



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.rmfmms.org

ESM -Earth Science Museum www.earthsciencemuseum.org

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President-----	Jim Turner-----	928-308-6535 -----	Term Concludes 2022	BOD Member
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Club Liaison-----	Bob Boyd-----	707-502-5726-----	Term Concludes 2022	BOD Member
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Show Chairman-----	Melanie Capps---	208-818-2363-----		BOD Member
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Membership Assistant-----	Vacant -----		Volunteer	
Photographer/Historian-----	Dayle Wilson-----	928-445-9167-----	Volunteer	
Scholarships-----	Kara Erway, Elizabeth Wagner, Colleen Walthew ----		Volunteers	
Educational Liaison-----	Nick Sacchetti----	928-379-6848-----	Volunteer	
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 Walthew & Gail Walker -----		Volunteers	
T-Shirt Sales-----	Doris Edelman---	928-925-9255-----	Volunteer	
Future Rockhounds of America --	Vacant -----		Volunteer	
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			

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW. Anyone not paid up by March 7 will be removed from the active roster and will no longer receive the newsletter or other club notifications. A big thank you to the 70+ members who have already paid their dues!

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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)

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 Jim Turner at 928-308-6535.

Future General Meeting Dates:

Feb 6, 2021

Mar 6, 2021

Apr 3, 2021

May 1, 2021

June 5, 2021

July 3, 2021

Aug No Meeting SHOW!!

Sep 4, 2021

Oct 2, 2021

Nov 6, 2021

Dec 4, 2021

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Feb 15, 2021

Mar 15, 2021

Apr 19, 2021

May 17, 2021

June 21, 2021

July 19, 2021

Aug 16, 2021

Sep 20, 2021

Oct 18, 2021

Nov 15, 2021

Dec 14, 2021

Anyone planning to attend a board meeting, please call Pres. Jim Turner 928-308-6535, 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!!
Sarah and Dale Kime * The Wicker Family * Julie Shortt
Here's to many more years of continued rock hounding!!

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

******You know what findings are for******

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A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!

I am continuing my classes 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

CAROL SHIMEK

In January PGMC lost one of our valued members. Carol was an active member of the Gem club, always lending a helping hand when called upon. Carol and her husband, Ben, have also been vendors at many of the local shows including our own. And of course who could forget her Cat Ears!! In lieu of flowers or cards, the family is asking for donations to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-loving-memory-of-carol-june-shimek> to help with funeral expenses.

You will be missed Carol.



A WORD OR THREE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR

No words of wisdom from our Show Chair this month. She is too busy planning our show in August!!
The **SHOW will go on!!**

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

UFOR SALE: Rockwell Jawhorse—a portable sawhorse. HD vise, foot pedal lock, folds for storage. Used for wet polishing big rocks. Exc condition, \$75. Call or text, leave message if no answer. Mike Rowe (239) 887-1113



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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

CLUB OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS

JIM TURNER – PRESIDENT



I studied at DeVry for electronics in Chicago, Illinois; which led me to IBM- and, since Vietnam was happening, I joined the Navy Air Wing for 4 years. Returning home, I spent more time at IBM; then went to guide the office products shop at TRW for a time; and subsequently opened my own business. After selling Turner's Business Solutions, I took on a second career driving a special needs school bus for Amphitheater School District in Tucson, AZ. The Director of Transportation convinced me to come to the University of Arizona and manage the shuttle service and its employees. Later I moved to San Antonio, Texas for a decade of working again with special needs children; and to be closer to family- my brother Tom.

Returning to Arizona 7 years ago, I was doing a lot off road adventuring, exploring, and camping. Finding many **awesomely cool rocks**, the PGMC Show got me involved in the Club; and that led to identifying my finds- mostly pretty & sparkly 'Arizona Leaveright'... I stood up instead of ducking when the club needed someone to run the Christmas potluck and Spring Fling; then later volunteered as V.P. of Field Trips for a couple of years. Learning so much from the members, I decided to try to give back as President. Enjoyment

in this Club for me comes from volunteering, leading, learning, and teaching. We extend a warm hand of welcome to all who may have an interest.

