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BOARD MEETING
Mt. Olive Parish Center
5:00 P.M. December 12, 2014
2170 Havasupai Blvd.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, December 12, 2014

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*



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Monthly
Meetings

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2014

If you are interested in being on the ballot please
contact Rick Gilpin, Chairman Nominating
Committee at 928-208-8992

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

Barry Bandaruk	President	928-706-9382
Gayle Gilpin	Vice President	
Susan Kirk	Secretary	
Steve Greel	Treasurer	
Jack Fritch	Sgt.at Arms	
Curt Clark	First Year Director	
Ron Murphy	Second Year Director	
Vereen White	Third Year Director	
C Russell	Past President	

COMMITTEES

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Webmaster:	Bruce Wilhelm	928-566-4580

EVENTS:

Field Trips:	Open	
Finance	Larry Brown	573-870-0026
Gem Show	Open	
Greeter/ Fifty-Fifty	Nan Russell	928-846-0927
Hospitality	Helen Reyes Kathy Padilla	
Lapidary Shop	Rick Gilpin	928-854-3306
Membership:	Gayle Gilpin	928-208-8992
Scholarship/Education	Dave Christensen	928-452-3448
Winterfest	Open	
Wire Wrapping	Linda Gromov	928-486-7533

The Rocky Tales is published monthly, except for June, July, and August. The submission deadline is the 3rd Friday of the month by email to:

awiederrick@yahoo.com

Rocky Tales Team: Alberta Wiederrick and Annette Maroney

Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm
<http://www.lakehavasugms.org/>

--President's Message--

The Gem Show for 2014 was a successful event. Again, it took a large number of people to make the show a success. For those that participated, the executive board extends a heartfelt "Thank You". It takes a commitment by the membership to make the show happen. Remember this event is supposed to be the biggest fundraiser the club does. The money raised is to help eliminate the other fundraising events and maintain dues at current levels. We will be having a meeting December 10 at the Library to analyze the outcomes and make recommendations for next year.

The Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 5 for those that signed up. Compared to the last two years, the participation is not the same as it has been. But, we will have a Santa Claus, gift exchange, and a boat show.

This past month, we have spent some extra time exploring Blankenship Wash. We have located some interesting places to collect Bacon Jasper. Also, a small canyon was identified. At the top is a hillside full of agatized material that looks similar to Burro Creek purple agate. We will visit this site after the first of the year. The trip, to State Line, that had been proposed, is postponed due to the rains that have washed out most of the roads. My wife and I spent part of the Thanksgiving Weekend exploring the Cargo Muchacho Mts. Here in the 1600's, the Spanish were the first to locate gold in what would become California. The United Mining Company (Tumco) was the last to own these mines and they have fallen into disrepair. Today, there is a ghost town that can be explored. It is a great area for dry camping and you need to be fully self-contained. However, West of S34 about 1½ miles is Gold Rock Ranch with full hookups. There are a variety of rock samples that can be located and worked. This might be an area for a future trip! Another trip, being considered, is to the Vulture Mine outside of Wickenburg. We will, also, keep looking for local areas to explore.

The December General Membership meeting is Friday the 12th. During this meeting we will be electing a new Executive Board. Sue Stievo has volunteered to run as president. She has been involved with the Gem show the last two years. Also she organized a successful Winterfest. She and her husband, Dan, are also full timers in Havasu! If you would like to be on the ballot please contact Rick Gilpin and discuss your participation. At the November meeting, Cat Van Kampen did a presentation on local rocks. The presentation was well received. If you have a topic, a talk or a presentation on rocks or mines please volunteers to share your experience.

The rock and breakfast activities are growing. This past month we had 26 people show up at Denny's to share a rock or story. Mike Ridenour had made some very nice cabochons out of the Bacon Jasper he found in Blankenship. Remember these breakfast are the 4th Monday of the month. December 22nd is the next breakfast. Location is to be determined.

MCCC has not found a person "they feel" is qualified to run the Lapidary Shop, to assist as a supervisor for the machines. We are still on hold. Hopefully, something will occur after the first of the year.

-President's Message (cont.)

I want to thank the following people for their commitment to the program this past year. Alberta Wiederrick for her editorial expertise in managing the Rocky Tales. Annette Maroney for distribution of the newsletter. Bruce Wilhelm for his expertise in maintaining the LHGMS Website. Gail Gilpin for keeping track of the membership. Jack Fritchey for two years of service as the Sergeant-At-Arms. Shirley Greel for her efforts as greeter. Finally, our hospitality hostess, Helen Reyes and Kathy Padilla have done an incredible service of keeping us fed at the General membership meetings.

I hope December meets your expectations. Please remember, "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone", *Charles M. Schulz*.

"Best of Life To You!" *Barry Bandaruk*.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

General Meeting Minutes

Nov. 14, 2014

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Barry Bandaruk ask Peggy Claeys to record minutes in the absence of a secretary, due to Sue Kirk quitting citing health issues.

