



TAILINGS

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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

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

ESM -Earth Science Museum www.earthsciencemuseum.org

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Future Rockhounds of--	Doris Edelman----	928-925-9255-----	Volunteer	
America	Vacant			
Coffee Crew-----	Bob & Diane Heise	237-9135-----	Volunteer	
Workshop Foreman-----	Steve Dudar-----	201-873-9645-----	Volunteer	

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 4:45 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:

Apr 6th

May 4th (Spring Fling)

June 1st

July 6th

Aug 3rd (NO Meeting, Show)

Sep 7th

Oct 5th

Nov 2nd

Dec 7th (Holiday Potluck)

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Apr 17th

May 15th

June 19th

July 17th

Aug 21st

Sep 18th

Oct 16th

Nov 13th

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!!

Denise & Tim Barrett * Les & Paula Presmyk * David & Sharon Silva * Dennis & JoAnn Price * Marlene Sullivan

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.

Accepting 2019 Dues now. \$18 for Family \$12 for Single. Members will be dropped from the club starting in March if no payments have been made. All of your information will be deleted and we would have to start from scratch. Please contact Debbie Ramsey at 379-6983 or debra_326@hotmail.com if you have any questions

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.

1. 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 field trips.

Questions re Membership can be directed to Debbie Ramsey at 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

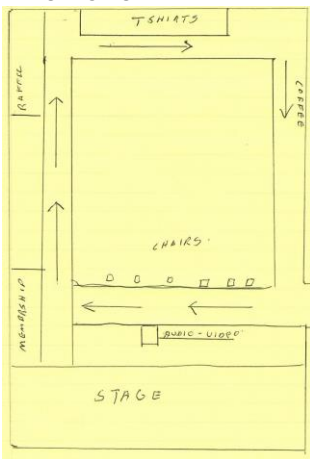
NEW SIGN IN PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

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



A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR

Another month has passed and we are getting closer to the show. Things are moving along and looking good. You are signing up for the volunteer spots, our contract is about to be signed, vendors are reserving their spots, waiting list is growing. The word is out about our show. I know this is partly because of you and word of mouth. Looking forward to another record breaking show. Thank you all for your support.

Melanie Capps – Show Chair Extraordinaire

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 by NLT the 25th of the month for insertion into the newsletter

10" Highland Park Saw with gravity feed. It has a new blade \$200. Dry Rock Grinder \$150/OBO. Sells new for \$495.00
Jack Messersmith messerj109@gmail.com or 928-759-9544



YARD SALE: Jack and Kathy Messersmith will be having a yard sale the weekends of April 6th and April 13th. They will be selling their vendor supplies plus lots of miscellaneous lapidary supplies. Go check it out. I'm betting there will be all sorts of good deals. 7770 Loos Drive, Prescott Valley.

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

*****You bought the ugliest boots available cause they were water proof.*****



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@cablone.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

Editor's Note: This month is our club's silent auction and no doubt there will be plenty of wonderful items to bid on. Please bring cash in small denominations. No checks or credit cards will be accepted. Thanks and see you there!



NICK SACCKETTI-VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS

Up-Coming PGM C PROGRAMS

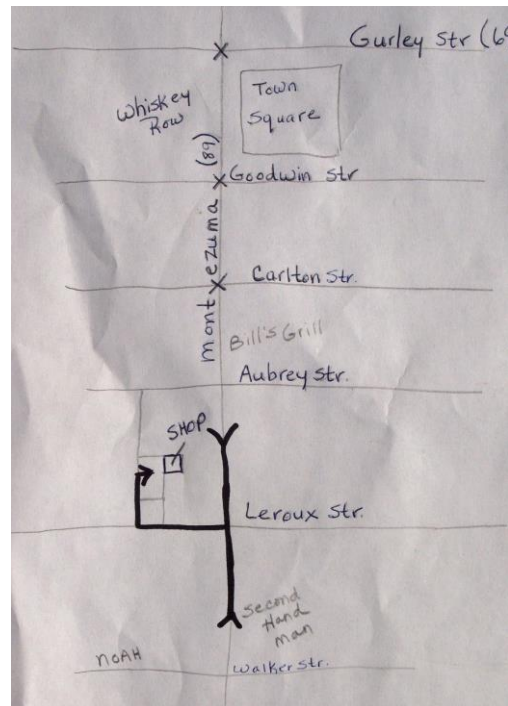
April 6	Silent Auction	(Remember your donations for this!)
May 4	Sindi Schloss	History of Stones Used for Adornment
June 1	Spring Fling Banquet	
July 6	Anna Domitrovic	Topic TBD, still considering several
That takes us to the Show in August!		

