

DESERT DIGGINS

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SOCIETY 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.



SHOW SCHEDULE

by Peggy Haines

The first weekend in December marks our 37th annual Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral show . The show dates are **December 1st and 2nd 2012**. We still need volunteers in **ALL** areas. Schedule of events:

Friday, November 30th

- **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** - Volunteer club members will meet at the Cora Harper Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Road, for set-up (assemble cases, affix lighting, skirt tables, electrical, clean up, etc.). Bring an electric drill to assemble cases.

- **12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.** – Club members can arrange their display cases.

- **6:00 p.m.** – Potluck for show dealers, exhibitors, club members and guests (about 75). Bring your favorite dish and place settings.

Saturday, December 1st

- **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** - Club members are needed to work the silent auction, wheel of fortune, demonstrate the Genie, serve as security, and assist as needed.

- **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** – Two overnight volunteers will stay for show security. You need to bring your own cots and sleeping bags.

Sunday, December 2nd

- **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** - Club members are needed to work the silent auction, wheel of fortune, demonstrate the Genie, serve as security, and assist as needed.

- **5:00 p.m. to done** – Dismantle your exhibits, assist with clean-up and show pack down (unskirt, flatten, stack, and store tables, disassemble cases, re-load club trailer). Bring an electric drill to disassemble cases.

Note: This year the Friday set up time has been changed to begin at 10:00 a.m. This is because the new floor has to have a 'double pad' put down before we can set up.





"Half-a-Million-Nickels"
campaign ends in
November.

Our club has raised \$124.22
towards the California
Federation of Mineralogical
Societies (CFMS)
Endowment Fund.



**What's
Happening**

**Planned
Field Trips 2012**

Jan 21 — Brown Butte
Feb 18 — Kramer Junction
Mar 17 — Bakersfield Show
Apr 21 — Lucerne Valley
May 19 — Sheep Springs
Jun 16 — Victorville
Jul 21 — San Simeon
Aug 18 — Wrightwood
Sep 22 — Panamint Valley
Oct 13 — Trona Show

OFFICER'S DUTIES

by Peggy Haines

Officers

Officers are elected annually by ballot from among the Active members of the Society. The office is held for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

President

- Preside at all meetings (by-laws article VII)
- Perform duties customary to the office (by-laws article VII)
- Appoint committees as deemed necessary (by-laws article VIII)
- Designate date and time of board meetings (by-laws article VI)
- Serve as ex-officio chairperson of the Board of Directors (by-laws article VI)
- Serve on board of directors as past-president (following year) (by-laws article VI)

Vice President

- Preside at all meetings and perform all the duties of the President in his absence or inability to serve (by-laws article VII)
- Arrange monthly meeting program (CD/DVD, demonstration, speaker, etc)
- Handout door prize tickets during break

Cab of the Month:

- Turn on light over cabs on laminated sheet
- Ensure voting paper and pencils are available
- Count votes and provide winning cab number to President

Gold Pan:

- Encourage donations
- Inform members of new items available
- Collect donation monies and give to Treasurer

Secretary

- Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors (by-laws Article VII) email to editor
- Serve as ex-officio secretary of the Board of Directors (by-laws Article VI)
- If unable to attend a meeting, assign a Board of Directors member to act on your behalf
- Receive new membership application (from Treasurer)
- Provide Editor with new member name, address, and birthday
- Maintain master files; Society records, correspondence, approved minutes, and forms
- Mail sympathy and get well cards to members and notify President
- Notify all applicants of election (by-laws Article VII)
- Answer the routine correspondence of the Society (by-laws Article VII)
- Maintain and update Society membership directory (Treasurer provides paid status and application). Provide members with annual membership directory
- Pick up the mail and distribute as necessary

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SHOW, TELL, SHARE

by Peggy Haines



How it works:

Members bring their favorite “themed” specimens that they have acquired through trade, purchase, or personal finds to the general meeting. Everyone has a turn to **show** what they brought and **tell** about it.

The theme for November is “**Metallic Gems**”. Be sure to bring this month’s “themed” specimens to **share**.

