

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 Summers
Toni 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: 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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 - December

December 2-3rd, Barstow

43rd Annual MDGMS Show
Cora Harper Fitness Center
481 S. Barstow Rd, Barstow, Ca 92398
10-to5 PM (Saturday & Sunday)

December 9 - 10: RIALTO, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Near Rialto City Hall Lot
105 South Palm Ave. Hours: 9 - Dusk daily
Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089
Email: OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com

January 20 - 21: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Margaret Buchmann, (559) 799-6034
Email: margaretbu03@gmail.com



Friday, December 15th MDGMS

Clubhouse in Lenwood

Gift Exchange: Please bring a nice rock related gift to exchange, Men, bring a rock gift for a man and women, a nice rock gift for a lady. Kids exchange a child rock hounders present.

Pot Luck (with turkey and drinks provided)
starts at 6:00 PM. Please bring your own plates and silverware along with your favorite dish.



Joe Sumners	Dec 17th
Sharon Rogow	Dec 19th
Zeke O'Dell	Dec 22rd
Tracy Windsor	Dec 23rd
Jerry Depue	Dec 23rd
Ann Baum	Dec 24 th



Donna, Trish, Joe, Bill, John, and Scott, doing the annual grab bag shuffle!



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General Meeting Minutes, Nov 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by **Danny Watts**, president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Business: **Danny** gave reports on our December 1,2,3rd, 2017, MDGMS Gem & Mineral Show. There are sign up sheets on the table for set up & take down for the show on Friday and at 5pm on Sunday evening. Last year we could have used more workers on Sunday for take down. Also, flyers to distribute for advertising.

There are more signups for duties during the show—Friday potluck, Spin the Wheel table, Greetings Table, Silent Auction in one hour blocks of time. There are still openings for signups for Display cases. Our show is run by VOLUNTEERS.

Danny is contracting for replacement Dealers for our vendors who are ill.

Dian Hare has contacted the Barstow Parks & Rec & we can use the round tables for our dining area & some their 8ft tables. Today **Danny & Vivian Watts & Norm & Tricia Sheppard** have made table leg extensions & padded protectors to protect the gym floor for our 44 new lightweight tables. About 100 tables are needed for the show. **Danny, Vivian, Tricia & Norm** also set up and packed the rocks for the silent auctions and for the Spin the Wheel — this is where the money comes for our scholarship awards. And, **Danny Watts & Joe Sumners** got the club's trailer ready to transport the tables and display cases to the Cora Harper Center for show set-up. Also, **Danny Watts & Norm Sheppard** applied the resin to our picture jasper slabs with decoupage made at the workshop. They still need a rock stand glued to stand them up. Windows are being polished on silent auction rocks by the lapidary workshop members. **La Vella Tomlinson** reported that more than 48 Critter Party rocks have been painted for the kid's \$1 Spin the Wheel prizes. **Danny** reported that the decoupage rock slabs and **Ceci Kawasaki's** gem trees will go on the new second prize board with \$5 chances to win. The grab bags are still \$1 this year. **Danny** feels the price should be increased next year—something to think about. All the fabric, sewing, & rock samples are donated by club members.

Nomination & Election: **Danny Watts** asked for nominations for the Officers for 2018:

For president, **Scott Stevenson** nominated **Danny Watts**. There wasn't another volunteer or nomination.

For vice president, **Joe Sumners** nominated **Scott Stevenson**. There wasn't another volunteer or nomination.

For treasurer, **Scott Stevenson** nominated **Judy Livingston**. There wasn't another volunteer or nomination.

For secretary, **Dian Hare** nominated **La Vella Tomlinson**. There wasn't another volunteer or nomination.

John Printz moved & **Joe Sumners** seconded that the nominees for Officers be accepted. The members voted unanimously for the slate of officers nominated:

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: **Danny Watts**, president; **Scott Stevenson**, vice president, **Judy Livingston**, treasurer, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary.

Danny Watts asked for nominations for the Board of Directors for 2018:

There were no new volunteers or nominations for the Board of Directors.

