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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.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org)

ESM -Earth Science Museum [www.earthsciencemuseum.org](http://www.earthsciencemuseum.org)

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America				
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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)

Membership dues will be used to fund the Club, to pay for membership in the Rocky Mountain and American Federations. (\$1.50) per adult member and children over 12, and for liability insurance (\$.60 per member)

It's time to pay your 2018 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

PGMC Membership

P.O. Box 3923

Chino Valley, AZ. 86323

**Makes checks payable to PGMC**

**Regrettably, the cost of printing and mailing (the newsletters has gone up dramatically in the past few years. To the point that PGMC is forced to raise the cost added to your membership to \$24. If you would like to have the newsletter mailed to you, please add that amount to your annual dues and see Debbie Ramsey. There will be copies of the newsletter available at the meetings for those who wish to pick one up there.**

**Program Meetings: The club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Moose Lodge at 6501 E. 6th Street in Prescott Valley, AZ. Lectures, slide shows, guest speakers and videos on a variety of subjects. Board meetings are held at 5:00 PM at the workshop at 430 S. Montezuma Ave. Prescott. Be sure to verify meeting dates and times as occasionally dates and times change. Any questions, call President Colleen Denton at 928-308-3986.**

Future General Meeting Dates:

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

Apr 6<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup> (Spring Fling)

June 1<sup>st</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup>

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> (NO Meeting, Show)

Sep 7<sup>th</sup>

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> (Holiday Potluck)

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Mar 20<sup>th</sup>

Apr 17<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

June 19<sup>th</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Aug 21<sup>st</sup>

Sep 18<sup>th</sup>

Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

No BOD Meeting

Anyone planning to attend a board meeting, please call Pres. Colleen Denton, 928-308-3986, to be sure to 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,

**NEW MEMBERS – PRESCOTT GEM and MINERAL CLUB**  
**PGMC sends out a huge welcome to all of our new members!!**

**John Langan & Linda Elliott \* Ann & Jim Kominski \* Will Linner & Liz Rosman \*  
Paul Strohl**

**Here's to many more years of continued rock hounding!!**

**We roll out the welcome mat to our new members!!**

MEMBERS PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2019. PAY BY CHECK OR CASH. PAY IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO PGMC P O BOX 3923 CHINO VALLEY, AZ 86323.

BADGES please let Membership know if you are needing a badge. New members are to have attended two or more meetings. Badges are free for new members. Replacements are \$3.50 for Magnetic or \$3.00 for Pin.

STICKERS are required for all vehicles when going on field trips. Stickers go on the back window top left side. One sticker is free when first joining the club. Replacements are \$1.00 at the meetings. \$2.00 at the field trips.

Questions re Membership can be directed to Debbie Ramsey at [debra\\_326@hotmail.com](mailto:debra_326@hotmail.com) or call 928-379-6983.

**PLEASE DIRECT ALL CHANGES OR CONCERNS REGARDING INFO THAT GOES INTO THE ROSTER TO MEMBERSHIP.** Our wonderful newsletter editor will receive the changes from membership.

*Thanks - Debbie Ramsey, Membership Volunteer*

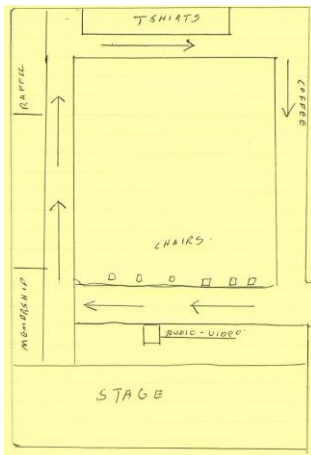
## **NEW SIGN IN PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

Fellow Rockhounds,

Please be advised at the February meeting there will be a new procedure when signing in. Please go directly to the Membership table which has been relocated to the southeast corner of the room to sign in and to pay dues. We are doing this to speed up the process so that the meeting can start on time. The Moose Lodge only gives us a limited time to set up, have the meeting and cleanup and at no cost to the club. Doors open at 9:00 AM please be signed in by 9:30.

See diagram below. Charlotte our greeter will have a copy of the diagram and our independent director will be inside if you need help. Thank you in advance.

