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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.**

## NOTICE – THIS MONTH ONLY GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, November 11, 2011

AQUATIC CENTER  
LAKE HAVASU CITY

Meeting begins @ 6:00 p.m.

Potluck @ 5:00 p.m.

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### *It's Show Time!*

Let's all have a great time!  
If you haven't signed up for  
a job yet and would like to  
help out, JUST SHOW UP!!! ☺

We will have very important  
positions we can assign  
you to!

## MEETING & POTLUCK AT AQUATIC CENTER

**NOVEMBER 11 AT 5:00 P.M. BEFORE MEETING!**

The Gem and Mineral Show vendors are invited, so bring lots of whatever you make since there could be around 80 people.

Please bring your own plates and silverware. The Pot-Luck will be at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

# 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 & Warren Jones  
 Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm

## OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

<b>“C” Russell</b>	President 928-846-0927
<b>David Frybarger</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
<b>Stan Sutton</b>	Past President

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<b>Assets/Swap Meet</b>	Kathy McCauliff	680-7698
<b>By-Laws, Standing Rules:</b>	Harry Kilb	855-1630
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<b>Decorations:</b>	OPEN	
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<b>Finance Advisor:</b>	Harry Kilb	855-1630
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<b>Publicity:</b>	Harry Kilb	855-1630
<b>Refreshments:</b>	OPEN	
<b>Show Chair:</b>	Karen Lohr	854-9449
<b>Scholarship/Education</b>	Lou Porte r	453-8415
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<b>Webmaster:</b>	Bruce Wilhelm	566-4580
<b>Workshop/Education:</b>	Don Wininger	208-9828

## President's Message---

I want to remind everyone that the November meeting will be at the Aquatic Center Friday beginning at 5:00 P. M. with a potluck dinner. The meeting will start at 6:00 P. M. Check the Rocky Tales for what type of food you should bring.

As in the past, set-up for the show will be Thursday, 9:00 A.M. We always need men to unload the trailers and men and women to set up tables and skirt them. Friday will be set-up for the vendors and show cases. If you have not signed up to help on one of the show committees just show up and Karen will put you to work.

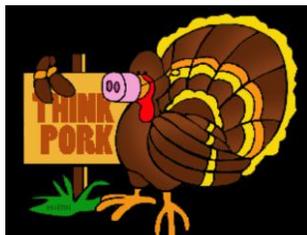
If you would like to do a case or get information on doing a show case, call Gary Mortimer at 928-505-8146.

We only have this month and the meeting in December to nominate candidates for the club officers for 2012. Stan Sutton and Tom Henderson are handling the nomination committee. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer yourself give one of them a call. To have a club we need the officers and board of directors to make it work. If you want more field trips get involved and become a field trip leader. It's really a lot of fun!

I guess the term "better late than never" comes to mind this year when referring to the board meetings. We had a professional tax person come in at the October meeting and set the board straight as to whether we are in compliance or not! Also, she discussed with us on how to handle income that is taxable and income from the show so that it is not taxable. Maybe now we can get back to the business of running the club. Too late for this year, but hopefully next year we can get something accomplished!

See you at the show,

"C"



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*

## General Meeting Minutes October 14, 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  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2011

President C Russell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were 57 members and 11 guests. Board members present were C Russell, Liz Porter, David Frybarger, Don Winger, Stan Sutton, Rick Gilpin, Tom Henderson and Jack Hodges.

Don Winger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C welcomed all the guests and announced names of people who had October birthdays.

C asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none so the minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the Rocky Tales.

Liz Porter gave the treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

**Membership:** Gayle Gilpin announced the names of 4 new members: Jim and Diana Liston, Mark Payne and Sabrina Barton. Also, badge prices have gone up. A pin badge is \$8.00 and magnet badge is \$10.50.

