
SMOKE SIGNALS

“Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.”

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PUFFS FROM THE CHIEF

A message from our President

Marshall Havner

December is almost here and with it, the holidays. As we get ready to celebrate this month, let's take a minute and think about families less fortunate than ours. TGMS has been donating new toys to kids in need for several years. Our December meeting is short and sweet. By sweet, I mean lots of homemade goodies that members share with each other as we visit and mingle and share holiday cheer. We ask our members to bring a gift wrapped toy to the December meeting. These toys are donated to a local charity caring for kids in need. Maybe you haven't been to a TGMS meeting in awhile, maybe you have never been to a meeting. Come and join us this December and bring a gift wrapped toy and your favorite cookie or dessert. I promise that you will enjoy some great company and goodies. And the warm glow of your gift donation to kids in need will start your holiday off right. TGMS will meet December 1 at the Farmersville Senior Center. Please join us

Marshall Havner
TGMS Chief

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Turquoise Facts and Folklore

December Birthstone

Although turquoise has captivated man's imagination for centuries, nobody knows when it came to our attention. Archeological references to the stone predate the Christian era by five millennia. The four bracelets of Queen Zar, found on her mummified arm, date back to the second ruler of Egypt's First Dynasty, approximately 5500 BC. Biblical scholars speculate that the robe worn by the high priest Aaron was adorned with turquoise. Persia was the home of the world's finest turquoise mined just outside of Nishapur. Persian turquoise was found in ancient graves in Turkistan. Turquoise was a highly revered item in Tibet and was used for centuries as currency.



The name turquoise is apparently related to the fact that it was brought to Europe from the Eastern Mediterranean by Levantine traders, more commonly known as Turks. It has been used as a valuable ornament for ages and was used by the Egyptians thousands of years ago. The color is, of course, turquoise, but its range of color varies from green and greenish blue to sky blue shades.

Tule Gem and Mineral Society Meeting, November 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Havner at 7:30 PM, followed by the flag salute led by Don Vieira. There were 37 members and 4 guests present. Harold Schmidt won the door prize.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and corrected, Joe Navarro is in charge of the year book, not Joe Nunes as recorded. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Debbie Havner announced that the nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 club years are:

President-----Don Vieira
1st Vice President-----Mike Obert
2nd Vice President-----Betty Hayward
Secretary-----Corene Keys
Treasurer-----Pat Harrison
Auditor-----Robert Goddard
Corresponding Secretary---Sherry Honnold
Club Directors-----Ede Ordonez, Judy Link,
and Charles Reed
Historian-----Don Sheldrick
Parliamentarian-----Don Vieira
CFMS-AFMS Director---Janice Robertson
Alternate-----Sherry Honnold

Raul Gonzales agreed to be the club representative at the BLM meetings in Las Vegas. A motion was made and seconded that the TGMS Club reimburse Raul for expenses incurred when attending the meetings if chosen as a representative by the BLM directors. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Pat Harrison gave the treasurers report. A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. Motion carried

Hiley Wallis has agreed to set up a page on the web site for members to list items for sale or wanted.

Historian Joe Navarro still needs articles and pictures for the year book.

There will be a work shop to make more articles for the wheel of fortune game at the Gem show at Margaret Bachmann's home on November 15, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. There will also be a Gem Show chairpersons / Board meeting held on November 17, 2008, at the Buchmann home at 7:30 P.M.

Gary Robertson reported that he is in touch with as gentleman who is willing to set up a geo cutting booth at the 2009 Gem show. Gary will have more information at the December meeting.

A work day to stuff grab bags will be held at the Robertson welding shop on December 6, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. Catherine

Mills has donated small geodes for the grab bags. Thank you, Catherine.

Signup sheets for helpers at the Gem Show were passed around. If any member hasn't signed up please do so.

Joe Navarro has volunteered to give faceting demos at the 2009 Gem Show.

Janice Robertson reported that the fall CFMS meeting will be held on November 8, 2008, at the Holiday Inn in Visalia.

Fereleen Schultz announced that more articles are needed for the 1/2 hour drawings, mostly prizes for males.

Debbie Havner, Sunshine Girl, reported that she has sent cards to Olga Thomsen, Dick Scott and Shakir Shareef. Hope all of you are feeling better soon.

Under old business, Don Vieira reported that the work shop held at his home to work on the show trailers was a success. Thank you to all members that helped with this project, and a special thank you to Charles Reed for the many hours he spent working on the axles. A motion was made and seconded that the Club reimburse Charles \$440.00 for supplies needed for the project. Motion carried.

