

The Polished Slab

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President's Message

Thanks to all of you who attended our September meeting. Thank you to Gay Fyfe, who will be our Membership Chairman and to Larry Grillett for serving as nominating chairman for this year's election. Candidates will be announced at the October meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor as well.

Our program will start early at the October meeting; we have the meeting room from 4PM until 8PM to allow extra time for the Trunk Show. Get there early for the best selection.

Also, Life Member **Lue Bartlett** will be attending our meeting, celebrating her **100th Birthday!**

The meeting will start at 6PM. The trunk show at 4PM.

November we will have our "Show & Tell & Sell" program again as well as the election of officers for 2009. Be Well.

Regards, *Jack Toogood*

E-mail - vegasbmw@hotmail.com



FIELD TRIPS



Sun. Sept. 21. SEARCHLIGHT
PICTURE ROCK - DESERT ROSES
Meet at Railroad Pass Casino Before 8am.
High Clearance Vehicle Needed

Sat. & Sun. October 11-12 TECOPA
WOOD, FOSSILS, FIRE AGATE, HOT BATHS
EARTHQUAKE FAULT, DATES
**Meet at Gas Station - Red Rock Loop &
Blue Diamond Road Before 8am.**

(4W DRIVE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS)

(See page 7 for 2008 Schedule)

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CLUB ELECTIONS

(to be held at the November General Meeting)

Our club's continued success depends upon our leaders. In the past, it has been difficult to find volunteers to run for election to our leadership positions. **Let's make a change. Let's have a choice, with more than one (1) person running for each office.** Take time to familiarize yourself with the Club By-Laws, which can be found at **WWW.SNGMS.COM**. **THEN, CONTACT LARRY GRILLETT, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

656-0262

2009 MEMBERSHIP STARTS OCTOBER 1st

BEAT THE RUSH

See the Membership Chairman at the
October Meeting

Fill out an Application Form for renewal **or**
Pick up a form and mail it with your dues to the
Club address: **Attn. Membership Chairman**

**ALL MEMBERSHIPS WILL REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FORM
AND MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

AWARDS BANQUET

December 7th at American Legion Post #40
425 Van Wagenen in Henderson

Anyone donating items for the Chinese Auction -
Please bring them to the October General Meeting.

Award Banquet tickets will be \$10 per person and
will be sold beginning at the October General
Meeting.

Plan on having a fun time!

Questions:

Contact Barb Egan 731-4131 Fax 815-366-7403
e-mail - Barb@mycactusproperties.com

September Board Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Rogow at 5:45 pm. Not present Glen Beye, and Erica Hamilton. Due to heavy rains Jack arrived late. Sharon read the minutes from August. Minutes approved with corrections. Sharon showed some new volunteer forms. Frank will continue to teach silver smith class. Frank offered to make award dinner tickets. We need new wheels for the genies. **note:** 5 new wheels have been received by Wes Bryant. Cost for discs for the flat lap runs approximately \$280.00 each.

Sharon would like to add words to the application forms regarding 20 volunteer hours per year.

Big Bear Beads will be doing a trunk show in October. Frank will contact them to possibly bring up a bag or two of large geodes from Louie's Rock & Onyx shop.

Sue reported that copies of the electric bills were given to C & J properties to figure out a credit due the club. A summary of the expenses were given to Sharon and Jack. Gay Fyfe has volunteered for membership chairmanship. Rock & gem magazine subscription fund raising form---ask Diane Hale. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

The October meeting program will be a trunk show by Big Bear Beads based in New Mexico. They feature semi-precious and stone beads, pendants and other items. The show will begin at 4PM. There will also be a meeting and the trunk show will be continued as the program.

GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order at 6:23PM. Minutes from last month were read by Jack. Minutes were corrected to change Martha Wright to Marty Lang. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Vince Gagliardi, seconded by Wes Bryant. Minutes approved as corrected. Treasurer's report was given by Sue. First Friday and Jewelry Makers report by Lorna Metz. First Friday going very well and the Jewelry Makers will have first meeting in September. Shop report by Wes. Cab classes will continue. Kid's club report by Mary Beth; next kid's meeting is Sept 27th. Awards Banquet report given by Barb Egan. Frank Auerswald will print tickets. Show report by Sharon, geodes are needed. Field trip report given by Doris. She has photos to give from past trips. Next trip September 21st. Big rock sale in Boulder city September 20th.

