



# The Polished Slab

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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## Upcoming Events

May 28 - Board Meeting

Jun 1 - General Meeting

See calendar on page 5 for shop hours, classes, trips, meetings, and other SNGMS events

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## President's Message

*from Sue Moore*

Greetings, fellow rock hounds.

I must open my message with the sad news of the passing of Life Member, Ed Rupprecht, on Saturday, May 2nd. He was loved by all and he leaves a legacy of mentoring that will be a hard act to follow. Exact details of services will be announced as they become available. We will be publishing an in depth biography on Ed and his interesting life.

The Gem and Mineral Show at the Boulder City Spring Jamboree is completed. My thanks go to all who worked so hard before, during and after, to make this such a success. Sheri Johnson, Show Chairman, Cindy Allison, Co-Show Chairman, Jaen Rupprecht, Cliff Jackson, Mary Beth Paladino, and all of the other volunteers, thank you all for your hard work.

Special thanks go to Shannon Funk for the fabulous work on the signs and table tops created by him and his awesome crew. He also loaned his freshly rejuvenated geode saw for the event, which was a hit with the visitors to our show.

The Boulder City Parks and Recreation Department really helped us out by loaning us the use of tables, at the last minute. Thank you again, BCRD, for your timely assistance.

May brings us to our annual multi-day rock hounding trip. This year we are going to Delta, Utah, for Memorial Day Weekend. We have organized trips going out on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, leaving the Antelope RV Park, at 9am. Bill and I will be arriving on Wednesday, May 20th, at the RV Park. If you need reservations at the RV Park or Motels, google them and call in your reservation. Remember, this is Memorial Day Weekend, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Keep on Rockin'.

## Board Meeting Summary - April 23rd 2015

On April 23rd, 2015, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:10 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the April 2nd, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurer reported that the books for April are not closed. Steve Wilson proposed, seconded by Tony Duran, and accepted by the board, "that bills presented be paid."

Shop Report: Shannon Funk proposed, seconded by Kevin Ware, and accepted by the board, "that SNGMS order 24 or more vests for sale to membership." Shop foreman reports that all equipment is running and the geode saw has been fixed. He clarified the wheel replacement criteria.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Lorrilee Stackhouse proposed, seconded by Shannon Funk, and accepted by the board "that coffee and donuts be purchased and provided to vendors at the show on Saturday morning." Shannon Funk proposed, seconded by Steve Wilson, and accepted by the board "that a truck be rented to transport show materials between shop and show location, and that signboards be purchased for show usage."

### **New Business:**

The Delta Utah trip is being planned, and there will be a sign up sheet at the general meeting. There will be pay-to-dig trips.

It was decided to have a vote at the general meeting on replacing three Genies with new Cab King machines.

The Kids Club field trip will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

## General Meeting Summary - May 4th 2015

On May 4th, 2015, the regular meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:00 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the April 6th, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for April was negative.

We mourn the passing of Ed Rupprecht, last Saturday morning. Services will be announced as soon as arrangements are made.

## General Meeting Summary - May 4th 2015 con't.

### Committee Reports:

A volunteer for Hospitality is needed. Contact any Board member.

Sunshine: Dottie Auerswald reports that Don Evans has had surgery and was hospitalized. Diane Burgess had a family emergency and missed the April meeting. L.D. Tripp was hospitalized and is at home on IV antibiotic therapy.

Shop: Everything is running well.

Membership: John Stackhouse reports 377 adult and 69 child members.

Federation and Show: Sheri Johnson reports a phenomenal show. The many vendor comments will be used to improve next years show. There were many positive comments given to the info booth at the event by attendees. We have been invited back next year. Members should consider entering a case into the Rocky Mountain Federation show in Cody, WY, July 16-18.

Field Trip: Memorial Day weekend is the annual club outing. This year it is to Delta Utah with trips organized on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Saturday we will go to U-Dig Trilobites. The cost is \$40 per person.

Jr. Members and Rock Stars: Mary Beth Paladino reports that she needs samples of marble, granite, and rhyolite. Slabs need to be cut into ½ inch squares. There will be no May Kids Club meeting, instead there will be a field trip, open to all, to Rhyolite area. Mary Beth thanked everyone who participated in the education activities and exhibits at the show, especially Ed and Jaen Rupprecht and Harvey and Rita Bergeron who chaired this event.

Shop contest for May with voting at the June meeting is for the best cabochon with a plant, tree, or flower pattern showing. To be eligible to enter in the contest you must have paid for one hour use of shop equipment in May.

