



ROCKY TALES

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NOVEMBER MEETING*NEW DATE AND TIME*NEW VENUE

Next meeting is Wednesday November 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Yacht Club at

631 London Bridge Road

5:30 pm Sign in and drink coffee, eat snacks, catch up with friends

6:00 pm Meeting starts

President's Message – November

Hello Rockhounds!



Figure 1 Steve and Becky

October was a rock-solid month for our club! We kicked things off with a hands-on silver workshop that had everyone polishing up their skills and heading home with some real treasures.

Behind the scenes, we've been buzzing with Gem Show preparations—from organizing displays to wrapping up those beautiful scholarship raffle baskets. They're ready to roll for the show and guaranteed to draw some lucky winners!

Our first rockhounding trip of the season was a huge success with 29 members joining in the hunt. It was great to see so many smiling faces out enjoying our local geology together.

We're also all set for Fright Night on Halloween, where our club will be adding a little sparkle (and maybe some spooky fun) to downtown festivities.

And don't forget to stop by Havasu Rocks to check out the new stock and fresh look—plus, our T-shirts are selling fast, so grab yours before they're gone!

As we roll into November, excitement is building for our Gem Show weekend. Let's keep that momentum going, support one another, and make this year's show one to remember.

See you at the meeting—and out in the field!

Rock steady,

Steve Prather, President, LHGMS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Steve Prather
Vice President	Elley Ringo
Secretary	Sandra Willis
Treasurer	Michele Trumbull
Sargent at Arms	Carrie Morkert
One Year Director	Elley Ringo
Two Year Director	Christine Evans
Three Year Director	Linda Harley
Past President	Jason Upchurch
Havasu Rocks Director	Michelle Trumbull
Havasu Rocks Assistant Director	Leslie Rosario
Lapidary Shop Director	Steve Prather

<p>Schedule of Workshops and Events</p> <p>Check out our website to stay current with planned events at: https://lakehavasugms.com/events/</p>		
Shop Safety Workshop	As needed and requested. Workshop is required in order to use Lapidary Shop.	This is our shop orientation, how to use equipment per manufacturer recommendations, and the safe use of equipment. Cost is \$15.
Fright Night	October 31, on McCulloch	Bring candy and volunteer to hand out candy. Don't forget your costume!
Red Cloud Mine, Yuma	November 1	We are meeting at the Red Cloud Mine. See their website for

(Note: there is a cost to go to Red Cloud Mine)		directions: www.redcloudmine.com or our website for directions and more information on cost: https://lakehavasugms.com/blog/red-cloud-mine-field-trip/
Boat Parade BBQ and Picnic	December 13 at London Bridge Beach	Starts at 4:00 pm but you may need to get there EARLY for a parking place. Bring something to share.
New Years Meeting Fun	Jan. 7, 2026	Bring some great snacks to celebrate New Years
QIA Pow Wow	Jan. 21 – 25, 2026	Volunteers needed for our booth.
Winterfest	Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, 2026	We have two booths and will need volunteers to man the booths.

Call for Nominations: Help Shape the Future of Our Society!

Are you interested in helping guide the future of the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society? Do you know someone who would make a great leader? It's time to start thinking about board nominations!

We invite all members to consider submitting nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors election. Now is your chance to get involved and make a difference.

Here's how it works:

Nominations can be submitted on or before the November general meeting.

Voting will take place at the December general meeting.

Being on the board is a great way to support the mission of our society, strengthen our programs, and bring fresh energy to our events and outreach. New voices are always welcome!

To nominate someone, please contact a current board member or submit your nomination in person at the November meeting.

Let's continue to grow, evolve, and rock on - together!

LAKE HAVASU CITY GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Lake Havasu Aquatic Center,

Saturday November 8, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday November 9, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Forty-Five Fabulous Vendors selling: Raw Stones * Lapidary * Metaphysical *
Jewelry * Carved Stones * Beads * Cabochons * Raffle Baskets * Two Food
Trucks * And Much Much More!

