

# Little Gems

Sunset Burro Creek Campground  
Photo: Melanie Hecht

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## Message from the President



Hi "Gemstoners"

Again, this month before I get into the President's Message, I want to recognize our fearless Field Trip Leader for another absolutely great campout. As I've said before, Gary must have something going with the weatherman, but this time he over did it a bit. The temperature got into the triple digits in the afternoon on Friday and Saturday. And the mid nineties on Sunday. Even so, we got some nice rocks and the dinner and evening get-togethers were great.

We had nine campsites and other members joined us on Saturday and Sunday for the day. Thanks again, Gary!

Now to club business. I hope we get a big turnout for our November meeting, as this is the time to elect our Officers and Board of Directors for 2010. Jack will announce the names of those nominated for each position and the nomination will be open until just before the vote for that office. Get involved it is a lot of fun.

As I do not know how long the voting will take, there will not be a program at the November meeting. However, if there is time, the Field Trip Leader will show pictures from past trips.

Next month is our Christmas Potluck and gift exchange. We will also have the installation of the 2010 Officers.

Rock on and see you at the meeting,  
"C" Russell, President  
Mohave County Gemstoners

Katherine Heidenreich Senior Center  
1776 Airway Ave., Kingman, AZ

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Catch up and Chat 6:00 PM  
Regular Meeting 7:00 PM  
Officer Nominations this month

Guest Speaker: Gary Gann  
A Photo Essay of Field Trips  
Bob & Jo Agee "Surprise Gift"



This Month is Elections  
Next Month will be the  
Christmas Pot Luck

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## 🌀 Club Information 🌀

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.

The Gemstoners meet the second Tuesday of each month at Kathryn Heidenreich Senior Center, 1776 Airway Ave., Kingman, AZ at 7:00 PM. In March, June, September and December there is a potluck dinner that starts at 6:30 PM.

Fiscal year for memberships runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple and \$25.00 for family (residing in the same home). Family sponsored Junior Membership cost is \$8.00. Annual dues are payable on January 1 and are delinquent after the February meeting. Remit payment to Membership Chairman.

Name badges will be required for all members at a cost of \$8.00 for pin type and \$9.00 for the magnetic type each.

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## 🌀 2009 Club Leadership 🌀

Elected Officers:

President - "C" Russell (928) 846-0927  
 Vice President - Pete Hansen (928) 565-4321  
 Secretary - Fred Bunge  
 Treasurer - Dave Sims (928) 692-3797  
 Sergeant At Arms - John Smith  
 Board of Directors:  
 One-Year Position: George Tirpak  
 Two-Year Position: Leonard Deutsch  
 Three-Year Position: Laraine Smith  
 Club Committee Chairpersons

Academic Advisor - Rick Vromen  
 By-Laws - Nan Russell  
 Newsletter Editor - Donna Robinson  
 Education - Open  
 Field Trips - Gary Gann  
 Greeters/Hostess - Cheri Hommel  
 Historian - Leonard Deutsch  
 Jr. Leader - Bill Purkiss  
 Membership - Nan Russell  
 Program Director - Open  
 Publicity - Open  
 Photographer - Melanie Hecht  
 Refreshments - Mary Gann  
 Show Chairman 2009 - Nan Russell  
 Scholarship / Donations - Open  
 Social Director/Special Events - Susi Green  
 Sunshine - Open  
 50/50 - Open  
 Ways and Means - Open  
 Telephone - John and Laraine Smith  
 Webmaster - Leonard Deutsch



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 Kingman, AZ 86402

## Minutes of the October 2009 General Meeting



Membership –New members present, introduced themselves.

The evening started off with a presentation from three instructors from Mohave Community College: Dottie Carson, Robin McAllister and our own Rick Vromen. Each explained their specialties of glass fusing, silversmithing and lapidary. If there was enough interest, Rick would also head-up a casting class. If members were interested, they should contact JC at MCC for registration and more details.

