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# Havasu 'Gem & Mineral Show' boosts community involvement, aids youth scholarship fund

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Delicately crafted jewelry and other fine items were on display during the 54th annual Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Show in November 2024.

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For 55 years, the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society has hosted its annual show, revealing unique finds and discoveries. The two-day event, which begins Saturday, Nov. 8, promises over 40 vendors at the Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center.

LHGMS Vice President Elley Ringo said the show is entirely sold out and features two food trucks this year. She estimated that 2,000 visitors have attended the event, with more expected this weekend.

**'Only' Gem show along the Arizona coastline**

Ringo described the gem and mineral show as the only one located on Arizona's coastline. The uniqueness of the event will welcome at least 43 vendors from across the country.

"This show brings out the rockhound in all of us," Ringo expressed. "When you walk through the doors, you can't help but want to take home (a) beautiful, shiny rock."

Attendees can view and vote for mineral displays, with the top three receiving a surprise from Ringo. Additional show features include jewelry, rare gemstones, slabs, handmade pieces, geodes, and a variety of other items. Ringo said showcased mineral specimens descend from around the world.

More than 13 new vendors join this year's show as first-time participants, she added.

"We welcome all vendors in the spaces that we have," Ringo continued. "We hope that the show will continue to grow in the coming years. We truly hope it's our best show ever."

### **Lasting benefits for Havasu youth**

To further promote the earth sciences, visitors can purchase tickets for scholarship raffle baskets. Ringo said the baskets contain items donated by vendors and Havasu-based businesses.

She described the organization's scholarship fund as allowing students to pursue higher education.

"Their words of gratitude and the smile on their faces are amazing," Ringo said. "We are proud that we can support some of those students taking that leap into an earth science degree."

### **Community support sustains annual event**

Volunteers and members are always welcome to assist with the annual show. Ringo stated that new members are continuously accepted and can sign up at the show or at Havasu Rocks, 790 N. Lake Havasu Ave.

"They're also helping out one of the longest-running clubs in Lake Havasu," Ringo said of event attendees. "By walking through the doors, they're not only supporting the club, they're supporting the vendors and our local scholarship."

The 55th annual Gem & Mineral Show is Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event occurs at the Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. Admission is \$5 for the weekend, with free entry for children under 12 years old.

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