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LAKE HAVASU GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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BOARD MEETING
October 10th, 5pm
Lake Havasu Gem &
Mineral Lapidary Shop
2186 McCulloch Blvd #B

GENERAL MEETING

October 12th!

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Lapidary Shop
2186 McCulloch Blvd #B
Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403
Meeting Begins @ 7:00 p.m.
Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

**Rock & Egg
Breakfast**
October 22, 2018
(4th Monday of the month)
9:00 a.m.
Location TBD!

***Mark your
calendar!***

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Upcoming Event!

The Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society Yard Sale!

Sunday October 14th 9AM – 2PM

(The sale will be held in the parking lot behind Havasu Rocks)

We need your help!

We need volunteers to put up signs, help set up, and sell!

We need your unwanted items!

If you have any household items, appliances, bedding, towels, lapidary equipment, etc., (but please no clothing) that you no longer need, please bring them to Havasu Rocks between October 6-12th.

Proceeds go for LED Lighting in Havasu Rocks Store & Shop.

Contact Cathy Viney & Helen Reyes for more information.

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 **Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Lapidary Shop 2186 McCulloch Blvd #B, 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 - \$10.00
 Single membership cost - \$20.00
 Family sponsored Junior membership cost - \$10.00
 Family membership cost - \$20.00 for the first member and \$10.00 for each member thereafter with a maximum of \$30.00.

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

Linda Harley	President
Ron Lee	Vice President
Gayle Wilson	Secretary
Michelle Smedley	Treasurer
Al Yanity	Sgt at Arms
Helen Reyes	First Year Director
Leslie Resario	Second Year Director
Gayle Gilpin	Third Year Director
Hank Smedley	Past President
Cathy Viney	Director of Operations Havasu Rocks
Kathy Padilla	Co-Director of Operations Havasu Rocks

COMMITTEES

Club Promotion	Open	Gayle Gilpin
Communications	Susan Sease	Bruce Wilhelm
Secretary	Gayle Wilson	
Education	Kathy Padilla	
Facilities	Open	
Field Trips	Kathie & Steve Bryson	
Finance	Michelle Smedley	
Fund Raisers	Helen Reyes	
Gem Show	Barry Bandaruk	
Greeters	Edith Walden	Gayle Gilpin
Hospitality	Jean Yanity / Sheila Bandaruk	
Property	Open	

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Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/lhcgems/?fref=ts>

--President's Message--

Hello Everyone,

As many of you have heard, my husband Jerry passed away September 19th. I'm taking some time off from my presidency to take care of some personal matters, but will back full steam by the end of October, if not sooner. In the meantime, your board members are handling all club matters beautifully.

The Club has two important events coming up: October 14th is the yard sale 9:00am-2:00pm, begin bringing your donations October 6th. November 10th-11th is our annual gem show. Please talk to Barry Bandaruk about volunteering. I hope to see everyone soon.

Linda Harley
President

Rock & Egg Breakfast

At the Quality Inn
September 24th



News from Havasu Rocks:

We are back in full swing at Havasu Rocks in the retail shop and the lapidary shop with our customers and club members arriving back in town the sales are picking up and the shop use is increasing. The retail shop looks great with MANY new and gorgeous items so please take advantage of our extensive inventory when you shop.

The Retail Shop plays a vital role in the success and growth of our Club by encouraging our customers to join, by seeking out new vendors to consign items, by offering educational activities for children, and by holding events such as the upcoming Yard Sale as well as Fright Night on Halloween when we will be open late passing out candy and discount coupons for our Gem Show.

Havasu Rocks is the center and life of our club! It is a place to bring friends and family to learn about Gems and Minerals, it is a place to learn more about the various types of rocks found locally and beyond. We offer a variety of workshops and we are always looking for more instructors. If there is something you would like to see incorporated into our store, our lapidary shop, presented at one of our club meetings or anything else, please seek out one of the Board Members or one of the Lead Volunteers in the retail shop who will assist you. This is your club and those of us volunteering want to help you get the most out of it!

