

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

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June 2017

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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
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Tony 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

June 2 - 4: LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat & Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Armando Perdoza, (909) 455-6800

June 3 - 4: ESCONDIDO, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts
340 N. Escondido Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Dawn Vickers

June 3 - 4, 2017: GLENDORA, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com

June 9, 10 & 11, 2017: VENTURA, CA
VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION!
2017 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention
Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbour Blvd
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467

June 17 - 18: CAMBRIA, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cambria Vets Hall
1000 Main Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603
Email: kim@slogem.org

Rock Club BBQ, Pot Luck, Rock Auction
And Ugly Rock Contest

6:00 PM June 2nd Bring your favorite dish

Happy Birthday

Steve Crowell	4th
Broedy Crowell	11th
Chuck Eastman	14th
Joan Bird	21st
Rob Stapp	26th
Tricia Sheppeard	28th

Rock of the month . Ugly Rocks ... Bring your special one to enter the contest at our BBQ and Rock Auction June 2nd at 6:00 pm



Dog tooth calcite

General Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by **Danny Watts**, president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. There were two guests, **Delilah Alsop**, a friend of **Judy Livingston**, and **Elgin Wood**, son of **Lana Heller-Wood**, and both became new members.

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Happy birthday wishes were given to **Leslie Walker, Wayne Mallon, Charles Toles, Martin Baum, & Judy Livingston.**

Field Trips: **Danny Watts** reported that two new members attended the field trip to North Edwards. The tortoise pictured in last month's newsletter had a piece of petrified wood by his foot. **Danny's** tip for cutting travertine is too not always cut with the stripes — but try cutting the 'wrong way' across the top revealing attractive splotches of different colors. This occurs because the stripes are actually in uneven layers. His second tip: When on a field trip in the wind, and digging out a perfect rock, make sure the dirt is blowing away from you. This is in addition to taking water along & watching for snakes. **Bill Johnson** is leading a field trip to Pisgah Crater for a home schooling group tomorrow. **Joe Summers** reports that the county has repaired and filled in the potholes on old Route 66 from Hector Road east.

Hostesses for tonight's delicious refreshments were **Cheiko Printz and Judy Livingston.**

Business: **Bill Depue** reports that he went to a meeting at BLM last Wednesday to give input on roads that should be kept open to vehicles on the desert in the north & south Cady Mts. BLM plans to designate some roads as closed to vehicles not legally licensed (such as Quads). **Bill** discovered that many roads important to rock hounds were not even on BLM's maps—such as the road to the Christmas Tree Agate. **Bill Depue** is going to go to these roads with his GPS readings, take photographs, & submit these to the BLM as additional roads that should be kept open. About 8-10 people attended the BLM meeting.

Judy Livingston, treasurer, reports that a two year subscription to Rock & Gem magazine has been made for MDGMS. And she reminds everyone that **DUES ARE DUE** for 2017; \$20 for adults & \$10 for juniors. If you haven't paid your dues yet, either mail them to MDGMS, P.O. Box 138, Barstow, 92312, or give to **Judy** at a meeting. The program tonight will be a film on "Collecting Agates & Jasper in Idaho, Oregon & Mexico" **Danny** reports that this is the only DVD in the MDGMS library on field trips & that it would be interesting to have more films. **Lana Heller-Wood** made a motion that MDGMS reimburse up to \$35 for a DVD on Field Trips if one is located & purchased by a member. The motion was seconded by **Toni Pizzo & Judy Livingston.** The motion passed unanimously by the membership vote. **Danny Watts** reported that 22 new tables have been purchased for use at the Gem & Mineral Show. They are stored at **Norm & Trisha Sheppard's**. Next Saturday, 9 am, the club's ID will be painted on each table and the club's rocks sorted for Silent Auction. **Bill Johnson** is working on the purchase of the cable covers also needed for the Gem & Mineral show.

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Annual June Barbecue & Potluck will be on Friday, June 2nd, at 6 pm. The club will purchase the meat and everyone brings a potluck dish to share. The dinner will be followed by our silent auction.

A motion was made by **Toni Pizzo**, and seconded by **Joe Sumners**, that the Minutes of the April General Meeting be approved as read in the newsletter. The motion was passed unanimously by the membership vote. Three scholarships were awarded for the year 2017–2018 at the board meeting last month. **Brittany Wendlandt**, **Ludymar Cester & Mayra Avila**, out of six applicants, received MDGMS scholarships. **Mayra Avila** is a member of MDGMS. She plans to attend Barstow Community College with a major in Geology.