Themes for 2012:

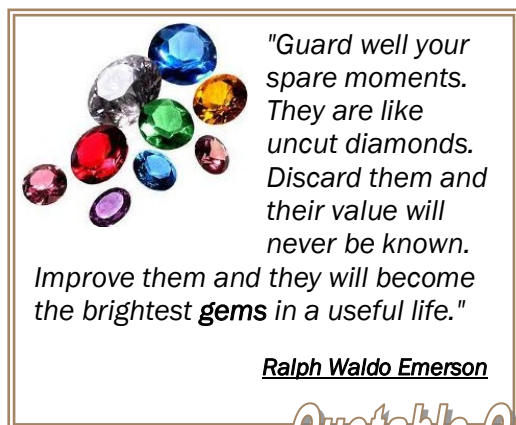
- ~~January~~ Luminescent Minerals
- ~~February~~ Fossilized Plants
- ~~March~~ Volcanic Rocks
- ~~April~~ Meteorites
- ~~May~~ Manmade Tools
- ~~June~~ None (Barbecue)
- ~~July~~ Lapidary Arts
- ~~August~~ Synthetics
- ~~September~~ Saps
- ~~October~~ Ores
- **November - Metallic Gems**
- ~~December~~ - None (Party)

Metallic Gems:

Many gems are produced from metallic minerals containing elemental metals as the main part of their chemistry. These gems contain elemental metals such as copper, cobalt, iron, lead, nickel, titanium and zinc. Others, such as gold and silver, are native elements. Some gems, such as Campbellite and Mohawkite, are a conglomeration of several metals and other minerals.

Some examples:

- Bornite**
- Campbellite**
- Chalcopyrite**
- Chromite**
- Copper**
- Covellite**
- Galena**
- Goethite**
- Gold**
- Hematite**
- Limonite**
- Magnetite**
- Marcasite**
- Pallasite**
- Platinum**
- Psilomelane**
- Pyrite**
- Silver**
- Stibnite**



"Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known.

*Improve them and they will become the brightest **gems** in a useful life."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Quotable Quotes

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

by Peggy Haines

The below used equipment is currently for sale. If interested, please contact Janet at (760) 275-7014:

Genie

The complete all *diamond* grinding & polishing machine
\$1,300.00

Trim Saw Attachment

Convert your Genie to a trim saw in a matter of minutes
\$150.00



Primary Business Address

Mojave Desert
Gem & Mineral Society
P.O. Box 138
Barstow, CA 92312-0138

Phone: (760) 255-1030

We're on the Web!
www.mdgms.org



Organization

MDGMS Officers 2012

President: Vivian Watts
Vice President: Dian Hare
Secretary: La Vella Tomlinson
Treasurer: Janet Wentz

Board of Directors 2012

Nick Beall
Donna Patterson
Kemp Root
Rob Stapp
Danny Watts
Past Pres: Scott Stevenson

Meetings/Workshops/Trips

Meetings: 1st Fri (7:00pm)
Workshops: 3rd Fri (6:30pm)
Field Trips: 3rd Sat (8:00am)
Location: 25647 W. Main,
Barstow, CA 92312

Annual Membership Dues

Adults: \$20.00
Juniors: \$10.00 (10-18 years)

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WORKSHOP WRAP

by Peggy Haines



Thanks to all who donated supplies, time, talents, and treasures

Auction donations:

- Toles — Aragonite, Chalcopyrite, Galena, Silver Ore, Topaz Crystals, and Wulfenite

Grab bag donations:

- Bird — A mix of special creations
- Crowell — Iron Ore, Calcite, Chalcedony (Wiley Wells), Onyx (Trona)
- Sheppard — Specimen slices
- Watts — Iron Ore and Calcite

Wheel-of-fortune (wire gem trees):

- Dian Hare — Multi-colored wire
- JoAnn Beall — Polished slices and coral
- Tricia Sheppard — Wire, leaves, beads
- Vivian Watts — Peridot for flowers, scorpion supplies

