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Organized to foster the development of amateur lapidary and jewelry craftsman, to foster an interest in mineral collecting, to present educational programs designed to improve knowledge, craft skill and to promote public interest in these areas.

Affiliations:

AFMS – American Federation of Mineral Societies [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

RMFMS – Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies [www.rmfm.org](http://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 Almost 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



**New Members**

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

Paul and Jennifer Steinke \* Rod and Brenda Norris \* Barbara Mure \* Linda Ashton

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

**ANNUAL LAST MINUTE (non-profit) STOCKINJG STUFFER BAZAAR..**

**Sponsored by the Yavapai Jeep Posse Dec 17, 2011.**

We will have a booth at "The Stocking Stuffer Bazaar" to be held December 17, 2011. Set-up time starts at 8:00am. Opens for customers at 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. I day only and a short 6 hours. We will have 3- 6foot tables to share among our members so space allocated to each will be approximately 2 feet wide by 2.5 ft deep. (That is figured for 9 of us). Right now I only have 3 signed up for sure so there is plenty of room. All that is necessary for you to bring is your product. Tables and chairs will be provided. Our space is 10 x 8 so there isn't a lot of space for extra items. If you don't plan on exhibiting your wares please come and lend your support to all of the non-profits that will be taking part in the Bazaar!

Let me (Judy Sullins) know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Phone 445-1117 or email [sullinsjs@cablone.net](mailto:sullinsjs@cablone.net)

Thank you, Judy



**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](mailto:fluffierox@hotmail.com) by NLT the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for insertion into the newsletter.**

Diamond Pacific Genie Grinder and Polisher, 6" Wheels. Only used once or twice! \$1400.00 / OBO

If you are interested in the above piece of equipment, contact Paul Pradzinski at 928-632-5982.

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The PGMC has had some equipment donated to it. We would rather sell this equipment to club members than haul it to

Quartzsite and sell it there. It is a chance for members to get a real bargain. The equipment is old but in useable condition. Will require some TLC and clean up work. The only item left is:  
single cup sphere maker with loads of cups and motor  
It will be sold at a bargain basement price but the club retains the right to refuse sale to equipment buyers for resale. We want these to go to members to learn and use. To arrange a viewing, call Ron Whorton at 928-925-8911.

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**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](mailto:fluffierox@hotmail.com) or to our club historian, Linda Loschke at [lindasue@commspeed.net](mailto:lindasue@commspeed.net).

**Program Meetings:** The club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 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: November 12, 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month due to scheduling conflicts)  
December 3, 2011 (Holiday Potluck)  
January 7, 2012  
February 4, 2012  
March 3, 2012  
April 7, 2012

Future Board Meeting Dates: November 17, 2011  
December 15, 2011

Anyone who plans to attend a board meeting should call President Ron Whorton at 925-8911, to be sure and get on the agenda. Board meetings are held at the home of Marguerite Ahl, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs.

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

### **THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE COMING UP FOR ELECTION**

Here are the respective job descriptions. If you feel that you are qualified and would like to nominate yourself, or know of someone who you feel well suited for the job and would like to nominate them, the club will be accepting nominations at the October and November Meetings.

#### **1st Vice-President - Programs:**

The responsibilities of the 1st Vice-President is to make arrangements for programs, demonstrations, or speakers of subjects of interest to members for each monthly meeting.

Attend and participate in the monthly Board Meetings (Member of the Board) and be available to conduct the monthly meeting and/ or Board Meeting if the President is absent and unable to attend. (Previous notice will be given if at all possible).

Maintain custody of the Clubs Visual Aid equipment.

#### **Secretary:**

Duties at the General meeting:

The responsibilities of the Secretary are to collect data, and keep good, sound minutes at the monthly club level meetings.

Keep accurate records in a Binder of minutes, treasurer's reports, field trip announcements, program announcements, and any from the general membership, a copy of the newsletter and any correspondence that has taken place.

Send a copy of the minutes to the President and Newsletter Editor each month following the meeting. (Either via postal mail or e-mail)

Duties at the Board Meeting:

The Secretary is a member of the Board and should attend all board meetings. Accurate records should be kept at these meetings. Collect any data or print-outs that are provided by members at the meeting.

Send a copy of the Board Minutes to the editor of the newsletter after each meeting.

