

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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MDGMS Officers 2017

President: **Danny Watts**
Vice-President: **Scott Stevenson**
Treasurer: **Judy Livingston**
Secretary: **La Vella Tomlinson**

Board of Directors

Bill Johnson
Janna Johnson
Joe Sumners
Tony Pizzo
John Printz
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.
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SHOW DATES

February 17 - 26: INDIIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival,
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
82-503 Highway 111

Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674

Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 18 - 19: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Gem Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th St. Hours: 10 - 5 Contact: Brenda
Miguel, (925) 301-6957

Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com

Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 25 - 26: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Dr. 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950

Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net

Happy Birthday



7th Norm Shepeard
11th Edward Daren
11th Ronald Millard
14th Edgar Skidmore
15th Judy Witte
16th Kent Berryman
16th La Vella Tomlinson
17th Clyde Bedford
20th Joan Bird
24th Melita Crowell
26th Vivian Watts

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Rock of the Month: **Heart Shape Rocks**



If you have any heart shape rocks, please bring them to share for the February meeting. These rocks can be man made or natural. Also, enter your own heart shaped cabochon in the “Cab of the Month”

Send us your email address and you can get the color pictures in your newsletter.



Scott Stevenson's Chapenite won “Cab of the Month”!

*Thank you Thank you Thank you
- Walt Wright for the fantastic Petrified Wood Display!*

Dave Walker and Lynn Frazee looking at the Petrified wood



Gayle Gilpin and Dian Hare greeted attendees and signed up several new memberships. Welcome: Robert Banbury, Joyce De Garmo, Marlene Donashe, Liz Dyson, Nancy Perkins, Barton Solomon, Tracy Windsor, Blaine & Judy Witte and Junior member, Zeke O' Dell.

Joseph Deer receives California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) "Junior Rockhouser of the Year" award. Congratulations



Joseph!

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New board members: Top row, **Danny Watts**, Pres, **Vivian Watts**, Past. Pres. **Judy Livingston**, Treasurer, **John Printz**, new board member, **Joe Summers**, board and **La Vella Tomlinson**, Secretary. Bottom Row: **Scott Stevenson**, new Vice President, **Toni Pizzo!** **Bill** and **Janna Johnson** were not present but are on the 2017 board of directors.

MDGMS General Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by president **Danny Watts**.

Business: The MDGMS club officers for 2017 were sworn in by out-going vice president **Dian Hare**: **Danny Watts**, president; **Scott Stevenson**, vice president; **Judy Livingston**, treasurer; **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary. Board Members: **John Printz**, **Bill Johnson**, **Janna Johnson**, **Joe Summers**, **Toni Pizzo**, and **Vivian Watts**, past president. **Danny Watts** welcomed the new board members and thanked the 2016 board members for all their volunteer work during the year.

New Members & Guests: Guests were **Travis & Perry**, grandchildren of **Rick & Patti Deer**. New junior member **Zeke O' Dell** brought his parents **Cameron & Hanna** & sister **Sally**. **Robert Banbury**, another new member, was here. **Danny Watts** reminded members that the workshop is on the third Friday at 6:30 pm - next one January 20th. **Vivian Watts**, CFMS Director for our club, presented a certificate to **Joseph Deer** for Junior Rockhound for the year. Our club, Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society, also received a certificate from CFMS for being a member for more than 50 years. The CFMS & AFMS will have their annual meeting & show in Ventura in June. If you would like

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to enter a display you can see the rules on their website. The theme is "For the Beach". **Steve Wittick** who demonstrated cab making at our December Gem & Mineral show is a Cab Master & is entering a display.

Judy Livingston, treasurer, gave the *treasurer's report* for our December Gem & Mineral show. **Judy** listed expenses & income - noting that scholarships will be possible again this year because all the grab bags were sold, with additional income from the Wheel of Fortune, Silent Auction, & Raffle covering the show expenses. **Judy Livingston** has contacted our insurance company regarding the petrified wood slab.

Scholarships: Applications are due by April 15th and the requirements are on the MDGMS web site.

Program: The program video was the "Obsidian Trail" about tracking the obsidian of the Owens Valley along its trade routes and how they date the points with a "Hydration method." Very nice scenery too.

Hostess: **Dian Hare, Vivian Watts & Scott Stevenson** brought the delicious refreshments. A chocolate cake celebrated our club's January birthdays.

Cab of the Month: **Scott Stevenson** won cab of the month with a large Chapinite cab from the Goldstone diggings. He wire wrapped it in two toned silver & copper wire. **Scott** is also challenging others to bring their cabs to show off.

Door Prizes: **La Vella Tomlinson & Danny Watts** gifted the door prizes and there were many happy winners.

Show & Share: **Judy Livingston** brought her prizes from the Gem show to share — a cobble with a polished window of Royal Sahara Agate from the Egyptian desert and an agate from Agate Creek, Australia, that she plans to polish at workshop. **La Vella Tomlinson** brought her collection of "Bring me back a Rock" with interesting geology. She also plans to polish a petrified palm fiber & roots from the Barstow Formation. **Danny Watts** shared a malachite & hematite beautiful chunk from the Mineral Mine in Arizona that he found on a field trip to the Parker area while in Quartzite.

Field Trips: **Danny & Vivian Watts** shared their trip to Quartzite last weekend. The Quartzite shows continue this month & he advises to look up the website and plan to go. There will also be a show in Laughlin. **Danny** talked about field trip planning - field trips usually occurring the 3rd Saturday of the month or the Saturday after the 3rd Friday workshop. In order to go to the sites club members have been obtaining the really good agates, a 4 wheel drive is needed. Sometimes there may be a spare seat available, but you must make arrangements. A field trip to the Butler Onyx area north of Barstow was also suggested. **Dian Hare** noted that the rains have uncovered some Silver Lace Onyx in the washes and gullies below the old mine in the Calico Mts, which do not require a 4 wheel drive to reach the base of the site.

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned by **Scott Stevenson & Judy Livingston**; then adjourned at 9 pm by president **Danny Watts**.

Respectively submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary.

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