



TAILINGS

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www.prescottgemmineral.org *****

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

RMFMS – Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies www.rmfmts.org

ESM -Earth Science Museum www.earthsciencemuseum.org

Officers of the Club/Committee Chair Persons/Volunteers

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 Hospitality----- Dayle Wilson---- 928-445-9167-----Volunteer
 Greeter----- Vacant-----Volunteer
 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
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 America
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 Workshop Manager----- Steve Dudar----- 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 (\$.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:

Sep 5th, 2020 – YEA!!!!

Oct 3rd, 2020

Nov 7th, 2020

Dec 5th, 2020

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Sep 16th, 2020

Oct 21st, 2020

Nov 18th, 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!!

Membership Dues are \$12 for Single. \$18 for Family. Pay by check and mail to:

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club

P.O. Box 3923

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

When making payments to Prescott Gem & Mineral Club please make checks out using the complete words. NO ABBREVIATIONS!!!

Please review the recently emailed list to be sure your name is on the list and the information is up to date.

Questions can be directed to Marlene Sullivan at marlenu@hotmail.com or call 586-855-0305

Thanks – Marlene Sullivan - Membership Volunteer

SIGN IN PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

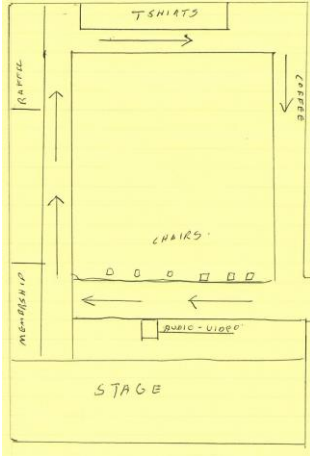
Fellow Rockhounds,

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



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

THE ELECTION IS COMING IN NOVEMBER! THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Colleen has termed out as President and Gail does not wish to continue as Club Liaison. PGMC needs nominations for these positions; you may nominate yourself or someone else (with their approval).

Open Positions for the PGMC 2021-23 ELECTION:

PRESIDENT – The President provides overall leadership for the club. With the Executive Board, the President defines and promotes the long-term goals and objectives of the club. The President presides at the monthly general and board meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT for FIELD TRIPS – The VP for Field Trips is responsible for the planning and coordination of the monthly field trips to collect rocks, minerals and fossils. The VP for Field Trips, or his designated Trip Leader, should be familiar with the collection site and all pertinent rules of collecting at that site.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR – The primary duty of the Independent Director is to be well versed in the legalities and liaison to the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS), the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), local Chambers of Commerce (CofC), and any other club or society. The Club Liaison reads monthly publications of said organizations and reports activities of interest to the board and general membership.

CLUB LIAISON – This position is the liaison to the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS), the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), local Chambers of Commerce (CofC) and any other club or society. The Club Liaison reads monthly publications of said organizations and reports activities of interest to the board and general members.

Nominations should be directed to Linda Loschke, Ph. (928) 225-6110 or lindaloschke@gmail.com.

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

Local science teachers plan field trips to your back yard

A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!

I'll be starting classes in mid September. I'm hoping our lives will be less challenging by then. I'm still sanitizing and masks can be worn. I'm still teaching beading, wire wrapping, and silversmithing. I'm always up for a challenge. So, if you're looking for something to do that does not expose you to a lot of people, give me a call.

928-533-4689

Thanks, Kathy

A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR

Finally, a meeting? Hope you all are ready for this.

I really have nothing new to report. Any questions you may have for me feel free to ask at the meeting. Now we start going down this path of uncertainty for 2021. I hope you are well and staying safe. See you soon

Melanie - Show Chair

208-818-2363

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.

Remember to stay up to date by reading your PGMC Newsletter plus the Newsletters from the AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogic Society) and the RMFMS (Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogic Societies)

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

A member, Wayne Mercer, is having a pre-moving sale of most of his rock / mineral collection on Saturday Sept 5th and Sept 12th from 8:30 am - 4 pm. Other viewing days / times can be arranged by email (wdmercer370@gmail.com)

Address is 3040 Indian Springs, Prescott. It's in The Ranch at Prescott subdivision off Hwy 69.. (Please note that there's a similar address in Ash Fork.)

Minerals are a diverse collection and priced from \$5 to \$175. The higher-priced ones are near-museum quality.

Minerals include some fluorescent minerals from Franklin / Sterling Hill, NJ

Rocks include large pieces of petrified wood, obsidian, pumice and others. Priced mainly from \$2 to \$25.

