Organized to foster the development of amateur lapidary and jewelry craftsmen, 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.earthsciencemuseum.org

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VP Programs-------- Nick Saccetti----- 928-379-6848-----Term Concludes 2019 BOD Member
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Independent Director--Mike Rowe--------239-887-1113 ----Term Concludes 2020 BOD Member
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Raffles/Silent Auction—Patrick Denton--- 928-308-3986-----Volunteer
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Future Rockhounds of—Bianca Bidovska-Miller... 310-489-2719 ----- Volunteer
America
Coffee Crew-------- Lianne Birkhold and Robert C. Ervin III-----Volunteer
Workshop Manager----- Steve Dudar------- 201-873-9645------Volunteer
Workshop Foremen ----- Steve Fox, Paul Greminger, Dana Ramsey, Mike Rowe, Jeff Walker, Mark Wenden

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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 ($6.00 per member)

It’s time to pay your 2019 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 Prescott Gem and Mineral Club

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: Future Board Meeting Dates:
Dec 7th (Holiday Potluck) 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!!
Ray and Sherry Jensen * Joe Pagett & Terri Beard *
Robbie Herman & Renee Phillabaum
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_326@hotmail.com or 379-6983 if you have any questions.

Payment of dues are coming up. 2020 dues are for every member, even the new members. Pay early!!!
Avoid the rush. Families are $18 Singles are $12. Checks or cash, no cards.
When making payments to Prescott Gem & Mineral Club please make checks out using the complete words. NO ABBREVIATIONS!!!

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

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**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

![Diagram](image)

**A MESSAGE ABOUT A GREAT OFFER FROM ONE OF OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS!**

One of always generous members would like to remind the membership that she offers, at NO cost, classes in wire wrapping, beading and silversmithing. Kathy charges nothing, just asks for reimbursement if you use any of her supplies. The classes are 2 hours long at her home in Prescott Valley. If you are interested give her a call

Kathy Myers 928-533-4689

**A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR**

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party on December 7th. Good food, good company, good time. I started early this year with the "rack cards" I will bring them to the party and you can grab a handful for your January shows, and travels to Quartzite, and Tucson.

See you then.

Melanie Capps – Show Chair Extraordinaire

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YOU KNOW YOU’RE A ROCKHOUND IF…..

***** You have amethyst in your aquarium *****

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

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

Howdy— I have some faceted amethyst and opals cabs for sale. The opals are $15 a piece and the amethyst is $30 a piece.

Patrick - patrickballmedia@gmail.com
T'was the eve a'fore Christmas
And there in the night,
The desert was quiet
Not a rockhound in sight.
Our socks were all hung
By the fire's ruby glow --
In the hope that Mama
Would sew up the toe.

The kids were all stacked
In their warm little bunks
With visions of agate --
Slabs, boulders, and chunks.

Me in my long johns
And Ma in her sack,
Had jumped into bed
It was cold as a tack.

From out in the sage brush
Came a hullabaloo;
I sprang to the window
To throw out a shoe.

I strained my eyes
'Til my brow was a furrow
Along came a geezer
A-leading his burro.

By the size of his belly
And his face full of hair,
I knew it was Santa...
Or a grizzly bear.

"Go Rudolph, go Rudolph
You stubborn old mule,
Get moving there Rudolph
You lop-eared old fool."

Then quick as a polecat
I heard him on top
That durn red-nosed burro
Goin' clippity clop.

Santa's trip down the chimney
Was something uncanny,
The fire was burnin'
And scorched his poor fanny.

He was dressed all in denim
From his head to his shoes
And his nose was all red
Like he'd drunk too much booze.

He has a middle age spread
That just wouldn't quit,
And a rock bag so big
It was already split.

He spied my old trim saw,
The one that was broke.
"By golly you're rockhounds,
You're my kind of folk."

He sat down at the table
And we both had some java
And threw bull about agate,
And opal and lava.

He told me of old times --
Of Horse Canyon agate,
Of the good times at Boron,
Of jasper from Daggett.

He told of deliveries to
What are now ghost cities --
Of Bullfrog and Bodie
They're dead, what a pity.

Then from out of his pack
For me and for Ma,
What did he pull
But a big slabbing saw.

There was a hammer for
Dougie,
And a black light for Ginny,
And a bag of rock candy
So we wouldn't get skinny.