### Unfinished Business:

Volunteer is needed for Polished Slab editor, training will be provided.

### New Business:

Vests will be available for purchase by the membership for \$20.00. They are available in Large, XL, and XXL.

Joe DiMartino proposed, seconded by Alexandra Jiminez, and adopted by the membership, "that the club buy three Cab Kings and sell the Genies by silent auction." Further discussion led to consensus on a \$300 starting bid on the Genies, and the decision to auction them one a month. The auction for May will close on Saturday, May 30th at Noon.

Kathleen Greene brought up concerns about needing new laps for the flat lap machine. Alternatives for a smaller flat lap machine will be researched.

Classes were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

# Upcoming Events

**May 16** Rhyolite Field Trip - Kids Club, everyone welcome. Led by Diane Burgess and Mike Kisner. Meeting time: 8:30 AM at Piute Smoke Shop, Snow Mountain Exit, I-95 Northbound, departure at 9:00 AM

Destination: Rhyolite (the Ghost Town) and, after that, we will be going to a site to collect fluorspar, which is a white massive mineral, with purple and yellow crystallization. The roads are passable with any vehicle. The collecting site is super easy to get to, and no special tools are needed to collect the minerals. Just bend over, pick up, and put in bucket. Bring: Chairs, lunch/snacks, water/drinks, hat, sunscreen, rock hounding tools, plenty of buckets and bags, and a big smile

If you want to go, please call me with your name, number of people in your party, and your cell phone number. Diane Burgess 702-575-2762

**Memorial Day Weekend** - Delta, Utah annual SNGMS Multi-day trip - This will be our hub for rock trips around the area. Each trip will require about 40 miles in different directions, but there is no one place to stay in the countryside that is better than staying in the town of Delta.

You can get camping and RV reservations for the Antelope Valley RV Park by calling 800-430-0022. I just made my reservations for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, through Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will drive home on Tuesday. If you are a member of Good Sam Club, you can let them know. Their address is 776 W. Main Street, Delta, Utah. (Hwy 6/50) This is a very nice RV Park and has hook ups, showers, laundry & WiFi. Just what you need when roughing it. Each person is responsible for making their own reservation.

There are also motels in the town, so check the web for motels, if you need them.

Collecting: U-Dig trilobites, Topaz Mountain, Dugway Geodes, and others. You can stay at the Antelope RV Park, or Motels located in town. Google will help you make reservations.

The first outing will leave the RV Park at 9:am on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Potluck barbeque will be on Saturday Evening at 6pm. If you haven't signed up yet, email me at: [moorepeggyusue@gmail.com](mailto:moorepeggyusue@gmail.com).

**July 16-18** Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies 2015 Mineral and Gem Show in Cody WY. This is the annual show for our federation and we will be represented by our Federation Director and other members. Consider attending the show, and maybe entering a showcase?

**Aug 13-16** Buena Vista CO will host a large outdoor rockshow. Our member, Cliff Jackson is attending and you can contact him for more information.



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# Kids Club/Education Activities

The April meeting of the Kids Club focused on fossils, as the gold panning had to be cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a future meeting. There will be no Kids Club meeting in May, instead there will be a field trip, to which everyone is invited, to Rhyolite. *For details see page 4.* The educational activities and displays at the SNGMS Spring Jamboree Rock Show were very well received and Ed and Jaen Rupprecht, and Harvey and Rita Bergeron are thanked for their chairmanship. Many club members contributed and participated, and many thanks go out to them. **The Kids Club meets on the second Sunday of most months at the SNGMS Shop from 3-5. As always, for more information or to volunteer to lead an activity contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647.**

## May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>10</b> Shop 12-5 <b>Mothers Day</b>	<b>11</b> Wire Wrapping 5-8	<b>12</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>13</b> Shop 12-9	<b>14</b> Shop 12-9	<b>15</b> Shop 12-9	<b>16</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6 <b>Rhyolite Field Trip</b>
<b>17</b> Faceting 8 - 12 Shop 12-5	<b>18</b> Polymer Clay 2-5 Beading 5-7	<b>19</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>20</b> Shop 12-9	<b>21</b> Shop 12-9	<b>22</b> Shop 12-9 <b>Delta Utah Field Trip</b>	<b>23</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6 <b>Delta Utah Field Trip</b>
<b>24</b> Shop 12-5 <b>Delta Utah Field Trip</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>26</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>27</b> Shop 12-9	<b>28</b> Shop 12-9 Board Mtg. 6	<b>29</b> Shop 12-9	<b>30</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6