All records should be kept in a separate binder or a separate division of the general meeting Binder.

**Treasurer:**

Maintain the Checking, Savings, and Investment accounts of the club as assigned to the Treasurer by the Board of Directors.

Write checks necessary to support Club's business. Make deposits, transfer funds, and balance the accounts against the bank issue statements each month.

Maintain a consistent and complete record of financial activities and status using the computer based program "Quick Books". Maintain a paper back-up for all entries.

Report the Club's monthly financial status to membership at the monthly meetings. Provide copies to the President and Secretary at the meetings. Provide other documents as per the policy and procedures manual.



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

Ok Folks, it's time for our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club's Pebble Pups, our new kid's program. If you have young children or grandchildren and they have expressed an interest in rocks or mineral this is where you want to be! There are badges to be earned and loads of cool stuff to learn. Heck, I wish I were young enough and not just immature enough! Those badges would like right smart on a sash!

When: November 19, 2011 1-4pm

Where: 4084 Bonita Way, Prescott Valley (Call if you need directions)

Discussion: Moh's Hardness Scale (what it is and what we use it for)

Mineral of the Month: Black tourmaline

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

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

\*\*\*\* You must empty the trap on your kitchen sink at least once a year to clean out the rocks and mud. \*\*\*\*  
(Keith, this one's for you!)



**Marguerite Ahl - VP Programs**

Our speaker this month will be Beth Boyd. She will discuss local tourmalines, and meteorites. She'll also be happy to answer any earthquake questions when her talk is over.

This is my last month as 1st V. P. in charge of programs. I'd like to thank everyone who had suggestions for speakers, and everyone who volunteered to speak to the group. I'll be passing your suggestions on to our next V. P.!

Marguerite Ahl  
1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs

## **A Message From Your Independent Director**

Hello everyone!

I hope you have all enjoyed being part of the Prescott Gem & Mineral Club this past year. I know I certainly have. We have enjoyed several field trips, many informative talks and presentations at our meetings, a great time at our Spring Fling Social and, of course, the chance to win a myriad of goodies at our monthly raffle and our annual auction. Our year will end with our annual Christmas Party and installation of new officers. This year it will be held at the Chino Valley Senior Center. I hope everyone attends as the club is providing the turkey and ham dishes. (A chance to get some of those dues back?) In addition, those attending will be bringing some of their favorite foods to share also. This has been an annual event since the club was first organized. I have attended every one of them and I have never seen anyone go away hungry!!! I know it seems a hassle sometimes to try to put down on a list what you will be bringing, two months in advance, but the gals that work their butts off putting this all together need some idea so they can try to balance things out and not have everyone bring mashed potatoes or cheesecake. (Someone please bring one, I relish them) If you are not particularly smitten with the items on the alphabet name/food roster, put down what you would like to bring, just be sure to put it on the list! This is not cast in stone, you know. (See how I worked our hobby into that?) Sadly, I have also heard a bit of grumbling about having to drive all the way to Chino Valley. What a lousy excuse!! Come on friends, it's only a few miles and only once a year. Your committee worked really hard looking for locations and this was the best one available! It worked well last year and will again this year. Don't let a few miles stand between you and a great time with your rock hound friends!! Besides, you will want to see the new officers installed during the short business meeting which precedes the food and festivities.

This brings up another subject. We have roughly 300 members in the club. Your Club is set up to elect roughly half of our elected officers each year and they serve for a 2 year term. This way, there are always established officers in place to provide continuity of club projects and help for the newly elected officers to get acclimated to the procedures. We have 3 elective positions to be filled for next year. First Vice President in charge of Programs; Treasurer; and Secretary. As of this date, (back in October) we have candidates for only two of these positions. The position of Secretary is still open. Now I personally know of several club members who have experience in this type position, but that is not even necessary! You don't have to know shorthand, there are recorders, nor do you have to know a lot of rules. The required minutes are very few and simple. Our present Secretary, Heather, records more detail than is required, but it is very helpful, so she does it. You would not have to! Lots of people come to the officers and either complain of something or want something changed or added. Well folks, all of these positions are also members of the Board of Directors! This is the perfect place to get your ideas heard and possibly implemented. Out of our 300 members, there are probably at least 30 people who could handle this job well. Let's hear; from you! Nominate someone you know or voluntarily nominate yourself! Remember it's your club. Let's not make it the legendary "Magic Club."

