Greetings to all Club Members!

I hope everyone that could, attended our last meeting. Those of you that couldn’t attend missed a very interesting program. Our thanks to our guest speaker John Fish who owns John Fish Jewelry and John Fish Jewelry School. He had some terrific stones and rough to show us.

Please keep in mind that we will ALWAYS need volunteers for SOMETHING, since there are no paid positions. If you can volunteer for anything, from shop supervisor to telephone committee or assisting with refreshments or raffles or programs, I promise that we will try not to overwork you. If you feel unqualified for certain positions---not to worry! We will get you qualified. Participation is the key to enjoyment.

Meanwhile, KEEP ON ROCKIN’.

Wes Bryant

The club wishes to express our condolences to Pauline Moore and her family on the passing of her husband Richard. Both are long-time members and Richard was a past board member.

We also send our thoughts and prayers to Marty Lange and her family on the passing of her son Michael Crandall.

We are truly sorry for your losses.

It has been brought to my attention that we have a very distinguished gentleman in our club. In May George Messenger was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worchester Massachusetts. George is an internationally recognized authority on the hardening of electronic systems. George earned a B.S. in physics from WPI in 1951, holds an M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in engineering from California Coast University. He developed the Messenger-Spratt Engineering Equation, which describes the effects of neutron radiation on bipolar devices and discovered the Kirk Effect—also called current-induced base push-out—an apparent increase in the width of the base of bipolar transistors that occurs at very high injection levels and current densities. George received the Annual Merit Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society, the Peter Haas Award for outstanding technical contributions to hardened military and space systems. He established the Dargon Fund in 1983 and has served as its general manager since then. For his pioneering contributions to the development of solid-state electronic and his impressive record of success as an entrepreneur and investor, WPI takes great pride in conferring upon alumnus George Messenger the Degree of Doctor of Engineering, Honoris Causa.

Congratulations George!!!

Call Sue Moore, Chairman 348-9600
March Board Meeting Highlights

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There was no board meeting held as there were not enough members present.

Show and Event Reminders

Bonnie Screams, Oct. 16-31 nightly, 6:30-11:30 to benefit 4 kids Now, autistic kids organization. Booths are 10 x 10 & can be shared which will make each person’s fee very reasonable. Call Sharon for more info, 499-0272.

Zzyzx, not too far from LV, Nov. 15-22 Camp Paradise, raffle ticket deadline, Oct. 31, event itself, May 16-22 and May 23-29, 2010!

Please access the web site for details, California Federation (CFMS) Earth Science Studies www.cfmsinc.org.

Intergem, Dec. 4,5,6, Fri., Sat., Sun. as always! And, as always, we need all of the volunteers, demonstrators & loaders plus all the large vehicles that we can get. Please mark your calendars NOW for those dates. This is still our biggest fundraiser!! Call or email Sharon to offer your services and for more info. sharonrr@cox.net, 499-0272.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the wonderful people who came to visit, call or email while I was hospitalized. I felt truly blessed and appreciate everything!!

Sandy

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The meeting was called to order on September 14, 2009 at 6:20PM by president Wes Bryant. The salute to the flag was done and all members and guests were greeted. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer was absent so no report was given. Sharon Rogow gave the show report. The Intergem Show will be Dec. 4, 5 & 6. There will also be a show at Bonnie Springs. This is a charity show and proceeds will go toward autism. The show is Oct. 16-Oct. 31 and the fee is $500.00 for a 10 x 10 booth if any members are interested. First Friday Chairperson Sue Moore gave the First Friday report. There were a few sales but not a large turnout as there is still a lot of construction on the streets nearby. Several tours of the shop were conducted. Wes read a letter from Anita Zell who submitted her resignation as Sunshine Chairman. Sunshine Chairman and that she and her husband are busy and have other obligations. Pat Skeary will finish out the year. Wes also announced the passing of Dick Moore, a past officer of the club. Mary Beth Paladino gave the kids club report & that she and her husband are busy and have other obligations. Pat Skeary will finish out the year. Wes also announced the passing of Dick Moore, a past officer of the club. Mary Beth Paladino gave the kids club report & there will be a field trip to Logandale on October 10. There will also be a fluorescent light show at Mary Beth’s on October 17 from 10am to 12pm. November 7 will be craft day and runs 10am to 12pm. Shop foreman Larry Grillett gave the shop report. There was repair needed for some equipment but the shop is doing well. Bill Lemmon spoke about the upcoming field trip outside of Cedar City. Those interested should meet at the Valley of Fire at 6:00am and will regroup at the Smith’s Food King in Cedar City. Wes mentioned the field trip handbook and to take plenty of water. Sandy Cunningham mentioned that wire wrapping classes will resume on Tuesday, October 13. Wes appointed Sue Moore, Sheri Johnson and Mary Beth Paladino for nominating committee for the upcoming November elections. The new audit committee is Sharon Rogow, Larry Grillett and Cliff Jackson. Wes announced the new venue for the awards banquet. It’s been moved to the Elks Lodge and not the American Legion. More details to follow in the next issue. John Fish was our guest speaker.

