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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2nd - General Mtg  
Jun 2nd - Board Mtg  
Jun 6th - General Mtg  
Jul 7th - Board Mtg

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## To all SNGMS Members:

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2022

Hello fellow rockhounds!

We had lots of well attended events in the past month. We had a field trip to Broken Arrow Mine in Tonopah for turquoise and variscite. The trip was led by Del Walkenshaw with club members finding lots of great rocks.

The Spring Jamboree was a great success despite the windy conditions.

Our next field trip is planned for May 21st to Yermo, CA for silver lace travertine.

Here's another event where some of our members participated. Mary Beth Paladino, Cliff Jackson and Ron Mazz represented our rock club at the Sandy Valley Earth Day celebration. Kimo Taylor played his ukulele for guests at the event.

This month's general meeting went well with a lot of members in attendance. The majority voted to have our Christmas banquet at Sunset Casino on Sunday, December 4th.

The Rock Stars didn't meet this month due to Mother's Day but the meeting date and time will back to the normal in June.

The cabochon contest with the theme Jupiter was won by Dale Bright, first prize, and George Stewart, second prize. The theme for next month, June, is milky way. We can't wait to see your entries.

We are so thankful for all our members and volunteers who continue to make this club the best in Las Vegas!

Lloyd Chayette, President SNGMS  
April 2022

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## Field Trips & Events

Spring Jamboree, May 7th- 8th, 2022

Calico Ghost Town, Yermo, CA, May 21st

SNGMS/RMFMS 2022 Show, Fri-Sun, June 17th-19th, 2022

### Outings Being Considered ( Dates to Be Finalized ):

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

Pahrump Winery: Aug 2022

Tonopah, NV: Sep 2022

North Cadys, CA, Oct 2022

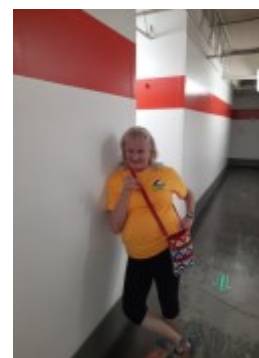
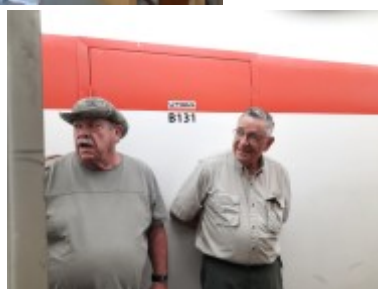
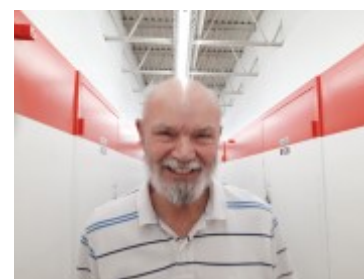
Parking Lot Sale: Sat, Nov 12th 2022

Awards Banquette: Sun, Dec 4th, 2022

### Spring Jamboree Loading Day:



Unemployed Line??



**SNGMS Board Meeting minutes for April 26, 2022**

**On April 23, 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 except for the parliamentarian were present.**

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: Cab machine 5 is out of order. The geode saw is being cleaned and checked out prior to the Spring Jamboree. The work on the large flat lap and putting viewing windows in the saws will be put on hold until after all shows are over. The shop will be closed May 6, 7 and 8 due to the Spring Jamboree.

Unfinished business:

Patches are on schedule.

The 2022 RMFMS show is progressing on schedule. As of today there are 23 booths definitely rented.

Next committee meeting will be May 3, 2022 at Desert Art Supplies beginning at 4:00PM.

As of today all spaces for the Spring Jamboree have been sold. The next meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM at Desert Art Supplies. Volunteers are needed to load the U-haul truck at the storage facility on Thursday and unload it in Boulder City on the same day.

Field trips for 2022 so far are as follows. May Spring Jamboree, May 21<sup>st</sup> Yermo, June Rocky Mountain Federation show at the Orleans, July (TBD) Cedar City, UT., August (TBD) Pahrump Winery, September (TBD) Tonopah, and October North Cady's. November 12 parking lot sale. December 4 awards banquet. A volunteer for the refreshment table at the general meeting is needed.

Peggy Sue will speak at the general meeting about volunteers for the nomination committee and for members interested in running for open positions.

New Business:

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

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

Bob will be teaching a silversmith class on May 22 and 23, 2022 Contact Bob for details.

The next clock class will be August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> taught by Amber.

Beading Class May 9, 2022

Wire Wrapping class May 16, 2022

Faceting class is every Saturday except for May 7, 2022 which is canceled.

