



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

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

ESM -Earth Science Museum 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		

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)

Membership dues are assessed on a calendar year basis and are due in January each year. 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

Our monthly newsletter is emailed to our members. If you would like it physically mailed via USPS, the cost is \$24/year. Any questions on membership, please email Corinna at ckrowe1@icloud.com or stop by the membership table during the break at our monthly meeting.

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:

Dec 5th, 2020

Future Board Meeting Dates:

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!!

Ruth Foster * Tina Reeves

Here's to many more years of continued rock hounding!!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Hi Rockhounds,

It was a pleasure to be your independent Director for the last two years and to work with the board to make our club better.

Just an update the new director JerryJones and I have been going over his duties so we will have a smooth transition in December as the other board members that are leaving are doing the same with the income board.

Thanks,
Mike Rowe

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

****You know where Tsumeb is!****

A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!

You've cut that beautiful cabochon and now you'd like to turn into a pendant to give to that special someone for the holidays, well I can help you achieve that goal

I started classes up again in beading, wire wrapping, and silversmithing and am always up for a challenge. I do not charge for any of my classes, just ask that you reimburse me the cost of any of my supplies that you may use. So, if you're looking for something to do that does not expose you to a lot of people, give me a call. I'm still sanitizing and masks can be worn.

928-533-4689

Thanks, Kathy

A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR

Time to check all the advertisers for the show to see when the last possible date I can submit the advertising. Check with the vendors on their thoughts. Basically, put feelers out for the show in August 2021. That is the only news I have. I will keep you posted on any changes or developments that come up. Keep safe

Melanie - Show Chair

208-818-2363

melaniecapps123@gmail.com

this will make it easier to contact me

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

Flat Lap Arbor for Sale, \$100

Flat Lap Plates for Sale. Asking \$100 for all 16 plates

Lapidary Drill, \$100 or best offer

Poly Arbor, Splash Guard, Expanding Drum, \$150



Contact:

Dan Hunt

danhunt0009@gmail.com

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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!



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

Up-Coming PGMC PROGRAMS

This months program will be a presentation by club member Bob Boyd. He will speaking to us about the science of dating rocks and minerals.

WAYNE AUGUSTO – VICE PRESIDENT 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

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

The workshop will not be offering hours from 12/19 until 1/4/21.

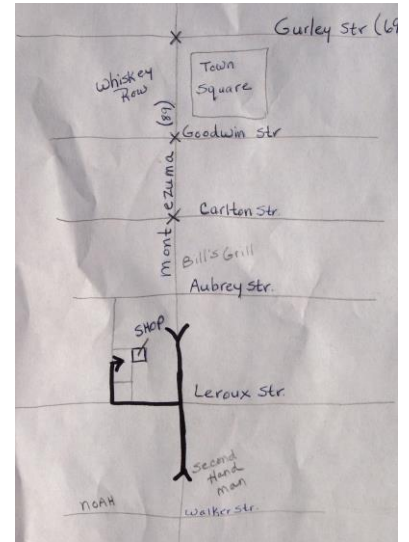
For the beginning of next year and the remainder of this year, we will continue with "by request" hours and training.

The process for requesting will continue as follows:

Please email or call Steve Dudar stevedudar@hotmail.com or 201 873-9645 for a shop time reservation.

I will do my best to accommodate all requests.

Thanks,
Steve Dudar



FIELD TRIP REPORT

From your Field Trip guy:

We had several members (about 19, plus 6 from the Sedona Club) meet us at Flagstaff for the trip to Grey Mountain. There was abundant, although mostly small, pieces of Petrified Wood. Some was nicely colored, and a few fairly large brownish/caramel colored pieces were gathered. Moki balls were rare, but some pieces were found. Multi colored Jasper was abundant also, with one area where there were thousands of pieces of fairly red Jasper.

The weather was awesome, Galen of the Sedona Club could have not scheduled it better! We were also joined by their President, Mark, Our new Vice President of Field Trips, Mark Wenden got his feet wet by making announcements, handling the sign in sheet, and just generally helping everyone. He will be a great trip leader, and I personally hope many of you will join him in his trips in the coming years. Mark is well organized and has a good deal of rockhounding knowledge. Please welcome him in his new position.

Hopefully a trip with the Sedona and Mingus Club and others will be scheduled in the near future with us!