1. **John Printz** volunteered to continue on the Board of Directors. **Judy Livingston** nominated **John Printz** for the Board of Directors.
2. **Joe Sumners** volunteered to continue on the Board of Directors. **Norm Sheppard** nominated **Joe Sumners** for the Board of Directors.
3. **Toni Pizzo** was nominated by **La Vella Tomlinson** to continue on the Board of Directors.
4. **Janna Johnson** volunteered to continue on the Board of Directors. **Dian Hare** nominated **Janna Johnson** for the Board of Directors.
5. **Bill Johnson** volunteered to continue on the Board of Directors. **Scott Stevenson** nominated **Bill Johnson** for the Board of Directors.

Dian Hare motioned and **Norm Sheppard** seconded that the above nominations for the Board of Directors for 2018 be accepted. The membership voted unanimously for the slate of Board of Directors nominated: **John Printz, Joe Sumners, Toni Pizzo, Janna Johnson, Bill Johnson.**

Vivian Watts volunteered to continue as the Past President on the Board of Directors.

Guest: **Robert Burson** from the Anaheim Mineral Society gave a report on a field trip to Holbrook, Arizona. These field trips are announced on line via "LA Rocks". The Doebell Ranch has a deposit of Rainbow Forest Petrified Wood, a fee site, & at present there are good opportunities for excellent specimens at good prices per 5 gallon bucket.

Minutes: The minutes for October were motioned by **Joe Sumners & Dian Hare** to be accepted as read in the newsletter; members voted to approve their motion.

Hostess: Happy birthdays were wished to our October birthday members. **Chieko Printz** was the hostess for tonight's refreshments. She brought a wonderful treat of fresh popped popcorn.

Cab of the Month: **Danny Watts** won with his agate pendant.

Show & Share: **Denise Orebaugh** brought a plate of pink Halite hopper crystals found in Mule Canyon....well, she met another rockhound in Mule Canyon who had been to the Trona show last weekend—he gave her the Halite.

Scott Stevenson brought his collection of Obsidian, the rock of the month - velvet, rainbow, sheen, snowflake, mahogany and black obsidian.

Filling of the Bags: **Danny** reviewed the line-up of grab bag rock specimens. **Norm & Tricia Sheppard** brought 2 buckets of tumbled agate & jasper. **Norm** has been working on the tumbler for months with help from **Judy Livingston, Dian Hare, Danny Watts, Denise Orebaugh & Leslie Walker.**

Danny & Vivian Watts donated Calcite, Alabaster from Utah, Onyx, Rose & Smoky quartz

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collected on vacation & field trips. **Dian Hare** donated peridot and garnets bargained at Quartzite. **La Vella & Bill Tomlinson** donated Chalcopyrite & polished tigers eye, amethyst, hematite, goldstone, several types of quartz, snowflake obsidian, & agate shell fossils. From the club's past donations were petrified wood, blue calcite & peacock ore labeled & bagged at workshop. Six hundred bags were sewn by **La Vella Tomlinson, Therese Carlson, Joan Bird & Dorothy Millard** with their own fabric & fabric donations from **Judy Livingston, Joyce De Garmo, Scott Stevenson, Ceci Kawasaki, & Dian Hare**. Everyone filled, tied & counted bags until all 600 filled 12 big Genie boxes. All ready for the show. Really appreciated were our junior members **Christian & Preston Bigham** who showed up to help and help. After cleanup, the meeting was adjourned at 9pm by **Danny Watts**, president. Respectfully submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary.

Rock of the Month **Olivine** parts from Geology.com

Olivine is the name of a group of rock-forming [minerals](#) that are typically found in mafic and ultramafic [igneous rocks](#) such as [basalt](#), [gabbro](#), dunite, diabase, and [peridotite](#). They are usually green in color and have compositions that typically range between Mg_2SiO_4 and Fe_2SiO_4 . Many people are familiar with olivine because it is the mineral of a very popular green [gemstone](#) known as peridot.

It is a yellow-green to green [gemstone](#) that is very popular in jewelry. Peridot serves as a birthstone for the month of August. The most valued colors are dark olive green and a bright lime green. These specimens are of the mineral forsterite because the iron-rich fayalite is usually a brownish, less desirable color. Much of the world's peridot used in mass-production jewelry is mined at the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. There, a few basalt flows containing nodules of granular olivine are the source of the peridot. Most of the stones produced there are a few carats or less in size and often contain visible crystals of [chromite](#) or other [minerals](#). They are cut in Asia and returned to the United States in commercial jewelry.



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