



THE POLISHED SLAB

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



March 2022

A NEWSLETTER FOR ROCKHOUNDS SINCE 1940

Volume 82 Issue 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 3rd - Board Mtg
Mar 7th - General Mtg
Mar 31st - Board Mtg
Apr 4th - General Mtg
Apr 28th - Board Mtg

SNGMS Contacts:

www.snvgs.org
sngmsnews@gmail.com
sngmspresident@gmail.com
sngmsvicepresident@gmail.com
sngmssecretary@gmail.com
sngmstreasurer@gmail.com
sngmsshowchair@gmail.com
sngmspublicity@gmail.com
sngmsjamboreeshowchair@gmail.com

To all SNGMS Members:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 2022

Hello, fellow rockhounds!

We had a very successful rock swap, barbecue and ribbon cutting event on February 12th at the shop. Our club joined the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce recently so their representatives welcomed our membership with a ribbon cutting. There were lots of grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. Our members brought side dishes and desserts which were enjoyed by the attendees. Members participated in the rock swap and sale of different kinds of jewelry, rocks, etc.

There was a great turnout for the trip to the South Cady's, CA on Feb 19th. The field trip was led by Chops to collect jasper at different locations. There will be another trip to the North Cady's, CA in October of this year.

Our March 7th General Membership Meeting at the Eagle's Lodge was well attended! The cabochon contest winner was George Stewart, first prize and Mary Skaarup, second prize. The theme for this month was Mars. Next month's cabochon theme is Saturn.

We are very thankful for all the wonderful members who volunteer their time and talent so that we can enjoy trips, events, classes, etc. that make our rock club the best in Las Vegas!

Lloyd Chayette, President SNGMS
March 2022

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

<i>Field Trips</i>	2
<i>Board Meeting</i>	3
<i>General Meeting</i>	4
<i>Kids Club</i>	6
<i>Education Activities</i>	
<i>SNGMS Meeting dates & Directions to Shop</i>	6
<i>Shop Talk</i>	7
<i>Classes and Sunshine</i>	8
<i>Shop Information</i>	9
<i>Birthday, and New Members</i>	10
<i>Upcoming Events</i>	11

Field Trips & Events

Parking Lot Event: Sat, Mar 12th, 2022

Burro Creek, AZ: Wed-Sat, Mar 23rd-27th, 2022

Earth Day, Sandy Valley, Friday, April 22nd

Spring Jamboree, May 7th- 8th, 2022

SNGMS/RMFMS 2022 Show, Fri-Sun, June 17th-20th, 2022

Outings Being Considered (Dates to Be Finalized):

Tonopah, NV: Sun, April 10th 2022

Cedar City, UT : July 30th-31st 2022

Pahrump Winery: Aug 2022

Tonopah, NV: Sep 2022

North Cadys, CA, Oct 2022

Parking Lot Sale: Sat, Nov 12th 2022

Awards Banquette: Sun, Dec 4th, 2022

South Cadys, CA, Feb 2022: Group Picture (Photo Courtesy of Dale Bright)



SNGMS Board Meeting minutes for March 3, 2022

On March 3, 2022, the regular Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 4:00 PM by the President. All board members were present except for the Parliamentarian. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting read by Secretary were approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Account Balances were reported.

Shop report: C saw needs a new shaft but is operational. D saw is down. All Cab machines are working. The motor for the large flat lap is still being worked on to correct speed control.

Unfinished business:

Pins for the 2022 show are on order and should be ready the beginning of April. Patches are on schedule.

The 2022 RMFMS show is progressing on schedule. As of today there are 10 booths definitely rented. Next committee meeting will be March 15, 2022 at Desert Art Supplies beginning at 4:00PM.

The tool order is complete. Wayne motioned 2nd by Amber that \$500 be approved for purchase of tools that have been sold. Motion carried.

The vests for the junior rock hounds have been received. The price of the vests have been increased by \$2.00 future sales will show this increase.

