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BOARD MEETING
Mt. Olive Parish Center
5:00 P.M. May 9, 2014
2170 Havasupai Blvd.



GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, May 9, 2014
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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**SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS
CEREMONY
MAY 12, 2014
6:30 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL
CONGRAT'S
TO RECIPIANTS!**



Enjoy your summer!
Next Rocky Tales
Will be published
In September!

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	
Jack Fritch	Sgt.at Arms	
Curt Clark	First Year Director	
Ron Murphy	Second Year Director	
Vereen White	Third Year Director	
C Russell	Past President	

COMMITTEES

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--President's Message--

By Barry Bandaruk

“Rocks are records of events that took place at the time they formed. They are books. They have a different vocabulary, a different alphabet, but you learn how to read them.” (*John McPhee*).

Since joining this Rock and Mineral Society, even though I have a degree in Biology and Chemistry, I have learned more about Geology than I learned from the classes I took at the university. Recently, Curt Clark took me on one of his tours. We visited a couple of areas, in Blankenship Wash, that he had visited earlier with Steve and Shirley Greel. We found a nice area with red jasper and some blue quartz veins running throughout the stones. Using the lapidary lab to cut some of this material, I discovered, thanks to Linda Chandler, that this material is called bacon jasper. Being able to identify the stones that are found around Lake Havasu has been a rewarding endeavor in my retirement. Visiting the Music Mts. was also rewarding. The sedimentary material that is abundant has some interesting features. I always find it fascinating that rocks, which existed under the ocean, now exist on top of our mountains. I can assure you I do enjoy reading the pages of the rocks.

The Lapidary Shop is still very active on Wednesdays. This will be the last class until we resume our meetings in September, unless, we find 13 people to continue one more class through June.

The By-laws committee has continued meeting and is putting final touches to the Standing Rules. The effort Sue Kirk has put into the rules is truly commendable. She has also stepped up to head the Gem Show. That committee is moving forward and I have a hunch the show will be very rewarding. Stay tuned!

Rick Gilpin and I picked up thirty-five 6 foot Lifetime Tables that we will use in the show. We do not have to rent tables, yippee! Curt and Kathy Clark, Rick, Sheila and myself painted LHGMS and numbers on the table, for identification purposes. They are located in our storage facility that was also organized.

Our May General Membership meeting will be the last meeting until September. I hope each and every society member has a relaxing but eventful summer wherever you may travel. As I write this message, I am in Yuma, after visiting my grandkids in Southern California. My efforts tomorrow are to locate one or two areas that might open some new pages in my understanding of rocks! Have a Great summer!

April Trip to Music Mountain Ranch



Barry & Sheila Bandaruk



Cathy & Curt Clark

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2014
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

The meeting was called to order by President Barry Bandaruk at 7:05 pm. There were 44 members and 2 guests present. Board members present were President, Barry Bandaruk; Vice President, Gayle Gilpin; Secretary, Susan Kirk; Treasurer, Steve Greel; Sergeant-At-Arms, Jack Fritchey; Directors, Ron Murphy, Vereen White, and Curt Clark. Sergeant-at-Arms led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March General Membership meeting were published in the Rocky Tales. President Bandaruk asked the member for any corrections; none were made, a motion to accept the minutes was made and passed.

Treasurer Greel reported on the current budget. He also reported that for several years the Transaction Privilege Tax for the State of Arizona was reported on the wrong tax ID number. He is working with the State Revenue office to correct the past filings.

Membership Chair, Gayle Gilpin reported there were no new members this month; however three (3) members renewed tonight bringing out total membership to 176.

Congratulations were offered by President Bandaruk to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the Month of April.

President Bandaruk reminded everyone about the Scholarship awards ceremony being held May 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm, at the High School. He encouraged everyone who could to attend to meet and congratulate the scholarship winners for this year.

The last field trip was to Music Mountain. The Bandaruks and Clarks participated, and everyone had a great time.

The last Lapidary class is being held April 16-May 21; sign-up sheets are available on the back tables. Barry reminder the assembly the fee for this class is \$45.00.

President Bandaruk reported the By-Laws committee has made tremendous progress, thanking Sue Kirk for chairing this activity, and thanking everyone on the committee for their hard work and cooperation. He expects the new By-laws, and Standing Rules to be ready by September.

The Christmas party venue has been changed again. The Board voted to move the party to Shagru's and Vereen White was asked to chair the Christmas party Committee. She will be looking for volunteers to help her create a fun event for all.

Barry Bandaruk, Rick Gilpin, and Curt Clark will be heading to Sam's Club on Tuesday to pick-up the new tables.

President Bandaruk reported that the Board approved the appointment of C. Russell to the position of Past-President for the remainder of the 2014 term. Mr. Russell was called to join the board to a round of applause.

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General Meeting Minutes, cont.

The Gem Show Chair, Sue Kirk reported that this year's show will have some exciting additions. The Board approved an "Opening Night". This will be an invitation only Cocktail Party on Friday, November 7. This event is designed as a Thank You for all members, sponsors, donors, vendors, and special guests. There will be a cash bar and appetizers. The Juried Show results will be announced during this event, and the vendors will be open for business. This year we will be adding advertising to our programs to off-set costs, and to provide a handy booklet of our vendors so we can continue to support them throughout the year. Table costs to members will be \$50.00 per table, no minimum. She also encouraged members to begin thinking about their submissions to the juried show. There will be a best of show prize, more details to follow. The Gem Show Committee still needs volunteers to chair the Raffle, Door Prize, Wheel, and Club Booth activities as well as volunteers for all the other areas. Sign-up sheets are in the back. The Board also approved, unanimously, joining the Chamber of Commerce. This will expand our ability to reach the general public, and potential sponsors and volunteers. Michelle Smedley will be the primary contact; however, all Society Members are welcome to attend the five monthly events offered by the Chamber. The Board also approved the renovation of our showcases which will be used throughout the year for showcases around the community, as well as at the gem show. Ed Darnell will be spearheading this activity in October.

