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BOARD MEETING

Mt. Olive Parish Center
5:00 P.M. Nov. 13, 2014
2170 Havasupai Blvd.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, November 13, 2015

Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ
Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.
Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

Rock & Breakfast
4th Friday

Each Month
9:00 a.m.

At

Golden Corral
1550 S. Palo Verde

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**YOUR HELP
IS NEEDED
For the
2015 GEM SHOW
PLEASE
CONTACT
MICHELLE
SMEDLEY
AT
510-872-7070**

Christmas Party

*Our annual Christmas party will be on
Friday,*

*December 11, at 6:00 pm at the Golden
Corral. More information to follow in*

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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

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

Susan Stievo	President	920-246-3692
Gayle Gilpin	Vice President	
Kathie Bryson	Secretary	
Curt Clark	Treasurer	
Steve Greel	Sgt.at Arms	
Michelle Smedley	First Year Director	
Carol Jose	Second Year Director	
Vereen White	Third Year Director	
Barry Bandaruk	Past President	

COMMITTEES

	Chairman	BOD Rep
Club Promotion	Open	Gayle Gilpin
Communications	Alberta Wiederrick Bruce Wilhelm	Secretary Kathie Bryson
Education	Open	Michelle Smedley
Facilities	Open	Steve Greel
Field Trips	Open	Michelle Smedley
Finance	Open	Curt Clark
Fund Raisers	Open	
Gem Show	Michelle Smedley	
Greeters	Shirley Greel	Steve Greel
Hospitality	Helen Reyes Kathy Padilla	Steve Greel
Property	Open	Carol Jose

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awiederrick@yahoo.com

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<http://www.lakehavasugms.org/>

--President's Message--

The 2015 Gem Show will soon be here, and I want to thank all our volunteers for serving at this major fund raiser. Without you, we would not be able to keep this tradition going. Our show gives the community an opportunity to see what gems and minerals are all about.

The Board has decided there are no discrepancies with the LHGMS documents, be we'll be asking your opinion on only one item in January 2016. That item is to have the Vice President come in for that position, then move to President the next year, and then follow up as Past President. I think this three-year term brings continuity to the Board. Please be receptive to Rick Gilpin, our Nominating chair, to his request to serve in the positions of Vice President and Director.

In October, the first committee meeting was held for a possible lapidary shop. We had excellent discussion. If you would like to join and add your input, please mark your calendar for November 20 and December 4. Meetings are held at the library from 2:00 - 3:30 pm.

Future events will include an educational trip to the Chemehuevi reservation on December 1 and our Christmas dinner on December 11.

Sue Stievo, President

Happy Birthday

Jerry Davis
Cindy Dulon
Shirley Greel
Steve Greel
Linda Gromov
David Lord
Jackie Lord
Gimmie Morgan
Helen Reyes
Christine Stone
Susan Watson
Charlotte Winger

Happy Anniversary

Roger & Nadine Armitage
Marvin & Joann Jacobsen
Bill & Bess Terrell



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

General Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2015

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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Members Present: 33

Guests Present: 2

Club President, Sue Stievo, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Sue asked if there were any changes or additions to the proposed agenda. No changes or additions were needed and the agenda was closed.

Barry Bandaruk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Minutes: Hearing no corrections or additions, the Secretary's Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Scott presented the finances, and the report will be filed for audit.

Membership Report & Guests: Gayle stated the club has a total of 163 members. Two guests tonight have completed membership applications.

Old Business:

None

New Business: Sue Stievo indicated the next election will be for office of VP and one Director, vacated by Vereen White. It was the Board's preference that the VP position be a 3-year term; first year as VP, followed by the second year as president, and third year as past president. Rick Gilpin will serve as Nominating Committee chair.

Volunteers (Jim Throne, Howard Wicks, Hank Smedley) stepped up to serve on the Field Trip Committee with Barry Bandaruk.

Michelle Smedley reminded us of the Chemehuevi field trip scheduled on Dec 1.

Six door prizes (slabs) were given away, followed by the 50/50 raffle of \$15 and \$10 both going to Bob Heyboer.

Auction: "C" led the auction of inventoried rocks, which netted the club \$23.

