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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 6th - Board Mtg
Sep 10th - General Mtg
Sep 27 - Board Mtg
Oct 1st - General Mtg

See page 8 for details on
scheduled classes and
instructor contact information

SNGMS Contact :
702 561-3086

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Bob Belcher

To all SNGMS Members:

The weather is cooling down, Fall is coming. It's getting time to where we can start rock hunting again. Keep an eye out for your emails announcing field trips like the one on September 16th to Goodsprings. We'll be going out for Chrysocolla. Del and Bruce have the Fallon trip in October coming up. And we're trying to get one or two more trips going before the end of November. There will be no trips planned for December because of the holidays and the Awards Banquet.

A lots of good things are going on at the shop and all the classes are also going strong. We got some new tables at the shop so please use towels under your rocks. No heavy items are to be put on the tables, we want to keep them in new and in good condition.

I still need a volunteer for a shop manager and another for the supervisor for Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Installing a new motor on the D saw is in the works. We're also starting to work on the cabochons machines cleaning the spray heads and replacing the old cracked hoses that connect them.

We are getting a lot of help getting the work done at the Shop and I am so ever grateful for all the help. That is what it takes to keep up with all of the maintenance and replacing some of our old equipment. The new hot water heater is going to be a big help with this winter, 7 gallons will give us warm water for the saw buckets and the cabochon machines as well.

Wayne is working on the Christmas Dinner, it will be a great one as always.

Our membership is climbing, we are up to 415. We can never have too many friends.

Bob Belcher,
President SNGMS
September 2018

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Field Trips & Events

Field Trip September 16th: Goodsprings, NV for Chrysocolla. The outing was a lot of fun. Here's a few photos of us adventuresome souls.



Rock Swap: October 13th at the shop.

October 25th—28th, Fallon, NV area for agates, jaspers and wonderstone. Contact Del Walkenshaw, 702 451-8040 (desertartsupply@aol.com) or Chops Wenzl 702 378-2205 for details.

Ore Car Mine Picnic :November 3rd.

Quartzsite, AZ: Quartzsite Gem and Mineral, January 2019

March 6-11, 2019: Burro Creek, AZ Field Trip. Camp grounds being reserved.

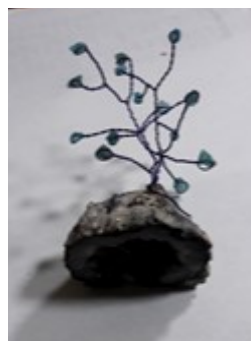
Wire Tree Project: From what I hear, Jodi Brewster's Wire Tree class was a big hit. Here's a couple photos. Wish we had more to show.



Peggy Sue Moore



Deb Koladziej



Beth Jones



Kathy Mundine

Birthstone for the Month of September is Sapphire: Sapphire is a precious gemstone, a variety of the mineral corundum, an aluminum oxide ($\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$). It is typically blue, but natural "fancy" sapphires also occur in yellow, purple, orange, and green colors; "parti sapphires" show two or more colors. The only color which sapphire cannot be is red – as red colored corundum is called ruby, another corundum variety. Pink colored corundum may be either classified as ruby or sapphire depending on locale. Sapphire symbolizes faith. It's blue color represents the sky as well as loyalty and friendship. Magical powers have been ascribed to this stone. Hildegard von Bingen is said to have used it successfully in treating people possessed by the devil.



SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 9/6/18 (Minutes taken by Wayne Muth)

In attendance: Bob Belcher, Beth Sanderson Jones, Wayne Muth, Del Walkenshaw, Bill Moore, Scott Edwards.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Bob Belcher

Treasurer Report

Club was negative \$4,087.52 for the month and there is a question of a \$500.26 transfer, Bill Moore to look into. Shop revenue down, shop has been slow.

Sunshine Report

JoAnn Sprott was under the weather.

Tony Duran was having some issues, but doing better.

Bill Kogan was having some heart related issues.

(Update to Bill, I saw him on Friday, and he is doing much better, will get results in a couple weeks.

Discussed Rocky Mountain and California Federations, with California challenging SNGMS on hosting Rocky Mountain to Las Vegas in 2019. Sheri Johnson will update.