**Gem Show:** Karen Lohr reported that there are 32 vendors signed up and 4 of the booths are double. She expressed a need for door prizes to be given out hourly. They have some rocks, but are looking for jewelry, or artwork or? Karen also announced the scheduled appearance of Carolyn Eddy, a renowned wire wrap teacher and writer. She has published two books, Let's Get Wrapped, and All Wrapped Up and gives private and group lessons. She will be doing demonstrations throughout the show. Show committee chairmen gave their reports:

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

Fun and Games booth: C and Nan said they need small interesting rocks for the spinner game and they need small tumbled rocks for grab bags, and anything small that would be interesting to children

Demonstration table: Tom Henderson announced that Ron Murphy will be doing faceting, Dave Christensen will demonstrate gem carving and Jack Hodges will demonstrate polishing

Security: Rick Gilpin asked for people to sign up for 3-4 hour shifts both during the day and night. Anyone interested, should please contact him.

Raffle: Kathy McCauliff has collected more than \$6000 in donated prizes including some rounds of golf and over-night stays at resorts.

Showcases: Gary Mortimer sent around a clipboard for people to sign up for showcases. Anyone interested in doing a showcase should contact him or Karen Lohr

Kitchen: Jay Brown needs people to work in the kitchen and to bake pies, brownies etc. All other foods sold from the kitchen must be either made in the kitchen or purchased. He will be making chili on Thursday and Friday if anyone wants to help.

Set-up and Take Down: C announced that the trailers will be at the aquatic center by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. He will need people to help unload the trailers, set up tables and booths and showcases. After tables are set up there will be a need for people to help with putting the skirting around the tables. Tear down will begin at the end of the show on Sunday afternoon. Lots of hands and muscles are needed at these times.

Pot-Luck: There will be a potluck before the meeting on Friday night. It will be a true pot luck with people bringing food to share. The vendors are invited, so bring lots of whatever you make since there could be around 80 people. Please bring your own plates and silverware. The Pot-Luck will be at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

### Break and Refreshments Meeting resumed at 8:20

C shared an article given to him about the London Bridge granite which was quarried from 1820-1826. The bridge was completed in London in 1831. In 1965 it was disassembled and rebuilt in Lake Havasu City.

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

Jack Hodges has made some bola ties and pendants from the granite to be auctioned at the end of the meeting. He wishes the proceeds from this part of the auction to be designated as income for supplies for the workshop at MCC.

**Refreshments:** Nan Russell thanked all those who donated refreshments this month. Some of them were Linda Gromov, Clarkie Segreaves, Ann Holmstrand, Mary and Larry Brown and more whose names were missed. She especially thanked Milt Bodily for helping her behind the counter.

**Field Trips:** David Frybarger announced that field trips would begin the weekend after the show. The first one will be looking for sand paper garnet. He reminded everyone to bring their radios.

**Assets:** Kathy McCauliff announced that the tax concerns regarding sales at the swap meet have been resolved. In addition she discussed how the pictures on the club flyers were chosen for color and interest and were intended to show the kinds of fun that club members have.

**Nominating Committee:** Stan Sutton, Tom Henderson and Carol Brown have been working to find members interested in running for office for the year 2012. He called for nominations from the floor. He also commented on the fact that this is a volunteer organization and that all members need to share in the responsibilities of running the club.

**NEW BUSINESS:** C Russell gave a brief summary of the information learned at the board meeting regarding LHGMS 501c7 status which requires 65% of the club's income to be derived from members. (See separate article in the Rocky Tales explaining this).

In order to increase the percent of income coming from members, Jack Hodges moved and Karen Lohr seconded that our standing rules be changed so there would be two types of memberships, one participating and the other auxiliary. Show vendors would become auxiliary members (paid by their space rental fee). These fees would be considered member income. A vote was taken and 38 members voted in favor of the motion.

