



# TAILINGS

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Organized to foster the development of amateur lapidary and jewelry craftsman, to foster an interest in mineral collecting, to present educational programs designed to improve knowledge, craft skill and to promote public interest in these areas.

Affiliations:

AFMS – American Federation of Mineral Societies [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

RMFMS – Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies [www.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org)

ESM -Earth Science Museum [www.earthsciencemuseum.org](http://www.earthsciencemuseum.org)

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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, Jeff Walker, Mark Wenden			

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**ANNUAL DUES**

Individual Membership.....\$ 12.00

Family Membership .....\$ 18.00

(A family consists of people living in your household, at the same address)

Membership dues will be used to fund the Club, to pay for membership in the Rocky Mountain and American Federations. (\$1.50) per adult member and children over 12, and for liability insurance (\$.60 per member)

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 Cris Trout at [mrytrout@yahoo.com](mailto:mrytrout@yahoo.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 Maggi Lieber at 520-831-4860.**

Future General Meeting Dates:

Sep 4, 2021

Oct 2, 2021

Nov 6, 2021

Dec 4, 2021 (Christmas Potluck)

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Sep 21, 2021

Oct 19 2021

Nov 16, 2021

Dec 21, 2021 (If Held)

Anyone planning to attend a board meeting, please call Pres. Maggi Lieber 520-831-4860, 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!!

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

With the holidays bring right around the corner, now might be a good time to take one of my classes in beading, wire wrapping, and silversmithing. I 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 learn how to create a gift for the someone special, give me a call.

I've been with the club for 18 years and have been teaching for 30 years

928-533-4689

Thanks, Kathy

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

I'm keeping mum on the show. I will be sharing the show information at the September 4th meeting. **Thank you** to the people who volunteered and worked their "tushes" off. I have finally recovered, and I think the brain is back in shape. First two weeks after a show, I can't even put a sentence together, and make any sense out of it. For those that called me during that time, you understand what I am saying. So, pretty soon I will be thinking and planning for the 2022 show. Get your thoughts ready and let's share ideas to make 2022 a bigger and better show !!!

Melanie - Show Chair  
208-818-2363  
[melaniecapps123@gmail.com](mailto:melaniecapps123@gmail.com)  
this will make it easier to contact me

### 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!*

## 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**

### FOR SALE

GTec Torch Booster 15 \$300: natural gas torch booster with pressure regulator, 15cf per hr @25psi; purchased new 5 years ago but never hooked up or used, stored indoors.

Paragon High Fire Kiln \$200: Model Caldera-S, one expansion sleeve, 120 volt, 14 amp, max temp 2000degrees, used but in good condition. Has not been used in about 5 years.

Soldering Package \$180: All items new, not used. Hoke torch for natural gas with 3 tips and hanging bar; Jewelers torch adapter kit (fine work torch tips); 12"x12"x1/2" hard solderite pad; 6"x6"x1/2" hard solderite pad; 12" round turntable annealing pan with bag of pumice; pack of 3 wire mesh firing shelves; 3 piece soldering pick set; two 5 1/2" charcoal soldering blocks (one broken but not used). Retail value of all items is over \$240.



If interested or have any questions, contact Heather Bilodeau at 602-499-7417. She lives in Tempe but would deliver for a nominal fee.



## 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](mailto:gawalkeraz51@gmail.com)**

### Up-Coming PGMC PROGRAMS

September will be Bob Boyd and Jim Turner on their trip to Wyoming and the RMFMS conference. November is going to be Les Presmyk speaking about talk about Quartz in Arizona.

### 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)

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AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE

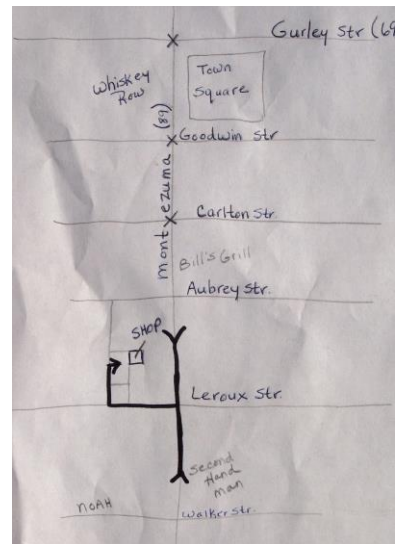
WWW.PRESCOTTGEMMINERAL.ORG

If you have any photos and/or appropriate thoughts that you think would be good for the club website (Field Trips, Special Meetings, Workshop, etc.)  
email them to Maggi Lieber [fluffierox@yahoo.com](mailto:fluffierox@yahoo.com)

## WORKSHOP HOURS and ADDRESS

I hope to offer more regularly scheduled days and hours after the September meeting.