MARK WENDEN – VICE PRESIDENT FIELD TRIPS



Hi, my name is Mark Wenden, and I'll be the VP Field Trip Leader for a term of two years. I really look forward to some really fun and productive field trips!

About myself: I was born in Massachusetts, in Concord. My family moved to Ohio when I was three years old, when my father began to teach mineralogy at Ohio State University (Go Bucks! Maybe next year).

As a small child, I began collecting fossil brachiopods and crinoid stems from our driveway from the Ohio limestone. I've never lost my fascination with minerals and fossils.

Since moving to Arizona four years ago, I have been amazed by the beauty and variety of the geology here, and joined this club to learn lapidary art and jewelry making. I am so grateful to this club for sponsoring my classes at Yavapai College.

I want to be a Field Trip Leader that will provide interesting, productive, and safe trips for all club members!

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

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 gawalkeraz51@gmail.com

Up-Coming PGMC PROGRAMS

For February, club member George Lane will speak to us on "Stromatolites"

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.PRESCOTTGEMMINERAL.ORG

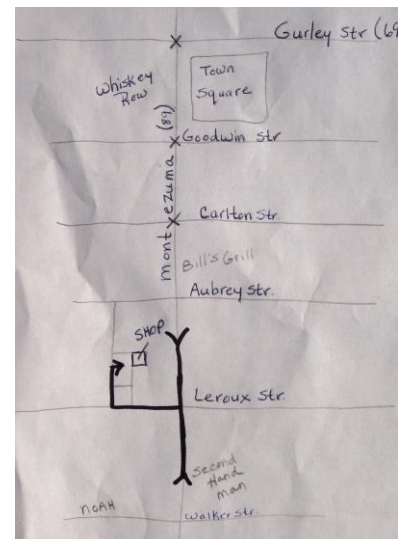
If you have any photos you think would be good for the club website (Field Trips, Special Meetings, Workshop, etc.) email them to either Colleen Walthew - cwalthew1@msn.com or Gail Walker - gawalkeraz@cableone.net

WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS

Until further notice, 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

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FIELD TRIP REPORT

Our field trip on Saturday, January 16, to the mountains south of Aguila was a big success! We collected amethystine by the bucketful, a lot of it with deep purple color inside the rock where sunlight had not had a chance to fade it to white. The weather could not have been more beautiful, sunny, warm, and breezy. Everyone had a great time! We were on old, washed-out mining trails that required 4WD, but we managed to get all participants up to the collection field and diggings. Stay tuned for February's trip!

I've talked to Steve Dudar, and he knows a place right along Williamson Valley Rd. after it passes the turnoff to Rte 68 to Camp Wood, the road becomes dirt instead of paved going north to Kingman. There's a spot right by the road where there is a plenty of native iron combined with calcite. Not lapidary material, but great display specimens or yard rocks. I'd like to propose this for our February club trip. Steve says the club has not been here before, so that should be interesting. More information about date, meeting place and time will be coming soon, so watch your emails.

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

Vice President of Field Trips – Mark Wenden

SOME PHOTOS OF THE RECENT TRIP TO AGUILA FOR AMETHYSTINE AND SOME OF THE FINDS



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THE PREZ SEZ!!

HEY ROCKHOUNDS!!

If a part of your body "falls asleep", you can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head. Well, THAT explains a lot (of what I see) from the podium! 😊 And: wow, what a snowfall we had- I hope all of you, your pets, your roofs, and your trees are okay.

February is upon us, and your new Board has been working for you- we have an outstanding group going forward. This general membership meeting, we have a T-shirt and ball cap replenishment order to vote. Many items are at zero, so we will get the quantity discount.

Please, please- send in your membership renewal checks to: P.O. Box 3923, Chino Valley, Arizona, 86323. You can, of course, give your check to Corinna at the membership desk. She has other duties at the meeting so it is MUCH easier for her if you mail it! Now is a good time to write that check- I just did.

