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From John Zimmerman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

Can you feel it? Summer's here! A new season, a time of change.....and we as a club are about to enjoy some incredible changes of our very own. Changes that will lead to new opportunities that I promise will benefit everyone in this club.

Location change! Our shop equipment is currently in storage while we negotiate for a larger location that can accommodate the projected growth in classes and membership. A mighty big thanks to all helpers! This exciting change will hopefully be completed within the next 4-6 weeks, but we'll keep you posted on our progress.

Paradigm change! This change is a little tougher. It's about being more.....being better, as a club. Our past president Teresa Nezgoda recently resigned for personal reasons, and that is our loss. However, Teresa put some great ideas into action that have definitely headed us in a good direction and, as your new president, I personally will do my best to continue in the same vein.....I want to take us to that next level. But I need your help to get there.

If you're like me and want more from the club, it means all of us taking one giant step.....up to the plate....to give some time, some energy, something of ourselves. The best way is to join one of our many committees. My own personal change is to focus on the Big Four.....the four committees that I believe can make or break the club. They are Shop, Education, Programs, and Field Trips. I hope you will consider joining one or more of these committees if it's a good match, so we can benefit from your skills, experience, and knowledge. To join any of these, you can contact the following people who are currently championing the cause:

Shop – John Zimmerman, sngms_shop@yahoo.com

Education – Wes Bryant, wdbryant@cox.net

Programs – TBD

Field Trips – Bill Lemmon, sngms_fieldtrip@yahoo.com

Change is hard.....in fact sometimes it's rock hard. But the continuing goal of this leadership has been, and will continue to be, to make the club a better place, a fun place, for those of us who have fallen in love with Rockhounding. This club is where we gain knowledge and enjoy that learning process with others of a like mind. Then we know where to look for different types of rocks, identify the rocks we've found, and then the big reward - knowing what to do with the rocks once we've collected a bucketful.

So please jump in.....roll up your sleeves, grab a bucket, join or lead a committee, and help me keep this club moving in the right direction. Like I said, everyone will benefit!

Thanks,
John

EDITOR'S NOTE.....

A temporary change! You're reading a temporary "transitional" newsletter using Word. While waiting for Board approval of the software needed to continue our great publication, I'll get your information to you the simplest way possible. Hopefully by July we'll be back to using Publisher. ☺

Thanks!

Cathy Baca

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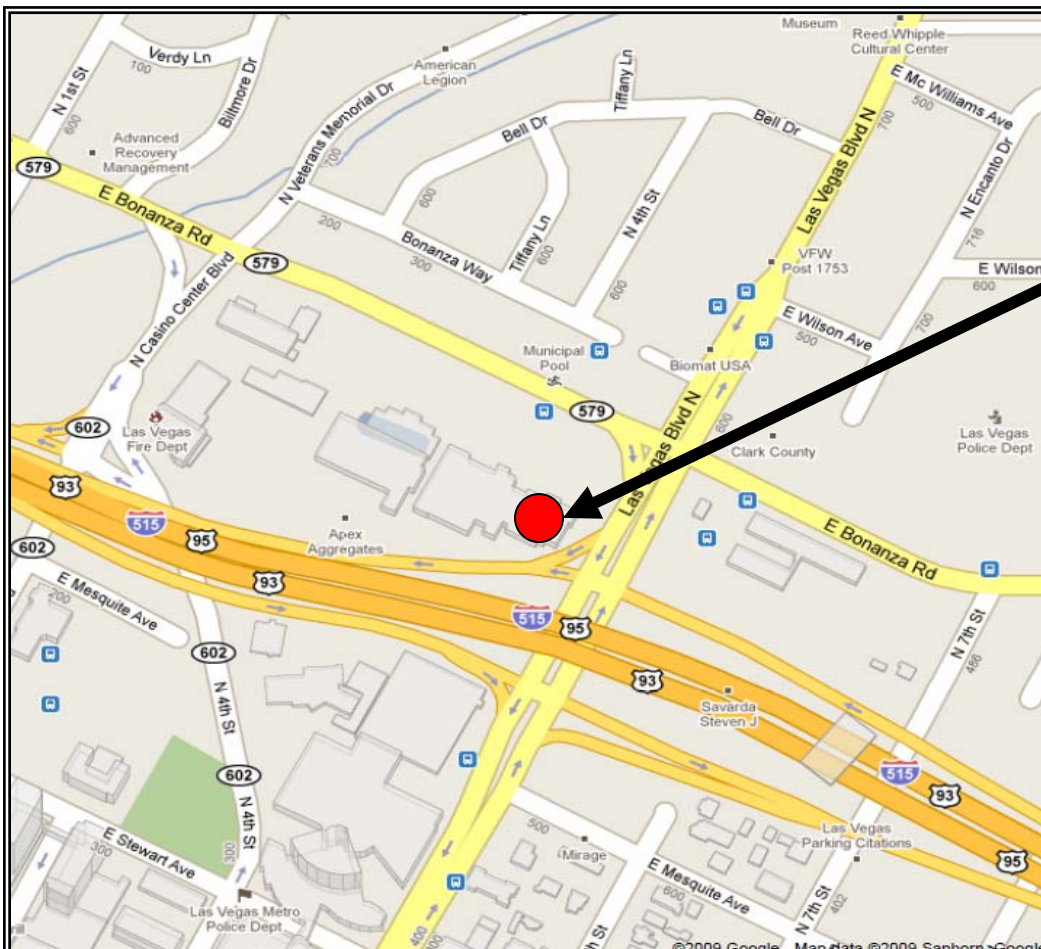
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First Monday
of Every Month!!

