

The Polished Slab

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President's Message

Well, fellow Rockhounds, once again we have reached the point where it is necessary to nominate worthy and capable members to lead us during the coming year. Please give serious thought to tossing your hat into the ring. Some nominations were made at the last meeting, and another round of nominations can be made at the next meeting, after which we will have the election. Anyone having an interest in the direction your club will travel next year, please show up for the election of officers.

The Saturday after the election we will try to have a cook-out at the Ore Car Mine. I hope we can locate our cook trailer by then and that it is usable. Also, don't forget the Awards Banquet in December. It is a potluck and there is no cost to the members except a dish to feed approximately 10 people. A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

Meanwhile, KEEP ON ROCKIN'.

Wes Bryant

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, we say goodbye to lifetime gem club member. Luetta "Lue" N. Bartlett, 100, of Henderson, passed away Sept. 22, 2009. She was born Oct. 14, 1908, in Akin, Ill., and was a 73-year resident of Nevada. Lue was a retired school teacher, moving here from Missouri in 1936. She started teaching school in a one-room school in Copper Canyon, south of Battle Mountain. Lue then moved to Lovelock for three years and back to Battle Mountain, where she taught for five years, before relocating to Henderson in 1948, where she taught grade school until she retired in 1970. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank L. Bartlett. Lue is survived by her son, Everett Bartlett of Henderson; and granddaughter, Theresa Graziano of Pahrump. Services were held at Saturday Oct. 3 at Palm Mortuary in Henderson.

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Quick reminders as follows:

November Meeting Program: "Show, Tell and Sell". After the election, members can display, explain and/or sell their rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry. Tables will be available so seize the opportunity to have fun mingling with other members and giving and getting additional education!

Show update: Intergem will be held on Dec. 4,5,6 with loading and set up on Thursday Dec 3. We will meet at 3 PM at the shop then proceed to Cashman field to set up. Sign up sheets are available at the meeting and the shop. We need everyone's help so e-mail or call Sharon to volunteer or sign up at the meeting or shop. Sharonrr@cox.net or 499-0272. We will have two three hour shifts on Friday, noon to 3 PM and 3 to 6 PM. Saturday will be two four hour shifts, 10 AM to 2 PM and 2 PM to 6 PM. Sunday will be 11 AM to 2 PM and 2 PM to 5 PM. Teardown will be 5 PM to 6:30 PM. We need vehicles with cargo space i.e., trucks, SUVs, station wagons, etc. Please indicate the times that you are available. If you call and get voicemail, please leave a complete message. Thanx in advance from Sharon.

For Federation info, log on to www.cfmsinc.org Calendar of events for the remainder of 2009: Nov. 7 Fall Directors Meeting, Holiday Inn, Visalia. Nov. 15-22, Earth Science Studies at Zzyzx. Here is a "Camp Paradise" Raffle Ticket. Make as many copies as you want. Tickets must be in by Oct. 31/Halloween!!

Name

Address

Phone

Club Name

SEND to: Ray QUITORIANO, 7968 Elder Ave., Rosamond, CA 93560. make checks payable to CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND.

Just think, you may win a \$350.00 space for \$5.00, the price of each raffle ticket!! Camp Paradise dates, two sessions, May 16-22 and May 23-29, 2010.

Trunk Show in LV

Stone, bead/pendant trunk show on Friday and Saturday November 6th and 7th. Hours: 10 AM to 4 PM both details to follow soon. We are working on discounts for club members. Call or e-mail Sharon at 499-0272, sharonrr@cox.net

October Board Meeting Highlights

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm. Members present were President Wes Bryant, Vice-President Tom Skeary, Treasurer Sue Lofaro, Secretary Diane Burgess, Board Members Jack Toogood, Frank Auerswald, William Moore and Bob Lofaro.

Minutes of the September meeting were read. Minutes stand approved as read.

Sue passed out copies of the Treasurer's report for August and September.

OLD BUSINESS: No news on the barbeque trailer. No one has seen Ron Best, who volunteered to do repairs. Jack brought the President's records to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Sue said postmaster charges were due October 6, and needed to be paid. Also, the Ore Car Mine needs to be maintained for the year. Jack is working on a new web page, which is a bulletin board for last minute announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Diane Burgess, Secretary

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A reminder to all members: Membership fees are due in March so take care of this at our next meeting to avoid an interruption in membership, workshop privileges and to continue receiving the newsletter!!

GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Wes welcomed the new members and guests. The minutes of the September general meeting were read by Diane. The minutes stand approved as read. Sue Lofaro gave the Treasurer's report for August and September.

Sharon Rogow gave the Show and Federation report. Rings & Things out of Spokane, WA invited members to attend their show October 30, from noon to 4PM. The Intergem Show for December is at Cashman Field. Future shows will be in March, June, August at the Mirage, and will be the GLDA Show. Federation information and events coming up are listed on their website. Federation raffle tickets for the benefit of their endowment fund are still for sale. There is a fundraiser for autism at Bonnie Springs October 16. Some of the members have a booth, and there is opportunity for club participation.

Sue Moore gave the First Friday Report. Everyone did well. The construction on the street in front of the shop is not finished. Club badges are in; please check for yours and pick it up.

