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June 22 - Show Committee

June 23 - Kids Club

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July 2 - General Meeting

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President's Message

from Sheri Johnson

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

If you were unable to attend the General meeting, here are some of the highlights.

The Membership voted to have a potluck this year for the Awards Banquet. We are confirmed for December 9th, at the Eagles Lodge. This year we are going to have a centerpiece contest, details are in this issue of the Slab.

Many thanks to Mary Beth and Cliff for putting together a wonderful picnic, we all really enjoyed it, especially the kids!

Ely is just one week away and I hope that you all have the opportunity to join us for some fun, food, fishing and fossil finding. Bill Kogan has put a lot of time into locating new places for the group to explore. For his time and gas, we are asking for a \$5 donation per person who attends.

If you just want to relax, the campground is next to Illipah Lake with Rainbow trout, stocked twice annually, and also a self-sustaining population of brown trout. A boat is not essential as many fish are captured from shore. There is no fee to stay at the campground. There are toilets and garbage facilities, but no water, showers or RV hookups. If camping isn't your thing, Ely is 40 miles east of Illipah. Make reservations! There is some event in Ely and hotel rooms may be in short supply.

There are fossils near the campground, and two trips are planned for Friday and one on Saturday. 4-Wheel drive is not needed except for the trip on Saturday. We can carpool as needed on Saturday

I am looking forward to this trip and I hope to see you all there!

Happy Hunting

Board Meeting Summary - May 31st 2012

On May 31, 2012, a board of directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:04 P.M. at the society's workshop. In the absence of the president, the vice president Jack Toogood was in the chair. The secretary and all other members were present. A pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

The minutes of the May board meeting were read and approved without correction. The treasurer reported for the month of May a negative net income and submitted outstanding repair bills.

The shop foreman reported the open house event went well, with new members joining, and the machine meters are ready for installation.

Board Meeting Summary - con't.

Unfinished Business: The Ore Car Mine was suggested as an addition to the Gem Trails book revision, and a training session day held at the shop was discussed as a requirement for all new members.

New Business: A vote for either an awards banquet or potluck event will be presented to the general membership, and centerpiece contest rules were discussed. A need for future meeting programs and field trip destinations was discussed.

A motion was made and approved to waive the locker fee for shop supervisors, and an update to the old Ore Car Mine road sign was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

General Meeting Summary - June 4th 2012

A general meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:11 P.M. on June 4, 2012, at 1601 E. Washington Ave. The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer were present. A pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

The minutes of the May general meeting were read and approved without correction

The treasurer reported for the month of May a negative net income.

The reported membership was 380 members.

Federation reports of the CFMS gold and gem show in Riverside July 13-15.

Kids Club reports their next meeting on June 23.

Shop foreman reports the meters are in and will be installed soon.

Classes are being held as scheduled, except for faceting, which will resume June 23.

The president announced, as unfinished business, the May picnic went well, and thanks were given to volunteers and participants. Also, a show committee has formed, and will meet at the shop June 8 at 2:00 P.M.

New members and June birthdays were acknowledged.

After the break, as new business, the president presented a vote for this year's awards banquet location. A majority vote decided a potluck event. The centerpiece contest rules for said event were discussed, and will be posted in the newsletter. Details of the June trip to Illpah were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M., followed by raffles.

Come early (5 PM) to the
next General Meeting on July
2nd to enjoy the \$5 Taco Bar!



Awards Banquet Centerpiece Contest

The requirements for the contest:

Must be a member to submit a centerpiece for the contest

Submissions can be from an individual or a group

The maximum dimensions are 12" diameter and 24" tall

Must include a rock, mineral or any type of crystals (including bead crystals)

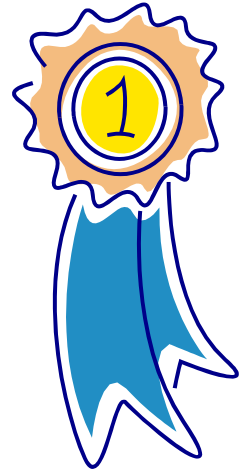
Must be handmade

No visible identification marks to indicate its creator(s)

All entries must be registered and present 30 minutes prior to the start of the event

The centerpiece can either be donated to the Club as a prize, or the creator can chose to keep it

Every centerpiece will be issued a number at the time of registration for the purpose of voting. During the event, members will have the opportunity to vote on the best centerpiece via a secret ballot. The prizes are to be announced at a later date.



