

LITTLE GEMS

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Message from the President

Hi Gemstoners,

I am still settling into the role of President on such short notice and would appreciate any suggestions members might have to help me make the club and its meetings enjoyable.

I wasn't able to attend most of the outings this month due to my extra hours of work at KOA but I hear that good times were had by those who attended the trips. KABAM was a success and we plan to participate again next year.

I am looking forward to working with our new Vice President, Al Zoeliner and new board member, Kenny Segreaves, in the coming months.

Mary Gann, as our new show chairperson should be letting us know soon when plans will start for the 2011 show. Our show this year was the best ever and we expect 2011 will be even better.

Don't forget this meeting is a POTLUCK and great food and good times will be enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks for your support and see you at the meeting.
John Smith, President

General Meeting:
Second Tuesday of the month
Katherine Heidenreich Senior Center
1776 Airway Ave.,
Kingman, AZ 86401
General Meeting
May 11, 2010
7:00 PM

KABAM

THE KABAM Festival in Metcalfe Park was a lot of fun. We had display cases depicting what we do, where we go, and what we find.

Our main focus was on geodes, which we cut and polished upon request. Some of our members offered jewelry and rock slabs and cabs.

Among the machines we use for our craft were a small slab saw, a trim saw, and a Geni. Thank you Fred and Gary. Fred's quiet generator supplied the power.

What a picture perfect day. Except for the birds dropping their little calling cards, hitting some of us, it couldn't have been better. Even the wind behaved.

A heartfelt thank you to the ones who pitched in and gave freely of their time and muscle, ideas, direction, and donations: Fred and Dorothy, Roger and Fran, Trent and Stefan, Clarkie and Kenny, Cheri and Jack, Laraine and John, Gary and Mary.

New members, Susahn and Le were also present with their own booths.

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. \$8.00.

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 are requested to be to the editor by the 15th of each month. Editor email address:

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www.gemstoners.org

_ 2010 Club Leadership _

Elected Officers:

President – John Smith
Vice President – Al Zoellner
Secretary - Fred Bunge
Treasurer - Pete Hansen
Sergeant At Arms—Gary Gann

Board of Directors:

One-Year Position: Kenny Segreaves
Two-Year Position: Laraine Smith
Three-Year Position: Jack Hommel

Club Committees 2010

By-Laws – Fred Bunge
Newsletter Editor – Gary Gann
Field Trips - Jack Hommel
Greeters—Trent Szabo & Cheri Hommel
Membership – Dorothy Bunge
Photographer - Melanie Hecht
Refreshments – Mary Gann
Show Chairman 2011 – Mary Gann
Sunshine – Lynn Roe
Telephone - John and Laraine Smith
Webmaster – Mary Gann

Mohave County Gemstoners

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MINUTES OF THE MAY 2010 GENERAL MEETING

The evening started with our guest speaker, Tim Watkins, who is the resident archeologist for the BLM Field Office in Kingman. The presentation covered the preservation of antiquities and many fine samples of fossils and pottery.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by our President, John Smith. The flag salute was led by the Sergeant At Arms.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved as published in the Little Gems Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The 2010 Show was a huge success and a count of 811 people visited our show. The 2010 budget is expected to be ready next month.

Correspondence: Fliers for the Prescott and Flagstaff Gems Shows were received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Trip – To be more responsive to our members, more 2-wheel/low impact trips are being put together. Trips for the remainder of the year will be published in the newsletter.

Editor – Contributions from membership for the Little Gems Newsletter are still needed.

Web Master – The problem with not being able to print the application form from the web site is that Windows blocks it. Just go to the tool bar and un-block it and you'll be able to print it.

Refreshments – Next month is a potluck, bring your plates and silverware.

Sunshine – Lynn Roe has volunteered for this committee.

Membership – A total membership of 111 as of this meeting. New members were introduced and badges and packets were presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. December Meeting – will be held at Lombardo's on our regular meeting night. Please call Jack at 692-5156 to get on the list as we need to get the total number of reservations in very soon to assure we get the date we want.
2. Vacancies – Al Zoellner, Vice President and Ken Segreaves, Board Member At Large.
3. Budget – With the show done, the Budget Committee is nearing the completion of the budget.
4. Show – A complete inventory of Club property was done – two 4 Ft. tables are missing. Whoever has them, please return them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Spending Limit – Due to rising prices, the Board raised the spending limit from \$250 to \$500 without membership approval. Any amount over \$500 will require two signatures on the check.
2. Newsletter – Printing costs are high. To reduce costs, there will be no more free copies. Exception, will be to those who do not have a computer. If you want a copy, it will cost \$1.00 per issue.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Wire Wrapping Class – Classes for June/July will be at the KOA Recreation Room, first and third Monday, both at 2:30 – 5 PM.
2. The Little Gems Newsletter came in second in the Rocky Mountain Federation Contest. Awards for contributors were: Donna Robinson, Gary & Mary Gann, "C" Russell, Melanie Hecht, Fred Bunge, Jack Hommel and Mark & Julia Weaver.

3. Nomination for Life Membership for George Tirpak was introduced by Donna Robinson. This will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

4. Birthdays and Anniversaries – those that have either during the month were recognized.

5. Brochures are being made by Laraine Smith and Sharon Holmes to be placed at both the Powerhouse and Museum of Art and History to get the Club more exposure to visitors.

50/50: Merrill Munoz (Guest) - \$35 and Le Everly - \$17.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Fred Bunge, Secretary



FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES:

- Sign in 15 minutes before departure time.
- Leader will state relevant information after everyone has signed in.
- Leader will announce and set speed on highway.
- 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.
- Always have a full fuel tank.
- **RADIOS:** Channel 3
- Name badges required at all Club functions.

