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## SOUTHERN NEVADA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**No Board or General Meeting in December 2025**

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**Desert Dogs LaCrosse Game  
SNGMS Fundraiser**  
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**What's a geologist's favorite restaurant?**

**The Hard Rock Cafe!**

Well here we are, got through another year and looking forward to another great one in 2026. As I leave the post of SNGMS President I wanted to take a moment and thank all of those that have helped make this past year a success. The level of success in any leadership position is a direct reflection of the support structure around them. My top priorities this year were engagement and opportunity. Both are reliant on each other for success. Engagement was an attempt to get new members directly involved early. The new member/visitor table is an important part of that early engagement. Way too many times I saw new members show up to a meeting and then disappear never to be seen again. Thank you to Steve and Amber Palocek for their willingness to step up and manage that.

Once they are engaged, the next step was getting them going at the Lapidary and Education Center (LEC). Richard Nelson's orientation classes were a perfect fit along with the LEC Supervisors and Manager. Taking time with the new members goes a long way. This early stage engagement tool with new and future members was key to getting them in the fray early. Now we see them getting more engaged, going on outings, working in the LEC, and even getting directly involved in the club as volunteers

Many thanks to Wendy Dresser and Mary Beth Paladino for supporting early engagement of young members via the Kids Club.

Thanks to Thomas Boes, Fawn Gifford, and Tim Ruzic on A/V at meetings; Jonathan and Sara Treadwell for managing the field trips; Bud Cranor and Aja Nicholson for teaching silversmithing. Thanks to Mary Savage, Del Walkenshaw, and Ralph Voelker on the 5 year strategic planning team.

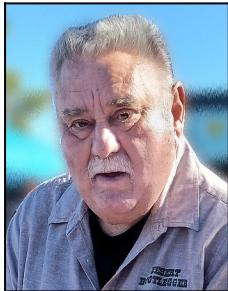
In addition to these folks, there were plenty more working to support the club at events, outings and shows (see acknowledgements in the following pages). We have made some great advances and I look forward to seeing even more great stuff. I ask all to look into getting involved to help the club be even more successful. It is surprising what just as little as a few hours a month can do to help fill the gaps. Thanks for your support.

**ROCK ON!!  
Orville Wiemers, SNGMS President**

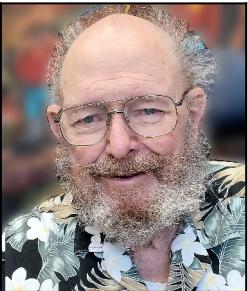


## Celebrating the Gems: Honoring Our SNGMS Volunteer Lapidary Staff

Thank you to the 2025 SNGMS Lapidary volunteers. This includes the Lapidary Manager, Supervisors, and the Engineering Team for keeping the shop running and available. Without your willingness to consistently devote time and expertise to the Lapidary, SNGMS would not have a work shop. Thank you for making it all happen!



Chops Wenzl  
Lapidary Manager



Jerry Hughes



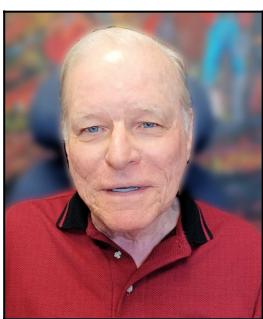
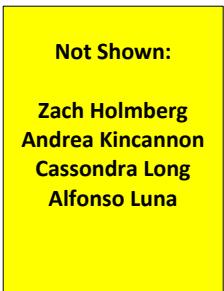
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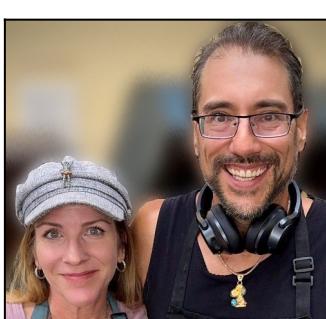
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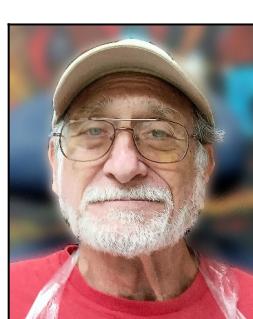
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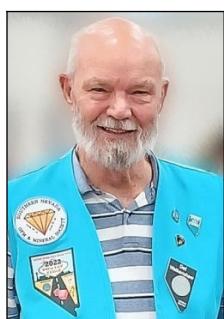
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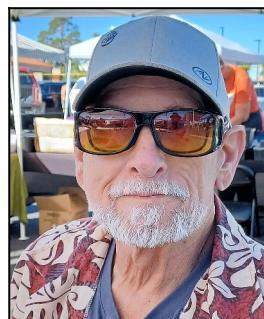
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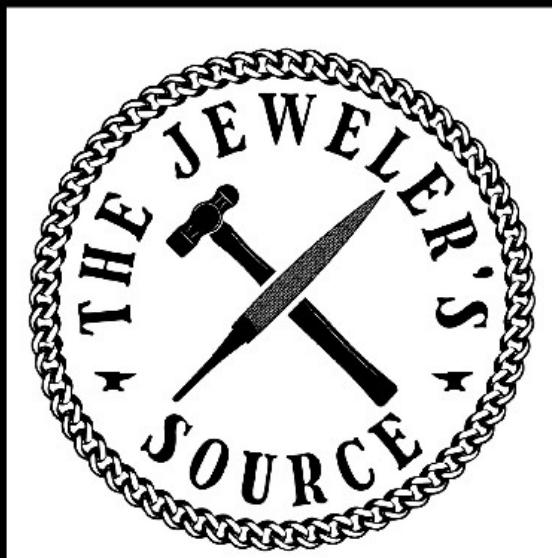


