

# LITTLE GEMS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A quarter of the year has passed and we are on the threshold of the Mohave County Gemstoners' 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Rock and Gem Show. At last count, we had 26 vendors that will be displaying their wares – from metal detectors, to polishing machines and stones and jewelry galore. The Show Committee has expended many hundreds of hours in preparation for the Show. We are still looking for members to assist in the booths and security during the Show, as well as set-up and tear-down. I can tell you that our menu at the Snack Booth will have some real good items to eat and drink. We have also changed the Kid's Booth to incorporate some educational items (interactive) and new games. I would like to welcome our newest members to the Club. With new people, there are new ideas and many new experiences awaiting them as the year progresses. There will be several campouts this year in both CA and AZ. Those who have been around for awhile, we are anticipating a large turnout for Thanksgiving in the Desert III. After the Show, there will be a multi-day campout in Ludlow, CA. Agates, jaspers, calcite crystals and peridot can be found at about 20 different spots while we will be there. Whether or not you can stay the entire time, come out to this location 21-24 APR and collect some fine specimens.

FRED BUNGE, President

## HEY, Gemstoners!

Are you doing your part to let everyone know:

### **Mohave County Gemstoners' 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Rock & Mineral Show**

This is going to be a great fun event. We have Vendors from across the States coming to this one! Many from last year, and some new ones, as well. From the whimsical to the totally precise, it is an awesome mixture of Artisans and Craft Masters in their field. We have jewelry suppliers and equipment suppliers. Games and interactive educational items for the kids. A well supplied Silent Auction will run every ½ hour to give everyone a chance to get a good deal of the day. And the Raffle Prizes or Door Prizes will be called every ½ also, ensuring many lucky winners throughout the weekend.

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I think we are getting the hang of this 'Rock and Gem Show' thing. Come on down to the Kingman Academy of Learning High School Gym Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8: AM to help with the setups. If you can't volunteer over the weekend, at least grab a friend or two and come on in to show your support. You'll be glad you did.

We could also use some help after the Show Sunday, with the tear down and cleaning. Any questions, contact Mary Gann @ 757-8121.

<<<<    **April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>:**    **Sat 9 to 5**    **Sun 9 to 4.**    >>>>

#### **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 stoncutting, 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to: [theview@goldenvalleycable.com](mailto:theview@goldenvalleycable.com) or mail to: Mohave County Gemstoners PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402.

#### **\_ 2011 Club Leadership \_**

##### **Elected Officers:**

President – Fred Bunge  
Vice President – Gary Gann  
Secretary – Clarkie Segreaves  
Treasurer – Mary Gann  
Sergeant At Arms – Cheri Hommel

##### **Board of Directors:**

Year ending 2011: Laraine Smith  
Year ending 2012: Jack Hommel  
Year ending 2013: Kenny Segreaves

##### **Club Committees 2011**

By-Laws – Fred Bunge  
Field Trips – Gary Gann  
Greeters – Cheri Hommel  
Membership – Dorothy Bunge  
Photographer - \*open\*  
Webmaster – Mary Gann

Newsletter Editor – Jack Hommel  
Refreshments – Mary Gann  
Telephone - John and Laraine Smith  
Show Chairman 2011 – Mary Gann  
Sunshine – \*open\*

#### **MINUTES OF THE FEB 2011 GENERAL MEETING**

(This was missing from last month's Newsletter)

The evening started off with a presentation on tumbling 101 by Mary & Gary Gann, of the Mohave County Gemstoners. Mary & Gary took us through steps 3 and 4 of how to tumble rocks. This presentation was of great interest to members wanting to know how to, and what to use in their tumblers to tumble their rocks .

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by our President, Fred Bunge. The flag salute was led by the Sergeant At Arms ,Cheri Hommel .

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved as published in the Little Gems Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Club is in good financial shape. An accounting of receipt and expenditures was given.

Correspondence: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership** – Membership is 50 as of Feb.8,2011 meeting. Those with anniversaries and birthdays this month were introduced.

**Show** –Dates of the show are April9th Saturday and April10th Sunday. We have 20 paid vendors

**Field Trip** – A group of us went to Cooks Mine Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and had a great time finding rocks Brian found Gold out there .We are going to Franconia for Meteorites on Feb.20th (7:30 am at the Power House) March 6<sup>th</sup> we are going to Gold Basin for Meteorites (7:30am New Safeway)

**Web Master/Editor** – Need more articles for our newsletter. All submissions must be in “letter format.”

**Refreshments** – We need someone to take over kitchen Duties. Potluck for March Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.. Business Cards – We now have business cards to hand to perspective members. They will have our web site, meeting information, mailing address, etc. This has proven to be a very good recruitment tool. An error has been found, please correct the P.O. Box number to “3992.”