## General Meeting Minutes, cont.

**Social:** Judy Cano reported 1) that she has heard from the local food bank and their shelves are getting quite bare. People need to eat year round, not just at Christmas time. She is asking members to bring food items (think easy to eat for someone living in a car) to all meetings. She (or maybe someone else from the club would like to take this on) will take food brought in to the food bank after each meeting. 2) Beaders and wrappers are starting to meet again on the first and third Fridays at the library from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. If no one is there, they will go home. She, Nancy Metcalf and a friend Carol will help people learn to wire wrap and bead necklaces or bracelets. 3) She and her husband Sam are signed up to be field trip leaders. She wants to encourage other club members to volunteer as leaders to help out the tireless people who lead every field trip. 4) She is looking for women to go in with her for a bulk order of good quality sun hats. Give her a call.

**Christmas Party:** The Christmas Potluck will be Saturday, December 17 at the regular meeting hall at the church. It will start at 4:30, with eating at 5:00 and end around 7:30. She assigned food by the first letter of your last name as follows: M B FJ O Y Z R V K- brings a main dish, S E H G T Q P brings salad and D W A L C bring desert. More information will be in November and December Rocky Tales.

**Auction:** Helen Milne brought in three more Mexican figurines. They brought in a total of \$37.00. The London Bridge granite bolos and pendants brought in \$72.00 for materials for the workshop.

**50/50 Raffle:** The club got \$42.00, First prize of \$20.00 went to C, second prize of \$15.00 went to Georgia Carman and third prize of \$7.00 went to C AGAIN which he donated back to the club.

**Door Prizes** went to Mary Brown, Jack Fristchey, Kathy Padilla (a guest), Helen Milne, and Mary Drayton.

Respectfully submitted  
Liz Porter acting secretary



Dick Anderson  
Jay Brown  
Jerry Davis  
Ruth DeWoody  
David Frybarger  
Linda Gromov  
Richard Hayward  
Ann Holmstrand  
Earl Stage  
Christine Stone  
Stan Sutton  
Barbara Wiggins  
Charlotte Winger  
Chuck Wilson  
Ron Fair  
Kathleen McCambridge  
Carolyn Glumack  
Clarkie seagreaves



Milton & Shana Bodily  
Jay & Diana Brown  
Roger & Nadine Armitage

LAKE HAVASU GEM &  
MINERAL CLUB ANNUAL  
SHOW UPDATED  
INFORMATION! SEE  
YOU ON NOVEMBER 11  
AT THE AQUATIC  
CENTER FOR POTLUCK  
NOVEMBER 12 - 13 FOR  
SHOW!

**Chairpersons for November Gem and Mineral Show:  
Following are your Chairpersons:**

General: Karen Lohr	928-854-9449
Kitchen: Jay Brown	408-251-4256
Security: Rick Gilpin	928-854-3306
Membership: Gayle Gilpin	928-854-3306
Display Cases: Gary Mortimer	928-505-8146
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

WHAT WE CAN'T  
DO ALONE  
WE CAN DO  
TOGETHER



**Raffle Drawing Update!**

We have GREAT items for the drawing!

We have excellent Golf Packages,  
wonderful Restaurant and Entertainment  
Packages, a Kindle, an Inflatable Canoe,  
A Radar Detector, to name a few and a  
lot of other items from our Local  
Businesses.

The Kindle Raffle money will go to the  
club and money from the other items that  
were donated will go to our scholarship  
fund. This will be estimated by the  
amount of tickets in the Kindle box.

**Don't Forget Showcases!**

If you want one,  
or for the schematics  
Call Gary Mortimer  
928-505-8146

**Hot Rock n Food!**

*The support of **all** the members of our  
club makes the gem show kitchen a  
tremendous success each year.*

*I want to remind everyone that they can  
help by: donating money for supplies,  
making chili, or baking home made  
goodies, especially pies.*

Thanks to the many of you who have already  
signed up and contributed. If you haven't had  
a chance to contribute yet, please give me a  
call at 408-251-4256, or e-mail  
[jaybrown@gmail.com](mailto:jaybrown@gmail.com), or mail a note or  
donation to LHGMS PO Box 990, Lake  
Havasau City, AZ 86405-0990. Of course, you  
can bring donations to the November meeting  
or during the show.

