



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## LITTLE GEMS

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December 2012



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

### **Presidents Message:**

Hello and welcome to the holiday season, hopefully all goes well with all of you. Our November meeting had some new amendments to the by-laws and constitution, just for those who missed it, and Thanksgiving in the desert was great! Everyone that came had a blast and ate well. Hopefully at our December meeting Toys for Tots will be a huge success, and a big thanks to everyone that participates. We'll be having a show meeting in January and we are really doing well as far as the show goes.

I'm asking the membership for any suggestions or compliments about the club or my role as president, as I'm here for you and I want you to be satisfied, so please approach me and let me know what's on your mind.

Have a Happy Holiday.

Trent Szabo, President

## 2013 Annual Rock & Gem Show

*We are already getting responses to the Vendor Contracts that have been mailed. Things are shaping up nicely. The first notices for the nationwide magazines we will be appearing in will start to go out at the end of Dec. If you know of a newsletter or magazine we could announce in, bring it to my attention, or bring it to the General Meeting in Dec.*

As Dec starts so will the list of Vendors that will be in the Show. By the end of January we should have a start on the list of Businesses that are donating an item or service for the raffle prizes.

If you have something to donate for door prizes or raffle prizes, please let me know at the next meeting. We also need tumbled rocks for grab bags, kid's prizes, and door prizes. 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](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> the month to: [littlegemsmc@yahoo.com](mailto:littlegemsmc@yahoo.com) or mail to: Mohave County Gemstoners PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402.***

***\*\* 2012 Club Leadership \*\****

***Elected Officers:***

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

***Board of Directors:***

***Year ending 2012: Laraine Smith  
Year ending 2013: John Smith  
Year ending 2014: Pete Hansen***

**Club Committees 2012**

**By-Laws – Fred Bunge**

**Field Trips – John Smith, Mary Gann, Gary Bolles**

**Greeters—Shirley Darga**

**Membership – Dorothy Bunge**

**Photographer - \*open\***

**Webmaster – Mary Gann**

**Newsletter Editor- Sue Beilman**

**Refreshments – John and Laraine Smith**

**Telephone - John and Laraine Smith**

**Show Chairman 2013 – Mary Gann**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 13 NOV 2012.**

*The evening started with an excellent presentation by Ed & Aleta Huskinson on their trip to London and the London Museum of Natural History. Fossils, dinosaurs, minerals and gems from all over the world were represented there. Another presentation will be scheduled later to conclude their visit and further explore the treasures displayed there.*

*The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:50 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 63members. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced as well as our newest members Jim & Lori O'Conner.*

**Show** – *May 4/5, 2013 at KAOL HS, vendor applications are being returned.*

**Web Master** – *web site is currently being updated.*

**Newsletter** – *on-line, mailed newsletters will be late.*

**By-Laws** – *three amendments will be voted on this evening – covered under new business.*

**Trip** – *a trip to the Havasu Gem Show was made. Thanksgiving in the Desert IV will take place at Burro Creek 20-23 NOV, please call Mary if you plan to be there.*

**Old Business:**

*1. Still need a Trip Chair or a committee to offer trips throughout the year. John Smith and Mary Gann said they'd help with the committee.*

**New Business:**

*1. Deleting Sergeant At Arms from appointed positions. (Approved)*

*2. Changing Show date. (Approved)*

*3. Not having field trips during JUN, JUL and AUG. (Approved)*

*(NOTE: Items 1-3 [changes] will posted to the web site.)*

*4. Toys For Tots campaign – bring a new, unwrapped toy to the DEC meeting.*

**Good of the Order:**

*Door prizes.*

*50/50 –Trent Szabo won \$17.*

**Adjournment:** *As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:15PM.*

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## DECEMBER BIRTHSTONES

*Blue Topaz*



*Turquoise*



**Blue Topaz** – Topaz is derived from a Sanskrit word “tapas” which means fire. Considered to have cooling properties by ancient civilizations, it is also believed that it would cool boiling water when thrown in to the pot, as well as cooling hot tempers, have healing powers, and some magical properties. Pure topaz is colorless, but minor changes of its elements result in a variety of colors. The color blue is created when it is heated either by man or naturally. There are 3 shades of blue topaz ; Sky, Swiss, and London Blue, which is the deepest shade. Blue Topaz is a silicate mineral, and the hardest. Topaz is generally found in Brazil, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Pakistan, China, and the U.S. Blue Topaz is symbolic of love and fidelity.

