



Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

December 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

December Show

Set up: See Page 2

facebook site:
www.facebook.com/mojavedesertgemandmineralsociety

SHOW DATES

December 5 - 6: BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
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

December 5 - 6: LAKESIDE, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
Mary Ness, (619) 449-0759
Email: ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: www.ecvgms.com

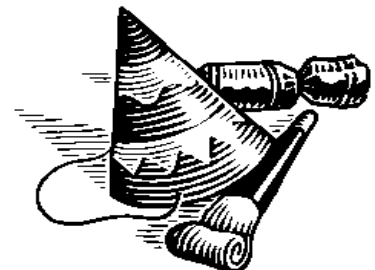
December 12 - 13: RIALTO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Across Street from Rialto City Hall
105 South Palm Avenue
Hours: Sat 9 - Dusk daily
Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089
Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

BIRTHDAYS

December Birthdays

17th **Joe Summers**
19th **Sharon Rogow**
23rd **Jerry Depue**
24th **Ann Baum**



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December 4th - set up for show at 9:00 AM

Display may be set up from 3:00PM to 7:00 PM

Potluck dinner for venders, guest exhibitors and our club members, at 6:00 PM

December 5th & 6th - Gem & Mineral show at the Cora Harper Center, Barstow Road, 10:00 AM to – 5:00 PM; take down at 5: 00 PM, Sunday.

December 11th, Christmas Potluck & Party, 6:00 PM. Please bring a rock related gift for a man or woman to exchange. Share your favorite dish for the potluck!

No workshop in December. No general meeting on Jan 1st.



Rock of the Month: **Christmas Tree Agate**

Found off the East end of Cady Mountains, near Ludlow, Ca. This site has been visited by rock hounders for years. **Christmas Tree Agate** is enjoyed for the dark green and red colors. Let's plan a trip there soon!

General Meeting Minutes , November 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Danny Watts, president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. November Happy Birthday wishes were given to the members - today is Danny's birthday. Guest David Young became a new member.

Hostess: Traditional Root Beer Floats were brought by Leslie Walker. Ceci Kawasaki brought Apple Tarts made from their own apple trees.

Business: A motion was made by Sandy Wagner, seconded by Alex Falkowski, then approved by the members to accept the minutes for the September general meeting as read in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Summers, treasurer, gave the report with a good positive balance.

Gem & Mineral Show:

Tables: Danny Watts, discussed the ongoing challenge of locating enough tables for the show. Tables are needed for the eating area, 30 & 40 feet of tables for each vendor booth & the club's two booths, & 3 double rows of tables in the center for the display cases. In the past, tables have been rented; last year this expenditure was saved by borrowing tables, with some sources not available to the club this year.

Three years ago the Board voted to start replacing the older wood tables that are stored with the display cases in the club's Show Trailer. Danny has researched the purchase of tables and found from Costco 22 tables & a rolling cart that will transport 11 of the tables at a time for \$1649.99. These are Lifetime brand, lightweight, folding leg tables, that are 6 ft long x 30 in wide x 29 in high, 2000 lb weight capacity.

A motion was made by Sandy Wagner that the club purchase the 22 tables and cart from Costco for \$1649.99, plus tax & shipping costs. The motion was seconded by Joe Summers. An extensive discussion followed. The motion was passed by the membership, with one opposed.

Show Report: Danny Watts, show coordinator, reported that Don Depue will have the youth football team handle the food booth again this year. The eleven vendors, several new from last year, are confirming & paying for their booth spaces. One, on the road & coming from a distance, will pay the fee upon arrival. The Boron Rock Club will have a booth selling pearls from oysters. Cam is ill and unable to be here this year with his mineral & gem specimens, however, another vendor will bring some of Cam's minerals for sale.

Walt Wright will be here again with his petrified wood display. Demonstrations will include the Genie & cab making, Flintknapping, Wire Wrapping by Vivian and Dian. Diamond Pacific will again, as a gift to the club, have several workers to help with set up and take down.

