

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

September 2015

Wire Wrapping September 4th

Dian Hare and **Vivian Watts**, will show you how to show off your beautiful cabochons by making your own wire wrapped pendant. Please bring some simple tools like flat nosed pliers and round nose pliers, 20 gage craft wire and a cabochon to work with. Polished rocks and tumbled glass will be provided for practice.

August Workshop Report

August workshop: We had 20 people working on gem trees and lapidary equipment. Taught by **La Vella, Leslie** and **Gloria**, the gem trees turned out wonderful as each person created unique varieties. These are prizes for the Wheel of Fortune. Working on trees for the spinning wheel were, **Leslie, La Vella, Ceci, Chieko, Gloria, Linda, Yvette, Dian, Nicolette, Judy,** and **Vivian**. Several members used the "Expert" machine. **Danny Watts** ran the saw and cut many pretty rocks. **Rick Deer's** grandson, **Joseph**, made a nice cab. Thank you, **Ceci** for bringing delicious the brownies that we all enjoyed.

Genie Auction

Auction bid for genie is now at \$760.00. Please see **Danny Watts**



Tourmaline

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Some fine gems and specimen material has been produced in the United States, with the first discoveries in 1822, in the state of [Maine](#). California became a large producer of tourmaline in the early 1900s. The Maine deposits tend to produce crystals in raspberry pink-red as well as minty greens. The California deposits are known for bright pinks, as well as bicolors. During the early 1900s, Maine and California were the world's largest producers of gem tourmalines.

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society, General Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dian Hare, vice president, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Joseph Deer.

Happy Birthday wishes to Patti Deer and all others with an August birthday. New members Rick Deer and Joseph Deer, junior member.

Hostesses were Leslie Walker & Dian Hare. Everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments and good rock conversation.

Business:

Nick Beale's wife Joanne passed away in June. Our members give condolences to Nick & his family.

Bill Johnson reported on the Kid's Summer Camp at the Discovery Center. The kids enjoyed the rocks brought by our members; local rock-hounding sites were described. Bill Depue & Bill Johnson brought rough cut cabs and each kid got to polish a cab on the Genies. Great fun. Bill Johnson & Dian Hare also reported that MDGMS will also have a booth at the Old Spanish Trails weekend at the Desert Discovery Center. Members are invited to drop by (and help).

Dian Hare reminded everyone about the upcoming Trona show on October 9th & 10th. Field trips not only out on Searles Lake bed, but also to the surrounding desert hills.

Judy Livingston went to visit long time member Donna Patterson in Arizona. Donna still has rocks and says "Hello" to everyone.

The newsletter was put together by Leslie Walker. Any articles that you would like have in the newsletter, please let her know. Thank you for coming to the rescue, Leslie.

The Genie Silent Auction concludes next September 4th general meeting. At this time the highest bid is \$750. The winner must be present on September 5th and pay for the Genie at the meeting. The Genie can be viewed at the clubhouse.

Workshop report:

The December Gem & Mineral show is only 3 months away. Have you thought about areas that need volunteers to have a successful show? The sign-up sheets for activities will be posted. Are you planning your display? You can polish your rock treasures at the workshop.

At the workshop we are working on items needed for the show. The last sewing the Grab Bags workshop will be on August 21st. Kayla Begley has been instrumental in developing a new time-saving method for sewing the bags. All 600 bags will be filled at the November meeting. Bags completed at the last workshop were shown & Joe Sumners commented that the club's grab bags are very colorful & attractive.

The 3000+ rock & mineral samples are being bagged & labeled at the workshop. Our thanks to Danny & Vivian Watts and Norm & Trisha Sheppard for their rock sample donations.

Work on Wheel of Fortune prizes also continues at the workshop. Gem trees are being made & taught. Trisha is unable to lead the gem tree workshop due to illness — we must carry on & show that Trisha & Rosamond have taught us well! Do you have a rock related item to make & donate for the Wheel of Fortune?

Program:

Leslie Walker presented a program on Tumbling Rocks. She brought her tumbler in and described maintenance needed for the machine; the best gem rocks to polish — jasper, agate, petrified wood. The different sizes of grit for each step and the best polish. Onyx does not take a good polish when tumbling; Obsidian comes out with a matte finish — what is the secret to a good polish? And care with a smaller grit needed with turquoise as it is softer. She had problems with Rose Quartz from the Lake Isabella Green Horn Mountain that broke smaller & smaller in the tumbler.

The program on September 5th will be wire wrapping your cabs to turn them into jewelry. Dian Hare will teach & demonstrate her methods.

Cab of the Month: Charles Toles won Cab of the Month with an agate cab with 'water lines' in the center.

Door Prizes: Bill Johnson gifted the door prizes. The lucky winners were Joseph Deer won a Montana Agate; Joe Sumners drew Montana Agate and piece of rough & a cab; Bill Johnson won his own Owyee Picture Jasper; Judy Livingston won Blue Agate from the Cady Mountains.

The meeting was adjourned by Dian Hare, vice president, at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, La Vella Tomlinson, secretary.



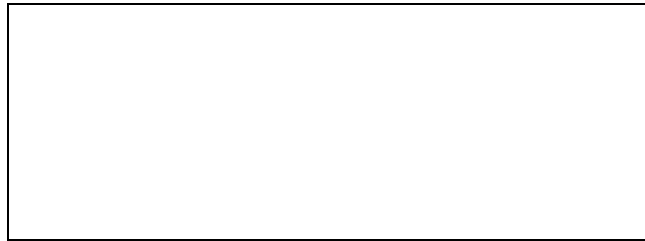
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