

# Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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### MDGMS Officers 2016

President: **Danny Watts**

Vice-President: **Dian Walker Hare**

Treasurer: **Judy Livingston**

Secretary: **La Vella Tomlinson**

### Board of Directors

**Bill Johnson**

**Kemp Root**

**Leslie Walker**

**Rob Stapp**

**Joe Summers**

Past Pres. **Vivian Watts**

### Annual Membership Dues

Adults: \$ 20.00

Juniors: \$ 10.00 (10-18 yr)

### Meetings / Workshops

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7:00 PM

Workshop: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 6:30 PM

Location: 25647 W. Main St

Barstow, Ca 92311

### Club Objectives

- **To collect and study minerals and rocks.**
- **To disseminate a general knowledge of the science of mineralogy and allied subjects.**
- **To provide opportunity for the exhibition and exchange of specimens.**

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web site — [www.mdgms.net](http://www.mdgms.net)

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## SHOW DATES – December to January 2017

**December 3 – 4: BARSTOW, CA**

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
Cora Harper Community Center  
841 S. Barstow Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Danny Watts, (760) 373-1309

Email: [dvwatts@msn.com](mailto:dvwatts@msn.com)

Website: [www.mdgms.net](http://www.mdgms.net)

**December 3 - 4 2010, LAKESIDE, CA**

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds

12584 Mapleview Street Hours: 9 - 4  
daily

Mary Ness, (619) 449-0759

Email: [ecvgms@gmail.com](mailto:ecvgms@gmail.com)

**December 9 – 10: RIALTO, CA**

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
City Hall Lot

105 South Palm Avenue Hours: 9 - Dusk  
daily

Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089

Email: [OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com](mailto:OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com)

**January 21 - 22: EXETER, CA**

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia  
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building  
324 N. Kaweah Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Laura Manser (559) 303-0632

Email: [ldriggs5@gmail.com](mailto:ldriggs5@gmail.com)



### December Birthdays

17 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Summers	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Rogow
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Baum		

## Rock of the Month: **Amazonite**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Amazonite** (sometimes called "Amazon stone") is a green variety of [microcline feldspar](#). The name is taken from that of the [Amazon River](#), from which certain green stones were formerly obtained, but it is doubtful whether green [feldspar](#) occurs in the Amazon area.

Amazonite is a mineral of limited occurrence. Formerly it was obtained almost exclusively from the area of [Miass](#) in the [Ilmeny Mountains](#), 50 miles southwest of [Chelyabinsk](#), [Russia](#), where it occurs in granitic rocks. More recently, high-quality crystals have been obtained from [Pike's Peak](#), [Colorado](#), where it is found associated with smoky [quartz](#), [orthoclase](#), and [albite](#) in a coarse [granite](#) or [pegmatite](#). Crystals of amazonite can also be found in Crystal Park, El Paso County, [Colorado](#). Other locations in the [United States](#) which yield amazonite include the Morefield Mine in [Amelia, Virginia](#).<sup>[4]</sup> It is also found in [pegmatite](#) in [Madagascar](#) and in [Brazil](#).

Because of its bright [green](#) color when polished, amazonite is sometimes cut and used as a cheap [gemstone](#), although it is easily fractured, and loses its gloss due to its softness. For many years, the source of amazonite's color was a mystery. Naturally, many people assumed the color was due to copper because [copper](#) compounds often have blue and green colors. More recent studies suggest that the blue-green color results from small quantities of [lead](#) and water in the feldspar.



Information and photo is from Wickipedia.com



Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be on the 3rd Friday December 16th, starting at 6 pm. There will be a potluck and a rock related gift exchange labeled for a man or woman.

*General Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2016*

The meeting was called to order by president **Danny Watts** at 7:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

*Guests & New Members:* **Ceci Kawasaki** brought her sister **Grace**; **Linda Lamora & Allan Deuitsman**, niece & nephew of **Bill Depue**, returned.

*Business:* Nominations: President **Danny Watts** announced that nominations for Officers & Board of Directors, 2017, could be made tonight.

President: There were no nominations. **Danny Watts** volunteered to the position of President.

Vice President: **Scott Stevenson** was nominated & volunteered for the position of Vice President.

Treasurer: There were no nominations. **Judy Livingston** volunteered to continue the position of Treasurer.

Secretary: There were no nominations. **La Vella Tomlinson** volunteered to continue the position of Secretary.

Board of Directors: These were the nominations and volunteers for the position of Board of Directors:

1. **Janna Johnson** was nominated & accepted the nomination.
2. **Kemp Root** was nominated by **Danny Watts**.
3. **Joe Sumners** was nominated & volunteered to continue on the Board of Directors.
4. **Toni Pizzo** was nominated & accepted the nomination.
5. **Bill Johnson** was nominated & volunteered to continue on the Board of Directors.
6. **John Printz** was nominated & accepted the nomination.
7. **Sandy Wagner** was nominated & accepted the nomination.
8. **Vivian Watts** will continue in the position of Past President on the Board of Directors.

