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Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society



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A NEWSLETTER FOR ROCKHOUDS SINCE 1940

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Upcoming Events

Sep 8 - Board Meeting

Sep 12 - General Meeting

Wire Wrapping - each
Monday except General
Meeting night, 6 PM at the
Shop

Silversmithing - each
Tuesday, 5 PM at the Shop

Beading - Every other
Thursday, at 6 PM at the
Shop. Aug classes are 11th
and 25th

See page 8 for more class
information

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President's Message

from Sue Moore

We are having a good monsoon season here in Las Vegas...my lawn never looked so green. My rock garden looks great after the rain.

Speaking of which, we took a rock hounding hiatus for the month of July, due to the heat, so we thought we would try for two trips in August, rain permitting. If it looks like a solid chance of rain where we are going for the August trips, we will send out an email blast with the trip cancellation and someone will be at the meeting point to catch anyone who did not get the email. Follow the guidelines for Field Trips as noted on the website for safety tips and bring a trash bag for all of your trash. We practice "Pack it in and pack it out".

It looks like we had a landslide vote to have our annual Christmas dinner at the Hilton again this year. Start looking at your artistic creations for donations for our annual Chinese Auction, to be held during this event. It's a lot of fun and it helps support our club. The date selected is December 11th, so mark your calendars. The tickets are \$15.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-member guests.

I know that it is just August, but the elections for next year's officers are to start with nominations at the October meeting. If you would like to work on the nomination/election committee, contact any board member and submit your name and contact information. Remember, you cannot be nominated for any office if you are on the nomination/election committee. In order to vote for any club issue, you must be a member of 90 days duration, so you need to join by August 7th to vote November 7th.

On a completely different note, I must say that Pat Skeary's and Sue Dobson's design for the beading class of July has been a huge hit. It is a peyote bracelet with a cabochon mounted in the center. I have never had so many awesome comments on a project. Anyone who has not tried the beading class should give it a shot. It is another way to use your cabochons in jewelry.

When Bill and I joined SNGMS we wanted to learn how to make things out of the rocks we collected. We took the cabochon class first, and from there, Bill started silver-smithing and I started wire wrapping. Now I am learning the mysterious world of faceting and participating in the beading classes. I never imagined that there was so much to do in the lapidary arts or that I could ever accomplish any of it. What fun!

I encourage all members, new and old, to join in as many of these activities as you can fit into your schedule. Each person teaching a subject has so much to offer and, as one of the teachers for wire wrapping, I learn from the innovative ideas of the participants. It's a win-win situation.

Come join us at the shop for all of the activities and keep rock-hounding.

Board Meeting Summary - July 28, 2011

The meeting was opened at 6:00 P. M. Thursday 28 July 2011 and the pledge of allegiance was made.

The minutes from the board meeting held on 7 July 2011 were read with two corrections. First, the spelling of Clare Breneman's first name is Clare, not Clair. Second, the letter to be written to Home Depot will be composed by Glenn Beya the secretary, not by Pat Skeary the treasurer.

Treasurer's report was given by Pat Skeary. A profit was noted over the last month.

Peggy Sue Moore continues to research the county business license; we must get a state exemption first. (Open)

Field Trips were discussed; the trip to the test site went well, with 31 participants. Ernie Williams was given a bolo tie with a rock specimen for being the host on the bus trip. In turn Mr. Williams has volunteered to give a talk to the club, possibly at our September meeting. Peggy Sue Moore suggested a trip near the Western Talc Mine Road 14 Aug. 2011 to collect travertine.

The 2012 budget was discussed. A committee was assigned to set guidelines for the 2012 budget. Pat Skeary, Glenn Beya, and Sheri Johnson will make a proposed budget.

The faceting machines were discussed. The MDR machines will be evaluated for sale, or possibly using parts from two to make one functioning machine. Periodic upgrading of the Graves machines was recommended.

The installation dinner in December will be catered; the voting response has been strongly requesting another catered event.