For those who were unable to attend, you missed a terrific presentation.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by our President, "C" Russell. The flag salute was led by the Sergeant At Arms.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: An accounting of receipts and expenditures was presented.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Field Trip** – Burro Creek Campout – all expeditions will start at 9 AM.

A listing of trips thru December will be in the "Little Gems" Newsletter.

**Editor** – Need contributions from membership for the "Little Gems" Newsletter.

**Historian** – Club Directory is out.

**Web Master** – Rick Vromen will be teaching many classes at MCC. Members should take advantage of these classes.

**Refreshments** – Members are encouraged to bring cookies to the next meeting.

**Sunshine** – George Tirpak is in an assisted living facility, visitors welcome. George Matcham is recovering from a stroke.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Web Master is working on a new directory for 2010. Four more pictures needed. (OPEN)
2. Getting young people interested in Geology – too committee. (Board of Directors)
3. Election of Officers. (OPEN)

### NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. KAOL HS Gymnasium will be the new site for our 2010 Gem, Mineral & Craft Show. Solicitors for raffle prizes are needed.

50/50: "C" Russell - \$40 and Julia Weaver - \$22.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Bunge, Secretary

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## A Note from the Editor



A big thank you to all that have contributed to the newsletter this month. Without your contribution the newsletter would have only been a news-brief. I actually have some material for next month.

Keep it coming, all ideas are welcomed. Share your knowledge and it will be a brighter day!

Show Schedule  
November  
December

**November**

November, 14-15, 2009  
Lake Havasu City

**40th Annual Gem & Mineral Roundup**

Community (Aquatic)  
Center, Relics & Rods  
Hall, 100 Park Ave.,  
Lake Havasu City, AZ  
86404

Sponsored by:  
Lake Havasu Gem &  
Mineral Society

Website:  
www.lakehavasugms.org  
Hours: Sat., Sun. 9-5  
Admission and parking:  
Free

Show Chairpersons:  
Ruth De Woody &  
"C" Russell  
showchair@lakehavasugms.org

November 28-29, 2009  
Wickenburg

**9th Annual Gem & Art Fair,**

Wickenburg Community  
Center,  
160 N. Valentine St.,  
Wickenburg, AZ 85390

Sponsored by:  
Wickenburg Gem &  
Mineral Society

Over 40 vendors, with  
gems, minerals, jewelry,  
artists, photo exhibit,  
door prizes, grab bags,  
spinning wheel, food  
and more . . . . .

Raffle drawing Sunday:  
Tickets \$2 ea. or 3/\$5

Admission and parking:  
Free Hours: 9-5 Show

Chairperson & Dealers  
Contact: Beth  
Myerson, 21825 W.  
Date Creek Rd.,  
Wickenburg, AZ 85390,  
928-684-0380,  
myerbd@gmail.com

**December**

December 5-6, 2009  
Green Valley

**Green Valley Lapidary Arts & Crafts Fair**

West Social Center,  
Green Valley, AZ  
Sponsored by: Green  
Valley Lapidary and  
Silversmith Club  
Hours: Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-3  
Admission: Free  
[www.gvrlapidaryclub.com/craftschedule.htm](http://www.gvrlapidaryclub.com/craftschedule.htm)

**Thanksgiving  
at  
Burro Creek  
Campground**

Please contact  
Nan Russell @  
1-928-846-0927

To help plan the menu  
for this out of doors  
feast



**Flagstaff's Lava River Cave**

This mile-long lava tube cave, located 14 miles north of Flagstaff, was formed roughly 700,000 years ago by molten rock that erupted from a volcanic vent in nearby Hart Prairie. The top, sides and bottom of the flow cooled and solidified first, after which the insides



of the lava river continued to flow emptying out the present cave.

Ample evidence of how the tube was born is written in the rocks of which it is formed. Small wave-like undulations in the floor are the remains of ripples frozen in the last trickle of molten rock that flowed from the cave. Stone icicles hanging from the ceiling show where a final blast of volcanic heat caused the rock to partially re-liquefy and drip.