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## SNGMS Meeting Schedules and SNGMS Lapidary &amp; Education Center Hours

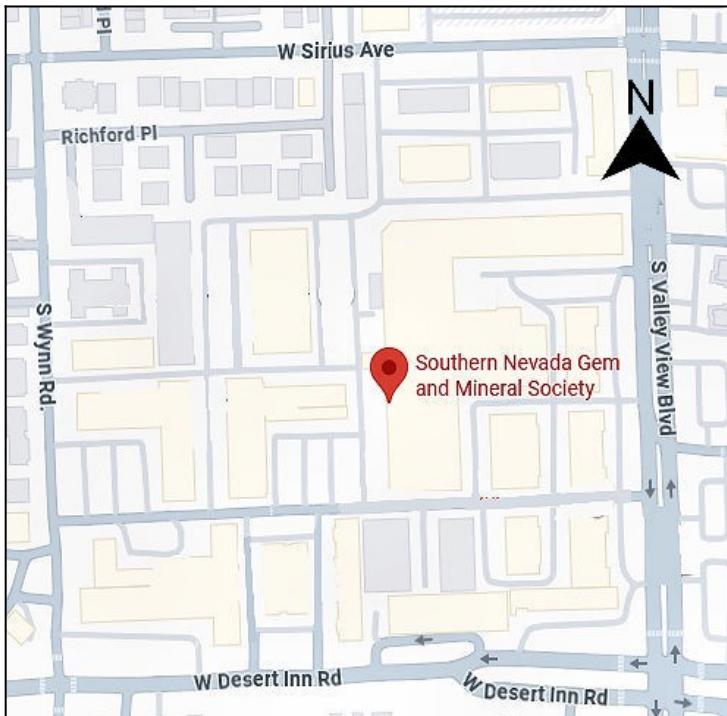
2026 Meeting Schedule		
Board Meeting <sup>1</sup>	General Meeting <sup>2</sup>	Kids Club Meeting <sup>3</sup>
Jan 8, 2026	Jan 12, 2026	Jan 11, 2026
Jan 29, 2026	Feb 2, 2026	Feb 8, 2026
Feb 26, 2026	Mar 2, 2026	Mar 8, 2026
Apr 2, 2026	Apr 6, 2026	Apr 12, 2026
Apr 30, 2026	May 4, 2026	May 10, 2026 – NO MEETING
May 28, 2026	Jun 1, 2026	Jun 14, 2026
Jul 2, 2026	Jul 6, 2026	Jul 12, 2026
Jul 30, 2026	Aug 3, 2026	Aug 9, 2026
Sep 10, 2026	Sep 14, 2026	Sep 13, 2026
Oct 1, 2026	Oct 5, 2026	Oct 11, 2026
Oct 29, 2026	Nov 22, 2026	Nov 8, 2026
Dec no meeting, Awards Banquet	Dec no meeting, Awards Banquet	Dec no meeting, Awards Banquet

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

1) Meets at SNGMS Lapidary and Education Center except field trips and special events

2) Meets at Eagles' Lodge 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, unless there's a holiday, open to the public. Show & Sell 5-6 pm, meeting 6-8 pm

3) Meets at SNGMS Lapidary and Education Center with exception of some field trips, membership required. Details on page 3.