**Thanks for all your support.**

Jay Brown

## Rock & Gem Shows November

### 4-6—BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA:

Annual show, "Rock-A-Rama"; Braggin Rock Club; High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Ln.; free admission; gems, rough, slabs, minerals, crystals, jewelry, equipment; contact Don, (623) 374-0202, or Braggin Rock Club, PO Box 308, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

5—TUCSON, ARIZONA: 10th annual silent auction; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club; 3118 N. Dale; Sat. 9-2; free admission; contact Danny Harmsen, (520) 323-9154

19-20—PAYSON, ARIZONA: 14th annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center, Bingo Hall, Tonto Apache Reservation; adults \$3, children under 12 free; gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, education center, spinning wheel, silent auction; contact Margaret Jones, (928) 476-3513 or (928) 970-0857

26-27—WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: 11th annual show, "WOWW Gem Fair"; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society; Wickenburg community Center, 160 N. Valentine St.; free admission; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; more than 40 dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, door prizes, grab bags, spinning wheels, raffle; contact Beth, (480) 540-2318 or (928) 684-0380

## SUPPORT FOR LOCAL INTERAGENCY FOOD BANK

### Please Help!

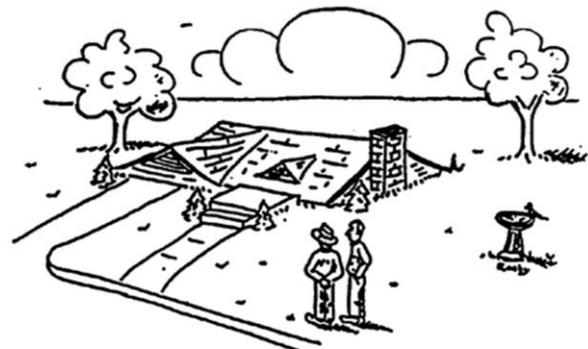
Judy Cano, Social Director reported that she has heard from the local food bank and their shelves are getting quite bare. People need to eat year round, not just at Christmas time. She is asking members to bring food items to all meetings. The food will be picked up each meeting by a food bank representative at around 7:30 during the meeting.

## History of Rockhounding Jose Santamaria



"You're darn right it's strang...  
I planted garnets!"

From Rock Rattler 8/94 via Roadrunner 8/94  
via The Burro Express 12/01



*I Knew Ole Rocky Was Getting  
Too Many Rocks In His Basement!*

by Rocky West in the T-Town Rockhound 7/61  
via Beehive Buzzer 10/98 & others

## FOR SALE

14 inch slab saw with a 10 inch trim saw attachment for sale. The blades are diamond. The saw is clean and in working order. Asking \$300.00.

If interested call (928)505-5361. May be seen at 2835 Janet Dr. in Lake Havasu City. Please leave a message if no answer and we'll get back to you ASAP.

# LAKE HAVASU GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY and the IRS

*Submitted by Liz Porter*

When you joined the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society, you probably knew that it was a non-profit social/hobby club and you probably would have assumed that it is a 501c3. (That is if you gave any thought about the IRS at all.) I know I didn't. You would have been correct in the 1970's, but sometime in the late '70's the IRS decided to divide 501c3 organizations into smaller groups based on their purpose. Each group has its own set of requirements to retain its non-profit status. Our club was re-classified into a 501c7. Of course, the club was not notified by the IRS that this change had been made. So the club continued to operate under 501c3 rules and regulations.

Last January, our new board decided that it wasn't exactly sure of all the laws and requirements that need to be filed on behalf of the club. The board appointed Judy Cano to do some research and make a list of what needs to be done, who needs to do it, and when it needs to be done. Judy has been very helpful and next year's board will have some guidelines in place.