Other items include a 10 inch water-cooled rock saw w/extra diamond blade (\$100 for all) and a high-powered portable fluorescent light (\$50).

Cash only

Note that there will also be a garage/estate sale on the 9/12 date so you may want to come on 9/5 or a pre-scheduled time."

Wayne D. Mercer, PhD

1.) Ultra Tec V2 faceting machine and Lap wheels. Comes with a custom-made cloth cover and a custom made lap holding box. Laps are as follows:

Crystalite 1200 grit new \$137 ea.

Crystalite 3000 grit new \$137

Crystalite 1000 grit new \$130

Crystalite Last Lap new \$140

Raytech (Dimafast) 1200 grit new \$110

Raytech 1800 grit new \$104

Ultralap 600 grit new \$50

Ultralap 180 grit new \$50

33 clear plastic new \$17

Imperial Diamond 100 grit new \$? (Can't Find)

MD&R 23-1200 Copper new \$? (Can't Find)

MD&R Tin new \$250* +3 more. *with this one the one. we found on-line had measurements of 1/2" hole & 1/8" thickness. Ours has a 1/4" hole and 1/4" thickness.

The machine we found on-line sold for \$2,800. We are asking \$3,500 for all. (Will not split set)

2.) Poly Metric OMF concave faceting machine. Practically brand new (only used at most 5 times). Machine came without instructions or tools. New machines cost about \$2300. We are asking \$2000.

We will sell a package deal both machines and laps for \$5000.

Must pick up in Chino Valley. Serious inquiries only.

More information please contact either Crystal @928-925-2221 or Pam @928-636-9188.

Thank you.

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!

Up-Coming PGM C PROGRAMS

WAYNE AUGUSTO – VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS

Steve Maslansky, a local geologist and mineralogist is coming to do a presentation at our long awaited reopening meeting this September 5th. 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 generously 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 September meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Wayne Augusto
VP of Programs

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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

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 or Gail Walker - gawalkeraz@cableone.net

WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS

Until further notice the workshop will continue to offer shop hours by appointment only. Therefore, the shop is NOT manned on a regular basis, only by request. We are, however, expanding the hours available to include morning hours (no earlier than 9 am).

The procedure for obtaining shop time will continue to be to contact:

Steve Dudar at

stevedudar@hotmail.com or by phone 201 873 9645

Please allow me at least one day in advance to arrange for a shop foreman to open and supervisor the shop for your requested time slot.

All covid-19 safety procedures are still in place.

Extra cleaning and sanitizing are done on a regular basis.

We also are limiting the number of people in the shop at one time to help with social distancing.

Wearing a mask or face shield is also strongly recommended.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Steve Dudar

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Depending on the weather, we will either go to a mountain top- or to a lower elevation. Lower elevation is some awesome red, yellow, purple, and multicolor jasper. It has so much shine just picking it up, you will not need to polish it! The mountain top material is abundant surface float, and you can dig for larger specimens.

Your input is requested: **1)** A multiday lower desert camping trip to several shallow open pit mines? Motels are some distance away, but within an hour or so drive. Only after the weather cools. What could be better than a campfire, grilled something, stars in the sky above, an adult beverage, and friends to swap tales of rockhounding? **2)** Fossils? We have some of the best shallow ancient seabed areas here in Arizona. **3)** Some days in southern Utah? Awesome material up there. Again, your Club, your call, and suggestions are always welcome!

Jim Turner, VP Field Trips

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

Message from your acting president, Jim Turner

We will have the regularly scheduled Members' General Meeting September 5th at 9:30 A.M. at the Moose Lodge as provided for in our Bylaws. It will be on a RSVP process, for the FIRST 50 currently '**dues paid**' members to respond. Social distance, YOUR own mask is required for entry, and hand sanitizer only will be provided. RSVP to turner7321@sbcglobal.net Return email will only come to you if we exceed the 50 person limit, and you will be FIRST in line for the October meeting. If you do not wish to come, please know that we appreciate each and every one of you and respect your personal decision.

This is a regular member meeting, and will be the first time speaking about the upcoming election, nominations, and duties. We have a few positions to fill; all are important- come and be a part of the discussion! This truly is YOUR club, step up and help - be an active and appreciated Board member or volunteer. Learn the secret handshake. We need a volunteer GREETER and someone to run the monthly RAFFLE . We also have the usual business that needs attention.