**November 16th will be our last workshop
of the year. We will be stuffing
600 grab bags.
Hope you can make it,
this is always a fun event!**



CALENDAR COUNTDOWN NOVEMBER 2012



3-4: LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club;
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds; 2551 West Avenue H; Hours:
Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4; Email: pgmc@antelecom.net;
Website: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

3-4 – RIDGECREST, CA: Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society; Desert Empire
Fairgrounds; 520 West Richmond Road; Hours: 9 - 5 daily; Contact: John DeRosa,
(760) 375-7905; Email: IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com;
www.indianwells.weebly.com

17-18: OXNARD, CALIFORNIA: Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society; Oxnard Performing
Arts Center; 800 Hobson Way; Hours: Sat. 9 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4; Contact: Brett
Johnson, (805) 822-3836; Email: show_info@oxnardgem.com;
Website: www.oxnardgem.com

OFFICER'S DUTIES

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Treasurer

- Receive all dues and other monies, and disburse same when authorized by the Board of Directors (by-laws Article VII)
- Keep a full and accurate account of such transactions and render a report to the Society upon request (by-laws Article VII)
- Deposit monies in the Society's accounts
- Provide a yearly written report at each annual meeting (by-laws Article VII)
- Provide report to the Board of Directors or the President when requested (by-laws Article VII)
- Perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or the Society shall direct (by-laws Article VII)
- Provide updates to Secretary for membership directory
- Give new member application to Secretary for filing
- Keep accurate records of all accounts using an approved accounting method
- Ascertain the Society's insurance requisites for property and liability
- Prepare and remit taxes as necessary
- Responsible for paying scholarships directly to the school for the recipients
- Provide books to Board of Directors on December 31st for auditing (by-laws Article VII)

Board of Directors

Board of Directors consist of the officers of the Society as members ex-officio, the immediate past president, and five Active members of the Society elected at large at the time of the regular election of officers.

The President of the Society is the ex-officio chairperson and the Secretary is the ex-officio secretary of the Board of Directors.

- Approve those proposed for Honorary Membership (by-laws Article III)
- Shall meet at such times as the President shall designate (by-laws Article VI)
- Conduct business of the Society and shall have general management and control of all Society property, effects and assets (by-laws Article VII)
- Remit dues, make suggestions for rules and regulations as in their judgment are necessary and proper . . . (by-laws Article VII)
- Possess such other powers and perform such other duties as the Society shall prescribe (by-laws Article VII)
- Appoint an auditor to audit the books of the outgoing Treasurer and report at the annual meeting (by-laws Article VII)
- May hold special meetings (by-laws Article IX)



Birthday Blowout



- 04 – Nicolette Grill
- 06 – Danny Watts
- 15 – Dan Moore
- 18 – Carie Gillmore
- 18 – Rev. Clifton Lesley
- 25 – Debbie Savacool

Birthstone:

Topaz & Citrine

Flower: Chrysanthemum

Signs: Scorpio (until 22th)
Sagittarius (beg 23rd)



Mark
Your
Calendar

Club Calendar November 2012

- 02 – Gen Mtg 7:00pm
- 04 – Daylight Saving Time
- 06 – Election Day
- 11 – Veterans' Day
- 16 – Workshop 6:30pm
- 17 – Field Trip (Unknown)
- 22 – Thanksgiving Day
- 30 – Gem Show Set-up

Hostess:
No Volunteers



**Rock Related
Door Prizes:**
No Donors

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

General Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2012



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by **Vivian Watts**, followed by the flag salute. Happy Birthdays were wished to our members for October.

Guests / New Members: **Penny Harper** brought **Soyoko** from Japan. **Gayle & Rick Galpin & Edith Walden**, from the Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Club also visited with an invitation to the Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral show the 2nd weekend in November. **Edith** was born in Barstow and her grandfather **Ed Mulcahy** was one of the last miners in Calico. **Alex Fowler** is now a new member.

