

The Polished Slab

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President's Message

It's the start of a new year with a new board and new officers. We have several committee chairman openings and we need volunteers to fill them. Tom Ainsworth has asked to be replaced as librarian as he is no longer able to move the boxes of books. Pat Grillett will no longer be able to serve as hospitality. Other open positions are webmaster and editor. No experience is required and it's a good chance to help out your club and possibly try something new. For the last couple of years I have sat quietly in the back at the meetings without too much to say. When I was asked if I would accept the nomination for President, I had to give it a little bit of thought before I agreed. Now I am asking all of you to give a little thought to serving your club. Congratulations and thanks to our two newest chair volunteers. New member Erica Hamilton has volunteered to do publicity. After a brief hiatus, returning member Carolyn Chervenak has taken on the position of Federation Director. I will be temporarily filling in as editor until someone else steps up and volunteers. Consequently this month's newsletter will be very basic. Most of you said that you would prefer to receive the newsletter every month again instead of every other month and I will do my best to make that happen. Having

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Quartzsite Schedule '06

THE MAIN EVENT	<i>Jan 6th - 31st</i>
TYSON WELLS ROCK / GEM SHOW	<i>Jan 6th - 15th</i>
TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA	<i>Jan 20th - 29th</i>
TYSON WELLS ART & CRAFT FAIR	<i>Feb 3rd - 12th</i>
QUARTZSITE SPORTS AND RV SHOW	<i>Jan 21st - 29th</i>
ROCK & ROLL CLASSIC CAR SHOW	<i>Feb 4th - 5th</i>
HOBBY CRAFT AND GEM SHOW	<i>Feb 1st - 5th</i>
40TH ANNUAL QIA POW WOW	<i>Jan 25th - 29th</i>
PROSPECTORS PANORAMA	<i>Nov 1st - Feb 28th</i>
DESERT GARDENS GEM SHOW	<i>Jan 1st - Feb 28th</i>

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checked our by-laws, they still state that the newsletter will be done monthly. Of course it will cost more for mailing, but sometimes the cheapest way isn't necessarily the best way of doing things. If we stick to six or eight pages, instead of twelve or fourteen, then we will cut the cost of printing. The event flyers we receive from other clubs will be available at the meetings for anyone who is interested. I will try and have these available *before* the scheduled event actually happens. We will still include articles of interest and of course a few advertisements. Revenue from these paid ads helps to offset the cost of producing the newsletter. As always, any member who would like to place an ad, gets one month free of charge. Articles from any of you may be submitted for publication at no charge. Be sure to give proper credit if you are not the author. This may be a report on an upcoming event, an event you attended, or just something you would like to sound off about. Please bear in mind that any editorial comments are the sole responsibility of the author and do not reflect the official views of the club. Send, fax or e-mail your article to me and I will get it to the editor for inclusion in the next issue as space permits. Above all, communicate with your Board of Directors. We are here to enable the club to continue to function while trying to meet the needs of the members and make the club a fun place to attend. If you have any ideas for programs, field trips, or fund raising projects; these can be brought up at the meeting when the floor is open for new business. Having said all that, I hope to see everyone at the next general meeting on Feb 6th at 7 PM. Board meeting will be at 6PM. Respectfully,

Jack Toogood

Thoughts On Our Shop

It will be great to have our own workshop; and a place that would be large enough to hold our meetings would be an extra bonus.

Here are a few points to ponder regarding our shop. How much are we willing to spend on monthly rent, utilities and insurance? What percentage of the clubmembers will actually benefit from a workshop? How much revenue will be generated?

How big of an issue is location, and how far will everyone be willing to drive if it isn't possible for it to be centrally located? How can a shop have open access to all members and still maintain any safety and security standards? Are we willing to leave thousands of dollars worth of equipment available for unsupervised use? Volunteers are often difficult to find. How much manpower will be available to supervise the safe operation of the equipment? .

These are a few questions that need answers before we make any serious commitments.

