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**BOARD MEETING**  
Mohave County Library  
1770 McCulloch Blvd N  
Conference Room D,  
March 3, 2016  
Noon - 2:00 pm

## GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, March 11, 2016

**Mt. Olive Parish Center**

**2170 Havasupai Blvd.**

**Lake Havasu City, Az.**

Meeting Begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

**Rock & Egg  
Breakfast**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday each  
month  
9:00 a.m.  
At  
Golden Corral

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**2016 Memberships  
are now past due.**

## Potluck

Our Annual March Potluck is looked forward too by many members every year. Share your favorite dish with others and remember to bring your own plates, silverware & napkins. This year's chair, Linda Harley has turned the alphabet upside down, match the first letter of your last name to the list:

- A-G Salad or Side Dish
- H-L Dessert
- M-Z Main Dish with Meat.

Table & Chair set up at 5:00 pm. Manpower to set up tables and chairs is needed and appreciated, as well as help to put it all away!

Dinner Set up begins at 5:30pm. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm, and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

# CLUB INFORMATION

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**

**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).**

## OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

<b>Hank Smedley</b>	President
<b>Linda Harley</b>	Vice President
<b>Kathie Bryson</b>	Secretary
<b>Jerry Harley</b>	Treasurer
<b>Ed Darnell</b>	Sgt.at Arms
<b>Patrick Bell</b>	First Year Director
<b>Gayle Gilpin</b>	Second Year Director
<b>Carol Jose</b>	Third Year Director
<b>Susan Stievo</b>	Past President

## COMMITTEES

	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>BOD Rep</b>
<b>Club Promotion</b>	Open	Gayle Gilpin
<b>Communications</b>	Michelle Smedley Bruce Wilhelm	Secretary Kathie Bryson
<b>Education</b>	Open	Patrick Bell
<b>Facilities</b>	Open	Ed Darnell
<b>Field Trips</b>	Open	Open
<b>Finance</b>	Open	Jerry Harley
<b>Fund Raisers</b>	Open	
<b>Gem Show</b>	Open	
<b>Greeters</b>	Edith Walden	Gayle Gilpin
<b>Hospitality</b>	Helen Reyes Kathy Padilla	Ed Darnell
<b>Property</b>	Open	Carol Jose

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## --President's Message--

February has been a busy month, we've had two great field trips; Howard Wicks took us over to the west side of the lake to find agate and jasper and showed the group some old petroglyphs. Steve Greel and Gary Luezingler led a camping trip to the Oatman area.

At the February monthly meeting, our silent auction brought in \$350. Thanks to Ed Darnell, Rick Gilpin and Patrick Bell for making it happen, everyone who donated items, and those who parted with their hard earned cash to take home a little treasure.

At the last meeting I was happy to see so many members offering their thoughts on where the club is headed. The Lapidary Committee provided a comprehensive report on the feasibility and projected costs to open our own multi function facility. We are going to discuss this at our next meeting in March. The membership approved funds to create an educational 501-C3 organization which would operate the new facility. We have started the process to make it happen.

Several of us manned the booth at Winterfest and met with hundreds of people at the event. Thank you to all who came out, helped set up and represent the club.

Our scholarship committee consisting of Michelle Smedley, Patrick Bell and Steve Bryson will be meeting in March to get the Scholarship process underway.

Looking back over the month, I had a great time going out with everyone and getting to know the people in our club a little better.

Hank Smedley

## *Happy Birthday*

<i>Kathie Bryson</i>	<i>Helen Milne</i>
<i>Barbara Carpenter</i>	<i>Carol Monk</i>
<i>Ed Darnell</i>	<i>Nan Russell</i>
<i>Jerry Harley</i>	<i>Hank Smedley</i>
<i>David Leidy</i>	<i>Robert Wiederrick</i>

## *Happy Anniversary*

*AJ & Natalie Ellis*  
*Ronnie & Sandie Graf*  
*Michael & Louise Ridenour*  
*C & Nan Russell*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2016  
Mt Olive Parish Center  
2170 Havasupai Blvd  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Members present: 54

New Members: 4

Guests present: 7

Club President Hank Smedley called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Flag Salute: Sergeant-at-Arms, Ed Darnell led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Minutes: Club President, Hank stated that the minutes for the January general meeting were published in the last edition of the *Rocky Tales* newsletter. Hank asked if there were any corrections/changes needed to the minutes. No changes are needed. The minutes will be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Vice President, Linda Harley read the treasurer's report of Jan 31, 2016. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for review.

