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**BOARD MEETING**  
Mt. Olive Parish Center  
2170 Havasupai Blvd  
Lake Havasu City  
5:00 P.M. April 12, 2013

## GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

**Friday, April 12, 2013**  
**Mt. Olive Parish Center**  
**2170 Havasupai Blvd.**  
**Lake Havasu City**  
Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

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**Beginning with this issue the Rocky Tales will be emailed. If you want your newsletter mailed, please contact Gayle Gilpin at 928-208-8992**

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## 2013 Gem Show

The 2013 Gem Show is well on its way. Over 20 members met at the library and discussed the various aspects of the show. It was decided that a small admission fee of \$2.00 be charged, but that a coupon for \$1.00 admission would be put on our advertising flyers. Children would continue to be free. At the meeting, the enthusiasm and willingness to help was wonderful. The show kitchen will be well organized and staffed. People offered to solicit raffle prizes and distribute advertising so we are off to a great start. The big raffle prize will be a tablet, or chrome book. (whatever the latest popular device would be.)

**WHAT WE STILL NEED** from club members are door prize and raffle prize donations. Door prizes are nice, but inexpensive items. The door prize tickets are given for free and a drawing will be held each hour. Cabs, rocks with crystals, jewelry, key chains, bottle stoppers, are all good donations. Just about anything will work. I have a donation box at my house and I will bring it to meetings. Raffle prizes are nicer items. Smaller items might be put into a group or basket to build a more valuable prize. Don't forget some of the people at the gem show are not into collecting, they just like pretty stuff.

**Liz Porter, Show chairman**

# 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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## President's Message—

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby did seven road shows together. They were truly entertainers of America's Golden Screen days. Hope always had a complement for Bing. For example, Hope once said of their relationship, "Bing Crosby and I weren't the types to go around kissing each other. We always had a light jab for each other. One of our stock lines used to be "There's nothing I wouldn't do for Bing, and there's nothing he wouldn't do for me. And that's the way we go through life - doing nothing for each other!" Well folks as we prepare for our annual season of Global Warming here in Havasu, I have met a number of our members who will begin their new "road shows" to their homes in the northern latitudes. Our snowbird members head off to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Michigan, and Wisconsin just to identify a few destinations.

By participating in the field trips, lapidary shop, silver smithing classes I have met many people, who will be leaving, as they become "road trekkies". I spent several trips with Dave Anderson and Allen & Jean Yanity who almost went over, in my truck, on one of the adventures. Howard Wicks, Kathy Clark and Curt Clark found a mineshaft with a front wheel. The use of a winch around some rocks apparently saved the jeep. Alberta Wiederrick, our Rocky Tales Editor, will be returning to Salmon, Idaho. She keeps up to date using the Internet. And speaking of the Internet, the Society will be sending out Rocky Tales via email starting with this April issue. Make sure Gayle Gilpin has updated emails. If you do not get a Rocky Tales, please visit our Website, <http://www.lakehasugms.org/>. All of our monthly issues are posted with information regarding the Society. We hope your journeys will be rewarding and look forward to your returns next year. Also, if you have a poem, a recipe, a photo, or a story you would like to share, please send it to Alberta at the editor website in the rocky tales. She is always looking for original materials to post.

My wife and I will be leaving shortly, after the May General membership meeting, to do some early traveling... we have to be back in July. Our son and daughter-in-law will be delivering our second grandchild, our first granddaughter, we will need to be around for this special occasion.

The March Pot Luck was well attended and a success... Lots of good food and plenty of stories were swapped. We had a guest speaker, Tim Brandenberger, from Quartzite, who presented an interesting program on carving knives. Some interest has been expressed on implementing a program through the college

## President's Message, cont.

The lapidary classes, as of this writing, will be running the third session of rock carving. Mark Payne deserves many accolades for his patience with members of the Society. His efforts with instruction, maintaining and repairing of equipment are herculean. All members of the program have had some great experiences in the program. We are in awe of each other's work. Again, the beauty that is released from some of the materials, we find, is truly remarkable. None of this would be possible if Mark was not as knowledgeable and dedicated to helping our members.