## June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	<b>1</b> General Mtg 6	<b>2</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>3</b> Shop 12-9	<b>4</b> Shop 12-9 Board 6	<b>5</b> Shop 12-9	<b>6</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6
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Jan 05 General	Jun 01 General
29 Board	Jul 02 Board
Feb 02 General	06 General
26 Board	30 Board
Mar 02 General	Aug 03 General
Apr 02 Board	Sep 10 Board
06 General	14 General
30 Board	Oct 01 Board
May 04 General	05 General
28 Board	29 Board
Nov 02 General	

Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Eagles Lodge, 1601 E Washington

**SNGMS General Meeting**

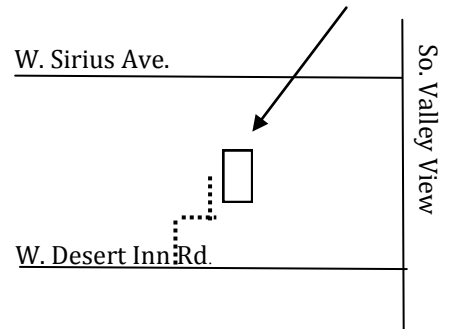
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

***Non-members welcome!***

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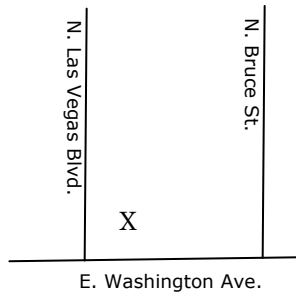
Show & Sell 5-6 PM  
Meeting 6-8 PM

**3111 So. Valley View Blvd,  
Building E Shop Suite 125**



**Finding the Shop Location**

Proceeding west on Desert Inn Road, take the first right past So. Valley View Blvd. into the industrial park area. Drive past the building on your right, then jog right, then left and you will be in front of Building E.



**Finding the General Meeting Location**

Eagles Lodge #1213  
1601 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV  
(702) 642-1213



**SNGMS Rockhounds of the Year**

**Nominated by the SNGMS Board of Directors and unanimously approved by SNGMS membership**

**Ed and Jaen Rupprecht** have been involved in the rock hounding and lapidary hobby in Southern Nevada for many years. Belonging to the clubs preceding SNGMS, and then in SNGMS Jaen held the offices of Treasurer, Vice-President, Federation Director, and Class Coordinator; Ed held Board of Directors, Field Trip Chair, and Shop Foreman positions.

In recent years Ed and Jaen have been active members of the club, helping out wherever they can. In the late 90s they even hosted the clubs shop in their backyard Quonset hut. Jaen pitches in and helps with anything going on at SNGMS. Ed teaches cabochon making, identifies rocks, helps lead field trips, and loans items from his collection for exhibits. He and Jaen have contributed to the Rock Stars and Pebble Pups club, and the education outreach programs of SNGMS, even hosting the kids in their backyard for a rock hunt. We are proud to have them as Lifetime members of our club.

# Classes, Classes, Classes!

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The wire wrapping class for May is the 11th, Shamrock Top Wrap. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.

Beading class has moved to the third Monday of the month. The next class is May 18th from 5 - 7 PM at the shop. The project will be a very pretty necklace. A kit will be available for the necklace project. For more information call Pat Skeary 702-630-6796. .

Silver Smithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. with Bill Lemmon leading the class. This class is suitable for beginners, and also for intermediate to advanced students.

Polymer clay class will be held May 18th from 2-5 PM, and will be cabochon setting. Bring a cab, or mold one of polymer clay to use, and come and join the fun! Molds for various size/shape cabs will be available to use. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning from 8 - Noon and are open to new students at this time.

Scott Edwards is teaching Metalsmithing every Saturday from 8-10.

Mike Kisner will be teaching flint knapping so watch for information about classes that should start in the Spring.

Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, metalsmithing, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club.

Faceting is \$5.00 an hour, the cost of faceting machine use, or a flat \$5.00 if you use your own machine. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class. All donations go to SNGMS, all instructors volunteer their time and expertise.



## SNGMS Junior Rockhound of the Year

**Nominated by Mary Beth Paladino and unanimously approved by SNGMS Membership**

**Sydney Davis** would like to have a career in geology. In the meantime, she is absorbing every piece of information about rocks and minerals and related subjects and shares it with her schoolmates, teachers and also the other children in our Rock Star/Kids Club program.

