



**LAKE HAVASU
GEM & MINERAL
SOCIETY**

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BOARD MEETINGS

5:00pm 1st Friday of the
month (Sept. - May) at
Mohave County Library
Executive Conference
Room

**FIELD TRIP
COMMITTEE**

The committee meets the
second Monday of each
month at 7:00 pm.

Future meetings will be
held at David Frybarger's
house at 2510 Angler Dr.

928-230-9080

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GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, March 13, 2009

Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403
Large Building Next to Church
Meeting begins @ 7:00pm
Visiting @ 6:00pm

Annual Potluck Dinner

March is the month for our annual potluck dinner. In order to allow time to eat and socialize, the dinner will start at 6:00 pm.

Bring your favorite dish and table service.

The regular meeting will start at the usual time of 7:00 pm.

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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 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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Show Chairs: Ruth DeWoody and "C" Russell

Scholarship: Lou Porter

Social Director & Special Events: Marie Cole

Sunshine: Madge Klinger

Webmaster: Bruce Wilhelm, Barbara Wiggins

President's Message

As a club we are fortunate to have both a newsletter and a website available for communication and as a reference resource.

This year in an effort to reach out more to new members and seasoned veterans, I am asking committee chairs to submit monthly news for the *Rocky Tales* which is included on our website www.LakeHavasuGMS.org. Committees reporting will be: Show, Social, Beaders & Wrappers, Field Trip, Education and Programs. You will see activity opportunities and have names and telephone numbers available for more information or to answer questions. Eventually we will be able to create a whole reference page of club-specific information.

Our March 13 meeting will start at **6:00 pm** instead of the usual 7 pm to allow an hour for the **potluck dinner** and socializing. Before the start of the regular meeting at 7, our Show Committee will discuss and demonstrate activities for the show which will be November 14 and 15. The club truly needs volunteers for the Show. The committee will ask you to help a little or a lot in order to make the show a success.

We will have a good program and good food at the meeting! Doyle Wilson will tell us about "**The Geological History of the Colorado River Area.**" Remember— potluck, 6pm, bring your favorite dish and table service!. I look forward to seeing you there.

Stan



General Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2009

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403
Submitted by Secretary Kathy Ernst

President Stan Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms Layne Walker led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An announcement about this evening's silent auction was made. Then new members and guests were welcomed.

The January minutes stand approved as published.

Treasurer Ed McCauliff gave a brief report. The budget committee will meet on March 4, 2009.

Roberta Gordon, Membership Chair, presented new members Philip Marshall and Paul and Leonor Fee with membership cards and name badges. Those members who have not paid their 2009 dues will be delinquent at the end of tonight's meeting.

Stan Sutton introduced tonight's program presenter **Mike Riddle**. The topic was "Havasu Before the Bridge, Preserving the Past by Educating the Future. The major areas were Southwest Archaeology and History of the People. Mike delved into his lecture with a power point presentation and a refreshing humorous twist about petroglyphs, geoglyphs, pottery, lifestyle, food, gardening methods, snakes and other animals. In the 1850's white man ended the culture of these early people. **Note:** Don't remove artifacts unless you own the property. Mike invited the membership to Swansea Ghost Town for tours on Tuesdays during March from 10 A.M. –3 P.M.

After the refreshment break, the following committees reported:

(February minutes cont.)

Committee Reports:

David Frybarger announced that an updated field trip schedule is available. Please pick one up at the side table.

C Russell and Ruth DeWoody, Show Chairpersons, reported that, in order for the show to go on, members must step up and help. A Show committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, at 6 P.M. at the Mohave County Library. All volunteers are welcome.

Stan Sutton reported for Rick Gilpin, Program Director, that next month's presenter will be Doyle Wilson speaking about the History of the Colorado River.

Marie Cole reported that the March mixer is cancelled. She passed around a clipboard sign up encouraging members to volunteer and record any ideas.

Roberta Gordon reported for Madge Klinger, Sunshine Director. Roberta announced the list of members who either were recovering from an illness or surgery. Many need our prayers.

Old Business

Stan Sutton took an opinion vote on whether to move the date of the annual show to the spring. This would mean that in 2010 there wouldn't be a show. From a show of hands, the opinion is to keep the schedule as is.

Stan then encouraged members to lead or join a committee.

Kathy Ernst, Secretary, read a thank you letter from Friends of Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum for our recent contribution. Becky Frybarger questioned the allocation of the funds within the FAMMM organization. A follow-up inquiry to FAMMM will be made.