**Dian Hare** made a motion & **Bill Johnson** seconded, that the nominations for Officers be accepted as noted and that a vote be made among the 7 nominations for the Board of Directors to fill the 5 positions open for 2017. This was approved by the membership. A written vote was done and **Janna Johnson, Kemp Root, Joe Sumners, Tony Pizzo, & Bill Johnson** were elected to the 5 positions of the Board of Directors for 2017. (An Addendum is needed because on Nov 8th, **Kemp Root** declined the position on the Board of Directors. **Danny Watts** said the 5th board member was **John Printz**.)

Business Cards for MDGMS: **Ceci Kawasaki** presented the format for new cards for MDGMS. These were designed by the computer-skilled daughter of her sister **Grace** with the information needed for a MDGMS card (name, mailing & street address, times of meetings, web site & gem tree logo). The new format was compared to the old business card & suggestions made by the members. A discussion about printing cost. The one site given by her niece was inexpensive but the quality was not good - quality preferred by the members. **Bill & La Vella Tomlinson** noted that the cards would be purchased from the advertising budget for the gem show, because when talking to someone at the show about our club, they can be given & if desired, write your name & phone number on the

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## *General Meeting Minutes continued...*

card & the card could also be used year-round. Ceci will continue to pursue this project. T-Shirts for MDGMS: **Judy Livingston** brought the club's T-shirts for purchase tonight. A discussion followed about selling the T-shirts at the gem show & it was decided to do this. Progress report on the Gem Show: **Danny Watts** gave a report on the vendors for the show. Signup sheets for volunteers for set up on Friday, potluck, spin the wheel, silent auction, welcome booth & raffle, security & take down on Sunday were started. Can't have the gem show without many volunteers — sign up to help where you can, you are needed.

*Displays:* **Danny** reported that display cases are still available — contact him if you want to have a display this year. **Cecil Kawasaki** reported that she has 40 gem trees made for a club gift inside each display case. **Danny** reported that **Steve Wittick** from the Antelope Valley club will be here again to demonstrate cab making on one of the club's Genies. Items are still needed for raffle prizes, can you donate a beautiful something? An assortment of Spin the Wheel gift items were on display — Painted rocks, scorpions poised on a rock slab (made by **Vivian Watts, Judy Livingston, Trish Sheppard, & Joyce De Garmo**). Several members are still making items — **Lana Heller-Wood** is making

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small figures glued to slabs donated by **Danny Watts**.

There will be a work party tomorrow at **Norm & Trisha Sheppard's** house to prepare items for the Silent Auction — **Danny & Vivian Watts, Norm & Trisha Sheppard, Scott Stevenson, Judy Livingston, Leslie Walker, Joan Bird & Joe Summers** have volunteered. Lake Havasu Show: **Gayle & Rick Gilpin** reported that their home rock club is having their show this weekend at Lake Havasu. They brought discount coupons for admission to the Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral club.

*Hostesses:* Hostesses for our delicious refreshments were **Dian Hare, Ceci Kawasaki, Sandy Wagner & Seth's mom. Vivian Watts** brought a chocolate & cherry cake to celebrate our club's November birthdays. Everything was delicious, Thank you.

*Program:* A hands-on Filling of the Grab Bags for the club's table at the gem show was the conclusion of a year of work for volunteer MDGMS club members. Six Hundred and Eight bags were filled (I counted and recounted those bags into stacks of 50— where did the extra 8 bags come from?). Volunteers that sewed the bags and donated fabric: **La Vella Tomlinson, Joan Bird, Therese Carlton, Kayla Begley, Leslie Walker, Lana**

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Heller-Wood, & Toni Pizzo sewed & drawstringed. George Kawasaki & Joyce De Garmo also donated fabric. Four Thousand two hundred rock samples were donated by Danny & Vivian Watts, Norm & Trish Sheppard, Bill & La Vella Tomlinson, Dian Hare, & Leslie Walker, Bill & Janna Johnson. Year-round labeling was done by Judy Livingston, Joe Summers, Danny & Vivian, Norm Sheppard, Leslie Walker, Bill & La Vella Tomlinson, Dian Hare, Gayle Gilpin. Thank you to everyone who circled the tables until all the bags were filled. A wonderful conclusion for a job well done.

*Cab of the Month:* **Scott Stevenson** won Cab of the Month with his large cab of white lace agate with a crystal center that he wire wrapped. Runner-up was **Seth Perez**, one of our Junior Members, with his cab #9 of moss agate - Congratulations. Also a runner-up was **Bill Johnson** with a cab of an unknown stone; a discussion followed as to what the stone might be.

*Door Prizes:* **Bill & Janna Johnson** gifted the door prizes. **Joseph Deer** drew the lucky tickets for the happy winners: **George Kawasaki, Bill Depue, Bill Tomlinson, Linda Lamora, La Vella Tomlinson, & Rick Deer.** Thank you for the wonderful slab assortment, **Bill & Janna.** The meeting was concluded at 9 pm by president **Danny Watts.**

If I forgot to thank anyone who has volunteered, let me know. Respectfully submitted,  
**La Vella Tomlinson, secretary**



Grab bag stuffing

See you all at the show December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.. Set up on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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