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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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President-----	Colleen Denton----	928-308-3986-----	Term Concludes 2020	BOD Member
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Club Liaison-----	Gail Walker-----	277-0068-----	Term Concludes 2020 BOD Member
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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](mailto: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:

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Future Board Meeting Dates:

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!!**

Jay Larsen and Family

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

**UPCOMING PGMC ELECTIONS**

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

We have candidates for the open positions except for Field Trip Leader. You still may nominate someone for any of the open positions. Nominations are open until the November general meeting. You may nominate yourself or someone else (with their approval). Nominations should be directed to Linda Loschke, Ph. (928) 225-6110 or [lindaloschke@gmail.com](mailto:lindaloschke@gmail.com).

## Open Positions for the PGMCM November 2020 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 governance of the club. This includes, but is not limited to, the Club Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, 501c3 federal and state status and requirements, and nonprofit status and certification with Arizona Corporations Commission.

**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](mailto:lindaloschke@gmail.com)

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

\*\*\*\*\*Your car hasn't seen the inside of your garage for ten years.\*\*\*\*\*

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

I started classes again in mid September. I'm still sanitizing and masks can be worn. I teach 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.

928-533-4689  
Thanks, Kathy

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

I'm just relaxing and getting ready to go for 2021.

Come January 1, I start all over. I'm ready to put on a show! The vendors are chomping at the bit, asking questions, wondering how things will change. Doing my best to ease their minds. All us well!

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.

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

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**

Eayne is still working out the kinks for this months presentation, so I guess we're all just going to have to be surprised!!

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](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)

### **WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS**

The reservation system for the workshop is still in place.

There are currently **no set shop hours**.

Please email or call Steve Dudar [stevedudar@hotmail.com](mailto:stevedudar@hotmail.com) or 201 873-9645 for a shop time reservation. I will do my best to accommodate all requests.

From 10/8 to 10/19

please contact Mike Rowe for scheduling shop time.  
[mikerowe1@mac.com](mailto:mikerowe1@mac.com)

Thanks,  
Steve Dudar

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## FIELD TRIP REPORT

Saturday, 19 September could not have been more perfect! We met on Mingus mountain top at 8 AM, and after registering everyone, headed off to the collection site. It was a very nice day, there was a little breeze in the pine trees, and everyone found good material. We had 21 people, and a caravan of 18 vehicles. After collecting, we sat among the trees, had some lunch, told a few tales, and had some laughs. If you could, please bring a piece that you found to Saturdays' meeting to show off!

Our next outing will be to just north of Phoenix for some really very nice colored jasper. The weather should be good for the Saturday, October 17 trip. Directions to the meeting point will come via email the Thursday (October 15) before the trip.

Come join in on the fun! Bring gathering materials, lunch, and a lawn chair.

The November trip will be in conjunction with the Sedona Club.

Jim Turner, VP Field Trips.

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 acting president, Jim Turner

We have plenty of new business for the upcoming meeting, so please come and give us your input. We need Volunteers to fill some positions- Please think about the ones listed on the newsletters' first page, and be ready to help your club. Linda Loschke has prepared information for the elected positions, please read it and give some thought to your becoming involved! Thank you.

The Moose Lodge has generously allowed us to open the back partition if we have need. So, we have room for a pretty good sized meeting this Saturday. See you there.

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 September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Moose Lodge, 6501 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Prescott Valley, AZ.

Acting President Jim Turner called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Additional board members in attendance: Wayne Augusto, Mike Rowe, Melanie Capps. Linda Loschke

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting President Jim Turner.

Jim Turner gives financial report in Treasurer's absence. The financial report will be filed.

Wayne Augusto gives Programs report. Today's speaker, Steve Maslansky will talk about provenance of minerals and how to track origin. Mr. Maslansky donated a minerals calendar to be raffled off at end of meeting.

Jim Turner gives field trip report. This month the field trip will be on September 19 and we will either go to a site on Mingus Mountain for jasper and hematite or to a lower elevation site north of Phoenix for multi-color jasper. He showed samples. If the weather is hot, we will go to Mingus Mountain. If weather is cool, we will go to site north of Phoenix. Watch for e-mail. He asked for suggestions for future trips. Perhaps a multi-day trip to Yuma area.

Sedona Club wants to go on a dual trip to S. Utah maybe. This would be the third Saturday in November.

Mike Rowe states that we need to get minutes from February meeting approved. Also, there was an error in the newsletter on the duties of the Independent Director. Linda will send a correction to Maggi to send out.

Melanie Capps gives show report. Nothing to report. Question was asked by Steve Dudar on how much the club lost due to cancellation of the show. Melanie stated we paid out about \$8,000. \$4,000 was to the Event Center and the Event Center that we would probably be able to apply that to next year's show. We also bought a lot of geodes (which are in her garage) that we'll be able to use at next year's show. We were not able to cancel some advertising. All-in-all, we lost about \$3,000.

Steve Dudar gives Workshop report. Still slow. We are still open for appointments. We have been flexible with hours. If it's hot, we will open for mornings instead of afternoons. This month we only had 13 hours of usage.

