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Affiliations:

AFMS – American Federation of Mineral Societies www.amfed.org

RMFMS – Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies www.rmfm.org

AZC - Arizona Coalition of Rock Clubs

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ANNUAL DUES

Individual Membership.....\$ 12.00

Family Membership\$ 18.00 (A family consists of people living in your household, at the same address)

An additional charge of \$6.00 will be added to anyone requesting the newsletter be mailed to them, rather than emailed.

Membership dues will be used to fund the Club, to pay for membership in the Rocky Mountain and American Federations. (\$1.50 per member and for liability insurance (\$.75 per member)

It's time to pay your 2012 club dues. You may either mail them to the club or pay them at an upcoming meeting. The mailing address is :

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club

PGM Membership

P.O. Box 3923

Chino Valley, AZ. 86323

*******IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!*******

This month there will be a discussion concerning a possible relocation of our meeting place. If you have any interest or input on this topic you are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. If you aren't present your opinion can not be heard and you won't have any room to complain or applaud the out come.



New Members

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club rolls out the welcome mat to the following new members:

Anne Moseley * Patrick Petlin

Bring a potential new member to our next meeting!!!

Mike Brody - 2nd VP Field Trips

The last field trip of the year was a resounding success. Twenty people made the trip to Table Mesa on December 17th for red, yellow, and green jasper. Some folks came away with sizable chunks of the material as there was an abundant supply of it. Thanks to Dan Schmerfeld for leading the trip.

There will be no field trips in January save possibly an exploratory trip to New Agate Field near Hope, Arizona. This trip will originate from the Quartzsite Gem and Mineral show, which many of our members will be attending in January. In February many folks will be attending the Tucson International Gem and Mineral Show.

We have a tentative trip scheduled to Andersen Mine on February 25th and a trip to Burro Creek on March 10th. On April 21st we will go to Rodeo Flats and on June 16th we will visit a couple sites on Perkinsville Road. May will be reserved for a Utah trip. We will be visiting new sites in Utah, including Topaz Mountain, and possibly a couple of old ones. This is usually a 7 to 10 day camping trip. Details will be forthcoming as dates get firmed up. Stay tuned.

Mike Brody, VP Field Trips



FOR SALE

Use the column to let other club members know about the great stuff you have regrettably decided to sell. In other words, list whatever equipment or other paraphernalia, rock related only, you have for sale. Send your information to fluffierox@hotmail.com by NLT the 25th of the month for insertion into the newsletter.

Photos Wanted: We are always looking for new photos of our club in action; Christmas pot luck, meetings, field trips, etc. If you have any photos that you think represent our club in action, please email them to either myself at fluffierox@hotmail.com or to our club historian, Linda Loschke at lindasue@commspeed.net .

Another Important Message from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Regarding Land Usage

Hi Everyone,

We need your help. ALAA, the legislative arm of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies is having a meeting in Quartzsite, Fri evening, Jan 20th at the Quartzsite Alliance Church, 720 Desert View. This is on the northwest side of I-10.

This is important to everyone because we've asked the BLM, Jennifer House of the Lake Havasu Office - to speak to all of us about the BLM La Posa Management plans for the area around Quartzsite. Unfortunately the BLM doesn't believe there are enough of us out there to make a difference in what they do to the public land in the Quartzsite area. **WHAT SAY YOU???** Will you help us. And join our organization to help keep public lands public?

If you are planning on attending the annual Quartzsite activities, please make the effort to attend this important meeting, it's open to the public you don't have to be an ALAA member to attend. And please tell your friends.

Shirley Leeson, ALAA Vice President

Rockhound Activist

shirleyleeson@cox.net

Program Meetings: The club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Prescott Public Library on Goodwin Street in Prescott, Az. The meeting takes place in the Founders Suites A & B on the lower level of the library. Lectures, slide shows, guest speakers and videos on a variety of subjects. Board meetings are held at 5:00 PM in the Elsea Room on the main level of the Prescott Public Library. Be sure to verify meeting dates and times as occasionally dates and times change. Any questions, call President Ron Whorton at 928-925-8911.

Future General Meeting Date: January 7, 2012
 February 4, 2012
 March 3, 2012
 April 7, 2012
 May 5, 2012
 June 2, 2012 (Spring Fling at Heritage Park at 11:30)

Future Board Meeting Dates: January 19, 2012
 February 16, 2012
 March 15, 2012
 April 19, 2012
 May 17, 2012

Anyone who plans to attend a board meeting should call President Ron Whorton at 925-8911, to be sure and get on the agenda.