Yard Sale: We will have another yard sale on October 15th. Bring in your donations starting 1 October 2011.

We need a new storage area for the BBQ Trailer. About 5x8 foot is needed; if you know where we can put it please let us know.

Time has come to make a donation to a scholarship. UNLV has been the usual location however the zoo was suggested as a possible alternative. The tax accountant has recommended the donation be increased this year. We will vote on this at the general meeting.

We also need a nominating committee. Volunteers are needed. Remember, members of the nominating committee may not run for office. You must be a member of the club by 7 Aug. 2011 to be eligible to vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

General Meeting Summary - August 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. and the pledge of allegiance was given.

The minutes from the meeting on 11 July 2011 were read with one correction. The beading class is not given by Jack Toogood as noted. The beading class is being presented by Sue Dobson and Pat Skeary.

The Treasurer's report was given by Pat Skeary reporting a profit for the month of July.

Membership: John Stackhouse reported membership is now 410.

Pebble Pups and Rock Stars: Mary Beth Paladino and Deana Costello will have a Knapping class Saturday 6 Aug. at 12:00 noon at the shop. There will be another class on Saturday 13 Aug. at 10:00 A. M. The girls will be making pony bead bracelets, and the boys will make survival bracelets. Mary Beth request RSVP at 702 255 1647 or Email at Marybpal@yahoo.com. Do not forget the fluorescent night on 28 Oct.

Field Trip: Peggy Sue Moore will lead a trip to collect travertine over the hill to Pahrump. We will meet at the

General Meeting Summary - con't.

gas station at the intersection of highway 160 and 159 at 7:00 A.M. on the 14th of Aug. 2011.

The trip to the test site went well with 31 participants; the tour host on the bus was Ernie Williams. Mr. Williams has agreed to give a one hour presentation about his life experience working at the Nevada Test Site to the general membership. We plan to have him give the presentation during our September Meeting.

Sunshine: Dottie Fusch reports that Dale Robertson has broken his leg above the knee and is recovering at home after treatment to stabilize the injury. Deana McKinstry is in the hospital, no details on her condition.

Jack Toogood reports that the revised bylaws are now up on the web site.

Library: We still need books, if you have any old club related materials don't throw it out, bring it in.

There were four new members today, and several guests attending the meeting. Birthdays were acknowledged and the birth stone for August is Peridot. This gem is associated with good luck, peace, and success.

Diane Hale has a supply of Nevada Maps Atlas. She will part with them for \$15.00.

Voting is in for the December 11th. installation dinner, a majority have asked for a catered program.

We have a new committee. The Zoo Committee will be chaired by Doris Currington. If you have materials for the zoo or want to help with this committee contact Doris. Several members have done projects at the zoo in the past years. Please tell us what you have done.

The scholarship donation was discussed. The donation should be \$3000.00; normally our donation has gone to UNLV. A motion was made by John Stackhouse to donate \$2,000.00 to UNLV and \$1,000.00 to the Zoo and was seconded by Chuck Huebler. Discussion followed and we will request that the donation to UNLV will be to a US Citizen, who is a Nevada student in Geological studies. The motion passed with none voting against.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 P.M.

The program for tonight was by George Phillips, Project Manager, Cultural Site Stewardship, UNLV Public Lands Institute. George described how we are trying to preserve cultural artifacts in the face of a rapidly growing population.

Proposed By Law Amendments - to be voted on at September 2011 General Meeting

Amendment to become Standing Rules, Item 13, as follows:

1. Any person making deleterious remarks and creating ad hoc complaint sessions at any club event shall be deemed subversive and injurious to the club. Said persons shall be asked to leave the event, etc. Enforcement shall be made by the presiding person at said activity/event. (Deleterious is defined as hurtful, harmful, injurious, pernicious, destructive, noxious, or anti-beneficial)

a. Repeated offences shall cause said member to be referred to the Board of Directors for expulsion (see Article XI)

Amendment to Article XI, Section 2 to read:

After theft of club property add ..."deleterious conduct."

