camp Mine – The documentation formerly submitted was on an old form. New form needs to be filed with Board signatures and documentation of improvements. The Board will decide on a date for the club to do the improvements.

Kingman Mine – The Kingman Gem and Mineral Club in in charge of this mine. LHGMS members can go to the claim by contacting the Kingman club in advance. There are some indications that we may partner with them again on this mine in the future.

### **General Meeting Minutes cont.**

Tables – The wooden tables are too heavy for our club members to move around. Membership has agreed to sell them, several are already spoken sold. Cost will be \$20 for an 8 ft. tables and \$15 for the 4 ft. tables.

Gem Show – The Gem Show Chair will start up meetings this month.  
Presentation by Steve Greel on Rock Tumbling. See separate article.

#### **INSTALLATION OF 2015 BOARD**

New officers and board members present were introduced to the membership. President Sue Stievo thanked the 2014 Board for all their hard work!

President Sue passed out two handouts. One states our purpose as a club, “1) Increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land. 2) Foster good fellowship among the members. 3) Host an annual Gem & Mineral Show. 4) Foster awareness of Earth Sciences. 5) Provide educational scholarships. 6) Procure and improve the Society’s property. Announcements were on the other side of this handout. She also went over a club Organizational chart, showing the Board members and Standing committees. The General Membership can do their part by volunteering for one of the Standing Committees.

Field Trips – we are striving for one field trip a week, our standing rules state once a month. Past President Barry will send out email reminders of the upcoming field trips.

New Board Orientation – Incoming President Sue will change the date as several members could not attend on January 15.

Budget committee – This committee has not formatted the proposed 2015 Budget.

Quartzsite – A list of the shows in Quartzsite are provided in the agenda. Past President Barry will send it out to the general membership in an email.

A beautiful agate was auctioned off to the membership for \$15, Jan Buechler made the winning bid! A fabulous Pyrite/Quartz crystal was actioned off to the membership for \$17, Sue Stievo made the winning bid! (substitute secretary Michelle apologizes for not getting the names of the generous folks who donated the rocks.)

Door prizes were won by Barbara Wiggins, Bernie Sporre, Edith Waldon and Kathy Padilla. 50/50 winners were Carol Jose, first place and Judy Throne second place.

**FEBRUARY’S GENERAL MEETING INCLUDES OUR ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER. PLEASE BRING YOUR ROCKS, SLABS, MINERALS, AND OTHER GEM & MINERAL RELATED ITEMS TO DONATE ON FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

Reminder, please bring desserts to share or donate at our monthly meetings. Thank you ☺

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Michelle Smedley

## Silent Auction

by Barbara Wiggins

Our President, Sue Stievo, asked me to honcho this year's Silent Auction at our February meeting. Long before 1996 when I became a member of LHG&MS, our Club held a Silent Auction every spring. This long standing tradition is always a good time for the members as well as a fund raiser for the club. Since we have a lot of new members, I would like to lay out how we will conduct the Silent Auction.

We are asking each member to bring one or more items to enter into the Silent Auction. Usually these items are rock/mineral related, but I have seen other types of items donated by members in the past that were well received. When selecting what to bring to the Auction, please consider donating items that you would like to win in an auction.

We will provide a sheet for each item and ask you to enter the type of rock/mineral or other identifying designation and a starting amount for the first bid based upon your knowledge of the value of the item. Also please put your name on the slip so the item can be returned to you if it is not won by someone during the Auction.

There will be spray bottles available to look at rocks if you need them. But be careful with the spray as it can create a mess if the water gets on the papers. When bidding, please pay attention to the minimum bid as you can't win the item if you bid lower than the minimum bid. Also please ensure your last name is legible since this is how we will sort your winning items.

At some point unknown to the rest of us, Sue will call time and no one can bid again. You will then go back to the meeting while we sort the items into piles for the winning bidders. At the end of the meeting please find your item(s) and take it to the person collecting the money. Since we don't have the capability to accept credit cards, you will need to bring plenty of cash or your checkbook!

Then you can go home with your new stuff!

## *Golden Shores* *Saturday, January 17, 2015* *By Stephen & Shirley*



Bill Leonard found this beautiful piece of petrified wood on our field trip to the Golden Shores area Saturday Jan. 17th. It was Bill's day as he also was the only person to find the geocache on top of " Old Smokey". Bill has been a regular on our field trips and usually manages to make some nice finds.

We had 21 members on today's outing to Golden Shores. A variety of material was collected including: petrified wood, petrified tulle root, petrified Palm, fossils, coprolite, agates, and an assortment of just pretty rocks.

The participation in our field trips has been outstanding this year. Most are regulars and we are starting to develop some lasting friendships.

Gary Leuzinger found out that taking pictures of interesting things sometimes comes with a sting. Fortunately he was not swarmed and did not have a bad reaction to the sting. It was a good reminder to all that the bees are becoming active already.



*Happy  
Valentines  
Day!*



*Sheila Bandaruk  
 Bim Blake  
 David Christensen  
 Kathie Clark  
 Russell Erickson  
 David Flick  
 Jack Fritchey  
 Donna Keil  
 Gary Leuzinger  
 Pam LoBue  
 Ralf Miethe  
 Lee Mulligan  
 Jon Norman  
 Sue Osborne  
 James Throne*



*Tom & Marlene  
 Henderson  
 Clark & Donna Keil  
 Gary & Linda Leuzinger  
 Lynn & Jill Millikan  
 James & Judy Throne  
 Greg & Susan Watson*

## Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society 2015 Proposed Budget

### Net Income

Dues	2,500
Gem Show	5,000
Silent Auction	300
Auctions	300
Donations	100
50/50	400
Table Sales	600
<b>Estimated Income:</b>	<b>9,200</b>

### Notes

### Expenses

Bank/Safe Deposit	175
PO Box Rental	100
Room Rental	450
Storage Rental	1,700
Booth Rentals	200
RMF Dues	300
RMF Insurance	150
AZ Taxes	600
Legal	300
Claims/Mines	125
Inventory - rocks	250
Inventory - property	1,450
Education	1,000
Scholarship	1,000
Office Supplies	900
Hospitality	250
Chamber of Commerce	200
Miscellaneous	50
<b>Estimated Expense:</b>	<b>9,200</b>

Currently at max  
inventory  
New tables,  
banner, mine  
repairs



**I'D RATHER BE ROCKHOOUNDING!**



**Please send exchange bulletins to**

**The address below**

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