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BOARD MEETING
Mt. Olive Parish Center
5:00 P.M. October 10, 2014
2170 Havasupai Blvd.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, October 10, 2014

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

**DEADLINE
FOR
ROCKY TALES
SUBMISSIONS**

**4TH FRIDAY
EACH MONTH
NEWSLETTER
PUBLISHED!
Thanks!**

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FRIGHT NIGHT

Each Halloween, McCulloch Blvd./Main Street, hosts a safe and fun fright night for the community. Our gem and mineral club participates by handing out candy and a show brochure to families as they pass by.

**Please Bring a Bag of
Candy to October
meeting
To be used for
Fright Night**

**LAKE HAVASU GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY'S 45TH ANNUAL
GEM AND MINERAL SHOW November 8-9, 2014**

SAVE THESE DATES:

Thurs Nov. 6, Show set-up: meet at aquatic center 9:00 a.m.
(Need all the help we can get)

Friday, Nov., 7 Prepare showcases and booths -final set up

Saturday : 9:00-5:00 p.m. Help as needed or scheduled

Sunday: 9:00-4:00 p.m. Help as needed. Tear down begins at 4:00p.m.

See Gem Show article Pages 6 & 7

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
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Steve Greel	Treasurer	
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--President's Message--

By Barry Bandaruk

"Two roads diverged in a desert, and we took the one less traveled by, and that made all the difference." Pardon me as I butcher Robert Frost, but we had a heck of a good time in Flagstaff. For a couple of days, the weather was perfect and we took advantage of the sunny-warm days. On the first day, we made it out to the Petroglyphs in the Gray Mountain area, found some interesting Jasper and petrified wood. Then we headed north and visited the famous Cameron Trading post. The East end of the Grand Canyon was close by, and we diverged west to absorb the late afternoon vistas. The second day, we headed East to Joseph City. The dirt road, on which we traveled, terminated at the Painted Desert. With a little hiking, the view was rewarding. Again, the red jasper and some fossils were the highlights in this area. Now, we were off to Dobell ranch just south of Holbrook. The owners had been doing some more digging and exposed some interesting pieces of Rainbow Petrified Wood. The third day, rain had interrupted our adventures and some members headed home. I would enjoy leading a trip this spring, if there is interest from the membership, and see if we can have similar success for more members. We will be having some local adventures again this fall and winter. We need people to volunteer to lead some of our trips.

On the agenda this month, is organization of the Gem Show. There will be signups for participation. Remember this is our biggest fund-raiser for the year and everybody is needed to volunteer. We will also host a fright night booth Friday, October 31. Please be willing to donate a large bag of candy, at the General Meeting, 10/10, for the club to distribute during fright night. We will also be advertising our Gem Show during this event. I am looking for somebody that enjoys making Chile and would be willing to host a booth, Saturday, November 1 at the Chile Cook Off in Havasu. Let me know ASAP! Also, it is important to bring some goodies, vegetables with a dip, brownies, cake or whatever you can manufacture to share at the meetings. These goodies always enhance our programs.

The Christmas Dinner has been planned. The date will be Friday, 12/5. The Nautical Inn, on the island, will be our venue. We will have an unobstructed view of the boats. The menu will be a choice of 3 entrees', fish, chicken or London broil. The cost this year, for a plated dinner, is \$29. The Executive Board has agreed to cover \$7 of the cost, for any member that volunteers 4 hrs of time at the Gem Show.

We will have signups at the October meeting. Money, for the dinner, must be turned in, by the November General Meeting. There will also be a gift exchange. Please plan on wrapping a gift and identifying whether it is best for a boy or girl. The cost should represent a value of at least \$10 and should be gem and/ or rock in nature. Last year we had an exceptional turn out. I would hope this is one event in which everybody will participate.

We added 4 more members at the September meeting, and are anticipating adding another 4 in October. See you at the General Membership Meeting and "Happy Trails To You!"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
Sept. 12, 2014
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

The meeting was called to order by Barry Bandaruk, President at 7:05 p.m. Jack Fritchey, Master at Arms lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes, as published in the Rocky Tales was approved by the attending membership.

Steve Greel, Treasurer, provided a financial synapse indicating the spreadsheet was available for review. The Gem Show income as of July was \$2,334.00.

