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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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## Upcoming Events

Jan. 29 - Board Meeting

Feb 2 - General Meeting

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## President's Message

*from Sue Moore*

Another year has begun for the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., and we have hit the ground running.

We have been diligently been working on replacing equipment in the shop so that our members have good and reliable machinery to work with. We have a new 10 inch trim saw that has a lid so that you don't have to take an oil bath to shape your slabs. Next, we have a new 6 inch water saw that will provide a stable platform for cutting fine materials. Then, at the January meeting, the general membership voted to purchase another Cab King. We will be selling the oldest Genie, which will go up for Silent Auction in the month of February.

This month, we have picked out four items for the silent auction:

- 20 inch Vibralap
- Cabbing machine
- Small Drill Press
- Substantial Lost Wax Casting Array

Here is how this is going to work: we will have the items at the shop for review by the interested parties. We will have a clip Board with a picture and description of each item up for bid. Under the description will be the form for registering your bid. At Noon, Saturday, January 31st, we will close the bidding and the high bidder wins the item. The items have to be paid for at that time or else it will go to the next highest bidder. If this turns out to be a work day for you, send a representative on your behalf.

We feel that this is the fairest way for all members to have a chance to acquire these items.

This is also the month where most of our members will go to Quartzsite, we have two of our members down there now with their items for sale. Jason Fabbi has a booth in Desert Gardens and will move over to the Pow Wow for the five day run. Bill Kogan has a booth at the Main Event. It is just to the right of the main entrance, so you can't miss him. Hope to see you all there.

If you haven't attended the field trips with the Quartzsite Roadrunners, go to their website and check out their schedule. I have personally gone on them all and loved it.

Keep on Rockin' (Rock-hounding, that is)

## Board Meeting Summary - December 11th 2014

On December 11th, 2014, the regular Board of Directors 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 October 30th, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report: the net income was positive. John Miller proposed, seconded by Danny Fesler, and passed by the Board, "that bills presented be paid."

Shop Report: Shop Foremen report that Genie wheels, a new trim saw, and a new water trim saw are needed. Shannon Funk proposed, seconded by Tony Duran, that twenty-one new wheels and leather pads be ordered. It was approved by the board, and then amended to change the number to 15 wheels and four leather pads, again approved by the board. New disks for the flat lap are needed and they will require membership approval. Purchase of a new Cab King will also be proposed for membership approval. John Miller proposed, seconded by Kevin Ware that a new water trim saw be purchased, and it was approved by the board. Danny Fesler proposed, seconded by Kevin Ware, that a 10" trim saw with autofeed be purchased and it was approved by the board.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Show chair reports that we have fourteen booths rented and postcards are being printed for publicity.

### **New Business:**

Wes Bryant and Diane Burgess will be nominated for lifetime membership at the general meeting.

Mary Beth Paladino discussed requirements for the All American Club program.

Upcoming shop contest rules were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

## General Meeting Summary - January 5th 2015

On January 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 November 3rd, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

### **Committee Reports:**

The treasurer gave her report: The net income was negative.

Publicity: Items are still needed for the Mormon Fort display. Contact Scott Edwards if you have items to loan.

Shop: We have a new trim saw and all but one saw are operational. We need buckets donated as the ones in the shop are breaking down. Come down and use the shop.

Membership: We have 482 adult and 79 child members.

Field Trip: Quartzsite trips via the Quartzsite Roadrunners club are \$2.00 a trip during the Pow Wow.

## General Meeting Summary - January 5th 2015 con't.

### New Business:

Shop contest for January with voting at the February meeting is for a heart shaped cab. To be eligible to enter in the contest you must have paid for one hour use of shop equipment in January.

Michael Rawlins proposed, seconded by Victor Cantu, that the club purchase a new Cab King machine for the shop. The membership approved.

Wes Bryant nominated Diane Burgess and Peggy Sue Moore nominated Wes Bryant for life membership. Jaen Rupprecht proposed, seconded by Tony Duran, that Diane Burgess and Wes Bryant be made lifetime members. The membership approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.



