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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.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, December 9, 2011

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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MERRY

CHRISTMAS!

!!!NOTICE!!!

***Any members wanting a BROLL cart (that is the cart with a bucket that was a big hit in the raffle prizes) please bring a check issued to Broll in the amount of \$65.00 to the meeting. This is a \$15.00 savings if you order it from us. This price will be honored through Dec. 9th. We MUST have your checks at the meeting. NO LATER! Please contact Karen Lohr at 928-854-9449 or Kathy McCauliff at 928-680-7698.

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 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**.

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
P.O. Box 990
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0990

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 Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm

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"C" Russell	President	928-846-0927
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Vacant	Secretary	
Liz Porter	Treasurer	
Don Wininger	Sgt. at Arms	
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Tom Henderson	Second Year Director	
Rick Gilpin	Third Year Director	
Stan Sutton	Past President	

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Workshop/Education:	Don Wininger	208-9828

President's Message---

I wish I could say that I am sorry to see this year end, but I am not. It has not been a very productive year. However, we learned some very important things that will help in the future. The board spent so much time arguing, for whatever reason, about something they didn't know anything about. As a result, it would occupy the entire meeting and nothing was really accomplished.

Thank heaven for Karen and Kathy. While all this was going on, they were putting this year's gem show together. I might add it was the largest show ever in the history of the club. New ideas were tried and most worked just fine. We learned what could be done next year. Kudos to Karen and Kathy and all the volunteers, job well done! As far as set-up and tear-down that I was handling, I want to personally thank all the people that showed up. You know who you are! It was the easiest set-up yet. The tear-down and repacking of the tables and show cases went so well we were done by 6:30, even though a couple of vendors were a bit slow. Monday morning we found a flat tire on one of the trailers, but we got it changed and Lew and Don got the trailers back in storage for another year. Again, thanks to all who contributed to a successful show, including the kitchen, greeters, ticket sellers and security.

Don't forget the December meeting. Please try to make it. We will be voting for next year's officers. We have a great list of nominees for most of the offices, but we will still take nominations from the floor at the meeting. If you have any strong feelings for the club this is the time to be heard. Be there and vote!

The one thing I have enjoyed this year, and I think it's what keeps me paying my dues is you, the members. I have made so many really good friends, it has been a pleasure to stand up in front and preside over the meeting. I know whoever takes my place will find the same thing.

See ya at the meeting
"C"

General Meeting Minutes November 11, 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

President C Russell called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Present were 74 members and 9 guests. Board members present were C Russell, Liz Porter, Carol Rhodaback, David Frybarger, Tom Henderson, Don Wininger, Stan Sutton, Rick Gilpin and Jack Hodges.

Don Wininger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C Russell welcomed all guests and announced names of people who had November birthdays. Congrats to Bill and Bess Terrell on their anniversary.

C asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none so the minutes of the October 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 six new members and four returning members. They are: Duston Hart, Joe and Tina Handler, Christal Pressnitz, Ayla Hynes and Lucy Leonard. Returning members are Carol Stone, Sue Sallee, Linda Chandler and Vereen White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob and Ann Holmstrand have a friend that has petrified wood in their yard they would like to get rid of, sell, as they are moving. Give Bob and Ann a call for more information.

COMMITTIES

Fieldtrips: Dave Frybarger spoke briefly about the BLM meeting that occurred here on Thursday, November 10, 2011. BLM is proposing the closure of many of the local roads used for rock hunting. 2,200 letters have been sent to the BLM opposing these closures. The BLM may also charge a \$5.00 fee per person when found rock hunting. The November and December fieldtrips are printed in the Rocky Tales.

General Meeting Minutes, cont.

Dave reminded everyone that guests are welcome with a member and must ride with that member. Be sure to take your two-way radio to use on the road and while out of our vehicles looking for rocks. Notations will always be made concerning the terrain we will be traveling in our vehicles and on foot.

Friendship: Madge Klinger reported that a card was sent to Charlisce Scott in the name of the club. Madge asked that if you know of anyone in the club that could use a card to contact her.

Government Compliance: Judy Cano stated that she is now required to keep up with new rules of compliance on a regular basis.

Greeter: Gail Gilpin submitted the Membership Sign-in and Guest Sign-in sheets for this meeting.

Show: Karen Lohr reminded us that the Gem and Mineral Show begins tomorrow morning. Hours will be 9am to 5 pm on Saturday and 9am to 4pm on Sunday.

Social Director: Judy Cano reminded us that Dec. 17 from noon to finish, the decorating will be done for the Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome to help and there is a need for the men to help with some heavy lifting involved.