As of today 30 out of 36 spaces for the spring jamboree have been sold. The next meeting is March 10th at 4:00PM at Desert Art Supplies.

Dale Bright reported on the status of the Social Media accounts. Accounts are being updated with show information added to an events page.

Field trips for 2022 so far are as follows. March 23-27 Burro Creek AZ., April 10-11 Tonopah (pay to dig site) May Spring Jamboree, June Rocky Mountain Federation show at the Orleans, July (TBD) Cedar City, UT., August (TBD) Pahrump Winery plus possibly McDermitt, September (TBD) Tonopah and Fallon, and October North Cady's.

The purchase of the coffee pots has been completed.

New Business:

The next General Membership will be held March 7, 2022 at the Eagles Lodge.

The next parking lot sale will be March 12, 2022 in the parking lot in front of Desert Art Supplies.

Bob will be teaching a silversmith class on February 27, 2022 and February 28 2022. Contact Bob for details. Due to the interest in this class if you miss 2 classes your position will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

The next clock class will be August 28th and 29th taught by Amber.

A genie cab machine will be auctioned off starting March 8th and ending April 2nd starting bid will be \$200 with increments of \$20.

A member asked about the speed of the saws. Wayne motioned 2nd by Ron that all the saws be set to medium speed. Motion carried. Another possibility will be researched about adding automatic clutch system to the saws.

Due to the parliamentarian not being able to attend board meetings the possibility of appointing a new one was addressed. If the current parliamentarian decides to step down Jean Chayette has volunteered to replace him for the remainder of the year.

Tracy will be holding silver smith classes on March 13, 2022 at Desert Art Supplies from 9:00 – 3:30 and at the shop on March 14, 2022 from 9:00 – 3:30. Cost for both classes is \$35

MaryBeth will represent the kids club at the Sandy Valley Earth Day celebration on the 22nd of April.

Wayne motioned 2nd by Debbie that the club purchase 24 copies of Rockhounding Barstow to be sold at \$10 each. Approved.

Del motioned 2nd by Wayne that Diane Burgess be given access to the membership list to get volunteers for the shows.

A letter was sent by a member about issues during field trips. Board members are to present ideas at the next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wayne and 2nd by Gary the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM

SNGMS General Meeting minutes for March 7th

For March 7th On March 7, 2022, the regular meeting of the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:00 PM by the President. The Secretary was not present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the February 2022 meeting were approved as read. With minor change of the year for the January meeting.

The Treasurer reported on account balances.

Reports:

Classes:

Silversmith class will be held the last Sunday in February contact Bob Belcher. If attendees miss more than 2 classes their position will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

There are also silversmith classes held at Desert Art Supplies in Fridays from 12:30PM – 3:30PM with Bella teaching. Cost is \$35.

Beading class will be on Monday, March 14, 2022 starting at 5:00PM details will be emailed.

Faceting Class will be at 9:00 AM every Saturday at the shop.

Wire wrapping class details and dates to be emailed

On Sunday March 20, 2022 there will be a beginning cabochon class from 3:PM-5:00PM contact Beth Jones to attend.

Tracy will be teaching a silversmith class on March 13, 2022 at Desert Art Supplies. And on March 14th at the Shop from 9:00 – 3:30

- Shop report: The D saw was down but is back up again.

The shop will be closed on Saturday March 12 due to the parking lot sale.

Kids club is March 13th from 3 – 5 at the shop.

Old Business:

Everything is on track for the Spring Jamboree there are 33 out of 36 spaces already sold. There will be a committee meeting on March 10th at Desert Art Supplies beginning at 4:00 PM Amber thanked everyone for the great turnout for the ribbon cutting for the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce. With special thanks to Bruce for his work on the Nevada shaped stones given as a thank you to the Boulder City attendees.

The RMFMS show has 11 spaces sold so far. There will be a meeting March 15th at Desert Art Supplies beginning at 4:00PM. A marketing coordinator is needed. Volunteers will be needed for the show.

