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BOARD MEETING

5:00 P.M. October 12, 2012
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, October 12, 2012

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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**Volunteers Needed
to mail the Rocky
Tales Newsletter.**

Present mailers will be
leaving the club.

Thank You!

**Please Bring Halloween candy to the October
General Meeting.**

The candy will be passed out on Main Street's
"Fright night". Each child that goes by gets one
piece of candy and the adult receives a Gem
Show Brochure and a verbal reminder.

We also need people to come down and hand
out the brochures and candy.

Last year we put on wigs
and hats and
had lots of fun



Important Meeting Dates

By-Laws Revision Workshop

October 19th 6:30 p.m. Library

Lapidary Workshop

October 17th 5:00 p.m. at MCC
Shop

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
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President's Message—

Welcome to the autumnal equinox. Although the turnout was typically small, we did have a pleasant September meeting. Members enjoyed a fine DVD featuring amazing photography of agates from around the world. This came to us from the RMFMS library and hopefully we will take advantage of that resource again in the future.

LHGMS Scholarships Last spring the scholarship committee comprised of Barry Bandaruk, Stan Sutton, and myself selected three young people to receive our \$500.00 scholarships. Rita Bybee will use her scholarship to attend Grand Canyon University. Kami Soltero will use hers to begin her studies at the University of Arizona. Ross Carlton reapplied for another scholarship to help him continue at Arizona State University.

Lapidary Workshop at MCC We have received a proposal from the college for the use of the shop. Realistically this would start at the end of October or the beginning of January. Each session would run for six weeks and would be for the exclusive use of club members. The costs for this class will include a qualified instructor and supplies. The club has not responded to this proposal nor has the Board addressed the level of club support for the program. The fees per member and how to collect them as well as other questions need to be answered. There will be a meeting of interested, committed people to determine the level of interest and to work out the details on **Wednesday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m. at the MCC shop.** This will be on the October agenda.

Storage and Trailers The membership agreed at this last meeting to spend the

President's Message— cont.

necessary money to repair the trailers and to rent a larger storage facility for our materials. C Russell will oversee the work on the trailers. The current facility is bursting at the seams and some of us still have additional assets at our homes.

Annual Election of Officers Our first task is to create a nominating committee whose job will be to encourage people to run for all the offices. It is their responsibility to present a slate of people willing to serve at our general meeting in November. The election will be held in December. If you are interested in serving on this committee or in serving as an officer next year, please let me or any other current officer know.

The Gem Show The show is fast approaching. The lists of committees and volunteers remain woefully incomplete. Please come to the next meeting prepared to volunteer. Our show only works if we do. **Be Involved—Be a volunteer.**

By-laws Revision Work is resuming on this Herculean task. The committee will meet on October 10th and there will be a workshop to review the proposed revisions. The workshop will be at the library on Friday evening October 19th at 6:30 p.m. We will have copies of the proposed changes for those who plan to attend this meeting. This is an opportunity for people to provide meaningful input and to have questions answered. The goal is to have at least some of the changes ready to be read at the November general meeting. The first vote would then take place at the December meeting.

See you at the October meeting.

Lou

General Meeting Minutes

**Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City Az. 86403
Submitted by Acting Secretary
Kit Salwav**

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting
General Membership Meeting
Sept. 14, 2012

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society General
Membership Meeting Sept. 14, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Lou Porter.
Fritch, Sgt of Arms lead the Pledge of
Allegiance.

Recognition of birthdays and anniversaries was
read from the Rocky Tales listing. Three quests were
in attendance and introduced — Melissa Moore from
Ohio, Joe Barry from LIIC and Susan Cheeseman
from Phoenix. Jerri Patton signed in as a guest but
was missed in the introductions.

Lou reviewed the May general meeting round table
that was held to determine what we wanted out of the
club as members of the club. (Printout on file)
May meeting minutes were approved as written in the
Rocky Tales. Liz Porter read the treasury report (copy
on file).

Gayle Gilpin reported a membership of 192 with 2
new members and 2 past members to
be introduced at the next meeting.

Wishes and prayers were sent out to Bob
Holmstrand and Madge Clinger.

Lou updated the members on the by-law revision
which in his words has undergone "major surgery".
There was a general discussion on ways to update the
members on the revisions. Lou will do a side by side
list of the old vrs. the new for easy comparison and
only list sections with changes for membership review
which will start in Oct. We will vote in the changes in
upcoming meetings (the date was undecided).