We also have a replacement for Secretary who will be nominated during our April meeting. Barbara Wiggins, who has been a member since 1996, has agreed, with a little arm-twisting, to take on this role for the balance of the year. I thank Barbara, in advance, for her efforts. Also, I am very appreciative of Liz Porter's efforts for handling the secretary duties in March.

Our April meeting will take place on the Second Friday as usual. Remember the May meeting will be held at the Library. I am looking to change the October and the November General membership meetings to the first Friday in the month. The reason, for the October change, is the Moab rock show that occurs the second weekend in October. In my mind, it would be fun to take a trip, as a Society, that 2nd week in October. In November, we need to move the meeting to the first Friday, to create time to set up the Gem Show. These dates are tentative. The Executive Board and the General Membership must approve the dates. According to the by-laws we will address the issue at the April meeting and vote on the issue in May.

Our Society's purpose is creating educational opportunities for our members and community. We also sponsor two college scholarships for local high school graduates. Another reason to belong to the club is the field trip activities. I would have never known about Shay Road in Parker, Silver Creek Road out of Quartzite, or Centennial Wash, if our members' were not willing to share their knowledge of the area. As you travel, and meet new people, share your Society's experiences with them. Let them know about our program. Even if people can only spend one season with us, we would enjoy having them participate in our program. I am hopeful our Society can do a little better than Hope and Crosby's friendship. Instead of "doing nothing for each other", let's do "something for each other."

### President's Message, cont.

Remember the Gem Show will take place takes place November 7-10. This is our big event for the year. All members are needed to support the Society's efforts.

Until next meeting, happy rock hounding!  
Barry Bandaruk



*Rick Gilpin  
Edward McCauliff  
Don Winger  
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Randy Perin  
Pat Wheeler*



*Homer & Carol Rhodaback*

*Bill & June Smith*

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2013  
Submitted by  
Liz Porter, Temporary Secretary**

At 5:40 Sergeant-at-arms Jack Fritchey led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Barry Bandaruk welcomed everyone and invited people to enjoy the POTLUCK.

About 70 members and 13 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and social hour. Before the regular meeting began, President Barry Bandaruk introduced Tim Brandenberger, from the Quartzite Gem and Mineral Society. Brandenberger came to demonstrate knife making. As he discussed the steps of knife making, he showed knives in progress that represented the different stages of a complicated processes that included heating the knives for a few hours in a turkey roaster. He showed some knives that he said took him over 85 hours to make. He brought some equipment and many sample knives with a variety of shapes and handles. He also left some reference materials for our club. While the potluck was being cleaned up, members were able to talk to Mr. Brandenberger about his knives, see his beautiful work up close and ask him questions.

At 7:15 p.m. President Bandaruk called the general meeting to order.

Minutes from the last meeting were published in the Rocky Tales. One correction was noted that Howard Wicks' name was misspelled as Howard Hicks. Lynn Milliken moved and Sue Osborne seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Treasurer Larry Brown reported that this month brought more money than we spent. The Winterfest made close to \$1300.00 which was our goal.

#### Announcements:

Those with March birthdays and anniversaries were wished well. A special note that Helen Milne, member since 1974 will be celebrating her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday this month and charter member, Madge Klinger celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> last month.

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### General Meeting Minutes, cont.

According to president Bandaruk a new comet visible in the sky, Pan Starrs, can be viewed in the area of the Big Dipper just after sunset with binoculars and Ison will be a bigger event about Nov. 28.

The field trip committee had a good final meeting for this season. They developed a calendar to take us through April with the last trip “looking for ice at the Desert Bar.” Since the church will not be available in the month of May, our general meeting will be held at the library at the usual time. The April meeting will be at Mt. Olive Church as usual.

