

LITTLE GEMS

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March 2013



Trent Szabo, president

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

2013 Annual Rock & Gem Show

As the Quartzsite and Tucson Shows come to a close we are hearing from more vendors looking for venues for their products. This is great. Another great thing is that there is more than just our show pulling people into Kingman. The famous Route 66 Fun Run will be in Kingman on that Saturday and a new event, Kingman Family Festival will run that Friday & Saturday. Also, the Sand Drags out at the Airport. With this much going on the City should be packed. And as McDonald's believes: Business makes business. Now everyone needs to do their part in passing the word along that our Show is definitely a 'Do Not Miss' Event. The Kingman Tourism at the Power House is one source helping us to do this. We are going to need people to volunteer time and effort, so step up and ask what you can do to help us put on an even greater show than we have had the last two years. One way is to sell raffle tickets for prizes. This is one way to really help out. The tickets will be ready at the March Meeting. See Trent or Mary and get a few books to sell!

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 2013 – Mary Gann
Webmaster – Mary Gann

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 12 FEB 2013.

Due to a scheduling conflict, our guest speakers were unable to attend. They will be re-scheduled at a later date.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:05 PM. The flag salute was led by the Treasurer.

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 30 paid members for 2013. Dues are now due and must be received by 28 FEB 2013. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

Show – May 4/5, 2013 at KAOL HS. We have 20 vendors currently registered. Need donations for silent auction and kid's booth.

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 – Trip meeting to schedule trips for the next several months will be held at the KOA club house at 3:00PM on 18 FEB.

Kitchen – Club will provide corned beef & cabbage, bring other items for the potluck (6:30PM.)

Guest Speakers – (MAR/APR) Meteorites. Mike Miller (MAR). Fulgurites by Al Schultz will be re-scheduled.

Old Business: (NONE)

New Business: (NONE)

Good of the Order:

Door prizes.

50/50 –Sue Beilman won \$21.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:25PM.

MARCH BIRTHSTONE



Aquamarine is derived from the word “Aqua”, a Roman word meaning water, and the word “Mare” which means sea. They believed Aquamarine was sacred to the god of the sea, Neptune. To protect themselves from dangers at sea, the early sailors wore aquamarine talismans engraved with the likeness of Neptune.

It is a member of the beryl family, which is a mineral that crystallizes within large grained igneous rock on the earth’s crust. Two thousand years ago beryl was used to correct vision and is still used today in the manufacture of eyeglasses. Aquamarine is very durable gemstone, making is very suitable for using in jewelry. Colors vary from blue-green to light sky blue. Green is a less desirable color, so Aquarmarine is heat treated in order to remove it. Most Aquamarine is flawless, which is unlike other gems. The largest deposits are in Brazil. It is also found in China, India Australia, Africa and the United States.

Aquamarine given as a gift symbolizes safety and security, especially with long standing relationships. It is also said that it can awake love in a tired marriage, so give Aquamarine as an anniversary gift if you want that spark back in your partner’s eyes!!

MARCH  BIRTHDAYS

Andy Mangold, Jim & Lauri O'Connor.

MARCH  ANNIVERSARIES

None

**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.
- Maximum of 25 lbs. of rock per trip. Maximum of 250 lbs. of rock annually.

Field Trips:

Feb 24th-Sun-Golden Shores. Meet @ Power House 8:AM. 2 WD, looking for Lemon Crysophase.

Mar 4th-Mon-McCracken Mine, Antler Mine, 4WD. Meet @ Power House 8:AM. Amethyst crystals, Galena, Jasper, Agate.

Mar 24-Sun-Golden Shores. Meet @ Power House 8:am. 4WD.

Apr 7th-Sun-Castle Mtns. Meet at Golden Nugget in Searchlight 7:30 AM. 4WD. Geodes, Perlite, Apache Tears.

Apr 21st-Sun-Cook Mine Wash. 4WD. Meet @ Power House 7:30 AM. Jasper, Agate, Geodes.

May 19th-Sun-Oatman. Meet @ Power House 7:30 AM. Chalcedony, Fire Agate.

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	show mtg 5pm, potluck 6pm. Gen. Mtg 7:00 P.M.	12	13	14	15
 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 	25	26	27	28	29	30

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	Brd Mtg. 6 pm, Gen. Mtg 7:00 P.M.	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				