Mike Rowe



## **FOR SALE (OR WANTED!)**

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

### **"I Am A Rock Hound" by Dr. Richards Hoffman**

"My own concept of a rock hound is someone who seeks beauty and peace. He finds both in the stones he hunts, collects and fashions into gems and jewels. He finds beauty in the desert and mountain trails that lead him far from the freeways, from the tumult and the shouting. He finds peace in a golden desert sunrise and in the purple twilight that paints the mountains. He is grateful for the generosity of fellow rock hounds whose time and patience have taught him most of what he knows of the art of the mineral collector, the lapidary and the silversmith. He is thankfully humble that he can learn much from fellow rock hounds regardless of education, economic or social status. He appreciates knowing that his love for his fellow man is not dependent on college educations, Cadillacs or the touch of mink. His satisfaction is great as he reflects on the truth, that many a heart of gold beats to the sound of music beneath a dirty shirt."

Thank you Robin Ballard for sending this in.

## A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR

Since I can not be at the meeting in February, Colleen will be doing my "speel" I appreciate each and everyone of you and all the hard work that you do to make this show a HUGE success. See you in March

### **Melanie Capps – Show Chair Extraordinaire**

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

\*\*\*\*Your company asks you not to bring any more rocks to the office until they have time to reinforce the floor.\*\*\*\*



### **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.

**Gail Walker - 928-277-0068 or [gawalkeraz@cableone.net](mailto:gawalkeraz@cableone.net)**

### **Contributions for the Monthly Raffle**

*We are seeking unique or unusual rocks, specimens and lapidary jewelry for the monthly raffle. Actually, anything pertaining to rockhounding, such as books, tools, etc. would be appreciated! The more variety we have, the better the participation and buyer gratification. Please label the specimens donated, if possible, with the name of the material and where it was discovered.*

*Thanks!*

Patrick Denton – Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer



### **NICK SACCKETTI-VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS**

#### **Up-Coming PGMC PROGRAMS**

For February, I will be presenting on the development of the unique Fluorescent Mineral Display that we have at our annual show, and where the future is for fluorescent displays of this type in events such as the upcoming Earth Day in April. For those of you who did not see the display, this will be a chance to catch up and get an introduction.

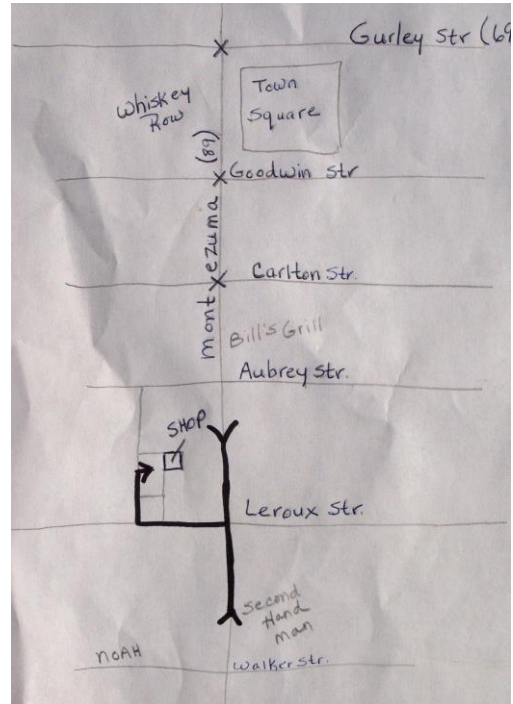
February 2	Me (Nick Sacchetti)	The New Wave in Fluorescent Displays
March 2	Les Presmyk	Topic of his choosing, will be good regardless
April 6	Silent Auction	(Remember your donations for this!)
May 4	Sindi Schloss	History of Stones Used for Adornment
June 1	Spring Fling Banquet	
July 6	Anna Domitrovic	Topic TBD, still considering several
That takes us to the Show in August!		

## WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS

Tues., Wed., Fri., and Sat. from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Tuesday evening by appointment. Contact Dana Ramsey for availability.