Max Hatch, Independent Director

## **A Few Photos from the Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Rock Sale**

Just a reminder, this sale was material that had been generously donated to our club by one of our members. It was NOT material owned by Max Hatch, he was kind enough to allow us to use his property for the sale and to help run and organize it. Max did NOT benefit from this sale in any way, other than to clean up his property!



## **It's Time for Holiday Raffle Donations!**

As you may or may not know, every year at our annual Holiday we have a raffle. Everyone who attends our Holiday party in December gets a free raffle ticket. We try to make the prizes something special since it is the Holidays. Linda and Steph will have a collection box at the November meeting. In years past our membership has been enormously generous and I'm sure you won't disappoint this year. It can be anything rock or jewelry related; books, cabochons, jewelry, mineral specimens, equipment, etc. So look around, I'm sure you'll find something worthy!



**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.

Thank You, Maurine Haeberlin 778-9479

## **Minutes of General Meeting of the Prescott Gem and Mineral - October 15<sup>th</sup> Club, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm. All Board members were present except Don Crenshaw, Maggi Lieber, & Heather Redden. Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Ronnie Whorton read 3 very nice cards Thanking the PGMC for the scholarships that were issued through Yavapai College. Cards were received from Chloey Davis, Kari Dodendorf, and Timothy Beal.

President Whorton asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as printed in the September newsletter. A correction was made to change the Scholarship from "ERAU" to "Yavapai College" in the Board Minutes of September 15, 2011. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected by Richard Tuckness, Seconded by Margie Rathbone. Vote unanimous to accept.

President Whorton also made a correction to our newsletter in that we no longer have a Fair Coordinator so that can be deleted. Old Business:

Treasurer Carol Gilson read the report for September. Income \$785.38, Expenses \$202.85, The Balance as of 9-30-11 is \$11,720.34

2nd VP Field Trips, Mike Brody reported on future field trips. Oct.22: Trip to Anderson Mine for Agates, fossils, limb casts. High Clearance and 4-wheel drive is necessary. Depart waffles and More at 7:00. Approximately 2 hour drive. Nov. 5: Trip to Tonapah to a place called Saddle Mountain for Chalcedony. November 19 (coalition Trip): Table Mesa for Yellow Jasper about a 2 hour drive. Dec. 10 Half Moon Canyon for jasper. Leave waffles and more at 8:00 approx. 1 hour drive. Some

discussion was had regarding where, when, etc. Details will be printed in the newsletter as well as emails sent. Jay Elliott made a report regarding a possible trip to Bill Gardner's mines. Mr. Gardner said it would cost us \$200.00 for the tour and trip. This would be divided among the number of person attending. First we would go to the Monarch Mine where we would find Malachite needles and Azurite on quartz crystals, then to the Purple Passion Mine and a black tent would be set up so that fluorescent materials can be collected in the daylight. A show of hands was taken for interested members. Jay will proceed with the scheduling of this trip (possibly for January) Jay volunteered to be the trip leader so members may sign up with Jay or call him at 442-3448 to get on the list. More information will follow on this trip as to schedule etc.

Mike Brody reported on a person who had fallen and gotten hurt while on a trip. The suggestion was made to pay more attention to safety precautions and possibly invest in a bicycle helmet for added head protection. Ali Kaiser reported that she had broken her back while rock hunting simply by stepping on an unsecure rock and getting flipped onto her back. She is now is a cast for several weeks to come. Mike stated that it is always possible to get hurt so please take precautions, watch where you put feet, and wear appropriate clothing.

Membership Volunteer Pam Jackson reported that there are 61 members, 8 guests, and 6 new members present at the meeting. Federation Liaison, Doris Edelman reported on several upcoming coalition trips that are scheduled by other clubs in Arizona. The list of trips will be given to Maggi Lieber, Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

Future Rockhounds of America Leader, Karyn Bee reported that the Pebble pups are now officially members of the American Federation of Mineralogical Society. They will be following the rules and the programs of the national group for all meetings and earning of badges. Their first meeting is Saturday, Oct. 15 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. They will be discussing "Safety in Rock Hounding" and learning about quartz. Karyn held 2 classes in wire-wrapping and the proceeds of \$90.00 was donated to the youth group to start their own budget for their expenses. The PGMC also donated some equipment to the group. Gary Pope donated some Laguna agate for the group. More information will be in the newsletter.

