

LITTLE GEMS

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April 2013



Trent Szabo, president

**General Meeting:
Second Tuesday of the month
Katherine Heidenreich Senior Center
1776 Airway Ave.,
Kingman, AZ 86401
General Meeting
7:00 PM**

Hello Gemstoners,

This is time of the year we all need to pitch in and help get the show rolling. It is about a month down the road, and time flies! If you are able to help, call Mary at 928-757-8121. We have raffle tickets to sell, if you are interested contact Mary.

As the weather starts to warm up we will have more trips, so lookout for them and attend. You are more than welcome to invite friends to come along with you!

This next year will be a deciding factor into the Gemstoners' future. In order to sustain the club we need to get more members and we need more interest into running the club. Come 2014 nearly our entire officer team will retire and we will need to fill their vacancies to remain a club. We have lasted about 60 years and it would be a shame to see it end because of a lack of membership support for the organization.

Sincerely,

Trent Szabo

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 12 MAR 2013.

Guest Speaker – Al Schultz gave a presentation on fulgurites. Formed by lightening striking the ground in sandy soils and how to find them and then extract them from the ground.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:23 PM. The flag salute was led by the Secretary.

Previous Minutes: Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Assets and expenses reported to membership.

Committee Reports:

Membership – we currently have 35 paid members for 2013. Dues are now past due and those that haven't paid will be removed from the rolls. Those with birthdays were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

Show – May 4/5, 2013 at KAOL HS. We have 20 vendors currently registered. Need donations for silent auction and kid's booth. Ticket sales and donations are to be coordinated with Mary and Gary.

Web Master – web site is currently being updated.

Newsletter – send articles to the Editor at the e-mail listed on our web site.

By-Laws – Appendix “B” is currently being reviewed.

Trip – Trip for lemon chrysophase was a good trip. 24 MAR is a trip to Golden Shores – meet at Powerhouse at 8am. Castle Mountain is on 07 APR – meet at the Nugget Casino in Searchlight, NV at 7:30am. We are looking into other trips.

Kitchen – Club will need cookies for the next meeting.

Guest Speakers – (APR) Meteorites with the Jenkersons. (MAY) BLM.

Old Business:

1. Payment of dues.
2. Obtaining guest speakers – looking at the possibility of having Marty Colbaugh of Kingman Turquoise soon.

New Business:

1. Show.
 - a. Ticket sales.
 - b. Solicitation of donors.
 - c. Volunteers.
2. New officers. November is elections and those currently serving have served for five years and it's time for some new blood and ideas to keep the Club going.

Good of the Order:

1. Door prizes.
2. 50/50 – Kadek Mangold won \$15.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:52PM.



Rock & Gem Show: We need donations from Club Members for the Show. We need items for the Children's Booth, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, and to round out the terrific prize baskets for the Raffle. The items do not have to be rocks as some of the people attending will not necessarily be rock hounds. It should be something you would like to bid on, win as a prize, or have your kids or grandkids win at the kid's booth. We need Tumbled rocks for the grab bags and as prizes for the 'Spin the Wheel'. So far 1 person has donated 3 very nice beaded necklaces with rock pendants. This will not go very far. We need more from our Membership. Please bring your donation to the April Meeting as the Show will be held before the May Meeting. We also need more tickets sold for the Raffle Prizes. We have flyers for anyone who can put them at their place of work, exercise, shopping, haircuts, etc. Any questions, call Mary @ 757-8121.

The Mohave County Gemstoners' Club

Is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

The purpose of the Mohave County Gemstoners is to:

1. Stimulate interest in Mineralogy and Lapidary Arts.
2. Stimulate individual's interest in cutting and displaying of minerals, fossils and gemstones.
3. Stimulate interest in stonecutting, carving and setting of fine gems and jewelry.
4. Stimulate interest in other areas, such as faceting, jewelry design, jewelry fabrication and metalsmithing of jewelry.

Fiscal year for memberships runs from January 1st thru December 31st.
 Dues are \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple and \$25.00 for family. Junior Membership cost is \$8.00.
 Name badges are required, Either Pin or Magnetic style available at cost.

Little Gems is published monthly. It is available online at www.gemstoners.org The Newsletter is in PDF format so it will be necessary to download AdobeReader (free program) to view. Submissions should be to the editor by the 20th the month to: littlegemsmc@yahoo.com or mail to: Mohave County Gemstoners PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402.

**** 2013 Club Leadership ****

Elected Officers:

President – Trent Szabo
 Vice President – Roger Price
 Secretary – Fred Bunge
 Treasurer – Gary Gann

Board of Directors:

Year ending 2013: John Smith
 Year ending 2014: Pete Hansen
 Year ending 2015: Mary Gann

Club Committees 2013

By-Laws – Fred Bunge
 Field Trips – Mary Gann, John Smith, Gary Bolles
 Greeters—Shirley Darga
 Membership – Dorothy Bunge
 Photographer - *open*

Newsletter Editor- Sue Beilman
 Refreshments – John and Laraine Smith
 Telephone - John and Laraine Smith
 Show Chairman 2013 – Mary Gann
 Webmaster – Mary Gann

APRIL BIRTHSTONE



Diamond is derived from the Greek word “Adamas” is the Greek word which mean “hardest metal.” It is a member of the Diamond (carbon) family and is the hardest substance known. Found in nature it is called a rough diamond. Cutting a diamond using many facets increases the brilliancy. The crystal structure is Isometric. White or colorless is the color

typically associated with the diamond and is the most popular. It is the most valuable gemstone on earth. The clearest stones are the most expensive.

Diamonds can be found in numerous places of the world but usually found in India, Brazil and Sub Saharan Africa. Most diamonds are mined in South Africa. They are usually found in layers of Kimberlite (rocks made from lava).

APRIL  BIRTHDAYS

Lois Bolles, Les Nelson, Spike Handy & John Smith.

APRIL  ANNIVERSARIES

None

**FIELD TRIP
INFORMATION**



- *Sign in 15 minutes before departure time*
- *Leader will state relevant information after everyone has signed in.*
- *Each vehicle is to keep the one behind it in sight. Stop if vehicle is not visible and report situation on radio.*
- *Always notify leader if you are hiking or driving to another site and your approximate return time.*
- *If leaving and not returning, notify leader and turn in radio.*
- *Always take food, water, and first aid kit, full tank of gas.*
- *When hiking from the group, always take a radio. RADIOS: Channel 3*
- *Name badges required at all Club functions.*
- *Maximum of 25 lbs. of rock per trip. Maximum of 250 lbs. of rock annually.*

Field Trips:

Apr 7th-Sun-Castle Mtns. Meet at Golden Nugget in Searchlight 7:30 AM. 4WD. Geodes, Perlite, Apache Tears.

Apr 21st-Sun-Cook Mine Wash. 4WD. Meet @ Power House 7:30 AM. Jasper, Agate, Geodes.

May 19th-Sun-Oatman. Meet @ Power House 7:30 AM. Chalcedony, Fire Agate.

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Castle mtns outing 7	8	9 <i>Show mtg. 5pm Board mtg. 6pm Gen Mtg. 7pm</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Cook mine wash outing 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	<i>Show setup Club members be there @ 8:AM3</i>	Show!! 4
Show!! 5	6	7 <i>Brd Mtg. 6 pm, Gen. Mtg 7:00 P.M.</i>	8	9	10	11
 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Oatman outing 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	 27	28	29	30	31	