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Meetings / Workshops

Meetings: 1st Friday 7:00 PM

Workshop: 6:30 PM

Location: 25647 W. Main St.

Barstow, Ca 92311

August Meeting

Theme: Tumbled Rocks

Hostess: Dian Hare

Door Prizes: Tumbled Rocks

SHOW DATES

AUGUST

August 7 - 9: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria

Nipomo High School

525 North Thompson Avenue

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Wes Lingerfelt, (805)

929-3788

Website: www.omsinc.org

August 14 - 16: TEHACHAPI, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society

St. Malachy's Church

407 West E. Street

Hours: 9 - 5 daily

Contact: Chuck Overall, (661)

821-4650

Email: luckydogs5433@aol.com

Website: www.tvgms.org

August 22 - 23: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

San Francisco County Fair

Building

9th Avenue & Lincoln Way

Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5

Contact: Ellen Nott

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August 29 - 30: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

Centre Concord

5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.)

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Harry Nichandros, (925)

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July Workshop Report

The Grab Bag Ladies met again at workshop. Great assembly line: **Kayla** was on point with the sewing machine. **Leslie** cut fabric for more bags. **La Vella** finished with the drawstrings.

Workshop totals: 51 grab bags finished; 30 more cut out & in line to be sewn.

Calculated that 10 bags could be made from 1 yard of fabric — this means 60 yards of fabric are needed each year for the 600 grab bags. This doesn't need to be new fabric — 15 bags were made from a kids print curtain found at a garage sale. Of course, smaller scraps can be combined to make a bag. Bring any fabric finds that you have & they will be turned into bags.

The Genie's were singing — many beautiful projects & several very nice local fossil finds.

August workshop will also be Gem Trees. These are prizes for the Wheel of Fortune. Bring your small needle nosed pliers and wire cutters.

Polished gem stones and wire will be available. If you can, bring a bottle of glue such as 'Embellish It' -- A non-toxic glue designed to attach rhinestones & glitter to clothing.

See you there.

Genie Auction

Auction bid for genie is now at 760.00. Please see **Danny Watts** at the next few meetings to put your bid in. The final bid is on the first meeting in September.

web site: www.mdgms.net

facebook site:

mojavedesertgemandmineralsociety.com

email address:

The email address listed no longer exists. **Melita** is going to set us up with a new one. At the moment the only one the club has is on the web site at 'contact us' .

Future field trips to Opal Mountain, Black Canyon and the soap bubble rhyolite are in the works for the fall.

Start planning your display case for our show this December. There were some beautiful displays of your lapidary and art skills last year. Thank you.



Workshop and another Lake Havasu Report

Our MDGMS received this box from Steve and Shirley Greel, visitors from the Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society to our meeting in April. They write, “ These items are from our collection. We want to share them with your members — our gift to you in appreciation of the warm reception we received while there. Although most areas here are well picked over, the desert continues to produce more finds. We would be happy to share our knowledge of this area. Steve & Shirley Greel, LHGMS

