

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**

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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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www.facebook.com/mojavedesertgemandmineralsociety

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SHOW DATES - October

October 1 - 2: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society

Boron Recreation Park

26998 John Street

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4

October 1 - 2: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum

2040 North Santa Fe Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

October 8 - 9: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Shasta District Fairgrounds

1890 Briggs Street

Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4

October 8 - 9: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building)

11228 McCourtney Road

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

October 8 - 9: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

SLGM Show Building

13337 Main Street

Hours: Sat 7-5; Sun 7-4

October 9: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building

123 West Alvarado Street

Hours: 9 - 4

October 15: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First United Methodist Church

22700 Sherman Way

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SHOW DATES – October

October 15 – 16: WHITTIER, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 – 5 daily

October 22 – 23: LOS ALTOS, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One No. San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 – 5 daily

Rock of the Month: *Mexican Crazy Lace Agate*

Agate /'æɡət/ is a [cryptocrystalline](#) variety of [silica](#), chiefly [chalcedony](#), characterized by its fineness of grain and brightness of color. Although agates may be found in various kinds of rock, they are classically associated with [volcanic](#) rocks and can be common in certain [metamorphic rocks](#).

Mexican Crazy Lace Agate, is a variety that exhibits a [lace](#)-like pattern with forms such as eyes, swirls, bands or zigzags (if these predominate, it is called *lattice agate*). *Crazy lace agate*, found in Mexico, is often brightly colored and complexly patterned. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Be sure to visit **Martin** at the Pow-Wow in Quartzsite, Az. for the latest Mexican Crazy Lace. He will be in the Penski Truck and have his 55 gallon barrels emptied out for you to choose from. **Lana Heller-Wood & Toni Pizzo** bought a nice piece from Diamond Pacific a few weeks ago!

*The Desert Magazine, published in 1937, in El Centro, Ca. has printed out monthly desert photos, historic articles, desert plants and wildlife. One section is devoted to mining, another to geology and the “Hobby” section is Gem and Minerals! The **Desert Quiz** was featured for fun. Here are some questions from the past: Continued ...page 5

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Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

7th	Scott Stevenson	7 th	Ann Sexton	9th	Danny Davis
10th	Abigail Baum	12th	Alex Falkowski	13th	Don DePue
14th	Ken Barwick	14th	Ted Hadley	25th	Gloria Moore
		30th	Bob Menelly		

Exhibitor Application Annual Gem & Mineral show on December 3rd and 4th, 2016

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 3rd and 4th, 2016. Our show will be held in the community center, 841 S. Barstow Rd. Please complete the application by November 4th 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. 2nd.

Tear down will be from 5:00 PM to to 7:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 4th.

The club will host a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday Dec, 2nd 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

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2 Sept 2016, General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by **Danny Watts**, president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Welcome to our guests tonight, **Jean Duberg** from Banning, California, and **Rick & Gail Gilpin** from Havasu, Arizona. **Rick** and **Gail** are now new members.

Hostess: **Judy Livingston** brought our delicious refreshments for break time. **Diandra & Seth Perez** also brought cinnamon rolls. **Vivian Watts** brought cupcakes decorated with jelly candy Sea Turtles to celebrate our September rockhound birthdays. Thank you hostesses.

Business: The minutes for the August general meeting were motioned to be approved as read in the newsletter by **Vivian Watts**, and seconded by **Judy Livingston**. The minutes were then voted approved by the members.

Badges: **Ceci Kawasaki** brought badges for our summer new members. The new badge format is very attractive, with names large enough to read. Thank you **Ceci**.

Gem & Mineral Show: A motion was made by **Vivian Watts** that we have our MDGMS annual Gem & Mineral Show on December 3rd & 4th, 2016. **Rick Deer** seconded the motion. The motion was then voted approved by the members. These donations are needed for the Gem & Mineral show: Raffle prizes; small items for the grab bags; and donations for the silent auction table. The rock club's store of auction rocks is becoming depleted.

Treasurers report: **Judy Livingston**, treasurer, reported that the first half of the scholarship, \$500, was mailed to **Kayla Black**'s college. Postage was the second expense this month.

