

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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MDGMS Officers 2016

President: **Danny Watts**
Vice-President: **Dian Walker Hare**
Treasurer: **Judy Livingston**
Secretary: **La Vella Tomlinson**

Board of Directors

Bill Johnson
Kemp Root
Leslie Walker
Rob Stapp
Joe Summers
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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web site — www.mdgms.net

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SHOW DATES – July – August – September

August 13 - 14: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Contact: Ellen Nott, (415) 564-4230
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgemshow.org

September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA

77th CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Barbara Terrill, 530 676-2375
Email: info@eldoradomineralandgem.org
Website: www.cfms2016show.com

Registration Forms are posted on the Show Web Site; all are due August 1. Lodging List also on web site.



July Birthdays

2nd **Bill Tomlinson**
10th **Yvette Hensley**
17th **Val Costello**

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Thank you Rob Stapp, for making the delicious BBQ chicken, ribs and tri-tip. Over 30 club members participated in our Club Pot Luck and BBQ this month. Despite the 100* temps during the day, the club house was cool and joyful.

Danny and Vivian Watts donated many specimens from their finds in Utah, California and Arizona. The proceeds from the auction go to the scholarship fund.

Thanks again for the wonderful food ... we could print out our favorite recipe on the web site or newsletter if you care to send them. Leslie Walker twosistersrockshop@hotmail.com

Rock of the Month: Ventifacts



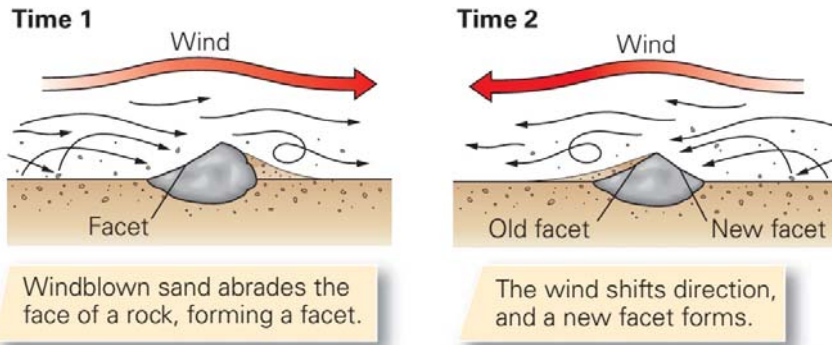
Wind, sand and rain blast the desert rocks and erode the softer materials into various shapes which are pleasing to the eye. Many times we stop and admire the sandblasted rock that is shaped like a mushroom hut or weathered jasper that has a smooth, glossy polish. These would be called VENTIFACTS.



*** Places to find ventifacts are: Tecopa area on the way to Death Valley, Lavic area off of I-40 and Field Road off ramp on I-15.

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*** This and more information can be found on google.com, under “ventifacts”.

Deserts

Eolian Processes



Erosion

- ❖ Eolian (wind) abrasion (“sand-blasting”) produces **ventifacts**, **yardangs**, balanced rocks, etc.



ventifacts



balanced rocks

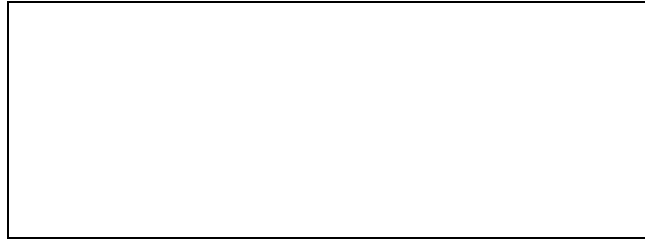
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