I would like to personally thank the following ladies for helping me to create the flower arrangement for my (sort of) Mother-in Law's Memorial. I could not have done it without their companionship, laughter and very hard work! Thank you all!

Pat Skeary, Sue Moore, Lorrilee Stackhouse, Sue Dobson, JoAnne Sprott, Beth Jones, Ann Harris

from Sheri Johnson



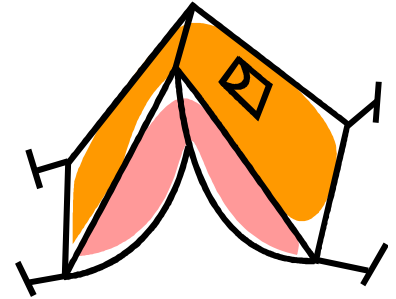
Photo courtesy of Sheri Johnson



Photo courtesy of Peggy Sue Moore

Upcoming Events

Ely NV area - June 14 - 17. An annual camp out near Ely NV is another SNGMS activity. This year it will be at the Illipah Recreation area and is scheduled for June 14 through 17th (Thursday through Sunday). Hotel accommodations are available in Ely if you don't like to camp. **Hope you made your reservations already** - other activities in the area are filling the rooms quickly! Again the activities include field trips in the area. Illipah Reservoir Campground is located 40 miles west of Ely on US 50. It is a free BLM campground. Access to the camp is down a good 2 mile gravel road (signed from the highway). More detailed directions are: 37 miles west of Ely on U.S. Hwy 50, turn at the highway sign for Illipah Reservoir and continue 0.1 miles to a road junction, turn left and continue 1.3 miles to the campground. The road is 2WD accessible. Fishing is available, and there are several ghost towns and mining camps within a few miles of the campground.



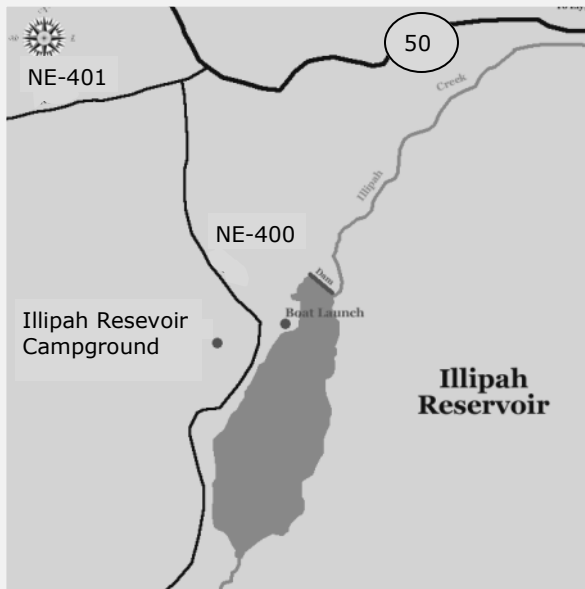
June 2012

* No saw usage after 6 PM on days when there is a beading class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Shop 12-4	11 Wire Wrapping 5	12 Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	13 Shop 12-9	14 Shop 12-9 <-----	15 Shop 12-9 Illipah Trip —	16 Shop 10-5 -----
17 Shop 12-4 ----->	18	19 Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	20 Shop 12-9	21 Shop 12-9* Beading 6	22 Shop 12-9 Show Com- mittee 6	23 Shop 10-5 Kids Club 9 AM
24 Shop 12-4	25 Polymer Clay 2; Wire Wrapping 5	26 Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	27 Shop 12-9	28 Shop 12-6 Board Mtg 6	29 Shop 12-9	30 Shop 10-5

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Shop 12-4	2 Show & Sell 5; Gen Mtg 6	3 Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	4 Shop Clos- ed Independ- ence Day	5 Shop 12-9	6 Shop 12-9	7 Shop 10-5
8 Shop 12-4	9	10 Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	11 Shop 12-9	12 Shop 12-9* Beading 6	13 Shop 12-9	14 Shop 10-5



Map and view of Illipah Reservoir Saturday night will be a pot luck dinner featuring tri-tip and trout (hopefully). Let Moores (702-348-9600) know if you are coming so they can bring enough tri-tip, and everyone plan to bring a side dish to the dinner.

