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## BOARD MEETINGS

5:00 P.M. Prior to

GENERAL MONTHLY  
MEETING (Sept.-May)

At Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

## FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

The Committee will not  
meet until October.

## GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, October 14, 2011

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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## LAKE HAVASU GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GEM SHOW

Nov. 12 and 13, 2011

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### *Hot Rock'n Food*

We need help in the Kitchen! We can no longer accept Hot Foods (i.e.: chili) that has been prepared in an "unapproved" kitchen. Jay will need help on Thursday and Friday to prepare some foods. Anyone that would like to sign up for a FOOD HANDLERS License, please sign up through the Health Dept.

It is a simple short class.

\*\*\*BAKED GOODS do NOT fall under this requirement so those Bakers out there keep on a baking'!\*\*\*

Any questions please contact Jay Brown at 408-251-4256

# 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 31<sup>st</sup>

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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[editor@lakehavasugms.org](mailto:editor@lakehavasugms.org)

**Rocky Tales Team:** Alberta Wiederrick and Carolyn and Warren Jones  
 Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm

## OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

<b>"C" Russell</b>	President
<b>Pat Guilmet</b>	Vice President
<b>Vacant</b>	Secretary
<b>Liz Porter</b>	Treasurer
<b>Don Wininger</b>	Sgt. At Arms
<b>Jack Hodges</b>	First Year Director
<b>Tom Henderson</b>	Second Year Director
<b>Rick Gilpin</b>	Third Year Director

## COMMITTEES

<b>Assets:</b>	Kathy McCauliff	680-7698
<b>By-Laws, Standing Rules:</b>	Harry Kilb	855-1630
<b>Charter:</b>	OPEN	
<b>Decorations:</b>	OPEN	
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<b>Education:</b>	Open	
<b>Field Trips:</b>	David Frybarger	855-5767
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<b>Membership:</b>	Gail Gilpin	208-8992
<b>Program Director:</b>	Rick Gilpin	208-8950
<b>Property/Inventory:</b>	OPEN	
<b>Publicity:</b>	Harry Kilb	855-1630
<b>Refreshments:</b>	OPEN	
<b>Show Chair:</b>	Karen Lohr	854-9449
<b>Scholarship:</b>	Lou Porter	453-8415
<b>Social Director &amp; Special Events:</b>	OPEN	
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Bruce Wilhelm	566-4580

## President's Message ---

Again~Welcome one and all!

It was great to see our members again! And we had quite a few guests that are joining!

We can still work on the London Bridge Day Parade Float if anyone is interested!

As you know it is the busy time of year. We are gearing up for the Gem and Mineral Show, November 12 & 13, 2011. That takes a lot of time and people! There are a lot of different areas that need help and I know each of you will be able to fill a need. Also, please bring a Bag of Candy to the October meeting for Halloween Fright Night!

The Nominating Committee (Stan Sutton and Tom Henderson) needs your input for officers for 2012. Please volunteer or give them suggestions for the positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Board of Directors at large (3 year term). Please participate! It would be great to have new people for their fresh ideas to make the meetings fun and the organization exciting. **Please step up and volunteer for an office or committee!**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Friday, October 14 at 5 PM right before the next General Meeting which starts at 7:00 PM at the Mt. Olive Parish Center.

See you then!!  
"C"

### Chairpersons for November Gem and Mineral Show:

#### Following are your Chairpersons:

Kitchen: Jay Brown	408-251-4256
Security: Rick Gilpin	928-854-3306
Membership: Gayle Gilpin	928-854-3306
Display Cases: Gary Mortimer	928-505-1786
Publicity/Advertising: Harry Kilb	928-855-1630
Door-Raffle Prizes: Kathy McCauliff	928-680-7698
Demonstrations: Tom Henderson	928-486-0238
Greeters: Judy Cano	928-855-4829
Game Booth: Nan Russell & "C" as co-chair	
Set-Up/Teardown: "C" Russell	928-846-0927

**If you can help at the Gem and Mineral Show, PLEASE call and volunteer to help On one of these committees!**

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

## General Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2011 &

September 9, 2011

**Mt. Olive Parish Center**

**2170 Havasupai Blvd.**

**Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403**

**Submitted by Acting Secretary**

**Carol Rhodaback**

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

### Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

#### General Meeting

May 13, 2011

President "C" Russell called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Don Wininger

The recipients of our Scholarships, Ross Carlton and Nolan Masdorf spoke of their gratitude to the Society. This will help with their continued education.