New Business:

Cabochon contest “Mars”, George Stewart won 2 hours of shop time. Mary Skaarup, 1 hour of shop time. Aprils contest will be Saturn.

Field trips –

March 12 Parking Lot Sale

March 23-27 Burro Creek AZ

April 10 – 11 Tonopah. This is a pay to dig site (contact Del)

April 22 Sandy Valley Earth Day

No Field trips in May or June due to the shows being held.

July Cedar City

August Pahump winery and possibly Mc Dermitt.

September Tonopah and Fallon

October North Cady's

Next general Meeting will be April 4, 2022^t at the Eagles Lodge starting at 6:00PM.

Several officer positions and Board positions will be opening this year. Volunteers are needed for these positions. Both the Secretary and Treasurer are being term limited out.

A motion from Wayne 2nd by Alan was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM

Parking Lot Event, Saturday March 12th: (Photos Courtesy of David Ford)

Birthstones for the Month of March are Aquamarine and Bloodstone: **Aquamarine** is pale blue beryl and derives its name from Latin meaning sea water. Legend has it that aquamarines came from a mermaid's Jewelry chest and is said to bring pure love.



Bloodstone (Heliotrope) is a form of green jasper (chalcedony) with red inclusions of hematite which legend has it to be drops of blood, hence bloodstone. It's thought to have magical properties for preserving health and youth.



SNGMS 2022 Meetings

Jan 06 Board	Jul 07 Board
Jan 10 General	11 General
Feb 03 Board	28 Board
07 General	Aug 01 General
Mar 03 Board	Sep 08 Board
07 General	12 General
31 Board	29 Board
Apr 04 General	Oct 03 General
28 Board	Nov 03 Board
May 02 General	07 General
Jun 02 Board	Dec 01 Board
06 General	Dec 4th (Annual Awards Banquet)

Board Meetings (site to be announced)
General Meetings at
Eagles Lodge, 1601 E. Washington Ave.

SNGMS General Meeting

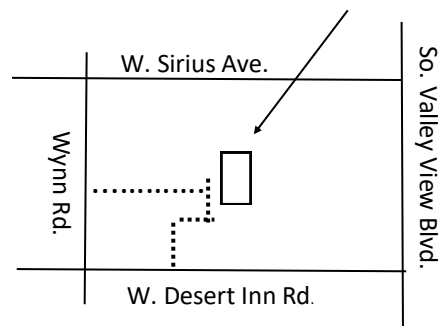
1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

Non-members welcome!

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

Show & Sell 5-6 PM
General Meeting 6-8 PM

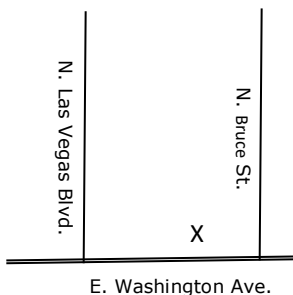
**3111 So. Valley View Blvd,
Building E Shop Suite 125**

**Finding the Shop Location**

Proceeding west on Desert Inn Road, take the first right past So. Valley View Blvd. into the industrial park area. Drive past the building on your right, then jog right, then left and you will be in front of Building E. Another option is to enter off of Wynn Rd. Go

west on Desert Inn Rd. to Wynn Rd., turn right onto Wynn Rd. and go to the first entrance on the right (past the BIG white Commercial building sign) turn right and straight in front of you is Building E #125.

SNGMS Contact:
sngmsnews@gmail.com
www.snvgms.org

**Finding the General Meeting Location**

Eagles Lodge #1213
1601 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas,
NV
(702) 642-1213

KIDS CLUB / EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The Kids Club meets on the second Sunday of most months at the SNGMS Shop from 3-5. As always, for more information, or to volunteer to lead an activity, or to help with an educational event contact Mary Beth Paladino at 702-255-1647

!!!!!!ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A ROCK STAR!!!!!!