Location of SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center  
3111 South Valley View Blvd, Building E Suite 125  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

### Claudia's Little Black Book

Claudia Crouse is the grand maestro of SNGMS membership records! She transforms chaos into order, wielding spreadsheets like a wizard. All hail Claudia, procurer of name tags and sender of reminder emails when one's dues are late—truly the glue binding SNGMS together!

### SNGMS LAPIDARY AND EDUCATION CENTER HOURS\*

Sunday 10 am - 3 pm

Monday Closed for general use: Various Classes

Tuesday 10 am - 7 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 7 pm

Thursday 12 - 9 pm

Friday 12 - 9 pm

Saturday 1 - 6 pm

#### EQUIPMENT FEES:

All equipment is \$6/hour. Machines are metered, so you only pay for the time the equipment is actually running.

#### CENTER CLOSED:

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

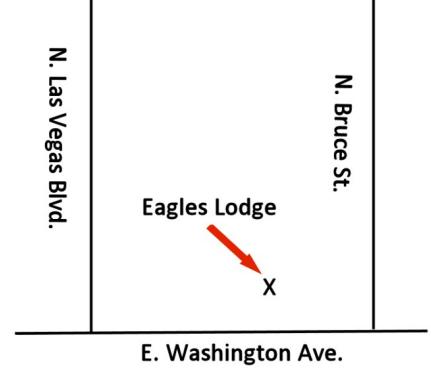
\*Check Email and "Polished Slab" for possible date changes.

SNGMS  
Awards  
Banquet  
Volunteer  
Extraordinaire

Thanks to  
**Chops Wenzl**  
who arranged  
the 2025  
SNGMS  
Awards  
Banquet and  
managed  
ticket sales.

### Eagles Lodge Locator Map

Eagles Lodge #1213  
1601 E Washington Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101



## 2025 Cabochon Contests

The SNGMS hosts a cabochon contest at our monthly meetings. A cabochon is a jewelry-ready stone with a visible dome on the front face and a flat backside. Meeting attendees vote on their favorite cab. The first place award is 2 hours of free shop time, and the second place winner is 1 hour of free shop time. The 2026 SNGMS Cabochon Contest schedule is shown below. **Good Luck!**

Month	Nevada Only or Certain Size/Shape
January	Nevada collected - Fluorite
February	Small size – length/width 5 mm or smaller
March	Nevada collected - Wonderstone
April	Nevada collected - Turquoise/variscite
May	Medium size – length/width 30 mm maximum
June	Nevada collected - Jasper or Agate
July	Nevada collected - Petrified Wood
August	Asymmetrical, Free Form or Shaped (heart, cross, teardrop, star, crescent etc)
September	Nevada collected – Obsidian (any color)
October	Large size – length/width more than 30 mm
November	Nevada collected - Rhyolite
December	No Contest

## Thanks Volunteers Who Make SNGMS Tick

A heartfelt thank you goes out these volunteers, whose dedication keeps SNGMS thriving:

- **Richard and Elizabeth Nelson** for managing meeting refreshments
- **Debbie Bucknam** for her work on UNLV scholarships
- **Lisa Wiemers** for organizing cab contests and document management
- **Jenelle Hopkins** for making RMGMS ribbons
- **Ron Mazz** for tracking volunteer hours and overseeing inventory
- **Mike Kirk**, fearless leader of the SNGMS By-Laws Review Committee

Your efforts make a real difference!

**Lorrilee Stackhouse**  
**SNGMS Webmaster**

A huge thank you to Lorrilee Stackhouse, our talented webmaster, who has earned numerous awards for her exceptional work. She's been a shining star in resolving a network glitch that was blocking our access to Google for Nonprofits. Get ready for an exciting graphics overhaul that's just around the corner. We're grateful for Lorrilee's dedication and expertise – her contributions truly make a difference!