Workshop: Don Winger informed us that anyone using the college workshop must first take the basic course in lapidary or faceting class. The club will reimburse, one time only, half of the member's tuition for taking one of these two classes at MCC. To receive the reimbursement the member will donate two pieces of their work to the club and prove that the class was completed.

Old Business: It has been approved that show vendors will be considered auxiliary until Dec. 31, 2011. Their membership fee will be prorated at \$2.00 per vendor to be taken from their booth rental. This will keep the club in compliance with IRS regulations. This needs to be made part of our By-Law changes. Sharlene Hellberg and Barry Bandaruk volunteered to be part of the committee to update our By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Nominating Committee: Stan Sutton and Tom Henderson asked for volunteers to round out the ballot for all the various positions being voted on next month. When Stan Sutton was nominated for President he had to resign from the nominating committee. Homer Rhodaback and Lou Porter volunteered to be on the committee.

General Meeting Minutes, cont.

There was discussion concerning raising the club dues. Homer Rhodaback made a motion to table membership dues increase discussion until January 2012. Motion was seconded by Ken Deihl. Motion passed.

Vereen White donated a screen printed t-shirt and baseball cap with the club name on them. C Russell auctioned them off. The hat went for \$31.00 and the shirt for \$20.00.

The meeting was adjourned by C Russell at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Rhodaback, Secretary

LAPIDARY CLASSES AT MCC

By David Frybarger

Now is the time to sign up for Lapidary Classes at Mohave Community College. The MCC Lake Havasu Campus is offering two classes. They are January 3 to February 7, 2012 on Tuesday's from 8am to 11:50am, and January 4 to February 8, 2012 on Wednesday's from 1pm to 4:50pm. The instructor is LHGMS member, Mark Payne. You can sign up at the Student Services office at 1977 Acoma Blvd. West. Last day to register is December 9, 2011 so hurry. Class size is limited. At the Nov-ember 2, 2011 Executive Board meeting, the Board agreed to reimburse any member one-half of their tuition cost for taking a Lapidary class. To qualify for this reimbursement you need to donate two pieces of work to the club and present your Certificate of Completion to the Club Treasurer. This benefit is available "one time per member only". The full tuition cost is \$106. More classes may be offered by MCC in the future.

A TIDBIT of information: We have 230 members and 62 people helped with the Gem Show. Of those 62, most of them were over 65.

**GEM SHOW PHOTOS
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2011**



Happy Anniversary

**John & Julie Carter
Don & Barb Creasey
David & Becky Frybarger
Jack & Muilani Hodges
Bill & Bess Terrell
Don & Charlotte Winger
Chuck & Echo Wilson**



**Julie Carter
Paul Fee
Muilani Hodges
Delores Linse
Joanne Perin
Liz Porter
Darlene Quandt
C Russell
Joyce Skoien
Bill Terrell
Tom Webster
Howard Wicks
Michael Gault
Al Wakefield
Joe Tidwell
Mike Miller
Jack Smothers
Laren Maxon
Bill Glumack**



!Precious Gems!

Gems to Karen Lohr, the entire Gem and Mineral Show Committee and all the volunteers for all their work in making the annual show a big success!

The Gem Show was a Great Success!

THANK YOU to ALL that helped! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY CHAIRPERSONS. This could not have been done without you. My sincerest gratitude. We will submit a financial report at the December meeting. Suggestions are welcome if you are prepared to implement them.

Karen Lohr

Our “Hot Rock n’ Food” was the hit of the show! Thanks Jay Brown!

We want to Hear from you!!!It’s time again to discuss the next show. ☺ We are considering the possibility of moving the show to Springtime. Right now we have a date reserved for the first weekend in February 2013. At this time it’s all we can get but we can possibly move it to the end of February or into March another time. We know we couldn’t do it in February 2012. It would be too soon! We would like your input on your pros and cons. Please contact Liz Porter. E-mail: lizinyl@aol.com or phone: 928-453-8415

November		February	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
Tradition Christmas Shopping	Amount of help	More Shoppers More members To help work More Town Activity	Tucson Show Quartzite (people have already spent money

We will discuss this at the December meeting. Think about reasons you would or wouldn’t want to change. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! We can put them in the January newsletter so everyone has a chance to think about it and we can take a vote in January. This will help with future planning and comes down to which month you would prefer to work.

Rock & Gem Shows December

2-4—*SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA*: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7 weekend pass, children 11 and under free; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300 b (503) 252-8300 e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

9-11—*COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA*: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr.; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7 weekend pass, children 11 and under free; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300 (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

16-18—*SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA*: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Scottish Rite Center, 1896 Camino del Rio S; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7 weekend pass, children 11 and under free; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300 (503) 252-8300 ; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

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.

MORE GEM SHOW PHOTOS





Please send exchange bulletins to

The address below

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