### Life Members

**According to the SNGMS By Laws:** *Life membership is a distinguished and privileged title extended to an adult member with a minimum of ten (10) years membership in the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society, Incorporated, or its preceding Clubs, who have held a Board position or committee chair; whose nomination has been presented by a Club member to the Board of Directors, in a written statement of qualifications and attributes, and presented to the membership and approved by a majority vote.*

**Wes Bryant and Diane Burgess became lifetime members because of their dedication and service to SNGMS. We thank them!**

### Dues To Be Paid 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 don't want to allow your membership to lapse. Reasons to keep an uninterrupted membership:

- 1 - You must have a minimum of two uninterrupted years of membership in order to run for any elected office.
- 2 - You must have a minimum of one uninterrupted year of membership in order to chair a committee.
- 3 - You must have 10 uninterrupted years of membership to become a life member.
- 4 - If you fail to renew by January 31st, you may renew and be reinstated for an additional \$5.00 fee.



# Upcoming Events

**January & February** there are numerous rock & mineral as well as bead shows and buying opportunities in Quartzsite and Tucson.

**Jan 21 - 25** is the Quartzsite Pow Wow with two field trips per day. Check out the schedule at <http://qrgmc.org/news/Jan%20newsletter.pdf>

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering the following geology classes:

**February 27 – March 1** Rocks and Minerals of Joshua Tree National Park with Robert Pellenbarg

**March 7** -Volcanoes of Joshua Tree National Park with Rick Hazlett

**April 18 – 19** Geology of the Mojave National Preserve with Ted Reeves

Consult their website at [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org) for more information

## January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-3 Kids Club 3-5	<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> Shop 12-6	<b>19</b> Wire Wrapping 5-8	<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>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 12-6 Board 6	<b>30</b> Shop 12-9	<b>31</b> Metalsmithing 8-10 Shop 10-6

## February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Faceting 8-12 Shop 12-5	<b>2</b> General Mtg 6	<b>3</b> 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
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## Kids Club/Education Activities

During December the kids enjoyed an excellent holiday party in conjunction with the Eagles. Coming up are presentations at a Sr. Center in February, a Boy Scout camp in March, and an Omni class at Mt. Charleston. The calendar sales enabled several microscopes to be ordered for the kids club.

The Kids Club meet 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 contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647.



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**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**

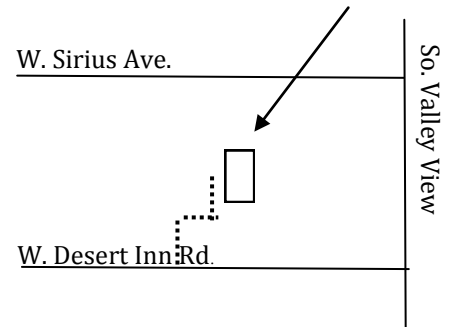
1st Monday of every month  
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

***Non-members welcome!***

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

Show & Sell 5-6 PM  
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.

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**Finding the General Meeting Location**

Eagles Lodge #1213

1601 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV

(702) 642-1213

**Silent Auctions for January. Come to the shop to place a bid.**

Silent Auction #1  
20" Vibratory



Silent Auction #2  
Cabbage Machine



Silent Auction #4  
Lost Wax Casting Items

Silent Auction #3  
Small Drill Press



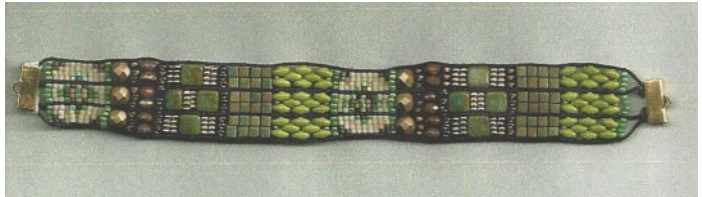
# Classes, Classes, Classes!



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 wire wrapping classes for January are the 12th Follow the Lines Pendant, the 19th, Butterfly Pendant, and 26th, Wrapping Thick Stones. For more information call Sue Moore at 702-348-9600.



Beading class is on the second Thursday of the month. January 8th at 6PM at the shop was a loom made bracelet, taught by Shae Wilhite, owner of Sweet Beads. 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, with the Tuesday class also for intermediate to advanced students.

Polymer clay class will be held January 26th from 2-5 PM and we will be making a lion head focal bead. Come and join the fun! Contact Lorrilee Stackhouse at 702-631-5291 for more information.

Faceting classes are continuing on Sunday morning from 8 - Noon and are open to new students at this time.