Cab Contest will need to be updated for 2019. An idea proposed by Del Walkenshaw is to use the National Parks, or any Park as the theme.

Tailgate party discussed for next year, ideas discussed, location, bring your own food.

Field Trip to Good Springs, Sept 16th. Meeting spot Jean Exit I-15 7 am at the Chevron Station (may of changed), departing 8 am.

Burro Creek reserved for March 6th through March 11th, 2019.

Rock Swap set for October 13th at the shop. We start at 12 noon, as there is a class prior to this.

Ore Cart mine clean up on November 3rd.

Fallon trip October 25th to 28th, See Del Walkenshaw for details.

Lifetime nominations cut off date October 2nd, after October General Meeting. Must be 10 full years member, and served on Board or a Committee Chairman.

SHOP

New 8ft tables will be purchased and will be under the budget of \$5000.00 approved. Wayne will order a few more Cab King wheels, and Bob asked for better 600 grit wheels as they are going out to fast. Wayne to research.

Wayne will go over the \$5000.00 budget at General Meeting.

D Slab saw will be repair soon, Wayne and Del working on it.

SLAB

If you are not getting the Slab by Email, let Del Walkenshaw know.

Cindy Allison will Head Nominating Committee for the 2019 Board Elections.

All bills submitted to the Treasure were approved and paid.

Bill Moore made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Wayne Muth. Board Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.



*Discounts Available with your
SNGMS membership*

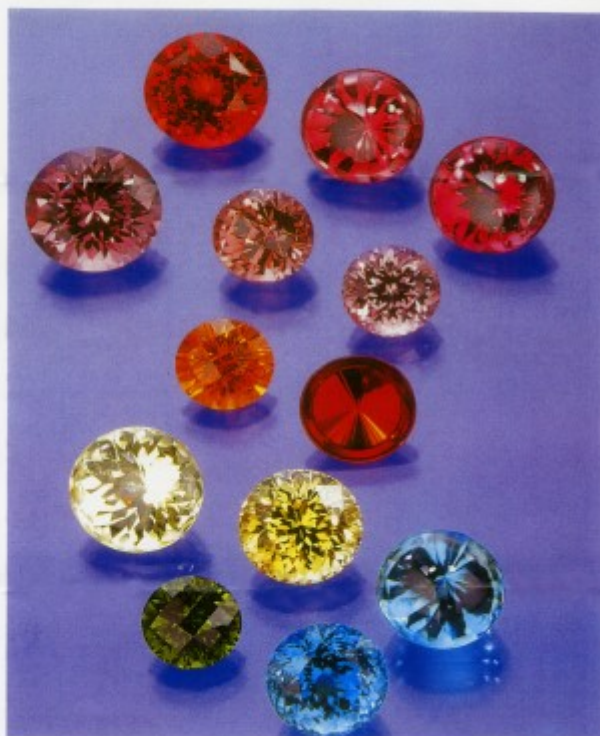
All the establishments featured on page 4 offer discounts to SNGMS members. Be sure to show your membership card when making a purchase, and say that the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society sent you!



GEMSTONES FOR SALE

RICHARD (727)542-3144

- TANZANITE
- SPESSARTINE
- SPINELL
- AMETHYST
- GARNETS
- AMETRINE
- EMERALDS
- SAPPHIRES
- RUBYS
- CITRINE
- OPALS
- KUNZITE
- LAZURITE
- MOONSTONE
- ONYX
- SUNSTONE
- RHODOLITE
- TOPAZ
- ZIRCON
- AND MANY MORE AVAILABLE.....



17,000 Carats

SNGMS General meeting minutes for 9/10/18

On September 10th, 2018, 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 August 6th, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer reported balances.

Lifetime membership nominations must be submitted by October 2nd to be voted on at the November meeting.

The Eagles Lodge is hosting a garage/craft sale on the second Saturday of the month through May. Booths are \$15 with the proceeds going to a charity.