The shell can and does sometimes form a completely closed tubular structure which shields and insulates the much hotter flowing rock inside. When the volcano's eruption ceases, the shielded lava continues to flow down-slope and leaves behind what is effectively an empty stone pipe. After centuries of cooling and being obscured by successive eruptions and windblown sand, dirt, and vegetation, these are quite surprising and rewarding to come across. These tubes are marvelous readymade shelter in both winter and summer. All manner of creature from bugs to snakes to horses to mankind have found refuge in them. Sometimes there are artifacts to be found. Sometimes fascinating, sometimes tragic, but always interesting.

Dress appropriately when you come to visit, with warm clothes and sturdy shoes. The cave is as cool as 42° even in summer, and you may even find some ice inside. The rocks are always sharp and slippery, too. Bring two or three sources of light, in the event one fails.

Source: Jack Hommel  
U. S. Forest Service

## Once Upon a Time

by Jack Hommel

You can generally figure that when a tale begins with "Once upon a time....." it's time to hitch up your cuffs a bit. You can never tell for sure 'though.

Once upon a time, more than a half century ago, while wandering around the relatively flat and seemingly featureless high desert of eastern Oregon with a buddy, we stumbled across a sizeable hole in the ground. This particular hole turned out to be something a bit more than just a hole. What we had stumbled upon was a Lava Tube, and in actual fact it was an entrance to a complex of interconnected Lava Tubes.

So there we were, two sixteen year old boys who were absolutely certain that we were rough and tough and "MEN, by God!" Being completely full of "go" and not knowing the meaning of the word "slow", and clutching our one and only communal flashlight, we ventured into the maw of that irresistible cavity. For about four hours, we had great fun being adventurous and brave. Some of the fun was in knowing with absolute certainty that we were too smart to be made fools of by "some old hole in the ground". Oh, little did we know! After clambering and sometimes crawling around in the fascinating maze of interconnecting passages and dead ends, we eventually decided to go back to our vehicle and have a bite of lunch. We blithely headed toward our exit point only to find a dead end. Oh well, it must be just back that-away a little bit. Or maybe just over there! Better yet, just through that passage there. So..... after fussing and fumbling around for a couple of increasingly tense hours, we finally came to the realization that we were completely and thoroughly LOST! We were also two completely and thoroughly scared BOYS! The sudden sense of utter, total isolation was overwhelming, not to mention the fact that it was dark and cold down there.

By the grace of God and some extremely small glimmer of native intelligence, we managed to not panic. So, sitting there in the dark, trying to conserve what little battery we had left, we actually came up with a not-too-silly plan. We decided that the only way we'd get out was by a process of elimination, that plan was to go completely to the end of every passageway, then to return to the entrance of that particular hole and mark it with some article we carried with us. We

were tired, cold, hungry and very frightened boys. Proceeding with our plan, we probed, surveyed and marked hole after hole, some short, some long, and each more ominous than the preceding one. We had determined that by flashing the light in only half second bursts and memorizing each revealed scene, we could save our battery power. It worked, after a fashion, with considerable bumping of heads, much very grown-up profanity, and walking and crawling with our arms and hands fully extended as feelers. Once each passage had been determined to not be our salvation, we would mark it with a small item from our pockets (chewing gum wrapper or coin, etc.). Fortunately there was little air movement to disturb our markers, so we became a bit more confident that we might eventually find our way out. Some of the markers ended up being bits and pieces torn from our clothing, but we thought it was a good trade.

After a seemingly endless passage of time, and while stumbling along in the dark, in our energy saving mode, I just happened to look up. There was absolutely no earthly reason for me to look up while underground, but something led me to do so. There above me was the most astoundingly beautiful, wonderful sight my tender years had ever seen. A star! I was looking up through a vent or collapsed hole in the desert floor at a tiny portion of the awesome night sky. It was an extremely difficult stretch and climb on wobbly piles of rock just to get to the beginning of that opening. The wriggling, stretching, grasping climb up through that quite tight and rather lengthy opening was totally undignified and somewhat bloody affair, what with banged up, scratched and abraded knees, elbows and fingers.

