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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Sunshine Lady-------Gail Walker-------- 928-277-0068---------Volunteer
Raffles/Silent Auction— Patrick Denton--- 928-308-3986------Volunteer
Web Master------------ Colleen Denton & Gail Walker,............Volunteers
T-Shirt Sales-------- Doris Edelman------- 928-925-9255------Volunteer
Future Rockhounds of---- Bianca Bidovska-Miller… 310-489-2719 ------ Volunteer
America
Coffee Crew--------- Lianne Birkhold and Robert C. Ervin III------Volunteer
Workshop Manager----- Steve Duda------ 201-873-9645-------Volunteer
Workshop Foremen ---- Steve Fox, Paul Greminger, Dana Ramsey, Mike Rowe, Jeff Walker, Mark Wenden
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 ($1.00 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 Marlene Sullivan. 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:
Feb 1st, 2020                   Feb 19th, 2020
Mar 7th, 2020                  Mar 18th, 2020
Apr 4th, 2020 (Silent Auction) Apr 15th, 2020
May 2nd, 2020                  May 20th, 2020
June 6th, 2020 (Spring Fling)  June 17th, 2020
July 11th, 2020                July 15th, 2020
Aug – NO MEETING _ SHOW!!!    Aug 19th, 2020
Sep 5th, 2020                  Sep 16th, 2020
Nov 7th, 2020                  Nov 18th, 2020
Dec 5th, 2020                  Dec – Date to be announced

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!! Here's to many more years of continued rock hounding!!
We roll out the welcome mat to our new members!!
Marnia Bartleson * Libby Beatty * Kathleen Gillis * Carol Hettenbach * Leslie Parsons * David and April Sanchez * Will and Katie Scherer

Membership Dues are $18 for Family. $12 for Single. Pay by check or cash. Please Contact Marlene Sullivan at 586-855-0305 or marlenesu@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Payment of dues are coming up. 2020 dues are for every member, even the new members. Pay early!!!

FEBRUARY 2020
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 about Membership can be directed to Marlene Sullivan at marlenesu@hotmail.com or 586-855-0305

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 – Marlene Sullivan - 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!

As many of you may already know, one of our fantastic members, Kathy Myers, has been offering free classes to the membership in wire wrapping and silver smithing. The classes are at her home in Prescott Valley. Kathy charges nothing for her instruction, only asks that you reimburse her for any of her supplies you may use. Kathy took a little vacation over the holiday months, but she’ll be back in February and on February 20th her classes will resume. If you are interested, catch up with her at the February meeting or shoot her an email at kmesser109@q.com.

FEBRUARY 2020
A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR
Now it begins. working on booth placement, requests to move, booth to a different location, want more room, bigger booths. advertising etc. I hope you have your thinking caps on, Where do you want to volunteer. As each month goes by I will include more
information. Remember, any tips and hints are welcome, I've received some great ones.

Melanie - Show Chair
208-818-2363
melaniecapps123@gmail.com
this will make it easier to contact me

YOU KNOW YOU’RE A ROCKHOUND IF…..
****You have a two car garage and your 4WD pickup has to sit in the driveway****

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.

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

Brian Jensen has 30lbs of Mexican Opal for sale in 1 lb bags. He is asking $20 per pound and will possibly cut the price for a quantity discount. If you’re interested give a call at 928-771-9536.

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
574-309-1954

FEBRUARY 2020
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!

Patrick Denton – Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer

WAYNE AUGUSTO – VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS

Up-Coming PGMC PROGRAMS

Saturday, February 1st: Gary Carter will be giving his presentation on the storied Vulture Mine of Wickenberg, AZ. Gary has promised to present us with some great in-depth information on this fabled mine and provide us with a few "myth busting" facts as well. Gary comes to us from Sun City and has a Masters Degree from the Idaho School of Mines. Gary has written several articles for the Mineralogical Record Magazine and in 2012, completed a 100+ page research report on the "Revised History of the Vulture Mine". Gary has been an avid mineral collector for over 40 years and also specializes in minerals of India, so I'm hoping to have him do a return presentation in the future.

FEBRUARY 2020
**Saturday, March 7th:** Steve Maslansky is a geologist and mineralogist who gave a presentation entitled “If Rocks Could Talk” at the recent Central Arizona Geologists Club meeting concerning the provenance of mineral and gem specimens - his sample of Velvet Malachite in particular. I have asked Steve to give this same presentation to the PGMG group as it was quite interesting and has the added benefit of helping members understand the procedure of tracking the origin and authenticity of specimens when being considered for purchase. Steve has spoken to our group before and is sure to be a welcome guest at our March meeting.

That's all I have for now but I am working on filling our meeting calendar for the months ahead and will keep you all posted as I do. Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting this Saturday.

Wayne Augusto  
VP of 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 for more information. Below is a map to help you find the workshop.

![Map](image)

**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!_

We had an awesome time on the January 18th trip even though help from Dana Ramsey was very necessary! More than 20 people showed up, and then after finding some common opal, gorgeous Pastelite, and Agate - we were led by Dan and Ruby Shepherd to some abundant obsidian and Apache Tears.

