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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2nd - Board Mtg
- May 7th - General Mtg
- May 31st - Board Mtg
- June 4th - General Mtg
- July 5th - Board Mtg

See page 8 for details on scheduled classes and instructor contact information

SNGMS Contact :
702 561-3086

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Bob Belcher

To all SNGMS Members:

May flowers, Mother's Day and good weather.

We have a Great Trip coming up this Sunday, May 20th, going for red & white onyx.

Thanks to Del Walkenshaw 2 saws are back on line. A blade has been put on the new saw.

Peggy Sue is going in for surgery this week. Barbara Belcher is having surgery on Wednesday, May 23rd. Make sure to keep these two in the front of our thoughts and prayers.

We had a great Jamboree at Boulder City. Check out page 3 and 7 for photos. They just keep getting better each year. Thanks to Sheri Johnson, Cindy Alison and thanks to all the others which I don't remember the all the names. Gary Webb , Kerry " Chops" Wenzl and Bill Kogan went to Delta, Utah to buy the geodes for the saw. We had a good sale on them thanks to Jim Jones, Ron Mazz and all the others that worked in the geode booth. The kids booth was also busy all day thanks to Joan Sprout and all of her group.

Warm weather is coming and it's time to come on down to the shop and work on some of those rocks we've been getting all year. Make some cabochons. Make some new friends and say Hi to some old ones. Make sure to check on the new shop hours.

Gary Webb has a family member who's very ill so he and his wife had to go to Canada. Make sure to keep all of them in your prayers.

Don't forget about all our classes. The beading class will restart when Gary gets back from Canada, check emails for the date.

Need a supervisor for Sundays, 12:00 noon to 5 pm. We haven't been opened for the past 4 weeks. The current supervisor has been busy making a living, we all know how that is.

Bob Belcher
President SNGMS
May 2018

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Field Trips

Field Trip, Sunday, May 20th

There will be a field trip for the red and white onyx for Sunday, May 20th. This is a different location than the Mercury onyx site.

The meeting place will be the gravel parking area on the NW corner of Hwy 160 and Tacopa Road, on the way into Pahrump. Tacopa Road is also know as The Old Spanish Trail.

Bill Wertz will be the leader for this trip.

You will need 4 wheel drive. High clearance is preferred. The road is a dirt 2 tracker.

All Rockhounds will be at the meeting place at 8:30am and the group will leave at 9:00pm.

Thing to bring on this trip:

- Full tank of gas
- Lots of water
- Chairs
- Lunch
- Hammer and chisel
- Rock picks and collection bags

Don't wait for the last minute to buddy up if you don't have a vehicle that will work for this trip. Check in at the shop and set up ride sharing with another member.

June 8 –10: Delta, Utah for Trilobites. Jason Fabbi will be leading this trip.

A few pictures from the recent trip to Afton Canyon, CA.



Birthstone for the Month of May is Emerald: Is a precious gemstone and a variety of the mineral Beryl ($\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_6$) colored green by trace amounts of chromium and sometimes vanadium. Beryl has a hardness of 7.5–8 on the Mohs scale and is in the hexagonal crystal family. In mythology Emerald was associated with Mercury, the messenger of the gods and is the protection stone of travelers.

The green gemstone symbolizes hope and development and was a stone of divine intuition for the Greeks. Emerald is regarded as a powerful stone for problems of impaired Balance such as vertigo.



SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 5/02/18

On May 2nd, 2018, the regular Board of Directors 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 March 29th, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer was not present but the checking account record was presented.

New Business:

John Stackhouse proposed, seconded by Wayne Muth, and approved by the Board, that "Tony Blackwell be added to the membership distribution list because she is helping out with email distributions."

Jason Fabbi offered to lead a field trip to Delta Utah for a trilobite dig and visit to a trading post with an abundance of rocks for sale in June.

Del Walkenshaw proposed, seconded by Beth Jones, and approved by the Board, that "Up to \$150 be spent on materials for repair of faceting machines."

John Stackhouse proposed, seconded by Del Walkenshaw, and approved by the Board, that "The listed Committee chairs be authorized to spend up to the following amount on routine expenses per month without prior Board authorization."