New Business:

Mike Palmquist made a motion that the board minutes be made available to the membership. It was seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion carried. Copies of the recent board minutes and treasurer's reports will be available at every membership meeting.

Christine Stone made a motion to send a birthday card with a gift card, gift, or flowers to those members who have achieved 20 year member-

ship plus. It was seconded. Discussion continued until Mike Palmquist recommended that the motion be tabled to investigate the legality of club gifts to members. The motion was tabled for investigation.

Nan Russell made a motion to send Madge Klinger a gift from the club on the celebration of her 95th birthday. It was seconded and carried.

Announcements:

The March 13, 2009 membership meeting will start with a **potluck** at 6 P.M. Bring your favorite dish and table service.

The May 8, 2009 membership meeting will be held in the Youth Center (same church) because the current meeting room is scheduled for a church function.

Even though the April meeting will fall on Good Friday, the board felt the meeting date should not be changed.

Stan Sutton reminded the participants in the Silent Auction to pay for their treasures. Those items remaining should be picked up by the donors.

There were 75 members in attendance and 9 guests. Door prizes were won by Mary Brown, Philip Marshall, and Randy Perin.

The 50/50 ticket sales netted the club \$71 and the following prizes were awarded: \$40 to Ken Diehl and \$31 to Mike Palmquist.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Kathy Ernst, Secretary

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

March Birthstone: Aquamarine

Aquamarine (Lat. *aqua marina*, "water of the sea") is a [gemstone](#)-quality transparent variety of [beryl](#), having a delicate blue or [turquoise](#) color, suggestive of the tint of [seawater](#). It is closely related to the gem [emerald](#). Colors vary, and in addition to blue, yellow beryl ([heliodor](#)), rose pink beryl ([morganite](#)), [red beryl](#) (formerly bixbite), and white beryl ([goshenite](#)) are also to be found.

Source Wikipedia

A STORY FOR THE PEBBLE PUPS

MEET THE QUARTZ FAMILY

Original Author - Unknown

Papa and Mama Quartz Crystal belong to a very large family of rocks. They are called the **Quartz-Crystal** family to distinguish them from Uncle Agate's family and Aunt Opal's family, and a whole raft of cousin Quartzes. Then, too, Mama Quartz' maiden name was **Rock Crystal**. They came from Herkimer County, New York, and Papa often called her his little "**Herkimer Diamond**". She was very lovely - nicely shaped and perfectly clear and sparkling. Papa Quartz was **Milky Quartz** and, while he was nicely shaped, too, he didn't sparkle like Mama.

Papa and Mama Quartz had quite a large family. First there was lovely **Rose Quartz**. She often bemoaned the fact that she was dumpy and didn't have Mama's nice figure. But she was so sweet and a rosy pink that no one cared about her shape. She got her healthy color from eating her **Titanium** every morning when she was a baby crystal.

Next came **Amethyst**. She took after Mama Quartz with her nice shape and sparkling, clear color, except that Amethyst was just the color of violets. She hadn't cared much for Titanium when she was a baby but she loved **Manganese**, which gave her the lovely lavender hue.

Smoky Quartz was the oldest boy in the family. Mama Quartz had a time at breakfast with her babies; each one liked different food. Smoky wouldn't eat anything but **Carbon**, so he had a grayish color.

Little **Citrine** Quartz started out to look just like her sister Amethyst, but one day, in the hot summer, she got overheated and her lavender color turned to deep yellow. But she didn't care,

really, because she was different from the others and still quite pretty.

The Quartz-Crystal children had a younger brother whose name was **Ferruginous Quartz**, but almost everyone called him "**Ferry**". He was quite a handsome boy with an attractive red color which Mama Quartz insisted was because he was such a good child and ate his daily portions of **Iron** eagerly.

That's just about all of the Quartz-Crystal family except for the Ghost. He was known as **Phantom Crystal** and he looked like all the rest of the family except that you could look right through him and see another crystal inside.

The Quartz crystals were all quite important people: Papa Quartz was content to do ordinary things but Mama was a brilliant actress and little Rose, Amethyst and Citrine Quartz-Crystal all grew up to be lovely jewels. Smoky and Ferruginous, the boys, took after their father and worked at ordinary jobs. Papa and Mama Quartz-Crystal were certainly very proud of their big family.

Source: Jaspilite, via Crystal Gazer, Glacial Drifter and Oregon Rockhound, 11/1982, via Calgary Lapidary, 5/2008

Classes

MCC Leisure Classes in Lapidary and Silversmithing will be offered if a teacher is available and students sign up. Contact MCC if you are interested or the classes will be dropped.