Welcome to all of you new members, and 'welcome back' to everyone returning this year. We are gearing up for a great 2021: 'Fantastic Field Trips' from Mark, 'Super Speakers' from Wayne, our Silent Auction in April (donations are welcome), an outdoor (Fain Park) Spring Fling in June, and Christmas in July. WOW, what a year it is going to be!! Come and join in on the fun, camaraderie, learning, and excitement.

We still have some volunteer positions available for those who can help the Club- step up and be helpful to us all, please. We'll see you on Saturday, February 6, for the General Membership meeting.

Jim Turner - 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 January 2nd, 2021 - General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, 6501 East 6th Street, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 Board Members in attendance: Jim Turner, Wayne Augusto, Mark Wenden, Bob Boyd, Melanie Capps, Colleen Walthew, Denise Blankinship. Not in attendance: Carolyn Johnson, Jerry Jones

Meeting called to order by President Jim Turner at 9:31 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS - December General Meeting Minutes approved as written. (Mike Rowe motions, David Eagle seconds)

Treasurer Report, Carolyn Johnson - Update provided by Corinna Rowe and will be filed.

Programs Update Wayne Augusto. - Today Bob Boyd will present: "Are rocks and fossils really that old?" - February: George Lane on "Stromatolites" - March: Clarence and Denise Blankinship on "Working underground in a Michigan Copper Mine" - NOTE: Please contact Wayne with any Speaker or Program recommendations.

Field Trip Update, Mark Wenden - January's trip will be to the Contact Copper Mine for Amethystine. A 4-wheel drive vehicle will be required. Rock hounding tools required. An email will be provided the week Jan 11th. - Future trips will be defined.

Club Liaison Report, Bob Boyd - In process of distributing Club information rack cards. - Contacting other clubs to discuss alternative club activities given lower meeting attendance. Currently Quartzite remains scheduled. However, the Tucson's main Gem show has been cancelled for 2021. - See Bob for information regarding the American Lands

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Access Association. - Reminder: A special insurance rider is required for outside Club activities. - Question: Could the Club meeting be recorded or using Zoom? The Board will discuss further.

Membership Report, David Eagle and Corinna Rowe - Today's Attendance: 30 members (Quorum established) with 2 guests. A total of 271 members. - NOTE: Membership payments are accepted at Club meetings. Otherwise, please pay for dues via a check, mailed to the Club's PO Box. - NOTE: To have a Club name badge ordered, please see Membership. Magnetic badges are the default. If needed, badges with a pin backing can be ordered.

Past President Report, Colleen Walthew - Nothing to report at this time.

Independent Director Report, Jerry Jones - No update provided.

Show Chairperson Report, Melanie Capps - Decision is needed regarding Advertising expenses for the 2021 Gem Show. As of now the show is scheduled for the 1st weekend in August. Typically print advertising is submitted in January / February. At a minimum print advertising requires a 1 to 2 month advance notice. However, the minimum timeframe limits placement flexibility. Typical annual show advertising costs are \$10k - \$12k. All costs spent for the 2020 cancelled show were non-refundable. - Question: Who canceled the show? The Club did due to the lack of volunteers and complexity of crowd monitoring within the Event Center. - Question: What advertising channels give our best results in attendance? Radio and word of mouth but a fair number are from magazines. - Question: How many vendors have demonstrated an interest in the show? No vendors have been contacted at this point however Melanie is sure - Motion: David Eagle motions to delay advertising expenses until March 15th. Bob Boyd seconds and the Club approved the motion.

Workshop Manager Report, Steve Dudar (provided by Mike Rowe) - Shop Activity: 16.5 active hours. - NOTE: Access to the Workshop is scheduled by appointment only. A 3-hour training sessions is required prior to using shop facilities. Please see the PGMC Newsletter for scheduling information. - NOTE: Please donate jewelry cardboard boxes for use in storing rock specimens.