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society, November General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, by Barry Bandaruk. Jack Fritchey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes for the October meeting were not submitted to the Rocky Tales and were not available. Sue Kirk, the secretary, quit due to health issues.

Steve Greel submitted the treasury report. Final analysis for the Gem Show had not been completed. More work has to be done and a meeting to analyze the final financial records will occur in early December.

Birthday and Anniversary announcement were made. Twelve guests were introduced.

Gayle Gilpin updated our membership with 196 members. Ten new members joined the Society and will officially introduce them in December.

There is still no solution to the lapidary class. The college has indicated they are looking for a qualified instructor and nothing will occur until after January 1st of 2015.

Cat Van Kampen was a guest speaker, from Kingman, who presented a talk on collectable rocks and their locations. Her presentation was well received!

Special "Thanks" go to Sandy Hermanson and Val Barney for their efforts in representing the Society in the Chili Cook off!

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A Rock and Breakfast meeting was set for Monday, 11/24, at Denny's 9 AM. Please submit items of interest such as short stories, poems, and photos to Alberta Wiederrick, our rocky tales editor, prior to the third week of the month, for publication. There are club T-shirts for sale. These shirts are done by order only.

Rick Gilpin is heading up the election committee for the new board to convene in January. The following positions have candidates willing to serve:

President Sue Stievo, Secretary Rusty LaViolette, Treasurer Curtis Clark, Sergeant at arms Steve Greel. Director, first year Michelle Smedley. Vice President is still open. Gayle Gilpin has expressed interest in remaining on the board. If nobody else is willing, the bylaws do allow her to serve another year. Other people interested in these offices should contact Rick Gilpin.

A discussion as to selling the wooden tables that have been in the Society's possession for many years was presented to the membership. These tables make setting up and taking down the gem show a difficult task. It places a heavy toll on many of the senior citizens involved. If we can move them and replace them with another 35 lifetime tables, this task will be less cumbersome. More input is needed before a decision will be made.

Please keep Gayle Gilpin informed of any changes in phone numbers, addresses and email changes.

Respectfully submitted.

Peggy Claeys and Barry Bandaruk

From Linda Gromov:

I am having a Saturday class in wire wrap at the college. Below is listed the information for those wishing to sign up for the class. Maximum in the class is 6. The one listed is a morning class. I will add an afternoon class if there are enough interested in taking it.

SLS 108 Introduction to Wire Wrap Jewelry Fee \$25 Jewelry creation using simple tools and coiling, wrapping and shaping wire without soldering or using expensive jewelry equipment. Materials will be provided. Wire, cabochon and use of tools. If you want to use your own cabochon you may.

Room 103 - Gromov, Linda 928-486-7533 or LMGpottery@hotmail.com

1/24/2015 Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Enroll at calendar.mohave.edu look at the date of the class and click on register. If it doesn't say register at the top of the page the class is full. Contact Cheryl for the wait list. If there is enough interest I would add a second class on that day in the afternoon (1-5PM).

Class limit is 6, if the class is full you may ask to be put on the wait list. Additional class(es) will be scheduled as the need arises.

Contact Cheryl MacLean to be put on the wait list. 928-692-3025

or cmaclean@mohave.edu

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – October 10, 2014

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

General Meeting Minutes

Oct. 10, 2014

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Barry Bandaruk. Jack Fritchey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Greel, Treasurer gave the financial report. Gayle Gilpin, Membership Chair, reported the Society now has 190 members. Two members achieved ten year membership status.

Barry announced that we are still awaiting a decision from the college regarding Lapidary classes; he hopes to have a decision from them by next month.

Sue Kirk, Gem Show Chair requested volunteers for the Gem Show stating that the show was well in hand but more people would be needed at the show. Ed Darnell and Barry Bandaruk would be refinishing the showcases at Barry's house the following week. Susan also thanked new members Carol Jose, and Peggy Cleavy for their extraordinary work obtaining donations resulting in over \$3,000.00 in raffle prizes for the scholarship. Peggy and Carol were also in charge of door prizes and a fun new event - a scavenger hunt for all ages to win extra door prize tickets. Michelle Smedley has done a remarkable job coordinating all marketing materials and getting all the printing done for the show. Ed Darnell vision will result in a greatly improved flow at the show. Thanks to everyone for their hard work. Susan asked for more volunteers at the swap meet on Sundays to hand out discount tickets for the show.

The Christmas dinner is December 5th at the Nautical Inn beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tickets need to be purchased at the next meeting as a \$250.00 deposit must be made.

Fright Night need more folks to hand out candy and Gem Show discount tickets. Please meet up at the Red Onion before five p.m. on October 31st.

On November 1st there will be a Chili cook-off put on by the Chamber-of-Commerce. Shirley Greel volunteered to cook chili for our entry in the event. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy some great food. Gem show discount tickets will be handed out at this event as well.