Shop - \$150, Bulletin - \$100, Junior Members Club/Rock Stars - \$50, Membership - \$50, Sunshine - \$50.

Reimbursement will still require that receipts be furnished.

Unfinished Business:

Sheri Johnson reported that 29 vendors are signed up for the Spring Jamboree show.

A review of all Shop procedures and equipment was discussed.

Wayne Muth proposed, seconded by John Stackhouse, and approved by the Board, that "Up to \$150 be spent to rebuild the 'D' saw motor.

John Stackhouse proposed, seconded by Del Walkenshaw, and approved by the Board, that "the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Spring Jamboree, May 5-6: This year's Spring Jamboree in Boulder City was a great success. Following are some pictures of our indoor setup, vendors and volunteers:



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Discounts Available with your SNGMS membership

All the establishments featured on page 4 offer discounts to SNGMS members. Be sure to show your membership card when making a purchase, and say that the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society sent

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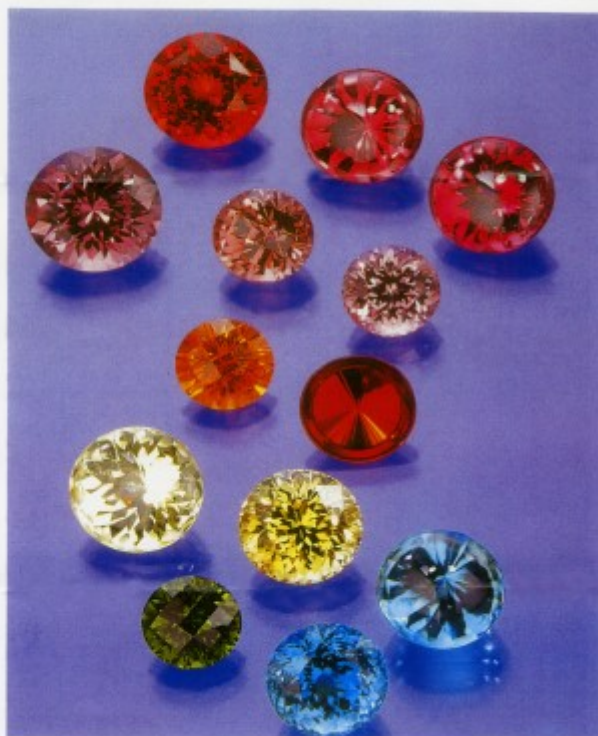
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- ONYX
- SUNSTONE
- RHODOLITE
- TOPAZ
- ZIRCON
- AND MANY MORE AVAILABLE.....



17,000 Carats

SNGMS General meeting minutes for 5/07/18

On May 7th, 2018, 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 2nd, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported the account balances.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Beth Jones reports Bruno and Phyllis Syzdek are having health problems and cannot make it to the meetings. Members having health problems but who were able to attend the meeting included: Rita Burgeron, Bill Kogan, and Bob Belcher. Barbara Belcher and Peggy Sue Moore are scheduled for surgery this month. Lynn Manthey is just out of the hospital again. Deborah Daly's brother passed away. Jodi Brewster is our AZ/NV State Director for RMFMS and she attended the Burro Creek outing. Her son passed away in April. Carol Wilhelms' father passed away.

Membership: John Stackhouse reports 252 adult and 39 child members.

Jamboree: Sheri Johnson reports show success and had a slide presentation. The financial numbers are not finalized yet, but will be reported next month.

Field Trips: May 20 Bill Wertz will lead a trip for red & white onyx. Jason Fabbi will lead a trip to Delta Utah in June.

Classes: see emails for class updates.

Jr. Members and Rock Stars: Mary Beth Paladino reported a successful and fun filled egg hunt. Presentations were made to Troop 700 BSA, and are planned at the Valley Library, and North LV Recreation Club. She thanked JoAnn Sprout for all her efforts for the Spring Jamboree kids activities.

Shop: An inventory of shop equipment and supplies is planned and all equipment will be made operational.

New Business:

Orville Wiemers proposed, seconded by Ann Harris, and approved by the membership that "up to \$1600.00 be spent for shop resale merchandise."

