

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 Sumners

Past Pres. **Vivian Watts**

Annual Membership Dues

Adults: \$ 20.00

Juniors: \$ 10.00 (10-18 yr)

Meetings / Workshops

Meetings: 1st Friday 7:00 PM

Workshop: 3rd 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.**

facebook —

www.facebook.com/mojavedesertgemandmineralsociety

web site — www.mdgms.net

email — mdgms.contact@gmail.com

SHOW DATES – November

November 5 – 6: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society

Business Expo Center

1960 S. Anaheim Way

Hours: Sat 10 – 6; Sun 10 – 5

November 5 – 6: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society

Desert Empire Fairgrounds

520 South Richmond Road

Hours: 9 – 5 daily

November 5 – 6: SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society

Al Bahr Shrine Center

5440 Kearny Mesa Blvd

Hours: Sat 9:30 – 5:00; Sun 10:00 – 4:00

November 12 – 13: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

Scottish Rite Temple

6151 H Street

Hours: Sat 10 – 5 daily

November 12 – 13: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society

Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds – Franklin Hall

442 Franklin Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4

November 19 – 20: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

Oxnard Performing Arts Center

800 Hobson Way

Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4

December 3 – 4: BARSTOW, CA

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Cora Harper Community Center

841 S. Barstow Road Hours: 10 – 5 daily

Happy Birthday

4th **Nicolette Grill**

6th **Danny Watts**

14th **Joseph Salazar**

23rd **William Johnson**

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Rock of the Month: Chalcedony and/or Chalcedony Roses, “best identified by its dull, waxy appearance, conchoidal fracture, and often beautiful colors. It can be semitransparent to translucent or even completely opaque. Chalcedony and crystalline quartz are chemically the same, but chalcedony is microscopically crystallized and usually contains impurities. The surface tends to be botryoidal and is often smooth. The best formed bubbly pieces are referred to as chalcedony roses.” page 74, The Rockhound’s Handbook, By James R. Mitchell.



Chalcedony [cameo](#) of [Titus](#) head, 2nd Century AD from Wikipedia.com

The hardness is 6 to 7. Chalcedony includes Agates, Aventurine, Agatized Wood, Bloodstone, Carnelian, Chert and Flint, Chrysoprase, Geodes and Jasper.

Events and Activities:

October and November: Nominate officers and board members at the general meeting.

November: Vote for the officers and board members.

December: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Help set up for Our Big Show. Friday will be pot luck for members and vendors. Set up your display in the cases. Cora Harper Center in Barstow Saturday, Sign up for helping the auction, Genie, Spinning Wheel, Grab Bags, Club Booth and Opportunity drawing.

Friday 21st, Christmas party and potluck will be the third weekend

Hope you can make it, don't forget the rock related gift exchange and your favorite dish to share.

January: the 6th is Swear in the elected officers and board.

Also the Quartsite POW-WOW is 18th to 22nd.



42nd Annual Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Show

www.mdgms.net

Family Friendly Fun! FREE Admission

Date: December 3 & 4, 2016 (Sat & Sun)

Time: 10 am to 5 pm

Where: Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Barstow, CA 92311 (North of I-15 on Barstow Road)



AWESOME ACTIVITIES

- Demonstrations
- Displays (40 plus)
- Educational Exhibits
- Great Food
- Gem & Mineral Dealers
- Gifts for all Ages
- Jewelry Galore
- Kids Activities

Grab Bags

Spin the Wheel

- Lapidary Arts/Crafts
- Silent Auction
- Raffles



**Proceeds go to
our local Scholarship**

For information call: 760-373-1309

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General Meeting Minutes, October 6, 2016

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

Guests & New Members: **Sandy Wagner** brought her friend **Ann**, who did win a grab bag starter. We are also welcoming back **Scott Stevenson** – day shift AT LAST!

Hostesses: **Tony Pizzo & Lana Heller-Wood** brought our delicious refreshments & sweets to celebrate our October Happy Birthdays.

Business: The minutes for the September general meeting as read in the newsletter were motioned to approve by **Judy Livingston & Therese Carlson**; then approved by the membership.

2016 Officers & Board Members: **Danny Watts** described the process of installing 2016 officers for MDGMS: Needed are officers President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary and 5 Board of Directors. Nominations can be during this month & at the November 4th meeting. The person must be agreeable to be nominated. Voting for the 2016 slate will be at the November meeting. Installation of the new officers will be at the January 6th, 2017, meeting.

Membership: If you have not already early paid your annual membership dues for 2017, they are due starting in January & before March 1st. Adults: \$20 & Juniors: \$10 (10–18 y/o). The membership pays for the cost of receiving the newsletter & insurance that particularly covers use of the workshop machines & field trips, plus other small operating expenses. Remember.

Advertising for the Gem & Mineral Show, 2016: **Bill & La Vella Tomlinson** reported that arrangements have been made with the Desert Dispatch & Daily Press newspaper for advertising in the same format and price (with a non-profit discount) as last year – just over \$1200. This includes ads in both the Desert Dispatch & Daily Press newspapers starting on the Friday after Thanksgiving & a front page banner just before the Dec 3rd & 4th Mineral Show; also in the Kicks weekend paper & on the newspapers' web site which will transfer to our club's web site poster advertisement (updated by **Melita Crowell**).

The budget last year of \$1500 also covered the cost of photo coping flyers & extra postage. After discussion, **Bill Johnson** moved & **Judy Livingston** seconded that the advertising budget for 2016 MDGMS Gem & Mineral Show be renewed at \$1500. This was voted approved by the membership. **La Vella** had copies of the show fliers available and asked that everyone take at least one to post – at work, at another club meeting, at a business. **Danny & Vivian Watts** also took 60 for distribution to the Trona Show this weekend. **La Vella** reported that we are on the Barstow Chamber of Commerce' s calendar & an announcement

of our Gem show will also be sent by email to all the members of the Chamber of Commerce. **Bill Johnson** reported that a fee of \$50 would have the announcement in our club Facebook site sent to all the local Facebook sites.

More discussion followed of other methods of advertisement available to the club. **Kemp Root** motioned & **Vivian Watts** seconded that an additional \$500 be added to the 2016 Gem Show Advertising Budget so that new avenues of advertisement can be utilized this year; for a total budget of \$2000. This motion was voted & passed by the membership.

Grab Bags Report: **La Vella** reported that 600 bags have been sewn & ready for filling. **Therese Carlson** has brought another dozen tonight & **Joan Bird** has her 150 coming from Pahrump next week. **Danny** asks that if anyone has any small rocks that can be used to fill the grab bags to please bring them as we have fewer ready this year than usual. Do not need to supply 600 of one kind of an interesting rock; smaller amounts will add up. **Bill Johnson** will ask his father in Idaho to send a box of tumble polished rocks to include. **T-Shirts:** **Judy Livingston** brought in a box of the new club T-shirts, made by Barstow Print & Play, in the sizes of small to 3X, & cost between \$10 - \$15, the larger sizes costing more. Many of this original printing of 42 T-shirts were pre-ordered by members, so after discussion it was decided to have more T-shirts made so they would be available for our December Mineral Show.

Program: Trona Gem Club & Gem-o-Rama Annual Show & Field Trips.

Danny Watts brought a video on the Trona Show, which is this weekend. The video covered the events of the show & also the collecting field trips out on Searles Lake. The first is the Mud Trip - the crystals are in the black-green mud. A bit like a muddy Easter Egg hunt. Between the brine & the mud it is best to wear disposable clothes. The second is to the Blow Hole. There are 6-7 kinds of crystals found here, with the Sulfa-halite crystals being rare & Trona crystals also found. The Hanksite crystals are the most abundant, found only here at Searles Lake & in Uganda, Africa. Crystals are found at 30 to 43 feet deep. The Trona Mineral Corp blasts holes in the lake bed & pumps out the crystals in their brine out into a circle, where they can be found by a couple of hundred field trippers. The third trip is to the Brine Pools. Pink Halite is found on the ledges of the pools. **Danny** reports that a pick axe and a 6 ft pry bar with a wide tipped end (can be rented), sturdy cardboard boxes, & muscle power are the best tools. On his first field trip **Danny** followed the Mesa, Arizona, college group and learned the best way to collect. Many of the

crystals are cleaned in the brine with a brush, not soaked; brine can be purchased in a bottle from the club's general store. Let the crystal air dry several hours and rub on mineral oil to keep air from turning the crystal to a white powder. Blot excess oil. The mineral oil rub may need to be repeated each year. Bad news is that the Trona Mineral Corp may discontinue sponsoring the dry lake bed trips. **Danny** reports that he likes to go on collecting trips up Panamint Valley & Mountains & others go towards the El Paso Mountains. The Trona Pinnacles are great to see in person too. The tufa pinnacles have been in several movies. Another landmark is the road sign: End of the World - 10 miles; Trona - 15 miles.

Cab of the Month: **Kemp Root** won with his #1 cab of petrified Palm Root, found in the Calico Mountains. Runners up were a cab of Rose Quartz from the Greenhorn Mts; freeform Crazy Lace Agate made by **Lana Heller-Wood**; and a Moss Agate cab by **Scott Stevenson**.

Share & Tell: **Bill Johnson** has been roaming the Mitchell Mts (behind the drive-in) and brought jasper found in veins of Barite. He sliced some of the jasper which is pastel inside. **Toni & Lana** have been roaming on the north side of the Calico Mts & brought some of their chalcedony and jasper-agate finds.

Door Prizes: **Sandy Wagner & Bill Johnson** brought mysterious brown paper bags gifted for door prizes. Top Notch from the Cady Mts; Graveyard Plume from Oregon, Chalcedony, Snowflake Obsidian, Crazy Lace Agate and more were won by: **Gayle, Toni, Rick, Joe, Sandy, Janna, Ed, Ann, Bill De Pue, Vivian, Judy & Scott**. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm by president **Danny Watts**.
Respectively Submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary

Exhibitor Application - MDGMS

PO Box 138, Barstow, Ca 92312-0138

We invite you to enter a display at our Annual Gem & Mineral show on December 3th and 4th, 2016. Our show will be held in the community center, 841 S. Barstow Rd. Please complete the application by November 4th and return to PO Box 138, Barstow, Ca 92312-138. Display may be set up from 3:00PM to 7:00 PM on Friday Dec. 2nd. Tear down will be from 5:00 PM Sunday.

The club will host a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday Dec, 2nd for all guest exhibitors, dealers and our club members. We hope you will attend. I will need _____ display cases, size 44 x 21 .

Below is a brief description of my display entry/entries:

Name: _____ Address _____

Phone _____

For more information please call Danny Watts (760)-373-1309

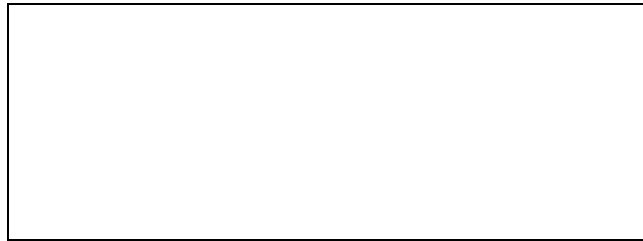
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