

**ROCKY TALES**

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**DECEMBER MEETING\*DECEMBER 3, 2025**

Next meeting is Wednesday December 3, 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 for December 2025**

Hello Rockhounds!

November was one of those months that reminds me exactly why I love this club so much—good people, good rocks, and good adventures from start to finish.

We kicked things off on November 1st at the historic Red Cloud Mine, where everyone spent the day chasing those fiery flashes of wulfenite and vanadinite. The weather was perfect, the company even better, and a few of you came home with some real treasures. (I'm still jealous of the person who found that thumbnail that glows like molten honey!)

Just a week later, on November 8th and 9th, we hosted our annual Gem & Mineral Show—and what a fantastic show it was! The new vendors brought an incredible variety of stones, art, and lapidary creations. The energy in the building was high from the moment the doors opened.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, and behind-the-scenes helpers. These events take months of planning, countless hours of effort, and more teamwork than most people ever see. You make it all possible, and you make it shine. Information for next year's show will be posted to our website as soon as it becomes available, so keep an eye out.

On November 15th, we took a field trip to Jack Norton's in search of fire agate and chalcedony. Yes, we got sprinkled on—and no, not a single one of us melted. In fact,

the little bit of rain made the desert smell amazing and cooled the day off just enough to keep everyone exploring. A fun time was had by all, and several members came home with some promising rough.

Looking Ahead to December

December brings all the sparkle of the season, and we hope to see you out and about!

Our next big community outing is the Boat Parade on December 13th, where we show up in force every year to support our town and enjoy the lights reflecting across the lake. Bundled-up rockhounds are a sight to behold—be sure to wave if you spot our group!

Thank you all for your enthusiasm, your humor, your helping hands, and your love of rocks. Our club wouldn't be the same without each and every one of you.

Until next time...

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

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<b>Schedule of Workshops and Events</b> Check out our website to stay current with planned events at: <a href="https://lakehavasugms.com/events/">https://lakehavasugms.com/events/</a>		
<b>Shop Safety Workshop</b>	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.
<b>Boat Parade BBQ and Picnic</b>	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.
<b>New Years Meeting Fun</b>	Jan. 7, 2026	Bring some great snacks to celebrate New Years
<b>QIA Pow Wow</b>	Jan. 21 – 25, 2026	Volunteers needed for our booth.
<b>Winterfest</b>	Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, 2026	We have two booths and will need volunteers to man the booths.

## **Election for Officers at December 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting - 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.

Elections will be next meeting. Up for election are, Kelsey Frederickson for Secretary, Steve Prather for Havasu Rocks Director, John Jackson for Lapidary Director, and Josh Bagwell for Sargent at Arms.

### **Here's how it works:**

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!

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Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2025

Officers Present

President Steve Prather

Vice President Elley Ringo

Treasurer Michele Trumbull

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.

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

Treasurer's report by Michele Trumbull. She reports that we are doing fine in spite of the fact that the funds have dipped. They always do so at this time of year due to expenses for the Gem Show.

Havasus Rocks is doing well, with good sales. Michele is rearranging the shop using color coding, with Chakra coloring on one side and alphabetical arrangement of the other.

Sargent at Arms, Carrie Morkert, reported that the Christmas Boat Parade and party on Dec.13, will be at the London Bridge canal, Island side #5, starting at 4PM. The club will furnish Brats and condiments. Please sign up

to bring side dishes. She suggests we come early, as parking can be challenging.

Rose Mann, Membership Chairman, reported that there is a total of 353 members. New member, Julie Revilla, has been working hard with Sandie to fill the raffle baskets for the scholarship fund.

The Lapidary Shop has been busier, due to our winter visitors' returns.

Gem Show: The show is ready to go. Please sign up to volunteer. Set-up begins at 7AM on Friday.

The By-laws and Standing Rules, sent out in email, was voted on after motion by Tom Lucas and second by Sandra Willis, and accepted unanimously.

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Steve thanked Rose Mann for organizing Fright night. They gave out 6000 pieces of candy.

Field Trips. The trip to Red Cloud Mine was very nice. At the mine, Jessica Herrera was proposed to by Matthew Saginario. The next trip will be to Hauser Geobed, sometime before Thanksgiving. High clearance vehicles will be necessary. December will be a trip near Aguila for thunder eggs. Information will be on the website.

At the board meeting a contingency fund was voted in for \$10,000 to be taken from the Society's account, to cover unexpected expenses that cannot be covered by the Havasu Rocks and Lapidary fund.

Upcoming Events include the QIA Pow wow (Jan 21st to Jan 25th), and Winterfest (Jan 31st to Feb 1st). Information will be found on the Website. Volunteers are needed.

The River Rat Radio ad has been renewed for 3 months

Tee shirts are available for \$25 and will be sold at the Gem Show and at the shop.

Karen Sawyer spoke about her rock tumbling contest. Information and kits will be available at the show.

A break was taken.

Cab contest winner was Kelsey Frederickson with her turquoise lightning rod.

50/50 raffle went to Duane Billedeaux and Steve Payne.

Door prizes went to Byron Jacobson and Debbie Billedeaux.

The next meeting will be December 3rd, at the Yacht Club, 5:30PM meet and greet and 6PM meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Willis

Secretary

### **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 Gueff
Havasus Rocks	Michele Trumbull
Lapidary Shop	Steve Prather
Membership	Rose Mann
<i>If you are interested in being on one of the above committees, or chairing a committee, please contact the President Steve Prather.</i>	

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

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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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