Karyn also stated that she had entered a display at the "Unfair" and won a first place designation and ribbon.

New Business:

Pam Jackson reported that there are several flyers were available at the membership table for various rock shows that are coming up in the area.

President Whorton passed around a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Pot Luck luncheon to be held December 3, 2011.

Hospitality Lady, Margie Rathbone stated that they had looked at several places for the luncheon to be held but most had a problem with adequate parking so it was decided to hold the luncheon at the Chino Valley Senior Center again this year.

President Whorton asked that anyone that has a key to the storage shed to please turn it in for a new one as a new lock will be put on the shed following the meeting. He also announced that ERAU has given us our cleaning deposit of \$500.00 back. Some of the equipment that was donated was sold for \$115.00. There is still a sphere maker and a buffing pad left, so if anyone is interested in them please contact him.

Education committee member Lynn Wheeler-Benker announced that She and Linda Loschke did a presentation at the Willow Creek Charter School this month for 3rd and 4th graders and it was very well received. Samples were given to the kids and they were happy. The school anticipates doing a lot more of these presentations so if anyone is out collecting it would be appreciated if they could receive some donations for the kids.

Show co-chair Judy Sullins reported that the Fair on the Square last weekend \$2104.00 of which 10% (\$210.40) is income for the club.. Also that we are going to participate in the "Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Bazaar" again this year. It will be held December 17, 2011 from 10:00 am -4:00 pm. Please contact Judy if you want to participate.

Ronnie Whorton announced that officers elections are coming up. We need Secretary, Treasurer, and 1st Vice President Programs. Carol Gilson said that she was running for Treasurer again but anyone else can also run. We need people to step-up and volunteer for these offices. Marguerite Ahl stated that she has 3 programs that have already been volunteered for next year to give a head start on the 1st VP job. Election Chairman, Margie Rathbone asked for anyone interested in running for an office to please sign up with her following the meeting. Margie received several volunteers as follows: 1st VP Programs: Lee Campbell and Pat Shire; Treasurer: Carol Gilson and Jay Elliott. No volunteers for Secretary were forthcoming.

Break taken before the program. Meeting resumed.

1st VP Programs Marguerite Ahl introduced speaker Pat Shire who is doing a program on Petrified Wood. Pat did a very interesting and informative program complete with a video presentation on Petrified wood. He had a lot of specimens to view and made a great donation of a rare form of petrified wood to the raffle for some lucky winner.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Ed Sullivan, seconded by Margie Rathbone. Vote unanimous to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Judy Sullins, Assistant Secretary

## **Minutes of Board Meeting of the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club -October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 5:04PM. All board members present except Don Crenshaw and Marguerite Ahl. Guests Jackie Brody, Linda Loschke and Karyn Bee.

President Ron Whorton asked Raffles/Silent Auction Volunteer Linda Loschke about the research on scholarships. She has spoken to 2 High Schools and is awaiting more info. Educational Liaison Cathy Palm-Gessner and Chamber of Commerce Liaison Lynn Wheeler-Benker are also looking into the best way to go.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Field Trips Mike Brody reported that Committee Volunteer Jay Elliot is leading a field trip to the Vulture Mine in Wickenburg.

Coalition Liaison Doris Edelman has been getting info on fields trips for Nov. and Dec. which she will forward to Newsletter Editor Maggi Lieber. President Whorton gave her the RMF (Rocky Mountain Federation) paperwork for our annuals dues and insurance so she can complete and return to RMF.

Independent Director Max Hatch reported that he has contacted ERAU about firming up the dates for next years show. Unfortunately, he was told this goes to the bottom of the pile and generally no commitment for 3 months due to administration procedures. After a discussion it was decided to print some flyers to go to Quartzite in January. Some members usually take quite a few down and we want to encourage other members to do the same. Also, he has been looking for extra tables. Right now none available locally, we may have to go to Phoenix.

Show Co-Chair Judy Sullins reported that she has purchased a black commercial grade pop-up tent at a yard sale with a new extra top for \$80. It will need sides and we will have to cover lettering. Jackie Brody volunteered to help with this. Judy also reported that Jackie Brody's company has offered a ½ off deal on printing flyers, which is better than what was available locally.

