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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 29: Board Meeting

Nov 2: General Meeting

See calendar on page 5 for  
shop hours, classes, trips,  
meetings, and other SNGMS  
events

See page 8 for details on  
scheduled classes and  
instructor contact

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Peggy Sue Moore*

It is October and nominations for officers for 2016 are now in order. Contact Cindy Allison at [callison14@cox.net](mailto:callison14@cox.net) if you wish to place your hat in the ring. You must be at the November meeting to accept your nomination.

Let's review your membership requirements in order to run for elected office. You must be a member in good standing with a minimum of two (2) years of uninterrupted membership in order to run. This is a question that came up at last night's meeting. In other words, if you forget to renew your membership, or let it lapse for any reason, you can reinstate your membership, within the delinquent year, by paying the \$5.00 reinstatement fee at the time of your renewal. Failure to do this resets your membership clock to the date of your new payment. The reason that the two year minimum was placed in the Bylaws was to ensure that no member of the Board of Directors would be unfamiliar with the entire operation of the Club, thusly creating a problem by omission.

In order to be a Committee Chair, you must have been a member for one full year by the time of the appointment. Any member, new or otherwise may serve as a member of any committee, at any time. We all learn by doing.

Next issue is the Annual Awards Banquet. Wayne Muth is hard at work on the catering and the menu looks great. Tickets will be on Sale at the November meeting. The cost for dinner tickets is \$15.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. We are in the process of collecting donations for the Chinese Auction. Please leave your donations at the shop in a box marked Chinese Auction, with your name on the donation. You may also bring items to the November meeting. Start digging through your treasures for donations. We want to make it the best year ever!!!

Last, but certainly not least, is the announcement that Cindy Allison has been selected by Richard Jaeger, President of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, to be the Public Lands Access reporter for our state. This is an issue that affects us all. We have already lost collecting in the Sheep Range and the various Conservations Areas, so our goal is to start collecting data from our members and all other sources, regarding access issues. For example, if you go out collecting in an area and are approached by someone telling you to not collect there, please take the time to ask them why. We also want to get the name of

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CON'T.

the person, their agency, etc. Report this to Cindy for recording and possible follow up. Knowledge is power. Sometimes these agencies are making it up as they go along, so it is our intention to become informed collectors. We will be following Public Lands for the People, Blue Ribbon Coalition, American Lands Access Association and anything else that we can get our hands on for information. Email your information to Cindy's address, at the top of this message or you can use the club email at [sngms2013@gmail.com](mailto:sngms2013@gmail.com)

I will see you all at the picnic on the 17th.



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 10/1/2015

On October 1st, 2015, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the September 10th, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported that the net income for September was positive.

Tony Duran proposed, seconded by Ernie Parrish, and approved by the Board, "that three new wheels be purchased for the Bar-B-Que wagon."

Shop Report: One inch wheels had to be returned as they were the wrong part.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Shop contest for October, judged at the November meeting, is anything cabochon that is orange colored.

Nomination of officers is on track.

Results of the Board of Inquiry: Doris Currington's membership has been revoked by unanimous vote and affirmed by the Board of Directors by unanimous vote..

### **New Business:**

Awards Dinner at the Eagles will be December 13th. Price will be \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Kid's Club Halloween party will be held at the Eagles Lodge on October 24th in concert with the Eagles.

John Miller proposed, seconded by Tony Duran that "four 600 grit wheels be purchased for the Cab Kings and 6" water saw replacement blades be purchased."

Ernie Parrish proposed, seconded by Steve Wilson that "the old water saw be auctioned off."

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.



## GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

SNGMS General meeting minutes for 10/5/2015

On October 5th, 2015, 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 September 14th, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave his report: The net income for August was positive.

### Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Dottie Auerswald is recovering at home from getting a pacemaker and a broken ankle.

Shop: Richard Rawe reports that all equipment is up and running and that he will still be giving a nice stone to any members new to the shop, or who haven't used the shop in a year for them to use to make a cab.

Membership: John Stackhouse reports 450 adult and 82 child members.

Federation and Show: Sheri Johnson reported that the vendor packet for our 2016 show is available on the website. Sheri is the upcoming RMFMS 'Rockhound of the Year' chair for 2016.

Field Trip: The picnic at the Ore Car Mine site is Saturday, October 17th. Directions to the site are on the website [www.snvgms.org](http://www.snvgms.org). The event will start at 10 AM with food available at 12 Noon.

Jr. Members and Rock Stars: Mary Beth Paladino reported on past and upcoming events.

### Unfinished Business:

Awards Banquet will be December 13th and will be catered by Wayne Muth. Tickets will be available at the November meeting and will be \$15 members/ \$30 non-members.