Cab contest winners: 1st place – Bruce Martin, 2nd place - Debbie Bucknam

Cindy Allison proposed, seconded by Ann Harris "that the meeting be adjourned." Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

SNGMS 2018 Meetings

Jan 04 Board	Jul 05 Board
08 General	09 General
Feb 01 Board	Aug 02 Board
05 General	06 General
Mar 01 Board	Sep 06 Board
05 General	10 General
29 Board	Oct 04 Board
Apr 05 General	08 General
26 Board	Nov 01 Board
May 07 General	05 General
31 Board	Dec None
Jun 04 General	Annual Awards
	Banquet

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

SNGMS General Meeting

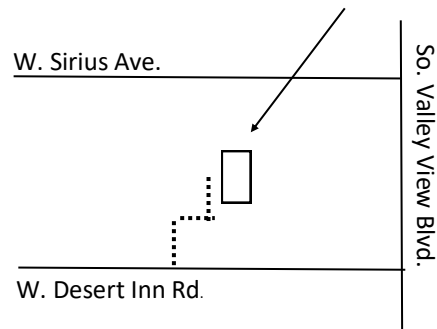
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

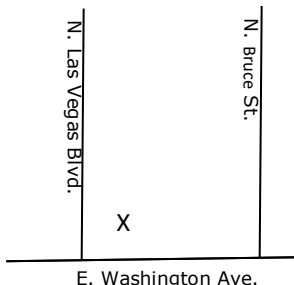
Show & Sell 5-6 PM
General Meeting 6-8 PM

**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



SNGMS Contact: 702 561-3086

Finding the General Meeting Location

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

KIDS CLUB / EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

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, or to help with an educational event contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647



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Classes

Wire wrapping, led by Peggy Sue Moore or Scott Edwards , meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The fee is \$5.00 for the shop and \$1.00 pattern fee.

Beading: Gary Webb and Sue Dobson will be hosting the beading class. Classes will be the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

Metal and Silver Smithing, Scott Edwards has changed the Metal & Silver smithing class from Saturday mornings to Tuesday evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm. The class is suitable for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. The shop is now opened Tuesdays from 1 pm to 5 pm for regular shop usage.

Faceting classes. Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm. Please contact Peggy Sue Moore moorepeggysue@gmail.com in advance to see if a machine is available. Class fee is \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor, Tom Kidwell.

Intarsia: Jim Callaway's two remaining class are scheduled for May 15th and May 22nd.

Wire wrapping, metal smithing, flint knapping, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting class fee is \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor. 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 to help extend the knowledge of our members.



Sunshine Report

from Beth Jones

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 Beth Jones at 702-505-5819 or email her at Punkyjones@hotmail.com
(please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)

Bob Belcher fought off the BUG and is finally much better.

Carol Kuykandell is doing much better after the knee surgery!

Rita Bergeron was at the meeting after a fall and broken knee! She is doing much better!

Michael Kirk says the stimulators are working great but he is going to have surgery on the neck still. We wish him good luck and send prayers to help.

Bill Kogan, from Lund, was at show & doing well. Way to go Bill!

Barbara Belcher is scheduled for surgery 23rd of this month. 1st of 5 needed. Neck is the hardest. She needs all our prayers & good thoughts. She and Peggy Sue will be in the Spring Valley Hospital on Rainbow.

Peggy Sue is having surgery this month on the 15th. We will wishing her a speedy recovery and send prayers.

Lynn Manthy just got out of hospital. I do not have all the info on him but we are thinking of him and will keep him in our prayers also.

SHOP INFORMATION

“New” SNGMS Workshop Schedule

SHOP HOURS

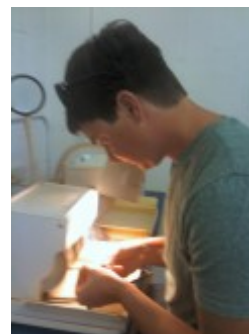
- Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm
- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 12 pm to 9 pm
- Thursday 12 pm to 9 pm
- Friday 12 pm to 9 pm
- Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm

SHOP CLOSED :

- 2nd Sunday of every Month For Kids Club 2 pm to 5 pm
 - Board Meeting: Various Thursday Nights 6 pm to Approx 7 pm
- Check Email and “Polished Slab” for dates.



