



Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

November 2015

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MDGMS Officers 2015

President: Danny Watts
Vice-President: Dian Walker Hare
Treasurer: Joe Summers
Secretary: La Vella Tomlinson

Board of Directors

Bill Johnson
Kemp Root
Leslie Walker
Rob Stapp
Past Pres. Vivian Watts

Annual Membership Dues

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

Editors

Leslie Walker
La Vella Tomlinson
Dian Walker Hare
Wayne Mallon

Meetings / Workshops

Meetings: 1st Friday 7:00 PM
Workshop: 3rd Friday 6:30 PM
Location: 25647 W. Main St.
Barstow, Ca 92311

November Meeting

Theme: Grab Bag filling
Hostess:

Door Prizes:
facebook site:
mojavedesertgemandmineralsociety.com

SHOW DATES

November 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society -The Phoenix Club
1340 South Sanderson Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: www.opalsociety.org/

November 7 - 8: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Performing Arts Center
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Contact: Josephine Martinez, (805) 701-1826
Email: josephinemartinez@gmail.com
Website: www.oxnardgem.com

November 7 - 8: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 8 - 5 daily
Contact: John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslextreme.com

November 7 - 8: SAN DIEGO, CA

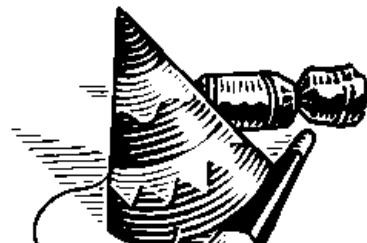
San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Road
Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886

November 14 - 15: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Katie Slightam, (530) 673-9649
Email: mktalternatives@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 4th Nicholette Grill
Nov. 6th Danny Watts
Nov. 14th Joseph Salazar
Nov. 23rd William Johnson



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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 5th and 6th, 2015. Our show will be held in the community center, 841 S. Barstow Rd. Please complete the application by November 2nd 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. 4th. Tear down will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 6th. The club will host a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday Dec, 4th 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 _____ 3 _____

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

Rock of the Month: **Verde Antique Marble**

Found off Stoddard Wells Rd near Victorville, Ca. The yellow to green color of this marble is sometimes accented with gray or white highlights. It takes a nice polish and can be made into cabs, knife handles and spheres. Check out the local vendors in Victorville and Barstow shows for excellent specimens.

Show Dates continued...

November 21 - 22: APPLE VALLEY, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Victor Valley Museum

11873 Apple Valley Road (x Bear Valley)

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 3

Contact: Ed Skidmore, (760) 243-2330

Email: vp-shows@vvgmc.org

Website: www.vvgmc.org

November 21 - 22: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society

Live Oak Grange Hall

1900 - 17th Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509

Email: julia.cornblatt@gmail.com

Website: www.scmgs.org

Don't forget OUR show.. !!

December 5 - 6: BARSTOW, CA

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Cora Harper Community Center

841 S. Barstow Road

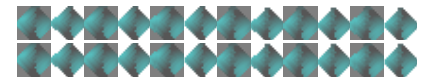
Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Danny Watts, (760) 373-1309

Email: dvwatts@msn.com

Website: www.mdgms.net

Election of Officers for our club is the next meeting, November 6th. Please review the officers on the front page and the minutes on the last page. Our Treasurer, **Joe Summers**, has done a wonderful job for the last few years. Thank you, Joe. **Judy Livingston** is nominated for the Treasurer position.



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General Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Danny Watts, president. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joseph Deer. Guest was Travis Deer.

Hostess: Eva Toles brought delicious snacks & Vivian Watts a dessert to celebrate the October birthdays of our members.

Business:

The September General Meeting minutes as read in the newsletter were approved by the membership. Danny Watts announced that voting for the new officers would be at the November 6th general meeting.

Judy Livingston has volunteered for the Treasurer's position. Any other nominations for any officer or board of director position can be made & included in the elections that night. Leslie Walker is now the newsletter editor. There are other committees available & needing volunteers.

Danny Watts went over the preparations for the December Gem & Mineral Show. Walt Wright will be there with his Petrified Palm display. Display applications are on the front table along with flyers to distribute to advertise for the show. Dian Hare & Leslie Walker are taking flyers to hand out at the Spanish Trails event tomorrow and to the Trona Mineral Show. Vivian Watts will take more to the California Mineral Federation meeting this month. La Vella and Bill Tomlinson reported that the advertising for the Desert Dispatch is still \$1297, not increased from last year due to a non-profit organization reduction.

Field Trips: Bill Depue & Bill Johnson are leading field trips to the Calico Mountains Petrified Palm site and to Lavic Siding. There will be more field trips with the Mojave Mineralogical Society with their Boron Rock Bonanza show occurring with the 20 Mule Team Days Celebration in Boron this weekend. One field trip will be to the Boron Mine Museum and a chance to dig into their tailings for Borax specimens. The Trona show the second weekend has trips out onto Searles lake bed to find Halite, and other soda minerals.

Danny & Vivian Watts described their rock hound vacation through California, Oregon & Nevada. Many good finds.

Program: A video from the club library on Agate Creek, in Queensland, Australia. We are all ready to go.

Cab of the Month: Ed Deren won with his cab of Fire Agate, from the Calico Mountains. Leslie also brought cabs of Moss Agate from the North Cady Mountains. All beautiful.

Show and Tell: Leslie Walker brought in minerals that her family collected in Trona. Large pink Halite crystals, Hanksite, Nahcolite, and stalactites of Sodium Chloride that form when waves of the saline brine repeatedly wash over a shelf on the lake bed. These are all specimens that you can collect on the Trona's Mineral show field trips out onto Searles lake bed to the brine areas. Leslie reminds everyone that these specimens will melt away in contact with water & collecting is messy. Danny Watts commented that collecting is easier with experience — he followed a college geology class out on his first trip. And don't forget a visit to the Trona Tufa Pinnacles.

Grab Bags: Janna & Bill Johnson gifted the grab bags. Winners of Agate, Owyee Jasper, N. Cadys Top Notch & Lavic Siding Jasper were Joe Sumners, Carlos Avila, Charles Toles, Rick, Joshua & Travis Deer. The meeting was adjourned by Danny Watts, president, at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, La Vella Tomlinson, secretary

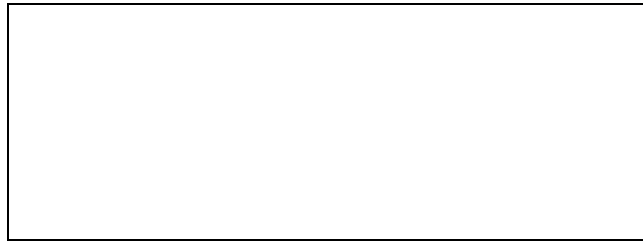
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