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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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## Upcoming Events

Jan 31 – Board Meeting

Feb 4 - General Meeting,  
Moose Lodge

See calendar on page 4 for  
shop hours, classes, trips,  
meetings, and other  
SNGMS events and classes

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## President's Message

*from Sheri Johnson*

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a quiet and pleasant holiday (and a loud and obnoxious New Year!).

For those of you who have been away, there is only one pending item of note. The California Federation has accepted our resignation. We just have to provide a few documents for them to close the deal. Once done, the Rocky Mountain Federation will invite us to join. If you have any concerns regarding the club changing Federations, please give me a call. As an aside, I heard a rumor at the meeting that I want to address - we have not lost our insurance and the shop is not closing as a result of this change.

In the month of January, there are no field trips planned by the club as many of you will be in Quartzsite.

Volunteer(s) needed! Lorrilee has been the writer / ad person / organizer / publisher / printer / mailer of the Slab for the last three years and she has done an amazing job. However, now that she has moved up to Management at SNGMS (being the third in line for the President's seat....Hey, it could happen!), she would like to delegate this task. (Can you tell that I am sitting at work writing this message?) We are looking for one or two volunteers to work with Lorrilee and eventually take over as the writer / ad person / organizer / publisher / printer / mailer of the monthly newsletter. The more, the merrier! Please give Lorrilee or me a call if you are interested in volunteering.

Happy Hunting,

Sheri

## Dues are due by January 31st



## Board Meeting Summary - January 3rd 2013

SNGMS Board meeting minutes for 1/3/2013

On January 3rd, 2013, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 5:44 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. The

**Board Meeting Summary - con't.**

minutes of the November 1st, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: the net income for December was positive. There was a motion by Ernie Parrish, seconded by Angelo Cervantes adopted for payment of outstanding bills.

A motion made by Tom Skeary and seconded by Shannon Funk "to purchase four new 280 grit Genie wheels" was adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Board members signed the document finalizing SNGMS withdrawal from California Federation preparatory to joining Rocky Mountain Federation.

New Business:

Membership laptop problems and possible replacement or repair are being explored.

A motion made by John Stackhouse, seconded by Ernie Parrish was approved to "allow Tom Skeary up to \$300.00 to purchase raffle table items in Quartzsite."

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

**General Meeting Summary - January 7th 2013**

On January 7th, 2013, the regular meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:02 PM by the president. The secretary was present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. The minutes of the November 5th, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: The net income for December was positive.

Committee Reports:

The Shop Foreman reports shop hours, and new Genie wheels.

The Education Chair reports upcoming school visit, and need for assembly of more rock cards. The second Sunday of each month will be the Kids Club meeting at the SNGMS Shop.

Field Trips – Peggy Sue Moore discussed Quartzsite field trips available through Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem and Mineral Club during January, and a possible field trip to Buffington Pockets in February.

Unfinished Business:

California Federation has officially accepted our resignation and we are providing required documentation to them to complete our withdrawal.

New Business:

We need volunteers to provide program ideas or contacts for general meeting programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

# Bulletin Board

For Sale: Highland Park Cab unit \$300.00; Casting unit \$300.00 Contact Jim Grothuesmann at (702) 564-7056

Silent Auction in the SNGMS Shop: A large tile saw is available for silent auction starting at \$25.00. Come in to take a look and make a bid. The bid paper is on the bulletin board, the saw is located in the store room - ask a supervisor to show you. Bidding will close on February 28th at 8 PM.

For Sale: Brazilian crystals, rose quartz, citrine, amethyst, large Selenite pieces, large Lazer crystal, and a large amethyst point. She has Tigers eye and labradorite cabs. Also for sale is gemstone and hand carved jewelry and odds and ends. Contact Lucy Nelson at lucysimports1@yahoo.com or (702) 433-5924.

Contact the editor to place a notice on the Bulletin Board by calling 702-631-5291 or emailing lorrilee@cox.net.

## Why You Should Pay Your Dues Before February 1st

The last date to renew your membership, is January 31st. A renewal after the end of January will result in an interruption in your membership. You must never allow your membership to lapse if you want to maintain continuous (uninterrupted) membership.



Reasons to keep an uninterrupted membership:

- 1 - You must have a minimum of two uninterrupted years of membership in order to run for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer or parliamentarian.
- 2 - You must have a minimum of one uninterrupted year of membership in order to run for a director position or to chair a committee.
- 3 - You must have 10 uninterrupted years of membership to be considered for life membership.

## Class Opportunity

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park (Twentynine Palms, CA area) is offering three great classes that may be of interest to you:

February 22-24 Rocks and Minerals of Joshua Tree National Park

March 8-10 Geology of the Mojave National Preserve

March 16 Volcanoes of Joshua Tree National Park

They offer many other classes as well as field sessions so take a look. See the website at [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org) for more information and to sign up for their newsletter.