Old Business – none

New Business – Nominating chairman for this year is Larry Grillett. The empty Membership Chair has been taken by Gay Fyfe. All new memberships and renewals should go through her. Membership Chair is responsible for keeping the membership rolls up to date and providing a current list each month to President, VP, Treasurer, and Editor.

Break for refreshments at 7:10PM.

Program "Birthstones" given by Mary Beth. Scheduled guest speaker cancelled at last minute due to heavy rain.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Here We Go, the Intergem Show!! First Weekend in December

Show time is approaching and because this is our biggest fundraiser of 2008, we ask for your time, energy and support. Many of our members, both new and old, volunteer for this twice a year event, so we are looking for "repeat performances" and debut helpers. Here is the schedule: Thursday December 4th, 3PM to 6 or 7 PM for loading at the shop and set-up at Cashman (Las Vegas Blvd at Washington, near downtown; Friday December 5th, show hours, noon to 6 PM, 3 hour shifts; Saturday, December 6th, 10 AM to 6 PM, 4 hour shifts; Sunday December 7th from 11 AM to 5 PM, 3 hour shifts plus teardown from 5 PM to 7 PM. We need people with trucks and or SUVs for the loading, set-up and teardown. We are also forming a phone/e-mail tree to back up messages and as an additional reminder for our large variety of activities. Participating is great fun and a great way to interact with new and old friends, meet new people, help the club and have a learning experience! WE WANT YOU, WE NEED YOU and you will feel good about promoting our organization. Be a happy volunteer and contact Sharon at 499-0272 or sharonr@cox.net.

Rock & Gem

NEVADA - CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA - UTAH
 Show Schedule

SEPTEMBER

18-21--McDERMITT, NEVADA: 5th annual show, "Rockhound Rendezvous"; Diamond A Motel; 140 Hwy. 95 S; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission

25-28--SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: Annual tailgate, "Lyle 'Pappy' Strayer Memorial Tailgate"; Orange Belt Mineralogical Society; Western Regional Little League Park, 6707 Little League Dr.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

26-28--SANDY (SALT LAKE CITY), UTAH: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; South Towne Exposition Center/Exhibit Hall 5, 9575 S. State St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass

26-28--TOOELE, UTAH: Annual show; Tooele Gem & Mineral Society; Tooele City Recreation Complex, 350 West 400 North; Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-5; free admission

OCTOBER

10-12--MOAB, UTAH: 49th annual show; Moab Points & Pebbles Club; Old Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Hwy. 191; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-4; free admission

11-12--PAYSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Tonto Apache Res. Recreation Center, BIA 101/Hwy. 87N, south end of town, behind Sonic; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; admission \$3, children under 12 free

11-12--SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: 34th annual show, "Rock Rustlers Dream"; Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club; Elks Lodge, 1 Elks Ln., on Wilcox Ave., 1 block east of Buffalo Soldier Trail; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; free admission

11-12--TRONA, CALIFORNIA: 67th annual show, "Gem-O-Rama"; Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society; SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Bldg., 13337 Main St., at Trona Rd.; Sat. 7:30-5, Sun. 7:30-4; free admission

OTHER SHOWS MAY BE FOUND ON THE
 ROCK & GEM WEBSITE

KIDS CLUB - Pebble Pups



The Kids club meeting for September will be held at my home **Saturday, September 27th** at 3740 Moss Ridge Court. Call for directions. 702-255-1647*Mary Beth Paladino*

OUR NEXT MEETING

October 6th at 6pm.
 at the Senior Center on Bonanza Avenue.

If your birthday is in October, please don't forget to bring some goodies for the refreshment table.



SUNSHINE REPORT

by Anita Zell

Either we are the most incredibly healthy bunch of people in the world, or I have done something really sinful and no one is speaking to me. I have not heard of so much as a strained pinky finger in our midst. That's a GOOD thing. Call me at 876-1189 if you know someone who is ill or has suffered a loss. I will get a card off immediately. I love to spread good wishes. In the meantime, don't worry, be happy.