Norm & Tricia Sheppard donated 100 copies of the book "Mineralogical Dictionary" by Diamond Dan. These will be sold by the club for \$2 each at the show.

La Vella Tomlinson reported that "Rock & Gem" magazine has our show listed on page 74. And for everyone to continue posting ads & inviting people to the show.

Kemp Root brought up that years ago the Board voted to increase the Grab bag price to \$2, that the bags are worth more than \$1 & the price should be increased to \$2 this year. A discussion followed that the bags & contents are 100% donated & felt that the grab bag purpose of interesting kids in rocks is primary above earning more money for the scholarship fund & that the Board also voted more recently that the price be raised from \$.50 to \$1 & last year voted that the price stay at \$1. Bill Tomlinson made a motion that the grab bag price continue at \$1 a bag; Sandy Wagner seconded the motion. After additional discussion, the motion was passed by the membership, with one opposed.

Danny Watts posted the sign-up sheets for the Show. The show runs on volunteers & pointed out that several people regularly helping are not our club members. Volunteers are needed for set up & take down; if possible bring your drill/screwdriver for the display cases. Sign ups needed for the potluck food and the kitchen organization on Friday night. For both Saturday & Sunday shifts, Volunteers needed for the Grab Bag - Wheel of Fortune Booth; volunteers needed for the Welcome table at the door. Needed are donations for the raffle — rock related items, can be a White Elephant too; they can be brought on Friday. Alex volunteered to bring bags to wrap the prizes in after the drawing. Volunteer Demonstrators during the show. And Security patrol during the show and during take down.

Nominations for Club Officer and Board Members, 2016:

Nominations made for the Club Officers were: President - Danny Watts, Vice President - Dian Hare, Treasurer - Judy Livingston, & Secretary - La Vella Tomlinson. All nominations were accepted by the nominees.

Nominations made for the Board Members were: Bill Johnson, Kemp Root, Leslie Walker, Joe Summers (new), Vivian Watts & Rob Stapp. All nominations were accepted by the nominees except for Rob Stapp who was not present, but will be contacted.

Voting will be at the Christmas potluck, December 11th, 6 pm.

Club Schedule:

December 4th - set up for show & potluck at 6pm.

December 5th & 6th - Gem & Mineral show at the Cora Harper Center, Barstow Road, 10 am - 5pm; take down at 5pm.

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Sign up sheets were posted for the Christmas potluck and for Hostess & Grab Bags for 2016. Dian Hare volunteered first for Door Prizes in February.

Club T-Shirts:

Judy Livingston proposed that the club have T-shirts again for sale. She has researched with Desert Signs, Barstow, They charge \$25 for the initial pattern set up and have T-Shirts available from sizes small to 3X. The shirts would be funded by those buying a shirt. Members suggested that she also check the pricing at Print & Play, Barstow. There are a couple of shirts from a printing several years ago which Danny brought out to show & suggested that they could also be sold at the show next year.

Cab of the Month: Bill Johnson won with his cab made from Top Notch agate from the North Cady Mountains.

Door Prizes: Dian Hare gifted the door prizes which were won by lucky rockhounds.

Show & Tell — Program Activity:

The rocks donated for the grab bags were shown:

Polished stones from Idaho & mailed here, donated by Bill Johnson's dad.

Silver Lace Onyx from the Calico Mountains donated by Dian Hare & Leslie Walker

Blue Calcite crystals from the Cady Mountains donated by Danny & Vivian Watts & grandson Jonathan.

Jasper from Hector's Jasper Hill, donated by John Pitcher & Field Trip members.

Petrified Palm Wood, Calico Mountains, donated by Norm & Tricia Sheppard.

Green Jasper & Quartz-Calcedony donated by Field Trip members.

And many hands that labeled, counted, & bagged the rocks during the year.

Six hundred and ten bags were then filled by the members. Another year-round preparation for the show completed and ready for the Gem & Mineral Show. Thank you, everyone.

The meeting was motioned & adjourned at 9 pm by Danny Watts, president.

Respectfully Submitted,

La Vella Tomlinson, Secretary

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