GARNET

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE

First mined in Sri Lanka over 2500 years ago, the garnet is also found in Africa, Australia, India, Russia, South America; and in the United States, in Arizona and Idaho. Although most commonly known as a red gemstone, the garnet comes in a variety of other hues, including muted yellows, vibrant oranges, rosy pinks, lime greens, and violets - a virtual bouquet of colors. This diversity is due to unique combinations of elements within each particular gem such as iron, calcium, and manganese. Archaeologist findings of primitive style garnet jewelry among the graves of lake dwellers dates the early use of this gemstone to the bronze age. But not all garnet is of gem quality. It is also a very effective abrasive and is used commercially for grinding and polishing. Garnet coated sandpaper is one such industrial use. The garnet is the protective gem of journeyers. A gift of garnet is symbolic of love and the desire for a loved one's safe travel and speedy homecoming.

..... from About Birthstones

TURKEY, HAM, ROAST BEAST ?

TIME TO START PLANNING OUR AWARDS BANQUET
The annual debate over the type, time and place for our annual awards banquet will soon begin. The sooner we reserve a room, the better. Get your ideas ready. Please check your firearms at the door. No hitting below the belt and may the best idea be voted in. I have one I will share with everyone at the February meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Roy and Nyda Beeson ; Happy Anniversary!
Has it been 60 years already? We wish you many more, and missed you at the meeting.

What's even bigger than a 13-foot high Columbian Mammoth with 10-foot long tusks?



A 48 foot long Ichthyosaur, of course.



The Nevada State Museum's natural history galleries tell the violent story of Nevada- volcanoes that is, and include minerals, gems, and paleo specimens.

The history galleries explore the human side of the shaping of Nevada.

Visit the Nevada State Museum
700 Twin Lakes Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89107 (702)486-5205
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SECOND TIME AROUND reprinted from the Jan 1971 issue of Gem Time Courtesy of Bruno & Phyllis Syzdek ; Our Historians

THE PRESIDENT SAYS...

At the beginning of each new year it is a custom to wish all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. ...Let's do more than wish, let's work at it! We can have a better Gem Club, happier and more prosperous, if we discard any personal differences we have had in the past. In our Gem Club, we have some new officers and committee chairmen. It is going to take more than officers and chairmen to make this a good smooth running club. I am going to urge that every member have some active duty. ..and hold to the motto --An Oasis of Friendship! Each member should feel that he or she is on the welcome committee at each meeting and field trip and do their utmost to make our visitors want to join us again.

Happy New Year...

Liming Bumgardner, President

VICE PRESIDENT. ..Your membership chairman

This is the time .of year to be paying your dues. This is also a time to be thinking of what you can do for your club. Every member is important and a successful club depends on the help of EVERY member. According to our by-laws, the Vice President is membership chairman. This year each of us will have an application to complete. This will give us some information about each member and their family, and enable us to keep an up to date record In this issue of the Gem Time, you will find your application. Please complete it and bring it to the meeting along with your dues if you have not already paid them. Applications can also be mailed to the club P.O. Box, along with your check. Each member will receive a new membership card when they have paid,

Jim Woods, Vice President



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SOUTHERN NEVADA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

BIRTHDAYS _____ **(MONTH & DAY)**

INTERESTS [] Mineralogy [] Lapidary [] Field Trips [] Geology [] Beads [] Silversmithing

_____ **YES DUES ARE ENCLOSED** **ADULTS \$15** _____ **FAMILY \$20** _____

_____ **No, I DO NOT WISH TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP**

What's Happening ?

UPCOMING EVENTS

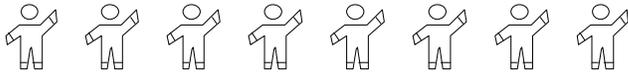
TUCSON SHOWS

- Jan 27 - Feb 12 American Indian Exposition
Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Rd
520-622-4900
 - Jan 28 - Feb 11 Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show
Several locations around Tucson
520-867-0425 (Martin Zinn Shows for info)
 - Jan 28 - Feb 12 Tucson Electric Park Gem & Mineral
Tucson Electric Park , 2500 E. Ajo Way
520-883-6447
 - Jan 31 - Feb 6 The Bead Renaissance
Michigan Street Pavillion, 3340 E. Michigan
505-894-1293
 - Feb 9 - 12 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show
Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church St
520-322-5773
- ### CALIFORNIA
- Feb 10 - 12 Santa Monica - Gem Faire
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St
503-252-8300
 - Feb 17 - 26 San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Club
Riverside County Fair & Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg #1 46-350 Arabia St
Indio, CA 951-849-1674
 - Feb 25 - 26 Antioch Lapidary Club Annual Show
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, Antioch
925-458-2539