Thank you, the members, for making my last two years great.

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

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

Message from your President

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a Wonderful Thanksgiving this year. I want to thank you for allowing me act as President for the past few years! It has been a pleasure being able to be of service! I would like to Thank Linda Loschke for her years of service as President and Past President! I would also like to thank Mike Rowe, Gail Walker and Jim Turner! We will be bidding farewell at the December meeting and welcoming our new Board Members!

I also want to thank all of our volunteers who are opting to stay on for the next year. We do have several volunteer positions open and will be looking to fill those as quickly as possible. If you are looking to get more involved in a service capacity, I will be announcing again at the meeting which positions are open!

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. It will be a little different this year as well will not be having a potluck, however there will still be our normal business, changing of officers, and Holiday Raffle! Hope you will come and socialize with us!

Thank you,
Colleen Walthew (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!

A Magic Rock Club

Once upon a time, in a beautiful valley, there was a magic rock club, or at least many of its members thought it was. Why did they think so? Because many strange and wondrous things happened in their club. After all, they only had to bring themselves to the club meeting once a month, and they found at the beautiful meeting hall their chairs all lined up neatly for them, the place ablaze with light, the microphone is all hooked up and waiting quietly, and the President, Secretary and Treasurer's tables all set up. It was indeed wondrous. The members need only to sit down, and soon they were told all the bills had been paid, correspondence answered, and problems solved. They were brought up to date on what was happening in and around their area. This indeed was a wondrous club as there was hardly ever anything to argue about during the short pesky thing they called the "business meeting." Somehow the problem, whatever it might be, was solved whether they paid attention to what was happening or not. After all, if they all said "Aye" to whatever motion was being made, and they all most always did, they could gripe about it later when they really found out what they had voted on. Anyhow, they were anxious to get on to the rest of the meeting that they liked so well – like the special program and the drawing for the beautiful raffle prizes.

Though many had been members for years, they were not sure exactly where these prizes came from, but it was probably more magic since they always appeared. But that was not all, as some liked the "committee reports" because some of them were really interesting. They could find out about a forthcoming field trip; find out how much money their club had in the bank; find out where the next field trip would go and what the next program would be; about the latest news on their big annual show; and many other interesting things. During the parts they were not interested in they could always talk to their neighbor, but if anyone talked during the part that they were interested in, they could always shush them. Then they could visit with their friends and enjoy the program that was always informative. There were films, "silent auctions," guest speakers, and there were Spring Fling and Pot Lucks. Many were only vaguely aware of how these things came about, but after all, wasn't it a magic rock club?

Ah, it was indeed a fortunate thing to be a member of this club many members felt. The telephone would ring, the emails would come, and they would be told of everything of interest to them regarding the club. They all knew that if a member was ill, cards and messages from their club would appear to express their concern for them. If they wanted to go

on a field trip, and many did, the location was already surveyed for them, and they knew what gems they might find, how to find them, what they looked like, where they could park, what to bring and everything they needed to know.

Not only did many members feel lucky to be a part of a magic rock club, but they were also proud! After all, didn't their club put on a great annual show? People would come from far and near to see the beautiful gems, jewelry, and display cases; the many vendors from whom they could find many unusual and interesting things. The buildings would be available, cleaned, and set up; the electric wiring would light up and test itself; the big heavy tables would march into place; and 1001 other things would somehow happen whether they were there or not. But that was not all! Every month a newsletter would suddenly appear in their mailbox. This was really a wondrous thing! Many were amazed at how the news, articles of interest, and other things would assemble themselves, type themselves, run themselves through reproduction, fold, address, stamp and mail themselves too! The member knew that if they had not paid attention or even come to the last meeting, everything that happened would be in their club paper!

However, there was one long-standing mystery in this magic rock club that had never been solved by any President or Chairman. This was the strange thing that happened every time the word volunteer was mentioned! Practically the whole membership would suddenly find something immensely interesting on either the floor or the ceiling and commence to gaze intently at them for long periods of time. However, there were always certain members who knew there was really nothing there to see, just as they had learned the truth about Santa Claus long ago. So, one of them would say "I volunteer" and immediately the other members lost interest in whatever had intrigued them about the floor or the ceiling.

If you really want to know the real secret of this magic rock club, you can find the name of nearly all the magicians listed on the inside pages of your magic Tailing newsletter. Of course, all are not listed there, because many of them have quietly and unheralded "made things happen." Think long and hard. How many of you does this apply to?