We did eventually prevail and managed to stand, once again in the open air, and began a victory dance of cheering and laughter which very quickly turned into sobs of relief and prayers of thanks for our deliverance, while shuddering and clinging to each other in that wonderful nighttime open air. We were two half naked, very tired, scared and relieved big boys.

Once we managed to get our bearings, we found that we were almost a mile from our entry point.

The moral of this tale is, BE PREPARED! Don't start vast journeys with half-vast plans!



On our way to an excellent adventure!

## Field Trip Report-The Bar in the Desert by Gary & Mary Gann

Halloween morning we huddled in the parking lot at the Power House. Ok, I huddled under borrowed coats and a blanket, until departure time rolled around, then off we went. Our caravan included Charlie 2FANG, Melanie and her friend Jack, Jack and Cheri, and Mark and Julia. We headed down to meet the rest of our party in Lake Havasu, and were joined by "C" and Nan, Wayne and Glenda, Kenny and Clarkie, and some of the Havasu Club members. Then on south (and blessed warmth), past Parker and over into the California desert.

Our first stop was the No Name Mine-cuz "C" didn't know the name of the mine, ergo... We crawled around on the hillside and came away with some interesting looking rocks, including some Chrysocolla and Azurite. On our way back we were commenting on how well Melanie was doing in her 2 wheel drive Subaru, when...Yep, she got stuck. Struggling up a steep incline, she came around a corner and had to dodge a boulder, and lost traction. Luckily a rock stopped her from sliding further down the slope, hardly denting the rocker panel at all! Jack provided the chain, our jeep provided the pull and within a few minutes we were all on our way again.

With "C" leading the way we re-entered Arizona, and then left the highway after passing back through Parker, and began winding our way out to the bar in the desert. About the time you begin to wonder how far into the desert is this bar, you crest a hill and there it is, a very unique outdoor establishment. Complete with a live band and a crowd. I was told that the guy who built this place started out by accommodating weekenders on their ATV's and dune buggies. As more people found out where they could get a cold drink and something to eat, his bar began to grow and take shape. The hours are Saturday and Sunday only, from high noon to sundown. I was also told not to leave without seeing the women's bathroom. It was definitely different. I walked back out to the car to retrieve my camera to take pictures.

When everyone had quenched their hunger and thirst, we gathered in the parking lot to say good bye and head for home. It is always fun to go out with our friends from the Havasu Club, and look forward to more of the same in the future.



## Sometimes We Have to Say Good-bye

### Bob and Jo Agee



After 56 years of enjoying all that Nature has given them the Agee's have a gift for the Gemstoner Membership. They will be giving a

brief presentation at the November 10th meeting and will explain their gift.

Their collection includes rocks and minerals from various areas and includes items that are no longer available to the public.

### Frank & Doris Marz

Long time members, Ralph and Doris Marz, are going to be moving from Kingman soon. Doris is a very sweet lady and Frank always looks so sharp. They will be selling their accumulated equipment soon. As I am a fairly new member I didn't get to know them. I regret this, I am sure I will have missed the opportunity to learn something new.



**John Ainley** suddenly passed away this summer. His passion was historical Archeology and rocks and minerals were a natural by-product of his search. John helped with last years show. His wife, Connie, is still a member. We hope to see her soon.



**Jim & Stephanie Gebhardt** had to move from Kingman for Jim's health concerns.

**Chet Hilding** is leaving us for health reasons.

We will miss them all.



## My Favorite Websites for Jewelry Making Supplies

By  
Mary Gann

There are many suppliers out there, but these were the ones that I was introduced to when I began wire wrapping and Silversmithing. I always get my Silver products from Indian Jewelry as I am familiar and satisfied with their product. Wig jig is great for Artistic and other wires, and they have great information and tip guides, also tutorials. As always shop around.