Program: **Danny Watts** gave the program on the value of our club's library. Research in the past "Rock & Gem" magazines yielded the site of the Illemite Mine & a field trip for our club. He also found an article featuring **Art & Rosamond Riggle**. **Gene Haines** recommended reading the "Crafts Award of the Month", where there are many ideas for lapidary projects. These magazines can be checked out.

Hostess / Door Prizes: **Tricia Sheppard & Therese Carlson** brought the refreshments. Thank you to all our wonderful hostesses. Door Prizes were donated by **Steve, Melita, and Broedy Crowell**. There were 12 lucky winners of onyx slabs, many collected on field trips: Panamint Valley onyx, Root Beer Cave onyx, pink Ballarat marble, Tri-colored marble, & travertine. One slab traveled back to Japan with **Soyoko**

Business Reports: **Vivian Watts** moved, and **Penny** seconded, & the membership passed approval for the club to subscribe to the Rock & Gem Magazine for the library. **Vivian** moved & **Tricia Sheppard** seconded the motion & the membership approved the September minutes with **Vivian's** correction that it is the Antelope Valley Fair that has invited our members, especially our Junior Members to display. The AV Fair does have a 'competition' category. **Janet Wentz**, due to illness, has resigned as the club's treasurer. **Gene Haines** is acting treasurer. **Gene** reports that he is organizing the club's Mineral Show expenses and a current financial spread sheet. A reminder that we need member signups for the Mineral Show in December and donations for the silent auction, opportunity drawing & spin the wheel prizes - which can be tax deductible. **Danny Watts** reported that the new cases for the show's displays will be the same size, lighter, faster set-up, will collapse & fold needing less storage space. There will be 30 cases. It is time for nomination, volunteering, voting & appointment of new Officers, Board Members, and Coordinator positions. **Danny Watts, Rob Stapp, Steve Crowell, Nick Beall, & Melita Crowell** have volunteered to be Board Members. **Donna Patterson** has volunteered to be the Hospitality Coordinator. **Peggy Haines** reports that it is time for a new volunteer for the Newsletter Editor. The Treasurer position is open

Cab of the Month: Rutilated Quartz cab by **Danny Watts** won cab of the month. **Leslie Walker's** cabs of obsidian and rhodonite were a close 2nd.

Show, Tell, Share: **Penny, Rob, La Vella & Bill, Tricia & Norm, & Broedy** shared very interesting ore from local mines & copper minerals from Arizona. Our visitors shared pendants made from the scraps of granite left from the London Bridge on Lake Havasu. They are a fund raiser for the Lake Havasu museum. There were buckets of 600 mineral specimens collected for the grab bags. **Steve, Melita & Broedy** donated Chalcedony from Wiley Wells; **Danny & Vivian Watts** donated iron ore samples and calcite from the Panamint Valley field Trip. **Charles Toles** donated Galena & silver ore, chalcopyrite, wulfenite, aragonite & Topaz crystals for the silent auction. Thank you everyone for sharing.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by **Tricia & Leslie**; adjourned by **Vivian Watts**, at 8:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, Secretary



EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

MOJAVE DESERT GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

P.O.BOX 138, BARSTOW, CA 92312-0138

Dear Fellow Rockhound:

We invite you to enter a display at our Annual Gem and Mineral show this **December 1 and 2, 2012**. Our show will be held in the Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Road, Barstow, CA. If you can join us, please complete this application by **November 1, 2012** and return it to P.O. Box 138, Barstow, CA 92312-0138.

Display(s) may be set up from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, **November 30, 2012**. Pack down will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, **December 2, 2012**.

Our club will host a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, **November 30, 2012** for all guest exhibitors, dealers, and our club members. We hope you will plan to attend.

I will **NEED** _____ display case(s), size 2' x 2' x 4' wide

I will **BRING** _____ display case(s) of my own, size _____

Below is a brief description of my entry/entries:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME TAG INSIDE YOUR CASES

NAME	First	Last	M.I.
ADDRESS	Street		
	City	State	Zip
PHONE	Home ()	Work ()	Cell ()

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAMES BELOW FOR EXHIBITOR BADGES:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

For more information, call Gene Haines at (760) 256-0595

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