(The preceding article was written in 1978 by Joe Meade and was originally shared in Prescott Gem and Mineral Club's September 2011 Newsletter.)

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club November 7th, 2020 - General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, 6501 East 6th Street, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Board Members in attendance: Colleen Walthew (Denton), Wayne Augusto, Jim Turner, Mike Rowe, Linda Loschke, Melanie Capps, Gail Walker, Denise Blankinship. Not in attendance: Carolyn Johnson.

Meeting called to order by President Colleen Walthew at 9:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Colleen Walthew.

OLD BUSINESS - October General Meeting Minutes approved as written. (Linda Loschke motions, Gail Walker seconds) - Club Clothing supplies will be ordered after 12/31.

Programs Report, Wayne Augusto. - Today's program will be "How to clean minerals and identify in the field". - Upcoming Programs: Gems of India and others to be scheduled. - NOTE: Please contact Wayne with any Speaker or Program recommendations.

Treasurer Report, Carolyn Johnson - Update provided.

Field Trip Report, Jim Turner - October's field trip was to the Obsidian Tank. 19 people attended. - November field trip will be with the Sedona Club. Additional meet-up location and trip information will be provided in the PGMC Newsletter. The weather may be cold and requires a 4-wheel drive.

Club Liaison Report, Gail Walker - Just keeping in communications with other clubs regarding show status updates. - Working on annual insurance analysis.

Past President Report, Linda Loschke - No report at this time.

Independent Director Report, Mike Rowe - No report at this time.

Show Chairperson Report, Melanie Capps - No report at this time.

Membership Report, Corinna Rowe - Today's Attendance: 54 members (Quorum established) with 0 guests. A total of 269 members. - Dues: Please pay for dues via a check, mailed to the club's PO Box. - NOTE: To have a name badge ordered, please see Membership. Magnetic badges are the default, but badges with a pin backing can be ordered if needed.

Workshop Manager Report, Steve Dudar - Shop Activity: 26.5 active hours supporting 5 unique people. Trained 1 person. - Training: Reminder, a 3-hour training session is required prior to using shop facilities. - Access to the Workshop is scheduled

by appointment only. Please see the PGMC Newsletter for contact information. - NOTE: Please donate jewelry cardboard boxes for use in storing rock specimens.

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / QUESTIONS Free Jewelry Classes: Kathy Myers-Keller provides free classes in her home in beading, wire wrapping and silversmithing. Held 7 days a week upon appointment. Supplies are available for purchase. Contact information is located in the PGMC Newsletter. Article:

Long time vendor and supporter, Helen Serras-Herman, has written an article that will be in an upcoming special issue of, Illuminating Fluorescence, by Rock & Gem. Check it out!

Elections - Open positions are: President, VP of Field Trips, Club Liaison, Independent Director - Candidates for each position introduced themselves and provided background. - Nominations were closed by President Colleen Walthew. 2021 Volunteers Needed – Membership (2) Scholarships (1) - Hospitality (1) - Greeter (1) - Raffle (1) - Junior Coordinator (1) and team (as many who are interested) Special Thanks To: - Linda Loschke for chairing the Election Committee. - Jim Turner for an awesome 2020 Field Trip program.

Meeting Break at 10:01 am. (Terry Kloke motions, Ed Sullivan seconds) Meeting Resumes at 10:20 am.

Election Results: - President: Jim Turner - VP of Field Trips: Mark Wenden - Club Liaison: Barbara Jones - Independent Director: Jerry Jones

Question: For the December Meeting, given the complexities of social distancing should pre-prepared food be provided?

The membership aligned with the Board in keeping the meeting simple with social distancing socializing, raffle, etc. No meal will be provided. (- Food or No Food — Keep it simple with socialize, raffle, etc. (Steven Copen motions, Joel Pomerene seconds) Question: Will there be a field trip in December? Per Jim, it would be 2nd Saturday. Further information will be in the Newsletter. Program: Joel Pomerene presents “How to clean minerals and identify in the field”.