T-shirts: **Judy Livingston** passed a list around to get an idea of who would like a T-shirt with the club logo.

Mojave Trails National Monument: BLM recently had a meeting regarding the use of the Mojave Trails Monument. If you missed the meeting, the BLM questionnaire can be found on-line at srazo@blm.gov, Steven Razo. **SPEAK UP!** Rockhounding is at stake.

Speakers for monthly meetings: **Danny Watts** suggested that the club pay guest speakers for our club meeting programs. The members discussed this proposal — a requirement being that the speaker be knowledgeable in their topic. **Vivian Watts** made a motion, and **Dian Hare** seconded the motion, that \$100 to \$150 be paid to knowledgeable guest speakers, three or four times a year. The motion was voted passed by the membership.

2016 Meeting Needs: **Lana Heller-Wood & Toni Pizzo** have signed up as hostesses for the October meeting. However, no one has signed up for the November meeting door prizes or for the November hostess. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board beside the door to the shop. A maximum of \$20 will be reimbursed by the club to the hostesses if the receipts for the food are saved for **Judy Livingston**, treasurer. In December everyone will be the hostess for a potluck on Dec 2nd, Set-Up Friday, for the show, and then another potluck for our Christmas party.

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Program: Cash & Treasures videos with **Kristin Gums** were shown. "Finding Emeralds" shows how many gemstones can be mined today for a fee in North Carolina. Hiddenite was first discovered here in the 1880's. "In Search of Petrified Wood" at the McDonald Ranch in Ashwood, Oregon, another fee site. Several round logs and slices were found & polished.

Danny Watts shared where to find petrified wood in our Mojave Desert — Gem Hill in Rosamond, Calico's petrified palm, Lenwood, Boron, and Brown Butte. **Norm Sheppard** passed around his belt buckle he made of petrified palm.

Field Trips: **Danny Watts** announced an upcoming general trip to the Cady's with the Sierra Paloma Club & **Ron Lawrence**. Weather is looking good for field trips.

Cab of the Month: The winner was #8, Sleeping Beauty Agate from the southern Cady Mountains, found & polished by **Danny Watts**.

Share & Tell: **Lana & Toni** shared a piece of crazy lace agate. **Judy Livingston** brought a thunderegg that looked like a baseball.

Door Prizes: **Norm & Trisha Sheppard** and **Danny & Vivian Watts** donated the Door prizes. Lots of Happy Winners:

Gail Gilpin won a pretty green mineral specimen; **Dian Hare** won a slice of moss agate; **Seth Perez** won a petrified palm root; **Jean Duberg** won a sagenite; **Joseph Deer** won agate slices; **Vivian Watts** won petrified wood from a persimmon tree and petrified palm; **John Printz** won petrified wood & jasper; **Toni Pizzo** won chrysocolla; **Danny** won petrified wood; **Carlos Avila** won Cady agate & petrified palm. Thanks to the **Sheppards** and the **Watts** for donating wonderful prizes.

A motion was made by **Trisha Sheppard** to close up shop. **Danny Watts**, president, adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm. Notes for the September meeting minutes were made by **Dian Hare**, thank you. Respectfully Submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary

Desert Quiz from old Desert Magazines 1944

1. Gold is most often found in ...??? volcanic rock, sandstone, limestone or quartz?
2. Carnelian is a type of ...??? jade, quartz, coral or garnet?
3. Pisgah crater is nearest , , , ? Barstow, Needles, Twentynine Palms, or Ballarat?
4. Amateur gem cutters will find a good substitute for hard to get tin oxide in , , , ? Cerium oxide, Hydrogen oxide, cuprite or diamond dust?
5. Crystals found in geodes are usually of Quartz True or False?
6. Halite is commonly known as , , , ? Sulfur, Soda, Potash or Salt?
7. The best gemstone to use in hardness test for Diamond is ...? Sapphire, Quartz, flint or Beryl?

Answers: 1. Quartz 2. Quartz 3, Barstow, 4. Cerium Oxide, 5. True, 6. Salt 7. Sapphire. It's hardness is nine, only the diamond can scratch it.

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