



**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***

There will be no further  
field trips meetings until  
October 13th.

Future meetings will be  
held at David Fry-  
barger's house at 2510  
Angler Drive.

# Rocky Tales

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**NEXT  
GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING**  
*Friday, May 9th, 2008*

**MT Olive Parish Center**  
*2170 Havasupai Blvd  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403*

**Meeting Begins @ 7:00pm**  
**Visiting @6:30pm**

The Rock Tales can now be downloaded via the clubs website at:  
<http://www.lakehavasugms.org>

***Program***

**Speaker will be Ed Huskon Jr. from  
Lauadra Minerals  
Topic: Rock Formation**

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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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**Contributors:** Becky Frybarger, Roger Frybarger

**Group Site Moderator:** Brian Mulligan

## OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

<b>Nan Russell</b>	President	854-2503
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## COMMITTEES

**By-Laws:** Jim Eyre, Harry Kilb, Becky Frybarger, Mike Palmquist, Nancy Hess, & Roberta Gordon

**Decorations:** Ruth DeWoody

**Editor:** Bruce Wilhelm

**Education & Jr. Group:** Becky Frybarger

**Field Trips:** David Frybarger

**Finance Advisor:** Harry Kilb

**Fifty-Fifty:** Ann Roberts

**Greeters/Hostess:** Nancy Hess, Linda Gromov, Maria L. Diehl

**Historian:** Liz Porter

**Jr. Leader:** Robert Dobrzanski

**Membership & Life Members:** Roberta Gordon

**Parliamentarian:** Mike Palmquist

**Program Director:** Garin Lake

**Property/Inventory:** OPEN

**Publicity:** Carol Stone & Bess Terrell

**Refreshments:** Liz Porter & Lee Mulligan

**Show Chairman:** "C" Russell

**Scholarship:** Nancy Hess & Roberta Gordon

**Social Director & Special Events:** OPEN

**Sunshine:** Madge Klingler

**Webmaster:** Bruce Wilhelm

## ***President's Message***

Greetings members,

Here it is summer and many members are jumping ship and heading to cooler areas or back to their homes. Before you leave be sure and take some raffle tickets and show flyers with you. Remember our show is the first weekend in November, so hopefully you all will be back by the end of October.

For those who stay in Havasu or surrounding areas, are invited to get together the second Friday of each month, at the library from 6-8:00pm or whenever. Also each Friday the "wrappers and Beaders" group, meet at the library from 1-4:00pm. (All are welcome)

If there is anything you would like to do, or places to go as a group, give me a call on my cell phone (928-846-0927). For those who would like to get together with other rock hounds. The Mohave County Gemstoners in Kingman, have invited any and all to their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday at the Senior Center on Airway, off of Stockton Hill Road, from 6:30-8:30pm.

### **Mohave County Gemstoners**

Meeting Place: Senior Center 1776 Airway Kingman Az 86402

Meeting Time: Second Tuesday of each month 7:00 pm (except for potlucks start at 6:30)

The June meeting is a potluck. Come meet the people we share the pick and shovel claim with.

Again for more information or directions, give either "C" or I a call.

Hope to see some of you this summer.

Your President,

*Nan Russell*

## ***General Meeting Minutes***

MT Olive Lutheran Church  
2170 Havasupai Blvd  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403  
Submitted by Secretary Stan Sutton

### **April 11, 2008 Meeting**

President Nan Russell called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Ella Palmquist, Sergeant-at-Arms, led the members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for the March General Meeting were approved as written.

Marie Cole gave the Treasurer's Report for March through April 4, 2008.

Stan Sutton, Secretary, read a letter from FAMMM (Friends of the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum) welcoming our club and members as members and offering free admission to the museum and 10% store discounts when members present their club badges.

Roberta Gordon, Membership Chair, welcomed Arthur and Kathryn Barker and Donny and Dina Goss and daughter Destiny as new members to the club. 10-year badges were presented to Jim Eyre, Evelyn Thomas, and John Schumacher. Rounds of applause were offered for the new members and the 10-year members. Roberta also announced our current membership stands at 178.