Greetings all,

We had a small group on Sunday with 3 new members. We spent our day learning how to set up our exhibit for the Spring Jamboree. Vests and badges were passed out at the meeting.

Thanks again to the members of the SNGMS for your continued support.

Mary Beth



Brad's Shop Talk

Twisting Wire:

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.

Just make a little hook out of a coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun. Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto you hook. Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist.

Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.



Soldering Prongs:

I often use prongs to hold an irregular cab or other object on rings and pendants. But prongs can be a little tricky to solder. You have to find some way to hold them all upright while soldering, and the simple butt joint that looks strong sometimes breaks when you start to bend the prong over the stone. There's nothing worse than having a prong break off when you're setting the stone *#~*!

I solved both problems with one little trick. It keeps the prongs in position for soldering, and it gives you a stronger joint at the same time.

Locate and center punch the position for each prong. Then drill holes a little smaller than your prong wire. Sand a small taper on the ends of your prong wires and stand them up in the holes. The wires support themselves, soldering is easy, and the joint is stronger because of the increased soldering area.

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems
[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)



Classes

Wire wrapping, led by Peggy Sue Moore meets on most Mondays (except for the General Meeting night). Hours for the class are 5 - 8 PM. The fee is \$10.00 for the shop and \$1.00 pattern fee.

Beading: Gary Webb and Sue Dobson will be hosting the beading class. Classes will be the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

Silver Smithing: Bob Belcher will be teaching the silversmithing classes. They are scheduled for the fourth Sunday and Monday of the month at 3 pm. f35fighter@yaho.com

Silver Smithing: Bella Romero and Mary Savage are teaching silversmithing classes at Desert Art Supplies Henderson on Fridays 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Faceting classes. Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm. Please contact Peggy Sue Moore moorepeggysue@gmail.com in advance to see if a machine is available. Class fee is \$ 20.00, \$15.00 for the class plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor, Tom Kidwell.

Wire wrapping, metal smithing, flint knapping, and silver smithing have a very modest donation of \$10.00 per session, that goes to the club. Faceting class fee is \$15.00 plus a \$5.00 fuel fund for the instructor. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class. All donations go to SNGMS, all instructors volunteer their time and expertise to help extend the knowledge of our members.

Sunshine Report

from Beth Jones

Please if you hear of any SNGMS member in need of a bit of sunshine due to accident, illness, death in the family or other need, call Beth Jones at 702-505-5819 or email her at Punkyjones@hotmail.com (please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)

Great News!!

Seems like our club members have stayed healthy this month.



SHOP INFORMATION

"New" SNGMS Workshop Schedule

SHOP HOURS

Sunday 10 am to 3 pm

Monday Closed for general use: Various Classes

Tuesday 10 am to 7 pm

Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm

Thursday 12 pm to 9 pm

Friday 12 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 1 pm to 6 pm

SHOP CLOSED :

Kids Club: 3 pm – 5 pm 2nd Sunday of the Month

Board Meeting: Various Thursday Nights 6 pm to Approx 7 pm

Check Email and "Polished Slab" for possible date changes.



Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



2022 Monthly Cabochon Contest: (Celestial Bodies)

Mar	Mars
Apr	Saturn
May	Jupiter
Jun	Milky Way
Jul	Nebula
Aug	Black Hole
Sep	Comet
Oct	Earth
Nov	Venus

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CABOCHON CONTEST YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF SHOP TIME. THE WINNERS RECEIVE FREE SHOP TIME. A "*Saturn*" cabochon will be the contest entry to be judged at **April's** general meeting. **Good Luck!**

February's Cabochon "Moon" Win-

George Stewart



Shop Time
2 Hours

Mary Skaarup



Shop Time
1 Hour

Please, **under no circumstances**, park in front of Unit 124 or Unit 126 (the units next to the Shop). The owners of the units come in at odd hours and need access to their parking spaces. There is ample parking across from the Shop that is not in front of any unit.



Happy Birthdays!