Nita

**LAS VEGAS ARTS DISTRICT
 FIRST FRIDAY**

OCTOBER 3rd

- Demonstrators **must** contact Lorna
- Table space **must** be reserved.
If you arrive without a reservation, you must bring your own table.
- Everyone is responsible to supply their own lighting.
- Set-up at 5p.m.

Volunteers for set-up, club fundraisers, and greeters needed.

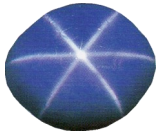
Call Lorna Metz, Chairman 877-4258



ROCK SALE

Big rocks, little rocks, all kinds - all prices!

Saturday, September 20th at 9am.
 1408 San Felipe Dr.
 Boulder City, NV



SEPTEMBER
BIRTHSTONE

SAPPHIRE
(Corundum)
(Aluminum oxide)

All gem-quality corundum that is not red is called sapphire, yet this name is popularly associated with the color blue. Variation in color, due to iron and titanium impurities, spans many shades, but most valuable is a clear, deep blue. Some stones, called "color-change sapphire," exhibit different shades of blue in artificial and natural light.

Good quality sapphire is found in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and India. The best Indian sapphire is cornflower blue and is found in Kashmir, either in pegmatites or as waterworn pebbles in alluvial deposits. Sapphire from Thailand, Australia, and Nigeria is dark blue, and may appear nearly black. Montana produces sapphire of an attractive metallic blue. Other localities include Cambodia, Brazil, Kenya, Malawi, and Columbia.

Synthetic sapphire production began in the late 19th century. Commercial quantities became available in the early 20th century.

.....from "GEMSTONES" a Smithsonian Handbook

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bill Benton

Doris Bunce	Buddy Caples
Cory Knapton	Marci Knapton
Cheryl Milne	Rita Ravin

OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS



Leigh Abrams	Peter Alderson
Lue Bartlett	Peggy Best
Joshua Brown	Angelo Cervantes
Linda Cowser	Susan Dobson
Kathy Hassett Duran	Douglas Hankel
Eileen Haugen	Lisa Henderson
Mary Hittle	Jim Holmes
Beth Jones	Harv Kapsner
Lois Kapsner	William Kogan
Art Lory	Yoshiko Macklow
Lynn Manthey	Joy Matheson
Mike McEntire	Diane Merisola
Richard Moore	Sarah Naylor
Judy Parrish	Shannon Pollock
Rita Ravin	Marlene Richter
Willard Richter	Renata Robertson
Ed Rupprecht	Angela Shadrick

Emire Stitt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM SNGMS!
(If yours was missed we don't have it on file)

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ROC-KINN FOS-LIN
by Doris Currington

TUMBLING

During the tumbling process, I shake the barrel before I open it. Then pour off some of the water. This will get rid of the rock dust. The grit will stay in the bottom. Replace the lost water before you begin to tumble again. This improves the grinding ability of the grit compound.

.....from "THE CORAL GEODE"

TUMBLING AGATES?

Use Indian Garnets. They are cheap, and they polish too.

FINAL POLISH

A few tablespoons of Oxalic Acid crystals in the final polish with your tumbler gives an extra luster. Spic and Span can be used to replace Oxalic Acid.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

COVINGTON CAB GRINDER/POLISHER
\$125.00

Contact Jack Toogood 510-4192

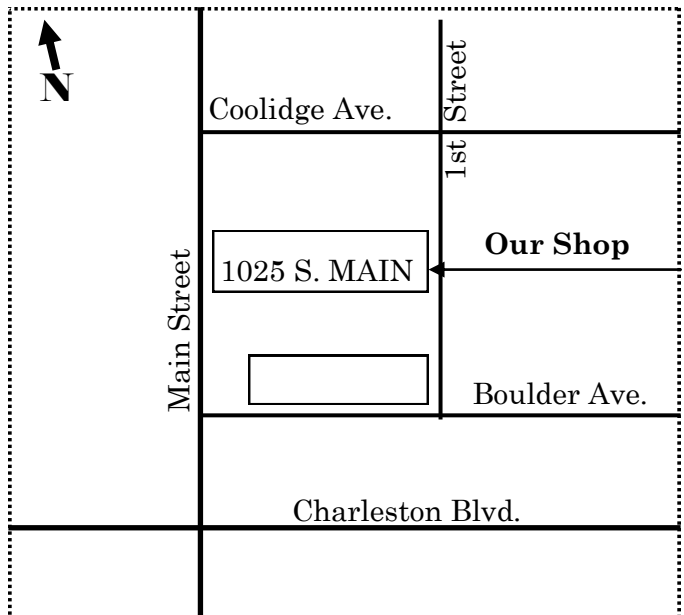
WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 1 to 9pm