See page 4 for additional amendments



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Proposed By Law Amendments, con't.

Amendment to Article XII, Section J:

Delete "mandatory end-of year audit" "non-member CPA"

Add new paragraph "N": Submit all records to a committee of 4 members for Audit to be completed annually during the month of March. Treasurer to attend the audit for explanatory purposes.

Amendment to Article X, Section 1.

Rewrite to state: "President, Parliamentarian, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote to a term of one (1) year. "

Amendment to Article XII, Section 6, paragraph 8:

Remove: "by a non-member CPA"

Amendment to Article XIII, Section 14,

Item b, to be removed.

Add as new item b. FTC must arrive at meeting place ½ hour prior to departure time.

New Standing Rule regarding Accounting Procedures: New Paragraph 14.

14. No Member shall be reimbursed for any expenditure, unless pre-approved by the Board of Directors. There shall be no exceptions.

Amendment to Article IX, Section 2

Change: Only members, whose dues are up-to-date & have been members for 90 days, shall have the right to vote on any matter before the Club.

Amendment to Standing Rules: New Paragraph 15.

15. The General Membership may request items to be considered by the Board of Directors during the monthly Board of Directors Meeting or by the General Membership during the General Membership Meeting, by submitting their issue, in writing, no later than 24 hours prior to said meeting.

California State Mining and Mineral Museum on State Parks Closure List

I wanted to let you know that the California State Mining and Mineral Museum, which houses and displays the Official California Collection of gems and minerals, is on the State Parks closure list. This is the third year we have been on the closure list but unfortunately it is looking very dire for us this year.

In an effort to garner grassroots support to keep the museum open we have created a facebook page. We would like to invite your members to comment or voice their concern over the closure of this museum. This collection was started in 1880 by the State legislature and has been on continuous display for 131 years. The collection contains approximately 14,000 specimens from all over the world and from California. It is anticipated that if we close it will be by July 1st 2012. If that happens it is very likely that the collection will be put into storage. This is a premier collection on the west coast and spawned collections in many of the other western states. We would appreciate any help you and your members could provide.

There is a link on our facebook page to the California State Parks Foundation which provides suggestions about how to help. See our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-State-Mining-and-Mineral-Museum/192306770823629>. We need your help to spread the word!

If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Darci Moore, Curator II
California State Mining and Mineral Museum
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dmoor @parks.ca.gov

August Field Trips

Applies to both trips:

- 4 wheel drive required.
- All-wheel-drive does not work the same as 4x4.
- Bring lots of water & your lunch
- You will be able to park close to the collection points.
- Bring collection bags or buckets
- We will stay on existing roads/trails for our access
- Stay with the group
- You must check out when you leave
- All rock-hounders must be members of SNGMS



Sunday, August 14, 2011: Travertine

Meet at 7:00am (don't be late, we will leave at 7:15am) at the gas station on the S. side of 160 just after 159 connects. Trip will be to an area near the Western Talc Mine, east and south of Tacopa, CA. We will be collecting travertine rock. (Suitable for clock making.) Rings with a high pitch when hit with a hammer. This is a very interesting area, geologically speaking, and a good trip for kids. There is one spot, where we will leave Mesquite Valley Rd and turn off onto Western Talc Mine Rd, that has a dip that allows water to continue down a dry wash when it rains. If there is a high chance of rain, we will do an email blast to cancel, however I will be at the meeting point in either case, so no one is left wondering what is going on.

Saturday, August 20, 2011: Marble & Petrified Wood

Meet at the Apex exit off of I-15 on the open area across from the off ramp, at 7:00am. Trip will depart at 7:15am. We will be on roads for part of the trip, but we will be travelling down the sand washes for a good distance. You will need 4 wheel drive in the sand wash. In the event someone tries it with a car that bogs down, we will air down your tires to 15 pounds, so you will need to bring a portable air compressor. (old sand dune trick)

Sunshine Report *from Dottie Fusch*



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 me—Dottie Fusch at 648-5886 (recorder on). Cards will be sent to let the member know that we care and wish them well.

