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.rmfms.org
ESM -Earth Science Museum www.earthsociemuseum.org

Officers of the Club/Committee Chair Persons/Volunteers

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Future Rockhounds of--- Vacant
America
Coffee Crew--------- Vacant---------------- Voluntary
Workshop Foreman---- Steve Dudar-------- 201-873-9645------Volunteer

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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:
Pescott 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:
June 1st (Spring Fling)
July 6th
Aug 3rd (NO Meeting, Show)
Sep 7th
Oct 5th
Nov 2nd
Dec 7th (Holiday Potluck)

Future General Meeting Dates:
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!!
Ann Dohoney * Blanka Miller * Michael Mundy * Michael & Rebecca Ryan *
Roger Hurm * Josie Brooks * Patricia & Larry Jarrett * Justin Wren
Here's to many more years of continued rock hounding!!

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

Membership Dues are $18 for Family. $12 for Single. Pay by check or cash. Please Contact Debbie Ramsey at debra_3262@hotmail.com or 379-6983 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.

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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

Melanie Capps – Show Chair Extraordinaire

The 3-year contract from Findlay Toyota Center has been returned. We are all set for the next 3 years. Findley provides some great advertising coverage for us and all the events at the center, which we did not have before. Everything is running smoothly and so far, every vendor from last year will be returning. The word is out (thanks to all of you) that our show is somewhere they want to be. I have over 25 vendors on the waiting list in case of any cancellations. Keep the word out there about our show, hand out flyers, this really helps keep our name in front of people. Again, thanks for all you do. You all have stepped up and made my job so much easier.

Melanie - Show Chair

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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.

Lortone LS18 Slab Saw - refurbished w/ 8 gal. of new oil. Club Member Price - $1500.

Call Sully Sullins at (928) 445-1117 Please leave message if no answer.

YOU KNOW YOU’RE A ROCKHOUND IF…..

**** The city sends you a letter informing you a landfill permit is required to put any more rocks in the back yard.****

Here’s a photo of the PGMC Booth at the recent earth day celebration.

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

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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 PROGRAMSp

May 4th - Sindi Schloss, gemologist and jewelry appraiser, and President of the Metro Phoenix GIA Chapter, will be presenting: FROM CAVES TO CONDOS: History of Stones Used for Adornment as our May program.

FROM CAVES TO CONDOS: History of Stones Used for Adornment

Throughout history, stones and minerals have been used not only for survival, but adornment. Once fashioned into wearable objects, stones and minerals became what have been defined as beads. Not only are beads the first form of jewelry, having accompanied humans since we lived in caves, but valuable cultural heirlooms which have become highly collectible.


Sindi is owner and operator of her own firm, International Gemological Services, providing jewelry appraisals, a gemstone testing laboratory and a school of gemology. During her fifteen year stint as past chair of exhibitions of The Bead Museum in Arizona, a museum of global adornment, she curated and installed many of the exhibitions.

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 by appointment. Contact Dana Ramsey for availability.

Address: 430 S. Montezuma (actually on S. Granite), Suite B, There is a map on the website and maps will be available at 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!! AND HAVE A PGMC STICKER ON YOUR VEHICLE REAR WINDOW!

From your field trip guy, Jim Turner;

The trip to Dobell Ranch outside Holbrook for petrified wood was a huge success! Of the 30+ that signed up, 15 members had a great time picking out GORGEOUS rock and having a great lunch. Thank you to Rhonda and all those who brought extra to share—It was a good time of friendship, discovery, and stories. The weather was absolutely perfect!

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. We look forward to seeing you there.

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. If someone knows of a place where the fire danger is low and the pickins are good—Let me know, we'll set something up for the members.

Happy hounding!

From your field trip guy, Jim Turner;

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


PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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!

Hello Everyone! We have the Spring Fling coming up in June! As you know, we do not have a current Hospitality person, so we are going to wing the Potluck this time as decided at the last meeting! The Spring Fling is a Pot Luck so bring your favorite Summer Dish!!! With No Expectations, all will be happy, full, and enjoy the fellowship of simply breaking bread together!!!!!

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We also have the August Gem and Mineral Show that we are actively getting ready for! Signup sheets for volunteers will be at the meeting, so if you have not signed up to volunteer yet, please do so! It takes all of us to make a successful show! For anyone who volunteers and works the show, you will be invited to our 5th Annual BBQ (after the show) and would love to have you there if you have never been! It is always a good time with great food and company!!