Committee Reports:

Classes: The special class on September 9th led by Jodi Brewster, the AZ/NV State Rep for RMFMS, to construct a gemstone tree was a success. There will be no bead class this month. Wire wrapping information will be sent by email. There will be faceting classes every Saturday this month. Silver/metal smithing will continue each Tuesday from 5-8 PM. Tuesday, the 18th, Scott Edwards will demonstrate construction of a basic ring. Remember the Shop will be open on Tuesdays from 1 until 4:30 for general lapidary work.

Membership: John Stackhouse reports 415 adult and 47 child members.

Sunshine: Mike Kirk will be having back surgery. Tony Duran has pacemaker repair surgery coming up. His house was flooded while he was on vacation and he's having to stay in temporary quarters while repairs are done. Bill Kogan may be having heart surgery.

Field Trip: There may be a trip to Lincoln Mine by Goodsprings on Sunday, September 16th for chrysocolla. The trip will be pre-run to assure access and an email will be sent. A Fallon trip is planned for October 25-28 coordinated by Del Walkenshaw and Chops.

Kids Club: Mary Beth Paladino reported that the kids made gemstone trees at the last meeting. On October 7th they will have a field trip to collect fossils, and the October meeting (second Sunday) will focus on fluorescents.

Shop: A Shop manager and Sunday supervisor are needed as well as supervisor alternates. The new trim saw was purchased as well as replacement wheels, saw blades, and new tables.

Show Committee/Federation: The RMFMS Show will not be hosted by Las Vegas in 2019 due to some issues between regional federations. The Boulder City Jamboree show will continue and judged showcases will be included in 2019.

Old Business:

Awards Banquet: will be December 16th and the Eagles will prepare turkey, ham, and potatoes. Reservations will be required and members will bring a pot luck dish to share. Donations of Chinese Auction items are needed. Please give your items to a Board member or take to the Shop. Clearly mark that it is for the Chinese Auction, your name, and a valuation of the item.

New Business:

Cab contest winners: 1st place – Vicky Holt, 2nd place – Debbie Bucknam

Bill Moore proposed, seconded by Barbara Belcher "that the meeting be adjourned." Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

SNGMS 2018 Meetings

Jan 04 Board	Jun 28 Board
08 General	Jul 02 General
Feb 01 Board	Aug 02 Board
05 General	06 General
Mar 01 Board	Sep 06 Board
05 General	10 General
29 Board	27 Board
Apr 05 General	Oct 1 General
26 Board	Nov 01 Board
May 07 General	05 General
31 Board	Dec 16th (Annual
Jun 04 General	Awards Banquet)

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

SNGMS General Meeting

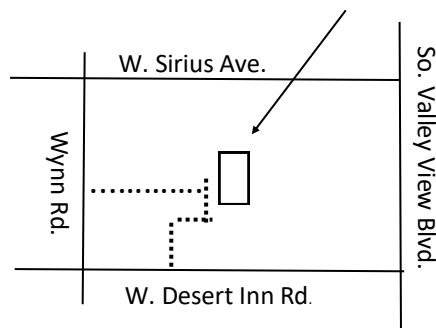
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

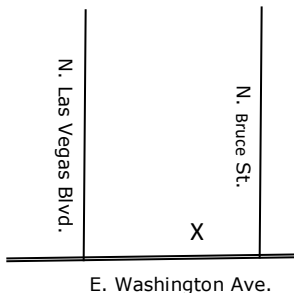
Show & Sell 5-6 PM
General Meeting 6-8 PM

**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. Another option is to enter off of Wynn Rd. Go

west on Desert Inn Rd. to Wynn Rd., turn right onto Wynn Rd. and go to the first entrance on the right (past the BIG white Commercial building sign) turn right and straight in front of you is Building E #125.



SNGMS Contact: 702 561-3086

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

Mary Beth Paladino reported that the kids made gemstone trees at the last meeting.

On October 7th they will have a field trip to collect fossils, and the October meeting (second Sunday) will focus on fluorescents.

Shop Talk : Brad's Bench Tips

SETTING A RIVET :

Riveting is usually done with a cross peen hammer, but I've found it's a lot easier for me to hit the rivet wire when using a small ball peen - and the smaller the better. Shown here is one I typically use. It's about 3/8 inch diameter on the back of a chasing hammer, but I've been thinking that a 3/16 inch ball might be even better. Look for a yard sale hammer you can modify to work.