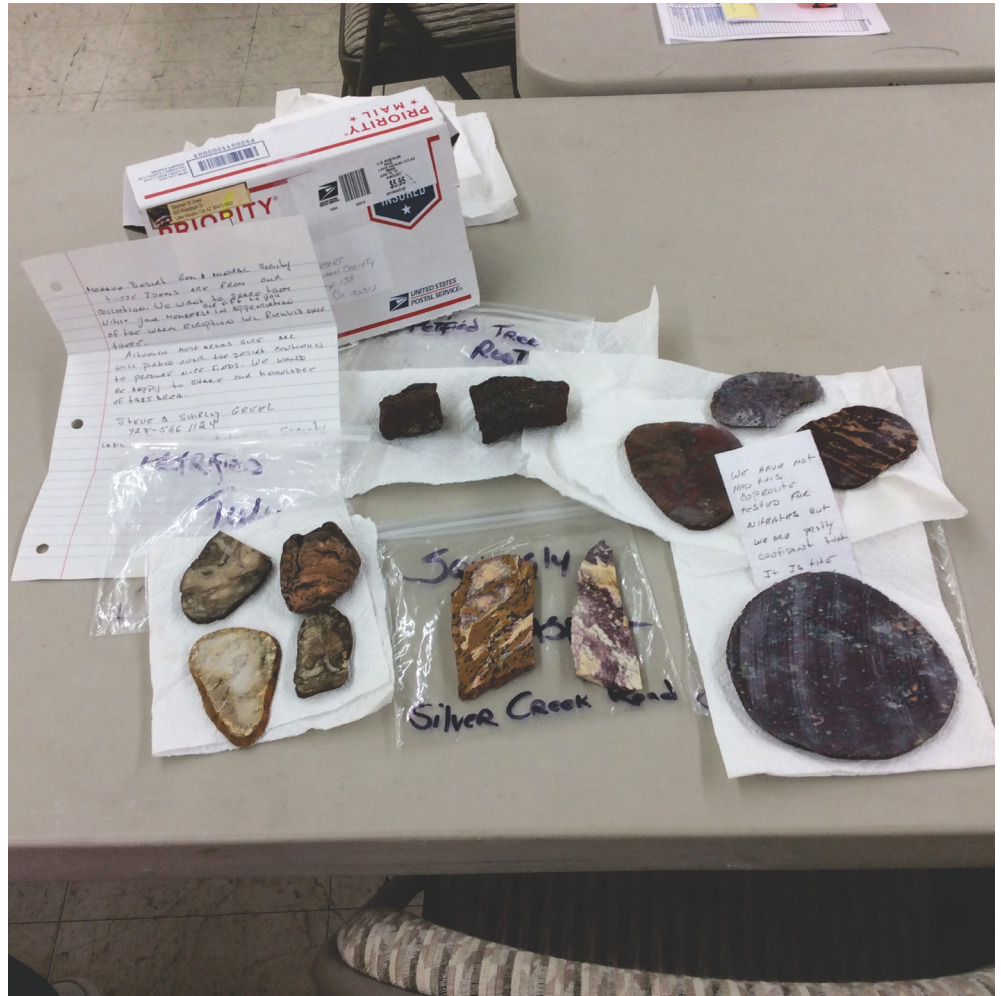
Walt Wright was at the April workshop and we surely wished Steve and Shirley had been there too, to join in the discussion. Walt’s identification of the samples differ. The four on the left, were identified as Stromatolite, Permian, found in the Kaibab Limestone - 280 million years old; in the older alluvium at Book Cliffs, near the Colorado River. Not petrified Tule Roots as first identified.

At the top the two dark pieces were first identified as petrified Tree Roots. Walt clarified this — they are petrified Ropy Fungus, Chinle Formation, Upper Triassic, 219 million years old.

The center two lower pieces Steve & Shirley called ‘Squiggly Jasper’ from Silver Creek Road. Walt noted that they were probably rhyolite in origin. They have a beautiful purple and gold pattern.

The four circular slabs on the right were hopefully Coprolite — but Walt identified them as Rhyolite also.

Walt was here to work on his determination of Danny Watts’ petrified Palm Frond find in the Cady Mountains. The palm fronds are Miocene in age, but Walt is researching if they are from the older Hector Formation, the Barstow Formation, or the Sleeping Beauty Formation. All three formations are in the Cady Mountains, the site of frequent Field Trips by our club members.



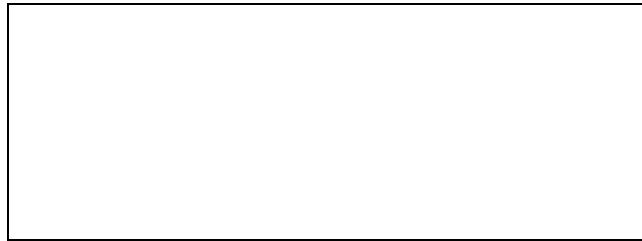
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