Announcement Reminder: On Oct 14 at the library there will be a meeting regarding our own lapidary workshop.

Adjournment: The business meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

PROGRAM

Barry Bandaruk gave a short presentation on magnetic rocks, followed by Patrick Bell's presentation on Mineral of the Month / Pyrite. Sept and Oct purchases netted the club \$55.

The 2015 Gem Show timeline and volunteer requirements were presented by Michelle Smedley. As this show is our major fund raiser, it is critical to have more volunteers. Members stepped up to fill in positions; however, a phone tree was set up to contact more individuals to work the show due to the many remaining vacancies.

Bench Tips by Brad Smith

SMALL PARTS CONTAINERS

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date, and are thrown out. On my last doctors visit, I asked the nurse if they had any expired vials. She replied "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200)

The ones I have are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They are clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings.
TRY A TOOTHPICK

TOOTHPICKS

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, and with Zama for polishing in tight spots. Toothpicks are also handy for holding the stone while stone setting. Just break off the sharp tip, mold a little beeswax over it, and press it onto the table of your stone. www.BradSmith.com

Fool's Gold (Iron Pyrite)

Iron Pyrite is a delight for kids because it reminds them of real gold. It is often found in quartz veins near gold and can be mistaken for such, so that's why it is also called "fool's gold". You can also find it in sedimentary rock, metamorphic rock, in coal beds and in some fossils.

Pyrite is the most common of the sulfide minerals and can make sparks when struck against steel. It is also used in marcasite jewelry, which was popular during the Victorian era. Today it is mined for sulfur dioxide and is used in batteries and radios for conductivity.

A good specimen of pyrite has a cubic crystalline structure and it is a common mineral that is found in abundance around the world.

Lapidary Shop October Meeting Summary

The LHGMS Lapidary Shop Committee held its first meeting on Oct 14 at the library, with 8 members attending.

In addition to discussing the summary in our October newsletter, the members reviewed establishing a sub-organization specifically for the lapidary facilities. This would be organized as an educational non-profit 501c(3) business, requiring applications to the state and federal, articles and bylaws for the business. Also under consideration is adding a retail store for lapidary supply sales.

The LHGMS currently has funds available to use for start-up costs and/or equipment. As more research is completed, these funds may be insufficient and will require fund raisers.

[NOTE: All committee activity will be presented to the LHGMS Board of Directors and membership for approval. Initial set of goals was developed after the meeting with the first 2 printed here.]

GOALS Phase 1

- Establish financial projection of income
- Establish financial projection of expenses
- Determine rent or purchase building, if feasible
- Establish scope of business
- Obtain BOD and LHGMS Approval to proceed

GOALS Phase 2

- Create budget draft
- Create business plan
- Secure BOD and LHGMS member approval
- Secure founding members and donations
- Create business through Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws, also including local, state, and federal filings
- Create banking account
- Purchase computer, printer, and software for inventory and accounting.
- Create time line



**Founding Members of the Earth Science Museum
Members of the Flagg Mineral Foundation
Life Members of the Maricopa Lapidary Society
Members of the AZ Leaverite Rock & Gem Society
Legacy Life Members of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona
3215 W. Bethany Home Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85017**

We are planning to bring the mineral museum back during the 2016 legislative session. To do so, we are organizing a more comprehensive effort than the one that was nearly successful last session. Please support the mineral museum restoration effort by **subscribing to a free membership in CAMMAZ** (Coalition of Advocates for Mineral Museums in Arizona).

Go to www.CAMMAZ.net and click on the "support CAMMAZ" tab in the upper right. Then enter your email address in the box on the right. That is all you have to do.

Be assured that CAMMAZ will NOT share your email address. It will only be on file on the CAMMAZ website, and it will not be accessible to anyone else.

Many thanks to Alice LaBonte for constructing the CAMMAZ website

Thank you.
Shirley Cote

Rock Jokes

Q: Where do pebbles grow up?

A: In the rockery!

Q: Where do rocks sleep?

A: Bedrock.

Q. Why did the aquamarine replace the bloodstone?

A. People were tired of seeing all of those bloody spots.





Please send exchange bulletins to

The address below

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