**Address:** 430 S. Montezuma (actually on S. Granite), Suite B, Prescott. There is a map on the website and maps will be available at the meeting. Call Steve Dudar 201-873-9645 OR [Stevedudar@hotmail.com](mailto:Stevedudar@hotmail.com) for more information.

Below is a map to help you find the workshop.



### FIELD TRIP REPORT

**Please note: You MUST be a paid member of Prescott Gem and Mineral Club to participate in ALL Field Trips!!**

- 1) The Quartzite/geode trip was a great success; several new members showed up and had a great time! Very good weather, and a light sprinkle kept the dust down. Pictures are below... A BIG 'thank you' goes out to Steve Ellis for the maps and showing us his geodes.



- 2) Our next trip will be for purple saginite near Sheeps Bridge on the Verde river in February. Meet up time for that trip will be 7:30 AM Saturday February 16, at the Blue Hills Cafe in Dewey (Route 69 at Bradshaw Mountain). We must leave at 7:45 sharp, as it is a long (2 hour) rough road drive off Bloody Basin exit/ I-17 down to the Verde River. Also, it is a daunting climb up a hill to a newer collecting area -lots of cactus, some is taller than me- and sliding rock.. Hard soled hiking boots/shoes with good grip are recommended. I have explored this already with Steve

Dudar, and high clearance vehicles are necessary; 4x4 preferred. Hard rock excavation and mining... Bring your 3# or 5# sledgehammers, steel chisels, collecting bags, gloves, and EYE PROTECTION.

If you are not into hard rock mining, there is also plenty of float to pick up, it is just beautiful.

3) Anderson Mine is the next field trip, March 16, 2019. Meet up time and date will be published in the next newsletter. Information here: [Anderson Mine \(Date Creek project; U-V Mine; Uranium-Air Mine\), Date Creek Basin, Yavapai Co., Arizona, USA](#)

It is about a 3 hour road trip from Prescott, down through Yarnell. This trip is 4X4 only as we will be crossing a large sand wash and some rough country. Bring plenty of water, lunch, and your gathering/mining tools as usual. The weather should be warm. Some of this material is mildly radioactive, so gloves, breathing and eye protection is a must. This material cannot be worked in our club shop! No children on this trip, please.

4) Suggestions and input are solicited and appreciated for YOUR ideas of where you would like to go for our trips this year. Dobell Ranch near Holbrook for petrified wood is coming soon. April 20 is our expected trip date- it is a 3 hour drive. There is a fee, as it is private land.

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BE SURE AND CHECK OUT THE PRESCOTT GEM AND MINERAL CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE!!

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prescott-Gem-and-Mineral-Club/1634964643402533?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prescott-Gem-and-Mineral-Club/1634964643402533?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)



### **PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE**

I hope everyone that ventured down to Quartzsite last month had an amazing time and found some wonderful material! For those who have never gone to the Tucson Show, it could be worth the trip!!! We will have a couple of items that need to be voted on at the meeting this Saturday, so if you are able to attend, please come make your vote count! We are looking at the opportunity to have a 3-year contract for the our show in August and we need new banners!

I am actively looking for someone to Volunteer for the position of Hospitality, so if you are interested in getting more involved and think this may be a good fit for you, please see me at the meeting!

Colleen Denton

## **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Moose Lodge, 6501 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Prescott Valley, AZ.

Call to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Colleen Denton. The Pledge of Allegiance is conducted.

Additional board members in attendance were: Nick Sacchetti, Carolyn Johnson, Deja Jetmir, Linda Loschke, Jim Turner, Mike Rowe, Gail Walker, and Melanie Capps.

Carolyn gave the treasurer's report.

Nick announced that today Brian Beck will give a talk on the Binghamton and Copper Queen Mines. In February, Nick will give a talk about fluorescent mineral displays. The rest of the schedule will be put in next month's newsletter.

Jim gave a field trip report. January will be to Quartzite and Wiley Wells. He advises everyone to check the newsletter for more information. He states that a walkie talkie is missing and if you have it to please return it to him.

Nick gave an update on the education group and let everyone know that the club's fluorescent display will be set up for Earth Day in downtown Prescott. If anyone would like to volunteer to help the group out, see Nick.