Sad News

The Hollister, Ca. BLM has closed the best rock collecting site in Central California (Clear Creek). Read more information about it at our next meeting.

Rock and Gem Show Dates- March

Provided by Rock and Gem Magazine

6-8--DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA: Show; Gem Faire Inc.; Del Mar Fairgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail:info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

12-15--DEMING, NEW MEXICO: 44th annual show, "Rockhound Roundup"; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; displays, demonstrations, jewelry, rocks, drawings, raffle, field trips, silent auction, live auction; contact Bud Daily, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031, (575) 267-4399

19-22--SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: Annual tailgate and show; Orange Belt Mineralogical Society; Western Regional Little League Ball Park, 6707 Little League Dr.; contact Adam Dean, (909) 489-4899; e-mail: theagatehunter@verizon.net

20-22--ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: 41st annual show, "Treasures of the Earth Show"; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; School Arts/Flower Bldgs., New Mexico State Fair Grounds (EXPO-NM); Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$1 (Fri.) and \$3 (Sat. and Sun.), kids under 13 free; more than 35 dealers, mineral displays, demonstrations, door prizes, kids' booth, silent auctions; contact Paul Hlava, (505) 255-5478; e-mail: hpf5@qwest.net

Social Activity

Our first one is set for Saturday, April 4th. It will be a trip to Kingman to the gem show followed by a **BBQ** at the Russell's. The show will be at the Academy of Learning at 3419 Harrison St. from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Let's make it as easy as possible on the Russells

By doing the following:

- Sign up at the next meeting or call Marie Cole at 928 764-2854.
- Bring what you want to BBQ.
- Bring a side dish to share.
- Bring your own drinks.
- Bring chairs and table service.

If you can't come to the show, please come to the BBQ.

Marie Cole will have more information at the March meeting including a sign-up sheet and directions to the Gem Show and the Russell's.

March Birthdays

Kathryn Barker	Mary Brown
Nancy Hess	Edward Kennedy
Irene Kraft	Dale Lasley
Helen Milne	Nan Russell
Cassie Ticknor	

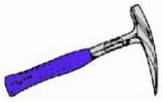
March Anniversaries

Chip and Carol Brown
Jay and Marie Cole
Dina and Donnie Goss
Dale and Libby Lasley
Jim and Ramona Peterson
C and Nan Russell

Burro Creek Field Trip

The Kingman Gemstoners and the Las Vegas Gem and Mineral Society are doing a Burro Creek camping and collecting trip April 22-26.

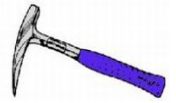
Contact C Russell at 854-2503 or 846-0927 or at the meeting if you are interested.



February 2009 FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

Field Trip Committee Meets 2nd Monday of each month @ 7p.m.

David Frybarger Committee Chair



SIGN IN TIME: 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE & WEAR YOUR BADGE

SATURDAY March 7

Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080

To: BBC & Green Streak Mines

Distance: 140 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD

Looking for: Specularite, Epidote, Augite

Meet: Basha's south side store parking lot

Departure: 8:00 a.m.

Tools: Hammer and bag

Food: Lunch and water

SATURDAY March 14

Leader: Jerry Monk 680-1853

To: North of Airport

Distance: 8 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD

Looking for: Blue Agate

Meet: Lowe's Parking Lot

Departure: 9:00 a.m.

Tools: Hammer and bag

Food: Lunch and water

SATURDAY March 21

Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080

To: Keenan Camp

Distance: 170 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD with good tires

Looking for: Geodes, banded Flourite

Meet : Lowe's Parking Lot

Departure: 7:30 a.m.

Tools: Hammer and bag

Food: Lunch and water

SATURDAY March 28

Leader: Layne Walker 486-1423

To: Near Havasu Landing

Distance: 150 miles RT

Vehicle: 4 WD

Looking for: Agate, Rainbow Jasper

Meet : Lowe's Parking Lot

Departure: 8:00 a.m.

Tools: Hammer and bag

Food: Lunch and water

SATURDAY April 4

Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080

To: Copper World Mine

Distance: 110 Miles RT

Vehicle: 4 WD with good tires

Warning: Rough Road, Experienced 4 Wheelers

Looking For: Copper Minerals, Tourmaline

Meet : Lowe's Parking Lot

Departure: 8:00 a.m.

Tools: Hammer and bag

Food: Lunch and water

only.



Please send exchange
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