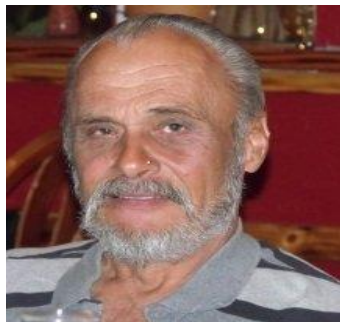


# LITTLE GEMS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** 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. There will be several campouts this year in both CA and AZ. Those who have been around for awhile are anticipating a large turnout for Thanksgiving in the Desert III.

"Tumbling 101" was well received. As this month is our quarterly potluck supper, there will be no classes. Though April is our busiest month of the year, "Cabochon 101" will be presented through the end of the year. I can tell you that you will be able to do "hands-on" throughout the process.

The 2011 Rock & Gem Show (our 41<sup>st</sup>) will be held on 9/10 April at the KAOL HS Gym. Several members have signed-up to help – a few more would definitely insure a successful show. Members to help with set-up, tear-down, security and helping with the different tables would be greatly appreciated. Much of our electrical equipment has been retrofitted to insure safety. We now have at least 22 vendors for the Show and more coming in all the time.

FRED BUNGE, President

## **Mohave County Gemstoners' Annual Rock & Mineral Show**

**WHEN: April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**WHERE: Kingman Academy of Learning High School Gym at 3420 N Burbank, Kingman AZ**

### **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> of the month to: [theview@goldenvalleycable.com](mailto:theview@goldenvalleycable.com) or mail to:  
Mohave County Gemstoners PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402.

**\_ 2011 Club Leadership \_**

**Elected Officers:**

President – Fred Bunge  
Vice President – Gary Gann  
Secretary – Clarkie Segreaves  
Treasurer – Mary Gann  
Sergeant At Arms – Cheri Hommel

**Board of Directors:**

Year ending 2010: Kenny Segreaves  
Year ending 2011: Laraine Smith  
Year ending 2012: Jack Hommel

**Club Committees 2010**

By-Laws – Fred Bunge  
Field Trips – Gary Gann  
Greeters – Cheri Hommel  
Membership – Dorothy Bunge  
Photographer - \*open\*  
Webmaster – Mary Gann

Newsletter Editor – Jack Hommel  
Refreshments – Mary Gann  
Telephone - John and Laraine Smith  
Show Chairman 2011 – Mary Gann  
Sunshine – \*open\*

**Happy Birthday:**

**Todd LeClaire; Gary Super; Lonny Summer**

## March's Birthstone

### AQUAMARINE



If you can picture the cerulean blue waters of the Mediterranean, you will understand why the birthstone for March is named Aquamarine. Derived from the Roman word "Aqua," meaning water, and "mare," meaning sea, this pale blue gem does indeed resemble the color of seawater. The ancient Romans believed that the Aquamarine was sacred to Neptune, the god of the sea, having fallen from the jewel boxes of sirens and washed onto shore. Early sailors wore aquamarine talismans, engraved with the likeness of Neptune, as protection against dangers at sea.

The association with water led to the belief that the Aquamarine was particularly powerful when immersed. Water in which this gemstone had been submerged was used in ancient times to heal a variety of illnesses of the heart, liver, stomach, mouth and throat. Aquamarines were also used to reverse poisoning and to aid in fortune telling.

The Aquamarine is a member of the beryl family. Beryl is a mineral that crystallizes within large grained igneous rocks on the earth's crust. It varies in color from clear to vibrantly colored gemstones such as the Emerald. Beryl was used as far back as 2,000 years ago to correct vision, and it continues to be used today in the manufacture of eyeglasses. It is a very hard mineral, making the Aquamarine a durable gemstone for use in jewelry.

Aquamarine varies in color from blue-green to a light sky blue, but gems containing green are often heat-treated to remove this less desirable color. The majority of Aquamarines, unlike other gemstones, are flawless. It is a relatively abundant gem, the largest deposits being in Brazil, but other sources of Aquamarine are in China, India, Australia, Africa, and the United States.

A gift of Aquamarine symbolizes both safety and security, especially within long standing relationships. Some people even say that the Aquamarine reawakens love in a tired marriage, so if you want to bring back that spark in your partner's eyes, you might consider this gem as an anniversary gift!

