

# LITTLE GEMS

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November 2012



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

## Presidents Message:

Whew, already November, this year is going by quick! Our November meeting has some important topics, involving the club's constitution and by-laws; I urge the membership to attend this meeting as it will determine the club's meeting and fieldtrip policies. We will also vote on the December meeting festivities, either we will have a meeting and potluck, a meeting then go out and eat, or other suggestions. Ed and Aleta Huskinson will be hosting a presentation at the November meeting for us, please come and support them and enjoy some infinite knowledge from Ed's encyclopedia of a brain.

A huge thanks to Sue Beilman, for taking over as editor of the newsletter for the club, to John Smith, Mary Gann, and Gary Bolles for helping with the trip committee, Shirley Darga and Carolyn Andrews for volunteering to be our greeters, and to John and Laraine Smith for taking over the kitchen while Tom and Sue are in Quartzsite.

I would also like to invite everyone out to the **4th Annual Thanksgiving in the Desert held at Burro Creek Campground**. Camp all week or come up for the day. Thanksgiving Day we will not be going out on a field trip, but will instead kick back and enjoy the day.

Trent Szabo, President

## 2013 Annual Rock & Gem Show

We are gearing up for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rock & Gem Show. We have the OK from the City and the announcements and vendor contracts are ready to mail out.

The biggest change we are excited about is the date change from April to the first weekend in May. This should do away with the snow advisories that have plagued our show for the last two years. It also puts us in

between The River Run in Laughlin and Mother's Day. Helping to pull in people to our city is the annual Route 66 Fun Run, a 3-day event that will be in Kingman on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. May is usually our summer 'usher in' month, so the people should be eager to get out and see what the city has to offer after a few months of cold weather. Our first Show Meeting will be in January. Although we had a late start this year due to unavoidable delays, we now have our ducks in a row and things are coming together.

The online dealer contracts and City Event Permits will be up and usable on our web site by the end of October. The mail outs will go the week prior.

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

**\*\* 2012 Club Leadership \*\***

**Elected Officers:**

President – Trent Szabo  
Vice President – Roger Price  
Secretary – Fred Bunge  
Treasurer – Gary Gann

**Board of Directors:**

Year ending 2012: Laraine Smith  
Year ending 2013: John Smith  
Year ending 2014: Pete Hansen

**Club Committees 2012**

By-Laws – Fred Bunge  
Field Trips – John Smith, Mary Gann, Gary Bolles  
Greeters—Shirley Darga  
Membership – Dorothy Bunge  
Photographer - \*open\*  
Webmaster – Mary Gann

Newsletter Editor- Sue Beilman  
Refreshments – John and Laraine Smith  
Telephone - John and Laraine Smith  
Show Chairman 2013 – Mary Gann



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 09 OCT 2012.**

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:02 PM. The flag salute was led by the Secretary.

Previous Minutes: Minutes didn't get posted to web site, will be posted, approval at NOV meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Assets and expenses reported to membership.

### Committee Reports:

Membership – we currently have 61 members. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced.

Show – May 4/5, 2013 at KAOL HS, fliers and applications are made and ready to mail. Permit has been submitted to the City of Kingman for approval.

Web Master – web site is currently being updated.

Newsletter – chair not present, no report.

By-Laws – members were advised that certain sections must be updated – Show date, possible trip closures and the deletion of some committees that were deleted by the Board. These issues will be posted on the web site for review by members, which will be voted on at the NOV meeting.

### Old Business:

1. Still need a Trip Chair or a committee to offer trips throughout the year. John Smith and Mary Gann said they'd help with the committee.

### New Business:

The following topics will be voted on at the NOV meeting:

1. Deleting Sergeant At Arms from appointed positions.
2. Changing Show date.
3. Not having field trips during JUN, JUL and AUG.

### Good of the Order:

1. Suggested by Caroline that we have a talk on desert survival at one of our meetings. John Smith will contact Louis Vega of the Mohave Co. SAR to arrange this for the future.

2. Suggested by Caroline that if there were no trips in JUN, JUL or AUG, would it be possible to have members with lapidary equipment to open their shops and give demonstrations and/or lessons. Item to be reviewed by Board.

Door prizes.

50/50 –Laraine Smith won \$22, the Club received \$22.00.

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

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONES

Citrine



Yellow Topaz



**Citrine**, the name, comes from an old French word, "citrin", meaning lemon. It sometimes is yellow orange or may have a tinge of red or brown in it. Citrine is a form of quartz, with quartz being the most common mineral on earth. Quartz is found worldwide, but Citrine is much rarer in its natural state. It is usually mined only in Brazil and found in quartz veins. Citrine, found naturally are only a few carats in size. The majority of commercial Citrine comes from irradiating Amethyst.

Some early culture believed Citrine to have magical powers and was worn as a talisman against evil thoughts and snake venom. It was also considered to have medicinal properties and was commonly used as a remedy for urinary and kidney ailments.

A gift of Citrine is symbolic for hope and strength. With its sunny brightness, this gemstone is ideal for helping anyone to get through the tough times in life!

**Yellow Topaz** is the alternate gemstone for those born in November. Yellow Topaz is a fluorosilicate. It is mostly made from aluminum and sand and some fluoride gas included during its crystal growth. It is usually found in pegmatites near silica rock that are volcanic in origin. The majority of it is found in Europe, mainly Germany. Some cultures believed it would increase strength and makes the wearer invisible. Others believed it would improve eyesight and protect them from injury. The name topaz comes from the Greek word topazos means "fire."

Given as a gift, Citrine is said to symbolize friendship and to strengthen one's capacity to give and receive love.

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Fran Davenport and Tatjana Gleixner

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Pat & Ginny McGuckin and Richard & Pricilla Porch

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**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.

**UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:**

TBD

## November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	Senior Ctr Board Mtg - 6:00 PM Gen. Mtg -. 7:00 PM 13	14	15	16	17
18	19	4th annual Thanksgiving in the desert at Burro Crk C.ground 20	Burro Creek Campout 21	Burro Creek - Thanksgiving Pot Luck All Day 22	Burro Creek Campout 23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Senior Ctr. Board Mtg.- 6:00PM p.m Gen. Mtg 7:00 PM. 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29