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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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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 (\$.60 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:

Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Apr 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Silent Auction)

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Spring Fling)

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Aug – NO MEETING \_ SHOW!!!

Sep 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dec – NO MEETING UNLESS NECESSARY

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\\_3262hotmail.com](mailto:debra_3262hotmail.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](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

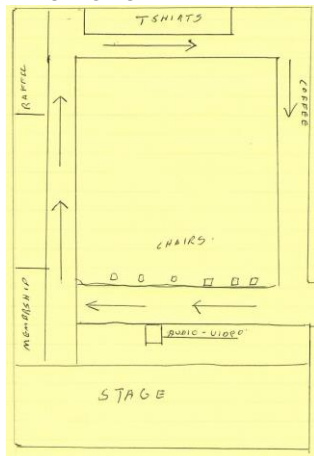
## **SIGN IN PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

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

Kathy Myers, who has been generously offering classes in wire wrapping and silver smithing to members, wants to let everyone know that classes will be suspended until February. Kathy will be spending the Holidays in Scotland. She will let us know when she returns and classes resume.

Happy Holidays and Thank You Kathy!

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

Last year has come and gone so fast! (at least for me). January starts the countdown for the August show, and I know it will be here just as fast. I don't have the luxury of waiting until the last minute (I really wouldn't want to anyway, that makes it fun).

Just keep in mind the areas that you wish to volunteer in. What we need will be the following: Ticket desk leader, Assistant to Breanna for the kids activities, plus Security help. There may be more as the time gets closer, but those are the main ones for now. If you have any questions on the duties let me know. I appreciate all of your help and suggestions that make this the biggest and best show in Northern Arizona. Debra Ramsey will have the volunteer sign up sheets up in the near future, so be thinking. Thank you.

Melanie - Show Chair

208-818-2363

[melaniecapps123@gmail.com](mailto:melaniecapps123@gmail.com)

this will make it easier to contact me

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

\*\*\*\*UPS, FEDEX and USPS all have regular pickups and deliveries scheduled for your house.\*\*\*\*



### **Sunshine Lady/Federation Liaison**

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.

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) dues have been paid for 2020. These dues allow your club to hold field trips and be able to rent venue such as the Findley Event Center where we hold our shows. Your membership fees pay these dues.

**Gail Walker - 928-277-0068 or [gawalkeraz@cableone.net](mailto: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](mailto:fluffierox@yahoo.com) by NLT the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for insertion into the newsletter**

Howdy— I have some faceted amethyst and opals cabs for sale. The opals are \$20 apiece and the amethyst is \$30 a piece.



Patrick

[patrickballmedia@gmail.com](mailto:patrickballmedia@gmail.com)

574-309-1954

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One of our members has some uranium ore from the field trip to Anderson Mine and wulfenite, vanadinite and fluorescent rocks from the field trip to Red Cloud Mine. He would like to trade for minerals that are identified, including the location where they were collected from.

On a separate issue, He was hoping the more experienced members of our club could share what they know about buying a good UV flashlight.

David Eagle

301-471-3428

mingovia@gmail.com

### **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!*

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Patrick Denton – Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer



NICK SACCKETTI-VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS

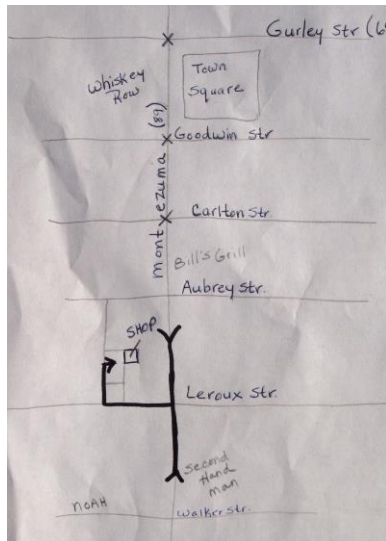
**Up-Coming PGMC PROGRAMS**

**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.

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 EXTRA field trip to Red Cloud and Geronimo mines was a great success! December 14, we had 20 people show up under beautiful blue skies, 70 degrees, and gentle breezes. Thanks to the generosity of the mine operator Roger, and his assistant Ben, all participants went home well satisfied. New Wulfenite material the size of your fingernail was on the ground

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for the finding. The Geronimo mine yielded up some great treasure as well in the form of Vanadanite ranging from yellows to deep blood red.