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mr. & Mrs. Stuart & Linda Scott**

### **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 3.
- When hiking away from the group always take a radio to stay in contact.
- If leaving and not returning, notify leader and turn in radio.
- Always take food, water, and first aid kit, full tank of gas.
- Name badges required at all Club functions.

### **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Gold Basin. Meet @ Safeway North 7:30 A.M. Leader Gary Gann. 2WD / 4WD. Bring your metal detector and a magnet as we'll be hunting for both meteorites and gold.

Your field trip committee is working diligently to prepare an exciting slate of exploration trips, mineral specimen gathering expeditions and other rewarding club activities for all members in the 2011 year. Results will be announced in the Little Gems newsletter and at general membership meetings.

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### **GUEST ARTICLES**

Each and every person in our Club has a unique set of experiences and adventures. Each of us has a lifetime of memories and accomplishments. Your fellow Club members would like to enjoy **YOUR** stories and delights. Your tales don't have to be long, they don't have to be fancy. They only have to be experiences that you or your family or friends have had. Now, bearing in mind that we're a rock club, it would be nice if your story has to do with some outdoor or rock related experience. If you're saying to yourself "I can't write", just jot down your thoughts in any form you can and submit them to the editor. With your permission, your article will be re-written or edited to bring out the story you want it to be. Please help this newsletter become **YOURS** in fact as well as in name. You'll be given credit – or not – as you please. Articles will be edited for length and content. All submissions become the property of the Mohave County Gemstoners and the Little Gems.

# **YOUR ARTICLE COULD HAVE BEEN HERE!**

\*\*\*\*\***ROCKIN' COOKERY**\*\*\*\*\*

*This is going to be a new feature in the Little Gems, it is going to be YOUR own article. Here will be a place for you to share your Great Grandmother's never fail family pleaser recipe' or for you to share your own creation with your fellow club members. You can submit your articles via e-mail or directly to the editor at the general meetings. You will be credited for the recipe' unless you state your desire to remain anonymous.*

## GREEN CHILI CHICKEN CASSEROLE

1. 4 CUPS SHREDDED CHICKEN
2. 1 1/2 CUPS GREEN ENCHILADA SAUCE
3. 1 10 1/2 OZ. CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP
4. 1 8-OZ CONTAINER SOUR CREAM
5. 1 4-OZ CAN DICED GREEN CHILIS
6. 1/2 CUP VEGETABLE OIL
7. 12 6-INCH FLOUR TORTILLAS
8. 1 1/2 CUPS SHREDDED COLBY-JACK CHEESE, DIVIDED

1. PREHEAT OVEN TO 375 DEGREES. GREASE 13X9 INCH CASSEROLE.
2. COMBINE CHICKEN, ENCHILADA SAUCE, SOUP, SOUR CREAM AND CHILIS IN LARGE SKILLET. COOK AND STIR OVER MEDIUM HEAT UNTIL WARM.
3. HEAT OIL IN SEPARATE DEEP SKILLET. FRY TORTILLAS JUST UNTIL SOFT, DRAIN ON PAPER TOWELS.
4. PLACE TORILLAS ON BOTTOM OF CASSEROLE, LAYER 1/3 OF CHICKEN AND 1/2 CUP Cheese, repeat layers twice.
4. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and casserole is heated through. 6 servings

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### **IN MEMORIUM**

We regret to inform you of the passing of former long-time Gemstoner, Richard Froke. Richard moved to Las Vegas after becoming ill and passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

He was married to Carol Froke, also a former long-time member.

### **SUNSHINE CORNER**

Life Member, Ruth Tacquard, is recovering at home after a fall and surgery. We hope her recovery will be swift.

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Board Meeting at Library 5:00PM 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Gen. Meeting at Senior Center Pot Luck 6:30 PM 8	9	10	11	12
13	Show Meet at Mary's Home 10:00AM 14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Trip Meeting at Gary's Home 10:00AM 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	Show Meet at Mary's Home 10:AM 28	29	30	31		

# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	Board Meet at Library 5:00PM 5	6	7	Show Setup at School at 8:AM 8	Show 9-5 9
Show 9-4 Tear Down will start at 4:15 10	11	Gen. Meeting at Senior Ctr 7:00 PM 12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	Ludlow Campout 21	Ludlow Campout 22	Ludlow Campout 23
Ludlow Campout 24	Ludlow Campout 25	26	27	28	29	30