### Committee Reports:

Membership chairman Gayle Gilpin introduced 12 new members and welcomed them to the club. We now have 176 members and 6 new members have signed up tonight.

Gem Show: President Bandaruk commented that the Gem Show chair positions are being filled. There is still a need for: a day time security chairman, set-up and take-down coordinator, publicity and advertising and showcase chairmen. He announced that there will be a meeting for all those interested in helping with the show at the library at 2:00 p.m. on March 19. Kathy McCauliff, vendor chair, talked about the need for people to help as co-chairs this year so that new leaders can be trained for future shows. Sue Osborne mentioned that she had been to the visitor center in Laughlin and they would like information on the club and the show.

Winterfest: President Bandaruk announced the 2013 event was a success with lots of help and that Sue Stievo has volunteered to chair that event in 2014. After showing samples of some of the purchases on behalf of the club in Tucson, president Bandaruk mentioned that the board feels that the club owns plenty of merchandise for this year’s events.

Field trips: Howard Wicks announced that tomorrow’s trip will be to the Swansea area. There was concern about the weather so the trip may be canceled. The April 13 trip was going to be to Blankenship Wash, but that area is closed by the BLM, so Larry Brown volunteered to lead a trip in the Topock area on that date.

Lapidary class: President Bandaruk mentioned that there are two more weeks in this session. Those interested can sign up for the next session which will run from April 3-May 8. There needs to be at least 15 members signed up for the class to continue. He also mentioned that there are only about 40 bottle stoppers left for anyone who wants to purchase one.

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### General Meeting Minutes, cont.

Scholarship: The scholarship committee met and went through over 30 applications. President Bandaruk commented on the high quality of the applicants and mentioned that many had taken classes at MCC and will actually be graduating from there before they graduate from high school. The committee found two excellent candidates which they recommend for scholarship. In order to provide for **two** scholarships, instead of the **one** in the budget, Al Yanity moved and Rick Gilpin seconded to approve the movement of \$500 from the scholarship savings account into the general budge fund. Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary: There is an opening on the board for the positions of secretary, since Kit Salway will be moving back to Colorado. Liz Porter volunteered to fill in until a new secretary can be appointed. Sue Osborne moved and Rick Gilpin seconded that Liz Porter serve as temporary secretary. The motion passed unanimously. Hopefully a permanent secretary will be appointed soon.

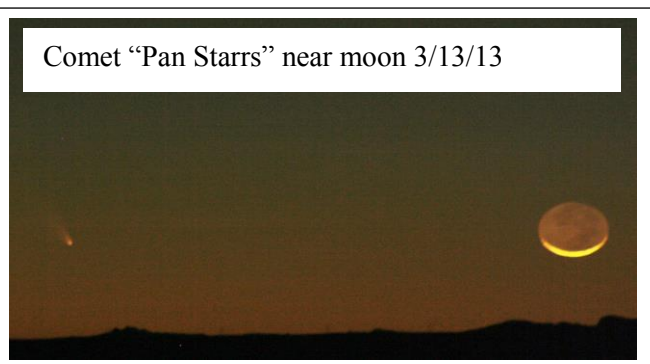
In Memorium: Lou Porter reported that former member Bob Holmstrand passed away. His service was held this afternoon. He had been a member of LHGMS since 1999. He and his wife Ann were responsible for the mailing of Rocky Tales for several years. He was known for his sense of humor and warm friendly personality. He will be missed.

Door Prizes: 7 door prizes were given to: Kathy Padilla, Don Creasey, Ken Carpenter, Sue Stievo, Bob Heyboer, Sharlene Hellberg, and Bob Wiederrick  
The 50/50 raffle brought in \$78.00 for the club. Al Yanity won first prize of \$45 and Barb Carpenter won second prize of \$37.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Porter, temporary secretary





### **LHGMS Board Minutes – March 08, 2013**

Because the of the scheduled general meeting pot luck at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8, President Barry Bandaruk rescheduled the board meeting for Tuesday March 5, at 2:00 p.m. at his house.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. at the home of president Barry Bandaruk.