Gayle Gilpin, Membership Chair reported our membership is at 184.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.

Lapidary Classes: Barry is still working with the college to rent the lapidary space for the Gem Club. At this time there has been no response from the college. He will continue to work this issue.

Old Business:

This year's Christmas Party will be held at The Nautical Inn on December 5, 2014 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:45. There are three entrees to choose from: Salmon, Chicken, or London Broil. We will have a great view of the boat parade as it lines up, and as it returns. This year the dinner is \$29.00 per person; however, anyone working the gem show, a minimum of four (4) hours) will receive \$7.00 off the price of the meal. In past years we discounted the price by \$5.00.

Another new treat for the Christmas party will be a gift exchange; more details to follow.

Gem Show: We are gearing up to get donations, and identify volunteers. Susan Kirk, Gem Show Chair requested that people sign up for the areas they are willing to work. Signup sheets will be provided again at the October meeting. All lead positions have been filled, and everyone is working hard to make this a great show; but we still need lots of help.

Breakfast Meetings; The first Rock-N-Eggs breakfast meeting was not well attended, but everyone agreed to keep trying so another one is scheduled for September 22 at Juicy's. Future meetings; which are intended as an opportunity to learn about rocks, will be held the fourth (4th) Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.. Bring a rock to share, or learn about. People who have knowledge about rocks and minerals are encouraged to share your time and knowledge at this casual get together.

T-Shirts, designed by Shirley Greel are ready for pick-up. If you still would like to order one or more please get with Shirley.

As members of the Chamber of Commerce we are always invited to participate in any of their monthly events. Emails will be sent out to let people know what is coming up.

General Meeting Minutes, Continued

The Swap Meet in October will once again be a venue for passing out discount flyers for the Gem Show; however this year people will meet at Susan Kirk's booth. The purpose is to promote the club, and hand out flyers, no gem club sales will be conducted.

Fright Night is coming up, another fun event to mingle, and distribute the discount flyers for the gem show. Please bring a large bag of candy to the October meeting.

New Business:

Use of the Library: The Mohave County Library has changed its policy regarding scheduling meeting and event rooms. Effective immediately rooms must be booked on-line at www.mohavecountrylibrary.us two (2) weeks in advance of your meeting date. Meeting may be scheduled up to three (3) months in advance. If you are not going to use the meeting room as scheduled you must cancel the meeting or forfeit future use. There will now be a \$20.00 per hour fee for after normal hour use.

Honey Onyx, and Keenan Camp: Barry and four other members joined with the Gemstoners of Kingman to discuss use and access for the Honey Onyx mine. At this time all are in agreement that we can work together and achieve a more harmonious, and interactive relationship as co-owners of the Honey Onyx Mine. More details will be provided at a later date.

Marie Wanciak, a founding member of Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society has donated a variety of small specimens, geodes, and slabs to the club for us to sell at the Gem Show, silent auctions and other events. Marie had surgery in January, and anyone interested in contacting her, or sending her a card should contact Barry Bandaruk, or Susan Kirk.

Another generous donation is coming our way from Ed and Judy Darnell when they arrive back from their summer in Idaho - approximately 40 pounds of slabs.

Many thanks for these donations and all the generous donations throughout the year.

Rocky Tales is asking for more submissions - poems, short stories, adventures in rock-hounding, or rock of the month. Please submit anything you have to the editor.

Our first filed trip is scheduled for September 23-29 at Sunset Crater, camping at Bonito Campground. This is a great site for petrified wood.

Drawings:

Door Prizes:

Shirley Greel; Carol Jose, new member; Sue Steivo; Ron Lee, Guest; and Kathy Padilla.

50/50 Gayle Gilpin won the \$17.00 and \$12.00 drawings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Susan Kirk, Secretary

LHGMS NOVEMBER GEM SHOW

By Susan Kirk, Chairman

With only a month to go before the 2014 Gem Show there is still work to be done! Our committee is hard at work contacting local and regional business for donations for the scholarship raffle, and we will be going through our storage for minerals and slabs for the raffle and for door prizes. Show our community your cabochons, slabs, and handmade jewelry pieces by donating them for our raffle and door prizes.