Then lookin' at the fire
And feelin' his sore
He decided it was best
To leave through the door.

But I heard him exclaim
As he fell in the mine,
"Merry Christmas, you rockhounds
And Auld Lang Syne."
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

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.

The workshop will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2. It will reopen on Friday, Jan 3 at 1pm.

Happy Holidays from Mexico!
Steve
FIELD TRIP REPORT

YOU MUST BE A PAID UP MEMBER TO GO ON ANY FIELD TRIP, AND HAVE A PGMC STICKER ON YOUR VEHICLE REAR WINDOW!

The trip to the Brenda area was super! We had 27 members that went to find some NICE Jasper under a perfect weather day- "severe clear."... Please bring in your best piece and show it off at the potluck!

The next trip will be to the RED CLOUD and GERONIMO Mines on Saturday, December 14. Again, we will be going for the great Wulfenite and Vanadanite. Also, Calcite, Willemite, and Flourite- bring your blacklights for some great night-time collecting. We will meet at the Lake Martinez Road (off route 95) and Red Cloud mine road at 8:00 AM sharp. We leave at 8:15 for the mines. Google maps is your friend. Arrange to stay in Yuma or camp out at the mine- I would recommend against camping trailers at the mine. Two wheel drive should be sufficient for the Yuma wash. Egg cartons, cotton and toilet paper would work well to get your super fragile wulfenite treasures safely home. $25 fee for EACH mine if we have 20+ people, or $35 if we do not. The mine operator has specimens for sale. IF YOU SIGNED UP IN THE PAST, AND COULD NOT COME, YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS TRIP AN ABSOLUTE PRIORITY!! Exciting finds, new friends, and a few tales and beverages were shared around the campfires on the last trip. Don't miss out on a good time. You may get some nice Christmas gifts for friends and family on this trip- and a nice story of your time here to add to that...

Saturday January 18 will be a trip to the Burro Creek vicinity. The scouting trip revealed a plethora of Pastelite, Chert, and Agate. Thank you Joe Turnbow and Rick Anton! If you have any favorite places, please talk to me about it! Ideas for the upcoming year are appreciated. Happy rockhounding!

Happy hunting, Jim Turner

Please let me know of good sites for the club to go to- Jim Turner

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


PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with their family and friends. Remember we will be having our annual Holiday Potluck at the December meeting so be sure to bring your favorite holiday dish! We will also be enjoying our Holiday raffle so if you have not made a donation yet, feel free to bring a donation gift to the meeting to be added to the table. Special thank you to Steve Dudar and Linda Loschke for the work of sorting and preparing extra items to ensure we have enough for everyone this year! Your work is greatly appreciated!

This year, let's welcome Denise Blankinship as Secretary and Wayne Augusto as VIP of Programs to the board. I would like to thank Deja Rabone and Nick Saccketti for their terms of service as well. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers. Those who will be continuing to serve as well as those who are stepping down. A special acknowledgement to Debra Ramsey and Corrina Rowe in Membership for your time and dedication. You have done an incredible job and you will be missed as we move into the new year.

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Volunteer positions that have yet to be filled are Hospitality, Scholarships, Assistant Secretary, and 2 for Membership. If you are interested in getting more involved and being of service, this may be a great opportunity for you. I do have possible volunteers for Scholarships and Assistant Secretary and will be confirming those at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all December 7th. Bring your appetite and be ready to enjoy some fellowship.

We will see you all at the meeting,
Colleen Denton

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!

