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## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28: Board Mtg  
Aug 3: General Mtg

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Wayne Muth*

To all SNGMS Members:

Summertime is a fun time, even though it is HOT, fun is still abounding. I want to thank Cindy Allison for getting our great guest speakers, and Mark Hall-Patton. It was informative and fun.

I also want to mention that Ron Johnson has taken over as Shop Foreman, now here too is a person that Rocks.

At our last meeting I have asked for volunteers, we need two immediately: A volunteer to take over the Slab for Lorrilee Stackhouse. Due to her current personal situation, she needs to alleviate herself of this, and I understand why.

We need a committee for the Holiday Party Pot Luck. For the most part the food the Club is providing I can prepare. It is the table center pieces, Chinese auction, and the coordination of the volunteers as well as what our members will be bringing for the Pot Luck.

Any help that can be provided will be appreciated.

Keep Rocking.

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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

SNGMS Board of Director's Meeting July 7,2016

Call to order 6:00  
Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes from the previous meeting were read: Frank Timbers made a motion that they be approved, Tony Duran seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Audit to be finished this next week. Sheri Johnson and Frank Timbers to meet on the Jamboree expenses.

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY, CONT.

Membership: No report as John Stackhouse is ill.

Newsletter: Lorrilee Stackhouse would like someone to be back-up on the Slab until John is well. Tony Duran said he would see if Kathy Duran would assist.

Shop Report: Peggy Sue Moore made a motion that Ron Johnson to be shop supervisor, Frank Timbers seconded, motion passed. Peggy Sue Moore made a motion to purchase parts to fix 16" saw, Johnny Miller seconded, motion passed.

By-law Committee: By-Laws were approved for presentation to general membership.

Awards Banquet: Membership to vote for Pot-Luck or Hotel catering

New Business: Need to update Tax Exempt letter, Peggy Sue to handle this

Adjournment: Frank Timbers made motion to adjourn, Steve Wilson second. Meeting adjourned at 7:32

## GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

SNGMS General meeting minutes for July 11, 2016

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.

Secretary: The minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: Checking Account Balance \$5,534.33—Investments \$147,963.33

Program: Mark Hall-Patton curator of three museum in Nevada gave a very interesting and informational talk on the history of Nevada.

Sunshine: Beth Jones stated that Richard Rawe's wife is having health problems also John Stackhouse is still having problems also.

Shop: Ron Johnson is the new shop foreman. Shop needs paper towels.

Field Trip: Cliff Jackson will be leading a trip to Tempe Piate on Saturday July 16. Meet at Love Truck Stop at 9:00

Federation: Sheri Johnson announced the American Federation Show will be in Albany, Oregon on July 29,30,31. Sheri also thanked all those that work on the show. We are asking for volunteers for the show next year.



Rock Stars: Will meet Sunday July 17, at the shop 3:00 to 5:00

Cabachon Contest: will be a yellow rock

By-Law Committee: There was discussion on the by-law changes; voting to be at August meeting.

Awards Banquet: Peggy Sue Moore made a motion that we have a pot-luck at the Eagles, Scott Edwards seconded, motion passed.

Insurance: Board approved liability insurance.

Adjournment: Mario Luchetta made motion to adjourn, Mike Kisner seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Photo courtesy of Peggy Sue Moore



## Mark Hall-Patton

We were lucky to have a celebrity speaker at the July 2016 General Meeting - Mark Hall-Patton. If he looks familiar, you may hang out at the local museums or watch Pawn Stars. He's the director of the Clark County Museum, the Searchlight history museum, and the Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum at McCarran International Airport. He's been in about one-third of the History Channel's Pawn Star series. We were entranced as he talked of his background and local history. Many members were thrilled to have a photo taken with him after his presentation.

Kudos to Cindy Allison, Program Chair, for the excellent programs this year!



## Product of the month!

We bought these great Micro Torches for our members. They have a good range and are easily portable for taking to silver and metal classes. These torches use butane.

We have them at the shop for under \$20.00 for members only. If we run out, start a back order list and we will get extras on our next order.