Cathy Viney
Director of Operations
Havasu Rocks

LAKE HAVASU GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Lake Havasu Mineral & Lapidary Group
September 14, 2018
Havasu Rocks 2186 McCulloch Blvd #B
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Board Members in attendance:

Hank Smedley – Past President	Helen Reyes - 1nd year Director
Michelle Smedley - Treasurer	Cathy Viney – Director of Operations – Havasu Rocks
Kathy Padilla Directors of Operations, Havasu Rocks	Gayle Gilpin- 3 rd year Director

3 guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Past President Hank Smedley, standing in for President Linda Harley.

Flag Salute- Hank Smedley led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting. Those will be located and made available to the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Smedley presented the Treasurer's Report. The Society has \$14091 in the bank and Havasu Rocks has \$8016. Hank mentioned that the retail shop may have lost money during the summer months, but it was less of a loss than the previous summer so is an improving situation. (about 4500 previous summery to only 3200 this summer).

Membership: Gayle Gilpin reported we have 17 new members since our last meeting in June. We now have 388 total members. She also mentioned the passing of 3 of our longtime members between May and August. We had 3 guests attend plus several of our newest members attended their first meeting!

Old Business: Kathy Padilla told the members about the Youth Summer Workshops which went very well. She had a group who loved rock tumbling and so she has continued that for a couple of the kids. We will have a new list of student activities soon and want to keep this educational service going.

New Business:

Helen Reyes reported that she needs volunteers to help do the inventory on a Sunday and Monday and an email will be sent out to announce the dates.

Hank Smedley spoke about the lapidary shop needing a shop manager to be responsible for inspecting our equipment and arranging for its care. He also brought up that we need/want to put up shelves. A new member had some good ideas and Hank will arrange to discuss shelving options with him. Hank also mentioned that it was too hot in the Lap shop for people to enjoy using it during the summer and asked for ideas on getting the area cooled down. He said coolers would cost about \$6000 which is more than we can pay right now. He brought up possibly getting coolers donated if anyone has them and insulating the back wall. It needs to be resolved before next summer!

Cathy Viney noted that we need more volunteers in the shop and Kathy Padilla has the sign-up sheet. Cathy also announced that Helen Reyes, Kathy Padilla, Linda Chandler and Rick Gilpin as a group provided over 600 volunteer hours between May and August to the retail and lapidary shop. There were 16 other volunteers who provided many hours to keep our shops open. (Printed list of volunteers is posted in several places in the building)

We are having a Yard Sale and Hank asked that members please plan to bring in donations of any household items but not clothing starting on the 6th of Oct for the sale which will be one day only Sunday the 14th of October from 9 to 2. Leftovers will be donated to the Salvation Army. Volunteers are needed to put up signs and help sell!

Questions and offers of help or donations are to go to Helen Reyes or Cathy Viney. The goal is to earn enough money to install LED lighting in the Lap Shop and Store. The benefit is less heat emitted, they do not burn out and they will provide much better lighting for our shop. Dave Mack asked to be allowed to provide a bid on the lights as he gets a discount and he offered to do the installation!

(General Meeting Minutes cont.)

Workshops are being planned and scheduled now. Hank said we are always looking for instructors to share their talents and he asked what type of workshops the members want. It came up that it might be wanted to have the Lap shop open a couple of evenings. That will be looked into a bit more.

The Gem Show is coming – Nov 10 and 11 and Barry Bandaruk needs plenty of help although the main leaders for each activity are named we still need more volunteers to set up and work. Barry announced there will be a meeting at the shop on Wednesday the 26th of Sept at 3 p.m. and all members are encouraged to attend. Barry asked that some of us plan to be available on Nov 8 and 9 to help with loading the trailer and setting up at the Aquatic center. He also needs donations for the gift baskets and reminded us to go to Harbor Freight and get free items to add to them.

Helen is working on getting basket donations. Barry asked for a volunteer to help him with the announcements during the event. Barry also spoke about the value of creating displays for the show. Michelle said we still have a few table spaces available for vendors.

Halloween is coming and we need donations of candy for the kids, no chocolate except for some for the volunteers! We will be passing out information about our shop, workshops and the gem show on Halloween! Come join the fun!