Present were: Gayle Gilpin, Vice President, Larry Brown, treasurer, Lou Porter, past president.

Barry announced that secretary Kit Salway will be resigning as secretary because she will be moving to Denver, Co. for a job change. Liz Porter will serve as interim secretary until a new secretary can be appointed.

Treasurer's report: Larry Brown presented the treasurer's report for the month of February. It was noted that the Winterfest came close to meeting its income goal. Barry mentioned that there will be some changes next year and the Sue Stievo is interested in chairing the fundraiser. The treasurer's report also reflected the fact that \$7,000 was transferred from the checking account into the savings account.

Budget: President Bandaruk brought up the fact that in the past, there is confusion because the budget year and the fiscal year are not in sync. After discussion the board decided that from this year on, the budget should be from Feb 1 through January 31 of each year. This will match with the IRS fiscal year.

Scholarship: Barry and Lou Porter reported that the scholarship committee met and found that there were 2 extremely qualified candidates. Lou moved and Larry seconded that both scholarships be given. Larry moved, seconded by Lou, that \$500.00 be moved from the scholarship savings account into the 2013 budget and checking account to provide funds for both scholarships. Both motions passed unanimously

Membership: Gayle Gilpin presented a list of 12 new members. Larry moved and Lou seconded to accept the new members. Motion passed unanimously which brings membership up to 174

Field Trips: Lou reported that since Blankenship wash is closed by BLM, we will need to find a new place for the April 13 field trip. Larry Brown offered to lead a trip to Topock for petrified wood on that day.

Purchase Reimbursement form: Barry presented a form that he suggested should be used when members make purchases on behalf of the club. This form should be filled out and presented to the treasurer along with appropriate receipts. Treasurer Larry Brown thought the form was a good idea. After discussion and some revision, Larry moved and Gayle seconded that this form be used and acknowledged by the board for all future reimbursements. Motion passed unanimously.

*Board Minutes, cont.*

### **LHGMS Board Minutes, cont.**

Merchandise: Barry shared merchandise purchased in Tucson form club use. \$280 was spent on larger, nicer pieces (itemized list on reimbursement form) to be sold at Winterfest or club raffles. He also turned in receipts for small inexpensive items to be used as prizes for the wheel game. This expenditure was acknowledged by the board with the comment that in the future it would be better to get prior authorization from the club.

At a past board meeting Sharlene Helberg had requested funds to purchase cabs to be put into jewelry for club use. The board approved up to \$75.00 for that purpose. The board discussed that beginning with the month of April, Rocky Tales, our newsletter will be sent out electronically through email only except for those who request it to be mailed. Liz Porter will continue to update her email contact list to reach all the members who have email. Gayle Gilpin will compile a list of those who prefer to have their Rocky Tales mailed to them.

Show: Liz Porter, show chairman requested a meeting for all those interested in helping with the show to be held this spring. The date March 19 at 2:00 p.m. was set. The meeting will be held at the library if available, if not it will be at the Porter's house.

President Bandaruk reported that the lapidary shop is going well. Because of the large turnout, wear and tear on the machines is more than expected. He suggested that the club pay for a saw blade that was damaged to help off-set some of the cost to the college. The money to pay for this would come from the revenue generated by those using the shop.

Pot luck and meeting: President Bandaruk requested that people arrive at the church by 4:30 to help set up. The dinner will be at 5:30. When people are finished eating, Ken Brandenberger will give a presentation on knife making while some members clean up from the potluck. The regular meeting will continue after the demonstration.

Respectfully Submitted  
Liz Porter, interim secretary

*In Memorium*

*Bob Holmstrand*

*LHGMS Member since*

*1999*

# LAPIDARY 2013



# HOMESTEAK MINE TOUR





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