Don't forget our **Show and Tell** opportunities. If you have an item or items that you would like to share with the entire club, please contact Marguerite Ahl at 775-2934 prior to meeting day so we can schedule time.

TREASURER'S REPORT - See minutes of the General Meeting



Pebble Pup Meeting (is that a dino bone he's holding?)

This months meeting of the Pebble Pups is January 21st, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the home of Karyn Bee
This months topic is: "Rocks & Minerals" -The Three Types. We will also begin our mineral ID kit!
This is the official kick off of the AFMS badge program!!

Call Karyn (928) 237-4876 for more information.

Pat Shire - VP Programs

Guest speaker for January 07, 2012 meeting will be Ron Anderson. Ron is a current member and previous squad leader in the Yavapai County Jeep Posse and a certified Red Cross Instructor on Wilderness First Aid. Ron will discuss some of the options for first aid in remote locations and how an individual may become Red Cross trained and certified in wilderness first aid.

Pat Shire
1st VP Programs

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND IF.....

**** Instead of photos, you have chisels hanging on your walls. ****



Sunshine Lady

If you know of someone that is having surgery, has had a major trauma, is seriously ill or has lost a close loved one, please let me know so that I can send a card from the club.

In December, Get well cards were sent to Marguerite Ahl who is recovering from surgery, Joan Albrecht who is recovering from surgery and Maggi Whorton who is recovering from surgery.

In November a Get Well card was sent to Clyde Griffith who was recovering from surgery. A Sympathy card was sent to Mike Harlan whose sister passed away.

Thank You, Maurine Haerberlin 778-9479

Another New Year!!

Wow! Here it is 2012 already. Just where does all the time go? It seems like just yesterday that it was year 2000! Anyway, we had a very good year 2011, and I hope you did also. Now we look forward to 2012 and all that it will bring. So far, it looks promising. The economy is coming back, slowly but coming back, and things are starting to look a bit brighter. On the PGMC level, we have several new officers that will want your help and suggestions. We have a number of events planned and/or in progress. The one thing that is assured is that the club needs your active participation as well as your ideas. In addition to our normal activities, we have started two new programs. We have finally been able to get a working program in place for our scholarship program and our long awaited youth program. Both of these programs are directly related to our charter as an educational organization.

We have many other prospects coming up, such as a possible change of location for our meetings, our Spring Fling, many field trips, many area rock & mineral shows to attend, our own Show & Sale, another Christmas Party and lots and lots of camaraderie. I urge everyone to become more involved with the Club and participate in every function that you can.

I wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR filled with lots of rocks, minerals and fossils!

Max Hatch, Independent Director

Minutes of General Meeting of the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club - December 3rd, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. All board members present except Don Crenshaw and Marguerite Ahl.

Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Ron Whorton asked that the November General and Board meeting minutes, published in the PGMC Newsletter, be accepted as written. Vote unanimous to approve.

Treasurer Carol Gilson gave the Treasurer's Report for November. Income - \$604.00, expenses \$174.96, Balance in checking account \$11,562.76. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as read made by Sully Sullins, seconded by Brad Balue.

Unanimously approved.

Membership Volunteer Pam Jackson reported 63 members present and 1 guest. (Ed. Note: Not bad for a snowy day!) Chamber of Commerce Liaison Lynn Wheeler-Benker reported that the City of Prescott will be having a 40 Ft. "Boot Drop" for New Years Eve on Whiskey Row at the Palace Bar and there will be activities from 6 to 8:30 at Frontier Village. 2nd VP Field Trips Mike Brody reported a coalition trip today, field trip to Half Moon Canyon next week and the following week to Table Mesa for colored jasper. Future Rock Hounds of America Volunteer Karyn Bee reported that Lynn Wheeler-Benker will become the next assistant. Jessie Foster had to drop out. Show Co-Chair Judy Sullins asked for a card to be sent to Marguerite Ahl who is having foot surgery. It has already been done per Sunshine Lady Maurine Haeberlin. President Ron Whorton thanked Newsletter Editor Maggi Lieber for all her work on the Newsletter. He thanked out going 1st VP Programs Marguerite Ahl (she will be returning s the Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer next year), Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer Linda Loschke (she will be returning as a volunteer on the show), Membership Volunteer Pam Jackson and Secretary Heather Redden. Judy Sullins thanked all the members for all of their hard work on this years show. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM. Annual Christmas Party begun. Minutes Submitted by Heather Redden, Secretary