1. Indian Jewelry Supply: [www.ijsync.com](http://www.ijsync.com)
2. Jewelry Supply: [www.jewelrystore.com](http://www.jewelrystore.com)
3. Wig Jig: [www.wigjig.com](http://www.wigjig.com)

## 4. Rio Grande: [www.riogrande.com](http://www.riogrande.com)

Websites for looking at Wire Wrapped Jewelry

1. [www.raptelegance.com](http://www.raptelegance.com)
2. [www.bytheseajewelry.com](http://www.bytheseajewelry.com)
3. [www.jewelrywirewrapped.com](http://www.jewelrywirewrapped.com)
4. [www.wrappedtogo.com](http://www.wrappedtogo.com)

These are some of my favorite sites to look at. I go back every couple of months to see what is new. By researching 'wire wrapped jewelry', or 'wire sculpture jewelry', you will be rewarded with many different sites to visit.

## Wire Wrapping and Beading

The first gathering was Nov 2, at the Library. It was a great first get-together. The four Mondays in November will be at the KOA recreation center off Roosevelt, at the same times. They have graciously allowed us to meet however often we would like. Since this is the first time for doing anything like this for many of us, we will be formulating and evaluating the month to see how we want to steer this ship. Times and days of the week, as well as how often will likely be fine tuned to accommodate as many as possible. Like the old fashioned Quilting Bee, we will be working on projects, sharing knowledge, ideas, and techniques.

There is no fee for attending and is open to the public. For those who have never wire wrapped before and are interested in learning how, or does not have any supplies, I will have cabs and wire for purchase. \$5 will get you a cab and enough wire to wrap to it. I have brass and some Artistic wire. I also have extra tools to share. This should be exciting, as well as fun and enlightening.

For the beading, Shirley Darga, and hopefully, Ricki Zoellner will be there to instruct and help with the beading part of this. Both of whom had tables at our last show. I, myself, am very limited in the art of beading, but am looking forward to this experience.

I look forward to seeing many of you.



Our own club members and new folks from the Kingman area joined us on November 2nd for the first meeting on Beading and Wire Wrapping. It was fun and a good learning session.



## FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES - MCG



**Sign in is 15 minutes before departure.**

- Leader will state approximately how far, road conditions, and if 4WD is required when each member signs in.
- Each vehicle is to keep the one behind in sight and STOP if the car or truck is not visible (unless otherwise stated by the leader).

- Always notify the leader if you are hiking or driving to another site and your approximate return time. Participants must notify the leader if they are leaving the group and not planning to return and sign out (with time) and return the radio.
- Members are requested to wear name badges.
- Handheld radios: stay on Channel 3



## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR THE BALANCE OF 2009

WHEN /MEET	WHERE	VEHICLE	MINERAL	Miles
November 8th Powerhouse 7 AM	Needles Area	4-wheel	Hard rock collecting	Round trip 260
November 14th Travel on your own	Lake Havasu Gem Show	any	everything	Round trip 125
November 22nd Powerhouse 8 AM	Acoma Wash	Any Short walk to wash	Various ..Jasper, agate, chalcedony	Round trip 160
November 25th Powerhouse 8 AM	Burro Creek Holiday Camp-over	Any 4-wheel for exploring	Many different available	Round trip 160
December 6th Marty's on Hwy 68 Powerhouse 8 AM	Black Mts Between the hills	Any possible 4-wheel recommended	Chalcedony geodes	Round trip 75



From left back row:  
Dorothy, Pete, Ken, Nan, Wayne, Fred, Bill, Zach, "C", Clarkie, Mary, Gary, Glenda, Stefan, Trent, Mark & Julia  
Taking a break in a well-comed shady spot.