Garin Lake, Programs Chair, introduced Ed Huskinson who presented an informative discussion of minerals, and he also showed samples of various rocks and minerals with his talk. Ed answered several questions from the members and said he will come back for a "show and tell" discussion with members to help identify specimens.

After the break, there was a brief discussion of the recommended changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules offered by Jim Eyre and approved by the Board. Mike Palmquist moved to accept the changes; Jay Cole seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Helen Milne, Sunshine Committee, reported that Madge Klinger, our only charter member, is now at the Lake Hills Nursing Center. Helen asked that we visit Madge and send her cards.

Dave Frybarger, VP and Field Trip Chairman, discussed the BLT trip at Mike and Ella Palmquists home on April 12 and announced the April 19 trip to Mitchell Caverns had been cancelled. Dave said no more field trips will be scheduled until October, so look for your Rocky Tales for future trips.

C Russell, Show Chairman, has scheduled the next Show Committee meeting for April 23. Ruth DeWoody will chair the Showcase Committee. C also needs an assistant chairperson for the Greeters Committee.

Liz Porter, Refreshments Chair, thanked everyone who contributed for the April meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to suspend regular club meetings for June, July, and August. Jay Cole seconded the motion. A count of hands showed the motion passed 23 (aye) to 13 (nay).

C Russell made a motion to have unofficial meetings (a meeting with no actual club business activities) the second Friday of June, July, and August at the library for those members who wished to get together and socialize. Ruth DeWoody seconded the motion. A hand count showed the motion passed 31 - 2.

Linda Gromov announced 83 members and 9 guests attended the April meeting. Door prizes were won by Sharlene Hellberg, Garin Lake, and Evelyn Thomas.

On the 50/50 drawing Linda announced \$160 in tickets had been sold, with \$80 going to the club treasury. The drawing winners were: Clyde Hathaway, first place, \$40; John Schumacher, second place, \$25; and Rose Schulson, third place, \$15.

President Nan Russell announced the sale of 8 of our club showcases for \$75 each. She also discussed selling some of the other jewelry display holders at a future date.

Garin Lake announced that Ed Huskinson will come to our May 9 meeting to have our "Show and Tell", so be sure to bring any samples you have had trouble identifying, that may have interesting features, or samples you want to show the club and Ed that you are proud of!!

The meeting was then adjourned.

---- Stan Sutton, Secretary, LHGMS

## ***May Birthdays***

*We wish these club members a very special birthday*

Arthur Barker	Ella Palmquist
Lois Ediger	Mary Roberts
Manfred Frisch	Judy Schneck
Becky Frybarger	John Schumacher
Joyce Hathaway	Bess Terrell
Mary Loy Malay	Anne Vandegriff
Ron Marquart	Vereen White
Patricia Naylor	

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

Robert Frost

## ***This Months Birthstone***



### ***Emerald***

Emerald is regarded as the traditional birthstone for May, as well as the traditional gemstone for the astrological signs of Taurus, Cancer, and sometimes Gemini. In some cultures, the emerald is the traditional gift for the 55th wedding anniversary. It is also used as a 20th and 35th wedding anniversary stone.

Emeralds come in many shades of green and bluish green. There is a wide spectrum of clarity, dependent on the inclusions and fractures in the crystal. Clear stones with dark yet vibrant color command the highest prices. Almost all emeralds contain numerous flaws which can negatively affect the clarity. The value of an emerald depends on cut, color, clarity, and carat. Currently the best emeralds come from the Muzo mine in Colombia. Emeralds are a variety of the mineral beryl colored green by trace amounts of chromium and vanadium. Beryl has a hardness of 7.5 - 8 on the 10 point Mohs scale of mineral hardness. Most emeralds resistance to breakage is classified as generally poor.