Dale Robertson has broken his leg above the knee and is recovering at home after treatment to stabilize the injury.

Deana McKinstry is in the hospital, no details on her condition.

Ed Rupprecht is finally home after recuperating at Henderson Healthcare. He broke his hip on June 4th and is still having physical therapy, and he is learning to walk again, and is in good spirits. He and his family thank everyone for their cards, emails, calls, and visits.

Come Early!

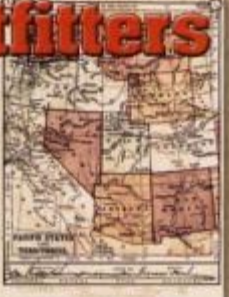
Be sure to come early on General Meeting nights, because between 5 and 6 PM many of our talented members exhibit their works for your admiration and possible purchase. Cabochons, beadwork, silversmithed and wire wrapped jewelry, rock slabs, unfinished stones, and more are usually available. It is a good time to chat with other members and catch up on their latest creations.



Discounts Available

All the establishments featured in this section offer discounts to SNGMS members. Be sure to show your membership card when making a purchase, and say that the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society sent you!

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SNGMS 2011 Meetings

Mar 03 Board	July 28 Board
07 General	Aug 01 General
31 Board	Sep 08 Board
Apr 04 General	12 General
28 Board	29 Board
May 02 General	Oct 03 General
June 02 Board	Nov 03 Board
06 General	07 General
July 07 Board	Dec Open
July 11 General	

All Meetings at 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. E. Board Meetings at Shop, Suite 125, General Meetings at Suite 122.

SNGMS General Meeting

1st Monday of every month
(2nd Monday if holiday falls on the first Monday)

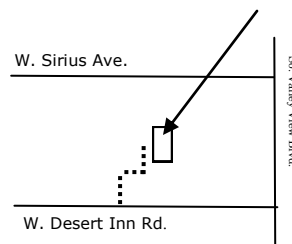
Non-members welcome!

3111 S. Valley View Blvd, E-122
Las Vegas, NV

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

3111 So. Valley View Blvd, Building E

**Meeting Location
Suite 122
Shop Suite 125**

**Finding the Shop and General Meeting 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.

Please, **under no circumstances**, park in front of Unit 124 (the unit next to the Shop). The owner of the unit comes in at odd hours and needs access to his parking spaces. There is ample parking across from the Shop that is not in front of any unit.

Lockers Now Available

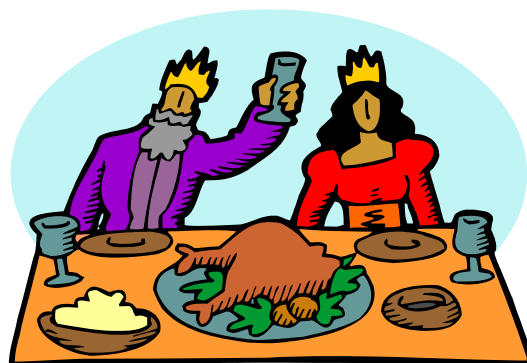
Two sizes of lockers are now available for rental in the shop. Provide your own lock and enjoy the convenience of storing tools and materials between classes or lapidary sessions. Large lockers - \$10.00 and small lockers - \$5.00 per month.

Donations are always needed for the raffle at the General Meetings. Don't forget there will be a Fall Garage Sale on Saturday, October 15th, so start saving your donations. Let those whosits and whatsits earn some money for SNGMS. Remember, items don't have to be rock related, any household items are fine, as long as they are in saleable condition.

Location Chosen For 2011 Awards Banquet

The vote is in, and the SNGMS membership chose a catered meal at the Hilton for this years Awards Banquet. The vote was 19 in favor of a catered meal and five in favor of a pot luck.

The banquet will be held on December 11th, so be sure to save space in your busy December for this much anticipated event. Also, be sure to plan your donations for the Chinese Auction that is held each year at the banquet.



