

LITTLE GEMS

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May 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**

Whew, the show is about cleaned up with random tid-bits to finish but is an overall success. May has some exciting events coming up: we will be looking for Chalcedony & Fire Agate at Cold Springs on the 19th, Keith and Dana Jenkerson will be giving a presentation at the meeting about meteorites. The June meeting is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish and enjoy everyone else's. With the nice sunny summer months coming and you have a trip you want to go on, let the club know about it so we schedule it. Hopefully we will have 2 or 3 trips a month during the summer with good attendance! Please get active in the club, the core group of officers want you all to participate and enjoy the club. There has been little participation lately, which we HAVE to turn around.

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Rock & Gem Show: This is it. Our 43rd Annual Rock and Gem Show is only days away. Friday, May 3rd is setup day. Anyone who can help setup should be at the School at 8: AM. The address is 3420 N Burbank. Any questions, call Mary @ 757-8121. We need to have all tables in place and skirted by 11: AM. Sat & Sun we should be very busy with all that is happening in Kingman that weekend. We will be open Sat: 9-5 and Sun: 9-4. After that it is a matter of breaking down tables and reloading the trailer. The Gym needs to be swept and put back the way we found it Friday. Everyone is welcome to help out.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 09 APR 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:00 PM. The flag salute was led by the Secretary.

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 42 paid members for 2013. Dues are now past due and those that haven't paid have been removed from the rolls. Those with birthdays were introduced as well as many visitors who were present. Phone lists were distributed as well as membership cards.

Show – May 4/5, 2013 at KAOL HS. All vendors currently registered are a few less than last year. Need donations for silent auction and kid's booth. Ticket sales and donations are to be coordinated with Mary and Gary, be sure you turn in tickets and money no later than Saturday morning.

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 to Castle Mtn. was very successful for those who attended. We are looking into other trips soon.

Kitchen – Club will need cookies for the next meeting.

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

Old Business:

1. Payment of dues.
2. Obtaining guest speakers – looking at the possibility of having Marty Colbaugh of Kingman Turquoise soon.
 1. Show.
 - a. Ticket sales – need more sales.
 - b. Solicitation of donors.
 - c. Volunteers.
 4. 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.

New Business: (NONE)

Good of the Order:

1. Door prizes.
2. 50/50 – Dorothy Bunge won \$22.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:30PM.

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

MAY BIRTHSTONE



Emerald, the birthstone for May, is a symbol of rebirth. It is believed to grant good fortune, foresight and youth to the owner. Smaragdus, from which the word emerald is derived, means green in Greek. The green coloration is caused by impurities, namely chromium. The deeper green is more valuable.

Emeralds were first mined in Egypt. Columbia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia is where most emeralds are mined today. Since high quality emeralds are very limited, treatments to improve the clarity is done regularly.

MAY  BIRTHDAYS

Gary Bolles, Dorothy Bunge, Jerry Engman, Ed Huskinson.

MAY  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:

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

May 2013

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

June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	BRD Mtg. 6 pm Potluck 6:30pm 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