2016 Budget – Vice President, Linda Harley reviewed the proposed 2016 Budget with the membership.

Steve Greel indicated the budget should include an additional \$150 for the *work* to be performed at the Keenan Camp Mine. The budget allows \$125 for 'Claims/Mines' for 'paperwork/mine repairs' but that is not enough to cover both. Hank will visit with Barry Bandaruk (past president) to get an update on the paperwork and needed repairs, and will report back to the membership next month.

The budget also includes \$2500 for 'Lapidary Committee' for lapidary *start-up* costs to consult with a lawyer, a CPA and costs of possible 501c3 reorganization. Hank explained some of the benefits of switching from a 501(c)7 to a 501(c)3 to the membership. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget item. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Membership Report & Guests:

Second Year Director, Gayle Gilpin stated that the club has 4 new members since last month. They are:

Jim Russo – from Snohomish, WA

Debbie Ross – from LHC & Britannia Beach, BC, Canada

Chris Mousley – from Kingman, AZ

Cliff Brashears – from LHC

Gayle presented badges to 4 newer members (from previous months enrollments).

7 guests attended our meeting today.

Annual membership dues are due by today.

We currently have 84 paid members now.

Silent Auction: A break was taken so that members could review items submitted for auction and place some bids.

Director & Committee Reports:

3<sup>rd</sup> year Director, Carol Jose (Property) - Nothing to report today

*(minutes continued)*

1<sup>st</sup> year Director, Patrick Bell (Education) - Patrick informed the membership that the club has a new Facebook page, which he has been working on. The web page can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/lhcgems/> Thank you Patrick!

Audit Report: President Hank Smedley informed the membership of the recent Audit of the club finances. The audit report shows that we are operating as we should be.

Lapidary shop Committee Report: President Hank Smedley discussed the details of the Lapidary Committee Report with the membership. He discussed the proposed creation of a new business entity with a non-profit tax status of 501(c)3 to allow tax deductible donations. Patrick Bell went over the survey results with the membership. Hank asked the members to review the report thoroughly before the next general meeting as we will be voting on the proposal next month. Hank reminded the members that this project will require member participation to be successful.

Old Business: Scholarship Committee – one more person is needed for the committee. Hank asked for volunteers and Steve Bryson agreed to help out on the committee.

Gem Show Chair – We still need a Gem Show Chair. Ed Darnell and Michelle Smedley will be part of the committee so the chairperson will have strong support. Members are encouraged to consider the honor of chairing the Gem Show and doing their part to help support the club.

Field Trips – Howard Wicks

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – No field trips planned.

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - No field trips this weekend as Winterfest takes place that weekend.

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> – Steve Greel & Gary Luezinger will team up to lead a Golden Shores/Oatman camping/field trip. The Oatman outing will be going after Jasper in the Silver Creek area. The weekend outing will include a potluck on Friday and campfires in the evenings. Members are welcome to come out for the daily outings even if they can't camp out. Let Steve know if you will be going. 4WD is required for the daily trips but not needed to get to the campsite. The rattlesnakes are out already so be cautious.

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – open

March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – open

March 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Burro Creek Camp out

May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Flagstaff & Gray Mtn., Joseph City & Holbrook

Silent Auction: Another break was taken so that members could place some more bids.

Winterfest – Gayle Gilpin reminded us that we need volunteers to help out at Winterfest. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the room. We will be located at booth #192 on McCulloch on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

March Potluck – Linda Harley updated the members on our plans for our March Potluck. We need strong men to help setup the tables at 5:30. Dinner will begin at 6:00 and we will hold our general meeting at 7:00.

For last names beginning with A-G, bring a salad or a side dish.

For last names beginning with H-L, bring a dessert.

For last names beginning with M-Z, bring a main dish with meat.

Drawings – 9 Door prizes were awarded

50/50 ticket winners were Marvin Jacobsen & Harold Hillis

Adjournment – The business meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Kathie Bryson, Secretary

