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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)

## Officers of the Club/Committee Chair Persons/Volunteers

- President----- Colleen Denton---- 928-308-3986-----Term Concludes 2020 BOD Member
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- Sunshine Lady-----Gail Walker----- 928-277-0068-----Volunteer
- Raffles/Silent Auction --- Vacant
- Kara Erway ----- 928-300-9065-----Volunteer
- Web Master----- Colleen Denton & Gail Walker.....Volunteers
- T-Shirt Sales----- Doris Edelman---- 928-925-9255-----Volunteer
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- 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 (\$.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 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:

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

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

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:

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 – 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!!

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](mailto: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!!!***

***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](mailto: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*

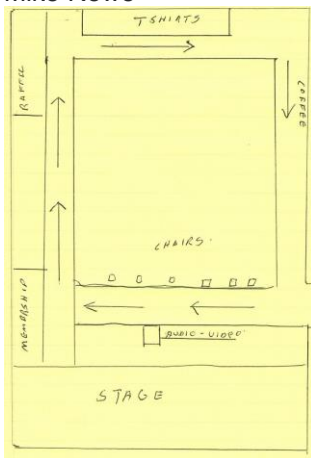
## **SIGN IN PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

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!**

I'd like to start classes again the first week of May, if life is close to being more normal. I'm sanitizing the house, as all of you are. I only have two people at a time taking lessons. Give me a call to make an appointment. I have classes in the morning or afternoon six days a week.

928-533-4689

Thanks, Kathy

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

\*\*\*\*You can't remember the last time your car still fit in the garage.\*\*\*\*

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

I have been in contact with Shane Cadwell (Venue Manager at the Event Center) and Colleen, our brave President. We are going to hold off cancelling the show until the last minute. July 1- to the middle of July. This puts us in a rush for the show. Since we are not having meetings (as yet), there is no way we can put out the sign-up sheets for the volunteers. What I would like is for who wants to help out to email Debra Ramsey ([debra\\_326@hotmail.com](mailto:debra_326@hotmail.com))

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Let her know what positions you want to volunteer for. The leaders I am assuming will be the same as last year. If not, we need to know. The show is July 30th (set up) to Aug 2nd. Set up is Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 8AM till Noon (Vendors will be allowed in to set-up at Noon)

This is what we need.

Demo's Linda L.

Front Ticket Desk - leader and worker

Identification Table - Nick S.

Raffle Table – Maggi

Bag Sales-Dori

Exhibit Cases-Steve Dudar

Security - Jeff Walker

Kids Area- Colleen

Fluorescent Tent- Nick S

Geodes-Paul Coyne

Set Up and Tear Down- everybody and anybody.

Membership - Marlene/Debra

So please help us out. A lot of vendors have called me saying this is their last chance for a show. Their other shows have been cancelled.

We appreciate any help you can give.

Melanie - Show Chair

208-818-2363

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

this will make it easier to contact me



## 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](mailto:gawalkeraz@cableone.net)**

### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR**

Mike Rowe

Independent Director PG&MC

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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](mailto:fluffierox@yahoo.com) by NLT the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for insertion into the newsletter

### Lapidary Rough Rock Sale

I have a variety of rock including, Mexican, Brazilian, Montana, Botswana, Lake Superior, Queensland agates. Petrified Wood, Picture Rock to name a few. Material is trim saw size up to 14 inch saw size. All are in a large mixed boxes. Each box is \$10 each and are sold as is. I am downsizing because we are moving so all must go.

Jim Pape 928-308-284

Club member, Terry Kloke, is moving out of this area and selling his rock collection, which is quite extensive. He will be selling now through the end of April. Due to health concerns, please call him to set up an appointment so that everyone can keep their social distance & limit exposure. He can be reached at (928) 899-9656.

### 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

At this time there are no programs scheduled. Once this health crisis passes and we can return to our day to day lives, we will get programs back on the schedule.

Wayne Augusto  
VP of Programs

## WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS

The workshop is closed until further notice. 😞

Periodic visits are being made to the workshop in the interest of safety and security of our equipment.

Also, some needed maintenance and repairs have been/will be made during the closure, so that all is in top condition for our reopening.

Get out and enjoy the wide open spaces, collect some rocks, the shop and staff will be ready and waiting 😊

Thanks Steve Dudar

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## **FIELD TRIP REPORT**

As I shelter-in-place, a heart-felt "thank you" must go out to all who have helped to make our field trips a genuine success- by your participation, leading, and teaching. All field trips are postponed until this medical difficulty has passed. The time is now to cut and polish your collected pieces! Make someone happy with your personally created gifts.

I have been exploring again -with help- and finding good places for our future trips. We will go to the lower desert when the weather there cools off, and here in the mountains and valleys of Northern Arizona during the warmer months. The latest exploration findings include agate, fluorite, bright copper ore, malachite, azurite, rose quartz, common opal, silver ore on quartz, several colors of jasper, oolitic agate, and banded calcium carbonate.

We have much to look forward to this season!! Keep on collecting, cutting, polishing, and please: BE SAFE.

Jim Turner, VP Field Trips

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

**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)

**AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE  
WWW.PRESCOTTGEM 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 - [cwalthew1@msn.com](mailto:cwalthew1@msn.com) or Gail Walker - [gawalkeraz@cableone.net](mailto:gawalkeraz@cableone.net)



## **PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE**

Hello all members of Prescott Gem and Mineral Club. I hope that you are all well and are staying safe during this challenging time of uncertainty. It is unfortunate that we are dealing with such a difficult situation, but I want to assure you that your Board of Directors and Officers are still working behind the scenes via email and telephone to continue to take care of any necessary business on behalf of the club such as Membership and Show items. This week, in light of directives from the CDC and our state officials, the Board has unanimously voted to continue with the postponement of any club activities such as General Meetings, Field Trips, Lapidary Workshop, Junior activities, and all others through the month of April. The Board of Directors is actively seeking a means to be able to hold an official Board Meeting via Zoom or Skype. If this is not successful, then any business will continue to be accomplished via email. Our primary concern at this point is what effects this will have on our being prepared for the August Gem Show if this situation should continue for an extended

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period of time. We are beginning to work on ideas of how we can make sure things can still be smoothly executed if there is no cause for cancellation.

I want to encourage all of you to stay positive, follow the CDC Guidelines as well as those laid out by our state officials. Our website has also been updated with the notice of cancellations. We will keep you updated on the status of when our meetings and other activities may resume. If any of you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of the Board Members.

Thank you and everyone just take good care of yourselves, your family and friends  
Colleen Denton - President

**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 March 7th - General Meeting Minutes - CANCELED**

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

### **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club February 19th, 2020 - BOD Meeting Minutes**

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

## **SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2020**

**At this time no shows are being shown as upcoming. Once we have passed the current health crisis and shows are back on the schedule, they will be listed here.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**