SNGMS will camp in the 'low area' of the campgrounds. Bring firewood, fishing gear & license if you want to fish, buckets & equipment if you want to gold pan.



Photo courtesy of Yoshiko Macklow



Show Committee First Meeting (top photo)

SNGMS Shop Open House



Come Early!

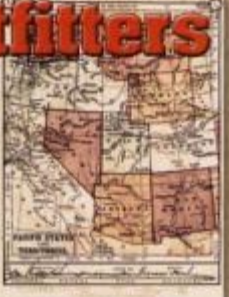
Be sure to come early on General Meeting nights, because between 5 and 6 PM many of our talented members exhibit their works for your admiration and possible purchase. Cabochons, beadwork, silversmithed and wire wrapped jewelry, rock slabs, unfinished stones, and more are usually available. It is a good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



Discounts Available

All the establishments featured in this section 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!

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SNGMS 2012 Meetings

Jan 05 Board	Jun 04 General
09 General	28 Board
Feb 02 Board	Jul 02 General
06 General	Aug 02 Board
Mar 01 Board	06 General
05 General	Sep 06 Board
29 Board	10 General
Apr 02 General	27 Board
May 03 Board	Oct 01 General
07 General	Nov 01 Board
31 Board	05 General

Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Eagles Hall, 1601 E. Washington (Washington & Bruce)

SNGMS General Meeting

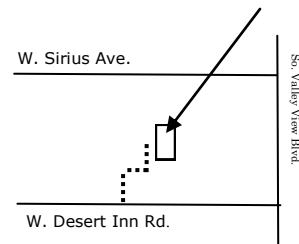
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

Eagles Hall, 1601 E. Washington
Las Vegas, NV (Washington & Bruce)

Food Available	\$5	5 PM
Show & Sell		5-6 PM
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.

Kid's Club Activities

The combined Kid's Clubs will meet Saturday, June 23rd, 9 AM, at the SNGMS Shop. They will continue working toward earning AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Merit Badges. For more information about the kid's program contact Mary Beth Paladino. Bring your kids to the activities; children, grand-children, nieces, nephews, etc. of members are all welcome to attend and their accompanying adult is welcome to stay for the event.



The egg hunt/family picnic held on May 19th was wonderful. The weather co-operated by being mild with no wind. The kids had almost as much fun as the adults. Games included: watermelon seed spitting, bubble gum blowing, and water balloons - all fun and messy. There were hundreds of eggs

hidden by the adults and hunted by the kids. Hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled and consumed and there were many delicious side dishes to share. Mary Beth Paladino coordinated the picnic and games. Pat and Tom Skeary and Cliff Jackson helped with the barbeque. It was a lot of fun, and if you missed it be sure to come next year!



Photos courtesy of Paula Lawlor

Classes, Classes, Classes!

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore and Sheila Tremmel, meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Summer hours for the class will be 5 - 8 PM. Classes are: June 11th - Double Cabochon Pendant, June 25th - Summer Fire Earrings. Sign up with Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.

The beading projects for June are: June 7th - Medallion Necklace, and June 21st - Moonbeams Choker. Class is 6 - 8 PM. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 for more information.



Silversmithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. Bill Lemmon is leading the class. He is doing some project classes, or will help you, as needed, as you complete your own individual projects. No experience or equipment is required to come to the class. Come in and Bill will help you get started. Come to a class and they will be glad to tell you everything you need to know to get started.

Polymer classes are moving to the last Monday of the month at 2 - 5 PM. The next class will be a giraffe pendant or plaque. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.



Contact Peggy Sue Moore 702-348-9600, Frank Auerswald 702-365-8306, or John Stackhouse 702-631-5291 to arrange a time when one of them can help you with faceting.



Tom Skeary taught a clock making class in November. There is a sign-up sheet in the SNGMS Shop, so come in and put your name down for this great class.

Chuck Huebler is offering a drop-in shop maintenance class on Saturday mornings. Come in at 10 AM and he will teach you about maintaining your lapidary equipment.

Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, and silversmithing classes 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. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class.

If you have an idea for a class on a SNGMS subject that you would like to have offered, or if you would like to teach a class to members contact any board member with your idea. Classes can be one time, a couple of sessions, or on-going. All class instructors are volunteers with any class proceeds going to SNGMS.