2. Appendix “B” – Scholarships – This will be voted on at the General Meeting in Feb.It is on the website for members to review policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1Calenders (voted yes for 25 calendars)

2. Copper Mine (Mineral Park)Stefan Szaboto set date

3.2011 Rock & Gem Show, APR 9 & 10-Contact Mary

A. Set-up on Friday, APR. 8 at 8am

B.Need people to work booths and security on Sat/Sun APR. 9&10.

C.Tear-Down on Sunday starting at 4 PM

D.Need items for silent Auction-Contact Fred

1.Identify the item and any minimum bid

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. DVD Player-

2. Kabam-

50/50: Sam Knott-\$32.00

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Clarkie Segreaves, Secretary

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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH. 2011 GENERAL MEETING**

The evening started off with a Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm to7:30pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by our President, Fred Bunge. The flag salute was led by the Sergeant At Arms ,Cheri Hommel .

Approval of Minutes-Due to the secretary having to leave town for family emergency, No February Minutes were published.

1. Motion to suspend the minutes to April Meeting, by Gary Gann, and second by John Smith.

Treasurer's Report: The Club is in good financial shape. An accounting of records was given. (\$2409.85 in bank), (\$5000.00 in CD).

Correspondence: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership** – Membership is 50 as of March.8, 2011 meeting. Those with anniversaries and birthdays this month were introduced.

**Show** –Dates of the show are April 9th Saturday and April10th Sunday. We have 22 paid vendors

**Field Trip** – March 6<sup>th</sup> we are going to Gold Basin for Meteorites (7:30am New Safeway) April 16<sup>th</sup> work claim ,8am meet at claim off Stockton hill we need everyone that can help ,fix up the claim. April21st-24th-Ludow (Powerhouse 8am)

**Web Master/Editor** – Need more articles for our newsletter. All submissions must be in “letter format.”

**Refreshments** – We need someone to take over kitchen Duties. Clarkie to bring refreshments for April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1...2011 Rock & Gem Show will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April.
- A. Set-up will be Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am. (We need all the help we can get please be there.)
- B. We need people to work the booths & security on Sat/Sunday Apr.9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- C. We need people to help tear-down on Sunday Apr.10<sup>th</sup> startin g at 4pm.
- D. We need items for Silent Auction-Please contact Fred
  - 1. Need to Identify the item and any bid.
  - 2. Starting in April we will be presenting Cabochon 101

NEW BUSINESS:

1Calenders for sale see Mary or Gary @ \$10.00 each

2. DVD Player (slide show will be part of our show in April).

- 3. Claim work Party. We are required to do \$100.00 dollars’ worth of improvements each year on our claim; this does not include extraction of honey onyx from the claim. This year is to remove a berm and remove rocks and soil to enlarge the parking area. Work party starts at 8am at the claim off stockton Hill on April17th (Sunday).Please bring Heavy rakes and shoveles.picks and a sack lunch and drinks.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Door Prizes.

50/50: Total: \$45.00, Clarkie Segreaves won this one at \$22.00 donated it back to the club.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Clarkie Segreaves, Secretary

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**APRIL BIRTHSTONE**

The Diamond is the ultimate gemstone, having few weaknesses and much strength. It is well known that Diamond is the hardest substance found in nature, but few realize that it is four times harder than the next hardest natural mineral, corundum (sapphire and ruby). But, even as hard as it is, it is not impervious. A Diamond has four directions of cleavage, meaning that if it receives a sharp blow in one of these directions it will cleave, or split. A skilled diamond setter and/or jeweler will prevent any of these directions from being in a position to be struck while mounted in a jewelry piece. As a gemstone, the Diamond’s single flaw (perfect cleavage) is far outdistanced by the sum of its positive qualities. It has a broad color range, high refraction, high dispersion or fire, very low reactivity to chemicals, rarity and, of course, extreme hardness and durability. Diamond is the April Birthstone and is an alternate Zodiac Stone for the Constellation of Aries.

## 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.

### **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:**

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Honey Onyx Claim. Meet @ Claim 8:00 AM. This is a work party, so please bring HD rakes, shovels, and picks if you have them. We will have the saw and other tools so that we can harvest some Honey Onyx.

April 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> – Ludlow Campout. Meet @ Powerhouse 8:00 AM. 2WD / 4WD. Campsite area TBD, and will be posted on the Web site, as well as announced at the April General Meeting. Field trips will be leaving each day at 8:30 AM. Many colors of Jasper, Agate, Chalcedony, Calcite crystals.

May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> – Burro Creek Campout. Meet @ Burro Creek Campground. 2WD / 4WD. Field Trips will be leaving each day at 8:30 AM. Jasper, Agate, Pastelite, pure white Chalcedony formations.

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Mineral Park mine tour. (Duval or Mercator/Equatorial). 2WD. Time and meeting place, as well as other details will be announced at the May General Meeting.

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Secret Pass. Meet @ Power House 8:00 AM. Bring your metal detectors, possible gold, meteorites.