Minutes of Board Meeting of the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club -December 15th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 5:12 PM. All board members present except Don Crenshaw, Carol Gilson, Marguerite Ahl, Maggi Lieber and Judy Sullins. Guests present Linda Loschke, Lynn Wheeler-Benker and Cathy Palm-Gessner. Educational Liaison Cathy Palm-Gessner presented the revised scholarship letter and application to the Board which she, Chamber of Commerce Liaison Lynn Wheeler Benker and Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer Linda Loschke worked on. The letter explains the purpose, amount, what the candidate will present (Attached application form, 500 word essay explaining why you should get the scholarship and how you would use the knowledge you learned, letter of recommendation from an adult non-relative or teacher and show proof of U.S. Citizenship or legal immigration status.), selection criteria, application deadline, receipt of money and attached application form. This information is to be posted on our web site. The scholarships would be offered twice a year (2 semesters) with the possibility of 6 scholarships. The courses would be Lapidary, Jewelry and Geology. At this time Lapidary I is a 2 credit course at \$124.00 and lab fee of \$25.00. Jewelry I is a 3 credit course at \$186.00 with a \$25 lab fee and Geology I is a 4 credit course at \$248.00 and a \$20 lab fee. Cathy Palm-Gessner reported that Cathy Powell at Yavapai College said this announcement could be posted at the school library poster board and the monies would go through her for the student. Linda Loschke also reported that the local high schools will post for students to see on their bulletin boards. Bradshaw High School will put upon website and we should encourage instructors at Yavapai to mention. The Board would like to make sure if a student drops out that we get the money back and it doesn't go into Yavapai Fund. President Ron Whorton thanked the Scholarship Committee for their hard work. The Board voted unanimously to accept the revised Scholarship letter and application. President Whorton said he and several Board members had visited the Moose Lodge in Prescott Valley. The building is larger than the library and will easily accommodate more members. There is no rental fee, except if we have a party and that would be \$150.00 for use of the kitchen. We would have to be out of the building before 12:30. Volunteer Linda Loschke suggested we start the meeting at 9:30 AM to make this happen and we would come in at 9 AM to set up. The Board unanimously agreed to recommend this move to the membership. President Whorton would like to add an Ice Cream Social to our club events, after some discussion it was recommended we couple this with the Silent Auction if possible. We will need to discuss this with the new 1st VP Programs Pat Shire and ask what the membership would like....tabled for now. Federation Liaison Doris Edelman reported that she has repeatedly tried via email to get the Federation Newsletter Editor Betty Kane to correct the mailing list of our officers. She said that Max Hatch and Brad Balue are still getting them. She will ask Brad to give his copy to Joan Fullmore to bring to the general meeting. 2nd VP Field Trips Mike Brody reported that the Table Mesa trip for Saturday is still on and Dan will lead. He and other members have checked a new site, a permit of \$10.00 is needed and it should be a summertime trip. He is also considering setting a six schedule. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Minutes Submitted by Heather Redden, Secretary

The Prescott Gem and Mineral Club 2011 Christmas Pot Luck!!!



Our Illustrious Leader



What a group!



Looks Good Enough to Eat!!



President's Message 01-2012
Once again, I hope everybody has a good Christmas and a Happy New Year holiday ! I did. This is the start of a New Year with some New Officers, Cathy Vance, Janice Larson, Pat Shire. You will be seeing them and hearing their names, but lets not forget Heather Redden, Marguerite Ahl, Pam Jackson for all doing a very good Job. Thanks!! We are also going to discuss Moving to a new location. So be at the next meeting January 7, 2012 (to vote) at the Library (9.00 AM Until 12:30 PM)

See You Then, Pres Ron

RAFFLE ITEMS

We are always in need of quality items for the raffle that takes place at our meetings. The raffle helps to defray the operating costs of the club and helps to keep our dues low. If you have something special, please bring your donation to the next meeting. And if you know, kindly identify the item and let us know where it came from. Your continued support is needed and much appreciated.