Our next trip will be Saturday, January 18; this area will yield abundant and easily found Pastelite, Chert, and Agate. It will be near Burro Creek, Arizona; a day trip or overnight if you wish. There are also Apache Tears in this area. We will meet at Nothing, Arizona at 8:00 A.M. There is a big tower on top of the hill with the "NOTHING" sign on it, and a large pull off area. This is safer than meeting at Burro Creek Campground. We will leave at 8:30 for the collection site. High clearance IS necessary, 4 wheel drive suggested. Google map and other maps will get you there. It is about an hour and 45 minutes from Prescott- from Congress, turn right on Route 71, and right again on Route 93 to Nothing.

Happy Rockhounding!

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!!**

[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**

Well it is the beginning of a New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday with family and/or friends. We had an Amazing turn out at the Holiday Potluck and I want to thank all of you for coming and those who helped with set up and tear down. And a special shout out to Steve Dudar and Linda Loschke for all your work with reorganizing the storage container and bringing the extra raffle items. It was a great success and we appreciate you.

As a reminder, we are still looking for another volunteer for Membership. If you are interested in getting more involved, this could be a great opportunity for you! I am looking forward to an exciting 2020 and look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

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, December 7th, 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 10:5 a.m. by President Colleen Denton. The Pledge of Allegiance is conducted.

Additional board members in attendance were: Jim Turner, Mike Rowe, Carolyn Johnson, Deja Rabone, Linda Loschke, Nick Sacchetti, and Melanie Capps. Carolyn Johnson was absent.

Jim Turner gave field trip update. The newsletter will have more information on upcoming trips.

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Gail has nothing to report.

Mike Rowe has nothing to report.

Melanie has nothing to report.

There were 89 members in attendance with 8 guests.

Colleen asks if there are any corrections to last month's minutes. Linda Loschke motions to accept the minutes as written. John Munday seconds the motion and the members vote unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

Colleen welcomes the new Board members in attendance and says goodbye to the outgoing. She also recognizes all of the volunteers that help with the Club. Colleen takes the names of some volunteers for various positions. She will follow up with them.

Kathy Myers talks about her free jewelry classes. (Ed. Note: Kathy's classes will be suspended until February 2020. Watch the newsletter for when they resume)

John Munday motions to adjourn, Mike Rowe seconds, the membership votes unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Christmas party and raffle follows adjournment.

Submitted by Deja Rabone, Secretary

**Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, - BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**NO BOD MEETING IN DECEMBER, SO NO MINUTES**

**SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2020**

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**1-2/28—DESERT GARDENS: (after 2/10 vendors are transitional)** The largest Rock, Gem and Mineral Show in Quartzsite! Since 1999 Desert Gardens RV Park in Quartzsite, AZ has been home for hundreds of vendors from around the world selling thousands of rocks, gems and minerals to daily visitors, wholesalers and among each other. Free parking, free admission, a food court and over 200 25'x35' spaces for vendors. Aple public restrooms and showers for vendors

**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.flaggshow.info](http://www.flaggshow.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](mailto:jodibrewster66@gmail.com); Website: [www.gilagem.org](http://www.gilagem.org)

**15-19—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA:** This annual Show has vendors coming from all over the world. We have close to 600 vendor display areas inside & outside the building in our huge parking lot area. There are 50+ Showcases on display inside the building of beautiful gems, minerals and jewelry.

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All the merchandise displayed by vendors must be 75% gem, mineral or jewelry related. All our visitors over the years love that we insist on a 75% ratio because they know coming to this show it is all about rocks, minerals and gems! **We will also be providing 2 ATM's on-site...they are in the cafeteria ...**

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