Contact Wes Bryant
Home - 228-3331 Cell - 285-7829

Equipment Use Rates			
Genie	\$3 per hr.	Slab Saw(s)	\$3 per hr.
Trim Saw(s)	\$1 per hr.	Flat Lap	\$5 per hr.



CLASS SCHEDULE

CABOCHON CLASS - \$5.00 per 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: Wes Bryant 228-3331
For class information

SILVERSMITHING - \$5.00 per class
TUESDAYS - 6 to 9p.m. & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS


CONTACT: Frank Auerswald 365-8306
For location and space availability

WIREWRAPPING -

CONTACT: Sandy Cunningham 806-0816
For class information

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Vice President	Sharon Rogow	656-1144	Two Year Board	Frank Auerswald	365-8306
Secretary	Clare Breneman	452-0175	One Year Board	Glen Beye	354-9808
Treasurer	Sue Lofaro	614-4351	One Year Board	Erica Hamilton	325-9877
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Volunteer Chairpersons:			Volunteer Chairpersons:		
Awards Banquet	Barb Eagan	759-9724	Refreshments	Susan Dobson	564-2373
Class Coordinator	Frank Auerswald	365-8306	Show Chairperson	Sharon Rogow	656-1144
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MAY (17) KINGSTONS SIGHTS - SPECIMENS CUTTING, FOSSILS	JUNE (8) MUDDYS SIGHTS - SPECIMENS CUTTING	JULY (12) PARKS ONYX CUTTING	AUGUST BILL LEMMON I - 15 N (10) CUTTING - SPECIMENS	TRIPS START AT 8 a.m. UNLESS EXCEPTIONS APPLY
(31) MILE 16 SIGHTS - FOSSILS SPECIMENS, CUTTING CLAIM - ROADWORK	(21, 22) LUND, NV SIGHTS - SPECIMENS CUTTING	(19, 20) GOLDFIELD SIGHTS - SPECIMENS, FOSSILS - CUTTING	(30, 31) MANHATTON SIGHTS - SPECIMENS - CUTTING	IF IT HAS RAINED WITHIN 24 hrs. OR RAIN IS PREDICTED FOR THE DAY or WIND IS MORE THAN 25 mph.
SEPTEMBER (1) MANHATTON Cont.	OCTOBER (11, 12) TECOPA SIGHTS - WOOD, FOSSILS, FIRE AGATE, HOT BATHS EARTHQUAKE FAULT, DATES	NOVEMBER (8) RIVERSIDE 78 FT. KOHTA CIRCUS PETRO PANEL, MICA SIGHTS	DECEMBER ROCK CLUB SHOW CHRISTMAS PARTY GOOD HUNTING!	NO TRIP !!!!!
(21) SEARCHLIGHT SIGHTS - PICTURE ROCK DESERT ROSES? SPECIMENS	(26) KOKOWEEF SIGHTS - CUTTING	(22) PABCO ONYX - BUTTERFLY SIGHTS - SPECIMENS		

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 Colors: Turquoise & Silver Club Motto: Rocks-R Us
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 Rocks, Gems, Geology, Lapidary, Beads, Fossils, or
 Silversmithing
 Annual Dues - Individual:\$20.00 Family: \$30.00
 Club Name Badges available at \$10.00 each.
 Meetings: 6:00 PM the first Monday of the month at the
 Senior Center at 451 Bonanza just west of Las Vegas Blvd.
 Downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. 702-229-6454 for location info.
 No meeting is held in December - Annual awards dinner
 Visitors are always welcome - Bring a friend or two.

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