



# TAILINGS

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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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America				
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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 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 Walthew at 928-308-3986.**

Future General Meeting Dates:

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

Future Board Meeting Dates:

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

Aug – NO 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

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 Walthew, 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.

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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**

**(YES, WE WILL GET BACK TO HOLDING MEETINGS!!)**

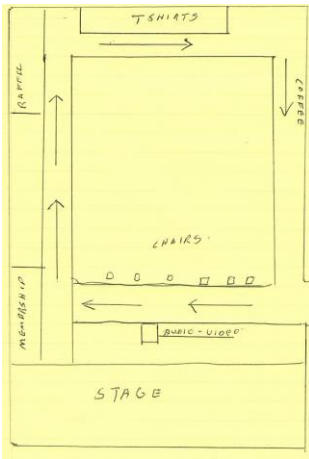
Fellow Rockhounds,

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.

Thank you in advance.

Mike Rowe



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

\*\*\*\*\*You're retired and still thinking of adding another room to your house.\*\*\*\*\*

### **A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!**

Hi All! I've made the difficult decision, after watching the number of COVID-19 cases spike, to temporarily suspend my classes. Hopefully, in the not to distant future, we can return to doing what we all love = playing with rocks.

928-533-4689

Thanks, Kathy

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

I have been working hard to cancel any advertising I can for the show but it's too late for some. Been shredding vendor checks. I have received lots of positive feedback from our vendors, saying they will be back in 2021 and relieved we canceled the show. So anyway, next year will be bigger and better. Thanks for all you do to make the show the success it has been and will be in the future.

Melanie Capps – Show Chair



### **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 MEMBERS PASSING**



On Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, Prescott Gem and Mineral Club lost one of it's members, Mrs. Charlotte Picasso. She passed peacefully at her home in Dewey surrounded by her close friends.

If you've ever attended a meeting at the Moose Lodge, Charlotte was the official greeter. Standing out front saying "Hi" to everyone who walked up. She was usually surrounded by several of her Rock Hound buddies chatting.

For several years, Charlotte also served as Head of Security for our annual show. Her remark: "Who's going to think a little old lady as being security!".

She will be greatly missed.

## 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

### 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!*

Raffle/Silent Auction Volunteer

### WAYNE AUGUSTO – VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS

#### Up-Coming PGM C PROGRAMS

Steve Maslansky, a local geologist and mineralogist is waiting in the wings - ready for us to open up and invite him in to talk to us. Steve will share his experience on how to confirm the origin/provenance of minerals when purchasing - a truly valuable skill to incorporate into anyone's gem & mineral collecting expertise. Steve has also donated a beautiful 13" X 19" full color calendar of some of the most beautiful mineral samples I've seen, which will be up for raffle at the next meeting.

Gary Carter has expressed an interest in coming back to PGM C again and has some great talks to share.

See you all at the next meeting!

Wayne Augusto  
VP of Programs

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.PRESCOTTGEMMINERAL.ORG](http://WWW.PRESCOTTGEMMINERAL.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 Walthew - [cwalthew1@msn.com](mailto:cwalthew1@msn.com) or Gail Walker - [gawalkeraz@cableone.net](mailto:gawalkeraz@cableone.net)

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Since Colleen Walthew and Gail Walker decided they could support the PGMC website (at this point), they got excited about entering the RMFMS website contest this year. It was a long shot that we could win in any category. But "low and behold", we got an award (see attached ribbon picture) at the 2020 Big Piney WY Convention last month:

**The Prescott Club: Honorable Mention for Webmaster/Website**



For more information, please visit [RMFMS.ORG](http://RMFMS.ORG).

Let's give them a Big Shout Out... woohoo ladies!

## **WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS**

### **GEM CLUB WORKSHOP HAS REOPENED**

Your PGMC work shop is open and ready for use.

We are continuing to offer hours on a as requested basis and limiting the number of members in the shop at one time to 2.

The foremen are providing extra cleaning detail to the entire shop during and after each use.

Also keep in mind that masks are required, and you must supply your own mask.

During the summer, we are also making morning hours available if requested to avoid the hotter afternoon temperatures.

So just contact us using the info below:

**From 6/17 until 7/14** please use the following contact procedure.

For all workshop reservations or to drop off a rock to cut.