Gail gave the member report for Debbie who is absent. There were 77 members who signed in and 4 guests in attendance. She welcomed the guests and advised we made quorum. She also announced that the dues to the federation have been paid and we are covered for insurance.

Mike acknowledged what a great job Gail and Carolyn did in getting the insurance and non-profit status for the club. He told the members that he sent back the contract for the Prescott Resort with revisions for the Federation banquet.

Colleen clarifies what the banquet is about. The Federation is having their yearly conference here and the club will be hosting them. All club members are invited to the Banquet (must purchase ticket).

Melanie gave show update. She stressed that we will need more volunteers this year. She announces that Debbie Ramsey will be in charge of the volunteers this year. Gail reminds everyone that volunteering is fun and Melanie reminds everyone that they must volunteer to be invited to Colleen's BBQ.

Melanie tells the members that the Federation will supply display cases. There will be prizes and ribbons for the best displays, so let Gail know if you would like to secure a display. The club will have first dibs.

Melanie said we are short on vendor partitions and we need about 39 more. She is verifying the yardage of fabric needed but is asking for volunteers to provide fabric vendors and others to help sew. Dan Hunt states he will check with a fabric supplier he knows of in Phoenix. Kathy Messersmith, Gayle Wilson and Linda Loschke volunteer to help sew.

Melanie states the brochures are made, so please take some and pass them out. She also tells us she has instituted a strict minimum 80% gem, mineral, lapidary policy to the vendors. At least 80% must be gem related and absolutely no mass-produced product. She will strictly enforce it this year by asking them to put it away and if they don't, they will be asked to leave.

Steve Dudar gave the workshop report. There was 25 hours of work, but the shop was closed for most of the month.

Colleen asks if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. John Munday motioned to accept the minutes as written, Gail Walker seconded and the membership voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Kathy Messersmith announces that after her health scare last year, she will begin her free jewelry classes back up.

Colleen announces that we are in need of new hospitality volunteer again. She asks for a volunteer. She also tells the members that every month at the meeting, there will be a bin for donating items for the Christmas raffle this year.

Carolyn went over the scholarships and encouraged people to sign up for them. Linda announced she asked Maggi Lieber to change the newsletter to remove her name from the scholarship position and add Carolyn.

Kathy Messersmith moves for break. Paul Greminger seconds. The membership votes unanimously to break at 10:10 a.m. Meeting resumes at 10:33 a.m.

Nick introduces Brian Beck who gives a talk on Copper Queen and Binghamton Mines.

Steve Fox moves for adjournment of the meeting. Terry Greminger seconds. The membership votes unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Raffle follows adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Deja Jetmir, Secretary

## **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, - Board January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the PGMC workshop, 438 Montezuma, Suite B, Prescott, Arizona, and called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Colleen Denton.

Other officers in attendance were: Deja Jetmir- Secretary, Mike Rowe - Independent Director, Carolyn Johnson - Treasurer, and Melanie Capps – Show Chairman, Jim Turner – VP of Field Trips, Gail Walker – Club Liaison.

Nick Sacchetti, and Linda Loschke were absent.

Colleen asks if there are any corrections to minutes from November's board meeting. There are no changes. Gail motions for minutes to be approved as written, Jim seconds, the board agrees unanimously to approve minutes as written.

Carolyn gives the treasure's report with a cash flow statement for 2017 and 2018. It will be filed.

The Board discussed tracking membership numbers. They will follow up with Debbie Ramsey to see what she does for delinquent members. They will also have Maggi Lieber send a reminder email to pay dues.

Carolyn gives a scholarship update. They have \$1700 worth of outstanding scholarships to be paid. The Board discusses changing the rules to include that the participants must show proof of completion before they are reimbursed. Carolyn will bring a proposal for the new rules to the next meeting.

Jim gives a field trip update. He has ordered six (6) new walkie talkies and batteries. One (1) walkie talkie is still missing. He presented a new sign in sheet for field trips that Colleen reminded him that needed the Club's waiver at the top. He also presented a walkie talkie sign out sheet for field trips. Jim talked about the new field trips including a trip to Anderson Mine in March that children will not be able to attend due to possible radioactive minerals in the mine. Colleen reminds everyone that nothing found at Anderson can be cut in the shop because of the radioactivity.

