

DESERT DIGGINS

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society Newsletter



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MDGMS GEM & MINERAL SHOW

The Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society 36th annual show will be December 3rd and 4th. Mark your calendar and tell your friends! Show Schedule is on page 2 of this newsletter and sign-up sheets are posted at the club. This year the show will be as spectacular as ever. We will have exhibits, demonstrations, and a variety of dealers. Our clubs quality auction, famous grab bags, and wheel-of-fortune choices are sure to delight all ages.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY



The club Christmas Party will be held on the third Friday, December 16th, 2011. The potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the MDGMS clubhouse, at 25647 W. Main Street.

Food - Bring your favorite main dish, vegetable, dessert, etc. The turkey will be provided by the club. *Don't forget to bring your utensils and plates.*

Entertainment - Decorations, games, and beverages will be provided by Dian Hare, and Leslie Walker.

Gift Exchange - There will be a holiday gift exchange. Please bring an appropriate "rock related" gift.

- ❖ Gentlemen bring a gift for a man
- ❖ Ladies bring a gift for a woman
- ❖ If you bring a child provide their gift

The Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society (MDGMS) is a nonprofit organization. The objectives of this society are:

- To collect and study minerals and rocks.
- To disseminate a general knowledge of the science of mineralogy and allied subjects.
- To provide opportunity for the exhibition and exchange of specimens.

MDGMS Officers 2011

President	Vivian Watts
Vice-President	Dian Hare
Secretary	La Vella Tomlinson
Treasurer	Janet Wentz

Board of Directors

Dian Hare, Jeanne Laymance, Kemp Root, Rob Stapp, Danny Watts, Kent Berryman (Past President)

Meetings/Workshops

Meetings: 1st Friday (7:00 p.m.)
Workshops: 3rd Friday (6:30 p.m.)
Location: 25647 W. Main Street, Barstow, CA 92311

December 2nd Meeting

NO MEETING THIS MONTH due to our annual Gem and Mineral show

December 16th Christmas Party

Annual Membership Dues

Dues are PAYABLE IN JANUARY

Adults: \$20.00
Juniors: \$10.00 (10 to 18 years)



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SHOW SCHEDULE

by Peggy Haines

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We still need volunteers in ALL areas for the following:

Friday, December 2nd

- **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** - Volunteer club members will meet at the Cora Harper/Barstow Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Road, for set-up (assemble cases, affix lighting, set-up and skirt tables, electrical, clean up, etc.). Bring an electric drill to assemble cases.
- **12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.** - Club members can arrange their display cases.
- **6:00 p.m.** - Potluck for show dealers, exhibitors, club members and guests (about 75). Bring your favorite dish and place settings.
- **End of potluck to 7:00 a.m.** - Two overnight volunteers will stay for show security. You need to bring your own cots and sleeping bags.

Saturday, December 3rd

- **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** - Club members are needed to work the silent auction, wheel of fortune, demonstrate the Genie, serve as security, and assist as needed.
- **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** - Two overnight volunteers will stay for show security. You need to bring your own cots and sleeping bags.

Sunday, December 4th

- **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** - Club members are needed to work the silent auction, wheel of fortune, demonstrate the Genie, serve as security, and assist as needed.
- **5:00 p.m. to done** - Dismantle your exhibits, assist with clean-up and show pack down (un-skirt, flatten, stack, and store tables, disassemble cases, re-load club trailer). Bring an electric drill to disassemble cases.



**HELP
WANTED**

We still need food items to feed 75 people at Friday night's potluck. Please let *Tricia or Peggy* know if you can contribute a main dish, casserole, salad, or dessert.

We also need help with set-up and pack-down. Check the times above and plan on lending a much needed helping hand.