# Come Early!

Be sure to come early on General Meeting nights, because between 5 and 6 PM many of our talented members exhibit their works for your admiration and possible purchase. Cabochons, beadwork, silversmithed and wire wrapped jewelry, rock slabs, unfinished stones, and more are usually available. It is a good time to chat with other members and catch up on their latest creations.



## Discounts Available with your SNGMS membership

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**Proposed By-Laws**

**July 7, 2016 amendments to the By-Laws of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., a Nevada Non-Profit Corporation as approved by the Board of Directors for approval of the General Membership.**

**Most of the changes were to correct typos and clarify meanings of the By-Laws as follows.**

## ARTICLE VIII. Meetings

Section 1. Add: A quorum for the Board of Directors meetings shall be 5 voting members.

Section 2. Add: A simple majority vote of the attending voting membership carries any motion.

## ARTICLE IX. Membership

Section 3.

Paragraph B. to read: Family membership shall consist of a married couple, domestic partnership or parent with children under eighteen (18). Grandparents with grandchildren in attendance must obtain parental consent forms to bring them to club activities. Grandparents must have a family membership listing said grandchildren.

## ARTICLE X. Officers

Section 2. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian Shall be elected by a majority vote of the General Membership to a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for three (3) consecutive years on the Board of Directors; One (1) year must pass before that member is eligible to again run for any of the above named positions. /l

Section 3. to read "Before a member can be elected to any office or Board position, they must have been a member for 24 consecutive months as of October 1st of the year of nomination."

Section 4. to read "Should an officer be unable to attend either Board Meetings or General Meetings, that officer shall notify the Board of Directors as far in advance as possible.

Section 6. Add: (For replacement procedure see Article XII, section 6, Letter K.)

## ARTICLE XI. Permanent Expulsion

Section 3. The Board of Inquiry shall give a Written Notice, Via Certified Mail with Return Receipt, to appear before them, at a time and place designated, and show just cause why action should not be taken. Failure to appear or respond without just cause shall be cause for immediate expulsion.

Section 4. Expulsion Notification must be made via Certified Mail with Return Receipt.

Section 5. Any expelled member may re-apply for membership, to the Board of Directors, after a Thirty Six (36) month waiting period. New membership must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XII. Duties of Officers

Section 2. The Parliamentarian shall:

C. Bring copies of the current By-Laws of the Corporation and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and most current edition, and to advise on Parliamentary Law to all General and Board meetings.

Section 4. The Secretary shall:

F. Bring minutes of all current meetings to be approved by the Board or General Membership as appropriate.

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**SNGMS 2016 Meetings**

Jan 04 General	Jun 06 General
28 Board	Jul 07 Board
Feb 01 General	11 General
Mar 03 Board	28 Board
07 General	Aug 01 General
31 Board	Sep 08 Board
Apr 04 General	12 General
28 Board	29 Board
May 02 General	Oct 03 General
Jun 02 Board	Nov 03 Board
Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Eagles Lodge, 1601 E Washington	07 General

**SNGMS General Meeting**

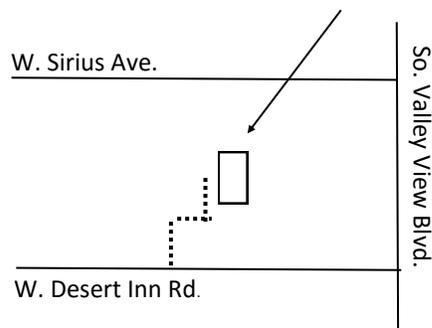
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

**Non-members welcome!**

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

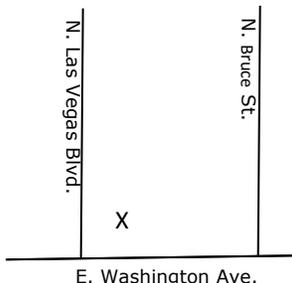
Show & Sell 5-6 PM  
General Meeting 6-8 PM

**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**

July 2nd the club was invited to a Panetarium event, hosted by our member Andrew Kerr.

The meeting this month was on July 17th. The focus was on The Tem Deadliest Rocks and Minerals. The kids learned how to recognize them and take precautions when handling them in the field or at the shop.



Several buckets of rocks were identified and then distributed to the kids for their collections.

Come to the August meeting for some educational fun!