Mike asked Colleen about getting website access. Colleen is forwarding to proper people.

Gail has nothing to report.

Mike gave an update. He has gotten info on T-bills and investments for the club's funds. He also talked about the club taking new payment methods (including a card reader for phones and money texting capabilities). The Board discusses moving all accounts to another bank and separating the money market into two equal amounts. Mike and Colleen will go to Chase to investigate new accounts and present to the Board at the next meeting.

Mike stated that Steve Dudar will go through all the shop waivers and make a list to keep at the shop for easier verification. The signed waivers will be given to the secretary to keep stored. Mike stated that he and Debbie spoke about making sign in easier next month. He will make an aisle behind the projector to give people a spot to queue while waiting to sign in. Colleen will announce at 9:20 that everyone needs to get signed in by 9:30 so we can start the meetings on time.

Mike suggests to raise the dues to an even \$20 for families and \$10 for singles to make payments easier. The Board will discuss further.

Melanie reported that banners will need to be address now that Prescott Valley Event Center changed their name to Finley's Toyota Center. The new banners will cost about \$2000 and the vote will need to go to the membership to approve getting the new banners at the next general meeting in February. Melanie is not able to attend the February General meeting so Colleen will bring it up.

Melanie discussed the Gem Show contract and that we were offered a 3 year contract (first time we were offered a multi-year). This also needs to be discussed and approved in the February General meeting. It would be as follows:

- Year 1: 5% increase
- Year 2: 4% increase
- Year 3: 4% increase

Melanie also mentioned getting partition fabric from JoAnn's which was cheaper than Hobby Lobby.

With no further business discussed. Gail Walker motions to adjourn, Mike Rowe seconds, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm



## SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2019

### FEBRUARY

**22-24 -- CLARKDALE, ARIZONA:** Mingus Gem and Mineral Club. Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, AZ. Free Admission, Daily Raffles, Children's Activities, Free Child Starter Rock Kit. Rocks, Gems, Jewelry, fossils and minerals from vendors all over the state. Vendor Information 928-451-9193. Service Animals Only Please

### MARCH

**2-3—MESA, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Skyline High School, 845 S Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1 (with ID), and free admission for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult; jewelry, gem, bead, rock, slab, and fossil dealers, with lapidary equipment, a gem-tree making activity, silent auction, and activities for children; contact Ed Lindsey, PO Box 712, Apache Junction, AZ 85117-0712; Email: [Apachejrgc@ajrockclub.com](mailto:Apachejrgc@ajrockclub.com)

**7-10—DEMING, NEW MEXICO:** Annual show; Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; SWNM State Fairgrounds in Deming, 4300 Raymond Reed Blvd.; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Free admission; 54th Annual Rockhound Roundup. Everything from rough rock to finished jewelry and equipment for sale. Plus, there will be demonstrations, silent and live auctions, guided field trips, activities for youth, raffle and gift drawings, and a variety of food. There is something for everyone; contact Marilyn Page, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031, (575) 544-9019; Email: [thedgms@gmail.com](mailto:thedgms@gmail.com); Website: [thedgmsclub.com](http://thedgmsclub.com)

**16-17—ANTHEM, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club; Boulder Creek High School, 40404 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, seniors and students \$2, free for kids under 12; jewelry, minerals, fossils, fluorescents, beads, wire wrapping, geodes, and activities for kids; contact Ed Winbourne, 1717 west Medinah ct, Anthem, AZ 85086, (978) 460-1528; Email: [ewinbourne@gmail.com](mailto:ewinbourne@gmail.com); Website: Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club

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**4-5—KINGMAN, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Mohave County Gemstoners; Kingman Academy of Learning, 3420 N Burbank; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; Featuring hand crafted jewelry and art, turquoise, fire agate, many slabs and cabs in a range of prices will be offered; educational displays, silent auction and door prizes, and numerous activities for children; contact Mary Gann, 928-757-8121; Email: [quadpol@aol.com](mailto:quadpol@aol.com); Website: [www.gemstoners.org](http://www.gemstoners.org)