March

Nicholas Barnes, Tina Bates, Brian Berube, Aline Botts, Harrison Brooks, Ken Bucknam, Larry Campbell, Robin Cartwright, Nancy Crenshaw, Michelle Dembinski, Richard Marc Denton, Nancy Eash-Heyl, Trinity I.P. Golia-Huffman, Diane Hale, Michael Heyl, Finn Hudson, Jason Irving, Jessica Jamieson, Olga Karpf, Dempsey Laudeddale, Elise Lebeau, Jeff Lockett, Sheyla McCaw, Cheryl Milne, Linda Murie, Elizabeth Nelson, Tesa Overstreet, Elana Paladino, Linda Pruter, Dorene Saters, Cathy Sawatzki, Rob Shaw, Corinne Silva, Michelle Walden-Fink, James Workman, Leo Workman.

April

If you have a March birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the March's meeting.

Sunday Ajayai, Barbara Belcher, Heather Blum, Jose Canche, Mike Curley, Sydney Davis, Rachael Dockens, John Dvorak, Jason Fabb, Glen Hale, Cheryl Haviland, DiAnn Lawson, Treena Luchetta, Lizette McCarthy, Jarlath McNee, Edward Morken, Austin Navo, Christopher Ovens, Autumn Page, Luke Pattison, Heather Perkins, Lorena Rainford, Lorilee Stackhouse, Trev Stinnett, Leslie Sturek, Nancy Tatom, Susan Vermillion, Becky Wellman, James Wendel, Dara Winder, Julian Young.

Welcome New Members!

A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Ayotunde Ajayi, Clamide Ajayi, Sunday Ajayi, Joe Boisvenu, Aline Botts, Dale Bright, Asher Burda, Elissa Burda, Ethan Burda, Llan Burda, Oren Burda, Teddy Burda, Erika Cifani, Josette Cifani, Jennifer Cook, Killian Davidson, Michael Davis, Dianna Deck, Bryan Dockens, Cainan Dockens, Debra Dockens, Hunter Dockens, Katrina Dockens, Orion Dockens, Rachel Dockens, Serena Dockens, Elaine Fazendin, Rob Fazendin, Tonia Feagle, Marc Feinberg, Calvin Foos, Amanda Forrester, Vanessa Gomez, Robert Hennings, Joshio Herrera, Winter Herrera, Danny Huxford, Jason Irving, Kylie-Marie Irving, Sativa-Marie Irving, Amber Irwin, Anna Kaiser, George Kaiser, Andy Karpf, Olga Karpf, Dempsey Lauderdale, Elise Lebeau, Matt Loeschner, Katherine Matthews, Bernadette McDonald, Emelia McDonald, Gabriel McDonald, Gordon Joe McDonald, Gordon McDonald, Verlin McDonald, Patrick McDonough, Sharyn Mitchell, Tami Mohr, Kathryn Mundine, Linda Murie, Paulette Parente Hahn, Stanley Parente Hahn, Rosa Pascual, Christine Pool, Rollo Pool, Desert Pretz, Eric Pretz, Oceanna Pretz, Lorena Rainford, Sofia Rainford, William Rainford, Denise Senko, Mohamed Serry, Alice Sharrer, Elliot Sharrer, James Sharrer, Nick Sharrer, Susan Sharrer, Angela Shaw, Rob Shaw, Hollie Strobl, Jillian Szymanski, Robert Szymanski, Steve Turner, Colt Walgren, Haylee Walgren, Randy Walgren, Tenda Walgren, Donald Walla, Peggy Walla, James Wendel, Maria White.