Future Rockhounds of America volunteer Karyn Bee reported on her 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, and asked about where we wanted the kids badges displayed. After a discussion, a green sash with PGMC embroidered and Pebble Pups along the top, with AFFM badge and patches to follow. Examples of badges: Rock & Mineral, Earth Resource, Earth Processes, Earth & Space, Field Trip, Fossils, Showmanship (Displays) and Collections. Eventually there would be separate meetings for kids at the same time as our general meetings. President Whorton made a motion that the Club pay for the sashes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Sullins. Unanimously approved. Maybe some of our members would be interested in making the sashes - we can ask. Also, Karyn said she would like to see in the future scholarships offered to the Pebble Pups and she is working on a budget. Independent Director Max Hatch has arranged for some equipment given to the club to go to the kids work area. Gary Pope has generously donated some small booklets to the Club that were used by the Educational Committee and Karyn would also like to use some of them.

President Whorton asked Newsletter Editor Maggi Lieber to remove the listing for "Fair Coordinator...Larry Jackson" since the Fair is now defunct.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Minutes Submitted by Heather Redden, Secretary

### **President's Message 11-2011**

I hope everybody comes to this months meeting, because this is the most important meeting of the year. It's election time. Now is the time to make your voice count. Nominate your person of choice and vote for the people you want to represent you!

Be there and place your Vote or don't complain later.

See you at the meeting!

Pres Ron

### **UPCOMING COALITION FIELD TRIPS**

Rockhounds West will lead the Coalition trip on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011.

We will look for jasper - red, yellow and green.

Meet at 9:00 AM on Table Mesa Road, Exit 236 from Hwy I-17. The exit is between New River and Black Canyon City. At the west end of the overpass above I-17, turn north on the "frontage road" and follow it as it veers north west. The meeting spot is about half a mile from I-17. There are no rest rooms. There are gravel pits in this area. Be careful to park off the road because the gravel trucks are bigger than your car and go faster too. The road to the collecting site is about 4 miles of well-graded, gravel and dirt, some "washboard". It is passable for a passenger car.

**COALITION TRIP: BUCKSKIN MOUNTAINS- BOUSE, ARIZONA**

**HOSTED BY: VERDE RIVER ROCKHOUNDS OF COTTONWOOD, AZ.**

**DATES: SATURDAY- 12/31/2011 AND SUNDAY 01/01/2012**

**MEETING PLACE(S) AND TIMES:**

**For both days meeting time is 8:30AM:** Meeting place is at Midway which is about 15 miles north of Bouse. From the intersection of Main & RT 72 in Bouse, turn east on Main, cross the RR tracks, drive .25 mile to Rayder Rd, turn left on Rayder which soon becomes Swansea Rd. and go 2.2 miles to a fork. Bear left (NE) and drive 10.5 miles to Midway, intersection of Swansea, Lincoln-Ranch and Transmission Line roads.

**DIRECTIONS TO BOUSE, ARIZONA:**

It is 200 miles to Bouse from Cottonwood or about 130 miles from Phoenix. If you're coming from Cottonwood allow about 4 hours driving time to the meeting place. Take Hwy 89A from Cottonwood to Prescott Valley all the way to the intersection with Hwy 89. Continue south on Hwy 89 all the way through Prescott, Kirkland Junction, Yarnell and Congress. At Congress, turn right(SW) onto SR 71 which will go under Hwy 93 in a few miles and continue on to intersect with U.S. 60 at Aguila. Go west on U.S. 60 through Gladden, Wenden, Salome & Hope. At Hope, turn right onto SR 72 and proceed about 20 miles to Bouse.

From any other location consult a good map or use MapQuest.

**VEHICLE REQUIRED:**

Passenger cars can make it to the meeting place, but high-clearance, 4WD vehicles will be required to get to the collecting sites. Should you need to switch to another vehicle, we can usually find space somewhere for you.

**GENERAL ITINERARY:**

Ellen and I will be staying in our travel trailer at Midway. We will be parked in a big, flat camping area at Midway (you can't miss it). You are welcome to join us for camping out there Friday & Saturday nights.