Proceeds go to benefit our Student Scholarship Fund

Volunteers are still NEEDED! Please see Steve or Elley to volunteer your time!

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society

General Membership Meeting

October 1, 2025

Officers Present

President Steve Prather

Vice President Elley Ringo

Secretary Sandra Willis

Sgt at Arms Carrie Morkert

Three Year Director Linda Harley

The meeting was called to order at 6pm, by President Steve Prather.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt of Arms Carrie Morkert.

Steve announced Rockhound of the Year, Elley Ringo. He gave her a plaque and rocks, and turned the meeting over to her,

Field Trips: Elley announce 2 upcoming field trips.

10-18 to find local geodes and agates. 4WD vehicle will be necessary.

11-1, Red Cloud Mine opens. It is by Yuma, search for Wulfenite, \$35.

Information will be sent out via email.

Treasurer's report, by Linda Harley in Michele Trumbull's absence. She reports that we are doing well, and in spite of it being summer, we have brought in better than usual funds in the lapidary shop. Also, in spite of it being summer and very warm, the electricity has been used sparingly and the bill is not as high as expected.

Sargent at Arms, Carrie Morkert, reported that the memorial for Don Wininger will be on Monday, Oct. 6, at 10 AM at the Hilltop Church.

Also coming up is the Christmas Boat Parade and party on Dec.13, at the canal, starting at 4PM. January 7 is the first meeting of the new year, and it would be fun to have hors d'oeuvres and snacks to celebrate the New Year. More information will be forthcoming, along with information about the February and March picnics at Rotary Park.

The Minutes from the previous meeting, found in "Rocky Tales" were approved unanimously.

Rose Mann, Membership Chairman, reported that there is a total of 342 members, after 16 new members signed up this month. Two new members, Jessica Herrera and Matthew Saginario, were present and received polished rocks from Carrie.

The Lapidary Shop has been busy, with new wheels on cab machines and good business all summer. Steve mentioned that the flat laps should be used for polishing large slabs, and cab machines are for cabs only.

The By-Laws and Standing Rules have been reviewed and revised by Elley. They will be in the Rocky Tales for review and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Gem Show: Elley reports that the vendor spaces have been filled and all is going as it should. Sandie is working on donations for the scholarship basket raffle and asks if anyone could donate items or if they know of local businesses that they frequent that might be interested in donating items. We still need volunteers for baking and for helping at the show.

Rose Mann is organizing Fright Night, October 31, on McCullough Blvd. She asks for more candy to be donated and hopes there will be members in costumes to help at the table.

QIA Pow Wow, in January, Quartzsite needs volunteers for the club booth.

Lake Havasu Winterfest, Jan 31 – Feb 1, 2026. We have 2 booths. More info to follow.

T-shirts have been ordered and will be available for purchase at the Gem Show. They will cost \$30

A short break was taken.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Tara Houck and Dana Blackwell

The cabochon contest was won by Bamby Wallingford.