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## BIRTHDAYS

If you have an NOVEMBER birthday, Please bring something for the refreshment table at JANUARY'S meeting.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Debra Altergott, Steven Altergott, John Ambler, Karen Barrett, Frances Bartle, Reginald Beatty, Erick Begay, Bob Belcher, Michele Brunnaraber, Damara Burnett, Kati Casto, Jim Colwell, Bailey Curley, Charlene Dean, Charlene Djurdjevic, Tony Duran, Graciano Francisco, Shannon Funk, Hugh Hadsock, Song Hageman, Stan Hahn, James Hart, Chris Hewitt, Rochelle Hines, Rodney Hiura, Mona Howell, Randy Huffine, George A. Hughes, Tina Hughes, Tom Kidwell, Cathy Kohl, Jim Kroll, Nicholas Lash, Robert Madow, John Miller, Grant Montoya, Kathy Mundine, Rob Nilson, Paul O'Bannon, Melanie Ochs, Julia Paladino, Stephen Palecek, Michael Parry, John Pitts, Sharon Rogow, Rachel Rosensteel, Bill Sandeen, Kay Scheel, Bart Solomon, Frances Stratton, Petr Studitsky, Richard Tobler, Dan B. Toney, Jr., Del Walkenshaw, Gary Webb, Peter Welty, Reva Winningham, C.T. Yu



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*Welcome to members who recently/rejoined SNGMS. We look forward to getting to know you better.*

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Welcome new members to the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society! Your passion for gemstones and minerals is a perfect fit for our community of enthusiasts. To acquaint you with our workshop and equipment, we offer orientation and training sessions at the SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center. **To reserve your spot, please email Richard Nelson ([richard\\_nelso89@hotmail.com](mailto:richard_nelso89@hotmail.com))**. There is a \$10 fee for the orientation to help cover the cost of materials which will be provided for you. The session will include demonstrations on the use of rock saws, flat laps, a geode saw, and other equipment. Best practices for working safely and effectively will be reviewed. Orientations are offered as listed below.

## New Member Orientation Sessions

Orientation and Training Date	Time	Cost	Location
December 14, 2025	10 am - noon	\$10	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Ctr 3111 South Valley View Blvd, Building E Suite 125 Las Vegas, NV 89102

2025 SNGMS Kids Club Volunteers and Donors			
Anonymous	Yoshio Herrera	Elana Paladino	Ralph Voelker
Stella Andrecheck	Lamar Holt	Amber Palecek	Heather Waller
Thomas Boes	Kelli Joachim	Stephen Palecek	Kim Wenzl
Laila Boes	Bernadette Johnson	Norm Rosensteel	Kerry Wenzl
Suzi Butkus	Beth Jones	Scott Savage	Orville Wiemers
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## THANK YOU FOR UNEARTHING WONDER

Wow! Seventy-two of you amazing kids under the age of 18 are part of the SNGMS Kids Club. And guess what? In 2025, you earned an incredible 51 American Federation of Mineralogical Societies badges!

The leadership of **Wendy Dresser** and **Mary Beth Paladino** made this possible.

A special shoutout to **Dave Ford** for sponsoring the bus to take the Kids Club to Johnson Farm dinosaur site in Utah.



**SNGMS Rock Stars Kids Club**  
**2026 Field Trips and Meetings<sup>1</sup>**

Field Trip/Meeting	Date	Location
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Jan 11, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Feb 8, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Mar 8, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Apr 12, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	<b>May 10 – NO MEETING, MOTHER'S DAY</b>	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Jun 14, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Jul 12, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Aug 9, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Sep 13, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Oct 11, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
Kids Club Meeting, 3- 5 pm	Nov 8, 2026	SNGMS Lapidary & Education Center <sup>2</sup>
	Dec no meeting, Awards Banquet	

1) Field trip destinations, dates, and times are subject to change.

2) 3111 South Valley View Blvd., Building E Suite 125, Las Vegas, NV 89102

3) Text Wendy Dresser, 702-556-2748 to reserve a space

**Las Vegas Desert Dogs Lacrosse Team Partnership!**

Every SNGMS member can purchase discounted tickets and, best of all, a portion of every ticket sold goes directly to support the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society!

**Who's Playing:** Las Vegas Desert Dogs vs. Colorado Mammoth

**Price:** Tickets are \$29.12. Deadline for purchase is Feb 13, 2026 at 7:30 PM

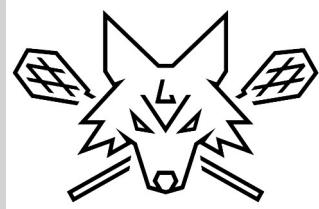
**Location:** The game is at Lee's Family Forum, 200 S Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89012, US

**Date:** Feb 13, 2026. Game Starts: 7:30 PM. Tailgate Party: Kicks off at 4:30 PM.

Doors Open: 6:30 PM.

