

LITTLE GEMS

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June 2013



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

Welcome to June, summer is here! With the warmer temperatures we need to be careful on outings. On the fire agate trip, we passed a Mohave Green on the road and Roger found a snake while hiking. So please take precautions while outdoors and stay safe. On a side note, the fire agate trip was a lot of fun we had many members that came! We are starting to get some younger members in the club, so make sure they feel welcome and not out of place.

We have some people already helping on the show for 2014 but we could use one or two more so please, if you can offer your help we can get the show planned and set for next year with ease!

Enjoy the potluck at the June meeting. We have many fun summer trips and activities coming in the months to come, so stay active!

President

Trent Szabo, president

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 14 MAY 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:16 PM. The flag salute was led by Pete Hansen.

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 45 paid members for 2013. Those with birthdays were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

Show – Fewer vendors resulted in better earnings for all. Due to our advertising and many events in town that weekend, we had many out of town visitors to the Show.

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.

Trip – Exploratory trip to the Oatman area will be 19 May, meet at the Powerhouse at 7:30AM.

Kitchen – Potluck supper at 6PM for the next meeting.

Guest Speakers – (JUN) Meteorites with the Jenkersons. (Later) BLM.

Old Business:

1. Obtaining guest speakers – looking at the possibility of having Marty Colbaugh of Kingman Turquoise soon.

New Business:

1. Membership recruitment – visiting schools, demonstrations & samples of work in the lapidary arts, providing classes through the Library were suggested as venues for recruitment of new members.

2. Where do we go from here?

a. A new Show chairperson and committee are needed. The Show is our fundraiser for the year and has become well-known. Previous committees have established a timetable of what/when things must be done; where we advertise and other necessary items that are needed to have a successful Show. A few expressed interest in being on the committee, but no one has volunteered to be Chairperson.

b. New officers. November is elections and those currently serving have served for five years and it's time for some new blood and ideas to keep the Club going.

Good of the Order:

1. Door prizes.

2. 50/50 – Steve Whalen won \$12.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:47PM.



Well our Show did well again this year. Some vendors are speculating on renting more tables, everyone liked the weather-no snow! The display cases were a big hit with young and old alike. Our members do a very good job on these displays, so, thanks to Pete, Ed, Tom & Sue, Lois & Gary, and Dorothy & Fred. This year, Joelle, with Joelle's Gems and Jewelry, did a case on the three kinds of rocks-igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Good for you Joelle. The kids could really identify with this one because it is what many of them are learning in school. Ed's display of Specimens is always awesome!

Then thanks to the Members who manned our Booths or walked the floor as Security people: Pete & Gary B in the Silent Auction. Gary also was the announcer for the entire weekend. Dorothy & Sue who greeted our guests, handed out Door Prize Tickets, sold Raffle Tickets, and helped the Vendors out by engendering a jovial mood at the outset. Fred who fed the masses from the Snack Bar and fielded questions also. Cathy & Trent had the Kid's Booth and the Member's Booth. They both did an outstanding job interacting with the kids and their families. Trent also did some much needed PRing with members from several other clubs who had attended the Show. To Roger, Tom, Gary G, and Carolyn for walking the floor all weekend. They answered questions, gave directions, identified rocks, and PR'ed for the Club. And Lois was also there helping out in Club booths where she was needed.

Thank you to the ones that set up and tore down and cleaned the Gym after the Show: Trent, Stefan, Cathy, Gary G., Lois & Gary B., Fred & Dorothy, Andy & Kadek, Roger, Pete, Danny, Tom & Sue. John & Laraine would have been there but they worked. They did, however, show up each day after work to offer help where needed, and Sunday they were there bright and early, helping where needed until they had to go to work in the evening.

A special thanks to Tom for putting together a cart that actually made bringing in the tables kind of enjoyable. Good move Tom. To Gary, who garnered a trusting relationship with the School Principal that resulted in his possession of the Magic Key to the Janitorial Kingdom where the electrical boxes and air conditioning reside. To Danny and Mary, who went out and brought back the bulk of the items for the Raffle Baskets. To Danny's Mary who is not afraid to go into these businesses and let them know she is affiliated with the Club and we appreciate their support. To the Members who actually donated items for Silent Auction, Door Prizes, and Raffle Prizes. The Club owes these Members their thanks for making the Show possible at all. I don't have the words to adequately express my deep appreciation. Thank you.

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 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:

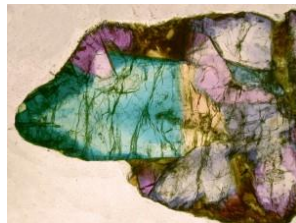
Year ending 2013: John Smith
Year ending 2014: Pete Hansen
Year ending 2015: Mary Gann

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 2014 –*Open*
Webmaster – Mary Gann

JUNE BIRTHSTONE (ALEXANDRITE)



Alexandrite is the optional birthstone for June. It is yellowish or brownish green in color, and has the unique characteristic of changing color to a red hue when exposed to a glowing light source, such as candlelight. Because of this, it has been characterized by poets as "an emerald by day, a ruby by night." Alexandrite was first discovered in Urals in 1830 but is mined today primarily in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Burma, Madagascar and Tanzania. It is rare and an expensive gemstone, symbolic of joy and good fortune.

The main birthstone according to the information I found, is the pearl. Since we deal more with rocks I opted to focus on the alexandrite.

JUNE  **BIRTHDAYS**

Pete Hansen, Kadek Mangold

JUNE  **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sue & Tom Beilman, Gary & Mary Gann, William & Peggy Sue Moore

**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.*
- *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: Stay tuned for upcoming field trips when we get them scheduled!!

Oatman Outing May 19

Woohoo!! What a great outing! We had 18 – 20 people in attendance. There were new members; one couple even came the night before from Cottonwood so they could join us for the outing. We also had some guests and prospective members, 2 kids, and of course, us "old" members!!

Our trip was to find fire agate and chalcedony. The area we'd planned to go, had a worse road than anticipated and it would have taken substantially longer to get to, so we opted for a site just off the main road where we walked down to a wash. A few people were able to find some smaller pieces of fire agate, but most of what we found was chalcedony. Lois found an interestingly shaped stick with nodes all over it. One of the kids found some sort of gourd.

After we finished collecting our desert prizes we all sat around and visited and got to know the new members and guests.

*One gentleman had a wealth of knowledge on where to find various gems and minerals!
What an asset he would be to the club!*

If you didn't join us on this trip, you missed out on great fun and comradery!




Emily and Ethan on their first outing




A piece of chalcedony that Lois found

June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	BRD .Mtg 5:30pm Potluck 6:30 Gen.Mtg 7 pm 11	12	13	14	15
 Father's Day 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

July 2013

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