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, November 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 9:33 a.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Colleen.
Additional board members in attendance: Nick Sacckettie, Jim Turner, Carolyn Johnson, Mike Rowe, Gail Walker and Linda Loschke. Absent: Deja Jetmir.
Carolyn Johnson gives the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's Report will be filed.
Nick Sacckettie gives the Programs update. Today's speaker is Wayne Ranne who will talk about “Geology of Verde Valley”. Next month we have the Holiday Party.
Jim Turner gives Field Trips update. Had 25 people from our club, plus 10 people from Tucson Club, go on the trip to Red Cloud Mine. (Going again in December.) Found lots of good specimen. There was a big open pit. Brought home some beautiful crystals. Dita Couch stood up and gave a detailed report on her experience. In December we will meet at 9 a.m. at corner of Lake Martinez Road and Red Cloud Mine Road. There is camping at Lake Martinez and at the mine. November 16 trip will be to Brenda, AZ area for all colors of jasper. Site is 14 miles west of Hope, AZ toward Quartzsite. Will meet at the Family Dollar in Congress at 8 a.m. It's about a 2 hour drive.
Gail Walker, Club Liaison, has nothing to report.
Mike Rowe, Independent Director, reports that in December we will need to form an audit committee. Will need at least 3 people. President Colleen asked members to be thinking about volunteering for this. Will ask for volunteers at the December meeting.
Melanie Capps, Show Chair, reports that she is starting to get advertising for next year's show. She has almost 40 vendors on the waiting list. We need someone to head the Geode Table, Ticket Tables, and the Kidz Korner. If you want to lead these areas, please see Debbie Ramsey or me to volunteer. Paul Coyne volunteered to head the Geode Table.
Steve Dudar gives a Workshop report. Had 51 hours work in October, down from previous months. He reminds members of the training at the shop. Gives update on equipment. Having difficulty getting a Titan from Diamond Pacific. On advice of Keith Horst, purchased a Cab King 8” wheel arbor instead. It was less expensive; with extra money we purchased other supplies. Shop will probably be closed Thanksgiving week. Reminds new members that there are free rocks/slabs at the workshop if you need any. Foremen will be doing maintenance in the next couple of weeks.
Kathy Myers gives update on her free classes which are held at her house in Prescott Valley. Classes include wire wrapping, beading and silversmithing. If you want to schedule training with her, please call her.
Keith Horst announces he will be retiring after the 2020 Spring semester. He has openings for his classes at Yavapai College.
Debbie Ramsey gives the Membership Report: 97 members in attendance. (Quorum established.) Three guests. Debbie asks new members to please stand. Debbie states that she is accepting membership dues for next year.

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President Colleen asks if there were any corrections to the October Meeting Minutes published in the November newsletter. None. Gail Walker makes motion to accept minutes as written; Joe Turnbow seconds. Motion passes. Minutes will be filed.

Jeff Walker announces that at the Holiday Party in December, he will be showing a video that he made at this year’s show. At the show he set up several cameras and recorded everything from setup through tear-down.

Dana Ramsey, Elections Chairman, announces nominations for the 3 positions that are open – VP for Programs, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominees are: Wayne Augusto for Programs; Denise Blankinship for Secretary and Carolyn Johnson for Treasurer. President Colleen asks for any additional volunteers for each position. No more volunteers. President Colleen declares nominations closed. President Colleen calls for verbal votes on each position. All nominees elected to the Board. President Colleen invites the new board members to the November board meeting on the 13th at 4:45 p.m. at the Club Workshop.

President Colleen states that in October she asks current volunteers if they will be returning for next year. Membership Chairman Debbie Ramsey and Assistant Corinna Rowe will not be returning. This is an important position and must be filled immediately. President Colleen asks for volunteers for the position. Lianne Birkhold volunteers to be assistant. Debbie Ramsey talks about what membership duties involve. Colleen again asks for volunteers.

Gail Walker announces that we have a new vendor for badges, which will be just like the old ones. President Colleen announces that we need a couple of people to volunteer to cook the meat (turkey and ham) for the Holiday Party. The Club will reimburse you for the cost of the meat. Jim Turner volunteers to fry 2 turkeys; Linda Loschke volunteers to cook a ham. Need someone else to cook another ham.

Dana Ramsey makes a motion for a break; Jeff Walker seconds. Motion passes.

Meeting breaks at 10:25 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:50 a.m.

Nick Saccketti introduces Wayne Ranney who gives presentation on Geology History of the Verde Valley. Questions and answers follows. Wayne has books for sale on the table.

Steve Fox makes motion to adjourn meeting; Jeff Walker seconds. Meeting adjourns at 11:38 a.m. Motion passes.

Raffle follows.

Submitted by Linda Loschke

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

The meeting was held at the PGMC workshop, 438 Montezuma, Suite B, Prescott, Arizona, and called to order at 4:50 p.m. by President Colleen Denton.

Other officers in attendance were Mike Rowe, Carolyn Johnson, Nick Saccketti, Gail Walker, Deja Rabone, Jim Turner. Melanie Capps and Linda Loschke. Nick Saccketti was absent. Wayne Augusto was present as a guest.