Marguerite Ahl and Stephanie Allen

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY - 2012

JANUARY

1-31—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1055 Kuehn St.; I-10 Exit 17; Sun. 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: dggemshow@ureach.com; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

18-22---QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: QIA Pow Wow 2012 World Famous Gem & Mineral Show POW WOW # 46 Starts Wednesday, Jan. 18 thru Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 We have 460 vendor spaces outside and 70 vendor spaces in the main hall. Vendors come from all over the world to participate in the Pow Wow. All vendors merchandize must be 75% gem, mineral or jewelry related. There is free admission and free parking with two shuttles running thru out the day from the parking area to the main hall. Three home style cooked meals are served each day. If you want a quick lunch, you can stop by the sandwich window. You can view 52 showcases of beautiful gems, minerals and jewelry. In the Hobby Room you will see many beautiful displays of other hobbies such as painting, quilting, beading, wire wrap and much more. The Pow Wow is the main fundraiser for the QIA 235 East Ironwood Street
PO Box 881
Quartzsite, AZ 85346
Phone 928 927 6325
Fax 928 927 4503

6-8—MESA, ARIZONA: 40th annual show; Flag Mineral Foundation; Mesa Community College; US 60 at Dobson, southwest parking lot; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; Peralta Stone maps exhibit, fluorescent display, free children's activities, free samples for children and teachers, more than 100 dealers, crystals, minerals, fossils, club and museum booths; contact Dr. Ray Grant, PO Box 41834, Mesa, AZ 85274, (480) 892-0779; e-mail: Presmyk@cox.net; Web site: www.AZMinFun.com

6-15—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W. Kuehn St.; Fri. 9-5 daily; free admission; rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, silver and gold smithing, faceting, precious metals, lapidary tools, equipment, supplies; contact Kym Scott, P.O. Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

20-22—GLOBE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society; Gila County Fair Grounds; 3 mi. north of Globe on US 60-70; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; \$3 per adult or \$5 per couple, students and children free; live demonstrations, gold panning, fossil program, silent auction, door prizes, displays, minerals, jewelry; contact John O'Brian, PO Box 487, Miami, AZ 85539, (408) 421-2657; e-mail: rocksbynature@hotmail.com; Web site: <http://gilagem.com/>

January/February

26-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Eons Expos RLLLP; 22nd St.; at I-10; Thu. 9-6 daily; free admission; minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, crystals, gems, jewelry, meteorites; contact Christine Coyle, 38 Fox Ridge Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: lowellcarhart@yahoo.com; Web site: www.22ndstreetshow.com

28-11—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Ramada Ltd.; 665 N. Freeway; Thu. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

28-11—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Quality Inn-Benson Hwy.; 1025 E. Benson Hwy.; Thu. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

28-11—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; The Hotel Tucson City Center; 475 N. Granada; Sat. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

28-11—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace; 1333 N. Oracle Rd.; Thu. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

28-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; The Rock Show; Kino Sports Complex; 2500 E. Ajo Way; Sat. 9:30-5:30 each day; free admission; rocks, jewelry, minerals, fossils, gemstones; contact Trym Gibbons, PO Box 246, Cortaro, AZ 85652, (800) 983-0133; e-mail: rockshowtucson@gmail.com

February

1-29—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1064 Kuehn St.; I-10 Exit 17; Wed. 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1064 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

9-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; Tucson Convention Center; 260 S. Church Ave.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; adults \$10, seniors and active military \$8 on Fri., children (14 and under) free with adult; 2-day tickets \$17 ; contact Show Chairman, PO Box 42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-5773; e-mail: tgms@tgms.org; Web site: www.tgms.org

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3-4—FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA: 3rd retail show; Rick Obermiller; Fountain Hills Community Center; 13001 N. La Montana Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children (under 10) free; 15 dealers, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, beads, metals, kids' gold panning and fossil dig, door prizes, raffles; contact Rick Obermiller, PO Box 64281, Phoenix, AZ 85082-4281, (602) 826-2218; e-mail: obrocks@gmail.com

24-25—YUMA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Sharon Szymanski, Val Latham; Yuma Civic Center; 1440 Desert Hills Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, fine and costume jewelry, gems, beads, slabs, cabochons, fossils, lapidary supplies and machinery, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 671-6191; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

July 2012

21-22—FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA: Retail show; Sharon Szymanski; Radisson Woodlands Hotel; 1175 W. Rte. 66; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, fine and costume jewelry, sterling silver and gold, minerals, rocks, slabs, cabochons, crystals, beads, unset gemstones, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 215-9101; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