Danny Watts reminds that it takes everyone to operate the rock club. Volunteers keep the club going. Some members volunteer for many tasks, both one time & year round. But it takes everyone. We have only to November to prepare for the December Gem & Mineral Show. The annual membership dues are used to pay for the insurance & newsletter expenses. The funding for the scholarship comes from the Gem & Mineral Show —the Spin the Wheel, Grab Bags & Silent Auction. Other money earned at the Show and during the year goes to operate the club. Larger expenses this year are the purchase of tables and electric cord cable covers for the Gem & Mineral Show.

Needed for the Gem & Mineral Show are rock materials for the grab bags and Spin the Wheel. Eight rock samples are in each grab bag. **Danny & Vivian** have collected for several years 600 rock samples of iron ore, Panamint calcite, jasper & blue calcite. More rock sample donations are needed. These small rocks do not have to be pretty, but can be a geological specimen, such as a metamorphic rock. The rock samples are labeled at the workshops; it takes many hands to label 4800 rock samples.

At the May 19th workshop, **Danny Watts** proposes that we make the rock scenes that have picture cutouts from magazines, cards, decoupage to a rock slab with another rock glued on the back for a stand. We have not made these in several years for the Spin the Wheel prizes. Needed are rock slab donations, picture cutouts and volunteer hands. **Norm Sheppard** will tumble rocks for the grab bags, but needs help with the different stages of tumbling – such as changing the grit. **Danny Watts** has volunteered to be one of the helpers. **Scott Stevenson** will donate grit & polish to the club to use for tumbling. **La Vella Tomlinson**, **Therese Carlson & Joan Bird** are sewing the grab bags – 600 each year. **Joan Bird** has completed 150. Fabric donations have been from **Judy Livingston**, **La Vella Tomlinson**, **Joan Bird**, **Joyce De Garmo & Therese Carlson**. **Scott Stevenson** volunteered sew grab bags from fabric that he has.

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Show & Tell: **Danny Watts** brought a hefty chunk of Oolite, the rock of the month. Sure enough, it looks like limestone fish eggs. Besides this collecting site in Utah, there is a deposit in the lower end of Death Valley, but within the Nat'l Park now & cannot be collected. The Indian Paint Stone site also can no longer be collected. **Christian Bigham** brought Amethyst crystals that he got at the Lancaster show. He is very proud of his new crystals. Titanium makes the quartz crystals purple and iron inclusions can tint quartz other colors. His dad brought a rock from the Wrightwood area that was identified as a petrified mud ball, with bandings, that will probably polish. **Donna Patterson** brought polished Travertine with a pocket of crystals, two agate slabs, one her favorite with a desert scene of flowers with mountains behind, and a small rock that looked like a sailing ship, an amazing field trip find. **Leslie** brought two nodules that came years ago from two different old collections, that she originally thought was Oolite. They have small red & green spherical inclusions. **Leslie** also brought a cab that she made from real Oolite -looked very much like a dotted fossil. **La Vella & Bill Tomlinson** brought some fossils, one a clam shell found on the upper shore line of Lake Mannix, in the hills east of Minneola Road where petrified palm can also be found.

Cab of the Month: **Scott Stevenson** won cab of the month with his freeform polished white agate with a crystal pocket. Our new junior member **Elgin Wood** won second with his cab of Rhodonite that he learned to polish at **Leslie Walker & Scott Stevenson's** Friday cab making workshops. **Scott Stevenson** moved, and many seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 by **Danny Watts**, president. Respectfully submitted, **La Vella Tomlinson**, secretary



Our Club was one of the first to have a display at the Mojave River Valley Museum.

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Workshop news: Scott Stevenson is opening the workshop every Friday except the first Friday of the month (general meeting night).



Elgin Wood with his first cabachon!



Delilah polished a quartz



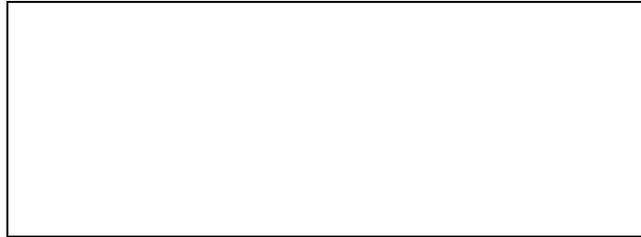
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