

The Polished Slab

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President's Message

A very sincere thank you to those of you who attended our October meeting and especially to all the long time members who came to help celebrate Lou Bartlett's 100th birthday. For those who missed the meeting; the date of the Awards Banquet has been changed to December 14th. Tickets are \$10 and Pat Skeary has them. Our next meeting will be Nov 3rd at 6 PM. This will be election night for our 2009 Board of Directors. The floor will be open for last minute nominations, before we vote. Our program will be a show and tell and sell, so bring whatever you make or collect to show off, and sell, if you like. I hope to see all of you there, get out and vote. Be well.

Regards,

Jack Toogood

E-mail - vegasbmw@hotmail.com



FIELD TRIPS



OCTOBER

Oct 18-19 CFMS trip to Afton Canyon. This area has been closed to collecting for some time, so this may be a one-time chance to collect there again. Meet at the Shell Station in Jean, be ready to leave by 6:30 AM, 4-WD is required. Call Cliff for more info.

(4W DRIVE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS)

(See page 3 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. This year we have several people running for our leadership positions. Know about your candidates...familiarize yourself with their qualifications and the club by-laws, which can be found at www.sngms.com. THEN, CONTACT LARRY GRILLET, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN at 656-0262.

*Board Nominations **

President:	Wes Bryant Sharon Rogow
Vice-President:	Tom Skeary
Treasurer:	Sue Lofaro Pat Skeary
Secretary:	Diane Burgess Sharon Rogow
Field Trip	Doris Currington
Chairman:	
Three Year Board:	Richard Fyfe Sharon Rogow Sandy Cunningham

**as of publication date*

October Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting called to order at 5:35. Members present were President Jack Toogood, VP Sharon Rogow, Treasurer Sue Lofaro, Secretary Clare Breneman, Board members Bob Lofaro, Glenn Beye, and Frank Auerswald. Absent was Erica Hamilton. Minutes from September were read and approved. OLD BUSINESS: Electric bill for the workshop; Sharon will handle getting paid from landlord. Sharon showed new word stones and geodes to be sold by club. Jack will check with Wes about installing a light over the flat lap at the workshop. Awards banquet should be changed to December 14th. Will be brought up at general meeting. No NEW BUSINESS. Meeting adjourned at 5:58.

DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Our fiscal year runs from January to January.

Those of you who paid in October, November or December are considered paid through 2009.

The rest of us need to drag out those check books and renew our membership.

GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting called to order at 6:15. The pledge to the flag was followed by a reading of a short bio of Life Member, Lue Bartlett in recognition of her 100th birthday. The minutes from September were read by Jack. Motion to accept by Dick Moore, seconded by Bruno Syzdek. Minutes approved as read. The Treasurer's report was given by Sue. Mary Beth gave the kid's report and showed the shadow boxes they made at the last kids meeting. The next kids club is Nov 8th. Anita Zell gave the Sunshine report. Lorna Metz gave the First Friday report and update on the Jewelry Makers group. Shop report by Wes Bryant. Cabochon classes are continuing; see him to sign up. Sharon gave the show report and has sign up sheets for volunteers. Doris gave the field trip report. Tecopa has been cancelled for Oct 11th and rescheduled for Oct 25th. A CFMS trip to Afton Canyon will be on Saturday October 18th. This area has been closed to for collecting for many years and is an excellent site. There will be a trip to Kokoweef in November. Newsletter editor, Gay Fyfe has resigned and Sandy Cunningham will be taking over. Awards banquet: Barb Egan has handed over Chairmanship to Pat Skeary, Clare, and Doris. OLD BUSINESS: George Messenger moved to change date to December 14th due to conflict with show. Seconded by Nancy Tatom. After short discussion that both events are in the best interest of the club, the motion passed unanimously. The awards banquet will be on Dec 14th. NEW BUSINESS: Nomination Chairman Larry Grillett presented slate of officers for 2009 and the floor was opened for nominations. Break for refreshments at 7:15. Program was ongoing Trunk Show by Big Bear Beads. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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.

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Show Schedule

NOVEMBER

**November 8th, & 9th, 2008-Lake Havasu
Gem & Mineral Society**

39th Annual Gem & Mineral Roundup

City Community (Aquatic) Center
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Displays of Handcrafted Jewelry Designs and Collections of Unusual Minerals, Fossils, and Rocks

Show Chairperson-C Russell 928-846-0927

OTHER SHOWS MAY BE FOUND ON THE
ROCK & GEM WEBSITE

*LAS VEGAS ARTS DISTRICT
FIRST FRIDAY*

NOVEMBER 7

- 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 5PM.

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

Call Lorna Metz, Chairman 877-4258

OUR NEXT MEETING

November 3rd at 6PM
at the Senior Center on Bonanza Avenue.

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



SUNSHINE REPORT

by Anita Zell

Hi,

It was great to see Lou Bartlett at the Oct. meeting. What an inspiration for all of us! Congratulations, Lou, on reaching your century mark. Vince Gagliardi was hospitalized for an angiogram which resulted in an angioplasty and a little repair. We're looking for a really quick recovery, Vince.

Frank Auerswald will be having knee surgery on October 20 and Jenna Plein will be filling in for Frank's Silversmithing classes until he returns.

Remember: Of all the things you wear, your smile is the most impressive.

