

LITTLE GEMS

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March 2012

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

A quarter of the year has passed and we are on the threshold of the Mohave County Gemstoners' 42nd Annual Rock & Gem Show. The Show Committee has expended many hundreds of hours in preparation for the Show. We are still looking for members to assist in the booths and security during the Show, as well as set-up and tear-down. I can tell you that our menu at the Snack Booth will have some real good items to eat and drink. We have also changed the Kid's Booth to incorporate some educational items (interactive) and new games. I would like to welcome our newest members to the Club. With new people, there are new ideas and many new experiences awaiting them as the year progresses. Let's make this club the best it can be!

Clarkie Seagraves, President

Rock Show

THE MOHAVE COUNTY GEMSTONERS PRESENTS
OUR 42ND ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW!

Club Members: we still need donations for the silent auction and door prizes! There will be An auction starting every 30 to 40 minutes, and we need to have at least 4 to 5 items at each Session. Door prizes will be announced every ½ hour. This adds up to over 100 items. As Of right now about 4 people have contributed 50% of what we need. If you can contribute Something please contact Mary @ 757-8121, or Clarkie @ 565-7678, or bring it to the Mar Meeting. Thanks.

For anyone who doesn't know: The Show will be April 14th & 15th, Sat- 9 to 5, Sun- 9-4, At the Kingman Academy of Learning Gym. 3420 N Burbank.

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 Adobe Reader (free program) to view. Submissions should be to the editor by the 20th of the month to: mpasecretary@gmail.com or mail to: Mohave County Gemstoners PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402.

_ 2012 Club Leadership _

Elected Officers:

President – Clarkie Segreaves
 Vice President – Barb Avila
 Secretary – Brian Murphy
 Treasurer – Mary Gann

Board of Directors:

Year ending 2012: Roger Price
 Year ending 2013: Trent Szabo, apprentice
 Year ending 2014: Sam Knott

Club Committees 2012

By-Laws – Fred Bunge
 Field Trips – Kenny Segreaves, Sam Knott
 Greeters – Sue Bielman
 Membership – Dorothy Bunge
 Webmaster – Mary Gann

Newsletter Editor – Mary Gann
 Refreshments – John & Laraine
 Telephone – Kenny & Clarkie Segreaves
 Show Chairman 2012 – Mary Gann

MINUTES OF THE February 2012 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting started @ 7:00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – out of 80 members – 30 have re-signed. Dues are due this month.

Show – Worked on the list of vendors, Clarkie handed out raffle tickets for members to sell. Sell as many as you can!

Field Trip – March 11 – Dolan Springs / Cottonwood Cove
 March 26 – Borianna Mine Rd
 April – 9 – Burro Creek
 April 22 – Black Mountains

Web Master – The website will be updated with the current officers and March Newsletter.

Editor – Sorry about the hiccups last month. The current newsletter is on the website and ready. I hope to be making some changes to the newsletter to include more content. Details to follow.

Anything you want to see in the newsletter please let me know @ mpasecretary@gmail.com

Refreshments – Next month we will need cookies.

OLD BUSINESS:

The old trailer has been sold; we rented a storage space to hold the contents from the old trailer until we get the new trailer ready to go.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Clarkie Seagraves to President
Appointment of Barbara Avila as VP

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Clarkie wants people to let us know what they want from the club. Trips, speakers, events, whatever you want, this is your club.
2. 50/50: - \$34 –Trent Szabo

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
Not a soul

MARCH BIRTHDAYS
Bill Buck, Todd Le Claire, Andy Mangold,
Gary Super, Tom Sundling

March Birthstone



Aquamarine is the blue, or perhaps more correctly, blue-green or aqua variety of the mineral beryl. It is the Birthstone for March, and it is commonly recognized as the Zodiac Stone for the constellation of Scorpio. Aquamarine jewelry is associated with beauty, honesty, loyalty, and happiness. The other gemstone that is commonly accepted for March and is the mineral beryl is the vibrant green Emerald.

The hardness and durability of aquamarine make it a fine gemstone, and its light blue or aqua color makes it a fine choice when the harsher colors of some other gemstones would overwhelm or distract from an outfit. It's typical delicate color allows it to be used in a larger stone where its beauty can be impressive.

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.

Mar 11th-Sun-Black Mountains. Meet @ Off Road Café 8 AM. 4WD.

Mar 19th-Mon-Alamo Rd. Meet @ Power House 8 AM. 4WD.

Mar 26th-Mon-Oatman area. Meet @Off Road Café 8 AM. 4WD.

Mar 31st-Sat-Golden Shores area. Meet @ Off Road Café 8 AM. 4WD. Agates, pet wood, fossils.

The trip committee will be scheduling trips all through the month in addition to our scheduled runs. If you want to get in on these bonus trips, let Kenny @ 565-7678, or Sam @ 565-4899 know and they will add you to the list of people that they call when they plan these extra trips. Also, if you have any questions about trips, give Sam or Kenny a call.

Trip Report – Searchlight.

The Feb 26th run was a smashing success. 22 members trekked out to the desert to look for Squiggly Jasper, Apache Tears and Geodes. And speaking of geodes...Sam Knott and his digging crew spent 2 hours to excavate a monster of a geode. They estimated it to be over 200 pounds and ended up needing a truck to help haul it out of its hole. Pictures as soon as I can get them.

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Buy, Sell, or Swap? (Let Brian know!)

Need used wooden stirrups, old spurs, bits, horse/pony shoes for art project for Show. Mary @ 757-8121

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Black Mtns meet@Off Road Café 8AM 11	12	Board Mtg@5PM Pot Luck 6PM Gen Mtg 7PM 13	14	15	16	17
18	Alamo Rd meet@Power House 8AM 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Oatman meet@Off Road Café 8AM 26	27	28	29	30	Golden Shores meet@Off Road Café 8AM 31

April 2012

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Board Mtg @ 5PM Gen Mtg @ 7PM 10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Dolan sp. Has been set back until we have more info.29	30					