From the Arizona Department of Health, August 20, 2020:

"While the burden of #COVID19 on our hospitals has been decreasing, it is important for everyone to continue working to prevent a new surge. Wear a mask, stay home if you are sick, and physically distance while in public."

Some of our members have not yet paid their dues. Please remember that your club has expenses to be met each month; such as the Club's Shop, electric bill, and other things important to its ongoing operation. Please, remit your payment to: Prescott Gem and Mineral Club, P.O. Box 3923, Chino Valley, AZ 86323, and Thank You!!!

Jim Turner, acting 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 August 2020 - General Meeting Minutes - CANCELED

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club August 19th, 2020 - BOD Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at the PGMC workshop, 438 Montezuma Suite B, Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by acting President, Jim Turner.

Other officers in attendance were Wayne Augusto, Mike Rowe, Melanie Capps and Linda Loschke.

Absent were: Colleen Denton, Denise Blankinship, Carolyn Johnson and Gail Walker.

Jim reported that he was waiting to hear back from the Moose Lodge about having a meeting in September. He reported that he planned to go to the Moose Lodge in person the next day to discuss the September meeting. No Treasurer's Report.

Mike reported that he is picking up the mail in Colleen's absence. Janice Larson had the second key to the mail box. It is now in his possession.

Jim reported that George and Sharon Lane have volunteered to conduct the raffle temporarily until a permanent raffle team can be found.

Discussion was held on upcoming election in November. Linda will send a list and a brief description of the offices up for election to Maggi Lieber for inclusion in the September newsletter. Jim stated that we need to try and promote the elections.

Mike talked about the workshop. During the pandemic, use of the shop has been by appointment only. He reported that the user is asked whether they prefer 9-12 a.m. or 1-4 p.m. This has worked really well and the foremen are considering continuing this procedure when the pandemic is over.

Melanie stated she has lots of geodes in her garage. These will be used for next year's show. Findlay Event Center will carry over this year's deposit till next year. She was able to cancel some of the advertising, but a lot was already committed for press and she was unable to recover these. We are out about \$8,000. None of the vendor checks were cashed. When show was cancelled, vendors were given the option of having their checks returned or shredded.

Wayne stated he has had a speaker in the wings and he needs to know ASAP if we will have a meeting in September so that he can schedule the speaker.

Discussion was held regarding finding a new greeter. Jim will contact Maggi to send out an e-mail and also to put in the newsletter.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wayne seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Loschke

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2020

SEPTEMBER

25-27—CLARKDALE, ARIZONA: Show; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium, 19 N. Street; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Dealers offering agates, fossils, gems, beads, cabochons, geodes, rock sculptures and slabs, demonstrations, daily raffles, displays, mineral specimen identification, and activities for children. Additional contact: Mike Kavanagh, kavanaghm1368@yahoo.com; 928-451-9193; contact Bill Hedglin, (928) 634-0269; Email: billkarin3@q.com; Website: www.mingusgem.club

OCTOBER

2-4—ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Annual show; Jay Penn ; Expo NM State Fairgrounds, Creative Arts Bldg. , 300 San Pedro; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; 60 dealers offering mineral specimens, rough, slabs, jewelry, cabochons, beads, fossils, petrified wood, tools, and equipment; contact Amy Penn, 2324 Alvarado Dr. NE, ABQ, NM 87110, (505) 203-1900; Email: amypenn246@gmail.com; Website: <http://abqfallshow.wix.com/abq-fall-show>

9-11—BUCKEYE, ARIZONA: Annual show; West Valley Rock & Mineral Club; Buckeye Arena , 802 N 1st St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-2; Adults \$3, free admission for children under 13; Outdoor show with vendors selling rocks, gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads, slabs, cabs, gold panning, scavenger hunt and rock painting; contact Lara Serbin, 11442 S Wilson Ln, Goodyear, AZ 85338, (602) 405-2926; Email: lara@serbinstudio.com; Website: <http://www.westvalleyrockandmineralclub.com/>

10-11—SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Huachuca Mineral and Gem Club; Cochise College, 901 N. Colombo Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; Vendors selling minerals, gemstones, and jewelry, gem identification by a certified gemologist, displays, demonstrations; contact Maudie Bailey, 5036 S. San Carlos Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650, (520) 249-1541; Email: gmbailey@msn.com; Website: huachucaminerallandgemclub.info

At this time the shows that are listed have not been canceled. However, as the show time gets closer, depending upon current conditions, they may be. So, before traveling to any shows, please confirm that they are indeed still a go.

Thank you for your understanding.

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