### New Business:

Nominations of 2016 officers was conducted by the Nomination/Election Committee Chair, Cindy Allison. Nominations are: President: Wayne Muth, Vice-President: Tony Duran, Cliff Jackson, Secretary: Pat Skeary, Treasurer: Frank Timbers, Parliamentarian: Scott Edwards, Ernie Parrish, 3 Year Board: John Brown, John Stackhouse. Further nominations will be taken at the November General Meeting, followed by voting.

Show and Sell tables will be free at the November meeting.

Classes were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 17** Annual picnic at the Ore Car Mine claim. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and the fixins. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own plates, cutlery, and drinks. The event starts at 10 AM and there will be rockhounding activities available. The club will have two Porta Potties for our convenience! ***CANCELLED—Due to Flash Flood Warnings—Will be Rescheduled***

**Oct 24** Annual Kids Club Fluorescent/Halloween party will be at the Eagles from 12 - 3 PM. Please RSVP to Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647. This is an event for the whole family as both adults and kids always enjoy Cliff Jackson's fluorescent rock display. Adults will be charged \$3 each for food.

**Nov 2** Annual election of officers at the November General Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted prior to the election.

**Dec 13** Annual Awards Banquet at the Eagles Hall. This will be a catered dinner \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members. Tickets will be available at the November meeting. Our popular Chinese Auction will be held, so donate an example of lapidary work, beading, jewelry, or just some quality item to be auctioned off at the event. Items may be dropped off at the shop marked for the Chinese Auction, or given to Peggy Sue Moore, and please include your name so you may be credited with the donation.

### October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	<b>12</b> Wire Wrapping 5-8	<b>13</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>14</b> Shop 12-9	<b>15</b> Shop 12-9	<b>16</b> Shop 12-9	<b>17</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6
<b>18</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	<b>19</b> Beading 5-7	<b>20</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>21</b> Shop 12-9	<b>22</b> Shop 12-9	<b>23</b> Shop 12-9	<b>24</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6 <b>Kids' Fluorescent Halloween Party</b>
<b>25</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	<b>26</b> Polymer Clay 2-5 Wire Wrapping 5-8	<b>27</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>28</b> Shop 12-9	<b>29</b> Shop 12-9 Board Mtg. 6	<b>30</b> Shop 12-9	<b>31</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6

### November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	<b>2</b> General Mtg 6 <b>Elections</b>	<b>3</b> Shop 11-4 Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>4</b> Shop 12-9	<b>5</b> Shop 12-9	<b>6</b> Shop 12-9	<b>7</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6
<b>8</b> Faceting 8-12 Kids Club 3-5	<b>9</b> Wire Wrapping 5-8	<b>10</b> Silver Smithing 5-8	<b>11</b> Shop 12-9	<b>12</b> Shop 12-9	<b>13</b> Shop 12-9	<b>14</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6



**SNGMS 2015 Meetings**

Jan 05 General	Jun 01 General
29 Board	Jul 02 Board
Feb 02 General	06 General
26 Board	30 Board
Mar 02 General	Aug 03 General
Apr 02 Board	Sep 10 Board
06 General	14 General
30 Board	Oct 01 Board
May 04 General	05 General
28 Board	29 Board
Nov 02 General	

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

**SNGMS General Meeting**

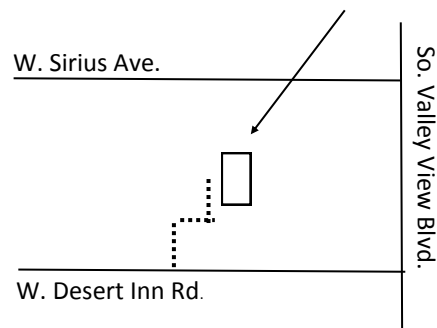
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

**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 and you will be in front of Building E.

**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***

The Kids Club meeting for this month is the annual Kids Club Fluorescent/Halloween party, which will be at the Eagles on Saturday, October 24th 12 - 3 PM. Please RSVP to Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647. This is an event for the whole family as the kids and adults all enjoy Cliff Jackson's fluorescent rock display.

The November meeting will be on the 8th and will feature presentations by 'Mountain Men' on survival, using rocks for tools, fire making, etc.

Recent education activities have included a presentation at a North Las Vegas school by Mary Beth Paladino with assistance from Scott Edwards.



## AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION

The guest speaker at the October meeting was Lauren Williams, Vice President of the American Lands Access Association <http://amlands.org/> Check out their website for a wealth of information about their purpose (representing rockhound interests) and activities.

**The American Agate-Jasper Index:** *An awesome internet resource, created from photo submissions by rockhounds, with the goal to aid people with the identification of specimens; found from an article in La Habra CA's Delvings Gem & Mineral Society July 2015 newsletter:*

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## CLASS INFORMATION

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The class on October 12th, led by Scott Edwards, was a ring. The October 26th class, led by Peggy Sue Moore, is a cute pair of witch earrings.

Beading class is the third Monday of the month. The October class is the 19th, Easy Christmas Necklace, from 5 - 7 PM at the shop. For more information call Pat Skeary 702-630-6796.

