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March Board Meeting Highlights

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There was no board meeting held as there were not enough members present.

Show and Event Reminders

Bonnie Screams, Oct. 16-31 nightly, 6:30-11:30 to benefit 4 kids Now, autistic kids organization. Booths are 10 x 10 & can be shared which will make each person's fee very reasonable. Call Sharon for more info, 499-0272.

Zzyzx, not too far from LV, Nov. 15-22 Camp Paradise, raffle ticket deadline, Oct. 31, event itself, May 16-22 and May 23-29, 2010!

Please access the web site for details, California Federation (CFMS) Earth Science Studies
www.cfmsinc.org.

Intergem, Dec. 4,5,6, Fri., Sat., Sun. as always! And, as always, we need all of the volunteers, demonstrators & loaders plus all the large vehicles that we can get. Please mark your calendars NOW for those dates. This is still our biggest fundraiser!! Call or email Sharon to offer your services and for more info. sharonrr@cox.net, 499-0272.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the wonderful people who came to visit, call or email while I was hospitalized. I felt truly blessed and appreciate everything!!

Sandy

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GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order on September 14, 2009 at 6:20PM by president Wes Bryant. The salute to the flag was done and all members and guests were greeted. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer was absent so no report was given. Sharon Rogow gave the show report. The Intergem Show will be Dec. 4, 5 & 6. There will also be a show at Bonnie Springs. This is a charity show and proceeds will go toward autism. The show is Oct. 16-Oct. 31 and the fee is \$500.00 for a 10 x 10 booth if any members are interested. First Friday Chairperson Sue Moore gave the First Friday report. There were a few sales but not a large turnout as there is still a lot of construction on the streets nearby. Several tours of the shop were conducted. Wes read a letter from Anita Zell who submitted her resignation as Sunshine Chairman and that she and her husband are busy and have other obligations. Pat Skeary will finish out the year. Wes also announced the passing of Dick Moore, a past officer of the club. Mary Beth Paladino gave the kids club report & there will be a field trip to Logandale on October 10. There will also be a fluorescent light show at Mary Beth's on October 17 from 10am to 12pm. November 7 will be craft day and runs 10am to 12pm. Shop foreman Larry Grillett gave the shop report. There was repair needed for some equipment but the shop is doing well. Bill Lemmon spoke about the upcoming field trip outside of Cedar City. Those interested should meet at the Valley of Fire at 6:00 am and will regroup at the Smith's Food King in Cedar City. Wes mentioned the field trip handbook and to take plenty of water. Sandy Cunningham mentioned that wire wrapping classes will resume on Tuesday October 13. Wes appointed Sue Moore, Sheri Johnson and Mary Beth Paladino for nominating committee for the upcoming November elections. The new audit committee is Sharon Rogow, Larry Grillett and Cliff Jackson. Wes announced the new venue for the awards banquet. It's been moved to the Elks Lodge and not the American Legion. More details to follow in the next issue. John Fish was our guest speaker.

Submitted by Pat Skeary-acting secretary

Rock&Gem

NEVADA - CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA - UTAH
Show Schedule

25-27--SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH: Gem Faire; Towne Exposition Center/Exhibit Hall 5, 9575 S. State St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

25-27--SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: Annual Tailgate; Orange Belt Mineralogical Society; Little League Baseball Park, Western Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; silent auction

Sept.30-Oct 4--JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: 34th annual show, "Gem, Mineral, and Handicraft Jamboree"; Sportsman Club of Joshua Tree; 6225 Sunburst Ave.; Wed. 8-5, Thu. 8-5, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-5, Sun. 8-3; free admission; minerals, fossils, crystals, gems, meteorites, jewelry, beads, geology supplies, raffles; web site: www.gemfaire.com

Zzyzx November 15 - 22, 2009- \$350 per person per week registration forms on line.

For info on the California Federation Shows, please access the web site www.cfmsinc.org or call Sharon, 499-0272.

OTHER SHOWS MAY BE FOUND ON THE
ROCK & GEM WEBSITE

OUR NEXT MEETING

October 5 at 6PM

at the Senior Center on Bonanza Avenue.

If your birthday is in October, please don't forget to bring something for the refreshment table and how about something besides cake and cookies? How about some other snacks...pretzels, chips 'n' pillows, nuts, crackers, cold cuts, finger sandwiches maybe?? Use your imagination!!



SUNSHINE REPORT

by Anita Zell

Nita is no longer our Sunshine Chairman and we are in need of someone to take over this position for our club. Pat Skeary will be our temporary person until the end of the year.

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Sue Moore: Chairman 348-9600

Mary Beth Paladino: member 255-1647

Sheri Johnson: member 525-0256



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Crystal Best	Barry Lawson
Sebastien Coin	Sue Lofaro
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Jim Gawura	Maureen Nickel
Theresa Graziano	Amber Paladino
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Alexander Henry	Diane Rogers
Ruth Holmstrom	(Arthur) Mick Sprott
Steve Ireland	John Stackhouse
Virginia Johnson	Levi Wandtke
Jerry Kisker	Andrew Wargula
Marty Lange	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM SUGMS!
(If yours was missed we don't have it on file)

KIDS CLUB - Pebble Pups

No Kids club meeting for September...there will be a field trip October 10 and the fluorescent light Meeting on Oct. 30. Meetings are held at 3740 Moss Ridge Court. Call for directions. 702-255-1647Mary Beth Paladino

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CONTACT: Richard Fyfe 645-7553
For class information

**SILVERSMITHING - \$5.00 per class
TUESDAYS - 5:30 PM to 8 PM.**

CONTACT: Jenna Plein @ 516-1485
For location and space availability.

WIRE WRAPPING - \$5.00 per class

CONTACT: Sandy Cunningham
806-0816 or wrapsodylasvegas@cox.net
for class institution and registration.

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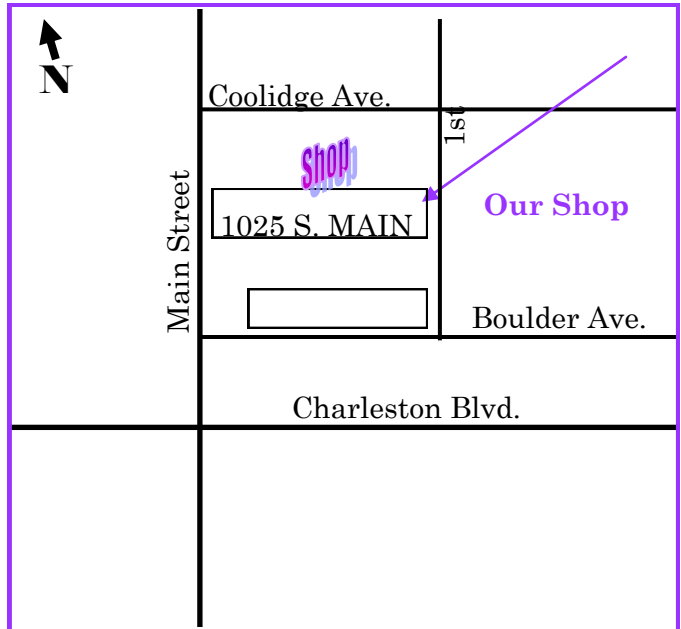
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TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY 1 to 9PM

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FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE PERSONS

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Bill Lemmon has an upcoming field trip outside of Cedar City. Those interested should meet at the Valley of Fire at 6:00 am and will regroup at the Smith's Food King in Cedar City. Wes mentioned the field trip handbook and to take plenty of water. Contact Bill at 438-3363 for more information.

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