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**Come to the next Show
Committee meeting at the
SNGMS Shop, June 22nd at 6
PM. Your help and input is
needed!**

Shop Report

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	12 noon - 4 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12 noon - 5 PM
Wednesday	12 noon - 9 PM
Thursday*	12 noon - 9 PM
Friday	12 noon - 9 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM

*Closed after 6 PM on the Thursday of the Board Meeting, and closed after 6 PM to saw usage on Beading Class Thursdays

Supervisors will close the shop if no one comes in after two hours. The next shift supervisor will then re-open the shop.

Shop Talk

from Chuck Huebler and John Stackhouse



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

Remember to clean up any area or equipment you use at the SNGMS Shop. Don't leave a mess for someone else! A cleaning checklist is posted in the shop by the Genies, please read and follow it.

Note the change in shop fees—we are installing meters on all the slab saws, the trim saws, and the Genies. The meters will allow us to charge in tenths of an hour instead of 15 minute increments. The trim saw charge will be increased to \$5 an hour, or \$0.50 for 1/10th of an hour with no minimum charge. Since few people use the trim saw for an entire hour this will generally result in a more equitable charge for usage.

Check out the shop website with up to date equipment status and shop hours as well as a class and activity schedule:

www.wix.com/sngmsshop/home

Or access it from the link on the workshop page of **sngms.com**

Fees (changes go into effect when meters are installed)

Metered Equipment:

Trim Saws - \$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

Other - \$5.00 for first hour; prorated \$0.50 per additional 1/10 hour increment

Non-Metered Equipment:

Turquoise/Opal Saw—\$3.00 for first hour; prorated \$0.75 per additional 1/4 hour increment

Other - \$5.00 for first hour; prorated \$1.25 per additional 1/4 hour increment



Photo courtesy of Peggy Sue Moore

**Hard at
work in the
SNGMS
Shop
Office!**



Happy July Birthday

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

Linda Alexander, Cora Beye, Duane, Jr. Beye, Lenard Bieber, Richard Coleman, Yolanda Deogracias, Scott Edwards, Tony Fetcho, Tom Garvey, Xan Goodman, Paul Hamby, Luigi Iamele, Maxine Ingham, Jim Jones, Joanna Koss, Joseph Langen, Thomas Lawlor, George Messenger, Nelson Muniz, Joyce Nuell, Eric Pretz, Ellen Reeves, David Rogers, Theodore Schaefer, Catherine Stackhouse, Craig Tremmel, Rick Walters, Shea Whipple, Jenna Zimmerman

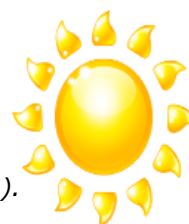
Welcome New Members



A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during late May and June. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Cecilia Aguilar, Marcelia Aguilar, Linda Ball, Brian Brown, Cary Floyd, Kevin Floyd, Diane Garvey, Margaret Grafe, Joshua Hill, Sandy Johnson, Diane Kelly, Deborah Kravitz, Joseph Lynch, Myriam Martiny, Daniel Schultz, Janelle Schultz, Misty Schultz, Richard Schultz, Lance Silva, Alix Vandivier, Dylm Warren, Grey Warren, Jon Warren, Michelle Warren, Ruby Warren

Sunshine Report *from Dottie Fusch*



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 Fusch at 648-5886 (recorder on). Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well.

Tony Peltz's mother passed away recently. Our thoughts are with him as he goes through this difficult time.

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.

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

Upcoming Shows

June 16 - 17 - Glendora, CA, Glendora Gems & Mineral Society, Goddard Middle School, 859 East Sierra Madre, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

June 22-24 - San Diego, CA, Gem Faire Inc., Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio S., Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

July 13 - 15 - Riverside, CA, CFMS Gold & Gem Show hosted by Valley Prospectors, Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Avenue Riverside, CA 92501, Hours Fri 10-5, Sat & Sun 10-4

July 21-22 - Flagstaff, AZ, Retail show, Radisson Woodlands Hotel; 1175 W. Rte. 66, Flagstaff, AZ, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

August 3 - 5 - Nipoma, CA, Orcutt Mineral Society, Nipomo High School, 525 North Thompson Ave., Hours: 10 - 5 daily

August 3,4,5 - Prescott, AZ, Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, 3700 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86303, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (4:00 on Sunday)

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.rmfm.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm,
and the Rock & Gem website - <http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

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