As Judy was doing her research, she discovered that LHGMS is NOT a 501c3 organization, but a 501c7. Since the board was confused about what that means for club activities, Samantha Whittle, a specialist in non-profit tax rules, was invited to speak to the board.

After looking at our 2010 financial statement, she determined that the club was not in 501c7 compliance. The issue is that 501c7s are considered hobby/social clubs and 65 percent of their gross receipts MUST come from the membership. Since a lot of our club's income came from show vendors, the percentage was tipped toward non-member income. She suggested that a simple solution might be to make vendors members of the club. The board passed a motion to change the standing rules and bylaws to make vendors members. Their membership would be paid out of their space rental fee. The board will be looking at the club's financial statements and it will be monitoring the ratio of member and non-member income. Because of the discovery of these new requirements, the board may need to make adjustments and there may be changes in the by-laws or standing rules.

LHGMS easily meets all the other requirements set for a 501c7 which states that our purpose is to share our hobby in a social setting. Ms. Whittle also stated that since our purpose is social, club funds can be used for parties, club members can receive support for taking classes, (if that is what the club chooses to do), and raffles and fund-raisers held both within the club and outside the membership are fine as long as the income from outside sources do not exceed 35% of our gross receipts.

Sales of merchandise at the swap meet, balloon fest, show or any other place are fine, but if the club purchases merchandise and re-sells it, it would need a re-sale license and tax would need to be paid. She offered to help the club set that up.

Another significant rule for the club is to be sure to notify anyone who donates to the club that their donation is NOT tax deductible. It will take the board a few meetings to sort this out, but we are working on it. We will keep the membership notified of any changes. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to talk to a board member, attend a board meeting, or better yet, become an officer.

## Nov., Dec., 2011 Field Trip Calendar

David Frybarger Committee Chair (928) 230-9080

**Sign in time: 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure**  
**Bring FRS radio and wear your badge**  
**Field Trips are for Members and their guests ONLY**  
**Guests must ride in Members vehicle**

### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19**

**To: NE of Airport**  
**Leader: Tom Henderson 486-0238**  
**Distance: 15 miles RT**  
**Vehicle: 4WD or SUV**

**LOOKING FOR: Garnets**  
**Departure: 9 AM HIKING REQUIRED**  
**Meet: Lowe's parking lot**  
**Tools: Hammer & bag**  
**Bring: Lunch & Water**

### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26**

**To: Blankenship Wash**  
**Leader: Sam & Judy Cano 302-0568**  
**Distance: 16 miles RT**  
**Vehicle: 4WD**

**LOOKING FOR: Jasper, Chalcedony**  
**Departure: 9 AM**  
**Meet: Lowe's parking lot**  
**Tools: Hammer & bag**  
**Bring: Lunch & Water**

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 4**

**To: Sacramento Wash**  
**Leader: Gary Mortimer 818 307-1440**  
**Distance: 90 miles RT**  
**Vehicle: 4WD**

**LOOKING FOR: Chalcedony, Geodes**  
**Departure: 9 AM HIKING REQUIRED**  
**Meet: Lowe's parking lot**  
**Tools: Hammer & bag**  
**Bring: Lunch & Water**

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 11**

**To: Warm Springs Wash**  
**Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080**  
**Distance: 100 miles RT**  
**Vehicle: 4WD or SUV**

**LOOKING FOR: Agate, Fossils, Petrified Wood**  
**Departure: 9 AM**  
**Meet: Lowe's parking lot**  
**Tools: Hammer, & bag**  
**Bring: Lunch & Water**

### **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

The Christmas Potluck will be Saturday, December 17  
Starting at 4:30 p.m., eat at 5:00 p.m. and end around 7:30 p.m.

Food assignment by first letter of your last name as follows: M B F J O Y Z R V K- brings a main dish, S E H G T Q P brings salad and D W A L C bring desert.

More information coming next Newsletter.



**Please send exchange bulletins to**

**The address below**

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