3 to 5 volunteers are needed to form the scholarship committee to review applications and make selection of the winners starting in January. We have sufficient funds to give two scholarships of \$1000 each this year, 2019.

Michelle Smedley told us that the Chemehuevi Cultural Center is sponsoring their Tribal Days celebration again in October and have requested our club's participation. We will be providing kids crafts and Kathy Padilla and Michelle are requesting volunteers to assist. The date will be announced via email.

Shugrue's Dinner Fundraiser was explained by Michelle and many of the attending club members raised their hands to show they would participate. It will be held on the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving and we can arrive to eat between 4 and 9 pm.

Dave Mack brought up our prior plans to have a chili cookoff and we decided that Jan or Feb would be the best months so as not to conflict with our fall activities and to have as many of our seasonal members in town as possible.

Dave also reminded us of the fun and success of the Boat Trip last spring and suggested that we plan to do it again. More planning and a date to be worked out. He offered to share boat trip photos from last time if anyone is interested.

Show and tell was a great success. It was wonderful to see things collected by our members. Items were shared by Michelle Smedley, Peggy Claeys, Steve Bryson, _____ with his fossils and opal and Cathy Viney.

The club voted to hold Rock n' Egg this month at Quality Inn while we continue to look for a better location. Papa Bear's lost by 1 vote!

Door prizes and 50/50 were held

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Viney
Directory of Operations
Havasu Rocks standing in for
Secretary Gayle Wilson

Gem and Mineral Show!

By Barry Bandaruk

We had a well attended Gem Show organization meeting. I am very thankful, that we have a great group of members willing to help. I know that we have members still living in their summer homes and will be down here in time to help. We have a need for all members to help with the show.

This is the biggest event we put on each year!

The Gem show, this year, will be the 49th show for the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society. The dates are November 10th and 11th. We kick start the show with our Fright night event 10/31. We need members to donate a bag of Halloween candy. Please bring it to the October meeting, 10/12.

We also need donations for our Silent Auction. It is time to clean out your garages for Rocks, slabs, minerals that are taking up space in your garage or yard. We need a 150 pieces to make this event a success. Also, we still need a few more display participants. I will do a small program at the General membership to help members put a display together.

Donations of rock tools, spheres or gems to help with our raffle are also needed.

****This show would not be possible without the efforts of its membership.****

We have the key leaders in place to run each section of the show such as the kitchen, the gate, our kids table and education room. But, as always, we need volunteers to fill in all these areas. We will have sign ups at the September and October meetings. Your willingness to volunteer is what makes this show such a success.

Again, we are asking for donations. It is time to clear out your garage. Old rocks (aren't they all?) and slabs are needed to make the auction a success. We need arts and craft projects to enhance our Raffle Baskets. The member's creative collectivism has and will always be the highlight of our Raffle. Paint some rocks, turn a cabochon or a bottle stopper, tumble some stones are all some ideas of how you can help. I want to thank you for your anticipated assistance and donations.

49th Gem Show Schedule

11/8-11/12

Wednesday 10/31

Fright Night. 5PM- 7:30 at Store

Pass out Candy. (Donate a bag of Candy)

Advertise the Gem Show

Thursday 11/8

9 AM Load Trailer at Store

Friday 11/9

7 AM Set up the Aquatic Center

Tables. & Displays

7 PM General Membership Meeting

In Memory

Jerry Lee Harley
3/7/1938-9/19/2018

Jerry Lee Harley, 80 of Ozark, Missouri and Lake Havasu City, Arizona, passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018 while hospitalized. He was born March 7, 1938, in Springfield, Missouri, he was the oldest of two children. Parents Dr. Cecil and Clytie Harley created a happy home for he and his brother Joe in Ava, Missouri. He graduated from Ava High School in 1956. Jerry served in the United States Navy and attended college. In 1978, he obtained a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Missouri. In 1992, he met his loving wife Linda and together they owned and operated Ozark Title Company in Ozark. Timing the market perfectly, the couple sold the business and moved to Arizona to enjoy retirement.