Most emeralds are oiled as part of the post lapidary process, in order to improve their clarity. Cedar oil, having a similar refractive index, is often used in this generally accepted practice. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission requires the disclosure of this treatment when a treated emerald is sold. The use of green-tinted oil is generally not considered acceptable by the gem trade. The origin of the word "emerald" is said to be a Sanskrit word meaning "green"

Information gathered from Wikipedia the free encyclopedia

## ***CLUB NEWS***

***A Thank You From***

***Nancy Hess***

A big Thank You to Bill and June Smith for their donations to the grab bag booth. Bill and June left Lake Havasu around April 1, for their home in Wisconsin only to arrive in time for rain, sleet, snow and ice.

What to do? Well, they went to work sewing grab bags for the show in November, staying inside, as this is the only place they could survive the Wisconsin weather. The next thing I know we received a big bag of grab bags in the mail all sewn and ready for those tumbled rocks.

Thanks again Bill and June for making a contribution to the club. A big thanks to Bernie & Kathy Sporre for tumbled rocks and petrified wood, to Anne Vandegrift for painted rocks and grab bags, to Anne Holmstrand for painted rocks and bags, to Charlise Scott for lots of grab bags, to Liz and Lou Porter for tumbled rocks and grab bags, to several others who sewed grab bags and donated items including Lee Mulligan, Helen Milne, Sue Hayward, Joan Johnson, Ella Palmquist, Becky Frybarger, Renee Good, Bess Terrell, Irene Kraft, and thanks to those I can't remember at the moment as I misplaced my list.

Thanks to all who helped on the Grab Bag Booth. A great Job by all, Signed by the head bag lady,

Nancy Hess

### ***The Knowledge Room***

***by Becky Frybarger***

I want to thank everyone who has donated egg cartons and sand for the Knowledge Resource Room that I will set up at the November Show. Please keep those donations coming. We could also use polished and/or tumbled rocks if you have any to spare. I still need volunteers to help in the Knowledge Room for a few hours each day. Please call me at 855-5767 if you can help .



**WWW**

Our website is up and running, although there is much that will be added to it in the future, the groundwork has been laid out. The Rocky Tales will be available for download through the website as well as current club news and information.

Shortly there will be a "links" page up, providing links to other clubs, organizations, and sites with various information and interests in the lapidary arts. I would also like to put in a section advertising this year's upcoming show. Putting in photos and information on last year's show would be a good way to do this. So I am asking anyone who may have photos, information, etc. on last year's show to contribute what they can. Digital photographs or documents can be emailed to me at [sab0tag3@gmail.com](mailto:sab0tag3@gmail.com) or

[lakehavasugms@yahoo.com](mailto:lakehavasugms@yahoo.com). If you have hard copy photos or other you can call me at 928-208-3194 at we can make arrangements for me to pick them up so I can scan into my computer and get them back to you as soon as possible.

The website is going to be a reflection of our club and our members, our interests, our knowledge, our adventures and so on. The more participation we get from our members the greater the success our site will have in the long run. So anyone who has any ideas, suggestions, or information they would like to see on the site, please let me know.

The URL for our site is:  
<http://lakehavasugms.org>

Bruce Wilhelm

## ***Wrappers & Beaders***

(Not A Hens Group)

Many members may be under the misconception that the "Wrappers & Beaders" group is a bunch of women, gossiping over polished stones and a cup of coffee. However, this is far from the truth. Harry Kilb just one of the male attendees,

has strongly suggested that other men in the club consider wire-wrapping and attend a meeting. This could give them an alternative to for setting cabs in solid pieces of silver and gold.

The MCC has eliminated so many of its jewelry classes, this is a great way for member to get free instruction, and to add another technique to their jewelry-making abilities. The results of wire-wrapping are very beautiful. There are many different ways to use wire, stones, beads and crystals to enhance those gemstone cabs, crystals, or just about anything a person wants to use to make jewelry. The group members include several very talented jewelry makers, some of which also teach at Ryans Bead store here in town. You would normally pay for their help, but at our meetings those teachers won't charge for passing on their skills.