SHEET WAX WITH ADHESIVE:

While shopping in the Los Angeles jewelry district for supplies for our class, I found a new product that may interest some of you. Often before casting, I want to increase the thickness of a model by adding a layer of wax on the back side. For instance, models like a leaf or a flower petal do not cast well unless you add a little extra thickness. The problem is trying to apply a coating of wax that's smooth and even.

The new product I found is an easily moldable sheet wax with an adhesive coating. This lets me easily add thickness to a very thin model. With a leaf, just press it onto the wax, trim excess wax around the outer edges, and then gently bend the sandwich to the contour you would like. The wax is available in a number of different thicknesses from about 26 ga to 14 ga.

If interested, my supplier is

Jewelry Tools & Supplies
412 W. 6th Street #1011
Los Angeles, CA 90014
213 624-8224
jtstech@sbcglobal.net

For more tips or to learn new jewelry skills see
Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith

Discover and Master New Jewelry Skills with Brad's Books
<http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>



Classes

Wire wrapping, led by Peggy Sue Moore or Scott Edwards and Ananaka Rau, meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The fee is \$5.00 for the shop and \$1.00 pattern fee.

Beading: Gary Webb and Sue Dobson will be hosting the beading class. Classes will be the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

Metal and Silver Smithing, Scott Edwards and Ananaka Rau have changed the Metal & Silver smithing class from Saturday mornings to Tuesday evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm. The class is suitable for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. The shop is now opened Tuesdays from 1 pm to 5 pm for regular shop usage.

Faceting classes. Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm. Please contact Peggy Sue Moore moorepeggysue@gmail.com in advance to see if a machine is available. Class fee is \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor, Tom Kidwell.

Sunday, Sept. 9th at 10 AM: Jodi Brewster, the AZ/NV State Rep for RMFMS will present a special class in constructing gemstone trees at the shop.

Wire wrapping, metal smithing, flint knapping, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting class fee is \$10.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor. 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.



Sunshine Report

from Beth Jones

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 Beth Jones at 702-505-5819 or email her at Punkyjones@hotmail.com

(please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)

JoAnn Sprott is feeling much better.

Michael Kirk had a major neck surgery last week and will be recuperating at home for a couple of months

Tony Duran has pacemaker repair surgery scheduled for September 25th. His house was flooded while he was on vacation and he's having to stay in temporary quarters while repairs are done. They're now on track with the house repairs.

Bill Kogan is doing much better, lost some weight and may get to delay any heart surgery.



SHOP INFORMATION

“New” SNGMS Workshop Schedule

SHOP HOURS

Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

Monday Closed

Tuesday 1 pm to 4:30 pm

Wednesday 12 pm to 9 pm

Thursday 12 pm to 9 pm

Friday 12 pm to 9 pm

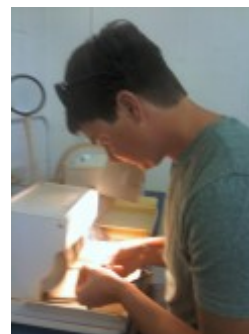
Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm

SHOP CLOSED :

- 2nd Sunday of every Month For Kids Club 2 pm to 5 pm
- Board Meeting: Various Thursday Nights 6 pm to Approx 7 pm
- Check Email and “Polished Slab” for possible date changes.



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



2018 Monthly Cabochon Contest:

October	Halloween
November	Holiday Theme
December	<u>None Awards Dinner</u>

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CABOCHON CONTEST YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF SHOP TIME. THE WINNERS RECEIVE FREE SHOP TIME. A “*Halloween*” cabochon will be the contest entry to be judged at the October’s general meeting.

Good Luck. “The Cosmos” Winners are:

1st Place: Vicky Holt



2nd Place: Debbie Bucknam



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.



Happy Birthdays!