The delegate packages and the reservation form for the banquet are available on the website.

Air horns have been purchased for use on field trips.

A vote on whether to have the December awards banquet at Sunset Station or have a potluck at the Eagles will be taken at the next general membership meeting. The cost will be \$30 for members and \$60 for guests.

Volunteers to form a field trip committee will be sought at the general meeting.

A question was presented about having a phone installed at the shop. Amber will research it after the Spring Jamboree.

A suggestion was made to have suggestion boxes placed at the general meeting and at the shop. Will look into this.

A member presented a list of possible speakers for club meetings. Will ask for a volunteer to lead this committee at the general meeting.

The club will register with Amazon Smile after the Spring Jamboree as another method of fundraising. Anyone choosing the club as their charity of choice will have .05% of their purchase donated by Amazon.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wayne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amber the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM

**SNGMS General Meeting minutes for May 2, 2022**

On May 2, 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 present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The minutes of the April 2022 meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported on account balances.

Reports:

Classes:

Silversmith class will be held the 4th Sunday in May contact Bob Belcher.

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

Beading class will be on May 9, 2022 starting at 5:00PM details will be emailed.

Faceting Class will be at 9:00 AM every Saturday at the shop. With the exception of May 7 as the shop is closed.

Wire wrapping class will be on May 16, 2022 starting at 5:00PM project will be a crescent moon tree of life.

On May 15, 2022 there will be a beginning cabochon class from 3:PM-5:00PM contact Beth Jones to attend.

Shop report: Cab King 5 is down and 1 saw is down. They will be looked at on May 4. The shop will be closed May 6-8 due to the Spring Jamboree.

Kids club will have no meeting in May.

Sunshine Report Allan is recovering. Bill Kogan only has one more procedure left to complete. Wayne is having Cataract surgery the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Nick Barnes fell at work but is doing ok.

**Old Business**

Everything is on track for the Spring Jamboree. Volunteers are needed to help load and unload the U-haul on Thursday. There will be a meeting on May 12, 2022 starting at 4:00PM at Desert Art Supplies to go over everything and see what if anything needs to be changed for next year.

The RMFMS show has 23 spaces sold so far. There will be a meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Desert Art Supplies beginning at 4:00PM. Volunteers will be needed for the show see Diane Burgess. Silent auction items are needed contact Peggy Sue for further information.

**New Business:**

Cabochon contest Jupiter Dale Bright won 2 hours of shop time George Stewart 1 hour of shop time. June's Contest will be The Milky Way

Field trips –

May 21 Yermo

July Cedar City

August Pahump winery

September Tonopah

October North Cady's

Next general Meeting will be June 6 2022<sup>t</sup> at the Eagles Lodge starting at 6:00PM.

Peggy Sue is looking for volunteers to run for open positions on the board for 2023.

Volunteers are needed for a field trip committee, Joel volunteered to be the Chairperson.

Pins and patches for the federation show are available for sale cost is \$5.00

Mary Savage has volunteered to be programs chairperson.

Gary motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark that the December awards banquet be held at Sunset Station again this year. Motion carried.

A motion from Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amber was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM



**Spring Jamboree:**

**Birthstone for the Month of May is Emerald:** Is a precious gem stone and a variety of the mineral Beryl ( $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_6$ ) colored green by trace amounts of chromium and sometimes vanadium. Beryl has a hardness of 7.5–8 on the Mohs scale and is in the hexagonal crystal family. In mythology Emerald was associated with Mercury, the messenger of the gods and is the protection stone of travelers. The green gemstone symbolizes hope and development and was a stone of divine intuition for the Greeks. Emerald is regarded as a powerful stone for problems of impaired balance such as vertigo.



**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**

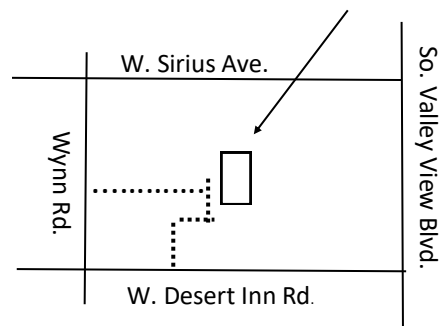
1st Monday of every month  
 (2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday) No meeting in December.

**Non-members welcome!**

Eagles Lodge 1601 E Washington Ave.