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 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!!

From your field trip guy, Jim Turner;

1) We had a great trip to Anderson mine Saturday, March 16. Members found yellow and green uranium cake (like thin flakes), Arizona white opal, chalcedony, Druzy quartz, and the usual brown agate... The roads were great, and we had a nice day of sunshine. Nick will bring his Geiger counter to the next meeting if anyone wants to find out if they have a radioactive piece! And, he will bring a sample that he has found. THANK YOU, Nick!

2) PLEASE mark your calendars for the REVISED DATE! APRIL 27 we will meet in Holbrook, at Jim Gray's Petrified Wood Co.; about a 3-hour drive from Prescott. We will depart from the rock shop at 9:30 AM sharp! Speaking with Rhonda at Dobell's Curios, she informed me that if you want a huge yard piece or log, she has a backhoe to load it into your pickup truck! She will do a \$40/bucket of "you pick it"; or if you spread it on the ground, she has promised an even better price. THERE IS A NEW DIG for newer material!

She will provide a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs free of charge (tips are appreciated). RSVP is a MUST for food!!!! Let's bring some salad stuff and potato salad and beans to share- I will ask for volunteers for that at the upcoming meeting- kind of a potluck. Do not go into the petrified National Forest after purchasing petrified wood! You may have your collection confiscated, even with a receipt.

3) May 18, we will go to Rodeo Flats in the Verde Valley. With all the weather this winter, there will be a lot of new float on the surface for easy pickings. Dana Ramsey has graciously volunteered to lead this trip. Meet at the McDonalds, Exit 287 off I-17 Verde Valley at 8:30 AM, depart at 9:00.

4) June and July will probably be too hot for rockhounding, and August is our annual show. No trips are SCHEDULED for those months, but watch your email for a possible short notice trip.

Happy hounding!

BONUS FIELD TRIP!!

The wash going toward the PURPLE SAGENITE dig today (4/3/2019) was low and passable! Lets go Wednesday April 10 as an extra outing for the Club. We'll meet at the Blue Hills Cafe in Dewey, at 7:30 AM. We will depart promptly at 7:45 AM, so be on time, please. High clearance is necessary, but 4 wheel drive is not.

Bring eye protection, chisels, gloves, hammers or small sledge hammers. This is hard rock excavation work; but there is some very nice surface float to just pick up. I hope to see you there!

JT

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



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I hope you are all ready for the Silent Auction! Can you believe it is already that time again??? I have several items that have already been donated for the Silent Auction, but if you have not donated yet, you can still bring your items to the meeting. Please just be sure to label what it is, location it came from (if known), and approximate value if you know it! If you plan on bringing something to donate to the meeting, Please try to show up early so the Silent Auction table has time to make out a bid sheet for your items! Open bidding will begin at 9:30am, bidding will break at 10:00am for meeting and resume at break. Bidding ends at the end of Break, time will be announced!

Update on the RMFMS Conference information is now available on the PGMC Website under the PGMC Shows/Events tab. If you are interested in entering a Competitive Case or a Non-Competitive Case, the appropriate forms to fill out are available within that packet. Les Presmyk is organizing the Competitive Cases. Non-Competitive Case applications can be mailed to the PGMC P.O. Box. Make sure you are mailing the appropriate forms to the appropriate people. We will need to know how many of you would like to have a normal Non-Competitive Display Case ASAP so we know what we will have available to those who wish to have a Competitive Case. Gila County Gem and Mineral Club have generously made their cases available for use if we need them. The Prescott Resort is acting as the Host Hotel where the Editor's/Webmaster's Breakfast, Delegate's Meeting, and the Banquet Dinner will be held. The application to obtain a ticket to the Editors/Webmaster's Breakfast and the Banquet Dinner is also available within that packet!