Raffle: Held.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am. (Linda Loschke motions, Paul Greminger seconds)

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club November 18th, 2020 - BOD Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, 6501 E 6th St, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 Board Members in attendance: Colleen Walthew (Denton), Carolyn Johnson, Linda Loschke, Jim Turner, Wayne Augusto, Mike Rowe, Gail Walker, Melanie Capps, and Denise Blankinship 2021 Newly Elected Board Members in attendance: Jim Turner, President; Mark Wenden, VP of Field Trips; Barbara Jones, Club Liaison; Jerry Jones, Independent Director Meeting called to order at 4:45 pm

October Board Meeting Minutes approved as written. (Gail Walker motions, Mike Rowe seconds)

Programs Report, Wayne Augusto - December: No program planned - January: Gems of India - February: Bob Boyd, PGMC member - March: Denise & Clarence Blankinship - Working in an underground in the White Pine Copper Mine

Treasurer Report, Carolyn Johnson - Update provided

Field Trip Report, Jim Turner - November trip planned with the Sedona area. In process of confirming if issues crossing the Navaho reservation. Alternative trip is Cave Creek area for Jasper. Updates will be provided via email. Club Liaison Report, Gail Walker - Badges continue to be received as ordered. Position descriptions in process of being updated to reflect the Club Liaison position will continue to be responsible for processing badges. Insurance analysis continues. Due December 15th. - Transition knowledge transfer will begin after Thanksgiving.

Past President Report, Linda Loschke - Special thanks to Linda for her continued support and service to the Club! - Clarity needed for Raffle team as to who to transfer money to at the end of General Meetings.

Independent Director Report, Mike Rowe - Transition already in progress to Jerry Jones, new 2021 Independent Director.

Show Report, Melanie Capps - Show advertising typically ordered in December. Melanie will discuss dates with advertisers to determine an acceptable delayed timeline. Timing will be discussed during the January Board meeting. Per Mike, additional dialogue is needed with Findley Center regarding their commitment and options in the event we need to cancel again. - Show Banners: Need to evaluate if additional need to be ordered.

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OLD BUSINESS - Flash Drive containing all necessary Club documents will be provided to Jim Turner, new 2021 President.
NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / QUESTIONS Membership: Additional volunteer needed to assist the Membership desk. Board Transition: - Bank Signatory Authority Changes to be made no later than 12/31/2020: - Signatories for the Escrow, Club Savings, and Club Checking will remain the same. Current signatories are: Melanie Capps, Carolyn Johnson and Colleen Walthew. - Signatories for the Club Savings Premier Savings will be changed in the following manner: Gail Walker (remove), Mike Rowe (remove), Jim Turner (add), Mark Wenden (add)
Audit: Gail Walker and Denise Blankinship will perform the annual Club audit and provide a report to February 2021 General Meeting. Barbara Jones will be a backup.
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. (Jim Turner motions, Gail Walker seconds)

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2020/21

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Renegade Gem Mineral Show To be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6, 2020, with setup on Friday, December 4th, at the American Legion, Post 78, in Humboldt AZ. This outdoor show will be free to attendees, along with on-site security 24/7. Each of the 28 spaces are 12'x15'. Space fee is \$65.00. In order to get as many spaces for vendors as possible, we had to eliminate vehicle parking and camping in the space. Please pm me with your email address for an application.

Totally outside show. Spaces being 12' wide allows for social distancing between vendors. Vendor display setup will also add a layer. Each vendor will be supplied with a new bottle of hand sanitizer.
So looking forward to an end to our dry spell!!!

Any questions contact"
Sandi Simpson
beardwench@gmail.com
520-490-8400

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Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral
January 01 - February 28, 2021 **TBD**

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry
January 20 - January 23, 2021 **TBD**

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show
January 01 - January 10, 2021 **TBD**

January 2021-February 2021

27-8—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; JOGS International Exhibits; Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Rd.; daily 10-6; No children under 14 allowed on show site.; Show Hours: 10am-5pm daily; 10am-4pm on Feb. 8 (last day) Free for qualified buyers with a Tax ID/Resale certificate. On-site registration is available but it's recommend that buyers pre-register online. Public guests may purchase tickets at the Show or online: <https://jogsshow.com/account/>; contact Yelena Masenko, 650 S Hill St, Suite 513, Los Angeles, CA 90014, (213) 629-3030; Email: info@jogsshow.com; Website: jogsshow.com

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At this time the shows that are listed have not yet 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 and also check to see what requirements are in place for attendance.

Thank you for your understanding.