## Field Trip Report The Burro Creek Campout BY Gary & Mary Gann

For the second time this year we gathered together in the Burro Creek Campground. The first to get there were Phil and Barb, friends of Fred and Dorothy, from Nevada, who arrived Thursday! Friday afternoon the group had swelled to include Fred and Dorothy, Jack and Cheri, Mark and Julia, Pete, "C" and Nan, Stefan, Kenny and Clarkie, Gary and I. (Trent arrived rather late, with his brother Zack, after attending a Friday night dance. Go Trent!)

The heat-hoovering near the 100 mark-pretty much did everyone in after the drive and setting up camp. Friday night was rather quiet. Saturday morning, after a leisurely start, we headed first for the Apache Tears at the top of the hill next to the highway. From there we headed up the highway to Nothing, took a left and headed to Mary's Wash. The road in is fairly passable-except in one place. Here we initiated Kenny and Clarkie in real off-roading. They had actually pulled over and thought they were going no farther. "C" and I hiked back to where they were parked, and with coaching and a couple false starts, they were up and over the boulders and we were again on our way. Way to go, guys!! By the way, going back was not one of your options. At Mary's Wash we soon discovered that swiftly moving waters had taken away many of the rocks that we had picked through in April and replaced them with others that required more earnest hunting. However, everyone came away with treasures.

As it was nearing lunch time, and the heat was building, we headed for the creek. Instead of the clear running water that had welcomed us in April, the water this time was low, stagnant, and green. So, we trooped back up to where the cars were parked and ate under the shade of the trees. Feeling refreshed after eating and resting, it was decided that we would go to the pastelite place before calling it a day. "C" and Nan elected to go back the way we had come and stopped at the kitty litter. They came away with several large rocks that showed promise of black and/or blue agate.

Oops, the heat began to exact its toll. Several people headed to their cars before we really even got started looking for the beautiful pastelite that lies liberally all over the ground. Although I heard those lovely pastel colors calling to me, we

did the prudent thing and packed it in and headed back to camp. Tomorrow is another day.

That night we got together at Jack & Cheri's campsite. Kenny and Clarkie had brought enough chicken, hot dogs, and (yummy yummy) cookies to feed a party twice our size. Jack shared his potatoes and mushrooms, and Cheri was handing out Teri Chicken. As always, the food and camaraderie was the perfect end to a great day. Too full to roast Marshmallows, we tottled off to our respective beds.

Sunday we tried to start earlier, heh heh. Oh well. We were led to where Stefan had found a huge geode a short way up Burro Creek Crossing Rd. I saw an interesting rock-a little smaller than a basketball-and when I dug it out and turned it over I discovered that it was a half of a Geode! Wow!! It was a keeper. But, we had just gotten started looking, and my eyes and hands were positively itching to find something else, so I left it turned with the hollow center facing up. It resembled a giant dirty grapefruit. Even as I heard "C" telling Melanie that if she left a rock sitting on the ground, thinking that she would come back, find it, and pick it up on the way to her car-she would never find it. Not to my credit, I have heard that before and even experienced it before, but thought smugly that I would certainly be able to find my giant Geode again. It still sits out there, about 50 feet from the road...somewhere.

From the Geodes we progressed to the Agate field. The ground and road here is absolutely covered with agates. People start picking them up as soon as they get out of their cars. From little chips to really great yard rocks, the agate field is always a crowd pleaser. You can stay right beside your car, walk the road, or go farther afield and roam the hills on either side of the road. The color range is as variable as the size range. This is where I get most of the agates that I polish in my tumbler. They come out so pretty.

We packed it in earlier on Sunday, and headed back to camp to visit a little with Jack and Cheri before they headed for home. Kenny and Clarkie, Pete, Stefan, Zach, and Trent also headed homeward. But, some, not until after dinner at C and Nan's site. We were treated to Pork Chops, potatoes, and beans from Nan, with Potato and Macaroni Salads from Clarkie's Saturday night feast. Dorothy and Fred brought Lasagna, and Phil and Barb brought a large pan of Nachos and a tasty icy drink. What a great time we had. Once again, the food and company were the best!!



