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## BOARD MEETING

4:00 P.M. October 12, 2012  
Aquatic Center  
100 Park Ave.  
Lake Havasu City

## GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, November 9, 2012

**Aquatic Center**

**100 Park Ave., Lake Havasu City**

Meeting begins @ 6:30 p.m.

Helen Serras-Herman, a vendor, will be our speaker

This should be a good chance to meet the vendors and have some fun before the show opens on Saturday.

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## POT LUCK DINNER - AQUATIC CENTER

Friday November 9, 2012 - Set up 5:00 p.m. - Eat 5:30 p.m.

This year the food for the pot luck will be provided. After working on Thursday and Friday to set up for the show, most people don't have time and energy to make their delicious specialties. So we thought it would be a good idea to keep things simple. The menu will be Italian. We will have chicken Alfredo, pasta with marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert. There will be baked ham for those who don't want to eat a lot of pasta. Instead of bringing food, please plan to pay \$5.00 per person to help cover the cost. (This is probably less than you would spend if you were making something without all the hard work.) We could use some help serving and cleaning up afterward, so if you are interested let Kathy McCauliff know on Thursday.

# 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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**Rocky Tales Team:** Alberta Wiederrick and Al & Lauren Wakefield and Annett Maroney

Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm

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<b>Lou Porter</b>	President	928-453=8415
<b>Kathy McCauliff</b>	Vice President	
<b>Carol Rhodaback</b>	Secretary	
<b>Kit Salway</b>	Alternate	
<b>Liz Porter</b>	Treasurer	
<b>Jack Fritch</b>	Sgt. at Arms	
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## President's Message—

Ready or not—here it comes. Our show that is. Under the leadership of Kathy McCauliff, preparations are nearing completion. There are vendors lined up waiting to share their materials and talents. This show is our single biggest fundraising event. Over the past few years it has enabled us to accumulate in excess of \$20,000.00 in our treasury beyond our Edward Jones account. Because of that we have been able to commit funds to support the lapidary workshop at MCC, to cover some of the costs of our November pot luck and to reduce member costs of the Christmas party. These activities are consistent with the club's purposes as stated in our current by laws. We are promoting good fellowship and are sharing knowledge of the earth sciences. As you would expect, there is still a significant need for member volunteers in almost every category. At our November meeting, you will have another opportunity join the company of volunteers.

I encourage you to read all the articles in this issue of the Rocky Tales. There is important information about the pot luck, the Christmas party, the workshop, the upcoming elections, and the by-laws revision. This last one is especially important. The proposed changes printed here were read at the last meeting and we will vote to adopt or reject these changes. To remind you, a two-thirds majority of those voting, a quorum being present is required to adopt these changes. I am really pleased to tell you about our speaker for the November meeting. Her name is Helen Serras-Herman and she is also one of our vendors. She will talk about the **Tucson Gem Show and Southern Arizona Mines**. If you subscribe to Rock and Gem magazine, you have probably read one or more of her articles. Based on how well she writes, I think we are in for a real treat.

The recommendations for club involvement and activities which were a result of the May meeting will be revisited at our November meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet passed around to seek people who are actually interested in moving these ideas forward. Those areas with sufficient interest will be pursued by that group.

It is especially gratifying to me that the workshop will be starting at the end of October.

## President's Message— cont.

To me this is exactly the type of activity that the club should facilitate. Harry Kilb mentioned that such a workshop was one of the major early goals of the founding members of this society. I hope this workshop is successfully used by our members and can be sustained for a good long time.

In conclusion I would like to thank Carolyn and Warren Jones for their work in mailing out the Rocky Tales. Lauren Wakefield and Annette Maroney will now assume that responsibility. I'll see you at the **Aquatic Center on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Lou

## ELECTIONS

Nominations for our 2013 club officers are now open. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

You may be hearing from Stan Sutton, Liz Porter, Vereen White, or Lynn Milliken, the nominating committee. Please consider running for office. As the club grows and changes a strong representative leadership is essential. Nominations from the floor will be at both the November and December meeting.

If you or anyone you know is interested in running for an office, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

## 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  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Lou Porter, President at 6:58.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Jack Fritch, Sgt. Of Arms.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were read from the Rocky Tales by Lou. Guests were greeted—we had two—Bill retired from the Navy in Guam and Susie returned to visit from Alaska.

Lou's presidential remarks entailed the health of a club which was the direct result of member involvement. He asked all the members to step up and get involved.