**Turquoise**- This is the alternate birthstone for December. It was named turquoise because it was originally brought from Turkey, and one of the first gemstones to be used in jewelry. It was considered a sacred stone by many ancient people. Along with being mined in the southwestern United States, it is also mined in Iran. Turquoise represents friendship and luck.

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**DECEMBER**



**BIRTHDAYS**

*Carol Barlund, Sue Beilman, Allen Bercowitz, Gary Gann, Mary Gann,*

*Brian Murphy, Char Sangick*

**DECEMBER**



**ANNIVERSARIES**

*Bruce & Carol Barlund, Fred & Dorothy Bunge, Tom & Connie Sundling,*

*Jim & Lauri O'Connor*

## **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.

### **Field Trips:**

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** El Rodeo. 2WD. Meet @ Power House 7:30 AM. Green Rock.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving in the Desert, held at Burro Creek Campground. Come for a day trip, for Thanksgiving, or campout with us. Field trips will leave the Campground at 8:30 AM. There will be no field trip on Thanksgiving Day. If you are planning on spending Thanksgiving please let Mary know so she can get food items that are needed. 757-8121. Thanks.

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday:** McCracken Mine. Meet @ Power House 7:30 AM. If time allows on this one, we want to visit a couple of other places also. 4WD, looking for Amethyst, Galena, Jasper, Calcite, Fluorite.

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday:** Mary's Wash. Meet @ Bashas 7:30 AM. 4WD, All kinds of jaspers and agates, some pastelite.

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday:** Honey Onyx Claim. Meet at Claim @ 9:AM.



## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving in the Desert**

*What a beautiful day this year. The sky was blue and clear, no wind, and probably topped at 75 deg. It was such a contrast to last year when we were bundled up against a brisk chilly wind and intermittent clouds. We even had a sprinkle of rain last year before the clouds finally allowed the wind to blow them out of the area. It was chilly at night, but not down in the 20's as it has been on previous occasions. A little heat in the predawn hours to take the chill off was all that was needed. The morning and evening fires were comfortable and mesmerizing. The stars were brilliant and plentiful. The park did not quite fill up this year, and we had no trouble securing site #2, which is big enough for 3 trailers, a tent site, and can also accommodate several cars.*

*Dinner was Turkey and Ham, yams, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, and vegetables with cheese sauce. The cranberries were mixed with cherries and tasted great. For dessert? You bet: Pumpkin pie w/ whip cream!!*

*Some of our neighbors in the Campground were avid rock hounds and had been here before. We looked at what they had collected and traded stories and directions to different locales for future collecting. One couple had been around the area for more than 30 years and knew a great deal. They were very interesting to talk to.*

*Prior commitments necessitated our leaving on Friday instead of staying all weekend. But the short stay, with a bountiful feast, good friends, and knowledgeable friendly neighbors made for an enjoyable time.*

*Next year will be our 5 year anniversary for this event. It should be a very celebratory Thanksgiving.*

*Mary Gann*

December 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>McCracken Mine trip</i> 9	10	<i>Brd Mtg. 5:30 Pot Luck, 6:30, Gen Mtg 7PM</i> 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	<i>Merry Christmas</i> 25	26	27	28	29

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 1	2	3	4	5
<i>Mary's Wash Trip</i> 6	7	<i>Brd Mtg. 6 pm, Gen. Mtg. 7:00 P.M.</i> 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	14	18	19
20	<i>Honey Onyx Claim Trip</i> 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		