Classes, Classes, Classes!

The summer heat is here, and class attendance has suffered. If you usually attend a class and will not be doing so, please let the instructor know so that they will not be waiting for students who do not show up. Remember, the shop is nicely air conditioned, so come out, have some fun and learn new skills.

Wire wrapping, led by Sue Moore and Sheila Tremmel, meets on Mondays (except for the General Meeting night) at 6 PM (the 3 PM class is discontinued for the summer). This month's classes are: Aug. 8th - Turquoise Stone Cuff, Aug. 15th - Earrings from last week's "Royal Pains" (for those who don't watch TV, it's the concierge doctor show), Aug. 22nd - Twisted wire Mother's and Birthstone Rings, and Aug. 29th - Cameo Wrap. Sign up with Sue Moore at 702-434-6072 to get on the email list to receive wire wrapping class information.

The beading class is still working on their individual projects. The August meetings are the 11th and the 25th at 6 PM. The class has been working on their choice of two bracelets, or finishing their ornaments. More projects will probably be started this month. Contact Pat Skeary at 702-459-2649 to sign up for beading or for more information.

Silversmithing meets every Tuesday at 5 PM. Bill Lemmon is leading the class during July and August, giving Frank some well earned time off. He is doing some project classes, or will help you, as needed, as you complete your own individual projects. The class is experimenting with using copper as well as silver to create jewelry.

The faceting class is still meeting on Tuesdays for this session. The students have faceted a number of very impressive stones; even though the majority are simply colored glass they are beautiful. The next class is being formed, and the time and day will depend on the need of the students. Sign up sheets are available at the SNGMS Shop, or at the meeting. The donation for the faceting class is \$20.00 per session, with an expected length of at least five sessions. The current class is extended well beyond the five sessions, but the next class will be limited to four students so it should progress more quickly.

A class in rock tumbling is going to be held on a Wednesday evening. If you are interested be sure you are on the sign up sheet so you will be notified. Again, the sheet is available in the Shop.

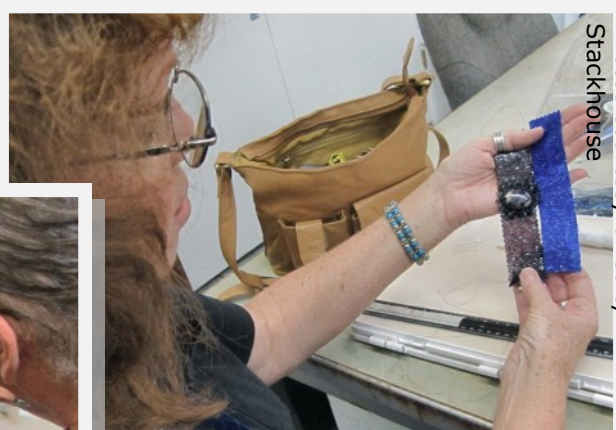
Frank Auerswald is still collecting names for a proposed class in channelling in the Fall. Be sure to get your name on the list in the Shop if you are interested.

Chuck Huebler is offering a drop in shop maintenance class on Saturday mornings. Come in at 10 AM and he will teach you about maintaining your lapidary equipment.

Examples of the wire wrapping and beading projects are displayed in the SNGMS Shop, so come down and take a look. Wire wrapping, beading, and silversmithing classes have a very modest donation of \$5.00 per session, that goes to the club. Other class donations may vary, depending on what is included in the class and the expected wear to the shop equipment. All classes are held in the SNGMS Shop.



Silversmithing Class left and below



Bracelets from July Beading Class above

Photos courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse

Shop Report

SNGMS Workshop Schedule

Sunday	Closed
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	12 noon-9 PM
Thursday*	12 noon-9 PM
Friday	12 noon-9 PM
Saturday	10 AM -9 PM

*Closed after 6 PM on the Thursday of the Board Meeting.