Thank You,  
Work Shop Manager  
Steve Dudar



PGMC LIBRARY



1. Only paid members may check out books.
2. The librarian will keep a record of who has which books checked out.
3. There is no due date, or late fees. Members are expected to act honorably, and return the books promptly when they are done with them.
4. The books remain the property of PGMC, and return may be demanded at any time.

### TITLES AVAILABLE

An Instant Guide to Rocks and Minerals  
Color Treasury of Crystals  
Creative Glass Techniques  
Creative Plastics Techniques

Crystal Vision  
Crystal Visions  
Do-it-Yourself Vacuum Forming for the

Eva Fejer & Cecilia Fitzsimons  
Vincenzo de Michele  
Bettina Eberle  
Claude Smale  
Michael G. Smith & Lin  
Westthorp  
Roxayne Veasey  
Douglas E. Walsh

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Hobbyist

Gadeteer's Goldmine

Gem Hunter's Guide

Gem Identification Made Easy

Gemstones of the World

Geology Illustrated

Love is in the Earth

Patina

Rocks and Minerals

Step-by-Step Jewelry

The Complete Book of Jewelry Making

The Design and Creation of Jewelry

The Essence of Gemstones

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Minerals & Rocks

The Observer's Book of Geology

The Wire Artist Jeweller

The World of Minerals

Van Nostrand's Standard Catalog of Gems

Windmills and Wind Motors

Wonderful Wire Works

Gordon McComb

Russell MacFall

Matlins & Bonanno

Walter Schumann

John Shelton

Melody

Matthew Runfola

Chris Pellant

Thomas Gentile

Carles Codina

Robert von Neumann

Renate Sperling

Randolph Lucas

I.O. Evans

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Vincenzo de Michele

John Sinkankas

F. E. Powell

Mickey Basket

David Eagle - [mingovia@gmail.com](mailto:mingovia@gmail.com) or 301-471-3428S

### **FIELD TRIP REPORT**

Greetings Rockhounds!

Our September field trip will take place on Saturday, September 18.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Burger King at the junction of I-17 at Rte 260 E. After signing in and distributing radios, we will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Where we are going:

We will take Rte 260 to Rte 87 South, through Strawberry and Pine, to Houston Mesa Rd (north of Payson). then turning off onto Pyeatt Draw Rd. This will take us to a stretch of Ellison Creek where we can collect agate of various colors, red and yellow jasper, nodules (called geodes, but not really), and fossils in the limestone. We will park in a cleared, flat area less than 100 yards from the collection site. We can explore upstream and downstream, as this whole stretch of Ellison Creek is known for agate, jasper, nodules, and fossils.

Pyeatt Draw Rd. is dirt and rock and is pretty rough in places. High clearance is needed, 4WD not required, but a good idea especially if it has rained.

What to bring:

Geologist's hammer, bucket or backpack, water, sun hat, trekking stick, and GOOD BOOTS. We will be walking over river rock, and it is easy to turn an ankle. There is no cactus to deal with, so short sleeves and light pants are OK. If you want to collect nodules, you may want to bring a shovel or mattock, as they are often found in the soil of the creek banks in this area.

Bringing a lunch is suggested, since one-way travel time from Prescott to the collection site is about 2 1/2 hours, and we will not be near any stores or restaurants.

### **INVITATION FROM PASADENA LAPIDARY CLUB TO PGMC**

Following their successful collection trip to Horseshoe Tank near Jerome the weekend of our Gem & Mineral Show, the Pasadena Lapidary Club has extended an invitation to the PGMC to join them on Thanksgiving weekend when they will be

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collecting agate in the North Cady Mountains in the Barstow, CA area. They will be there the whole four-day weekend, but participating for shorter times is OK.

This will be in a primitive area where RVs cannot go. High clearance 4WD is required to go into Afton Canyon. They will be tent camping, but will provide GPS data to guide RV campers to their base camp. There will be the need to do some hiking. Google "Cady Mountains agate" to see images of the beautiful specimens they will be collecting.

If you are interested in going, please contact Mark Wenden by mid-October ([wenden1622@gmail.com](mailto:wenden1622@gmail.com)) to receive more detailed information.

Mark Wenden

VP, Field Trip Leader

[wenden1622@gmail.com](mailto:wenden1622@gmail.com)



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

### ***PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE***

Well, we made it. Another successful Prescott Gem and Mineral Show and Sale is in the history books. From all accounts it was a successful show despite having attendance of less than half of 2019, our last show. Most of the attendees that I saw leaving were carrying bags and the vendors that I spoke to all said they were having a good show with several reporting having their best ever weekend. That's all good news, indicating that in 2022 the vendors who were unable to attend this year will be back along with everyone else.