## January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>13</b> Faceting 9 Kids Club 3-5	<b>14</b> Wire Wrapping 5	<b>15</b> Shop 12-5	<b>16</b> Shop 12-8	<b>17</b> Shop 12-5	<b>18</b> Shop 12-8	<b>19</b> Shop 10-5
<b>20</b> Faceting 9	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Shop 12-5	<b>23</b> Shop 12-8	<b>24</b> Shop 12-5	<b>25</b> Shop 12-8	<b>26</b> Shop 10-5

## February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b> Faceting 9	<b>28</b> Polymer Clay 2-5	<b>29</b> Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	<b>30</b> Shop 12- 8	<b>31</b> Shop 12-5 Board Mtg 6	<b>1</b> Shop 12-8	<b>2</b> Shop 10-5
<b>3</b> Faceting 9	<b>4</b> Show & Sell 5; Gen Mtg 6	<b>5</b> Shop 12-5 Silver Smithing 5	<b>6</b> Shop 12-8	<b>7</b> Shop 12-5	<b>8</b> Shop 12-8	<b>9</b> Shop 10-5

The Kids Club will be meeting on the second Sunday of each month at the SNGMS Shop from 3-5. With a regular schedule, we hope you can plan so that your kids (and yourself) can attend each month. As always, for more information or to volunteer to lead an activity contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647.

The January 13th meeting was spent planning posters to enter into a contest held by the Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio on "Fossils of the World." The subject is their favorite fossil(s) and the poster must be hand drawn, painted, or colored. They must also explain why they chose the fossil(s) they did. Each grade level will be judged individually and four winners will be picked.

## Kids Club Activities





## 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 2013 Meetings**

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

Board Meetings at Shop, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Suite 125, General Meetings at Moose Lodge, 1600 Gragson Ave.

**SNGMS General Meeting**

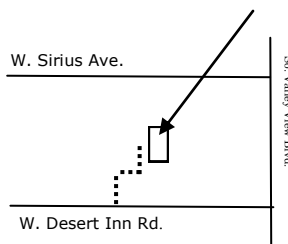
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

***Non-members welcome!***

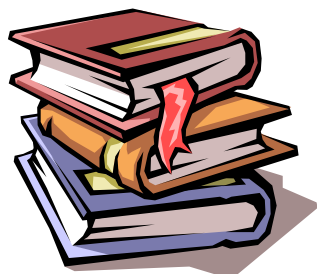
Moose Lodge 1600 Gragson Ave.

Food Available	5 PM (\$5.00)
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.

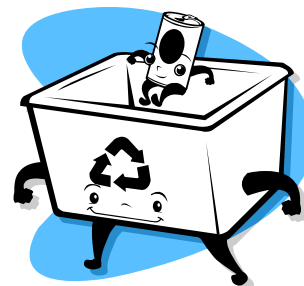


## Donations Needed

We need more books and videos for the SNGMS Library. Rock hounding, geology, gems, minerals, jewelry making, lapidary, faceting, beading, polymer clay, field guides, and any other subject we deal with are welcome! Bring your donations to the SNGMS Shop or to the meeting.

## SNGMS Recycles Aluminum Cans

If you don't recycle your cans, consider bringing them into the SNGMS Shop and they will be recycled, with the resulting funds going to club expenses and activities.



## Magazines Available



Did you know that donated magazines are available in the SNGMS Shop for resale? The charge is only \$0.25 each and the money goes to club expenses and activities. There are usually lapidary, rock, and jewelry magazines available, as well as various other ones such as beading, scrapbooking, nature, and native American interests. You never know what 'gems' you may find ... so drop by often and check it out. The magazines are located in a bin near the coffee pot.

If you have magazines you have finished with consider bringing them in to donate - any family friendly magazines are welcomed. They will be recycled to a new home and benefit SNGMS.

# Classes, Classes, Classes!

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 only wire wrapping class for January is the 14th and will be wire wrapping a poker chip or coin. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.

Beading class is 6 - 8 PM on Thursday, however there will be no beading class in January. There has been low attendance, and a sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting to see if there is enough interest to continue beading classes. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 for more information.

Silversmithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. Bill Lemmon and Mary Brandt are leading the class. They are 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 and Mary will help you get started. Come to a class and they will be glad to tell you everything you need to know and provide all the equipment you need to do your first project.

Polymer clay classes are the last Monday of the month at 2 - 5 PM. The next class will be on Jan 28th. We will learn to do a color graduation technique called a Skinner blend and can use it to construct beads or a pendant. Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are on Sunday morning. Call Ed Wolf at 702-527-6573 to get in the queue for taking a class, or for more information.

Tom Skeary held a clock class in Dec., be sure to sign up for his next class.