NOVEMBER 18th WORKSHOP
GRAB BAG FILLING

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Nominations were held at our October meeting with the results listed below. Swearing in will be held at our general meeting January 6th, 2012. Nominees/Volunteers for Officers and Board Members are:

Officers

President - *Vivian Watts*
Vice-President - *Dian Hare*
Secretary - *La Vella Tomlinson*
Treasurer - *Bill Tomlinson*



Board Members

Donna Patterson
Kemp Root
Rob Stapp
Danny Watts
Janet Wentz



BACKYARD BUZZ

by Peggy Haines



Reminder: We will be filling the club grab bags for the December 2011 show at the November 18th workshop. It is also Root Beer Float night! Grab bag filling is always a fun event, mark your calendar and plan on attending.



December Birthdays

06 Dec - Bill Buehler
06 Dec - Avery Stevenson
07 Dec - Wrayanne Huddleston
17 Dec - Joe Summers
23 Dec - Jerry Depue
27 Dec - Sally Rout

Birthstone: Blue Topaz
Flower: Narcissus and Holly



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EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

MOJAVE DESERT GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 138, BARSTOW, CA 92312-0138

Dear Fellow Rockhound:

We invite you to enter a display at our Annual Gem and Mineral show this **December 3 and 4, 2011**. Our show will be held in the Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Road, Barstow, CA. If you can join us, please complete this application by **November 18, 2011** and return it to P.O. Box 138, Barstow, CA 92312-0138.

Display(s) may be set up from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, **December 2, 2011**. Tear down will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, **December 4, 2011**.

Our club will host a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, **December 2, 2011** for all guest exhibitors, dealers, and our club members. We hope you will plan to attend.

I will **NEED** _____ display case(s), size 2' x 2' x 4' wide

I will **BRING** _____ display case(s) of my own, size _____

Below is a brief description of my entry/entries:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME TAG INSIDE YOUR CASES

NAME	First	Last	M.I.	
ADDRESS	Street			
	City		State	Zip
PHONE	Home	Work	Cell	
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PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAMES BELOW FOR EXHIBITOR BADGES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

For more information, call Vivian Watts at (760) 284-2625

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2011



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vivian Watts, President; followed by the flag salute.

One of our new Junior members Vanessa attended with her mother Karen Kuchison, Welcome.

Charlotte Robinson made a motion that the Minutes of the October General Meeting be approved as read; motion seconded and approved by the members. Hostesses Vivian Watts and Charlotte Robinson provided delicious refreshments tonight.

Vivian Watts announced the Board of Directors decision that a Refreshment Committee be formed with two hostesses a month providing refreshments. MDGMS would reimburse up to \$40 a month for the refreshments after receipts are returned to the Treasurer.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 16th. Bring a rock-related present for exchange. The Christmas Pot-Luck dinner starts at 6:00p.m.

Vivian reported that the wheels of the Genie's have been examined & those needing replacement will be repaired. Caution: Be sure when polishing & grinding that the cab be rotated in a circular motion from side to side on the wheel & not just held to the center of the wheel. Care must be taken that the water sprays the wheel and that none of the water tubings or electrical cords are in the way of the wheels.

Tricia Sheppard gave an update on our Gem & Mineral Show in December. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the front table for both the potluck on Friday, 2nd, and activities (Spin the Wheel, Silent Auction, Security, Set-up & Take-down). Hands are needed to fill the grab bags at the workshop on Nov. 18th. Donations for the Silent Auction are due on the 18th also (give to Gene Haines or the Sheppards).

BROEDY won the Cab of the Month with his polished slab of brecciated Jasper. Congratulations. Broedy is one of our junior members.

Don Kasper of Lancaster gave our program on Agate, Jasper, and Opal Formation. He started with the news that they are rocks, not minerals. He has extensively studied these throughout the USA, our Mojave Desert and around the world, written several books, and tonight gave an interesting scientific report on his research.

Door Prizes of agate geodes from Chihuahua, Mexico were donated by Bill Tomlinson.

Show & Tell: Judy Livingston shared Petrified Wood from Arizona, Obsidian which looked like petrified wood, and Mud Cracks from Death Valley. Broedy Crowell shared Jasper he had found and Agate slabs that were smoothly cut on his family's new rock saw. Danny Watts shares spheres that he completed & polished, originally rough-shaped by Beth Pinnell, & then donated by Charlotte Robinson for the Silent Auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted, La Vella Tomlinson, Secretary