During the break we played a fun Bingo game. The game was to locate a person in the club who could say yes to the statement in the box; for example, find a person born east of the Mississippi. It was a great success, and a fun way to find out new things about our fellow members. Sharlene Hellberg was the first to finish bingo, and Kathy Clark got the first black-out. Both received a piece of the London Bridge Granite. (Kathy gave her piece to another member who also got a black-out)

Barry reminded everyone to stop by the Library and look at the showcase display that was set up last month.

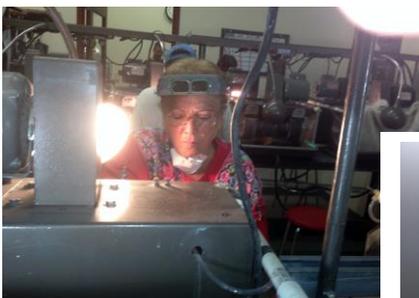
Barry reported the survey we took at last month's Pot Luck resulted in sufficient interest in Breakfast Socials. He will be setting something up and will send out emails. Everyone is invited, bring a rock to identify.

Door prizes winners: Don Wininger, Nan Russell, Vereen White, Hank Smedley, Helen Milne, and Kathy Clark.

\$75.00 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The winners were: Harold Hillis, \$22.00; and Jerry Monk, \$15.00

The meeting was adjourned by President Bandaruk at 8:00 p.m.

Susan Kirk, Secretary



*Lapidary
Shop*



Volunteers Needed to Make the 2014 Gem Show a Success!

Our November 2014 Gem Show needs YOU! Many of our club members left for their summer homes before sign ups started. The success of our show depends on each club member participating, and this year is going to be the best show yet. So, take a moment, read through the following list and make your choice today.

Leads are still needed for Raffle, Door Prize & Club Booth committees. Much of the planning can be done through phone calls and email, please consider taking on one of these roles.

Donations

The Donations committee gathers donations from local businesses & club members. Do you excel at asking? If so, this is the committee for you. Contact Kathy McCauliff, 928-566-7767

Marketing

The Marketing committee will be attending various local events, handing out flyers for the show. Additionally, this committee is responsible for the creation of the revised program, designing it to be a take home reference guide as well. Are you friendly and outgoing? Have great publishing skills? If so, this committee is for you. Contact Michelle Smedley, aredtigress@gmail.com

Family Fun Room

The Family Fun Room has activities for children and their parents. Do you like children? Love to create activities for them? If so, this committee needs you. Contact Liz Porter, liznyl@aol.com.

Kitchen

The Kitchen Committee is a busy group. They need club members to help on Saturday & Sunday serving food, and even more important, they need all our talented bakers to donate dessert items. Like to cook? Like to feed people? If so, this committee is your group. Contact Sue Steivo, ssentrp@netnet.net.

Show setup/tear down

Tables, chairs, electric cords and more. This committee's main responsibility is very physical. If you like to be behind the scenes setting up the rooms, this is the group for you. Contact Ed Darnell, judycat1951@gmail.com.

Greeters

The Greeters Committee is responsible for making our guests feel welcome as they arrive at the show. Greeters sell tickets, hand out programs and answer lots of questions. Like people? Like to talk? If so, this is your group. Contact Gayle Gilpin, zonagayle@npgcable.com.

Show Walkers

Show Walkers Committee does just what the title says. You will walk around, helping vendors and guests. Bright orange vests identify Show Walkers. Like to help people? If so, this group needs you. Contact Rick Gilpin, zonagayle@npgcable.com.

Raffle and Decorations

The Raffle and Decorations committee decorates the room, sets up the Raffle table and monitors it during the show. Committee members will keep an eye on the baskets and encourage guests to purchase more raffle tickets. Are you good at putting together prize baskets? Have a decorator's hanky1panky3@yahoo.com for table displays? Like to sell raffle tickets? If so, this committee is for you. Contact Michelle Smedley, aredtigress@gmail.com

Door Prize

This committee is responsible for sales of tickets and prizes. Enthusiastic about winning? Like to raise money for the club? If so, this committee is for you. Contact Kathy Clark, hanky1panky3@yahoo.com.

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Club Booth

Our Club Booth/table needs volunteers to be at the table, answering questions about the club and possibly selling informational books. There may be items to give away, and questions about the show to answer, too. Love to talk about rocks? If so, this group is for you. Contact Sue Kirk, macsuzy@mac.com.

Membership

The Membership committee will be answering club specific questions and actively recruiting new club members. Love to talk about our club? Then this would be the group for you. Contact Gayle Gilpin, zonagayle@npgcable.com.

Security

The Security Committee stays in the building after show hours. The building is locked down; volunteers are there simply to call for help if needed. Like your quiet time? If so, this may be the committee for you. Contact Rick Gilpin, zonagayle@npgcable.com.

Planning on being a **Vendor**? Space is limited, so get your application in soon. To get a Vendor Application packet, contact Sue Kirk, macsuzy@mac.com

We need donations for Raffle Prizes, game prizes, and door prizes. Please let Kathy McCauliff, 928-566-7767 know immediately what you are donating.

Your support and participation is greatly appreciated!



*Barry Bandaruck
Michael Erland
Manfred Frisch
James Kasper
Stacie Marsh
Ken Sobchuk
Chris Sutherland
Bess Terrell
Vereen White*



*Curt & Cathy Clark
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Marion & Rusty
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Larry & Pam LaBue
David & Jackie Lord
Kathy McCauliff
Jon & Kristol Norman
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