Our meetings are open to club members and their guests. We have also had some drop-ins from general library patrons who have seen us working, and have come back with special stones they want to wrap. This has also been an opening for some to consider LHGMS membership. Since we do teach and are open to non-members, we are contributing to the club's "outreach" component. We keep track of attendance to report to the club for that purpose. Another "plus" about the group is that we do meet through the summer when most other town activities are "dark"

Lee Mulligan

Mohave County Library in room A.

**Fridays**

**1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Bring your own tools and supplies. For a list and/or answers to questions call or email:

Lee Mulligan at 505-5361

[mulls@npgcable.com](mailto:mulls@npgcable.com) or

Linda Gromov at 453-3879

[imgpotery@hotmail.com](mailto:imgpotery@hotmail.com)

## ***Field Trip Reports***

### **March 29 Field Trip to Burro Creek by Roger Frybarger**

On Saturday morning March 29, four rockhounds with Jerry Monk in the lead, left Terrible's for Burro Creek. The weather was perfect and using maps provided by Mike Palmquist, everyone found some of the much prized Purple Agate along with other Agate material.

### **April 5 Field Trip to Our "Pick And Shovel" Claim for Honey Onyx by Roger Frybarger**

On Saturday, April 5, nineteen rockhounds met at Terrible's to follow David and Roger Frybarger to North of Kingman to mine for Honey Onyx. David and Roger Frybarger used their gas powered rock saw to cut into the material making removal by hammer and chisel much easier. This method proved to be very effective and everyone had all they wanted by eleven am. Many in the group then went over to C. and Nan Russell's house for snacks and social.

### **BLT Party April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Thanks to the 49 friends who attended the BLT (home grown by M.E.P.) party was a great success.

Not Many rocks collected on this beautiful , warm and sunny AZ day, but lots of great food and comradeship had by all.

A very special thanks to the bacon girls, Nancy and Carol.

Ella Palmquist

P.S.

Arf-Arf, I also had a great day visiting with everyone, boy was I tired dude.

*Just when I thought I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.*

## ***Upcoming shows***

10-11--RENO, NEVADA: Show, "Jackpot of Gems"; Reno Gem & Mineral Society; Reno Livestock Event Center, Exhibits Hall, 1350 N. Wells Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, children 6-12 \$3; dealers, demonstrators, exhibits, competition cases, door prizes; contact John Peterson, 480 Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431, (775) 356-8820; e-mail:

jtp@power.net; Web site: [www.renorockclub.com](http://www.renorockclub.com)  
16-18--COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show, "West Coast Gem & Mineral Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; Holiday Inn - Bristol Plaza, 3131 S. Bristol; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; 120 dealers, China, Brazil, Russia, India; contact Regina Aumente, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com; Web site: [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

16-18--SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Show; Gem Faire; Cal Expo/Bldg. A, 1600 Exposition 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](http://www.gemfaire.com)

17-18--NEWBURY PARK, CALIFORNIA: 34th annual show, "Pageant of a Thousand Gems"; Conejo Gem & Mineral Club; Borchard Park, 190 Reino Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4:30; free admission; mineral, rock and fossil exhibits, demonstrations, gem and jewelry sales, youth activities, door prizes, silent auctions; contact Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734; e-mail: rmsorca@adelphia.net; Web site: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org)

23-25--SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA: Show; Gem Faire; Earl Warren Showgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real; 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](http://www.gemfaire.com)

24-25--LAKESIDE, ARIZONA: Show; White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club; Blue Ridge Junior High School, 1200 W. White Mountain Blvd.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, under 16 free; gems, minerals, fossils, rough, slabs, beads, jewelry, equipment, books, demonstrations, junior activities, silent auction, raffle, door prizes; contact Nanz Marshall, P.O. Box 3504, Show Low, AZ 85902, (928) 537-2524; e-mail: larry-legge@yahoo.com



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