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BUSINESS MEETING

6:00 P.M. March 2, 2012
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd
Lake Havasu City

FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH AS PLANNED!

For further information, please contact Howard Wicks at H32w9@msn.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOR NOVEMBER GEM & MINERAL SHOW WHETHER YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED BEFORE OR NEVER YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, March 9, 2012
Lake Havasu City Branch Library
1770 N McCulloch Blvd.
Meeting begins following Potluck
(Information Below)

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MARCH POTLUCK

6:00 P.M. MARCH 9, 2012
ROOMS A & B

LAKE HAVASU CITY BRANCH LIBRARY
1770 N McCULLOCH BLVD

You are asked to bring something you would enjoy sharing to eat.

Please bring serving spoons and spatulas and plan to take home dirty dishes since the library only has a small kitchen. Club will furnish paperware, but if you prefer you can bring own plates and silverware.

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 the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society is:

1. To increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
2. To foster good fellowship among the members while pursuing the Club's activities.
3. To foster knowledge of the earth sciences.
4. To provide educational scholarships in scientific fields.
5. To procure and improve club equipment.

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: January 1st– December 31st

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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President's Message---

Dear Members,

I am very excited about all the possibilities our club has for this year. We have made a lot of progress toward fulfilling our purposes in the last few years, and it looks like we will be going a long way this year too. Of course we will always be striving to do a better and better job at attaining our goals, but, it is exciting to me to see the possibilities this year holds.

Some of the things that I am excited about are:

First and maybe foremost, I'm excited about our club's Purposes!!! They are the second thing in our By-Laws, right after our name. They are printed in each issue of the Rocky Tales. They are the standard by which we assess what actions we are to take or refrain from. They are well written and provide us with direction without being overly regulatory to the point of binding us in any way. There is plenty of latitude there for all of our members to be able to find something in them that they will enjoy being a part of. Please take some time to look at them, I think you will be impressed too.

Second, I'm looking forward to altering our agendas at our meetings. One of the few things that the president has the authority to do, is set agendas for meetings. Well I believe that the By-Laws say that the club officers and committees are to do most of the work in the club, as opposed to having the membership as a whole have to micro manage everything. So we are going to let those good folks do their jobs. We are going to move most of the "Business" out of the general meetings and to the board/business meeting where it belongs. That will leave our regular meetings for us to have FUN!!! Expect to have longer break/social times, more hands on activities, more variety in programs, more educational opportunities, and just all around more FUN!!! The flip side of this is that everyone who is interested in club business can and should come to the business/board meetings. Those who are not interested in the business end of the club's activities, will no longer have to sit through them. They can just come to the regular/FUN meetings!

Field trips – We are planning more field trips than ever before with more variety (including Summer field trips). Focusing on more local trips, new locations with better materials to find, options on which trip to go on – 2 wheel vrs. 4WD, etc...

President's Message, cont.

Our show in November - We already have good vendor interest, and people who enjoyed the work they did last year and want to volunteer again. That said, we still need LOTS more folks to volunteer, including a show chair. People have suggested that I be the show chair, and I'll gladly help, but...

Our involvement with the Community College – The classes are great and our offer to pay half a member's tuition cost for a lapidary or faceting class is being taken advantage of, with some great results. Also the Wednesday night workshop time open to club members, is a BIG hit. I am hopeful that even more involvement will be in the works this year and in the future.

Educational activities – There are a large number of things that we can, and I hope that we will, do this year to further achieve our purposes along the lines of learning and teaching. PLEASE call me if you too are excited by this, as you may have some things that you would like to do...

Opportunities – There are so many things that we as a club can do as we continue to grow and there are so many opportunities that lie waiting to be expressed and pursued. I read the other day a cute clip, it said: "Those that care, volunteer." Well I'm excited because if you have something related to rocks, that you would LIKE to do, there is a good chance that we can help you do it!

Last, but not least, we have some wonderful people in our club!!! I have enjoyed meeting everyone so far. I'm certainly enjoying getting to know them better.

See you next month,
President Jay Brown

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
April 8, 2012
Easter Prayer Service
LHGMS MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN
THE YUCCA ROCKHOUND CLUB FOR
EASTER SUNRISE AT 6:30 A.M.
(Bring Flashlight)
FOLLOWED BY LOOKING FOR BANDED
BASALT
Exit 20 on I 40
Park at edge of pavement

General Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2012

February 10, 2012

Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403
Submitted by Eric Hynes

The minutes for the meetings of January 13, 2012 and February 10, 2012 are unavailable for this issue of Rocky Tales and will be published in the April issue along with the March minutes.

FEBRUARY 26, 2012 SWAP MEET AT SARA PARK

An energetic and hardy group attended the Swap Meet and Potluck at Sara Park on Sunday. President Jay Brown apologized for not having the advertised hot dogs, but couldn't see paying more for the hotdogs than cost of Tbone steak! However the pork sirloin strips served with fresh baked rolls, more than made up for lack of hot dogs!

(Few pictures of Swap Meet follow.)



Judy Cano Memorial

By Barb Creasey

Judy Cano was my friend!

How to describe her - diligent, talented, faithful, organized, loved serving, and loved sugar/ Rocks a given! Maybe a little stubborn!

We spoke in her RV in Quartsite just before going to the hospital. She had lost 20 pounds, having difficulty swallowing liquid or food. I prayed for her and tried to comfort her. The one thing she wanted was to go to Burro Creek and get rocks of course. Judy was faithful to her church and her club. She was diligent and expected things to be done correctly - high standards for herself and others. She had much to offer.

She shared that talent at the library teaching others what she knew! Talent making and selling jewelry and flower arrangements where needed.