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



2018 Monthly Cabochon Contest:

May	Flower
June	Desert
July	Patriotic
August	Sea Scape
September	The Cosmos
October	Halloween
November	Holiday
December	<u>None Awards Dinner</u>

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CABOCHON CONTEST YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF SHOP TIME. THE WINNERS RECEIVE FREE SHOP TIME. A “Desert” cabochon will be the contest entry to be judged at the June’s general meeting. **Good Luck.**

Mays “ Flower” Winners are:

1st Place: Bruce Martin



2nd Place: Debbie Buchnam



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.





Happy Birthdays!

May

Anna Bassols, Lisa Boka, Tim Boka, Wes Bryant, Kari Camp, Katerina Chayette, Carol Corden, Linda Erwin, Anthony Gelish, Mike Howard, Kell Hymer, Jeffery A. Justice, Gary Kano, Micheal Kisner, Scott Klepzig, Clayton Lewis, Maria Lewis, Ron Liccardo, Duane Matters, Barb Maz, Ron Mazz, Ardis Meiklejohn, Dave Oscarson, George Poltronieri, Larry Raburn, sue Raburn, Gualberto Rodriguez, David Seidner, Mary Skaarup, Carol Wilhems, Linda Wright.

June

If you have a June birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the June meeting.

Linda Arnold, Frank Auerswad, Sr., Bonnie Brown, Roberto Calvera, John Cox, Claudia Crouse, Rachel Elias, Janet Frei, Bill Hildebrandt, Margaret Johnson, Sheri Johnson, Michael Kirk, Mark Leppert, Dan Luckett, Linda Martin, Madeleine Maters, Livyana Muniz, Morgana Muniz, Wayne Muth, Tsukiko Nakano, Naomi Nozoe, Mary Beth Paladino, Shannon Park, Lori Pillsbury, Jacob Rand, Todd Sanford, Gail Seidner, Tiffany Selig, Jayda Sumner, Jim Switalla, Wayne Walker, Michelle Weber, Gail Wisniewski, Vincent Zebrowski

Welcome New Members!

A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS .

We look forward to getting to know you better

Joel Bakies, Anne Bittner, Robert Catalfamo, Rachel Elias, Richard Frei, Jacqueline Gerideau, James Groesbeck, Stephanie Groesbeck, Michelle Guerra, Evelyn Irving, Mike Irving, Elizabeth Nelson, Richard Nelson, Paul O'Bannon, Ron O'Brien, Holly Pelka, Scott Pelka, Ana Rendon, Andrea Vidmar, Wayne Walker, Peter Welty, Kimberly White.

2018 Board of Directors

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Parliamentarian: Scott Edwards 702 561-3086

One Year Board Remaining: John Stackhouse

Two Year Board Remaining: Jason Fabbi
jhfstones@yahoo.com

Three Year Board: Del Walkenshaw
desertartsupply@aol.com

Past President/One Year Board: Wayne Muth

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

June 1-3, 2018: Coconino Lapidary Club 6th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. Flagstaff, Arizona. 9 am to 5 pm Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm Sunday. For more information contact wyane Scott at 4nsgsrocks@gmail.com

July 20-22 Rocky Mountain Federation Show: Rapid City, South Dakota

Committee Chairmen

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- Education.....Mary Beth Paladino
- Federation.....Sheri Johnson
- Alt. Federation.....Peggy Sue Moore
- Field Trip.....Peggy Sue Moore & Bill Wertz
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- New Member Liaison... Barbara Belcher
- Program.....Cindy Allison
- Publicity.....Scott Edwards
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- 50-50 Raffle.....Orville and Lisa Weimers
- Refreshments.....Ruth Dziadon
- Rock Stars.....Mary Beth Paladino.....702-255-1647
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- Sunshine.....Beth Jones punkyjones@hotmail.com
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- Webmaster.....Jack Toogood.....702-642-4788

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Some links that you may find helpful:

- American Federation Of Mineralogical Societies-**
<http://www.amfed.org>
- California Federation -**
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>
- Rocky Mountain Federation -**
<http://www.rmfmts.org>
- and the Rock & Gem website -**
<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

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Club Mascot: Rock Wren

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 - \$25; Family - \$35

Meetings 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.

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