Any Questions, contact Gary @ 757-8121

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### **MEMBER'S APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

*Ronda LeClaire, Les Nelson, Kenneth Segreaves, John Smith*

# Why Bother?

Co-Authors: Igno Ramus & Doofus Dimbulb

There ain't no need at all to do all that there pree-parin' an' bein' keerful stuff some folks yap about all the time! Why, me an' ol' Doofus been traipsin' round the desert for what seems like years an' we only had to be rescued 5 or six times. Them there Search and Rescue people are right snappish about their time bein' too valuable to waste on fools. Well, I guess Doofus an' me, we'd agree with 'em if we could just figger who they wuz talkin' about.

Well heck, just the other day, ol' Doofus an' me were thinkin' back to the first time we wuz rescued. All we did wuz run outa gas way out there in the Mojave. Now, just cuz our signal fire sorta ran away from us an' burned off that there sheep preserve weren't no reason for them folks to treat us so mean. Seems unfair to us.

An' then there wuz the time when Doofus's ol' tires both went flat at the same time from runnin' thru them bob war fences that wuz put around them ol' ruins. Why, shucks, we only wanted to get in there an' take some soovinears, They wuz already ruint anyhow. It's a good thing ol' Doofus's cell phone got 911 alright else we'da been stuck out there. Them folks with the smoky bear hats wuz just plain rude to us after they rescued us, they even had the gall to send us a bill fer towin Doofus's ol' truck outa that wilderness area.

Now I'm mindful of the time we wuz out on the Army bombin' range pickin up scrap metal an' run outa water and bein' powerful thirsty, we got purty doggone desperate for a drink. Now we done drunk up all our beer, so we really needed somethin' an' soon too! Doofus saw a big ol' green trailer sittin' up on a hill, an' thinkin' them Army boys wudda had some water stored in it, well, we just shot off the door lock and sho'nuff there wuz some water inside what we drunk. You ain't never seen the like of all them Army helo copters an' all them fellers an' gals too, hootin' an' hollerin an' pointin' guns at us like we wuz criminals or sumpthin'. We kept on a'tellin' them folks we wuz just wantin' a drink of water. After they flew us and Doofus's truck out of there in the helo copter, they wuz so mad at us, they kept us penned up for a time before an old man with a silver bird on his shirt made us go away without our guns and told us we wasn't worth the powder to blow us to...just then he got red in the face an' shook his head an' told us to never come 'round again. You'da thought they'd make it easier for a fella to find a drink of water.

Then there wuz the time we got sorta lost an' took in our heads to take a short cut across a dry lake. Only problem wuz, wuz the lake bed weren't plumb dry an' we got stuck an' I mean STUCK! Ol' Doofus's truck wuz bogged down in that slimy ol' muck all the way up past the axles. Now we were not just lost but really mired in. There weren't anyone around that we could see to ask for help so we got to thinkin' that them new lazer gun sights might get some attention. We started shinin' them lazars on some o' them Air Force planes that kept comin' by, thinking maybe they'd send some help. Well, we got help alright. That was some of the purtiest blue an' red an' yella an' white lights comin' at us from all directions and them huge helo copters circlin' round an' yellin at us on them loud speakers and there wuz some o' them boys was actually cussin' at us! They rescued us in a helo copter, but one o' them boys told us it'd be a cold day in hell before Doofus's ol' truck ever saw solid ground again. Alla that fuss over us bein' a little lost.

Now, you give it some thought and you decide. Me an' ol' Doofus got rescued and come out O.K. alla them times and we did'nt pree-pare at all, an them ol' boys got to practice up on their rescuin' skills too. Me an' ol' Doofus kinda think we oughta get some sorta ree-ward for helpin' 'em hone up their rescuin' talents like we dun. I gotta ask the question now, since no one got hurt and them ol' boys got to practice some, Why fuss about pree-parin' an' bein so careful 'bout things?

Really now, **Why Bother?**



# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	Board Meet at Library 5:00 PM 5	6	7	Show Setup at School at 8:00 AM 8	Rock & Gem Show -9 to 5 9
Show 9-4 Teardown at 4:15 PM 10	11	Gen. Meeting at Senior Ctr. 7:00 PM 12	13	14	15	Honey Onyx work party 8AM at claim 16
17	Show Critique 992 Selma Dr 10 AM 18	19	20	Ludlow Campout Power House 8AM 21	Ludlow 22	Ludlow 23
Ludlow 24	Ludlow 25	26	27	28	29	30

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Burro Ck Campout Meet at Campground 1	Burro Ck 2	Board Meet At Burro Ck Camp 5:00 PM 3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Gen. Meeting at Senior Ctr. 7:00 PM 10	11	12	Mineral Park Mine Tour- watch for details 13	KABAM Metcalfe Park 10-4 14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	Secret Pass Power House 8AM 30	31				