Now Sam and the family are faced with putting their lives back together. It is important to keep them in prayer and support.

So in closing thank you Judy for sharing your life and talent with us.

I know she is delighted with the incredible rocks in glory - jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, topaz and amethyst, to name a few. Her last words to me -----

"Remember Burro Creek"

NOTICE!

If you have submissions for the Rocky Tales Newsletter Please have them to the Editor by 4th Monday of the month!
Email: awiederrick@yahoo.com
Thank you very much!

Rock & Gem Shows

March/April

March Gem Shows

3-4—FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA: 3rd retail show; Rick Obermiller; Fountain Hills Community Center; 13001 N. La Montana Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children (under 10) free; 15 dealers, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, beads, metals, kids' gold panning and fossil dig, door prizes, raffles; contact Rick Obermiller, PO Box 64281, Phoenix, AZ 85082-4281, (602) 826-2218; e-mail: obrocks@gmail.com

17-18—COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Retail show; Sharon Szymanski; Mingus Union High School; 1801 E. Fir St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, custom and fine jewelry, gold and silver, rocks, slabs, cabochons, beads, rough, unset gemstones, crystals, lapidary machinery and supplies, wirewrapper; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddoos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 215-9101; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

24-25—YUMA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Sharon Szymanski, Val Latham; Yuma Civic Center; 1440 Desert Hills Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, fine and costume jewelry, gems, beads, slabs, cabachons, fossils, lapidary supplies and machinery, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddoos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 671-6191; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

April Gem Shows 14-15—KINGMAN, ARIZONA: Annual show; Mohave County Gemstoners; Kingman Academy of Learning; 3420 N. Burbank St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; educational displays, kids' activities, raffle, door prizes, silent auction, dealers, demonstrations, rough rock, slabs, minerals, jewelry, silver- and goldsmithing, fire agates, artwork; contact Mary Gann, PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402, (928) 757-8121; e-mail: quadpol@aol.com; Web site: www.gemstoners.org

Coming April 14, 2012

**Meet at Golden Corral in Kingman 9:00 a.m.
for breakfast.**

**Attend Kingman Gem Show
Bar-B-Que following Gem Show at "C" and
Nan Russell's
(Please RSVP for Bar-B-Que 928-846-0927)**



Kathryn Barker

Shana Bodily

Mary Brown

Irene Kraft

Barbara Carpenter

Harvey Lynch

Helen Milne

Carol Monk

Nan Russell

Robert Wiederrick

Dennis Robinson

John Fiskin

Robbin Howard

Susan Shepard



Chip & Carol Brown

C & Nan Russell

Robert & Joyce Skoien

Ole & Peg Olson

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 10, 2012



10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP PINS
PRESENTED TO
Carol Stone, Teri Markinson, Deanne Lundin



Silent Auction Huge Success!
Brought in \$691.75



Happy 98th Birthday to Madge
Klinger

Gems to Barbara & Ken Carpenter Completing Lapidary/faceting Class

Congratulations to **Barbara and Ken Carpenter** who are the first recipients of LHGM's reimbursement for Lapidary/faceting class program. In order to receive their reimbursement the Carpenters donated some completed cabs made in the class, provided their class completion certificate, signed by their instructor, and submitted a copy of their receipt of payment to MCC.

If you have completed a class, please submit these items to Liz Porter (treasurer) and she will be more than happy to write you a check.

From the LHGMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Many of you have heard rumors that our club and board are participating in “illegal” activities mostly centered around selling club property at local venues such as the swap meet, balloon fest and gem show. These allegations were made at board meetings for the past year in a hostile manner by board member Jack Hodges. In response, the board appointed a government compliance chairperson, Judy Cano. After Judy’s discovery that we were a 501c7 organization, not a 501c3, Samantha Whittle, of Metro Tax Group, spoke at a board meeting to clarify and interpret the 501c7 requirements. As a result a change in our membership rules was made, and we are now in total compliance. Mrs. Whittle also told us that as far as resale of materials for club profit, our club can sell as long as we have an Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax License and a City business license. She helped us apply for the Arizona license. Jack claimed that our licenses were “illegal” because the address on the Arizona license was incorrect and the city business license address was outdated. The board immediately took action to make the necessary investigations into these allegations. We found that there were no “illegalities”, but we did update our listed addresses.

In spite of all the efforts of the 2011 and 2012 boards to comply with all laws related to our club, Jack was not satisfied. Throughout the year he continuously disrupted meetings by accusing people of doing “illegal” business, misusing club property and even theft. He claimed he had studied the laws and found our actions to be “illegal”. However, he has never offered any evidence for these allegations. Nor, when asked, has he cited any specific legal code that was violated, or offered to work toward any solutions. Because of his continuous disruptive behavior, his refusal to go through the proper channels for disagreements in accordance with our by-laws, and the fact that his behavior was not “fostering good fellowship” as per our by-laws, this board after listening to Jack’s defense of his behavior, and with careful consideration, voted overwhelmingly to cancel his membership in our club. The fact that he has contributed greatly to the enrichment of our club over several years and was a willing helper, a hard worker and has on occasion brought meaningful issues to our attention, made the board’s decision especially difficult. This decision was not about personalities, but about unacceptable behavior.

Please know that we are working hard as a board to keep our club in good standing with all laws affecting it, including our by-laws, which are currently in the process of being revised. (If you are interested in working on that committee, please let us know.) All of our actions are decisions made by the board, and not the actions of any one member. This board, as have past boards, has acted in good faith that the decisions they made, are in the best interests of our club. We encourage you to attend our board/business meetings and to ask questions and raise concerns. We respect the views of all our club members and want to represent you honestly and with integrity. Feel free to contact any member of the board.





Please send exchange bulletins to

The address below

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