President Russell welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He spoke with guest Mark Payne who stated that he will be teaching a number of classes in smithing and other related subjects at the college. Ella Palmquist brought a friend, Keith Collins.

Minutes of the April 8, 2011 General Meeting were approved as printed.

It was noted that Past President, Stan Sutton's name be added to the 2011 "officers and Directors" and Government Compliance Chairman Judy Cano be added to "Committees".

Treasurer: Liz Porter presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2011. It was approved.

President Russell called for a break. Meeting will resume in twenty minutes.

President Russell resumed the meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

**Field Trips:** Dave Frybarger read a statement from a BLM publication concerning participation in field trips. The concern is our trips not be "stated or published" for public attendance. Dave will add to

### **General Meeting Minutes, cont. --**

his future trip schedules that "Field Trips are for Members and their Guests only". This is necessary due to the fact this schedule is printed on the internet.

**Government Compliance:** Judy Cano stated that everyone has been getting the required paperwork accomplished. Those needing to do reporting during the summer will be notified by her in advance of these reports by email.

**Greeter/Fifty-Fifty:** Edith Waldon turned in the Membership Sign-in and Guest Sheets. There were 47 members present and 4 guests. The fifty/fifty brought in \$100.00.

**Workshop/Education:** Don Wininger reported that he is pleased with the participation in the workshop being held at the college. There is room available for more interested people. Those attending are enjoying the classes. An invitation was extended to those doing wire wrapping and beading as there is plenty space available.

**Old Business:** There was a discussion concerning "unofficial summer meetings" to be held on the second Friday of each month at the public library. Stan Sutton made a motion to do this and it was seconded by Jay brown. The motion was approved.

There was more discussion concerning the Sponsor Program. There was a positive response to the idea and several people offered to be sponsors. This will be brought up again in the fall.

**New Business:** Judy Cano stated that the wire wrappers//beaders will meet the 3rd. Fridays of the month during the summer at the public library. Please Come.

It was asked that the classes available be put on our website.

The fifty/fifty drawing went to Ella Palmquist, \$25.00, Jack Fritchey, \$15.00 and Robbin Howard, \$10.00.

Door prizes went to Fred Strammer, Helen Milne, Homer Rhodaback, Kathy Ernst, Pat Kilefner, Carolyn Jones, Keith Collins, Bernie Sporre, Don Wininger and Karen Olsovsky.

There was an auction for a piece of travertine and two Aztec figurines. The successful bidder for all the items was Homer Rhodaback for a total of \$80.00.

### **General Meeting Minutes, cont -**

President Russell adjourned the meeting..

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Rhodaback/Secretary

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**Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society  
General Meeting  
September 9, 2011**

President "C" Russell called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. fifty- three members and seven guests were present.

Sergeant-at-arms, Don Wininger, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

"C" wished a happy birthday to the more than forty-two members who had birthdays over the summer.

He also welcomed each guest and had them introduce themselves. Many guests are new to Havasu and are excited about becoming new club members.

The minutes of the May meeting were read by Liz Porter since they were not printed in the Rocky Tales. Our secretary, Carol Rhodaback is out of town so Liz will be serving as treasurer and secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

Liz Porter presented the treasurer's report and it was accepted.

Since Gayle and Rick Gilpin are still out of town, there was no introduction of new members or program.

President Russell announced that Pat Guilmet, our vice president resigned and that David Frybarger was chosen by the board to finish out her term.

Pat was also working on finding a place for our Christmas party. After some discussion, Stan Sutton moved and Jay Brown seconded, that the Christmas party be a Pot Luck in our usual meeting hall and that there will be a more formal party in the winter. The motion carried.