Jerry is survived by his wife Linda and his five stepchildren: Duane (Susan) Telgemeier, Debbie (Todd) Dodge, Dean (Nadine) Telgemeier, Sandy (Darren) Buddemeyer and Jeff (Jennifer) Mullins. His brother, Joe and his wife June continue to reside in Ava. Jerry is survived by ten grandchildren, all whom he adored.

A celebration of life service will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in Barnes Family Funeral Home, Ozark with Pastor Doug Shivers officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow at 1:00 P.M. in the Ava City Cemetery, Ava, Missouri. Visitation will be 10 AM Wednesday until service time in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Group Inc., a non-profit that promotes Earth Sciences for youth. 2186 McCulloch Blvd, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. Online condolences may be shared at www.barnesfamilyfunerals.com.

If you would like to share a memorial of a club member that has passed, please write a small bio and forward to sjsease@gmail.com and we will publish it in the newsletter.

Health and Wellness . . .

The family of Jerry Davis wanted to let those that knew him that he has entered hospice as of 9/29/2018. He's comfortable, and he's got family with him.

He has sung the praises of his days rock hounding. He is proud of what he's produced. It has been a highlight of his life.

Mineral/Mining Museums

Arizona Desert Museum:

2021 N Kinney Rd,
Tucson, AZ 85743
Website: <https://www.desertmuseum.org/>

Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum

5 Copper Queen Plz
Bisbee, AZ 85603
Website: <http://bisbeemuseum.org/bm-museum.aspx>

Pinal Geology & Mineral Museum

351 N. Arizona Blvd
Coolidge, AZ 85128
Website: <http://www.pinalgemandmineralsociety.org/pinal-geology-mineral-museum/>

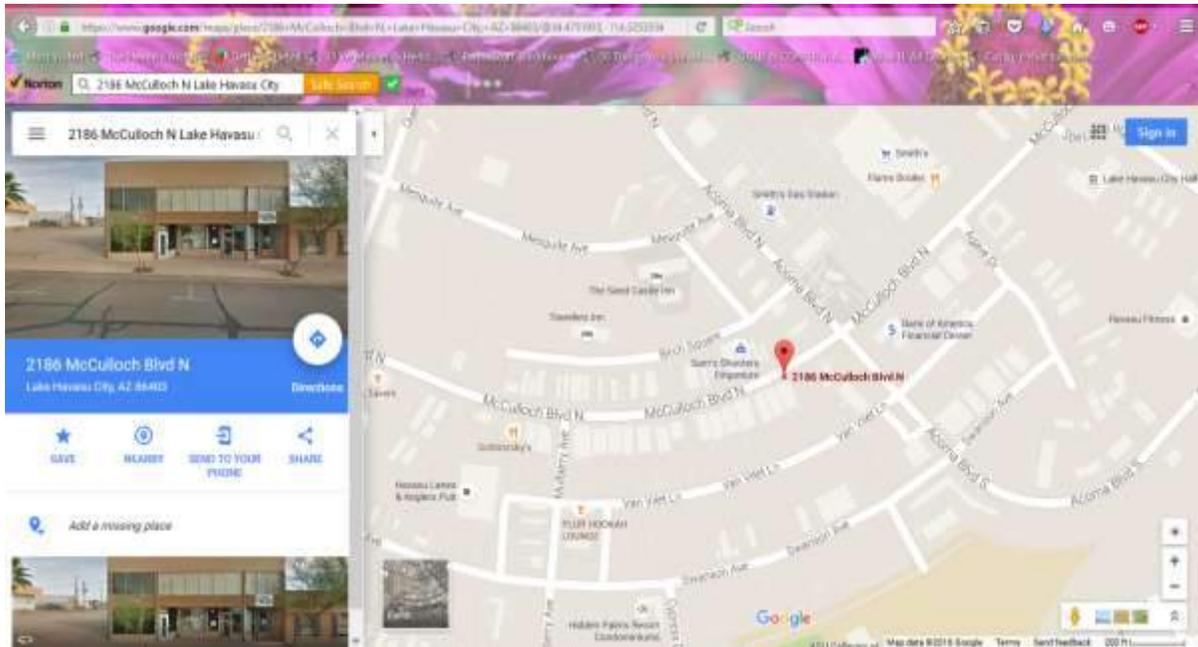
The University of Arizona Mineral Museum

1601 E. University Blvd.
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85719
Website: <http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Museum of Northern Arizona

3101 N Fort Valley Rd.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Website: <https://musnaz.org/>

Shop & Meeting location
AMPLE PARKING IN BACK PARKING LOT!!