President Havner announced that he was able to purchase a slide projector for \$85.00 to be used by members giving presentations at Club meetings or other functions.

Don Vieira reported on the revisions in the Club constitution which will be posted on the TGMS web site, tulegem.org, and in the Club bulletin.

President Havner presented Don and Adriane Vieira a certificate from the AFMS federation naming them as the rock gatherers of the year. Congratulations to both of you.

Judy Link is still working on the bus trip to Turlock, please sign up soon if you are interested in attending.

The December 1, 2008, meeting will be our annual Christmas gathering. Please bring finger foods or desserts and a wrapped gift to be given to the organization sponsoring gifts for needy children. Gifts for all ages are needed, please attach a note to the outside of the gift stating what age group it is suitable for.

President Havner reported that the Club work shop equipment replacement parts will be approximately \$460.00. A motion was made and seconded that the necessary funds be provided for said repairs. Motion carried. Charles Reed and Gary Robertson will be checking on prices of parts and supplies needed for the repairs.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted by
Corene Keys
Secretary

**Register for 2009 Gemboree
Get your show case registration
Forms to:**

**Mary Reed
By November 15, 2008**

For centuries, the most valuable turquoise came from Iran (Persia) but today, some specimens mined in the southwestern United States compete with it. The name Persian Turquoise: is now generally used to refer to any turquoise stone that does not have the black or brown veining commonly found in turquoise mined in the United States.

Turquoise Folklore

Sacred to Native American's, turquoise was carved in the shape of animals and birds. These carvings were used to attract beneficial spirits. As a good luck talisman, Turquoise is used in nearly every culture

Below is the McGween turquoise mine in Nevada.



DECEMBER 6TH IS GRAB-BAG DAY!!!

Join us on Saturday December 6th at Gary Robertson's shop



We need your help to make this coming show the best ever. Sign up today to help. We need people for the following: Snack bar, kitchen, registration table, grab bag table, wheel of fortune and information/ treasure hunt. There will be a sign-up sheet at the December meeting.

Please Read the proposed changes to our TGMS constitution. Pages 5-9 of this news-Letter. We vote in December.

GEM-BOR-EE RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Donate your handmade items or other valuable

Treasures for the raffle at the Gem-bor-ee. Items should be worth \$25 or more. Contact Robert Goddard

Tom Lucas donated his used equipment to TGMS. Everything sold in a silent auction at the November Meeting.....Thanks, Tom!!!

TULE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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EXHIBITOR CASE REGISTRATION 53RD ANNUAL GEMBOREE 2009

January 17 & 18, 2009

Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING, 324 N. KAWEAH, EXETER, CA. 93221

Set up Friday, January 16th 4-8 PM

Breakdown Sunday, January 18th 4-8 PM

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

I need to use a club case. Please reserve one for me

I will display using my own case.

My case is:

New Upright Old Slant Homemade

Width: _____ Depth: _____ Height: _____

If homemade, please describe: _____

What type of material will you show? _____

Please describe any donations you may have for the show drawings: _____

Do you plan to attend the Friday night's dinner? Yes No

How many in your party? _____ Friday's dinner will be served beginning at 6 PM

Will you need reservations for RV parking for this weekend? Yes No

Size/Length of RV: _____

Please return this completed from as soon as possible, and definitely no later than November 15th, 2008. Club cases are reserved on a first come first serve basis. If charges occur where you later learn you will be unable to display or attend this years Gemboree, please contact the Member Case Chairperson:

Mary Reed
430 Colby Place,
Porterville, CA 93257
Phone: 559.784.6394

Please have the courtesy to not sell items from your case during the show.

Proposed Constitution Changes For Tule Gem & Mineral Society

CURRENT

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The Officers of this organization shall be elected as follows:

1. President
2. 1st Vice President
3. 2nd Vice President
4. Designated past president to be elected from a list of active past presidents. The numbers indicate the line of ascension to the presidency. Should the president and others listed be unable to attend a Regular or Board meeting, the president or a successor (as shown in 2,3, and 4 herein) shall designate another past president to preside. The above mentioned elected officers shall comprise the Executive Board. (Duties for all officers hereinafter shown).