Vendors are still submitting applications and we have room for a few more. There is still time for you to get your own space. It is only \$50.00 a table for members, this is a great opportunity to show off all your hard work and make a little money. Don't miss out this year!!

New members Peggy Claeys, and Carol Jose were excited to help with the Gem Show and have taken on oversight of the Scavenger Hunt, and Door Prizes. Help us welcome aboard as we are excited to have their enthusiasm, energy, and great ideas. If you would like to work on these activities please sign up at next Friday's meeting, or send me an email and I will hook you up with Carol and Peggy.

Kathy McCauliff has, as you know, been hanging out in Las Vegas tending to her husband who remains in stable, but guarded condition. True to her nature and dedication to the Society and the Gem Show, she is making time to work with a small team, including our new members Carol and Peggy. They are busy canvassing the area for donations.

Michelle Smedley has out done herself in creating consistent and professional copy for donations hand-out, flyers, and guest tickets. Linda Gromov, Bess Terrell and friends created pottery magnets for door prizes. We could use a volunteer to attach the magnets and donations of small polished stones. Please contact me via email macsuzy@mac.com to help.

And more help is needed the week of the show. It is difficult to get tasks planned when the number of helpers is unknown. Please let us know via email, or sign-up at Friday's meeting if you are willing to volunteer to work the Gem Show. Here are the areas where workers are needed:

Set-up and Tear-Down

Ed Darnell is in charge of this area. We need people to set up and take down tables and place electrical cords. Ed will have a complete layout, so all you need to do is follow instructions and apply a little muscle. Donuts and coffee will be provided on Thursday morning for set-up.

Scavenger Hunt and Door Prizes

We need volunteers to staff the door prize booth, pulling tickets, and handing out prizes. This is a fun one because who isn't happy when they win something and you get to sit the whole time. Carol and Peggy will have this well organized, all you have to do is show up and smile.

Raffle Prizes

We have volunteers to coordinate prize baskets and set them out at the show, however we need people selling tickets at the door. Another sit-down job. People who are good with money, and who enjoy talking about our scholarship are needed. We need a lot of folks for this, the more people who volunteer, the less time necessary for each person.

Kitchen

Sue Stievo is graciously running the kitchen again this year, and although I know she has some helpers lined up, there is never enough help in a busy kitchen. Many hands make light work. Please let Sue know you are willing to help, or sign up on Friday at the General Membership meeting.

Showcases

LHGMS GEM SHOW continued

Ed Darnell will also need help repairing, and painting the showcases for the show, if you are handy-handed please pitch in. Ed is very experienced in this area, he will make the job fun and easy. Speaking of Showcases, do you have a collection to share for the show? There are still showcases available for your use. We need your passion in a box teaching as well as sharing your knowledge about rocks, geology, jewelry making, cutting and polishing. Let's show our community just how fascinating our love of rocks really is. Entries will be voted on by the public, and awards for people's choice will be handed out on Sunday. Don't miss this chance to share your passion. By the way, the showcases will be divided this year for smaller displays, so don't let size deter you from entering.

Gem Club Booth

Michelle Smedley will be running the club booth this year and she is going to need helpers. At this booth you will be selling items, promoting the club, and being ambassadors. Michelle has a lot of experience in marketing and sales and she is great to work with. If you like people you will have a great time at this booth. Please help us with just four hours of your time.

Remember four hours of work at the show translates into a \$7.00 savings for our Christmas dinner.

And, last but not least, we need more entrants for the juried show. I can tell you now that ONE of the prizes for best in show will be a very significant turquoise rough from a local turquoise mine. Plus other great slabs and goodies. Don't miss this great opportunity to showcase your craft and win a great prize. Judging will be based on craftsmanship, originality, usefulness of item (can it be used for the stated purpose) beauty/esthetics, and composition. Your items can be finished jewelry, household items, polished cabochons, art deco, as long as they are made with a stone you cut and polished. The connections can be hot or cold, and the material can be any metal, pottery, or glass. You can also team up and use one persons' polished stone with another persons' metal, pottery or glass. If you have questions about something you are thinking about entering, please contact me macsuzy@mac.com.

That's all for now. There is lots to do and little time left. This is your show and your participation is the key to a successful show. Sign up to help this week!



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