



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## LITTLE GEMS

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JANUARY 2013



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

### Presidents Message:

Happy New Year fellow Gemstoners. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. There is a lot to do this year. The show is only five months away, but we are making great progress, we have many vendors confirmed. We have a field trip coming up on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at the honey onyx mine. This is a beautiful rock and the trip is near Kingman, which means nearly everyone can make it. We get some good rock and always have a blast there, so come out and support the club!

We will need to have a Scholarship Committee in March, so if we can get at least 3 volunteers it would be appreciated. With the New Year come dues so remember to get those to Dorothy ASAP!

As always with the start of a new year, make sure this one is better than the last, and enjoy every day of it!

Trent Szabo, President

## 2013 Annual Rock & Gem Show

*We are getting responses from the vendors; about a dozen have already secured their tables. This is a very good start. A couple of new vendors have taken advantage of our online application on our web site. This is also very good.*

On Jan 8<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our first Show Meeting. It will be at the Senior Center from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, immediately preceding the Board Meeting and General Meeting. Any input, donations, or volunteers are encouraged to come. We can use everyone's help on this-our Club's biggest income source.

If anyone should ask about renting tables for the Show, the quickest way for them to get information, have access to the Vendor Application and City Event Permit, is to go to our web site. So make sure you have that information. [www.gemstoners.org](http://www.gemstoners.org). If you would like some business cards that have our web site and meeting info on them, see Fred or Trent.

Any questions or concerns my # is 757-8121. Thanks.

### ***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 – 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**

## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 11 DEC 2012.**

The evening started with our quarterly potluck dinner.

Ed & Aleta Huskinson presented part 2 of a 3 part presentation of 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.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 8:10 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 63 members. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

**Show** – May 4/5, 2013 at KAOL HS, vendor applications are being returned and posted on our web site.

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

**Newsletter** – on-line, NOV/DEC newsletters mailed.

**By-Laws** – Constitution and Standing Rules voted on and approved at the 13 NOV meeting have been posted to the web site.

**Trip** – 06 JAN – Mary's Wash, meet at Bashas at 7:30am; 21 JAN – Honey Onyx Claim meet there at 9:00am.

**Kitchen** – need cookies for the JAN meeting.

**Guest Speakers** – (JAN) Meteorites by the Jenkersons; (FEB) Fulgarites by Al Schultz.

### **Old Business:**

1. Toys For Tots campaign – boxes provided to place donated toys.

**New Business:** (NONE)

### **Good of the Order:**

Door prizes.

50/50 – Spike Handy won \$25.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:23PM.

# JANUARY BIRTHSTONE

## Garnet



**Garnet** is the birthstone for the month of January. Although it is most known for its warm red color, it also comes in greens, oranges, browns, yellows, and earth tones such as cinnamon.

Although garnets are found all over the world, the highest quality Garnets rarely come from East Africa. Garnets are also found in certain parts of Europe, South America and some areas of the U.S.

Garnets are usually hard minerals with a hardness score of 7.5 to 8 on Moh's hardness scale, but they can still crack easily and will break into sharp fragments.

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Where did the use of gems as birthstones come from?

The book of 'Exodus', in the 'Old Testament' is said to be where you find the first written record of birthstones. Most historians and scholars believe that the initial use of gemstones for tapping their powers probably began with them being used in the breastplates of the Hebrews' High Priest.

The twelve gemstones were believed by some scholars, to represent the twelve tribes of Israel, other scholars believe the gemstones depict the 12 signs of the zodiac.

It is said that wearing stones actually became popular in Poland, in the 15th and 16th centuries.

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Carolyn Andrews, Shirley Darga, Kim Ford, Sandra Hasting, Pat McGuckin, Johnny Sangick, and lifetimer Eiko Bosserman*

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

*Roger Price & Fran Davenport*

**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:**

**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.

# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 1	2	3	4	5
<i>Mary's Wash Trip</i> 6	7	<i>Show mtg 5:30, Brd Mtg 6:30, Gen. Mtg 7:00 P.M.</i> 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
29	<i>Honey Onyx Claim Trip</i> 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	<i>Brd Mtg. 6 pm, Gen. Mtg 7:00 P.M.</i> 13	 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			