Don’t forget that we are hosting the RMFMS Conference this year during our show as well! If you would like to attend the banquet dinner on Saturday, please print the packet from our website and fill out the Registration form to be sent in to ensure your plate. There have been a few people who are wanting to enter the Competition Cases and are having a little difficulty finding specifics on case dimension requirements and such. What I can tell you as that the focus is more on Presentation rather than measurements! The need for the inner dimensions is more for you to know how you are going to set up your display! If you have your own case that you want to use, then this should be no issue for you as you will know your own dimensions. If you will use our club's cases, then we can tell you the inner dimensions of our cases. If one of Gila Counties cases are used, we also have those dimensions available. I also have pictures of the Gila County cases if you need to see them so please just contact me to see which will work best for you! All are within AMFS and RMFMS requirements! I was out of town with no internet or phone service this past week, however, I am home again and ready to get back to normal business!

See you all at the meeting!!!
Colleen Denton (President)

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, April 6th, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Moose Lodge, 6501 East 6th 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 Sacckett, Carolyn Johnson, Deja Jetmir, Gail Walker, Melanie Capps, Jim Turner, Mike Rowe. Board member absent: Linda Loschke
Colleen asked all members to remember to stay seated until properly adjourned.
Carolyn gave the treasurer’s report. She told all members that any checks written from now on, must be made out to the “Prescott Gem and Mineral Club” rather than just “PGMC” which would be rejected by the club’s new bank (Chase).
Nick gave a program update. This month is the silent auction.
Jim Turner gave a field trip update. He asks for anyone with a suggestion for a field trip to let him know. Going forward there will be a sign out time for each field trip. You must sign out, but you can still stay past that time.
Gail gave an update. She let everyone know that the website has been updated and they should all check it out.
Colleen asks for anyone who wants a display case at the upcoming show to let her know.
Mike Rowe has nothing to report.
Melanie gave a show update. She asks everyone to pass out rack cards. There are signup sheet for the cases and volunteers. Colleen informs everyone that she will need to help with the RMFMS meeting so she will need help all days at the kids area of the show. Patrick Denton asks for donations for the rock walk in the kid’s area.
Steve Dudar gave a workshop update. This past month had two new members trained and 53 ½ hours of usage. He also notified us all that there have been no accidents at the workshop in the three years that it has been open.
Debbie Ramsey gave the member report. There are 89 signed in members and a couple of guests. She welcomes new members and guests in attendance. Debbie announces that if there is a change in your information to let her know so the roster can be updated.
Colleen asks if there were any corrections to last month’s minutes. John Munday motioned to accept the minutes as written, Jeff Walker seconded, the membership voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
Kathy Messersmith lets everyone know her new last name is Myers. She is also having a yard sale and getting rid of lots of stuff and her free classes are still ongoing.

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Keith from Yavapai College encouraged everyone to sign up for the classes that are covered by the Club’s scholarships. See Carolyn Johnson with any information. 

Gail reminded everyone that you have to be a member to be able to go on the field trips. 

Colleen lets everyone know that she still needs a coffee crew and a hospitality volunteer for the Spring Fling in June. John Munday volunteers to transport Spring Fling Supplies. 

Steve Fox moves for break. Terry Greinerger seconds. The membership votes unanimously to break at 10:15 a.m. Meeting resumes at 10:45 a.m. after all auctions have ended. 

Mike Rowe motions for adjournment. Terry John Munday seconds. The membership votes unanimously to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. 

All winners of the auctions pay for their items. 

Submitted by Deja Jetmir, Secretary 

**Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, - April 17th, 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 Saccketti, Linda Loschke, Jim Turner, Melanie Capps, and Gail Walker. 

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

Nick gives a program update. All info will be in the newsletter for upcoming shows. 

Carolyn gives the treasure’s report. She reminds everyone that Chase will not take checks made out to just “PGMC” and they must be made out to “Prescott Gem and Mineral Club”. The Board will see if Chase will accept a stamp placed on checks made out incorrectly. If so, one will be ordered. Carolyn will leave the AZ One account open for the next couple of months in order to accept any checks that have been made out incorrectly. 

Jim gave the field trip update. He supplied Colleen with an inventory of the first aid kit for field trips. 

Gail is getting certification completed for the show. Posters were made for the Earth Day show coming up on April 20th. 

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. She is sending an email to all vendors to remind them that mass produced items are not welcome at the show. She is also still waiting for at least 20 vendor contracts to be turned in. Maggi will be helping with advertising. Colleen asked for a member why the club isn’t advertised in the Daily Courier. The Board reminded that you must be a member to attend monthly meetings and allowing many people off the street could become a problem. 

Mike reminded the Board that next month is the vote for the membership to keep the workshop open. The Board discussed the possibility of taking cards (as in debit) for payment of dues. Jim motioned to table the discussion for card use, Nick seconded, the Board voted to table the discussion until later. Mike discussed discrepancies on the insurance policy. Gail and Colleen will work on addressing them. The Board will table Steve Fox’s request to discuss buying property to hold the workshop. 

With no further business discussed. Gail motions to adjourn, Mike seconds, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm 

Submitted by Deja Jetmir, Secretary 

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SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2019

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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; Website: www.gemstoners.org

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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

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