This is more than just lacrosse it's a night of fun, community, and entertainment:

- Fast-paced Las Vegas Desert Dogs Lacrosse action
- A high-energy KISS tribute band to Rock the Box!
- Discounted tickets available for members, family, and friends



The more tickets we sell, the more support and awareness we raise for SNGMS! Let's pack the arena, cheer on the Desert Dogs, and show the community the strength of our rockhounding family.

**Here is the link to purchase tickets:**

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Southernnevada2.13>

Get your tickets today and join us for an unforgettable night!

Any questions please contact Amber Palecek (702-343-7150)

or Jonathan Tredwell (sngmsfieldtrip@gmail.com, 725-377-0166) for more information.

Thanks!

**Jonathan Treadwell, Field Trip Coordinator**

Meet **Jonathan Treadwell**, our amazing Field Trip Coordinator! Jonathan excels at planning exciting field trips for SNGMS. Together, we explore the great outdoors, collect rocks, minerals, fossils, and gemstones while diving into the fascinating world of geology. These adventures are our chance to bond and sift through the dirt earth in search of hidden treasures. Thanks, Jonathan, for all you do!

## SNGMS 2025 VOLUNTEER STAFF

Contact any Director to volunteer for a position, or a Committee Chair to offer to help on their committee.  
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### Del Walkenshaw

#### Communications Chair and More

Del Walkenshaw's commitment to SNGMS is remarkable. As the Communications Chair, he oversees email communications sent to our members. He organizes two Parking Lot Sales for SNGMS each year and diligently reviews draft copies of The Polished Slab to ensure accuracy. We appreciate your long-standing involvement as a volunteer with SNGMS, Del!

## 2025 SNGMS FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

Our generous financial donors who made cash contributions to SNGMS include:

Nancy Eash in memory of her husband Raymond Eash  
Elizabeth Nelson, BEC Environmental  
Robert Riemer and Mary Savage



Nancy Eash



Elizabeth Nelson  
BEC Environmental



Robert Riemer and Mary Savage

## Meeting Greeters

A warm thank you to **Lisa Wiemers** and **Tyra Tripp** for their friendly greetings as you arrive at meetings. They hand out door prize tickets and cab contest voting chits while you sign in.

## DiAnn and Barry Lawson Raffles

DiAnn and Barry are the dynamic duo of raffle wrangling! They gather, stash, and transport raffle goodies for every SNGMS meeting. Huge thanks to them for putting in all that elbow grease!

## Kendra White

Even though Kendra juggles a full-time job and a real-life schedule, she still finds time to run the SNGMS Facebook page and handle the AV system for the Viva Shows. Thank you, Kendra!

## 2025 SNGMS Show Volunteers

Parking Lot Sale (Spring)	Spring Jamboree	Viva Las Vegas Rocks!	Viva Las Vegas Rocks!	Viva Las Vegas Rocks!
Wendy Dresser	Beth Jones	Jeff Abbas	Beth Jones	Kay Scheel
Dave Ford	DiAnn Lawson	Ronda Abbas	Michael Kirk	Mary Skaarup
Bella Romero	Barry Lawson	Karen Barrett	Lisa Koehler	James Sloan
Mary Savage	Ken Martin	Harvey Bergeron	Elesia LaMere	George Stewart
Del Walkenshaw - chair	Barb Maz	Thomas Boes	Michaela Lash	Frank Timbers
Gary Webb	Ron Mazz	Harrison Brooks	DiAnn Lawson	Dan Toney
<b>Parking Lot Sale (Fall)</b>	<b>Cheryl Milne</b>	<b>Ken Bucknam</b>	<b>Barry Lawson</b>	<b>Jonathan Tredwell</b>
Suzi Butkus	Tracey Montague	Debbie Bucknam	Xurong Liu	Tyra Tripp
Wendy Dresser	Kathy Mundine	Jan Cote	Bruce Martin	Romy Umholtz
Dave Ford	Candy Munkres	Bud Cranor	Duane Matters	Mary Ann Wagner
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<b>Spring Jamboree</b>	<b>George Stewart</b>	<b>Wendy Dresser</b>	<b>Tawni McGuire</b>	<b>Peter Welty</b>
Karen Barrett	Frank Timbers	Dave Ford	Cheryl Milne	Kim Wenzl
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Wendy Dresser	Orville Wiemers - chair	Song Hageman	Julia Paladino	
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Tracy Hassett		Dierre Johnson	David Rosinski	
Wayne Herr			Mary Savage	