Scott Edwards is teaching Metalsmithing every Saturday from 8-10.

Mike Kisner will be teaching flint knapping so watch for information about classes that should start in the Spring.

Wire wrapping, beading, polymer clay, metalsmithing, 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.

## Shop Contest

Entrant must have at least 1 hour shop usage in January, verifiable by shop foremen. The cabochon contest for January will be a heart shaped cab. Voting will be by the general membership at the February meeting. A prize will go to the winner.

Good Luck Everyone!

## Dues are due by January 31st





# Shop Report

## 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

\* Sun. 11th is 12-3



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

## 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 Report

*from Johnny Miller*

All slab saws and trim saws got an oil change at least once and all saws are working good, except one.

We just got a new 10" trim saw with an auto-feed on it.

We have rock calendars for sale at the shop for \$5 each. These are the ones the kids made, and they are way cool!

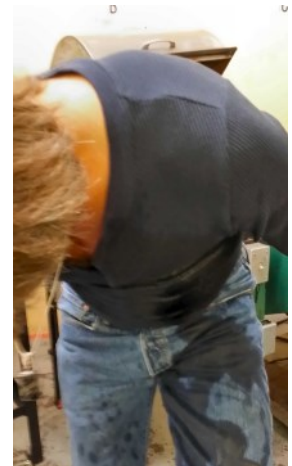
Jan. Agenda is;

Install meters on all equipment.

Also, fix old saw, get new saws up and running.

Come on down and have some fun!

Johnny Miller takes an oil bath at the shop ... OOPS!



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 February Birthday!



Amethyst

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

Eleesa Aimaq, Naomi Alfonso, Maranda E Brandt, Joe Brooks, Joel Coombs, Matthew Craig, Juan DeCastro, Christian Diamandis, Deborah Evans, Bonnie Evelyn, Can Rong Feng, Mundona Garnir, Mark Gilmore, Jessica Henning, Teddie Hickey, Roger Hurm, Cliff Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Richard Johnson, Frank Koot, Kerin Landry, Orion Lawlor, Tony Long, Karen McComb, Adam Q. Miller, David Parkes, Rosa Pascual, Dane Platko, Rosie Platko, Tony Quintela, Ananaka Rau, Jay Rawe, Margie Rawlins, Carla Stone, Holly Strother, Karen Thomas, Cory Weaver, Austin Weisler, Kerry Wenzl, Christine Wortham, Caryn Wright, Ryan Young

## Welcome New Members



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

Crystal Albright, Callie Baird, Julie Baird, Lynn Baird, Neal Baird, William Baird, Ty Burnett, Teresa Calacino, Juan DeCastro, Rosalinda DeCastro, Gabriella DiMartino, Anthony Earle, Jeanette Fitzgerald, Tom Fitzgerald, Anthony Gallo, Bradley Gallo, Shannon Gallo, Teddie Hickey, James Hightower, Wanda Hightower, Rick Kasky, Kate Kleinick, Ann Marie Lindley, Connor Murphy, Hailey Ramsey, Logan Ramsey, Dale Robertson, Renate Robertson, Gualberto Rodriguez, Byron Scott, Bart Solomon, Edwin Sotteau

## 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.***

Simy Bryant and Athena Manasses have had recent hospitalizations.

## 2015 Board of Directors

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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

## January 21 - 25

The Quartzsite Pow Wow, one of the largest gem and mineral shows in the country with 550 vendors, is open from the 21st through the 25th. There are raffles, demonstrations, exhibits, and, of course, many vendors.

The Quartzsite Roadrunners club has their Pow Wow field trips twice a day. Non members of their club may buy a temporary membership for \$2 allowing them to join the field trip.

**Jan 16-18 - 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

**Feb 13 - 22 - Indio, CA**, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Cabazon, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 82-503 Highway 11, Hours: 10 - 10 daily

**Feb 21-22 - Mesa, AZ**, Annual show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Skyline High School; 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4

**Feb 27 - Mar 8 - Imperial, CA**, Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Imperial Valley Expo, 200 East 2nd Street, Weekends noon - 10 pm; Weekdays 4 pm - 10 pm

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.rmfmns.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.

<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 - \$25; Family - \$35  <b>Meetings</b> 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.  <b>Visitors</b> are always welcome and bring a friend or two.	Polished Slab Advertising Rates		
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