Now for the negative news. We had far fewer volunteers this year, forcing us to eliminate some areas and cut back on some others. The members who did pitch in were exhausted by the end of the show and understandably so. Many of them did double or triple duty to cover the areas that were lacking manpower. That's just not gonna fly folks. I know we are all getting older and are not able to work the long hours or do the physical labor we once did. So, the question needs to be asked and answered, what now? The show is the club's biggest revenue generator and monies made from the show pay for all or part of the other club activities; work shop, spring fling, Holiday Potluck, field trips, etc. I know some of you will ask what does our membership dues pay for then. Out of the \$12 individual dues \$3.50 goes for your badge and approximately \$5, not sure what the exact amount is, goes towards insurance through the Rocky Mountain Federation. That insurance covers us for field trips and also allows us to rent the venue for the show. That doesn't leave a lot left over. That's why we need this show. So, do we try to hire people to do the heavy work, do we rent a U-Haul to bring everything from the storage unit to the show (We were short at least two vehicles this year causing a bit of a problem. I ended up with the tent for the fluorescent display strapped to the roof of the van). And poor Steve was our muscle this year. He single handedly loaded, unloaded, reloaded then loaded back into the storage unit everything. All of the display cases, all of the leftover geodes and

the list goes on. We're going to need to take a good hard look at the way we run things or we're going to burn out our working members.

I don't like being the voice of doom and gloom but these things need to be said and these questions need to be answered. This is a wonderful club with a great membership. I'd hate to see it unravel.

All of that being said, congratulate yourselves on another successful show in these trying and uncertain times.

Maggi Lieber  
Interim 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 2021 - General Meeting Minutes**

There was no general meeting in August so there are no minutes to report.

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

#### **Prescott Gem and Mineral Club – July 20th, 2021 - BOD Meeting Minutes**

##### **Approved by the BOD at the August BOD Meeting**

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, 6501 E 6th St, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Board Members in attendance: Maggi Lieber, Mark Wenden, Wayne Augusto, Carolyn Johnson, Bob Boyd, Melanie Capps and Denise Blankinship

Not in attendance: Colleen Walthew, David Eagle

Meeting called to order at 1:07 pm

##### **OLD BUSINESS**

June Board Meeting Minutes approved with the following correction(s): Mark Wenden will remain on both Club Savings accounts. (Bob Boyd motions, Carolyn Johnson seconds, Board approves)

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

Past President: Given Jim Turner did not serve a full term, Colleen Walthew will continue in the role of Past President.

(Mark Wenden motions, Wayne Augusto seconds, Board approves)

Board Meeting Minutes: Going forward Board Minutes from one month will be reviewed and approved during the next Board meeting before being published to the Membership.

Website Maintenance: All website changes will be managed by Maggi Lieber. PayPal changes have been reversed.

##### **Show Report, Melanie Capps**

The Kids Area will not be included in this year's Show. This is largely due to insufficient volunteers for the overall show.

Those that had volunteered to support the Kids Area will be deployed to other volunteer positions. (Wayne Augusto motioned, Bob Boyd seconds, Board approves)

Currently we have 15 fewer Vendors than from past Show years. As a result, Vendors will be more spread out allowing for better social distancing.

Volunteers are needed for Setup (8am - Noon on Thursday, Aug 5th) and Tear Down on Sunday, August 8th).

##### **Field Trip Report, Mark Wenden**

September trip is currently being scouted.

Note: Although Mark is guiding the Pasadena Gem Club on a local trip, this is not being done as part of the Club.

##### **Programs Report, Wayne Augusto**

September: To be determined

October: RFMS Conference Overview by Jim Turner and Bob Boyd. May be moved to September.

November: Les Presmyk. The Board agreed to pay Les \$150 for returning to speak in October given that he was fully paid for his July trip that did not occur due to Moose Lodge scheduling conflicts.

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**Independent Director Report, David Eagle** - no report provided.

**Treasurer Report, Carolyn Johnson**

Financials reported and will be filed.

PV Club Storage semi-annual bill is due. Maggi Lieber and Mark Wenden will evaluate the contents of the PV storage locker and determine if an alternate location is appropriate. Until this is done, the cost for the storage will be paid monthly.

Club Banking Account Access Changes (Denise Blankinship motioned, Bob Boyd seconded, Board approved)

Jim Turner will be removed from all Club banking accounts.

Mark Wenden will remain on both Club Savings accounts and removed from the

Club Escrow account. This is a change from what had been decided during the

June Board meeting.

**Club Liaison Report, Bob Boyd**

American Highway: Details will be presented to the General Membership in

September.

**Past President Report, Colleen Walthew** - no report provided

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm. (Bob Boyd motions, Denise Blankinship seconds, Board approves)

Submitted by Denise Blankinship, Secretary

## **SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY – 2021**

### **September 2021**

**17-19—PAYSON, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Payson Rimstones 23rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Mazatzal Hotel and Casino Event Center, