

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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MDGMS Officers 2017

President: **Danny Watts**
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Treasurer: **Judy Livingston**
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Board of Directors

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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: 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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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www.facebook.com/mojavedesertgemandmineralsociety

web site — www.mdgms.net

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SHOW DATES - **October 7 - 8: BORON**

**Mojave Mineralogical Society, Boron
Community Center 26998 John Street
Hours: 9 - 4 daily
Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829**

**October 7 - 8: GRASS VALLEY, CA
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Anita Wald-Tuttle, (530) 277-6195**

**October 7 - 8: VISTA, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Ave Hours: Sat 10 - 5;
Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Kelly Hickman,
(760)639-0447**

**October 8: FALLBROOK, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building
123 West Alvarado Street :Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-1130**

**October 14 - 15: ANDERSON, CA
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
1890 Briggs Street, off SR 273
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Steve Puderbaugh, 530-604-2951**

**October 14 - 15: TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building 13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4 Contact: Jim
& Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356**

**October 21: WEST HILLS, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way Hours: 10 - 5
Contact: Virginia Rotramel, (951) 403-2634**

SHOW DATES – October

October 21 - 22: PLACERVILLE, CA
 El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
 El Dorado County Fairgrounds
 100 Placerville Drive
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: (530) 676-2472
 Email: info@rockandgemshow.org

October 21 - 22: SANTA ROSA, CA
 Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
 The Veterans Memorial (new date & location)
 1351 Maple Avenue
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Jolene Coon
 Email: santarosarockshow@hotmail.com

October 21 - 22: WHITTIER, CA
 Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
 Whittier Community Center
 7630 Washington Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Yvonne Morton, (562) 895-8667
 Email: will.yvonne.morton@verizon.net

October 28 - 29: LOS ALTOS, CA
 Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
 Los Altos Youth Center
 One North San Antonio Road
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384
 Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net

October 28 - 29: SACRAMENTO, CA
 Sacramento Mineral Society
 Scottish Rite Temple
 6151 H Street
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 662-5819
 Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org

Rock of the Month: **Searles Lake Minerals**

Searles Lake contains 98 of the 104 naturally occurring chemical elements. October 14th and 15th in Trona, California, the Gem-O-Rama is happening. Rock collectors from all around the world come to collect crystals from the lake. According to the new book, Why Would Anyone go to Trona? By Bryce Steven Banks, “The value of the minerals taken from the Searles Lake exceeds the value of all the gold found during the California Gold Rush(1848-1855).” Join the activities by paying a small fee to collect beautiful salt specimens in the brine lakes or visit the Gem-O-Rama to see the displays of Hanksite, Halite, Nacholite, and Trona. Visit Two Sisters Rock Shop and say “Hi” to **Dian & Leslie**. There are lots of rocks, jewelry, beads, geodes to cut, and food to eat. **Danny** and Vivian Watts usually camp out and go rockhounding in the area. Also, don’t forget the show in nearby Boron the week before!

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

7th	Scott Stevenson	7 th	Ann Sexton	9th	Danny Davis
10th	Abigail Baum	12th	Alex Falkowski	13th	Don DePue
14th	Ken Barwick	14th	Ted Hadley	25th	Gloria Moore

Exhibitor Application Annual Gem & Mineral show on December 2nd and 3rd, 2017

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 2nd and 3rd, 2017. 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. 1st

Tear down will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, Dec.3rd.

The club will host a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday Dec, 1st for all guest exhibitors, dealers and our club members. We hope you will attend.

I will need _____ display cases, size 44 x 21 inches

I will need _____ space for my own display cases.

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

To be placed in your showcase, please print

Name: _____ Address _____

Phone _____

Exhibitor name badges: Please print 1 _____ 2 _____

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

Workshop News The Genie's were singing. Many beautiful finished cabs on top of the tray. (Going to be a lively Cab of the Month for the October 6th meeting! Toni & Lana bagged & labeled 600 Barstow jaspers . Bill & La Vella bagged & labeled 175 (on the way to 600) an assortment of tumble polished Tiger's Eye, Sodalite, Hematite & Amethyst. Those grab bags are starting to fill up.



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General Meeting Minutes - September 1, 2017 The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by president **Danny Watts**.

Business: **Judy Livingston** gave a report on mail received by the club — A.F.M.S. Newsletters & notifications of upcoming shows: the Trona Gem-O-Rama will be the second weekend in October. Victor Valley College sent a receipt for **Ludymar's** scholarship payment & a thank you for supporting students. **Judy** gave the treasurer's report.

Gem & Mineral December Show Report given by **Danny Watts**: Vendors have started to pay their table fees for the show. City of Barstow needs to be acknowledged as providing the Cora Harper Center for the show. The club will be finding another local insurance source covering the show only; insurance information needs to be provided for the City of Barstow.

La Vella Tomlinson reported that the 600 grab bags sewn by **Joan Bird, Therese Carlson & La Vella** are done. Now we still need rock sample fillings for the bags some larger rocks especially. **Trisha & Norm** are tumbling rocks for the bags. **Dian Hare & Bill Tomlinson** are packaging small mineral & crystal samples for the grab bags. Thank you to all at last month's workshop who painted rocks for Spin the Wheel prizes—**Lana Heller-Wood, Daniel & Elgin Wood, Seth Perez, Judy Livingston, Donna Patterson, Trisha Sheppard, Dian Hare, Gloria Moore, Leslie Walker, Scott Stevenson, & La Vella & Bill Tomlinson**.

The advertising for our MDGMS Gem & Mineral Show on December 2nd & 3rd was discussed. **Toni Pizzo** moved & **Judy Livingston** seconded that the advertising budget for the 2017 show be \$1500. This motion was unanimously approved by the membership. This will include the yearly fee for the Facebook Event Notification for our Facebook site managed by **Bill Johnson**.