## Field Trip Fun

We love our field trips. We love collecting and just the enjoyment of being outside in Nevada. I wanted to take the time to talk about driving off road safely and some good safety tips for our members to follow.

Prepare your vehicle: always have a full tank of fuel at the start of any trip. Bring extra fuel in a safe can if necessary. Check your tires: old tires, even with good tread, can be brittle and puncture easily. All terrain tires work great. I used to have Kevlar-wrapped knobby off-road tires on the jeep but developed a very severe "death wobble" as they wore down. The problem was solved when the guys at Discount Tire recommended Falken LT265/75R16. I have gone over the roughest roads that we will travel as rock hounds and aired-down to run Dumont Dunes with those tires and never had a problem. Bottom line...go high on the ply when picking out your new tires. Tell your tire guy what you intend to be doing with your vehicle.

Buying something to take off road? 4 Wheel drive and high clearance is the way to go. High Clearance is more important than 4 wheel drive, as we always have wash outs to contend with. All wheel drive is not the same as 4 wheel drive. If you need to traverse a climb that is in the dirt, you may want to be able to go into 4 wheel low, 3rd gear, to make that climb. Talk to the 4 wheelers before you make your purchase.

Don't get left behind! When we are keeping the group together on the highways and paved roads, we want to keep a tight group. Don't lag behind and miss a turn off. If you have a problem, call the leaders with your cell phone and let them know what is going on. If the group is off-road, you need to stay together, but don't tail gate. When climbing a hill, give the guy in front of you time to reach the top (just in case he can't make it and needs to back up) before you go. If you have a problem, immediately turn on your flashers on and stop. The guy in front of you needs to stop and put on his flashers and so forth, until the entire group has stopped! You never know who might have the right tool to help with the problem. If you allow the vehicles in front of you to continue ahead, you may cause everyone behind you to lose the group. We rarely have cell service off-road. It is the responsibility of every driver to keep track of the guy behind him. If he has stopped, put your flashers on to alert the guy ahead of you, and stop and see what is going on.

Get a CB radio: If you have a CB radio, you can let everyone know what is going on. Sometimes you just need to stop to relieve yourself behind a tree. Many Rock and Gem Clubs require their members to have CB radios. They don't have to be bulky. Get one where the works are in the hand set. You can use an installed antenna or a magnetic one.

Off road tow service: Just so you know, AAA won't go off road to tow you. Bring a heavy duty tow strap and battery jump cables in your "go kit".

We have never lost anyone and we don't want it to happen in the future. Follow the field trip guidelines from our website and talked to the experienced rock-hounds about their experiences. It will assist you in being ready for a safe and fun outing.

Peggy Sue Moore.



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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 July classes are July 18 - basic chain maille and July 25 - Moebius Chain Maille

Beading class is the third Monday of the month. For more information call Pat Skeary 702-630-6796.

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. Please contact Sue Moore in advance to see if a machine is available. 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 (except Feb. 27).

Another knapping session will be organized. Watch for the announcement. The contact is Michael Kisner, (702) 285-2032.

***Wire wrapping, beading, metal smithing, flint knapping, 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.***

### Proposed By-Laws continued from page 5

#### ARTICLE XIII. Standing committees

##### Section 10. Inventory

D. Conduct an audit of the Club inventory as directed by the Board of Directors during May / June each year, by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors to include the General Shop Foreman.

##### Section 11. General Shop Foreman

B. Appoint duty shift supervisors.

##### Section 14. Field Trip Chairperson

Organize and Pre-run field trips. Pre-run to determine the condition of the roads to the location and status of the location (BLM, Forest service, Private or Claimed) if private or Claimed obtain entry permissions to site.

Delete paragraph E. Provide a map of Field Trip location and how to get there.

#### ARTICLE XVI. STANDING RULES

Paragraph 3. Change to: "Membership dues are due and payable January 1st of every calendar year. Renewal dues paid after January 1st, but before February 1st, shall require a \$5.00 late fee. The late fees are to ensure that the delinquent member can maintain continuous membership status. Any dues paid from February 1st forward shall be considered a new membership."

# 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



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

**Shop Fee**

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

The July Cabochon contest, judged at the August meeting will be a yellow cab.