Our next trip, February 15, we will meet at 8:30 AM at the Safeway parking lot in Chino Valley. We will be going for some super nice Calcite crystals that come as solid white, peach, and clear. This material polishes up extremely well. If it does not rain, the roads are easily passable for two wheel drive with good clearance. We will be crossing some hopefully dry little washes. I will have some samples of this material on loan from our intrepid discoverers at the next meeting, BE THERE!

FEBRUARY 2020
On the third Saturday of March, we will march on down to the Red Cloud mine again as more than 20 people at the last meeting indicated that they wanted to go. Our finds last time for wulfenite, Vanadanite, and fluorescent material was nothing short of spectacular!

Happy Rockhounding!

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!!


AND DON’T FORGET ABOUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE
WWW.PRESCOTTW Gem MINERAL.ORG

If you have any photos you think would be good for the club website (Field Trips, Special Meetings, Workshop, etc) email them to either Colleen Denton - cwalthewl@msn.com or Gail Walker - gawalkeraz@cableone.net

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Well who else made it down to Quartzsite and found some amazing treasures? Don't forget Tucson Show is happening this month if you have never made it there, it is worth the trip! These are the two most exciting months with the exception of our own August show!

We are still in great need of another Membership Volunteer as well as a Junior Program Volunteer. If you are looking for ways to get more involved, these both would be excellent opportunities for you!

On a side note, we are in need of donations for the Kid's Corner Spinning Wheel for the August show. It would be excellent if we could focus on things that can actually be found right here in Arizona. Last weekend we went on the field trip and gathered a bunch of Apache Tears that will be great as prizes on the wheel. Things like Chalcedony specimens, Glauberite, polished Agate or Petrified Wood, small specimens and things of the like are greatly appreciated! Contact Colleen Denton for bring to the General Meeting. Thank you!

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!

FEBRUARY 2020
Meeting called to order by President Colleen Denton at 9:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Colleen Denton

Additional board members in attendance: Wayne Augusto, Jim Turner, Denise Blankinship, Mike Rowe, Gail Walker, Linda Loschke, Melanie Capps

Wayne Augusto, VP of Programs Report - Grants Mining Museum - upcoming - Gary —-Vulture mine - Please contact Wayne with any Speaker recommendations.

Jim Turner, VP of Field Trips Report - Red Cloud Field Trip was fantastic - 20 people attended; another trip will potentially be scheduled for March - Other future trips will be scheduled. - During 2019, 300+ club members went on field trips covering over 2700 miles.

Gail Walker, Club Liaison Report - The club website has been reorganized - CHECK IT OUT!! Please contact Gail with any suggestions or improvement ideas. The Junior page is under construction. - A video link has been added to the PGMC Shows / Events tab with highlights of 2019’s show.

Mike Rowe, Independent Director Report - Nothing to report at this time.

Melanie Capps, Show Chair Report - Colleen / Patrick have volunteered to head up the Kids Corner at show - Open Positions - please consider volunteering for Security Assistance - Per Jeff Walker, 4 people needed per day - Ticket Desk Show Information cards available. Pick some up and pass out!!!

President Colleen thanked Linda Loschke and Steve Dudar for cleaning out and organizing the storage shed.

Steve Dudar, Workshop Manager Report: For December: 35.5 workshop hours, 2 new trainees, 19 unique users - Contact Steve Dudar to coordinate training sessions. - To anyone who has not been to the shop, please stop by and visit.

Bianca Bidovska Miller, Future Rockhounds of America Program Report - Currently 35 members; meetings held last Saturday of month. - Volunteer Assistant needed, please contact Bianca. - Jim Turner will coordinate with Bianca for Junior members to join planned club trips.

Doris Edelman recommended that Junior (and adults) wear club t-shirts on all field trips.

Debbie Ramsey, Membership Report - President Colleen welcomed Marleen Sullivan as our new Membership Volunteer - A second membership volunteer is needed - Attendance: 76 members (Quorum established) with guests Please make membership checks payable to: Prescott Gem and Mineral Club - Stickers: First is free, replacements $1, if purchased on field trips $2 - Badges: Provided after attending 2 meetings. Request badge to be ordered from Membership Desk December Minutes approved as written. (John Munday motions, Robert ?? seconds) Note: Gentech Torch & Regulator Set Torch is still available for sale. Contact Carol Hattenbach at carohlattenbach@msn.com

Question: Where can field trip information be found? Response: Field trips / meeting information is always posted in the newsletter / website. When in doubt contact Jim Turner. Newsletter contains contact information for all Club Officers, Committee Chair Persons and Volunteers. Meeting breaks at 10:00 am (Stephen Imms motions, Mike Rowe seconds) Meeting resumes at 10:18 am Wayne Augusto introduces Nick Sacckett who gives a presentation on the New Mexico Mining Museum in Grants, NM with focus on Uranium and Radioactivity

Carolyn Johnson, Treasurer Report - Report provided and will be filed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am. (John Munday motions, Bob Boyd seconds)

Raffle follows.