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Show and Sell 5 - 6 P.M.
General Meeting 6 - 8 P.M.



MINUTES IN BRIEF

SNGMS Board Meeting

Date: May 12, 2010

Location: SNGMS Workshop

- Workshop lease/location
 - Lease - Equipment to be put into storage until a suitable location can be found
 - New location – Sheri Johnson is putting together a committee to find a new location.
- Investment funds - The Board voted to leave the investment monies in the current funds.
- Committee Chairs
 - Wes Bryant is looking for a new committee chair for Education
 - Bill Moore to look for a new committee chair for Program
- Vacant position on the Board of Directors
 - Our bylaws state that in the event of a vacancy, the may appoint a person to fill the position or John can step up with Board approval.
 - **The Board unanimously voted John Zimmerman to become the President of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society.**
 - John will nominate a person to the position of Vice President who will take office immediately upon the Board's approval.
- Facebook on the SNGMS website - A motion was passed to remove the Facebook link from the Website

SHOP TALK

From John Zimmerman



Well....the shop is closed at the old location, but the Board is working on getting a new location as soon as possible.

Chuck Huebler did a *great* job of organizing the storing of the equipment and other stuff from the shop. What would we do without him?! Thanks, Chuck!! And thanks to all of you who helped us get it done.

I will keep you updated on the progress of the new shop location through our website @ www.sngms.com. I know some of you are going through shop withdrawals. So am I!

Our Condolences

We were so sad to hear that Art Lory passed away on May 28, 2010. He was a wonderful person and a great friend to many of us. We offer our deepest condolences to his family. We will miss him very much.

Happy Birthday!

Yeah, you're kind of a big deal!

Frank Auerswald, Sr.	Margaret Mahler
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Out in Left Field....

from Bill Lemmon

Mark your calendar! We've got a super-cool field trip coming up in Utah!

Date: June 12th
Meeting Place: Valley of Fire turn-off
Meeting Time: 7 a.m.
Final Destination: Dixie Apex Mine, near St. George

It will take about an hour (or more) to get from the V-of-F turn-off to our Final Destination. The guard will meet us at the mine gate at 9:30 a.m., Utah time.

We'll be mining for copper, and we can drive up to and go through some huge tailings that have malachite, azurite, chrysocolla, smithsonite, and a few more. Some are byproduct, some are crystals, some are stalagmites - they say that it rivals anything that came from Bisbee, AZ! We'll get a spectacular view of Zion, Kolob, and all the mountains for many miles. Should be an easy trip with 4x4's only needed near the tailings. Those without 4x4's can catch a ride with those who do.

Thanks all!
Bill

SMILE!

Hello SNGMS!

My name is Dhyanne Swanson and though most of you know me, I thought I'd take a moment to say hi to our newbies and let them know that I just loooooove to take candid pictures. So be on guard! You'll see me at the club functions, field trips, the shop, pretty much everywhere...with my camera in hand. And though I'm mostly known for my comedy outside of SNGMS, I fell in love with photography at a very young age and have been shooting for CNN iReport for over three years now, so I know how to click a pic. So if you see me, it's likely I see you....

then you might see yourself.... in the next issue of The Polished Slab. Thank you SNGMS, for giving me the opportunity to be the Club Photographer. This is one fun job!

Keep smiling,
Dhyanne



NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to SNGMS! We're so glad to have you with us!

~ John Crumpley
~ Dana Coleman Crumpley
~ Jana Ward
~ Hugh Ward
~ Kenneth Keyser



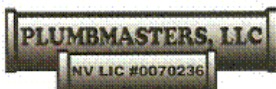
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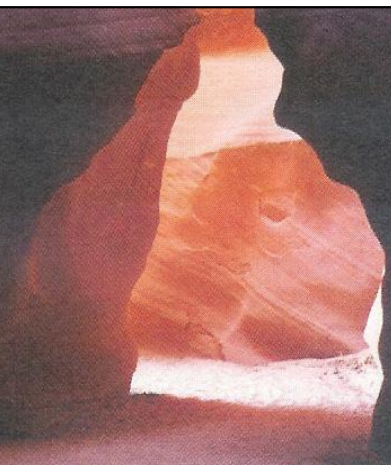
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Club Gemstone: Turquoise
Club Logo: Rocks-R-Us
Membership is open to anyone with an interest in: Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing
Annual Dues: Individual - \$20; Family - \$30
Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the Senior Center at 451 Bonanza Road, on the southwest corner of Bonanza Road and Las Vegas Blvd. No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our annual awards dinner.
Visitors are always welcome and bring a friend or two.

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