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# Geological Society of Nevada Southern Nevada Chapter Newsletter

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## **Greek Geology and the Rise of Western Civilization**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 27, 2005

**SPEAKER:** Jonathan Price (NV State Geologist)

**LOCATION:** Room 102 Lilly Fong Geoscience Bldg.

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. Social *Half-Hour*  
6:30 p.m. Presentation

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## **Geological Society of Nevada, Southern Nevada Chapter** University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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**I** hope that everyone had a good holiday. The turnout for our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Holiday Party at the Nevada Book & Mineral Company was better than we expected and it was a great experience. Be sure to thank the Lombardo's for hosting the party and if you are ever in Henderson I highly recommend checking out their store - a treasure trove of goodies! Hopefully next year we can have a repeat event.

We are looking forward to another successful year of GSN. Our speakers for the next few months are set and we hope that everyone will be able to attend the meetings. This month's meeting we will have Jon Price (Nevada State Geologist and Director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology) talk about "Greek Geology and the Rise of Western Civilization." February's meeting will be a joint meeting with the southwestern section of the Association of Engineering Geologists and geology students will be presenting their research. Plans are also in the works for a spring field trip, hopefully there will be no snow this time around!

~ Robyn

## **ELECTIONS:**

Us officers would like to start a new southern Nevada chapter tradition – have actual officer elections. Now in the past it really hasn't been necessary because membership was so low but as our chapter is successfully growing, we feel it necessary to have elections. If you have an interest in becoming more active in our chapter leadership then please email me ([robynhowley@yahoo.com](mailto:robynhowley@yahoo.com)) by the end of February. Our plan is to have everyone who is interested turn in his or her name by the end of February and we will have an election during our March meeting. Current chapter members will have a chance to vote on new officers. New officers will start in August.

Chapter officers are actively involved in chapter activities ranging from organizing meetings and field trips to corresponding with GSN in Reno, members, potential sponsors, and the public. We must keep track of the budget and find funding for meetings. All officers are highly involved in all aspects of the chapter.

## **FEBRUARY MEETING:**

Our February meeting will be a joint meeting with the southwestern section of the Association of Engineering Geologists on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. The speakers will be students presenting their research. The meeting will be held at McCormick & Schmicks in Las Vegas. We will provide further information at the January meeting and I will also send out an announcement before the meeting with more information.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

If you would like to become a member of our chapter you can download the form and mail it to the GSN main chapter. Regular membership is \$30 and student membership is \$5 (chapter fee only). Remember that the entire southern Nevada chapter fee goes directly towards our chapter and helps us have food and refreshments at every meeting.

## **ADS & SPONSORS:**

GSN is a non-profit organization and our chapter is supported by chapter fees, advertisements, and sponsors. If your business would like to sponsor social hour at one of our southern Nevada chapter meetings or would like to place a paid advertisement in this newsletter and on our website please contact Jim O'Donnell at 702.293.5664 or [jim\\_odonnell@cox.net](mailto:jim_odonnell@cox.net). Please see our current advertisements at the end of this newsletter and support our sponsors.

## **PARKING:**

For information on parking at UNLV and obtaining a permit please visit the UNLV parking services website at <http://www.unlv.edu/studentlife/parking/>.

This site also includes maps of the campus and directions. If you would like to obtain a daily parking pass but are not able to purchase the permit before they close at 5 pm Amy can purchase the pass for you as long as she knows that you need it the day before. Contact her for more information. We want to make sure that everyone has a place to park for our meetings.

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**THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER**  
**Greek Geology and the Rise of Western Civilization**  
**Jon Price**

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Drawing from field trips associated with a recent joint meeting of Society of Economic Geologists and the Society for Geology Applied to Ore Deposits, we will discuss the impacts of geology on ancient Greece, including how an eruption at Santorini led to the collapse of Minoan civilization and how the silver deposits of Lavrion financed the birth of democracy in Athens.

**Speaker's Background & Education**

Jonathan G. Price is the State Geologist and Director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, as research and public service of the University and Community College System of Nevada. He earned his Ph.D. in geology at Berkeley in 1977 and worked in the mining industry and for the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology before becoming the Nevada State Geologist in 1988. He was the 1997 President of the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the 2000-2001 President of the Association of American State Geologists, and the 2003 President of the Society of Economic Geologists. He currently serves as the Secretary of the Nevada Earthquake Safety Council and Chair of the State Mapping Advisory Committee and Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

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## Geological Society of Nevada - Southern Nevada Chapter Questionnaire

Please answer this questionnaire and return it to us (email is acceptable). We would like to know how we are doing and what we could do better to make our chapter more successful. We will take all comments to heart.

What type of speakers would you like to hear from (topics)?

What type of food and refreshments would you like during the meeting?

Positive or negative opinions regarding the newsletter? Suggestions?

Do you have any suggestions regarding meetings?

What do you feel we could do as a chapter to increase membership and attendance?

Comments?

Please return this questionnaire at the meeting or put into any officers mailbox in LFG 204. This page can also be emailed to any officer.