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

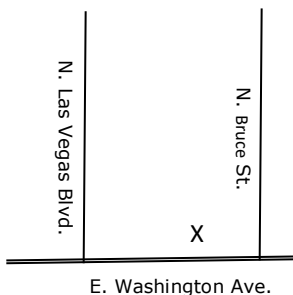
**3111 So. Valley View Blvd,  
 Building E Shop Suite 125**

**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.

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**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*





**Spring Jamboree: ( Continued)**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

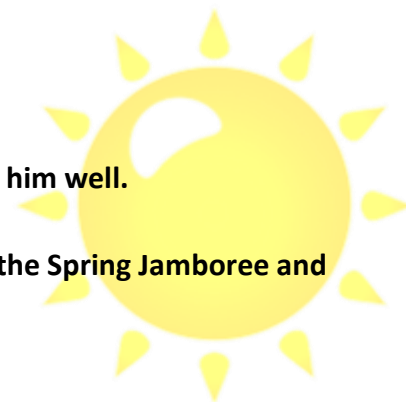
*Please if you hear of any SNGMS member in need of a bit of sunshine due to accident, illness, death in the family or other need, call Beth Jones at 702-505-5819 or email her at [Punkyjones@hotmail.com](mailto:Punkyjones@hotmail.com) (please put SNGMS Sunshine in the Subject)*

Wayne Muth is scheduled for cataract surgery on May 14th. We wish him well.

Joann Sprott is recovering from a bout with pneumonia . She was at the Spring Jamboree and looked great.

Allen Stratton is improving from his recent surgery. Get well soon.

Bill Kogan is getting close to finishing up his scheduled tests. I understand he's completed over 90% of the procedures. Way to go Bill.





# 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)

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 "*Milky Way*" cabochon will be the contest entry to be judged at **June's** general meeting. **Good Luck!**

May's Cabochon "Jupiter" Winners: Good Job!!!!

**Dale Bright**



Shop Time  
2 Hours

**George Stewart**



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!

## May

Wes Bryant, Pam Campbell, Josette Cifani, Carol Corden, Julie Curley, Rob Fazendin, Tonia Feagle, Anthony Gelish, Vanessa Gomez, Debbie Gordon, Louis Helbock, Joshio Herrera, Lamar Holt, Rod Huffman, Kell Hymer, Robert J. Johnson, Chrystal Johnson, Bill Kirby, Brett Kishkis, Dwight Lee, Kathryn Ludens, Kenneth L. Martin, Duane Matters, Barb Maz, Ron Mazz, Emily McNeel, Jack McNeel, Doreen Moore, Jo Ann Myers, Richard Nelson, Amber Palecek, David Seidner, Mary Skaarup, Melynda Staten, Linda Wright.

## June

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

Girma Ali, Rhona Alter, Angel Arenas Linda Arnold, Arlet Artiga, Frank Auerswald, Sr., Dennis Barrack, Steven Brooks, Roberto Calvera, Lindy Cooksey, Claudia Crouse, Jill Davidson, Michael Davis, Juliann Deason-Poupard, Bryan Dockens, Rodney Ryder Golia-Huffman, Tracy Hassett, Dustin Hines, Salinna Irving, Sheri Johnson, Andy Karpf, Michael Kirk, Greg Klund, Dave Larson, Calvin Leavitt, Mark Leppert, Joshua Lockett, Margaret Mahler, Linda Martin, Ryan McCarthy, Alexis McCaw, Anne McConnell, Morgana Muniz, Livyana Muniz, Wayne Muth, Destry Myers, Tsukiko Nakano, Riley Overstreet, Mary Beth Paladino, Jess Pettersen, Dana Pool, David Pool, William Rainford, Robert Riemer, Kim Stubitz, Jim Switalla, Jon Thiriote, Shawn Vanier, Randy Walgren, Rebecca Williams, Martin Williams, Gail Wisniewski.

# Welcome New Members!

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

Dennis Barrack, Jan Barry, Karly Beaston, Chayton Beaston, Liam Beaston-Plumleigh, Daniel Cox, Andrew Faulkner, Debbie Gordon, Alena Grigsby, Jacob Hale, Diane Henderson, Evelyn Henderson, Bryan Huber, Alejandra Jimenez, Cherie Johnson, Connor Johnson, Dwight Lee, Gary Liggett, Grayson Liggett, Paulette Lundy, Brandi Miller, Colton Morano, Tricia Ott, Evan Plumleigh, Dana Pool, David Pool, Kimberly Price, Bernard Price, Josilyn Price, Fiorella Ramirez, Adam Reid Liz Sanderson, Catherine Underwood, Victor Wiens, Rebecca Williams, Charles B. Williams, Hunter Williams,

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

### Committee Chairperson

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## 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,*

**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.

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ADVERTISING RATES**

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