Danny Watts thanked **Scott Stevenson** for handling the general meetings when **Danny** was out of town. **Donna Patterson** is the new Hospitality chair & **Toni Pizzo** the new club librarian, thank you. Thank you to **Judy Livingston** for the great job she is doing as treasurer and **Leslie Walker** for the newsletter and lapidary workshop instruction. And we all thanked **Danny** for the great job he is doing as president and show chairman.

Bill Johnson moved & **Trisha Sheppard** seconded that the minutes of the August general meeting be approved as read in the newsletter. The motion was approved by the membership.

Program: Weird & Strange Places to Rockhound - Stories from the Club Members

Bill Depue says the whole Mojave Desert qualifies. **Vivian Watts** found a Crinoid Stem fossil carving of an alligator at a thrift store. **Danny Watts** finds beads & rock treasures at shows, rockhound sales & yard & garden departments. **Leslie Walker, Dian Hare & Donna Patterson** went to the Barstow Jasper site in Lenwood - very strange that everyone has driven within feet of the site coming to meetings. And that is a clue - stop where you have kept driving by before.

Vivian Watts reminds us to look in the middle of a dirt road, tires have churned up rocks; look at your feet - there's probably petrified wood by your toe; If you fall, look at the ground in front of your face; on field trips look where others are not looking; use a black light at night (you can also find scorpions-they glow lime green). **Scott Stevenson** met a Chaplain at Fort Irwin who has gathered rocks from the desert. Asked him to consider running a grader through the Chapinite mine dumps on Fort Irwin. **La Vella & Bill Tomlinson** have found great rocks at old town dumps (especially the Yermo dump) where torn down rock walls & rocks from yard clean-up have been dumped. **Trisha Sheppard** finds great rocks in her backyard. New workshop members have found good slabs in the Gold Pan (donated by **Bill Depue**) for their first projects. And Diamond Pacific is another place to find good material - no 4 wheel drive needed.

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Hostess: Refreshments for our conversation time were brought by **Vivian Watts & Scott Stevenson**. **Vivian** made delicious chocolate cupcakes with her special chocolate curl icing, cream puffs with banana & strawberry filling, & cantaloupe. **Scott** brought Red Velvet cookies.

Rock of the Month — Show & Tell: Turritella agate is Rock of the Month and a big chunk with cute little curls and turrets that stuck out all over, was brought by **Trisha Sheppard**. She found it in her backyard & was probably from her father **Art Riggle's** collection.

Donna Patterson shared a large turreted fossil shell and palm root fossils too. **La Vella Tomlinson** shared her fossil fish from the Green River Formation - the same formation in Wyoming that has the turritella agate. **La Vella** also shared her "Bring me a Rock, thanks": lava pebbles from the Black Sand Beach in Iceland; miniature Flint nodule & limestone from the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Minnesota; miocene fossil shark teeth from Brantley Co., Georgia; Edwards Onyx from Hwy 58 field trip.

Danny Watts shared beads found at a show and strung by **Vivian** into a Rosary & other fossils.

Vivian Watts shared her beaded bracelets made in the style of **Sherry George** who demonstrates at our December Gem Show. Each of **Vivian's** bracelet designs are one of a kind with designs of humming birds, oriental poppies, owls, Koi fish, cats. She has also made a star for one of **Danny's** lapidary boxes.

Lana Heller-Wood shared two large ammonite fossils to share from Jesse Collins' collection, and some rocks her sister brought her from Moonstone Beach near Hearst's Castle, limestone & jasper is varied colors. **Vivian Watts** shared the information that San Simeon Creek has many boulders in many colors and that most the moonstone is really opalized broken beach glass, but there is real moonstone there.

Carlos Avila brought interesting patterned wave tumbled rocks & agate from Cabrillo Beach in Los Angeles County. He also found a 14 ca. gold ring in the beach sand. Made his trip very interesting.

Cab of the Month: **Danny Watts** won cab of the month with his #13 cab that was made from a Richardson Ranch Thunderegg agate center. He made the cab while demonstrating for the Antelope Valley Rock Club at the Fair.

Denise Orebaugh came in second with her agate heart made at the Friday Lapidary workshop from a slab out of the gold pan. **Denise** is one of **Leslie Walker's** lapidary workshop students.

Workshop: **Leslie Walker & Scott Stevenson** are the lapidary instructors at the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Friday (haven't had a 5th Friday yet) workshops, 6:30 pm. Lots of fun.

Danny Watts gave a Genie Quiz:

1. What grit is the 1st Nova wheel? (answer, 280)

2. What grit is the last wheel on the older Genie? (14,000)

[Hint - answers to all the Genie wheels is on a large poster above the Genie's in the workshop.]

3. What is the last wheel on the new Expert machines? (Cerium polish)

[One of the new Experts has two wheels reversed—must be rearranged.]

4. There are two trim saws; how much water do you put into the machine to use the cutting blade? (Enough water that the spinning wheels spatter out the water).

Remember that MDGMS club members receive a 10% discount at Diamond Pacific.

Door Prizes: **Vivian & Danny Watts** gifted some of their grab bags full of rocks & minerals they have collected for tonight's door prizes. Happy winners were: **Danny** drew his own number first, **Shelby**, a new guest to our meeting, **Mayra Avila**, **Therese Carlson**, **Judy Livingston**, **Vivian Watts**, **Donna Patterson**, **Scott Stevenson**, & **Bill Depue**. Thank you for the bags full of surprises.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was by **Toni Pizzo & Janna Johnson**. Everyone agreed that it had been a good meeting. President **Danny Watts** adjourned at 9 pm. Respectfully submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary

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