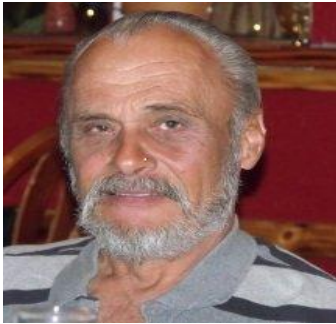


# LITTLE GEMS

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October 2011



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I must inform you that we lost one of our Life Members recently, Betty Bush. She was instrumental in getting things done and helping the Club become a non-profit. I had the good fortune to be able to have many conversations with Betty and found her to be inspirational and a wealth of information. She will indeed be missed.

October brings us to the nominations for officers for 2012. For four years many of your officers have "changed hats" to maintain a degree of continuity for the Club. Now - it is time for others to be called upon and now step-up and take a leadership role. After all, it is your Club too! You answered the surveys and said you wanted certain things and less of a meeting. We intend to get that done until our terms are done. It will be up to others to continue.

For lapidary techniques, we do not have sufficient time at meetings to do this. You can call Gary at 757-8121; Stefan at 715-4173 or myself at 681-2371 to schedule time to cut rocks, trim slabs or do lapidary on a cost basis with our equipment. You get individual instruction and supplies if you need them as well as see different equipment before you buy.

Fred Bunge, President

## MOHAVE COUNTY GEMSTONERS PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS 42<sup>ND</sup>

### ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW FOR 2012!!

We have once again secured the Kingman Academy of Learning's High School gym. The Show dates are April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, with Friday, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> the setup day. The hours are: Sat- 9 AM to 5 PM, Sun- 9 AM to 4 PM. Applications for the event will begin going out the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October. Announcements are starting to go out now. The date and location for the first Show Meeting will be announced at the Oct General Meeting.

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).  
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, Pin or Magnetic style 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 20th 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 – \*\*open\*\*  
Treasurer – Mary Gann  
Sergeant At Arms – \*\*open\*\*

#### **Directors:**

Year ending 2011: Laraine Smith  
Year ending 2012: Roger Price  
Year ending 2013: Trent Szabo, apprentice

#### **Club Committees 2010**

By-Laws – Fred Bunge  
Field Trips – Gary Gann  
Greeters--Sue Bielman  
Membership – Dorothy Bunge  
Photographer – Jim Howell  
Webmaster – Mary Gann

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

### Minutes for Sept. 2011 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by our President, Fred Bunge. The flag salute was led by the Vice President.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Not available.

Treasurer's Report: The Club is in good financial shape.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership** – We welcomed our newest members and celebrated those with anniversaries and birthdays this month. We now have 78 members.

**Show** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Field Trip** – Sun 14 AUG, Trip meeting at Gary's 992 Selma @ 10 AM. 21 AUG, Big Wash RD & picnic, meet at BW RD & HWY 93 @ 8 AM

**Web Master** – Visit the site several times each month as information may have changed since the newsletter was published.

**Editor** – Need more articles for our newsletter. All submissions must be in “letter format.”

**Refreshments** – Next month we will need cookies.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vacancies, elections & committee – We have vacancies for most positions for next year. A nomination committee will be selected next month. This is you Club, without your participation – there is no Club.

NEW BUSINESS: (NONE)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Door prizes.
2. 50/50: - \$20 – John Smith

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Bunge, President

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

**Herman & Roenta Hanekamp, Todd & Ronda Le Claire**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Fred Bunge, Mollie Gish, Herman Hanekamp, David Jenkins, Richard Porch, Danny Schacht, Laraine Smith

## October Birthstone

The name opal is derived from the Sanskrit word "upala," as well as the Latin "opalus," meaning "precious stone." Opal is a gemstone of much variety.

The opal is a fragile hydrated silica material, made of submicroscopic silica spheres held together by more silica and water. It is a soft stone, easily altered in appearance by changes in heat and pressure. This mineral contains varying amounts of water within it that determine the appearance of the gemstone. When water evaporates out of an opal, the stone appears slightly smaller and the stress of the evaporation creates cracks on it. Many stones flash the colors of the rainbow when moved, due to the interference of light on small cracks and other internal structural differences. Opals also have characteristic colors due to impurities within the stone. The milky or pearly appearance of some opals is due to inclusions of tiny gas bubbles. Yellows and reds betray the presence of iron oxides. The spectacular black opals that sometimes flash green, blue and red get their color from magnesium oxides and organic carbon within the stone. Perhaps the most valuable opal pattern is the "harlequin," large angular patches of red, yellow and green resembling the checks on a clown's costume.

The principal source of opals is Australia, noted for its magnificent black opals. Fire opals were first mined in Mexico, and continue to be produced today. In the United States, brilliant fire opals are also found in Nevada.



**IN MEMORIUM**

We regret to inform you of the passing of a Life Member, Betty Bush and member F.W. Mooney, husband of Loa Mooney. Both will be greatly missed.

**SUNSHINE CORNER**

Larraine Smith doing better after eye surgery, Bill Darga is recovering from a recent fall and Jim Gish is fighting cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

**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, in person or by radio.
- Always take food, water, and first aid kit, full tank of gas.
- Name badges are required at all Club functions.

**UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>-Globe, Az Campout. We will be hosted by Tom & Connie Sundling, our members from Apache Jct., Az. There are numerous dry campgrounds and RV parks around Globe, however, the Apache Gold casino-resort comes recommended. \$25 per night for full hookups. For more info you can visit their web site.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>-Secret Pass. Meet at Power House 8 AM. 4 WD.

**Buy, Sell, or Trade**

Nevada Wonder Stone: a good variety of shapes and colors, for cabbing or tumbling. Slabs or rough stone.

\$3.00 lb. for rough. Contact Gary @ 757-8121.

**Get your lapidary related machinery, art, rocks, equipment, or jewelry in the Little Gems newsletter whether you're buying, selling, or trading. Your fellow club member may have exactly what you need! Contact editor.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	Wire Wrapping & Beading classes library 2-4 PM 7	8
9	10	Board Mtg @ 5PM before General Mtg 7PM 13	12	13	Globe campout 14	Globe Campout 15
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20	21	22	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving in the Desert @ Burro Crk Campout 23	Thanksgiving Pot Luck all day 24	Burro Crk Campout 25	Burro Crk Campout 26
27	28	29	30			