Remember you must have paid for one hour use of the shop equipment during the month to be eligible to enter. The winners receive free shop time.



**Shop Donations Needed - Donations of shop towels, and paper towels are always needed and appreciated. Bring your donations to the shop or to the meeting.**

**Come in and enjoy the fellowship of the shop - share your rocks, share you knowledge - get to know your fellow members a little better!**

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 August Birthday!

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

Dottie Auerswald, Linda Ball, Mary Brandt, Barry Brooks, Theresa Brooks, Jonathan Brown, Maddie Callaway, Ramses Copeland, Rodricus Copeland, Rhonda Eggimann, Ivan Erwin, Alyssa Ewing, Hopkin Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Greene, Mark Hesiak, Steve Hochman, Steve Hopkins, Duane Houser, Bonnie Hughes, Fausto Iulianelli, Yanping Ma, Jeanette Martinez, Carole Mautino, Ettiene Mena, Julian Mena, Priscilla Messenger, Chris Michael, Michelle Muniz, Elizabeth Paladino, Nina Persaud, Jessie Poltronieri, Gary Powell, Cody Prince, Mary Savage, Joann Sprott, Douglas Steen,

## Welcome New Members!

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

Kris Bergstrom, Matthew Birch, Sarah Birch, Debbie Bucknam, Ken Bucknam, James Cantu, Allison Chayette, Katerina Chayette, Lloyd Chayette, Mary Chayette, D.Scott Christiansen, Emily Demello, Edward Drew, Brenda Fogde, Gary Genovese, Austin Hunter, Darren Kensington, Mitch LaFortune, Carole Mautino, Roger McCreary, Berg Norwood, Mae Norwood, Ryan Norwood, Justin Pacult, Johnathan Perez, Douglas Steen, Athena Triantopoulos, Billie Triantopoulos

## 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](mailto:Punkyjones@hotmail.com) (please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)*

Our best wishes for better health to Richard Rawe's wife and to John Stackhouse.

## **2016 Board of Directors**

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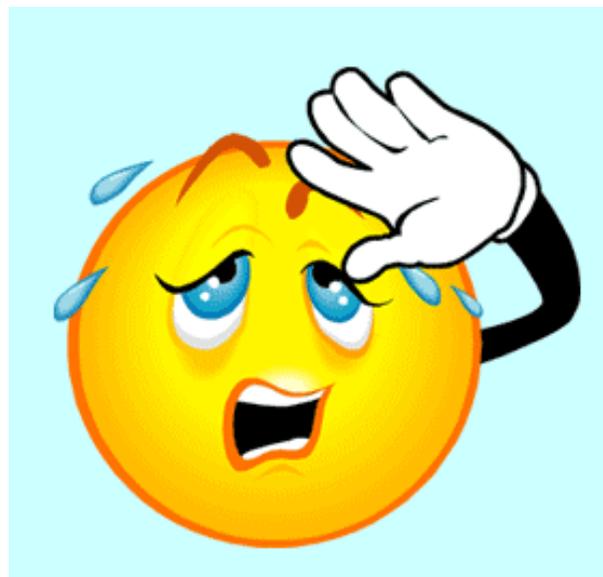
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Past President/One Year Board: Peggy Sue Moore

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



## **Committee Chairmen**

Bulletin.....Lorrilee Stackhouse....702-239-0437

ByLaws.....Scott Edwards

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Field Trip.....open

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Program.....Cindy Allison

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Raffle.....open

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Refreshments.....Rita Bergeron

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

Rock Hounds

Show Chairperson.....Sheri Johnson

Sunshine.....Beth Jones

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

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**Sep 16 - 18 - Placerville, CA, 77th CFMS Show & Convention** Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily

*Stay cool, and plan to attend shows in the Fall. 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 -**

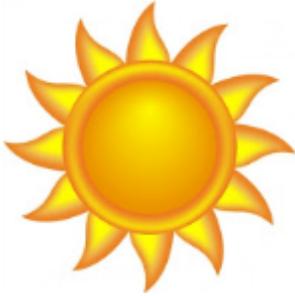
<http://www.rmfmts.org>

**and the Rock & Gem website -**

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**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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