The lapidary workshop will be reinstated with
changes as outlined by Cheryl at the college. It will be
run as a leisure studies class with a fee for a minimum
of 8 participants. If more people attend then the cost
will be less per person. The cost will cover
maintenance-insurance and a qualified instructor. This
should be less expensive for the club and have less
liability for the club. It will give people an opportunity
to find out what works for them and what equipment is
needed to do lapidary.

Kathy McCauliff updated the club on the Gem

Minutes, Cont.

we have 28 vendors to date and she encouraged
members to sign up for showcases. The show is the
year of the showcase and we would like as many as
possible. The club would like to redesign the logo
to use for patches for hats-security vests etc so
anyone with an idea please bring your fabulous
artwork to the next meeting. Sign up is up for
committees. Security will be done by the club in the
daytime and Mohave Security at night. We will
have a potluck before the show on Friday night in
which the club will supply the main course. We
will decide between Mexican, Italian and Chinese in
the October meeting. There will be a 4pm meeting
in Oct before the meeting for the Gem show.

We had some show and tell items before we saw
an educational DVD on Agates. All members are
encouraged to bring items for the show and tell
portion of the meeting.

Door prizes went to Jack Fritch, Carl Kilefner,
Carol Brown and Annette Maroney. The 50/50
drawing was for Y:z of \$53 which was 26.50. Pat
Kilefner won \$15 and Jerri Patton won \$11.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 by Lou.

Special reminder----Bring Halloween candy to the
October meeting to be given out with the kids street
walk with flyers for the gem show.

Respectfully submitted, Kit Salway
Acting Secretary

Answers: September Arizona Trivia Questions

1. Superstition Mountains
2. 128 oF, Lake Havasu City, June 28,
1994.
3. Humphrey's Peak.
4. "Place of small springs"
5. Jerome
6. The palo verde or green-bark acacia.
7. The cactus wren.
8. The saguaro cactus blossom.
9. Turquoise
10. Copper.

SUMMARY FROM MAY MEETING – FUTURE DIRECTION OF CLUB

By Lou Porter

At our last general meeting in May, members were asked to consider several questions about the current status of the club and the direction the club should take in the future. Below is a summary of those questions and member responses. This reflects the thinking of the approximately forty people who attended.

What type of program would you like to see? The answers included: educational, geology, area history, geology for rockhounds, demonstrations, rock identification, how a specific rock is formed, lapidary, community orientation, field trips for kids, films.

What is the club doing that should be continued? The answers included: field trips, the annual show, social events, picnics, campouts, student scholarships, publicity for shows, outreach at the swap meet and balloon festival

What isn't the club doing that should be done? The answers included: trips to new sites, club tee shirts and hats, show and tell at general meeting, rock identification table.

What club projects would interest you? Display cases around the city.

Should we work to reinstitute the lapidary workshop at MCC? The answers were unanimously in favor of this.

If so, should the club subsidize the workshop or should it be fully self-sustaining? Most indicate that the workshop should be self-sustaining (pay as you go). Some feel that there should be a balance of club funds and user fees.

If you have additional input to these or other issues, please forward them to me. We will revisit this at a future meeting.

Rattlesnake Meat – submitted by Barry Bandaruk

A gourmet challenged me to eat

A tiny bit of rattlesnake meat.

Remarking, 'Don't look horror-stricken,

You'll find it tastes a lot like chicken.'

It did.

Now chicken I cannot eat.

Because it tastes like rattlesnake meat.

`(Ogden Nash)



*Dennis Atkin
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STATE OF THE SHOW REPORT

General Set up: Thursday, Nov. 8th - Time: TBA

Friday, Nov. 9th - Doors open for members at 7am. Dealers begin set up at 9am. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Club meeting starts at 7pm.

Saturday, Nov. 10th – Doors open at 7am for dealers, members. Show begins at 9am to 5pm.

Sunday, Nov. 11th- Doors open at 7am for dealers, members. Show begins at 9am to 4pm. Raffle drawing at 3:30pm. Tear down, pack up at close of show.

ATTENTION!

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP! IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL KATY McCAULIFF AT 928-760-7698 or THE PRODUCER!

Dealers: Donna Robinson 928 263-1480

Club Booth: Liz Porter 928 453-8415. Liz is working to put together “A Family Fun Room”, and the Spin and Win Wheel booth. She needs prep workers, cashiers and booth workers. This is a fun place to be. Liz also has Treasurer responsibilities. Please call to help with the prep work or show. Ideas welcome.

Kitchen: Clarke Seagraves 928 565-7678. Clarkie is an experienced caterer and baker. She is very organized and needs help in prep work and volunteers, cashiers, dish washers and more. Homemade cinnamon buns this year.