Please contact Mike Rowe, preferably by e mail at: [mikerowe1@mac.com](mailto:mikerowe1@mac.com)

secondary contact info

239 887 -1113

**From 7/15 and on**

Steve Dudar at: [stevedudar@hotmail.com](mailto:stevedudar@hotmail.com)

or secondary

201 873-9645

Thank you,  
Steve Dudar

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## FIELD TRIP REPORT

From your Field Trip guy!

Wow, what an interesting couple of months since we have had a general meeting. Thank you to the Board for your faith in allowing me to stand in as President for a couple of meetings for Colleen.

Now is the time to utilize the shop for making things of beauty from all the materials that you have collected over the past year or so. I have many trips lined up starting in September. We can maintain 'social distance' and still have fun exploring, collecting, and learning. I would like to hear what you think about an overnight or couple day camping trip to a lower desert area in the fall. There is an area that has many old surface mines with various copper minerals and fluorite. The finding and gathering is pretty easy and the weather will be great in the fall or winter months.

After these major burn overs- and the monsoon rains have washed off topsoil and the blackened debris- there should be some great material exposed. Please look forward to some great trips with the Club. Until then, stay safe, be well, and see you all soon!

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!***



## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well. As you have surely heard, under the circumstances and with great deliberation, the August show has been cancelled. We will look forward to coming back in August 2021 bigger and stronger!

There will be no July General meeting as the Moose Lodge is not currently open to larger groups. We also don't feel we could accommodate the social distancing required at this time. As you all know, there is no General meeting held in August. The soonest another meeting will be held will be September.

That being said, I will be working out of town until October. Jim Turner will be standing in as active President while I am gone per guidelines set forth in Robert's Rules of Order. Jim will have full authority to act in this capacity and will be chairing a September and October meeting if they should be able to occur. I will return in November for elections and that will be my final meeting to chair as my position is up for election and I will term out.

Linda Loschke has volunteered and been appointed as Election Chair this year. Look for details in positions coming available in the coming months as elections are just around the corner. We have more details on how elections will be handled if it is foreseen that this COVID virus continues into the months leading up to elections. We will address that as time sees fit.

Wishing everyone to remain vigilant and stay safe! We will get through this!

Many Blessings,  
Colleen Walthew (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!**

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## **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club June 2020 - General Meeting Minutes - CANCELED**

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

### **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club June 20th, 2020 - BOD Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Location: PGMC Workshop, 430 S Montezuma, Prescott, AZ 86303

Board Members in attendance: Colleen Walthew, Jim Turner, Mike Rowe, Carolyn Johnson, Gail Walker, Melanie Capps, Linda Loschke, Denise Blankinship Absent: Wayne Augusto

Meeting called to order by President Colleen Walthew at 4:47 pm.

Minutes for February Meeting are accepted as is. (Gail Walker motions, Jim Turner seconds)

Carolyn Johnson, Treasurer Report - Report provided and discussed.

Melanie Capps, Show Report - Challenged with: - Volunteers: only 21 confirmed and require 160+ spanning all show days. - Vendors: 32 out of 60+ vendors have tentatively confirmed. - Setup: Space plan needs to be revamped to support social distancing. - Patron Control: Need to manage attendance limitations and crowd movement to ensure social distancing. - Due to the reasons listed above, the Board determined that the 2020 Show will be cancelled. (Linda Loschke motions, Carolyn Johnson seconds)

Jim Turner, Field Trip Report - Evaluating rock hounding and mine trip options for fall.

Mike Rowe, Independent Director (information provided by Colleen) - Reviewed Property Acquisition Proposal for 2700 N Lake Valley Rd. 1 Board Minutes Feb 17, 2020 - The Board determined location should be eliminated as a viable option. (Mike Rowe motions, Gail Walker seconds)

Colleen Walthew, President - Appoint Jim Turner as Acting President during her absence thru October. - Confirmed the July General Meeting will not be held due to Moose Lodge not being available. Other Business - Yavapai College Scholarships - Due to Lapidary classes not being held at this time, the Board determined that Scholarships will be suspended for the Fall Semester.

Gail Walker, Club Liaison Report - Nothing new to report.

Wayne Augusto, Program Report - Not present, no report provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm. (Mike Rowe motions, Linda Loschke seconds)

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.**

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