We are still in need of a Coffee Crew and a Hospitality Volunteer. We have the Spring Fling coming around the corner in June and if we do not have a Hospitality Volunteer, we will need to decide whether that is a tradition we would like to continue or if we need to rework how we do that event!

Note: I would like to remind everyone that when the Presentation portion of our meeting is over, it is still necessary to Adjourn the meeting. I would like to ask that everyone remain seated until the meeting has been Adjourned. It would make it easier for the Secretary who is trying to hear who makes the motion to adjourn and who seconds for the minutes. Thank you for your consideration!

Colleen Denton (President)

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, March 2nd, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

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

President Colleen Denton called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Denton.

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

Carolyn Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report.

Nick Sacchetti gave the Programs update. Today's speaker is Les Presmyk. His presentation will be on Arizona quartz. April is our Silent Auction; May is Sindi Schloss on use of stones for adornment throughout history. We will be participating in Earth Day on the Square in Prescott at the end of April. We've been invited to have a club table there, which could include membership information. Nick asked Membership if we had a quorum. Debbie Ramsey verified that we had a quorum. Nick made a motion to have a club table, seconded by Ed Sullivan. Motion passed. The date is April 20.

Jim Turner gave Field Trips update. The February field trip to Sheep's Bridge was a bust. Had 6 brave people give it a try, but the road was washed out. Thanks to Steve Dudar for leading. March field trip is to Anderson Mine on March 16. Three or four days prior he will do a pre-trip to make sure the road is passable and will send out an e-mail. 4-wheel drive is a must! Will be crossing a large wash. Will meet at Waffles and More on Iron Springs with a 7:30 departure. April trip is to Dobel Ranch for petrified wood. You must RSVP. There are sign-up sheets on the table. Lunch (hot dogs and hamburgers) will be provided by Dobel Ranch for those that sign up. You can bring your own lunch if you prefer. Cost is \$40 for 5 gal bucket or you can spread on ground and she'll give you a price. There are 2 areas there; one owned by brother and one owned by his sister. We will be going to the sister's area. The Secretary of the Coconino club has contacted me to see if we will be going to Baghdad area. Would like a 2-club field trip. We may possibly do this in the fall.

Melanie Capps gave an update for the show. She reminded members that she has flyers in the back for them to take and hand out. There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the hallway. Talk to Debbie Ramsey if you have any questions.

Steve Dudar gave an update for the workshop. Had 81 hours usage in February, a little less than normal due to short month and closed for 2 days due to snow. Certified 6 new members this month. Reminded members about the slab saws.

Kathy Messersmith talked about her classes for wire-wrapping and silversmithing. Classes are free for members; you need to provide your own material or purchase from Kathy.

Debbie Ramsey gave a Membership report. 100 members in attendance today. Asked 3 guests to stand.

Announced there are new badges on the membership table. If you've been to 2 meetings, let her know so she can order you a badge. Reminded people to sign up to volunteer for the show. There was a question about

paying for a life membership. PGMC by-laws define Life Membership as one that has “made extraordinary contributions to the club”. Paying for multiple years membership will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. Independent Director, Mike Rowe announced that we have a contract with the Prescott Resort to host the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies (RMFMS) Convention in August at the same time as our show. (RMFMS aka the Federation)

Colleen explained that we are a part of the Federation, which provides insurance for our members (via your dues). Colleen discussed our part in hosting the Convention. Federation will have one meeting at the Event Center. Other events will be held at the Prescott Resort. **We are not liable for anything**. Our members can attend the events at the Resort, which include a banquet. More info will be sent out when the date gets closer. Colleen discussed the display cases which the Federation will be judging. They must meet their specifications. Colleen will check on if our cases meet those specs. You can have a display case without being part of the Federation judging contest. If you want to be part of the Federation judging, go on their website at www.rmfmts.org. There is a link to **the AFMS for the application instructions, which are 99 pages**. You must fill out the application to be judged. Les Presmyk stated that our cases are fine. Steve Dudar will check to see how many cases we have available. Dana Ramsey made a motion that we go forward with this. Patrick Denton seconded. Motion passed. John Munday made a motion to accept Minutes of the February General Meeting as written. Seconded by Mike Rowe. Motion passed.