Chuck Huebler offers 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 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 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.





# Shop Report

## SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Appointment
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12 noon - 5 PM
Wednesday	12 noon - 8 PM
Thursday	12 noon - 5 PM
Friday	12 noon - 8 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM

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

### Fee Chart

#### Metered Equipment:

\$0.50 per 1/10 hour actual use.

#### 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

## Shop Talk

*from Chuck Huebler and John Stackhouse*



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

## [www.sngmsshop.wix.com/home](http://www.sngmsshop.wix.com/home)

If you are a Genie user you have probably noticed that the third wheel on all the Genies has become very worn. They are being replaced with new wheels.

Please be sure that all the grinding/shaping has been accomplished on the first two wheels of the Genie *BEFORE* you move to the third one. Three and beyond are for polishing only, and moving to the third wheel too soon is responsible for the excessive wear we are seeing. Moving your stone to use the entire width of the wheel and not moving to the polishing wheels too soon will keep the wheels in good condition much longer, allowing us to make better use of our maintenance dollars.

We still have an abundance of donated rock material in the shop. Stop in and take a look—if you are working it in the SNGMS Shop it is free, if you are working it at home it is \$2.00 a pound.

New users just need to come in, we'll even give you a slab to make your first cabochon from. No additional equipment or experience is necessary, we have everything you need to get started doing lapidary work, and will teach you all the basics at any time that the shop is open.

Thanks for all the paper towel donations - the response was very good and we are so appreciative.

Due to lack of use, the shop is open by appointment only on Sundays (except the second Sunday of the month) Call Lori Green at 702-255-9594 by the Saturday prior to the Sunday you want to come in, and plan to spend at least two hours working in the shop.

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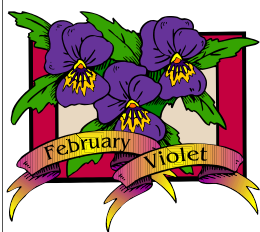
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# Happy February Birthday



***If you have a February birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the February meeting. Since there are not many February birthdays you folks with December birthdays are encouraged to bring something in February as well.***

Stephen Baeckeroot, Marti Bender, Maranda E Brandt, F.J. (Mike) Coache, Richard Craven II, Tim Hamewka, Shimrit Hanes, Bruce Hayes, Cliff Jackson, Adam Q. Miller, John Parkes, David Parkes, Leon Pruet, Karen Thomas, Jo Ann Torre, Ryan Young

## Welcome New Members



***A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during late November, December, and January We look forward to getting to know you better!***

Ronald Mark Anauo, Ruth Anauo, William Benton, Eric Bowker, Jerry Burkhart, Tracy Drown, Wes Drown, Mark Hanes, Shimrit Hanes, Joseph Krusa, Eli Lopez, Augustine Mazzotti, Phyllis Mazzotti, Martin Max McCalman, Louis Neo, Shini Pao Neo, Jay Rawe, Richard Rawe, Maxine Riggs, Lauren Slagle, Trey(Joseph) Slagle, Ariane Eagleson Statham, Stacy Statham, Karen Thomas, Paul M Thomas, Tung Gloria Watson, Yuen Watson

## 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.*



Frank Timbers is still recovering from a triple bypass surgery.

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.

## 2013 Board of Directors

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Rock Hounds

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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

**Jan 18-20 - Globe, AZ**, Annual show, Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Gila County Fairgrounds, 3 miles northeast of Junction U.S. 60-70, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

**February 15 - 24: Indio, CA**, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 46-530 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 - 10 daily

### Quartzsite Dates:

**Desert Gardens Rock & Gem**, Showgrounds West Kuehn St, Jan 1 - Feb 28

**Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show**, Showgrounds West Kuehn St, Jan 4 - Jan 13

**QIA Pow Wow Gem Show**, 235 East Ironwood, Jan 23 - Jan 27

**Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club Pow Wow Field Trips**, Jan 23 - 27:

See

<http://qrgmc.org/special%20events/2013powwowtrips.pdf> for a complete list.

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](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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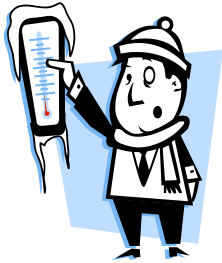


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**Don't forget to pay your  
2013 Dues by the 31st!**

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<b>Club Mascot:</b> Rock Wren  <b>Club Gemstone:</b> Turquoise  <b>Club Logo:</b> Rocks-R-Us  <b>Membership</b> is open to anyone with an interest in: Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or Silversmithing  <b>Annual Dues:</b> Individual - \$20; Family - \$30  <b>Meetings</b> are held the first Monday of the month at the Moose Lodge, 1600 Gragson. No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our annual awards dinner.  <b>Visitors</b> are always welcome and bring a friend or two.	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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