Field Trip Schedule:

- **June 4th-6th**—Flagstaff campout. This will be at Bonita Campground, located 18 mi NE of Flagstaff. For more info:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/recreation/peaks/bonito-camp.shtml>

This will give directions, prices, etc. Saturday and Sunday we will be going out, leaving the campground at 9:AM. There will be both 2WH and 4WH roads.

June 20th-Al Smith Mine. Low impact, 40 mi RT, 2WH accessible. Meet at Marty's 7: AM on Hwy 93. Chalcedony, agate, copper, gold possible.

**Questions? Call Jack @
928-565-5156 or 928-897-3488**

Happy Anniversary

Gary and Mary Gann

Wire Wrapping and Beading

Every 1st and 3rd Monday 2:30 to 5 PM
Through June and July the 1st Monday will also be at the
KOA rec room instead of the Library.

3rd Monday at the KOA in the Recreation Room on
Roosevelt

Come see what we are doing!

Wire wrapping-Mary

Beading-Trent

Public invited, no fee

Call Mary Gann @928-757-8121

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JIM BYRNE

WAYNE ERWIN

LLOYD KILLIAN

RICKIE ZOELLNER

BIRTHSTONE FOR JUNE

Alexandrite is the Birthstone for June. It is named for the former czar of Russia, Alexander II, and was first discovered in the Ural Mountains of Russia, supposedly on the day of his birth. Chromium gives alexandrite its color and while in most minerals a trace element like chromium would provide only one color to the mineral, in alexandrite it gives it two! Coloring agents are dependent on the wavelength of light and the chemical bonds in the crystal to determine the color that they will cause. An element like copper, in normal light, can cause a green color in malachite and a blue color in azurite, it all depends on the character of the chemical bonding. In a single specimen of alexandrite, the chromium is in such a balanced situation that the color of the specimen depends on the character of light that hits the crystal. If the light is natural sunlight or fluorescent light, the crystal will be green; however, if the light is incandescent light from a common indoor light bulb, then the crystal will appear red. This unique optical characteristic, and the scarcity of the stone, makes it one of the most valuable gemstones of all, especially in fine qualities. For these reasons it is difficult to find modern jewelry featuring the Alexandrite stone.

FLAGSTAFF CAMPOUT

June 4th to the 6th is the Flagstaff Campout. We will be staying at the Bonita Campground again. The fee is \$18-unless you have a Senior Pass, which cuts the fee in half. This park is beautiful and well maintained. The sites are spacious and can be shared by more than 1 tent.

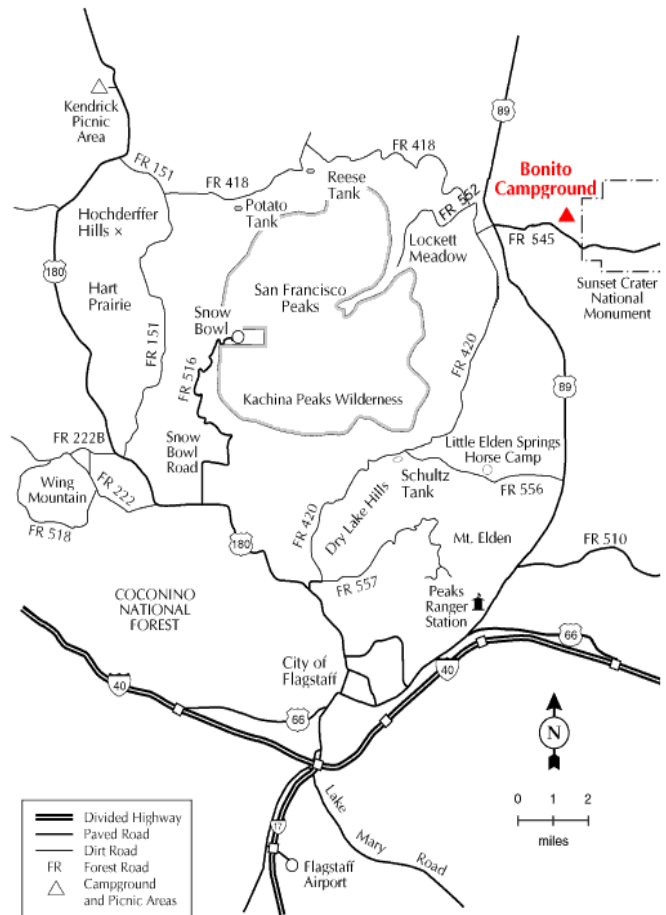
There are no hookups, but drinking water and bathrooms are available.

Bonita Campground is located within the Sunset Crater National Monument, about 18 miles NE of Flagstaff. There are no signs for Bonita, but there are for the Monument. Take Hwy 89 N out of Flagstaff, and turn right on FR545. Bonita is located past the O'Leary Group Campground.

More information on Bonita can be found at their web site.

Summer is here and the campouts are starting. Now is the time to check things out for any repairs or replacements. Don't wait to do it after you have arrived at your destination. Much better to check things, set things up, try out new items, etc., in the comfort of your backyard.

BONITO CAMPGROUND



June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Board Meeting Library 5:PM 1	2	3	Flagstaff Campout 4	Flagstaff Campout 5
Flagstaff Campout 6	Wire wrapping & Beading, KOA rec ctr, 2:30 PM 7	General meeting / Pot Luck 6:PM 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Al Smith Mine 20	Wire Wrapping & Beading KOA rec room 2:30PM 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Progressive Tour 4	Wire Wrapping & Beading, KOA 2:30-5:PM 5	Board Meeting 6	7	8	9	10
11	12	General Meeting 7:PM 13	14	15	16	17
Steel Plant for Dendrites 18	Wire Wrapping & Beading, KOA 2:30-5:PM 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31