**Refreshment** chairman Nan Russell, thanked Linda Gromov, Carolyn Jones, Toni Strammer, Lee Mulligan and Lois Ediger for bringing treats to the meeting.

### **General Meeting Min., cont.**

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President Russell called for a break.

Meeting Resumed:

#### **Committee reports:**

**Show** chairman, Karen Lohr, said the plans for the show are coming along. There is a need for club members to take and sell at least \$20.00 in raffle tickets. Judy Cano mentioned that a sign-up sheet was at the back table for people who are interested in helping with greeting people during the show.

Show kitchen chairman, Jay Brown, introduced the possibility of holding a Pot luck for vendors and club members at our November meeting which is at 5:00 before the show at the Aquatic center. After some discussion, Jay asked for a show of hands to see who would be interested and most of the group raised their hands.

Jay also asked for volunteers to help in the kitchen and for people to make chili.

Kathy McCauliff has been working out in the community to get donations for prizes for drawings. She could use some help since this is a huge task. Also there is a need for people to fill display cases and donate door prizes.

**Workshop** chairman, Don Wininger, said the Wednesday workshop at the community college is going well. The workshop has been refurbished by instructor Mark Payne. Attendance is good, but there is always room for more. President Russell suggested that the workshop attendees put together a display case for the show.

**Field Trips:** Tom Henderson said to talk to him to find out what to bring on field trips. The committee meets at David Frybarger's house on the second Monday of each month.

**Assets:** Kathy McCauliff said that the swap meet booth will resume in November.

#### **Old Business:**

**Sponsor program:** There have been previous discussions about sponsoring new members in the club.

### **General Meeting Min., cont.**

"C" asked for anyone who is interested in becoming a sponsor to raise their hands, So far, Jay Brown, Linda Gromov, Lou Porter, Earl Stage and Tom Henderson have volunteered.

#### **New Business:**

**London Bridge Days:** Jay Brown, Earl Stage and Stan Sutton have offered to help "C" develop a float for the October Parade. Anyone interested in helping talk to "C". This year's theme is 40 years of the London Bridge in Havasu.

**Fright Night:** Last year, Kathy McCauliff, and other club members handed out candy along with a gem show flyer and reminded people about our upcoming show. It was a good way to get cheap advertising for the gem show. Last year's attendance was quite large. Please bring a **bag of candy** to the October meeting to help with this advertising.

**New Officers:** A nominating committee is forming to nominate officers for 2012. Stan Sutton and Tom Henderson offered to help. President Russell encouraged all members to consider being an officer. Elections will be held in December.

**Linda Gromov** encouraged members to go to the Mohave County Fair which starts Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in Kingman. Some of our members have entries and the fair is fun for everyone.

**Door Prizes** went to: Clarkie Seagreaves, Tom Henderson, Rose E. Nicolias, Linda Gromov, Karen Lohr, Warren Jones, Sharlene Helberg and Joe Handler and three others whose names were missed.

The **50/50** brought \$52.00 to the club and Clarkie Seagreaves won \$26.00, Carolyn Jones \$15.00 and Judy Cano won \$11.00.

The meeting was adjourned by president "C" Russell at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Porter, Treasurer, acting for Secretary Carol Rhodaback

## **GEM & MINERAL SHOW EXCITEMENT!**

It's time! The Committee Chairpersons have been working hard on each perspective job. Now it's time for the members of our club to step up and help out to create a great Gem and Mineral Show for our Community. Let me remind you that this is the *longest* running club event in Lake Havasu history! **So let's continue to make it successful!**

We have a fantastic variety of Venders this year. ***Don't forget to stop by their booths to welcome them and thank them for being in our show!***

Everyone in the club has the ability in some way to help out! Here are a few things we need:

**Polished Rocks!** Anyone who has rocks or the ability to polish rocks, please donate at least a baggie full. To help put Grab Bags together, contact Nan at: 928-846-0927

**Showcases** will be located on the stage. If you want to display your treasures in a showcase, contact Gary Mortimer at: 818-307-1440

### **Getting the word out to the Public:**

If each member would take a "Rack Box" with show information to 4 local businesses such as Hotels, Stores, Doctor Offices, etc. and/or extra information cards that the business can post (if they don't have room for the "rack box") it would help out tremendously. They will be at the Oct. meeting.