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★ Hello All! I'm Sandy Cunningham and the new
 ★ editor of the newsletter. I've been a member of
 ★ SNGMS for over four years and I am looking for-
 ★ ward to being your new editor. If you have some-
 ★ thing to contribute, call me or email me and I will
 ★ get it published. You can reach me at 806-0816 or
 ★ email me at

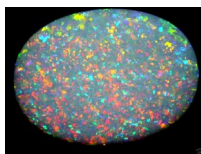
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KIDS CLUB - Pebble Pups



The Kids Club meeting for November will be held at my home on November 8 from 10 AM until 12 PM at 3740 Moss Ridge Court. Call for directions. 702-255-1647

.....*Mary Beth Paladino*



OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE

OPAL

Opals are formed from balls of silica. This silica has different levels of depth and density and holds water as well. That is where the "rainbow" colors come from. The opal is used for helping one that doesn't want to appear in the front or allows you to "fade into the background." Or to be less noticed. A stone of happy dreams and good changes. The opal can be used to help one open their "mystical" side. Gives you understanding of the Higher Powers. This stone carries both the sun and moon's energy. It is basically a moon's stone or female energy but has its flash of male energy in the iridescent colors and carries the sun's energy. These flashes encourage intuition and insight. These flashes also represent an "inner fire" that gently stimulates you towards the Spiritual realms. Can be used during astral travel but is NOT a powerful stone for astral travel, the energies are more subtle. Opals should be moistened often by a natural oil or water. If all the water evaporates out of the stone it will become fragile and break. The opal is tied to our emotional side. Brings clarity by amplifying and mirroring feelings. Brings buried emotions to the surface so they can be dealt with. Helps a person to "loosen up" and become more spontaneous. If this stone is not used for the good of all, it will backfire on you. This stone works best with a water cleansing.

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Helga & Hubert Graley	Joe & Theresa Graziano
Walter Hess	Shelley Karsnok
Angel Kennedy	Kevin Lewis
Julie Michler	Robert & Pat Milatovich
Jenna Plein	Leon Pruett
Kathleen Reiss	Donald Ricketts
John & Lori Stackhouse	Terry & Melody Whittemore
Elayne Teitelbaum	Roz Teitelbaum

November
BIRTHDAYS

Therman Beavor	Paul Coroneos
Sonya Edwards	Diane Gawura
Larry Grillett	Jim Grotheusmann
Carol Leo	Norman Losky
Tom McClelland	Peggy Sue Moore
Harry Mortenson	George Murzynowski
Janet Neiman	Smitty Reeves
Charlotte Robinson	Tony Romano
Jael Rupprecht	Albert Tweedy
Dennis Walker	Jerry Watanabe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM SIGNS!

(If yours was missed we don't have it on file)

ANNUAL AWARDS

BANQUET

When: DECEMBER 14th

Where: American Legion Post #40
425 Van Wagenen
Henderson.

Doors open at 1 PM Dinner at 1:30 PM

Buffet Style Dinner and Cash Bar

Tickets \$10 per person and are still available

Reservation cut off date is Nov 30th

For more information call now:

Pat Skeary 459-2649

At last! Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 4th at 2 PM. We will meet at the senior center in the classroom at the end of the hall. We are planning to have demonstrations, speakers and lectures and we will have a library of beading books and magazines. What can you contribute? Can you do a demonstration? What would you like to see or do??

Call Lorna at 877-4258 or

Sandy at 806-0816

JEWELRY MAKERS



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

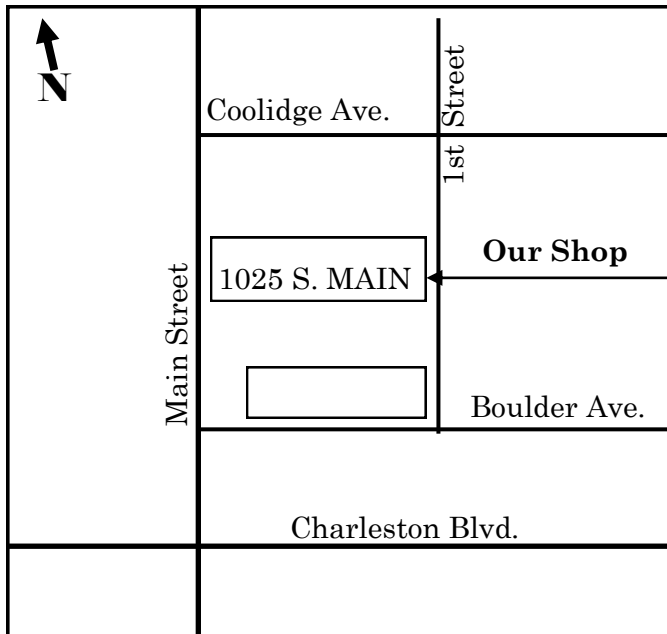
LOCATION: 1025 South Main Street

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 1 to 9PM

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

Equipment Use Rates

Genie	\$3 per hr.	Slab Saws	\$3 per hr.
Trim Saws	\$1 per hr.	Flat Lap	\$5 per hr.



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: Wes Bryant 228-3331
For class information and registration.

SILVERSMITHING - \$5.00 per class

TUESDAYS - 6 to 9 PM. & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

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

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CONTACT: Sandy Cunningham 806-0816
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Downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. 702-229-6454 for location info.
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Sandy Cunningham, Editor

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