### Easy Christmas Necklace



October 26th 2-5 PM is the Polymer Clay Class led by Lorrilee Stackhouse. It will feature two easy projects, a spiral earring, and an earring/necklace set featuring polymer clay feather charms. You will leave with completed jewelry projects. Come see how much fun polymer clay can be!

Silver Smithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM, with Bill Lemmon leading the class. This class is suitable for beginners, and also for intermediate to advanced students. .

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning from 8 - Noon and are open to new students at this time. Sign up at the shop or by email. If you use club machines they are \$5 an hour, no class fee.

Scott Edwards is teaching Metalsmithing and Miscellaneous Lapidary Arts every Saturday from 8-10.

***Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, metal smithing, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting is \$5.00 an hour, the cost of faceting machine use, or a flat \$5.00 if you use your own machine. 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.***



## Time Marches On

One of the raffle items at October's meeting was a clock, donated by Jerry Hughes and created by Merle Staub, who taught the clock classes back in 1979 or earlier. Tom Skeary acquired Merele's type written instructions when they cleared out the trailers and that is how he was able to teach his clock classes. One never knows where those clocks will turn up! Many of our current members have enjoyed creating their own clock in Tom's class, or cherish their lucky win of one of the many he donated to the raffle or the Chinese Auction,



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## SHOP INFORMATION

### SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	12 noon –5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed **
Wednesday	12 noon - 9 PM
Thursday	12 noon –9 PM
Friday	12 noon - 9 PM
Saturday	10 am – 6 PM

\*\* open Tuesday following General meeting from 11 AM



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

### Shop Fee

**All equipment is now metered and charge will be:**  
\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

### Shop Contest for October

Entrant must have at least 1 hour paid shop usage in October, verifiable by shop foreman. For October you may enter any cabochon, of any shape and size, orange colored. Voting will be by the general membership at the November meeting. A prize will go to the top two winners.

**Congratulations** to the September Shop contest winners! First Place - **John Brown**. John's was the only entry ... come on and give him some competition!

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.

### Shop Donations Needed

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*If you have an November birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the November meeting*

Crystal Albright, Ruth Anauo, Sharon Anderson, Eric Bowker, Kylee Coombs, Stefanie Costa Rica, Edita Crick, Tammy Davis, Zach Fodge, Diane Gawura, George Graham, Jim Grothuesmann, Nancy Huffine, Anne Iulianelli, Sandra Johnson, Barry Karant, Aiden Kerr, Liam Kerr, Jennifer Lee, Susan Lundberg, Marilyn McDougal, Peggy Sue Moore, Holly Mueller, Linda Mundy, Tony Peltz, Alissi Prince, Ananaka Rau, Smitty Reeves, Nicole Rosano, Jaen Rupprecht, Jeralyn Sampson, Sarah Sampson, Byron Scott, Dietmar Selzer, Angela Sohnly, Roberta Thompson, L.D. Tripp, Tammy Winters

## Welcome New Members!

*A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS.  
We look forward to getting to know you better*

Richard Ameral, Bob Chang, Ramses Copeland, Rodricus Copeland, Claudia Crouse, Stephen Douris, Cecilia Farinaro, Joshua Hill, Jamila Jones, Barry Lawson, DiAnn Lawson, Mark Leppert, Patty Leppert, Barb Maz, Mary McAuliffe, Alan Nieman, Shirley Nieman, Stella Pappas, Jerry Riley, Butch Spears, Paula Spears, Roberta Thompson, Steve Thompson, Tammy Winters, Fang Zhao

## Sunshine Report

*from Dottie Auerswald*

*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 me—Dottie Auerswald at 648-5886 (recorder on) or cell 703-493-9672. Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well.*

Dottie Auerswald is recovering at home after getting a pacemaker and having a broken ankle. All our best wishes go out to her, she's done so much to cheer our membership up after our mishaps and illnesses.

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One Year Board: Pat Skeary

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Rock Hounds

Show Chairperson.....Sheri Johnson

Sunshine.....Dottie Auerswald.....702-648-5886

Webmaster.....Jack Toogood.....702-642-4788

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

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**Oct 17 - West Hills, CA**, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, 10 - 5

**Oct 17 -18 - Whittier, CA**, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, 10 - 5 daily

**Nov 7 - 8 - Anaheim, CA**, American Opal Society, The Phoenix Club, 1340 South Sanderson Avenue, Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

**Nov 7 - 8 - Oxnard, CA**, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4

**Nov 7 - 8 - Ridgecrest, CA**, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 South Richmond Road, 8 - 5 daily

**Nov 7 - 8 - San Diego, CA**, San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

*These are only a sampling of shows that are fairly close to the Las Vegas area. 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.*

**Some links that you may find helpful are:**

**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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The Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit corporation, 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.

**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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