Steve did quite a bit of slabbing. Someone donate 8 buckets of Montana agate. Steve hygraded it; now have 7 buckets stored under tables at the workshop.

Corinna Rowe gives membership report in Marlene's absence. 31 members in attendance, so we have a quorum.

Jim asks if there were any corrections to the February meeting minutes published in the March newsletter. John

Monday made motion to approve minutes as written. Sheldon Edelman seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Jim reminds people to please pay their dues. We have quite a lot of people to have not paid 2020 dues.

Doris Edelman asks if Jim knows the status of ordering t-shirts. Colleen we working on this before she left. Jim will discuss with Colleen.

Linda Loschke gives update on elections. Linda will send correction for duties for Independent Director to Maggi for publication. Linda urged people to run for office or nominate someone.

Heidi Augusto makes motion for break. Darcey Carolan seconds. Motion passes. Meeting breaks at 9:54 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:05 a.m.

Wayne Augusto introduces Steve Maslansky gives presentation on provenance of minerals and tracking origins of mineral specimen. Questions and answers follows. Raffle held for mineral calendar donated by Mr. Maslansky.

John Monday makes motion to adjourn meeting; David Eagle seconds. Motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 11:00 a.m.

No raffle today.

Submitted by Linda Loschke

## **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club September 16th, 2020 - BOD Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was held at the PGMC workshop parking lot, 438 Montezuma Suite B, Prescott, AZ.

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, Carolyn Johnson, Gail Walker and Linda Loschke.

Absent were Colleen Denton and Denise Blankinship.

Jim asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August meeting. Gail made motion to accept minutes as written. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

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Jim asked for any corrections to the June minutes. (No Board meeting in July.) Gail made motion to accept minutes as written. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

Wayne gave Programs update. Les Presmyk will be speaker at the October meeting. Not sure of topic. Gary Carter has agreed to come in November to talk on minerals of India. Holiday Party is scheduled for December. Carolyn gave Treasurer's Report.

Jim gave Field Trip report. Will go to Mingus Mountain on Saturday, September 19. Weather should be good. Will put directions in email to Maggi. Too hot to go to Phoenix area for colorful jasper. Jim stated that since he has been nominated for President, we are looking for a field trip leader for next year. Has talked to a couple of possibilities.

Gail gave Club Liaison report - nothing to report. Waiting for insurance count in November.

Mike gave Independent Director report – does not plan to run for office again. Nominated Mark Wenden for Independent Director.

Linda gave Elections report – 2 candidates for President, Jim Turner and Maggi Lieber. Now have one for Independent Director. So, we still need candidates for Field Trips and Club Liaison.

Mike talked about the Workshop. The swamp cooler is going out. Walmart has a window air conditioner on sale right now for \$309 (plus tax). Mike gave specifications. Jim will measure window to see if it fits. Carolyn made motion to purchase unit for \$400 or less. Gail seconded. Motion passed.

Mike reported that Marlene Sullivan has stepped down as Membership Leader. Corinna Rowe has volunteered to take over Membership until April of next year to give the club time to fill the position. Corinna assisted Debbie Ramsey for 4 years and is familiar with the duties. Mike will assist Corinna in the interim.

Discussion was held on the December Holiday Party. Due to CDC Coronavirus restrictions, we should not have pot luck. Mike suggested catering it, perhaps from Subway. Jim will mention at next meeting.

Melanie gave Show report. Not much to report. Les Presmyk plans to make 2 inserts to go into 2 of our display cases for next year's show. He will use one and another person can use the other. If he brings them to the October general meeting, Jim will take them.

Jim talked about change in Board meeting place and day. With cold weather coming on and CDC rules still in effect, it will not be feasible for the Board to meet in the parking lot. The Moose Lodge has offered use of their meeting room. We would have to change day of meeting to third Monday of the month. Gail made motion to change meeting place to Moose Lodge for third Monday of each month. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion was held as to whether or not we should put on club website that Jr. Rockhound program is suspended. Jim will bring up at next general meeting to see if someone will volunteer to take over the program. Jim reported that we need a Greeter. Also, need a Raffle Leader. Kyra Erway is assistant, but we need a leader. Jim and Mike picked up the Jr. Rockhound material. Had to do this on short notice. With no place to store it, Jim and Mike rented a storage in Prescott Valley. Gail made motion to approve storage rental. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

Carolyn asked if the Scholarship program is suspended for this semester. Jim will ask the Scholarship leader to look into.

Mike made motion to adjourn. Gail seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Loschke

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

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**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](mailto:amypenn246@gmail.com); Website: <http://abqfallshow.wix.com/abq-fall-show>

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**9-11—BUCKEYE, ARIZONA: CANCELED** 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: huachucamineralandgemclub.info

**Editor's Note: One of our past members, Terry Kloke, will be vending at this show and will have about 16 pounds of druzy gem silica chrysocolla from Bagdad AZ from 1965**

**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.**