Supervisors will close the shop if no one comes in after two hours. The next shift supervisor will then re-open the shop.

Fees

Trim Saw \$3.00 per hour, all other equipment is \$5.00 per hour, after the first hour charges are pro-rated in 15 minute

Shop Talk

from Chuck Huebler and Tom Skeary

Supervisors will be glad to help anyone who is unfamiliar with the equipment to learn, and to get certified.

For safety, users of the shop equipment are requested to wear closed shoes. They also need to wear eye protection and a mask and/or hearing protection, depending on their activity. Goggles, hearing protection, and masks are available at the shop. Wearing old clothes is recommended

Be mindful of what you are doing in the shop, as equipment (and You) can be damaged. If you don't know, or aren't sure of the equipment operation, ask for assistance. The supervisors are there to help you.

If none of the listed times are convenient for you, contact Tom at 702-630-6796 or Chuck at 702-686-4186 and they will try to accommodate your schedule if possible.

Hanging out in the SNGMS Shop



Photo courtesy of Caitly Stackhouse



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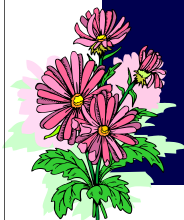
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Flower: Aster



Happy September Birthday!

If you have a September birthday please bring something for the refreshment table at the September meeting.

Sharon Diamandis, Carol Anger, Harvey Bergeron, Anthony Earle, Claudia Fetcho, William Keith Gates, Jim Gawura, Theresa Graziano, Ruth Hardison, Sam Hays, Michael S. Heenan, George Hegie, Barbara W Heim, Bob Ingold, Steve Ireland, Bob Johnson, Miranda Johnson, Virginia Johnson, David Landry, Martha Lange, Sue Lofaro, Ben Lucero, Alora Mahler, Gail Mayes, Thomas Mayes, Tamela Mohr, Tony Monda, Barbara Montgomery, Rimma Muth, Jacquelyn Norman, Amber Paladino, Michael Paladino, Kathryn Ralli, Diane Rogers, Judy Ross, Frank Rowley, Frank Shourds, (Arthur) Mick Sprott, John Stackhouse, William Stinger, Robert S. Stodola, and Mark Towers

Welcome New Members



A hearty welcome to members who joined or rejoined SNGMS during late July and August. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Debi Cantrell, John Cavin, Sherri Cleveland, Sam Hays, Michelle Kearns, Cassie Martin, Lannie Barber, Linda Barber, Donna Namchek, James Namchek, Katherine Namchek, Keira Namchek, Mary Rush, and Chrisa Vogiatzis

Thanks to the members who donated the new bookshelves for the SNGMS Library. Now there is plenty of shelf space, so be sure to donate any books or videos on geology, rock hounding, beading, silversmithing, etc., that you no longer need to keep.

The Faceting Class on a field trip to the home of instructor Bob Skulsky to view his faceting studio.



Many thanks to Paul Skeary, who donated the water heater for use in the SNGMS Shop, and to Craig Tremmel who installed it.



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Rock Hounds

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Open Committee Chair Positions: Publicity

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

Vendor Opportunities

Sept 10-11 - Meadview, AZ, Coyote Melon Festival, 10' x 10' Artisan Space \$35.00, must be handcrafted by exhibitor, must be selected to participate. Meadview is about half way between Las Vegas and Kingman AZ. See



www.coyotemelonfestival.com for more information, or call 928-727-3786.

Upcoming Shows

Aug 12-14 - San Diego, CA, Wholesale and retail show, Gem Faire Inc., Scottish Rite Center, 1896 Camino del Rio S, Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

Sept 10-11 - Downey, CA, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4

Sept 17-18 - Paso Robles, CA, Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park & Museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Hours: 10-5 daily

These are only a sampling of shows that are fairly close to the Las Vegas area. 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, wherever you are going.

Some links that you may find helpful are:
 California Federation - <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>,
 Rocky Mountain Federation -
http://www.rmfm.org/rock_shows_by_date.htm,
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