KINGMAN LIBRARY  
3RD WEDNESDAY

The next 2010  
Gem Show Meeting  
will be in January.  
Members are all invited  
to attend 6 to 8 PM

**November  
Anniversaries**

Richard & Pricilla Porch  
November 10th

Al & Ricki Zoellner  
November 22



**FOR SALE  
OR TRADE**

Free ad for rock related items

**24"** Self feeding rock saw  
Call BJ @ 377-2746

**Lots and Lots of Jasper:**  
Slabs and Rough Deschutes,  
Mushroom & Monarch Jasper  
Call Roger at: 503-351-0084



**November Birthdays**

- ★ Ginger Johnson 3rd
- ★ Doug Gilmour 7th
- ★ Judy Noland 8th
- ★ Roger Price 11th
- ★ Jack Hommel 25th
- ★ Charmayne Morgan 29th

**Wire Wrapping and Beading  
with  
Mary Gann**

Every Monday in November  
In the KOA Recreation Room  
on Roosevelt  
Public invited, no fee  
2:30 to 5 PM

**Rocks**, minerals and equip-  
ment of all kinds Selling many  
years worth of collecting.  
**Some pieces are no longer  
available for field collecting**  
**Large or small specimen &  
lapidary pieces**, ID, UT, NV,  
TX, OR. call George Tirpak  
928-753-1656

**News**



**Cheri Hommel** has now has 2 twinkling eyes after her second successful eye surgery.

**George Tirpak**, one of our oldest members, is still recovering in the hospital, but hopes to be home soon.



**George Matcham** continues to recover and would enjoy hearing from  friends.

Our 2 new members, **Julia and Mark Weaver**, have already become involved with field trip planning.

Monday I think we were winding down. We revisited the Geode site just a short distance down Burro Creek Crossing Rd. I still couldn't find my distinctive large geode half. When everyone was ready, we crossed the highway and went a short ways on the rustic road on the other side of the highway. The area is basically covered with rhyolite, geodes, chalcedony, and some Jasper.

Back at camp we gathered at our site and Gary readied The Saw. He had brought the saw, the barrel and hose, and buckets to fetch the water. "C" brought down the rocks he had picked up at the Kitty Litter. With our camp host's OK, we set to work slicing up some decent pieces of Agate. Everyone got a piece, including Jim, the camp host. After that, "C" and Nan, Julia and Mark, Phil and Barb, and Melanie all said good-by and hit the road.

That left Fred and Dorothy, John and Laraine, and Gary and I. For a minute I thought I would actually have to cook a meal. But, Fred and

Dorothy saved me. They invited our small group to their trailer to finish the Lasagna. Do you know how good day old Lasagna is? The best.

Tuesday morning John and Laraine, Gary and I went to the Pastelite field. I could still hear those rocks calling to me. Fred and Dorothy opted to break camp and forego the adventure. We took a leisurely drive, stopping to investigate some obsidian in the bank along the road. At the Pastelite we took our time each going in different directions. The pastel colors in these rocks are beautiful. The rocks make awesome cabs, and are hard enough to tumble. Finally we were ready to go back and break camp and head for home. Gosh, what a great time.

And, to think we will be back at Burro Creek for our Thanksgiving Campout Celebration. With a completely different list of places to go. Anyone who can make it, it is well worth it.



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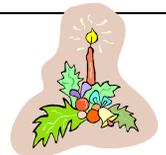


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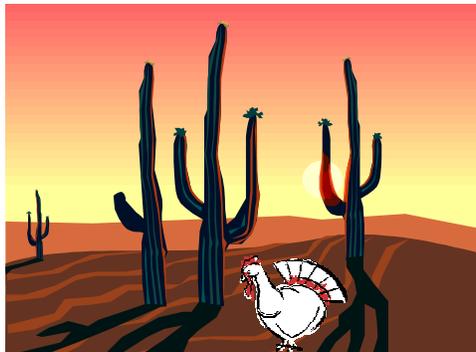
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