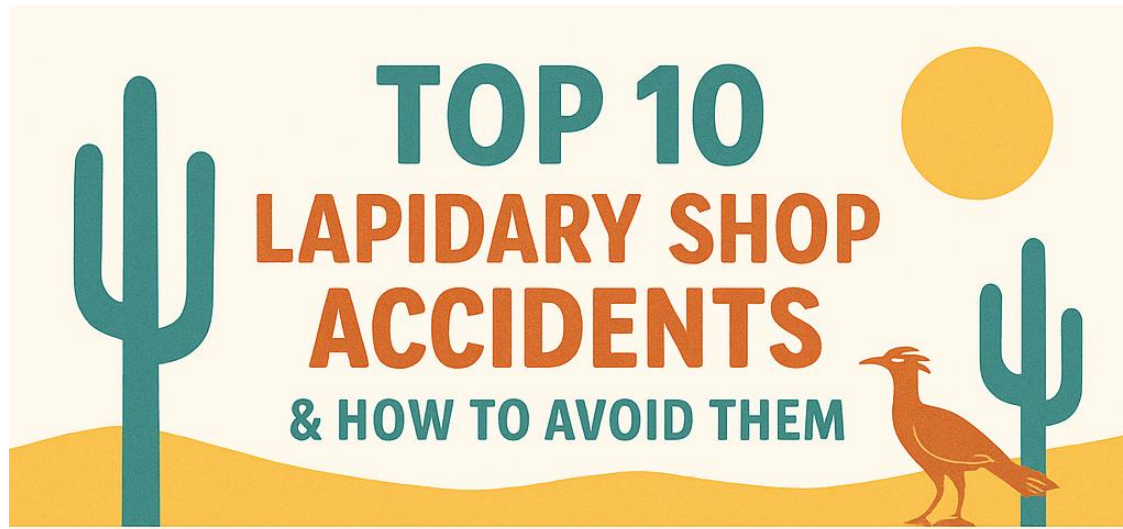
The next meeting will be November 5th at the Lake Havasu Yacht Club, 5:30 PM greeting and 6PM meeting

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Willis

Secretary



TOP 10 LAPIDARY SHOP ACCIDENTS & HOW TO AVOID THEM



CUTS AND LACERATIONS

Respect sharp tools and broken stone edges.



ABRASIONS AND BURNS

Don't let wheels heat up your work or fingers



CAUGHT CLOTHING OR JEWELRY

Keep sleeves, gloves, and bling clear of moving parts



FLYING ROCK CHIPS

Wear goggles when grinding, trimming, or hammering.



SHOCKS OR ELECTROCUTION

Don't mix power cords with water or coolant.



SLIPS AND FALLS

Wipe up spills—don't grind in your flip-flops.



EYE INJURIES

Screen your grinder and keep your eyes on the work.



LUNG AND SINUS IRRITATION

Wear a mask when making dust or using polish



SKIN BURNS OR RASHES

Get acids and irritants off your hands and out of your eyes.



DISTRACTION OR FATIGUE

Pause often and pay attention to what you're doing

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LAPIDARY SHOP

CLUB INFORMATION

The Purpose of this Society shall be to:

1. Increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
2. Foster good fellowship among the members.
3. Host an annual Gem and Mineral Show for the community.
4. Foster awareness of the earth sciences by:
 - Increasing knowledge pertaining to minerals, gems, and rocks.
 - Disseminating knowledge of collecting and classification of minerals, fossils, and rocks through collection and classification.
 - Improving the practical knowledge of cutting, grinding, and polishing materials to use in the design and creation of jewelry and other useful objects.
 - Provide educational scholarships in the scientific fields.
 - Procure and improve the Society's property.

STANDING COMMITTEES	
Events	Courtney Payton
Field Trips	Elley Ringo
Finance	Michele Trumbull
Gem Show	Steve Prather, chair Sandy Willis, co-chair Elley Ringo, vendors
Hospitality	Sandy Guelff
Havasu Rocks	Michele Trumbull
Lapidary Shop	Steve Prather
Membership	Rose Mann

If you are interested in being on one of the above committees, or chairing a committee, please contact the President Steve Prather.

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society meets **the first Wednesday of each month from Sept. through May at the Yacht Club facility at 631 London Bridge Road in Lake Havasu City**. Fiscal Year: February 1 – January 31.

Name badges are required for all members. One time or replacement badge cost is \$15.00

Annual membership dues are payable on:

Due January 1 for all members who joined before July, 2024. (due Jan. 1 and delinquent after February meeting)

Due month of membership for all members who joined after July 2024. (due the first day of the month of join month and delinquent after the next month's meeting)

Single membership cost is \$20.00 and Junior membership cost is \$10.00

Payment should be remitted to:

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society ATTN: Membership

PO Box 990

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The Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

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