Mike Rowe made a motion for a break. Seconded by John Munday. Motion passed.

Meeting took a break at 10:20 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 10:42 a.m.

Nick Sacchetti introduced Les Presmyk who gave a presentation on Quartz in Arizona (crystalized quartz). (Les joined the club today.)

Les Presmyk made motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Turner. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Raffle followed.

Submitted by Linda Loschke, Substitute Secretary

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, - March 20th, 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the PGMC workshop, 438 Montezuma, Suite B, Prescott, Arizona, and called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Colleen Denton.

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

Colleen asks if there are any corrections to minutes from February’s board meeting. There are no changes. Linda motions for minutes to be approved as written, Melanie seconds, the board agrees unanimously to approve minutes as written.

Nick gives a programs update. The next meeting will be the silent auction. He asks Gail to make 2000 copies of the Gem Club flyer that will be used at the Earth Day event and will also cover the show.

Colleen reminds everyone we need hospitality volunteer or the Spring Fling could be cancelled.

Carolyn gives the treasure’s report. It will be filed. She reminds everyone that Friday the One AZ accounts will be transferred to Chase and we have to make sure we don’t send out any payments from the old accounts.

Jim gave the field trip update. He said the Anderson Mine field trip went well. The next field trip information will be found in the newsletter. He gave an inventory of the field trip supplies and named a few things he had bought.

Colleen told him to replace everything that is out of date. Jim will send Carolyn a copy of the inventory. Jim confirmed with Colleen that the sign up/in sheet is current.

Gail let everyone know that the packet she made for the upcoming RMFMS conference is on our website for anyone who would like to see it. Colleen commended Gail for such a good job. Mike told Gail he needs an updated insurance policy from the RMFMS. Gail will work on that.

Linda has nothing to report.

Colleen confirms that the Board meeting will begin at 4:45 pm from now on. We will have it updated in the newsletter.

Melanie gave a show update. Linda clarified for her how the show budget works from year to year. Melanie stated

she needs more than the past years budget + 10% as the bylaws allow for this year. Linda explained Melanie needs to ask the membership for the extra amount so they can vote. Board tells Melanie to project what she needs and ask the membership.

The Board discussed the new accounts that would be opened at Chase Bank located at 31 Butterfield Rd., Chino Valley, AZ 86323. The following are the signatory authority for each account:

Escrow Account signatory authority: Colleen Denton, Melanie Capps, Carolyn Johnson.

Club Savings signatory authority: Colleen Denton, Melanie Capps, Carolyn Johnson.

Club Checking Account signatory authority: Colleen Denton, Melanie Capps, Carolyn Johnson.

Club Savings "Money Market" Account: Mike Rowe, Gail Walker.

Carolyn Johnson is the Board Treasurer and named Acting Secretary for banking purpose; therefore, will be opening the accounts with Board President Colleen Denton.

Gail Walker motions to accept the signatory authority of all the named Board members. Jim Turner seconds, the Board votes unanimously to accept.

With no further business discussed. Mike motions to adjourn, Gail seconds, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Submitted by Deja Jetmir, Secretary

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2019

APRIL

27-27—CORNVILLE, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Verde River Rockhounds; Windmill Park, 9950 E. Cornville Road; Sat. 9-5; free admission; New Show! Wholesale and retail sales, demonstrations and classes, and activities for children; contact Jan Avery, Po Box 653, Cornville, AZ 86325-0653; Email: jaelav334@gmail.com; Website: <http://www.verderiverrockhounds.com>

MAY

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; Website: www.gemstoners.org

JULY

6-7—PINETOP, ARIZONA: Show and sale; White Mountain Gem and Mineral Club; Hon-Dah Casino and Resort, 777 Highway 260; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2.00, and free admission for children under 16; Show and sale of gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, fluorescent tent, and activities for children; contact Gary Alves, PO Box 1707, St. Johns, AZ 85936, (928) 679-3644; Email: garyalves.chairman@gmail.com; Website: www.whitemountain-azrockclub.org