Left to right: Frank Zoccole and Jeannie Conrad  
At the 2025 Viva Las Vegas Rocks! Show

### Volunteers: The Backbone of SNGMS

Gem and Mineral shows shine as the crown jewels of SNGMS fundraisers, and their success relies on the heroes behind the scenes - our dedicated volunteers. From setup to tear-down, you bring the shows to life, ensuring a treasure trove of experiences for attendees. Thanks to every show volunteer. Your tireless efforts make these events successes!

## December 2025 Class Schedule

(see page 10 for New Member Orientation Schedule)

Class	Instructor	Date and Time	Cost	Location	Contact
Silver Smithing	Bud Cranor, Aja Nicholson	Mon. Dec. 8, 6:30-9:30 pm Mon. Dec. 22:30-9:30 pm	\$35	SNGMS Lapidary & Ed. Cntr <sup>1</sup>	bacranor@yahoo.com
Faceting	Tom Kidwell	Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm <b>NO CLASS DEC 28</b>	\$15.00 for the class plus \$5.00 for instructor fuel fund	SNGMS Lapidary & Ed. Cntr <sup>1</sup>	moorepeggysue@gmail.com <b>for reservations - must commit to 3 consecutive classes</b>
Cabochon Making	Beth Jones	Saturdays 1 pm - <b>class limited to 3 people</b> <b>NO CLASS DEC 28</b>	\$10	SNGMS Lapidary & Ed. Cntr <sup>1</sup>	punkujones@hotmail.com for reservations
Clock Class	Amber and Steve Palecek	Dec. 1, 4 pm	\$35	SNGMS Lapidary & Ed. Cntr <sup>1</sup>	Text or call 702-343-7150

1) 3111 S. Valley View Blvd, Bldg E Suite 125, Las Vegas, NV 89102

All SNGMS class fees include a modest donation to the SNGMS.

### Engage & Enlighten The 2025 SNGMS Speaker Series

A standing ovation to **Romy Umholtz** for orchestrating the spectacular 2025 Speakers Series and for assembling the Viva Las Vegas Rocks Speakers lineup. Bravo, Romy!



### Beginning Silver Smithing Classes

Fridays 9:30 am - 12:15pm

**Desert Art Supplies**  
**2750 N Green Valley Pkwy Suite D**  
**Henderson, NV 89014**  
**702-451-8040**

Learn the basics of silver smithing. Students learn how to use a jeweler's saw, solder, set stones, and cast silver. Supplies needed for the first project in copper are provided. Student tool kits and materials for subsequent projects are available for purchase from Desert Art Supplies.

\$40/class, class sizes are limited.  
Call 702-451-8040 for availability.

[www.instagram.com/lvsilversmithing](http://www.instagram.com/lvsilversmithing)



**SNGMS members receive first class free with this ad & proof of membership**  
Paid Advertisement



**Copper Jewelry Components**  
Made at  
**Hydraulic Press Class**  
**November 2025**



Jennifer Henry at  
Hydraulic Press Class

### Empowering Education Through Volunteer Teaching

A huge shoutout to all the amazing instructors who volunteered to teach classes for the SNGMS Lapidary and Education Center throughout 2025! Your incredible dedication and passion are truly appreciated, and we can't thank you enough!

**Theresa Brooks**  
**Bud Cranor**  
**Andy Gomez**  
**Karen Griffith-Hedburg**  
**Beth Jones**  
**Tom Kidwell**  
**Peggy Sue Moore**  
**Richard Nelson**  
**Aja Nicholson**  
**Andrea Packo**  
**Amber Palecek**  
**Stephen Palecek**  
**Mary Savage**

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

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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.

SNGMS Mascot: Rock Wren

SNGMS Gemstone: Turquoise

SNGMS Motto: Rocks-R-Us

SNGMS Web Site: [www.sngms.net](http://www.sngms.net)

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

Annual Dues: Individual - \$35; Family - \$45  
 Meetings start 6 pm on the first Monday of the  
 month at:

Eagles Lodge #1213  
 1601 E Washington  
 Las Vegas, NV 89101  
 (702) 642-1213

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

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<i>Full Page</i>	\$150	\$275