We need a few people to hand out the info cards at the London Bridge Days Parade and Fright Night in October. Contact Kathy McCauliff at: 928-680-7698

**Pot Luck Friday night** before the show honoring our vendors. This was voted for at the September meeting and we will check again at the October meeting to make sure we have the support for this amazing opportunity to welcome our vendors. Please participate.

**Kitchen:** Sign up to help in the kitchen and a separate sign up to bring: Chili, pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes! Contact Jay Brown at: 408-251-4256

**{Please remember this is separate from the potluck on Friday night.}**

**Set up/take down:** Thursday is the day to set up the tables and the showcases and Sunday starting around 4pm for take down, so any able body out there that can help, please contact C Russell at: 928-846-0927

***Friday is an easy day for club members so you can concentrate on the Friday Night Potluck and whatever job or food you have signed up for on the weekend!***

**THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!!!**

Call Karen Lohr if you have any questions!!! 928-854-9449 or email [karenlohr@frontiernet.net](mailto:karenlohr@frontiernet.net)



**Your help is needed for  
the Gem and Mineral  
Show in November!**



September  
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October

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| Dennis Atkins     | Debbie Murga     |
| Charles Batz      | Ken Roberts      |
| Chip Brown        | Evelyn Thomas    |
| Carol Brown       | Bernie Sporre    |
| Tom Henderson     | Kathy Sporre     |
| Marlene Henderson | Rosalyn Wicks    |
| Jack Hodges       | Gene Rohn        |
| Stephanie Holmes  | Roger Armitage   |
| William Houppert  | Paul Cleveland   |
| Jeri Markinson    | Shanda Cleveland |
| Jim McReynolds    | Joe Fielder      |
| Nancy Metcalf     | Peg Olson        |
| Cheri Mortimer    | Annette Maroney  |

Please remember to bring a bag of candy to the October meeting for members to hand out at Fright Night!

**Rockhounding on BLM Land**

Rockhounding in Arizona, a brochure produced by the Bureau of Land Management, summarizes the regulations for rockhounding on public lands. Briefly the regulations state that: "You (may) collect reasonable amounts of specimens. In Arizona, BLM sets the 'reasonable' limits for personal use as up to 25 pounds per day, plus one piece, with a total limit of 250 pounds per year." This brochure is available from any BLM office in Arizona, including the Arizona State Office at 1 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Phone: 602-417-9200. The BLM's rockhound page offers information on some specific areas including the Burro Creek Campground area northeast of Wickenburg, the Black Hills Rockhound area northeast of Safford and the Round Mountain area located southeast of Safford.

**Bench Tips by Brad Smith**

REMOVING A STONE FROM BEZEL SETTING

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry. Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank.

If all else fails, you either have to very carefully pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade or drill a small hole in back of the stone and push it out with the point of a scribe.

MAKING YOUR OWN MOKUME

Ever think about making your own mokume? Here's a link to the detailed steps in the sequence as done by a professional. Look for mokume on <http://www.rchristopher.com/tech/>

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at

[groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/)

or

[facebook.com/BenchTips](http://facebook.com/BenchTips)



September  
&  
October

- Arthur & Kathryn Barker
- Larry & Sally Buckholz/Beyer
- Ken & Barbara Carpenter
- Bob & Ann Holmstrand
- James & Joyce Kemper
- Harry Kilb
- Karen Lohr
- Edward & Kathryn McCauliff
- Randy & Joanne Perin
- Bernie & Kathy Sporre
- Ann Vandergrift
- Tom & Julie Webster/Lunden
- Robert & Alberta Wiederrick
- Bruce & Kimberly Wilhelm
- Al & Lauren Wakefield
- Mike & Mary Miller
- Allen & Carolyn St. Germain
- Dennis & Donna Robinson



**Please send exchange bulletins to**

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