Both days we will meet at Midway and collect at several sites near Midway as well as sites SW of Bouse along the Plomosa Rd. After Sunday Ellen and I will move down to Quartzsite where we will spend a couple of days at the various shows. It's a little early at some venues, but there should be a lot to look at (and buy).

So you can plan on a one or 2-day outing, but if you plan for Saturday or Sunday only, you will have to get up really early to meet us at 8:30AM.

**NOTE: \*\*\* NEW YEAR'S EVE \*\*\*:**

For Saturday evening, bring some bubbly to celebrate if you like, but please do not bring any fireworks. The authorities may take a dim view of such activity what with all the drought and fire restrictions in effect.

Let's have a Potluck- everyone bring an item, picnic-style to share with others. It can be a drink, an entrée, a vegetable or dessert. Enough to serve 4-5 people.

We will have a group campfire to gather around, but don't be surprised if we don't make it all the way to midnight to celebrate!

**MOTELS IN THE AREA:**

1. Bouse, Arizona. Ocotillo Lodge 928-851-2219 36.75/ night.
2. Salome, Arizona. Sheffler Motel 928-859-3001

**WHAT TO COLLECT(WE'RE FINALLY GETTING TO THE GOOD PART):**

The Buckskin Mountains and surrounding area are honeycombed with old mines and prospect holes, mostly from people looking for gold and silver over the last 150 years. Most of the mines follow fairly rich copper deposits but there wasn't much money in the copper itself. A list of the minerals we will collect include chrysocolla, malachite, jarosite, gypsum, hematite, barite, augite and epidote.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

gloves, eye protection, rock hammer, sledges, chisels and digging tools(for the energetic treasure hunters), water, lunch and appropriate clothing. Daytime temperatures should be around 80° and nighttime around 50°.

**TRIP LEADER:**

**JIM VAN WERT 928-649-1938 928-202-2177(cell) [jerockshop@gmail.com](mailto:jerockshop@gmail.com) ARIZONA**

**HOSTED BY: VERDE RIVER ROCKHOUNDS OF COTTONWOOD, AZ.**

## **Mike Brody - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Field Trips**

Saturday's field trip to Anderson Mine was a complete success. We didn't lose anybody and a great time was had by all. Lots of good material was picked up except the elusive palm wood. We had 24 people in 10 vehicles.



Those who braved the weather and early start time on Saturday, November 5th were rewarded with some magnificent views of the Bradshaws enshrouded in clouds, drove through a fog bank on I-17, and got to see the beautiful Saddle Mountain Wilderness in addition to collecting much workable material (chalcedony). The weather was beautiful in Tonopah for hiking the area and collecting rock for the 24 club members who were not scared off by the forecast.

The trip November 19<sup>th</sup> to Table Mesa has been, well, tabled for now. We will let you know when it is rescheduled. Stay tuned.

### **Upcoming Field Trips for 2011**

Saturday, Nov 19 Table Mesa for yellow jasper. Meet at Blue Hills Cafe in Dewey at 8 A.M. (Canceled until further notice)

Saturday, December 10 Half Moon Canyon for jaspers and agates. Meet at Waffles N More at 8 A.M.

If you have any questions about any of these field trips, call or email Mike Brody at [brodyemail@aol.com](mailto:brodyemail@aol.com) or 928-277-4365

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### **RAFFLE ITEMS**

We are in need of quality materials for our raffle table. These donated materials, that are raffled at our meetings, help defray the operating costs of the club and help us to keep our dues as low as possible.. Please bring a donation to the next meeting. Make sure your donation is marked as what it is and, if known, where it came from. Your continued support is needed and much appreciated.

Linda Loschke and Stephanie Allen

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## **SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY - 2011**

### **November**

12-13—LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA: 42nd annual show; Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society; LHC Community Center, 100 Park Ave.; mineral and jewelry displays, dealers, demonstrations, educational geological presentations; contact C. Russell, (928) 846-0927

26-27----WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Art Fair, Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N. Valentine St. Wickenburg, AZ. Over 40 Vendors; Gems, Minerals, Jewelry, Local Artist, Photo Exhibit, Grab Bags, Spinning Wheel, Food and More; Free Admission, 9 AM to 5 PM Both Days. For Additional Vendor or Show Information call Beth Myerson at 928-684-0380 or 480-540-2318 or email at [myerbd@gmail.com](mailto:myerbd@gmail.com)