Upcoming Rock & Gem Shows

Huachuca Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show - 10/13/2018

10/13/2018- 10/14/2018

Hours: Sat - - 9-5, Sun. 10-4

Address: 901 N. Colombo Ave, Cochise College, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Website: <http://huachucamineralandgemclub.info/>

Rock-A-Rama Gem & Mineral Show - 11/02/2018

11/02/2018 - 11/04/2018

Address: 19001 E. Jacie Lane, High Desert Park, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324-9636

Lake Havasu City 49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show - 11/10/2018

11/10/2018 - 11/11/2018

Address: Aquatic Center (Parks & Rec)

100 Park Ave., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Payson Rimstones Rock Club Gem and Mineral Show - 11/17/2018

11/17/2018 - 11/18/2018

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Payson High School Longhorn Gym

Address: West Longhorn Road, Payson High School Longhorn Gym

Payson, AZ 85541

What is the difference between a thunderegg, nodule, and a geode?

The basic difference between thundereggs, nodules and geodes are that geodes are hollow and thundereggs and nodules are solid. All three have rhyolite shells and were formed in air bubbles created by volcanic activity. A geode is a round rock which contains a hollow cavity lined with crystals. Thunder Eggs are usually composed of quartz, agate, opal, and crystalline quartz. A nodule is small, irregularly rounded knot, mass, or lump of a mineral or mineral aggregate that typically has a contrasting composition and crystals.

www.utahgemstonejewelers.com/geode-or-nodule/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

Bria Bagwell	Mary Mitchell
Cheryl Beickel	Bob O'Brien
Jeff Billings	Marilyn Pawluk
Sonia Chamberlain	Bonnie Reynolds
Theresa DenHartog	Danny Schacht
Lisa Dilly	Dan Schnell
Willie Droegemeier	Sue Scott
Sandie Graf	Charlene Sitenga
Maggie Heartsong	Neil Sitenga
Sheral Henning	Michele Smedley
Bob Heyboer	Sandra Spitzer
Harold Hillis	Bernie Sporre
Jack Hodges	Chuck Steinberg
Joy Howell	Marcia Wall
Alana Imbilli	Bonnie Wegman
Sonya McCarthy	Rosalyn Wicks
Nadine McCreery	Kimberly Wilhelm
Lynn Milliken	Jean Yanity

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October

Jack Covington & Valerie Shields

Jack & Ruth DeWoody

Scott & Lisa Dilly

Dick & Esther Kaiser

Doris Leichliter

Tara Lesco

Michael & Connie Puckett

Dan & Gayle Schnell

Bernie Sporre

Scott & Chriss Sutherland

Michael & Gloria Wahl

Gwen Walker

Robert & Alberta Wiederrick

Nick & Brenda Yanity

Lapidary Shop Use:

- Members: \$8 For half day = 4 hours
- Members Hourly Rate \$3 per hour
- Saw use is included in fees for those who have taken saw use and safety class
- Members who have volunteered 8 hours are then entitled to 4 hours of lap shop use.
- We do need trained Lapidary Shop Monitors!
- Please call the shop before you come in to use the shop to verify there is no class using The Lapidary Shop during the time you wish to do personal project.
- Anyone who uses the shop must have signed a liability waiver. Ask about it at the reception desk when you sign in to use the shop.

Havasu Rocks Parking

Havasu Rocks has parking in the rear of the shop with a convenient rear entrance. Since we have very limited parking in the front of the shop, we ask if you are returning to Havasu rocks for shopping, lap work, volunteering or socializing to please park in the back to leave the available parking in front for our first-time visitors. If you have any questions, please let us know!



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