## WINTERFEST BOOTH



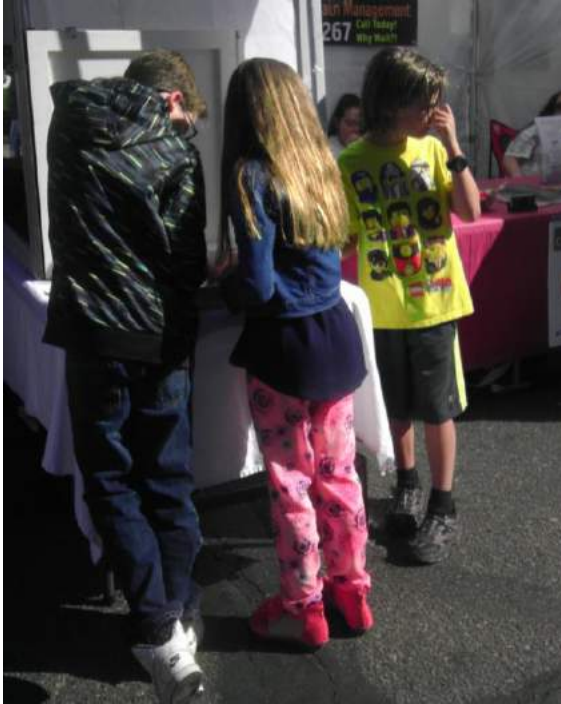
Our Club had a real nice informational booth at Winterfest this year. There were two display cases set up; one had local rocks that were found on our field trips, and the other case had some interesting rocks and minerals. All the rocks were labeled for easy identification. The local rocks display case also showed what items can be created with stones.



The tray of free tumbled rocks was a huge drawing point. Others were fascinated by our "take a slab or rock and leave a donation" table.



People stopped by to pick out their favorite free rock, took our brochures, and asked questions about our club. We had rocks, slabs, fossils, and educational books that we asked for a donation.



Left: Youth enjoying playing with the tumbled rocks before taking one home.

Below: Club members Rick Gilpin and Michelle Smedley



A special THANKS goes out to Ed Darnell, Steve Greel, Rod & Carla St. Clair, Cliff Brashears, Shirley Koepke, Rick & Gayle Gilpin, Hank & Michelle Smedley, Patrick Bell, Linda Harley, AJ, Natalie, & Nick Ellis, and Al Yanity for helping in our booth.



From left to right: Membership Chair Gayle Gilpin, Director Pat Bell, President Hank Smedley

## OATMAN CAMPING & FIELD TRIP

Friday's pot luck dinner was wonderful at our camp out near Oatman. We gathered around the fire and enjoyed conversation with members.



The desert was in full bloom for the field trip into Dinosaur Canyon on Saturday. Members gathered  
Petrified wood and Tule Root, Fossils, Coprolite and assorted agates.

Above Left:  
Field trip stop.

Above Middle:  
Desert Flower

Above Right:  
Carol Jose waves

Left: R.J. Jose  
found this  
magnificent  
piece of  
petrified wood  
within twenty  
feet of his jeep.

Right: Past club  
member Matyl



Because of warm temperatures and trailer problems we canceled Sunday's adventure. Thanks to our campers Carol & RJ Jose, AJ, Natalie & Nick, Linda & Gary Leuzinger, and those who came up for day trips.



## The ROCKHOUND'S TEN COMMANDMENT'S

1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pinching, squeezing, or biting.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently. Sometimes thou can be wrong.
6. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
7. Thou shalt not climb above thou neighbor's head when on a fieldtrip, lest thou art willing to spent the rest of the day digging him out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hands, and feet so that thou can enjoy many more fieldtrips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging, lest his hammer be dropped upon thy toe.
10. Thou shalt not complain about, or denounce, the club officers under penalty of being elected one thyself.

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## Field Trips

Field Trips are important to any Rock club, and we're proud to offer one almost every weekend January through April. Committee members Barry Bandaruk, Ed Darnell, Steve Greel, Mike Ridenour, Howard Wicks and Al Yanity always welcome suggestions from other club members for destinations.

Please remember to bring the following items on every field trip:

Extra water, drinks, lunch, snacks

First Aid kit

Walkie Talkies

Hammer

Tool bag or bucket

Chair(s)

Most field trips require a 4 Wheel Drive, make sure your vehicle has been serviced and the tires checked.

Watch your email for reminders. Below are some pictures from February 13th Field trip led by Howard Wicks.



Top Left: Agate site, well known and picked over.

Top Right: Gathering agatized jasper behind the Petroglyphs

Bottom Left: Petroglyphs

Bottom Right: Burros on the way to a Jasper field.

## MINERAL OF THE MONTH

Every month at the General Meeting, Director Pat Bell presents a Mineral of the month. Here's a preview for March:

Clear Quartz Crystals, Formula:(SiO<sub>2</sub>), from the Feather River, in Plumas County California. These beautiful crystals of clear quartz, are unique to the location. They exhibit the rare quality, having microcrystals, attached to the main crystal faces, giving them a "prickly" appearance.



There will be 9 specimens available for purchase, each labeled and mounted to a clear acrylic base. The price will be \$10, per specimen, and as always, 50% of the proceeds, will go to the club.

As an added bonus, Pat will also be giving a free specimen of, "Havasus Sand Crystals", to one of the purchasers of this month's mineral, by ticket drawing.



**Please send exchange bulletins to**

**The address below**

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