

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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MDGMS Officers 2017

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Board of Directors

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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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Christmas Party

6:00 PM December 16th Pot Luck
Please bring a rock related gift to exchange
labeled for a man or woman

SHOW DATES – January-February

January 21 – 22: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Ave: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Laura Manser (559) 303-0632
Email: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 17 – 26: INDIIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111 Hours: 10 – 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

Quartzsite Pow-Wow

Quartzsite, Arizona

Wed. 18th Sunday the 22nd Pow-Wow

Visit Jeremy, Richard, Christopher Anthony, The
Abalone King and Two Sisters Rock Shop

Happy Birthday

Kemp Root Jan 1st
Dian Hare Jan 9th
Bill Depue Jan 14th
John Pickett Jan 19th

Happy New Year

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Rock of the Month: **Chrysoprase** is a [gemstone](#) variety of [chalcedony](#) that contains small quantities of [nickel](#). Its color is normally apple-green, but varies to deep green. The darker varieties of chrysoprase are also referred to as **prase**. Chrysoprase is cryptocrystalline, which means that it is composed of crystals so fine that they cannot be seen as distinct particles under normal magnification. This sets it apart from rock crystal, [amethyst](#), [citrine](#), and the other varieties of crystalline quartz. Other members of the cryptocrystalline silica family include [agate](#), [carnelian](#), and [onyx](#). Unlike many non-transparent silica minerals, it is the color of chrysoprase, rather than any pattern of markings, that makes it desirable. The word chrysoprase comes from the [Greek](#) *chrysos* meaning 'gold' and *prasinon*, meaning 'green'.

As with all forms of [chalcedony](#), chrysoprase has a hardness of 6–7 on the [Mohs hardness scale](#) and a conchoidal fracture like [flint](#). The best known sources of chrysoprase are [Queensland](#), [Western Australia](#), [Germany](#), [Poland](#), [Russia](#), [Arizona](#), [California](#), and [Brazil](#). Wikipedia.com. (edited by Leslie)



Desert Creatures - La Vella Tomlinson & John Bird

Thank you Thank you Thank you

*Thank the set up crew for all the hard work they did in setting up for the show this year. Friday was a cold day, with the wind blowing dirt into the Cora Harper Center while we were getting the tables and supplies in. Thank the **City of Barstow** for the building and covering the floors.*

*Thank You **Steve Wittick** for running the Genie and helping the future rockhounds ! We really appreciate you!*

*Thank you **Ceci Kawasaki** for making and donating the Gem Trees for the display cases and spinning wheel prizes.*

Set up crew:

***Danny & Vivian Watts
Joe Sumners,
Bill Depue
Dian Hare
Ron & Delores Millard
John Pickett
Walt Wright
Randy Gilmore
Bill & Jenna Johnson
Wayne Mallon
Rob Stapp
Judy Livingston
Jake Jackman
LaVella Tomlinson
Leslie Walker
John Printz
Don Depue***

Take down and clean up:

***Danny & Vivian Watts
Joe Sumners,
Bill Depue
Dian Hare
Ron & Delores Millard
Walt Wright
Randy Gilmore
Bill & Jenna Johnson
Rob Stapp
Judy Livingston
Jake Jackman
Dave & Leslie Walker
Scott Stevenson
Joseph Salazar
Nicolette Grill
Gloria Moore***



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*Thank you to **Kemp Root** for donating the beautiful malichaite and agate pendants. And the Brazilian Agate bookends were awesome!*

*We appreciate **Ishmael Sanchez**, from Bakersfield, for helping our club! Glad to have **Barstow Youth Football** providing food and drinks this year. **Trish & Norm Shepherd** for storing club supplies and use of your pickup.*

***Gail Gilpin**, new member from Arizona, helped man the greeting and raffle desk with **Dian Hare**. **Rick Gilpin** watched the floor.. along with **Bill Johnson** and **Rob Stapp** looking for people with sticky fingers.*

*The auctions went smoothly with **Danny Watts** organization skills. Helping him were **Vivian Watts**, **Joe Sumners**, **Scott Stevenson** and **John Printz**.*

*The Spinning Wheel and Grab Bag tables were operated by new members **Tony Pizzo** ,**Lana Heller-Wood**. **Jenna Johnson**, **Judy Livingston**, **Gloria Moore**, **Delores Millard**,and **John Printz** worked for hours, also .*

*So many people made this event special for the future of rockhounds and our community. The Pot Luck dinner for the venders, had a warm welcome to the people working so hard. Thank You. And, for the cinnamon rolls and wonderful soup you made, **Vivian**. Ah, thanks to the vendors for being here and the cool donations! Please come back next year.*

*The trailer and new paint job made a bright sign for the entrance of our show, Good job, **Joe Sumners**.*



Bill Depue's cabs

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Danny & Vivian Watts



Gloria Moore's Rock House



Rob Stapp's Turquoise

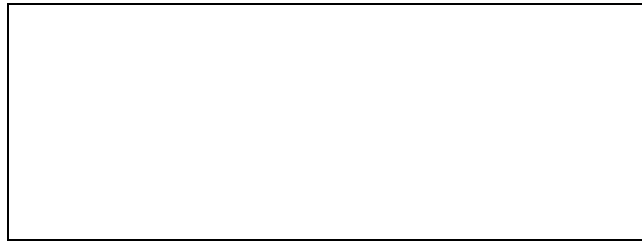
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