

LITTLE GEMS

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Trent Szabo, president

Hello Gemstoners!

Well August is here! So far, it is looking to be hot and humid; luckily, we have preemptively thought about this and planned cool and relaxing trips for this month!

With a serious July meeting I would like to point out that if anyone is able to step up and take an officer position to get a hold of the nomination committee and present yourself. This would make their job a bit easier!

We have had a few occurrences where people are not sure where or when to approach the club officers about new ideas or inquires. I just want to say that you can ask anyone who is an officer a question and present your ideas, and they WILL be brought up at the board meetings directly preceding the monthly general meeting. Also during the general meeting when I ask for any new business that is your chance to speak your mind! We need input from the members. I hope this clears up any confusion about how to get your ideas to the club.

Keep cool this month!

Trent Szabo

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 09 JUL 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:04 PM. The flag salute was led by 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 48 paid members for 2013. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

Show – We have staff personnel, but need a Chair.

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 for possible revision or deletion.

Trip – Check the newsletter and web site for updated trip activities.

Kitchen – need volunteers to bring cookies/snacks for next meeting.

Guest Speakers – Looking at BLM, Mineral Park and a few other speakers in the near future.

Old Business:

1. New Show Chair – There will be no Show for 2014 as we cannot get someone to Chair the committee.

New Business:

1. Direction in which the Club should be heading.

2. Appendix “B” – as we could not get a committee to administer the scholarship program, it was voted that the monies set aside would be transferred into the general fund and the appendix would be removed from the By-Laws effective immediately.

3. Nominating Committee for 2014 officers. Tom Beilman, Gary Bolles and Danny Schact were appointed to find nominees for 2014.

Good of the Order:

1. Door prizes.

2. 50/50 – Sue Beilman won \$14.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:30PM.

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. **Junior members must always be accompanied by a parent.**

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

AUGUST BIRTHSTONE (Peridot)



Peridot of gem quality comes from an island in the Red Sea off the coast of Egypt; Myanmar, Mexico, Ethiopia, Australia, Salt Lake Crater, Arizona, Hawaii, Pakistan, and numerous other countries. Historically the best quality comes from Myanmar or Egypt. Arizona peridot is of a lesser quality but is more abundant and more affordable. 80 – 85% of all peridot comes from Arizona. Peridot from Myanmar, Pakistan and Egypt are rarer and more valuable.

AUGUST  BIRTHDAYS

Roenta Hanekamp, Steve Whalen

AUGUST  **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill & Shirley Darga, John & Lorraine Smith

**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:

August 2013

3rd-5th - *Flagstaff and Holbrook Petrified wood and agate.*

Meet at Camp Bonito sunset crater Saturday morning.

September 2013

2nd - *Windy Point picnic*

Meet Grasshopper Junc. on 93 hwy at 9am

As members go on the outings, it would be appreciated if someone would write a summary of the outing and/or take pictures to be added to the newsletter and website.

Send to: littlegemsmc@yahoo.com

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	Flagstaff-Holbrook 3
Flagstaff-Holbrook 4	Flagstaff-Holbrook 5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	BRD .Mtg 6pm Gen.Mtg 7 pm 13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Windy Point Picnic (Labor Day) 2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	BRD .Mtg 5pm Pot luck 6:30 Gen.Mtg 7 pm 10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					