Lou asked for approval of the general meeting minutes from last month in Rocky Tales. There was a correction to the lapidary paragraph which stated the workshop "will be" reinstated and it should have read "may be" reinstated.

Liz Porter read the treasurer's report (on file).

Gayle read the new member list which included Joe Barry and Melissa Moore as new members, Susan Cheeseman and Jerri Patton as returning members.

Lou told the club Ron Murphy had surgery in Las Vegas and was doing well.

Howard Hicks read ideas for upcoming field trips: 10/27 Blackenship Wash, 11/4 Warm Springs, !!/10-11/11 Gem show and 11/27 Oatman. If anyone has good ideas please let him know.

## **Minutes, Cont.**

Warren and Carolyn Jones have been doing the mailing of the Rocky Tales and have asked to be relieved. It's about a 2 to 2 ½ hr commitment every month and the club pays for postage and labels. A volunteer is needed.

Lou talked about nominations coming up in December for board positions and the need for recommendations. Liz Porter, Stan Sutton and Vereen White volunteered to head up the committee.

Step 1 of the by-laws was presented by Barry Bandaruk which included the proposed changes in purposes. He did a power point presentation for consideration by the members comparing the old vrs. the new, which will be voted on in November.

Lapidary workshop updates voted on by the board and presented by Lou. The cost is \$656 for 6 weeks which is an 8 person senior rate. The club budgeted \$3000 for the workshop last year and spent \$637 in scholarships. The new sessions take the place of the scholarships. The board voted to pay \$356 per session which leaves \$300 balance. If 10 people take the class it will be \$30/person. The board feels the fee is reasonable and can always be revisited down the road. The fee includes materials, equipment, an instructor and insurance. It is for lapidary only. A meeting Wed the 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the San Juan annex for interested parties. The idea is to teach new people, give them a chance to use equipment they do not have and foster good friendship.

Kathy reviewed the upcoming Gem show requesting for all members to sign up. The Gem show is the biggest money maker for the club. She asked for a volunteer with a truck for set up and teardown. The meeting Friday night before the show will be a potluck in which the club will provide the entre. We still have room for showcases so anyone interested please sign up with Kathy by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a

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**Minutes, Cont.**

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speaker who writes for Rock & Gem Magazine, who is also a vendor for the show talk during the meeting.

Updated the members on the storage facility—all of the club's "stuff" has been moved.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> we will be repairing the trailers at C's workshop on Kiowa. Anyone with experience in wiring etc please feel free to help out. It will be at 9am at 2770 Kiowa. Let Lou or C know if you can help.

Kathy reviewed the Christmas Party options so the club could vote on the appropriate place and time. Option 1 was the London Bridge resort on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> which is the same night as the Parade of Boats and would be a buffet for \$22.95 a person. Option 2 was the Quality Inn on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> for a buffet of \$10.99 minus the ambiance. The board voted for members to pay \$20 for London Bridge and \$10 for the Quality Inn with the club paying the difference along with the set up fees, tips and gratuities. The club will give any member who works for at least 2 hours a \$5.00 discount. The club voted in to have the party at the London Bridge.

Barry presented a slide show on the Burro Creek Field Trip complete with music—nice presentation in memory of Judy Cano.

Auctioned off a club tote bag for \$13 to Lynn Milliken, a club t-shirt for \$10 to Lou, 2 Mayan artifacts for \$12 to Candy Wilkum and a Mayan animal face for \$15 to Candy Wilkum.

Door prizes went to Barry Bandaruk, Vereen White, Dave Christiansen, Helen Milne, Lou Porter and one of our guests, Bill. The 50/50 was for \$70.00—Howard Hicks won \$20 and Dave Christainsen won \$15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted,  
by Kit Salway, Acting Secretary



*Susan Cheeseman*

*Dick Anderson*

*Jerry Davis*

*Maria Diehl*

*Linda Gromov*

*Richard Hayward*

*Earl Stage*

*Christine Stone*

*Stan Sutton*

*Barbara Wiggins*

*Charlotte Winger*

*Clarkie Seagreaves*

*Jackie Lord*

*Marcia Wysocky*

*Carolyn Glumack*



*Milton & Shana Bodily*

*Roger & Nadine Armitage*

*Marvin & Joann Jacobsen*

## PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

*To be voted on*

By-Law Revision Committee members:  
2012

1. Co-Chairmen
  - A. Barry Bandaruk (member)
  - B. Harry Kilb (member)
2. Donna Robinson (member)
3. Carol Rhodaback (Secretary)
4. Homer Rhodaback (Director)
5. Liz Porter (Treasurer)
6. Kathy McCauliff (Vice-President)
7. C Russell (past president)
8. Lou Porter (president: ex-officio)