September

Carmelita Angulo, Jennifer Bassols, Harvey Bergeron, Scott Blair Jr., Theresa Callaway, Linda Davey, Terry Davis, Diana Deck, Annette Dude, Anthony Earle, Billie Fecher, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Walter Ganir, Jeffery M. Goldsberry, Kim Haas, Jerry Hughes, Dominique Johnson, Susan Kuckelmann, Jerry Kuykendall, David Landry, Jessica Lash, Merrily Li, Sue Lofaro, Phillip Luchetta, Maurice Margo, Aiden Martinez, Zayden Martinez, Kim Mills, Rimma Muth, Ron O'Brien, Scott Pelka, Amber Penick, Mark Pruter, Michael Rawlins, Anthony Rivas, Judith Ross, Ann Runion, Mick Sprott, John Stackhouse, Tyra Tripp, Steve Turner, Sharon Webb, Webster Welsh.

October

If you have a October birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the October meeting.

Deborah Allen, David Bassols, Nicholas Brown, Lloyd Chayette, Mary Chayette, Victoria Crossman, Caryn Crotty, Tom Davey, Ron Dearing, Susan Dobson, Ruth Dziadon, Tiana Elliot, Lianna Fitzpatrick, Judy Flaster, Ann Harris, Kathy Hassett, Beth Jones, Gene III Kandy, Bill Kogen, Debra Koladziej, Alex Lash, Carole Liccardo, Lynn Manthey, Bruce Martin, Dan McClellan, Stephanie Moss, Candy Munkres, Bella Romero, Brett Runion, Kaleb Runion, James Sloane, Nick Smith, Lorraine Testa, Frank Timbers, Nicole Tripp-Herring, Ralph Tryon, Elly Walkenshaw, Darren Welsh, Mike Wisniewski.



Welcome New Members!

A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS .

We look forward to getting to know you better

E.D. Law, Joni Law, Robert Madow, Melvin Nishiuchi, Kay Scheel, Edith Welch, George Welch.



2018 Board of Directors

President: Bob Belcher bbeccher75@gmail.com
702 210-9612

Vice-President: Beth Jones punkyjones@hotmail.com

Secretary: Lorrilee Stackhouse 702 239-0437

Treasurer: Bill Moore SNGMSTreasurer@gmail.com

Parliamentarian: Scott Edwards 702 561-3086

One Year Board Remaining: John Stackhouse

Two Year Board Remaining: Jason Fabbi

jhfstones@yahoo.com

Three Year Board: Del Walkenshaw

desertartsupply@aol.com

Past President/One Year Board: Wayne Muth

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

September 7-15 Colorado Mineral and Fossil

Show : www.coloradomineralandfossilshows.com

Logandale Fall Festival 2018: Logandale, NV,
October 18th—20th, Thursday through Saturday
<http://logandalefallfestival.com/vendors/>

January 2019 Quartzsite, AZ Show

Some links that you may find helpful:
American Federation Of Mineralogical Societies-

<http://www.amfed.org>

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/?>

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Committee Chairmen

Bulletin.....Del Walkenshaw & Deb Koladziej
desertartsupply@aol.com

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Communications.....Del Walkenshaw sngmsnews@gmail.com

Education.....Mary Beth Paladino

Federation.....Sheri Johnson

Alt. Federation.....Peggy Sue Moore

Field Trip.....Peggy Sue Moore & Bill Wertz

Financial Manager.....Dennis A. Costarakis (Wells Fargo)

Shop Foreman Bob Belcher

Historian.....Jack Toogood

Hospitality.....Deb Bucknam grandmadeb10@gmail.com

Inventory.....Frank Timbers ftimbers@centurylink.net

Librarian.....Mario Luchetta

Membership.....John Stackhouse 702-239-0437

New Member Liaison... Barbara Belcher

Program.....Cindy Allison

Publicity.....Scott Edwards

Raffle.....Barbara Belcher & Kerry Wenzl

50-50 Raffle.....Orville and Lisa Weimers

Refreshments.....Ruth Dziadon

Rock Stars.....Mary Beth Paladino.....702-255-1647

Show Chairperson.....Sheri Johnson

Sunshine.....Beth Jones punkyjones@hotmail.com
702-505-5819

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

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Return Service Requested



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.

POLISHED SLAB ADVERTISING RATES		
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