Shirley Greel's fabulous Society T-Shirts are in - and she has made some minor changes that have enhanced the design as printed on the T-Shirts. T-Shirts can be ordered through Shirley or at our monthly meetings.

This month's program by Barry Bandaruk was an informative and interesting presentation about turquoise in history with photos of turquoise from various mines.

As secretary of the LHG&MS I wish to apologize to all members, particularly Alberta Wiederrick for the delay in publishing the Rocky Tales this month, and past months. My health had greatly interfered in the performance of my duties as Secretary, and I am truly sorry to the members for my failure to provide more detailed and timely reporting.

Door Prize Winners:

Sue Kirk, Joe Barry, Shirley Greel, Hank Smedley, and Howard Wicks.

50/50 Winners:

Sue Kirk - \$15.00

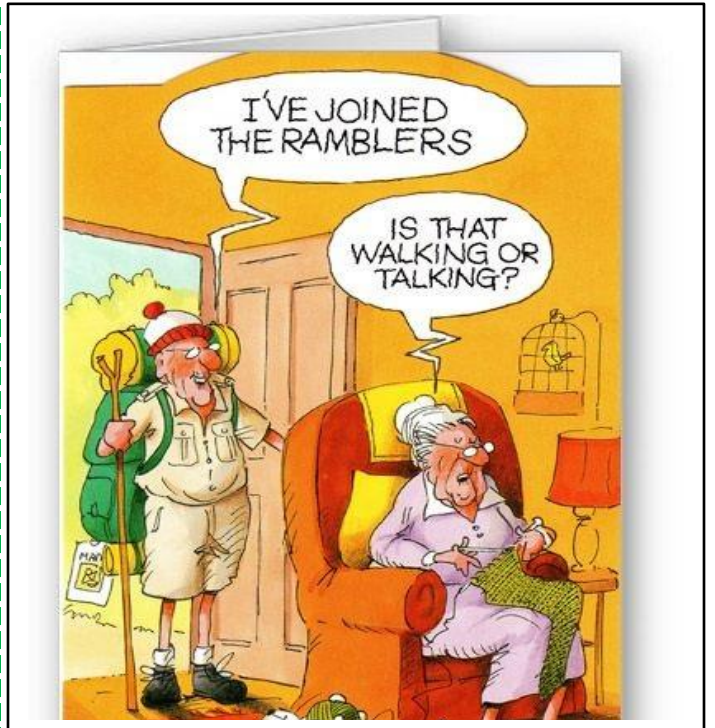
Howard Wicks - \$11.00

Meeting Adjourned.

Sue Kirk, Secretary



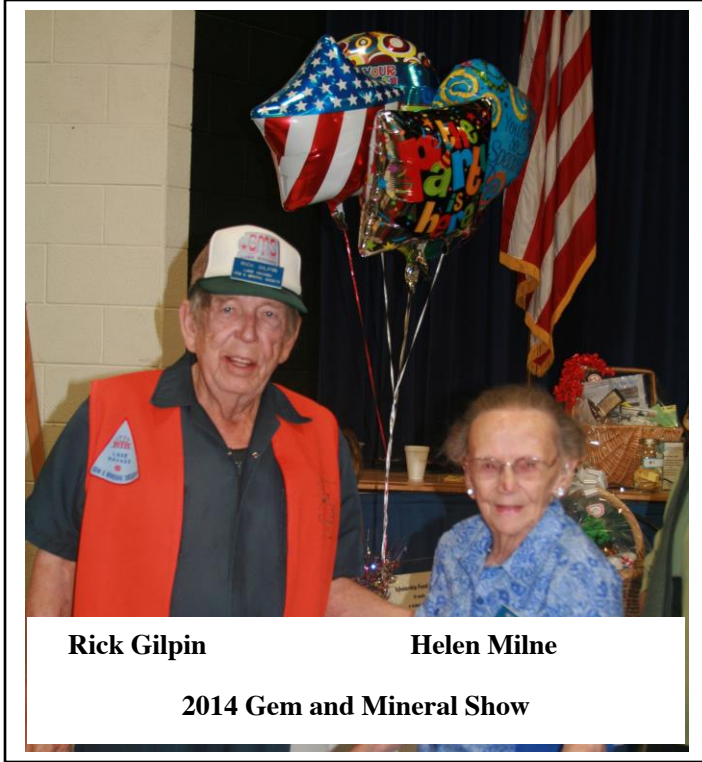
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 Bruce Dulon
 Joann Jacobsen
 Eileen Lewis
 Eric Lough
 Mike Miller
 Rose Myers
 Kristal Norman
 Liz Porter
 C Russell
 Bill Terrill
 Howard Wicks*



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Happy Anniversary

*Bim & Vickie Blake
 Mike & Cheryl Brown
 John & Julie Carter
 Don & Barb Creasey
 Joe & Tina Handler
 Jim & Roxanne Helgeson
 Bob & Tammie Pate
 Bill & Bess Terrell
 Donald & Charlotte
 Winger*



Rick Gilpin **Helen Milne**
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