Revised: March 2008

Article I- The name of this Society shall be **The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society, Incorporated.**

Revised May 2012

Article I- Organization

Section 1 Name: The name of this Society shall be **The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society, Incorporated. Here and after, within these By-Laws, shall be known as the Society.**

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be

- (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 scholarships and support in **Earth** scientific fields
- (5) to procure and improve club property

Article I

**Section 2 Purpose:**

- 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, and other geologic materials.**

By-Law, cont.

**2. Disseminating knowledge, through collections and classification, of minerals, fossils and rocks**

**3. Improving the practical skill of mineral study, through collecting and fashioning as a hobby.**

**E. Provide educational scholarships in the scientific fields.**

F. Procure and improve club property.

## WORK SHOP AT MCC

The workshop at MCC is getting off to a great start. The board voted to contribute about half (\$356.00 each session) the cost for the first **two** 6 week sessions with members using the shop paying \$30.00 to use the shop 6 times. This club's financial support for this workshop would replace individual

reimbursements for half of the cost of taking the lapidary class. Enough members have already paid to get the first session started. The first class will begin at **5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 31** and continue for 6 weeks. Space is available. If you are interested please contact Lou Porter, 928-453-8415 or [louinyl@aol.com](mailto:louinyl@aol.com).

The second session will begin in January. Mark Payne, the instructor will be at all the classes to help beginners and to make sure that machines are used properly. He did say that with Halloween and Thanksgiving falling in this session, it may be necessary to adjust some days that the shop is open so be sure to check with him. Hopefully, as our snowbird members return to town, the enrollment and enthusiasm for the shop will grow. Right now the club commitment is for only two sessions. The 2013 board will be able to assess how this is working and make a decision about whether the club should continue its support.

## **Gem Show**

This year's show promises to be interesting and lots of fun. There will be fun/free activities for **kids of all ages**.

The **club booth** will have the raffle as well as games with lots of great prizes.

The **Show Case** displays will be in the front of the room by the stage so that the public can see how fascinating rocks and gems can be. So far there are about 17 showcases. If you want to do one, but haven't signed up with Kathy McCauliff. Let her know as soon as possible because she needs to finalize the floor plan.

The **Kitchen** will be a change this year too. Since the health department requires that food that is sold to the public be prepared in that kitchen or a commercial kitchen, donations of chili and baked goods cannot be accepted. This year's menu will be much simpler. That means that the kitchen will need to purchase most of the food it sells. Some people have already made a monetary donation to the show kitchen, but please help the kitchen out as much as you can. Just think, you are saving money by not making chili or baking a pie or cookies. Kit Salway is organizing the kitchen this year and she could use help with preparations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. So if you are available, let her know.

### **The Show Schedule is:**

**Thursday Nov. 8:** Set-up begins at 9:00 ( lots of hands needed)

**Friday Nov. 9:** Kitchen preparation

Show Case Displays set up

Vendor set-up

Dinner 5:30

Meeting 6:30

**Saturday Nov. 10:** enjoy the show

**Sunday Nov. 11:** Tear down ( lots of hands needed to put things away for next year)

### **You are invited to our fantastic Gem and Mineral Club Christmas party:**

When: Saturday, December 1, 2012

Where: London Bridge Resort (Sunset Room)

Time: 4:30 Social (There will be a no-host bar))

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Boat Parade/Dessert

Cost: \$20.00 for members and \$ 24.00 for guests

(The board voted that if you work at the show, you will get a ticket for \$5.00 off)

The Sunset Room at London Bridge Resort is a beautiful large room with a view of the London Bridge and the channel below. We can watch the boat parade go by while staying warm and comfortable.

We haven't finalized the menu yet, but it will probably be a buffet. We would love some help with planning the final details. Contact Kathy McCauliff (928-566-7767) or Liz Porter (928-453-8415)

This should be a great party. Please plan to reserve your meal at the November meeting or at the Show. If you can't make it in November, just email Liz, [lizynyl@aol.com](mailto:lizynyl@aol.com) and she will get your name on the list.



**Please send exchange bulletins to**

**The address below**

## **Rocky Tales**

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