New 2021 Volunteers Introductions: - Membership / Greeter: David Eagle - Raffle: Marie Gallegos
NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / QUESTIONS Jim Turner: Discussed the idea of holding a "Christmas in July" at Fain Park as a way for the Club members to socialize while outside. This will be discussed further by the Board. Steve Dudar: Motioned for Linda and Paul Loschke to be awarded a Life Time Membership for their work in supporting the Club. Per Club By-laws, a Life Time Membership can be awarded once a 10-person petition is presented at a General Meeting and a vote taken.

Doris Edelman: Evaluating if the Club is willing to take specialty shirt orders. Recommendation made to require full payment at time of order. Need to confirm availability with shirt vendor(s).

Barbara Jones, Secretary for the Mingus Gem and Mineral Club: The Mingus Semiannual Show is currently scheduled for the last weekend in February. Also, a founding Mingus Club member is liquidating a lifetime rock collection. Watch for an email for further information.

Corinna Rowe: It's that time of year for annual Club dues. Please pay dues in-person at the next General Meeting or via a check mailed to the Club's PO Box address. Meeting Break at 10:35 am. (Sheldon Edelman motions, Jim Giraud seconds) Meeting Resumes at 10:54 am. Program: Bob Boyd, "Are Rocks and Fossils Really That Old?" Meeting adjourned at 11:41am. (Mike Rowe motions, Mark Wenden seconds)

Raffle: Held.

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

. Prescott Gem and Mineral Club – January 18th, 2021 - BOD Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, 6501 E 6th St, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 Board Members in attendance: Jim Turner, Carolyn Johnson, Wayne Augusto, Mike Rowe, Melanie Capps, and Denise Blankinship Not in attendance - Mark Wenden, Collen Walthew, Jerry Jones
called to order at 5:03 pm October Board Meeting Minutes approved as written. (Melanie Capps motions, Wayne

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Augusto seconds, Board approves)

Independent Director, David Eagle Motion: Wayne Augusto motions for David Eagle to become the 2021 Independent Director. Melanie seconds. Board approves.

Programs Report, Wayne Augusto - February: George Lane on "Stromatolites" - March: Clarence and Denise Blankinship on "Working in an underground in the White Pine Copper Mine"

Treasurer Report, Carolyn Johnson - Update provided - Motion: Denise Blankinship motions to extend the approval of Storage through August 19, 2021. Wayne Augusto seconds. Board approves.

Field Trip Report, Mark Wenden - No report provided.

Club Liaison Report, Bob Boyd (provided by Jim Turner) - Bob is not available until March. - Visited both the PV and Prescott Chamber of commerce to drop off Club rack cards but both offices were closed. Contacted Dayle Wilson about dates for Territorial Days and Fall Fest in order to coordinate insurance riders. Dayle will communicate information once known. - Reviewing Club Liaison Job Description. Evaluating whether or not Insurance Riders should be handled by the Independent Director. -

Reviewing Shop insurance policy.

Action Items: Jim Turner will update RMFMS / AFMS with current Club Board contact information.

Independent Director Report, Mike Rowe - Transition / knowledge transfer scheduled with David Eagle.

Show Report, Melanie Capps - Continues to wait until March 15th Club Board Meeting to submit advertising. -

Contacting all vendors to verify interest in attending show. - Volunteer Need summary will be created.

Past President Report, Colleen Walthew - No report provided. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / QUESTIONS T-shirt Stock: - T-shirt is stock low and we are out of hats.. Stock needs to be refreshed. The recommended stock re-order will be presented at the Feb General Meeting for approval. - Evaluate selling Club apparel at the Show.

Moose Lodge Annual Donation: - Motion: David Eagle motions to pay the Moose Lodge a \$500 donation for allowing the Club to hold both General and Board Meeting. Wayne Augusto seconds. Board approves.

Volunteers Needed: - Membership Assistant - Greeter

Future Rockhounds of America Leader Board Member Bio's requested for updates to the Club's website. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. (Carolyn Johnson motions, Denise Blankinship Seconds)

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2020/21

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

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral

January 01 - February 28, 2021 TBD

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.

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