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Nothing planned for January
Happy shopping at Quartzsite
We hope to have a trip planned for February

**Our next meeting is Monday, February 6th.
If your birthday falls in February, please
don't forget to bring some goodies for the
refreshment table.**



OUR LIFE MEMBERS

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|  | LUE BARTLETT |  |
|  | NIDA BEESON |  |
|  | ROY BEESON |  |
|  | ED RUPPRECHT |  |
|  | RAY SIMPSON |  |
|  | BOB SMITH |  |
|  | DAISY SMITH |  |
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* Thank You *



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Life membership is a distinguished and privileged title extended to an adult member with a minimum of ten years membership in the SNGMS, or it's preceding clubs who has held office as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Show Chairman, or Editor and has held three committee chairs; whose nomination has been presented by an SNGMS member to the Board of Directors in a written statement of qualifications and attributes, and whose application has been approved by the Board of Directors and presented with previous notice to the membership and approved by a majority vote.

.....from our bylaws Article IX



SUNSHINE REPORT

Pat Grillett is scheduled for an MRI.
Nyda Beeson is recovering from surgery.
Fred Lofftus is also recovering from surgery.
Several other members down with the flu.
Best wishes and a speedy recovery to all.

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The Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was organized to educate ourselves and the community in the science and arts related to rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, and nature in general. Fostering an understanding and appreciation of the physical world, we can use it and protect it for future generations. We are incorporated for the purpose of promoting an active interest in Geology, Gemology, and the Lapidary arts. We began in Las Vegas in 1932, and became the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society in 2003 with the merger of the Las Vegas Gem Club and the Clark County Gem Collectors. The very first Polished Slab was published in 1940 by Paul Mercer.

Officers - Board of Directors - Committee Chairperson

Elected Officer	Name	Phone
President	Jack Toogood	222-1946
Vice president	Sharon Rogow	656-1144
Secretary	Charlotte Robinson	658-1120
Treasurer	Pat Skeary	459-2649
One Year Board	Frank Auerswald	365-8306
Volunteer Chairpersons		
Parliamentarian /Sgt at Arms	Craig Edmonds	838-0012
Editor	Jack Toogood	222-1946
Webmaster	Dave Rogers	
Federation Director	Carolyn Chervenak	274-2867
Show Chairman	Sharon Rogow	656-1144
Hospitality	OPEN	
Historian	Bruno & Phylis Syzdek	876-3861
Librarian	OPEN	

Elected Officer	Name	Phone
One Year Board	David Rogers	260-6344
Two Year Board	Tom Skeary	459-2649
Three Year Board	Larry Foutz	896-7757
Field Trip Chair	OPEN	
Volunteer Chairpersons		
Refreshments	Ronald Antoku	
Door Prizes	Mary Beth Paladino	255-1647
Inventory		
Sunshine	Charlotte Robinson	658-1120
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Class Coordinator		
Shop Foreman		
Shop Foreman		

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Club Interests: Rocks, Gems, Lapidary, Beads, Fossils, & Silversmithing

Annual Dues - Individual: \$ 15.00 Family: \$ 20.00

Club Name Badges available at \$ 10.00 each

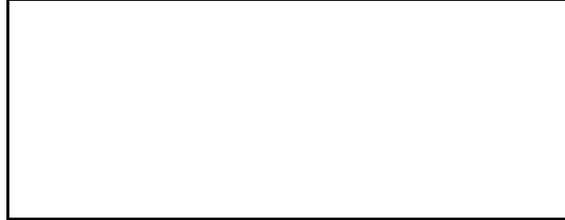
**Meetings: 7:00 PM the first Monday of the month at the Senior Center at 450 Bonanza just west of Las Vegas Blvd. Downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. 702-229-6454
No meeting is held in December - Annual awards dinner.**

Visitors are always welcome - Bring a friend or two.

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