Mary Beth gave the kid's club report. Saturday, October 10, there will be a field trip to Logandale for fossils and to visit the museum. The club is invited. Meet at Apex at 8:30 am. October 30, is fluorescent night. Mary Beth will be giving a presentation to Walter Bracken Magnet School for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. She needs 200 small specimens of individual minerals.

Larry Grillett gave the Shop report. Volunteers are needed for Saturday shifts. Repairs on equipment are underway.

Bill Lemmon talked about the upcoming field trip to Searchlight for crystals Saturday, October 17. Meet at the Railroad Pass Casino parking lot at 7AM. You will need a four wheel drive.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Skeary talked about the Awards Banquet. It will be at the Eagles Lodge at Washington & Bruce Streets on Sunday, December 13 from 1-6 PM. It is a potluck, so bring a dish to feed 10 people. Donations are needed for the Chinese Auction. Leave donations at the Shop, or call Pat. Craig Tremmell and Pat Skeary volunteered to provide a cooked turkey for the potluck. It was discussed that the Club not require tickets for participation in the Awards Banquet. Sharon Rogow made the motion, Mike Kirk seconded, the motion passed unanimously. A sign up sheet for the Banquet will be at the next meeting.

The audit of the treasurer's reports will be done this month by the auditing committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Plans for an Ore Car Mine trip were discussed. Howard & Leigh Abrams volunteered to check on the condition of the road. The mine is at milepost 16, in Lake Mead. A majority vote to have a cookout is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. The Pebble Pups kid's club field trip will be scheduled for the same date.

The Nominating Committee presented the nominations for officers for 2010.

President: Teresa Nezgoda, Sharon Rogow

Vice President: Sharon Rogow, John Zimmerman

Treasurer: Kevin Lewis, Tom McClelland

Secretary: Pat Skeary, Sheri Johnson

Three Year Board: Frank Auerswald, Susan Crandall

Field Trip Chairman: Bill Lemmon

Break for refreshments at 6:50 pm. The new member liaison meeting starts at this time. The program started at 7:10 pm. Sharon showed a video on Tanzanite. The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Raffle to follow.

Diane Burgess, Secretary

Rock&Gem

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Show Schedule

Oct 30--HENDERSON
(LAS VEGAS), NEVADA:
Wholesale show; Rings &
Things; Fri. 12-4; Hender-
son Convention Center
(Ballroom A/B), 200 S.
Water St.; contact Dave
Robertson, (800) 366-
2156; Web site: [www.rings-
things.com/Show](http://www.rings-things.com/Show)

Zzyzx November 15 - 22,
2009- \$350 per person
per week registration
forms on line.

For info on the California
Federation Shows, please
access the web site
www.cfmsinc.org or
call Sharon, 499-0272.

OTHER SHOWS MAY BE FOUND ON THE
ROCK & GEM WEBSITE

OUR NEXT MEETING
November 2 at 6PM

at the Senior Center on Bonanza Avenue.

If your birthday is in April, please don't forget to bring
grout for the refreshment table and how about some-
thing besides cake and cookies? How about some
other snacks...pretzels, chips 'n' dips, nuts, crackers,
cold cuts, finger sandwiches maybe?? Use your
imagination!!



SUNSHINE REPORT

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Debra Curebanas	Roland Parsons
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Angelo Cervantes	Patrick Newcomb
Jesse Collins	Dar Nezgoda
Debra Curebanas	Amanda Northrup
Susan Dobson	Judy Parrish
Kathy Hassett-Duran	George Peterson
Sidney Harrison	Rita Ravin
Eileen Haugen	Dale Robertson
Jim Holmes	Ed Rupprecht
Mark Ingram	Milena Scott
Beth Jones	Chucl Sparacino
Lois Kapsner	Share Steffens
William Kogan	Nicole Swenson
Art Lory	Sheila Tremmel
Tiffany Lyons	Bernard Virgili

Kevin Ware

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM SUGMS!

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

LAS VEGAS ARTS DISTRICT
FIRST FRIDAY
 Next event is Friday November 6

Demonstrators **must** contact Sue Moore
 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 Sue Moore, Chairman 348-9600

KIDS CLUB - Pebble Pups

There will be a fluorescent light

Meeting on Oct. 30. Meetings are held at my home at 3740 Moss Ridge Court. Call for directions. 702-255-1647*Mary Beth Paladino*

If you'd like a reminder on this, contact Terry Beck at terrybeck69@yahoo.com



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Contact Wes Bryant at 228-3331

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TUESDAYS - 5:30 PM to 8 PM.**

CONTACT: Jenna Plein @ 516-1485
For location and space availability.

WIRE WRAPPING - \$5.00 per class

CONTACT: Sandy Cunningham
806-0816... email wrapsodylasvegas@embarqmail.com or
Sue Moore 348-9600
peggy_sue1@earthlink.net
for class information and registration.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 1 to 9PM

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656-0262

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Sandy

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Vice President	Tom Skeary	459-2649	Two Year Board	Bob Lofaro	614-4351
Secretary	Diane Burgess	650-5285	One Year Board	Frank Auerswald	365-8306
Treasurer	Sue Lofaro	614-4351	One Year Board	Jack Toogood	642-4788
Field Trip Chair					
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MICHAEL KIRK
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