Other Elected Officers Are:

Treasurer	Auditor	Recording Secretary
Parliamentarian	Historian	CFMS Director
Alt. CFMS Director	Club Director	Club Director

Committees to be appointed by the president as follows:
Administrative Committees

Managing Editor, (formerly called 2 nd Vice President)	
All American	Banquet
Bureau of Land Management	Constitution & Bylaws
Custodian of Property	Education
Exchange Editor	Hospitality
Librarian	Membership
Pins & Patches	Refreshments
Telephone-Communications	Safety
Sunshine	Ways & Means

PROPOSED

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Committee Chairman to be appointed by the president as follows:

1. Administrative Committees.

Managing Editor-Smoke Signal's Newsletter	
All American	Banquet
Bureau of Land Management	Constitution & Bylaws
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ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Activities Committees.

AFMS/CFMS Scholarship
Field Trip

Anti-litter
Local Scholarship

Show Manager (formerly called 3rd Vice President), and such other committees as the president may deem necessary for the smooth operation of the *Tule Gem and Mineral Society*. President may omit or not fill some of these committees or may combine them in the best interests of the *Tule Gem and Mineral Society*. (Grievance Committee is five members appointed by the Club Directors).

PROPOSED

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

2. Activities Committees.

AFMS/CFMS Scholarship
Field Trip

Anti-litter
Local Scholarship

Gemboree and other such committees as the president may deem necessary for the smooth operation of the *Tule Gem and Mineral Society*. President may make changes in the appointed committees at any time. President may omit or not fill some of these committees or may combine them in the best interests of the *Tule Gem and Mineral Society*.

3. When any Officer or Chairperson fails to attend three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse, the Board of Directors may declare such office vacant and fill any vacancies.

Proposed Constitution Changes For Tule Gem & Mineral Society

CURRENT

ARTICLE VIII EXPLSION

1. Should the conduct or attitude of any member at any time be such as to be detrimental to the welfare of the group, such member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the General Membership present at a Regular Meeting.
2. Before such action may be taken, a written notice shall be given the member to appear before the Club Directors and/or Grievance Committee at a time and place to be designated, and to show cause why such action should not be taken.
3. Willful violation of this Constitution and By-laws and/or the Code of Ethics shall be deemed a good reason for expulsion.

PROPOSED

ARTICLE VIII GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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4. This Committee shall be made-up of five members from the General Membership appointed by the Club Directors.

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CURRENT

ARTICLE IX ORGANIZATION

1. Executive Board

A. President, xxxxxxxx, Second Vice President, and the Designated Past President.

B. The Executive Board is created to allow the handling of any emergency condition which cannot wait until the next meeting or the General Meeting. It will have the power to do anything necessary for the good of TGMS until the next Board of Directors Meeting or the next General Meeting at which time any decisions made will be reviewed and approved, amended or cancelled as deemed fit.

C. The Executive Board will help the President in planning the agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting and the General Meeting in addition to any other duties which they may have.

2. The Board of Directors

A. The President presides over the meeting of the Board of Directors.

B. The Board of Directors consists of all Officers, both elected and appointed and the Chairperson of all committees.

C. The Board of Directors hears reports from the different committees; takes what action is deemed necessary; handles financial problems of under two-hundred dollars (\$200.00); and refers higher expenditures to the General Meeting. A quorum of 50% of voting members is required.

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CURRENT

ARTICLE X DUTIES

3. Activities Committees

(It is the responsibility of all Committee Chairpersons to take to themselves suitable assistance in the performance of their duties). A detailed explanation of duties for all committees approved by the Board of Directors shall be maintained in the Operating Manual of the Committee and shall also be a part of this document.

A. AFMS/CFMS Scholarship Committee collects funds contributed by this Society for AFMS/CFMS scholarship. Accounts for and transmits these funds to the Treasurer. Makes reports to the Membership. Also collects coupons and stamps for Club sponsored projects, if required.

B. Anti-Litter Committee selects the location, date, and directs a litter clean-up event at least once a year. Promotes anti-litter practices at all Society events.

C. Field Trip Committee plans trips, dates for trips and leads all field trips for the purpose of collecting material for our hobby. Informs members of material to be collected, type of camp to be established and facilities available. Informs and enforces good safety and sanitation practices. Maintains a register of all members and guests on each field trip. Reports each trip (both before and after) to the Managing Editor of the Bulletin.

D. Local Scholarship Committee administers a program to award Earth Science Scholarships to students in the local area.

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E. Gemboree Committee will secure venue for third week-end of January.

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2008 Meeting Schedule

January 7, 2008
February 4, 2008
March 3, 2008, Installation Dinner
April 7, 2008
May 5, 2008
June 2, 2008 Annual Picnic
July 7, 2008
August 4, 2008
September 8, 2008
October 6, 2008
November 3, 2008
December 1, 2008 Christmas Party

Join us for the Christmas Party!!!