Submitted by Pat Skeary—acting secretary
Show Schedule

25-27—SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH: Gem Faire; Towne Exposition Center/Exhibit Hall 5, 9575 S. State St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; $5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

25-27—SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: Annual Tailgate; Orange Belt Mineralogical Society; Little League Baseball Park, Western Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; silent auction

Sept. 30-Oct 4—JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: 34th annual show, "Gem, Mineral, and Handicraft Jamboree"; Sportsman Club of Joshua Tree; 6225 Sunburst Ave.; Wed. 8-5, Thu. 8-5, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-5, Sun. 8-3; free admission; minerals, fossils, crystals, gems, meteorites, jewelry, beads, geology supplies, raffles; web site: www.gemfaire.com

Zzyzx November 15 - 22, 2009- $350 per person per week registration forms on line.

For info on the California Federation Shows, please access the web site www.cfmsinc.org or call Sharon, 499-0272.

OTHER SHOWS MAY BE FOUND ON THE ROCK & GEM WEBSITE

OUR NEXT MEETING
October 5 at 6PM
at the Senior Center on Bonanza Avenue.
If your birthday is in October, please don’t forget to bring something for the refreshment table and how about something besides cake and cookies? How about some other snacks...pretzels, chips 'n' pillows, nuts, crackers, cold cuts, finger sandwiches maybe?? Use your imagination!!

SUNSHINE REPORT
by Anita Zell

Nita is no longer our Sunshine Chairman and we are in need of someone to take over this position for our club. Pat Skeary will be our temporary person until the end of the year.

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**NEW ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Contact anyone on this list if you wish to nominate someone for a board position in the upcoming November election:

- Sue Moore: Chairman 348-9600
- Mary Beth Paladino: member 255-1647
- Sheri Johnson: member 525-0256

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM SNGMS!

(If yours was missed we don't have it on file)
KIDS CLUB - Pebble Pups

No Kids club meeting for September...there will be a field trip October 10 and the fluorescent light Meeting on Oct. 30. Meetings are held at 3740 Moss Ridge Court. Call for directions. 702-255-1647 .......Mary Beth Paladino

If you’d like a reminder on this, contact Terry Beck at terrybeck69@yahoo.com

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
LOCATION: 1025 South Main Street (Use 1st Street Entrance)

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 1 to 9PM
Contact Richard Fyfe 645-7553

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CLASS SCHEDULE

CABOCHON CLASS - $5.00 per class   CLASS FEE TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE class limit 3
The class fee includes: Instruction, the use of the trim saw and one slab. Costs for use of a Genie and other equipment will be a the prevailing member rate of $3.00 per hour and paid at the shop.

CONTACT: Richard Fyfe 645-7553
For class information

WIRE WRAPPING - $5.00 per class
CONTACT: Sandy Cunningham 806-0816 or wrapsodylasvegas@cox.net
for class institution and registration.

SILVERSMITHING - $5.00 per class
TUESDAYS - 5:30 PM to 8 PM.

CONTACT: Jenna Plein @ 516-1485
For location and space availability.

Want to try something new and fun? There is a word in one of the newsletter articles that doesn’t fit...it will be VERY OBVIOUS!! Be the first person to email me and tell me the word and where you found it, and I will give you one of my wire wrapped pendants as a prize! The earliest email gets the prize! Email me at wrapsodylasvegas@gmail.com. Good luck everyone!! Sandy
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Volunteer Chairpersons:

| Class Coordinator             | Frank Auerswald   | 365-8306 |
| Door Prizes                   | Mary Beth Paladino | 255-1647 |
| Federation Director           | Sharon Rogow      | 499-0272 |
| Financial Planner             | George Messenger  | 733-6578 |
| First Friday                  | Sue Moore         | 348-9600 |
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| Beth Paladino                 | 255-1647          |
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| Newsletter Editor             | Sandy Cunningham  | 806-0816 |
| Parliamentarian/              | Larry Grillett    | 656-0262 |
| Sgt. At Arms                  |                   |        |
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Any changes in workshop schedule—contact Larry Grillett 656-0262

SOUTHERN NEVADA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY FIELD TRIPS for 2009

Bill Lemmon has an upcoming field trip outside of Cedar City. Those interested should meet at the Valley of Fire at 6:00 am and will regroup at the Smith’s Food King in Cedar City. Wes mentioned the field trip handbook and to take plenty of water. Contact Bill at 438-3363 for more information.

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MICHAEL KIRK 433-4146

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