Colleen asked if there were any corrections to last month’s Board meeting minutes. Board mentioned Jim Turner said something was named incorrectly, but Jim is not present at the moment to give the correction. Gail motioned to approve the minutes as written. Linda seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Gail gave an update stating that the insurance was getting turned into the RMFMS soon. She is getting the final totals from the roster to finish up the calculations for the insurance. Carolyn said she will update the Arizona Corporation Commission with the current Board roster. Gail mentioned that her and Colleen have control of the website and are working on learning how to update it. Gail will be working on options to present to the Board for the website. Melanie asked that the show info be posted after Jan. 1st and Gail and Colleen said they would work on getting that done.

Carolyn gave the treasurer’s report, it will be filed. Linda confirmed with Carolyn on how to deposit workshop funds. Carolyn said she will be gone for the December meeting but will have everything ready for the audit. Mike discussed next year’s budget and asked if the accounts could be divided up differently with an operating and reserve set aside. The Board will go over the budget in January.

Jim talked about his attendance at the Workshop Steering Committee’s (WSC) meeting in November. He said everyone on the committee has good expertise and they are all taking their roles very seriously and offering very good recommendations. He will get the name of everyone on the committee for the next meeting. A secretary has been appointed for the committee so there will be minutes. Jim had a request on behalf of the committee to have Carolyn let them know what a realistic monthly budget would be for them to use for their investigation. Carolyn said that would be difficult at this time other than using the

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current monthly expenses for the workshop which amount to a little over $650.00 a month. Mike gave Jim a “Diligence Checklist” to give to the committee to make sure they were not missing anything when doing their investigations. Board discussed financial need vs. want and proper process of purchasing the land and building. Carolyn brought up that it was that time of year to give the Moose Lodge a donation for allowing us to use their space free of charge. The Board discussed. Gail motioned to donate $500 to the moose lodge. Jim seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed changing the workshop hours and fees. They decided to table the discussion to January when the new Board takes over.

Jim gave a field trip report. He said so far this year he has had 250 people participate in all of the field trips with December’s trip to still happen. He thanked everyone for their help so far. He gave updates on trips and will have the info in the newsletter. The Board discussed his emergency bag and the reimbursement for supplies responsibility. This topic will be tabled until the January meeting as well.

Mike asked if we have anyone to do the audit for the club. He presented two CPAs he has spoken with and their pricing. The Board discussed past auditing procedures and what is stated in the bylaws. The Board felt that having an internal audit and hiring an outside audit company to also perform an audit will not violate the bylaws and give a second layer or protection. Colleen will ask for volunteers for the audit committee at the meeting. Melanie gave a show update. The rent is being raised as per the contract. Melanie will increase the booth prices to offset the increase. She talked about changing the layout of the concourse booths to try to get equal participation by the visitors to both sides. She also discussed some vendor changes and the wait list. She said that a person is needed to take over the kids corner since Colleen and Patrick both won’t be at the show this year. They discussed some items that came up at the last show. The Board also discussed only allowing service animals into the venue.

Wayne asked about Nick’s duties as he is taking over for him The Board shared what they knew of the position. Colleen brought up that Doris is needing a restocking of some of her inventory in the shirts and hats. She will hold off until January to approve the reorder. She also said that there are no volunteers for the membership desk yet. She said the behind the meeting stuff can be taken care of but needs someone at the sign in table. Linda volunteered for the January meeting. Gail said Debbie will help whoever takes over.

With no further business, Linda motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by Deja Rabone, Secretary

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2019

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JANUARY 2020

3, 4, 5—FLAGG GEM AND MINERAL SHOW: Phoenix Areas largest Gem and Mineral Show. About 120 Vendors selling jewelry, gems, beads, fossils, minerals, lapidary supplies and many other things. FREE Parking FREE Admission. Mesa Community College, Dobson Rd. North of the Superstition Freeway (Route 60), Mesa, Arizona. Southwest Parking Lot. www.flaggsdshow.info for more information and directions

10-12—GLOBE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society; Gila County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults single $3, adult couples $5, free admission for children and students; Dealers offering various materials, demonstrations, displays, activities for children; contact Jodi Brewster, PO Box 487, Miami, AZ 85539, (623) 810-9780; Email: jodibrewster66@gmail.com; Website: www.gilagem.org

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