

# 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

December brings us to the close of 2011 and the prospects of a new year in 2012. Your new officers for 2012 are: Billy Buck, President; Clarkie Segreaves, Vice-President; Brian Murphy, Secretary and Shirley Darga, Treasurer. The former Board will be in the process of turning over the reins and we hope the members will support them in their efforts in the coming year.

Our Thanksgiving in the Desert III from 23 to 26 Nov at Burro Creek campground was another success. Thirteen attended, some from CA, to partake in turkey and all of the trimmings. It is hoped that more of you will consider attending next year.

Projects like our annual Gem and Mineral Show takes a lot of work. Much is planned well in advance of the actual event. Mary and her committee have been working hard to get things in place. Over 60 vendors have been contacted and at least 10 have paid their fees thus far. It looks like another terrific show will be presented in Kingman. For those of you who may not know – this is our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show.

Four of us still offer individual instruction and use of our equipment for your lapidary needs. You can call Gary at 757-8121; Roger at 757-1052; Stefan at 715-4173 or me at 681-2371 to schedule time to cut rocks, trim slabs or do lapidary on a cost basis with our equipment. You get access to supplies if you need them as well as see different equipment before you buy.

**FRED BUNGE, President**

## Rock Show

**The Mohave County Gemstoners presents our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rock & Gem Show! The next Show Meeting will be Dec 16, at 2 PM at the Kingman Library. The Wire wrapping And Beading class will also be held at the Library that Friday, from 2 to 4 PM. Our use of the Library has been curbed from last year so we have to double up on meetings.**

**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](http://www.gemstoners.org) The Newsletter is in PDF format so it will be necessary to download Adobe Reader (free program) to view. Submissions should be to the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to: [quadpol@aol.com](mailto:quadpol@aol.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 – Open  
 Treasurer – Mary Gann  
 Sergeant At Arms – Open

**Board of Directors:**

Year ending 2011: Laraine Smith  
 Year ending 2012: Roger Price  
 Year ending 2013: Trent Szabo, apprenticeship

**Club Committees 2010**

By-Laws – Fred Bunge  
 Field Trips – Gary Gann  
 Greeters – Sue Bielman  
 Membership – Dorothy Bunge  
 Webmaster – Mary Gann

Newsletter Editor – Mary Gann  
 Refreshments – John & Laraine  
 Telephone - John & Laraine Smith  
 Show Chairman 2012 – Mary Gann

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2011 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by our President, Fred Bunge. The flag salute was led by the Vice President.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Were approved as printed in the Little Gems Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Club is in good financial shape.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership** – We welcomed three visitors to our meeting. We also celebrated those with anniversaries and birthdays this month. We now have 78 members.

**Show** – Meeting 18 NOV at the Library in conjunction with wire wrapping & beading class at 2-4 PM.

**Field Trip** – Sun. 23 Oct to Secret Pass; Sun. 06 Nov to Don Nelson's Fire Agate claim and Thanksgiving In The Desert III at Burro Creek 23/26 Nov. See web site for details on these trips.

**Web Master** – Visit the site several times each month as information may have changed since the newsletter was published.

**Editor** – Need an Editor.

**Refreshments** – Next month will be a potluck, Clarkie will be providing the ham.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Vacancies, elections & committee – President, Billy Buck; VP, Clarkie Segreaves; Secretary, Brian Murphy and Shirley Darga, Treasurer. Present officers will assist new officers in the transition process.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Slide show – Many hours went into a excellent presentation of the year’s field trips, which played throughout the evening.
2. Gem Show – we have submitted our application to Kingman (\$50) and have been approved for our event. This is 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rock & Gem Show.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Door prizes.
  2. 50/50: - \$22 – Pete Hansen
  3. Wickenburg Gem Show 26/27 NOV in Wickenburg.
  4. Pending legislation that may affect land use & rockhounding, American Lands Access @ [www.amlands.org/6652/index.html](http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html)
  5. Toys For Tots – We will have containers at the next meeting, please support this campaign.
- As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Bunge, President

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Fred & Dorothy Bunge, Sam & Carolyn Knott, Tom & Connie Sundling

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sue Bielman, Gary & Mary Gann, Aurora Byrne, Veda Cole,  
Yvonne Decker

# ELECTION RESULTS:

In January the new officers take their places at the head round table and assume their offices. We have as follows: Bill Buck-President, Clarkie Seagraves-Vice President, Brian Murphy-Secretary, and Shirley Darga-Treasurer. The Board Members are: Roger Price-one year, Trent Szabo-Apprentice for 2 years, and the newest Member is Sam Knott for the 3 year term.

## **December Birthstone**

Birthstone for December is the Turquoise. So named because it was initially brought to Europe by way of Turkey, this stone is one of the first gems to be used in jewelry. Turquoise was considered by ancients to be a sacred stone, protective against all manners of evil and ill health. This beautiful gemstone is mined in Iran and the southwestern United States.

Blue Topaz is the hardest of the silicate minerals. While pure Topaz is colorless, minor changes of elements within the stone result in a variety of other colors, such as blue, pale green, red, yellow and pink.

I remember a vivid blue Zircon ring my parents gave me for my birthday one year, and until recently, thought that it was the one true stone for December. Go figure.

If cold December gave you birth, The month of snow and ice and mirth,  
Place on your hand a stone of blue; Success will bless whate'er you do.

The accepted stones for the month of December are Turquoise, Zircon, Blue Topaz, and Tanzanite.



Blue for cold? I wonder.

## 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 channel 5.1.
- Always notify leader if you are hiking or driving to another site, give your approximate return time, and keep a radio with you and turned on.
- If leaving and not returning, notify leader.
- Always take food, water, and first aid kit, full tank of gas.
- Name badges are required at all Club functions.

## Thanksgiving Feast in the Desert III

After the wind and chill of last year, I did not know what to expect. But, it was better than I had any right to imagine. About 14 robust members came out bearing food and snacks for our feast. We had Turkey and gravy, Sweet Potatoes, stuffing, and pumpkin pie(thank you Fred & Dorothy), mashed potatoes, green beans, and a relish tray (thank you John & Laraine), a survival soup, rolls and butter, and carrot cake (thank you Todd& Ronda), a yummy fruit salad, whose name escapes me at the moment, and cranberries (thank you Jack & Cheri), a second yummy fruit salad(thank you Gary & Linda), and some Cinnamon rolls from Dennis, a friend of John & Laraine's. If I missed anyone or anything>I plead dementia from eating too much food.

This year the Campground was not as crowded as last year and we picked a site that had plenty of room for milling, laying out the food, parking, and camping. It was great. One of the neat things about Burro Creek Campground is, after you fill up on food, you can relax and mellow, and then take a walk for as far as you like and feel better yet.

There is nothing like getting together around a campfire with friends and spending time on Thanksgiving. It seems to put things in a pleasant perspective. And...then the rain came and called it a day for us.

Except for that one cloud burst the rest of the time the skies were clear. At night the stars look so close and bright you feel as if you can brush them with your fingertips. It was beautiful no matter what time you were out and about.

For those of us who have been in attendance every year, I believe this is a tradition that will endure.

# Dec 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	Wire wrapping & Beading at Library>2-4 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	Brd Mtg at 5 PM before Gen Mtg>Pot luck starts at 6:30 13	14	15	Wire Wrap/Beading & Show Mtg at Library>2-4 16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Day 25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# Jan 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	1 <sup>ST</sup> Brd Mtg & Gen Mtg of New Year 5 & 7 PM 10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				