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Colleen Denton at 4:45 pm Minutes for December Meeting are accepted as is. (Gail Walker motions, Jim Turner seconds)

Steve Fox, Property Exploration Steering Committee Report - Report provided and options discussed - Space Requirements: 3000+ square feet required for shop, meeting area, kitchen, bathrooms, storage and parking. - The Board asked the committee to focus on the following tasks for the next 30 days: - Assess property options in greater detail and include information in a comparison spreadsheet. - Determine grant options available - Determine loan qualifications given we are a 501C3.

Wayne Augusto, Program Report - Vulture Mine discussion being coordinated. - Providence of Minerals discussion being coordinated. Colleen confirmed that no speakers are required for the months of April, June, Aug, and Dec due to other planned club activities.

Carolyn Johnson, Treasurer Report - Report provided and discussed.

Gail Walker, Membership - Work on website continues; Membership form being evaluated. - Recommendation to include known program events on posted schedule. - Colleen requested that both Gail and Colleen be both included on all emails pertaining to any website improvement recommendations.

Melanie Capps, Show Report - In process of contacting vendors. - Decision: Only Service Dogs will be allowed. - Investigating seurity requirements for bags, etc.

Bianca Bidovska-Miller, Future Rockhounds of America Report - Colleen and Bianca will meet to discuss membership, badges, program and how to gather valid email addresses in order to incorporate onto Junior website page. They will meet offline to discuss further. - Bianca requesting an assistant volunteer.


Mike Rowe, Independent Director - Nothing to report.

Colleen Denton, T-shirt / Hat Inventory Management - Reviewed current inventories and recommended reorder levels. Board agreed.

General Discussion - Liability Release - After reviewing best practices from other clubs, the Board discussed the necessity of incorporating a Risk and Release of Liability form into the club’s membership process. The draft form was accepted by the Board with identified rewording / format changes, website updates and rollout procedures.

(Mike Rowe motions, Jim Turner seconds)

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. (Jim Turner motions, Gail Walker seconds)

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2020

January 2020-February 2020

30-10—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; JOGS Tucson Gem & Jewelry Show; Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Road; daily 10-6; Registered businesses free admission, adults $20, no admittance for children under age 14; Exhibitors from more than 26 countries offering minerals, specimens, raw/rough material, crystals, gemstones, jewelry, gemstone décor, beads, cabochons, findings, and tools; contact Yelena Masenko, (213) 629-30; Email: info@jogsshow.com; Website: https://jogsshow.com/

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14-23—INDIO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society; Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Gem & Mineral Building, 82-503 Hwy 111; Fri. 10-10, daily 10-10, daily 10-10; Adults $11, seniors $10, youth 6-12 $9, free admission for children 5 and under; Dealers offering gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, crystals, beads, geodes, 100+ display cases, demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Bert Grisham, 1029 N 8th street, Banning, CA 92220, (951) 849-1674; Email: bert67@verizon.net; Website: https://www.facebook.com/sangorgoniogem

February 2020-March 2020

28-1—CLARKDALE, ARIZONA: Show; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium, 19 N. Ninth Street; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; Semi-annual spring show featuring dealers selling agates, fossils, gems, beads, cabochons, crystals, geodes, rock slabs, and jewelry; wire-wrapping and geode-splitting demonstrations; mineral specimen identification, displays, and activities for children; contact Bill Hedglin, (928) 634-0269; Email: billkarin3@q.com; Website: www.mingusgem.club

29-1—MESA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Apache Junction Rock an Gem Club; Skyline High School, 845 S Crismon Rd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults $3, students with ID $1, free admission for children under 12; Dealers selling rocks, gems, jewelry, fossils, minerals, jewelry supplies, rare and unusual crystals, with demonstrations, exhibits, and activities for children; contact Tom Mortensen, (480) 620-8178; Email: Tmorteno75@hotmail.com; Website: https://www.ajrockclub.com/

March 2020

12-15—DEMING, NEW MEXICO: Show and sale; The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; SW New Mexico Fairgrounds, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd; daily 9-5; admission is free; 55th annual Rochound Roundup, guided field trips, vendors offering jewelry, gemstones, equipment, demonstrations, activities for children; contact Marilyn Page, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031, (575) 544-9019; Email: thedgms@gmail.com; Website: www.thedgmsclub

13-15—COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Annual show; Karmic Beads & Gems; Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 800 E Cherry St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Free admission, bring a pet related item, food, toys, beds to donate to the animal shelter and receive a free raffle ticket; More than 15 vendors offering gems, jewelry, lapidary, beads, activities for children; contact Jennifer Macias, 619-261-8765; Email: karmicbeadsandgem@yahoo.com; Website: https://www.facebook.com/events/549692335603373

21-22—ANTHEM, ARIZONA: Annual show; Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club; The Anthem School, 41020 N Freedom Way; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9:30-4; Adults $4, Seniors and children over 12 $3, free admission for children under 12; Rocks, jewelry, fluorescents, geodes, mineral identification, activities for children; contact Ed Winbourne, 34807, 32nd Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85086, (978) 460-1528; Email: ewinbourne@gmail.com; Website: dmrmc.com