Show Cases: Open, we need a producer-This is the year of the show case. The show cases will be on the main floor in front of the stage.

Greeters: Nan Russell 928 846-0927. Nan is experienced show producer. Greeters are the first show contact the public meets. The requirements for this job is big smiles and friendliness.

Raffle: Kathy McCauliff 928 566-7767. Ticket sellers needed, stationed at club booth.

Membership: Gail Gilpin 928 854-3306. Experienced show producer. Gail is the club contact for memberships. New member prospects. Love to hear about field trips.

Demonstrators: Ron Murphy and Shar Hellberg 928 715-1148. Are experienced producers. Contact them if you would like to demonstrate. This booth is always very popular and fun to work at.

Set up, Tear down: “C” Russell 928 846-0927. Many years of experience. “C” keeps this show going. Time on Thursday Nov. 8th TBA for set up.

Publicity and Advertising: Harry Kilb 928 855-6967. Years of experience. Harry has been working all summer getting the word out.

Show Fliers: Open-Need a producer to organize the distribution of fliers.

Door Prizes: Open-We need a producer Helen Milne is retiring but will help.

Security: Pm Security will be handled by Mohave Security.

Staffers: Open-Need producer to organize members to walk around during the show and keep a watchful “eye” for problems and to be social.

Gem and Mineral Shows October 2012

13-14—SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club; Cochise Community College; 901 N. Columbo Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; demonstrations, educational displays, fluorescent display, gems, jewelry, raffles; contact Maudie Bailey, PO Box 1596, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 378-6291 e-mail: gmbailey@msn.com; Web site: <http://huachucamineralandgemclub.info>

20-21—SEDONA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club; Red Rock High School; 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children free; more than 40 dealers, jewelry, rough and polished rocks, gems, minerals, states, Kids' Corner, raffles, grand prizes; contact Gayle Macklin, PO Box 3284, Sedona, AZ 86340, (520) 921-0100 e-mail: gayleis@gmail.com; Web site: www.sedonagemandmineral.com

July 4th At C and Nan Russell's

At the June unofficial meeting, "C" invited all the members who attended to our annual Fourth of July party. Several asked if it would be all right to stay over as they lived below Havasu and didn't want to drive back from Kingman. The menu would be simple, hot and cold drinks and hotdogs on buns from the grill and lasagna.

The plan was to start arriving around 3:30 and for "C" to begin cooking around 5 and to bring something to share.

Shortly after 3 we received two calls, the forecast was for rain so they would not be coming or spending the night. It was already pouring in Parker and south of Havasu.

By 3:30, it started to rain, but it cleared to blue skies and sun in 20 minutes and everything was dry by 4:30.

People and food started arriving and by 5:30, "C" had the grill hot and started cooking hotdogs and hamburgers. We had four huge bowls of salad, one potato, one macaroni, one mixed fresh fruit and a mixed vegetable salad. Four to five dozen deviled eggs, a large pot of spaghetti, cookies, peanut butter and oatmeal balls, apple pies, crackers, dips, chips and wine.

Marilyn Moore made a full sheet cake. One-half white cake with white butter frosting and one-half triple fudge cake with dark fudge frosting.

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society joined the Arizona Explorers in celebrating their second birthday as a group for like-minded people. The group is focused on all things Arizona and exploring the history and back-roads of those that came before us. The majority seem to favor rock hounding and 4-wheeling.

There was lots of food, laughter and making new friends. The fireworks were great. Those that wanted to watch them moved to the front of the big garage for the best view. The party started breaking up by 10 all had left by 11:30 with bags of food as everyone who came brought loads to eat.

This will be our last big party as we are getting older and it's time for younger members to step up and take over. It's time for us to step aside. "C" and I will be pulling back and letting the younger members take over for 2013.

Bench Tips for the Month

More Bench Tips by Brad Smith can be found at
[facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips) or
groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

TEMPLATES

Whenever I have to make more than 2-3 exact copies of anything, I think of making a template. A template lets me easily draw the shape of an item. Art stores sell templates for common shapes like circles, ovals, hearts, etc, but if you need other shapes, it's easy to make your own. Simply cut the shape out of sheet plastic, copper or brass.

The brass template let's me quickly trace the design of these ginkgo leaf earrings onto silver sheet, and the nickel template makes it easy to drill the pin inlay pattern into the ironwood.

After finding a poor selection of stock templates for ovals at my local art store, I was pleased with the wide selection on Cool Tools at <http://www.cooltools.us/> If you order, be sure to look for the 10% off code each month on their Home page.

Kingsley North also has some nice templates at <http://www.kingsleynorth.com/>





Please send exchange bulletins to

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