She is creating a display on fossils, including dinosaur bone, for our May show. She shares rocks with other children to interest them in the science of geology. Sydney's excitement about the world of rocks and minerals is so contagious she makes learning fun.



# Shop Report



Photo courtesy of Caity Stackhouse

## SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday *	12 noon - 5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 noon - 9 PM
Thursday *	12 noon - 9 PM
Friday	12 noon - 9 PM
Saturday	10 am - 6 PM

\* Sun. June 14th the shop will be closed

### Shop Fee

**All equipment is now metered and charge will be:**  
\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

### Shop Contest for May

Entrant must have at least 1 hour shop usage in May, verifiable by shop foremen. For May you may enter any cabochon, of any shape, and size that depicts flower, plant, or tree. Voting will be by the general membership at the June meeting. A prize will go to the top two winners.

**Congratulations** to the April shop contest winners! First Place - **Jason Fabbi**, and Second Place tie - **John Brown** and **Joe DiMartino**

Please, **under no circumstances**, park in front of Unit 124 or Unit 126 (the units next to the Shop). The owners of the units come in at odd hours and need access to their parking spaces. There is ample parking across from the Shop that is not in front of any unit.

### Shop Donations Needed

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## Welcome New Members



*A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS. We look forward to getting to know you better*

Jade Cortes, Edita Crick, Russell Crick, Thomas Douglas, Mary Anne Downing, Rhonda Eggimann, Merle English, Steven Gobel, Nancy Hobart, James Kessler, Ben Lucero, Victoria Lucero, Carl Mastrosimone, John McLane, Justin Reckling, Bob Wengert

## Sunshine Report

*from Dottie Auerswald*



***Please if you hear of any SNGMS member in need of a bit of sunshine due to accident, illness, death in the family or other need, call me—Dottie Auerswald at 648-5886 (recorder on) or cell 703-493-9672. Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well.***

We mourn the passing of Ed Rupprecht, last Saturday morning. Services will be announced as soon as arrangements are made. Our sympathy goes out to his wife of 38 years, Jaen.

Don Evans has had surgery and was hospitalized. Diane Burgess had a family emergency and missed the April meeting. L.D. Tripp was hospitalized and is at home on IV antibiotic therapy.

## 2015 Board of Directors

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Contact any Board member to volunteer for a position, or a Committee Chairman to offer to help on their committee.

# Upcoming Shows

**May 9 - 10 - Reno, NV**, Annual show; Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center; 1350 N. Wells Ave; Fri. 10 - 5, Sun. 10 - 4

**May 16 - 17 - Pinetop, AZ**, Show and sale; White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club, Hon-Dah Conference Center; 777 Highway 260; Sat. 9 - 6, Sun. 10 - 4

**Jun 5 - 7 - Flagstaff, AZ**, Annual show; Coconino Lapidary Club, Outdoor Market At Silver Saddle; 9001 N Hwy 89; Fri. 9 - 4, Sat. 9 - 4 pm, Sun. 9 - 4

**Jun 12 - 14 - Lodi, CA**, Annual show, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Grounds, 413 East Lockeford Street, Fri & Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

**Jun 27 - 28 - Culver City, CA**, Annual show; Culver City Rock and Mineral Show, Veterans Memorial Auditorium; 4117 Overland Blvd.;; Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10-5

**Jul 16 - 18 - Cody, WY**, Annual Rocky Mountain Federation Show, Cody HS Sweitzer Gym, 920 Beck Ave., Thu 4-8, Fri 10-8, Sat 10-4

**Aug 13 - 16 - Buena Vista, CO**, Contin-Tail show, Outdoor rock sale with 100+ vendors, open 9 - 5, see <http://coloradorocks.org/> For more details.

These are only a sampling of shows that are fairly close to the Las Vegas area. There are rock clubs throughout the United States and the computer is your friend in finding information about clubs and shows. Just search for the area you are interested in and rock club and you should find plenty to keep you busy, wherever you are going.

Some links that you may find helpful are:  
California Federation - <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

Rocky Mountain Federation -  
<http://www.rmfm.org>

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<b>Club Mascot:</b> Rock Wren <b>Club Gemstone:</b> Turquoise <b>Club Logo:</b> Rocks-R-Us <b>Membership</b> is open to anyone with an interest in: Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing <b>Annual Dues:</b> Individual - \$25; Family - \$35 <b>Meetings</b> are held the first Monday of the month at the Eagles Lodge #1213, 1601 E Washington No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our annual awards dinner. <b>Visitors</b> are always welcome and bring a friend or two.	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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