SNGMS 2022 Board of Directors

President: **Lloyd Chayette** sngmspresident@gmail.com 714 474-6384
 Vice-President: **Wayne Muth** sngmsvicepresident@gmail.com 702 285-7878
 Secretary: **Debbie Bucknam** sngmssecretary@gmail.com 805 415-1870
 Treasurer: **Gary Webb** sngmstreasurer@gmail.com 702 275-5476
 Parliamentarian: **Jack Toogood** vegasbmw@hotmail.com 702 510-4192
 One Year Board Remaining: **Kerry "Choppers" Wenzl** kheffner@levi.com 702 378-2205
 Two Year Board Remaining: **Ron Mazz** zman8229@gmail.com 586 914-4130
 Three Year Board: **Del Walkenshaw** desertartsupply@aol.com 702 451-8040
 One Year Board: **Amber Palecek** pipfithis@gmail.com 702 343-7150

Contact any Board member to volunteer for a position, or a Committee Chairman to offer to help on their committee.

Committee Chairperson

Bulletin.....Del Walkenshaw & Deb Koladziej
desertartsupply@aol.com
 Communications..... Del Walkenshaw sngmsnews@gmail.com
 Federation.....Peggy Sue Moore
 Alt. Federation..... Mary Beth Paladino
 Field Trip.....SNGMS Board
 Shop Foreman Kerry "Choppers" Wenzl
 Historian..... Jack Toogood vegasbmw@hotmail.com
 Hospitality..... Mary Beth Paladino
 Inventory.....Gary Webb sngmstreasurer@gmail.com
 Librarian..... Mario Luchetta
 Membership..... .Claudia Crouse ccrouse295@gmail.com
 New Member Liaison... Joann Sprott
 Program..... Cindy Allison
 Publicity..... Andrea Packo
 Raffle..... Ron Mazz
 50-50 Raffle..... Orville and Lisa Wiemers
 Refreshments..... Fran & Allen Stratton
 Rock Stars..... Mary Beth Paladino.....702-255-1647
 Show Chairperson Spring Jamboree..... Amber Palecek
 Show Chairperson 2022 SNGMS/RMFMS.....Cliff Jackson
 Sunshine..... Beth Jones punkyjones@hotmail.com
 702-505-5819
 Webmaster..... Lorrilee Stackhouse lorrilee@cox.net

SNGMS Contact: sngmspresident@gmail.com

sngmsvicepresident@gmail.com sngmssecretary@gmail.com
sngmstreasurer@gmail.com sngmsshowchair@gmail.com
sngmspublicity@gmail.com sngmsnews@gmail.com
sngmsjamboreeshowchair@gmail.com www.snvgms.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are rock clubs throughout the United States and the computer is your friend in finding information about clubs and shows. Just search for the area you are interested in and rock club and you should find plenty to keep you busy,

Earth Day, Sandy Valley April

Boulder City, NV Spring Jamboree, May 7-8, 2022

SNGMS Rocks, Gems & Jewelry Show, Las Vegas, NV June 17-19, 2022

Some links that you may find helpful:



<https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/>

American Federation Of Mineralogical Societies-

<http://www.amfed.org>

Rocky Mountain Federation -

<http://www.rmfmf.org>

and the Rock & Gem website -

<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society
3111 S. Valley View Blvd, E-125
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Return Service Requested



The Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit corporation, organized to educate ourselves and the community in the science and arts related to rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, and nature in general. Fostering an understanding and appreciation of the physical world, we can use it and protect it for future generations.

Club Mascot: Rock Wren

Club Gemstone: Turquoise

Club Logo: Rocks-R-Us

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in:
Rocks, Gems, Geology, Fossils, Lapidary Arts or
Silversmithing

Annual Dues: Individual - \$25; Family - \$35

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the
Eagles Lodge #1213, 1601 E Washington

No meeting is held in December. Instead we have our
annual awards dinner.

**POLISHED SLAB
ADVERTISING RATES**

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>Six Months</i>	<i>Yearly</i>
<i>Business Card</i>	<i>\$18</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Quarter Page</i>	<i>\$48</i>	<i>\$90</i>
<i>Half Page</i>	<i>\$90</i>	<i>\$170</i>
<i>Full Page</i>	<i>\$150</i>	<i>\$275</i>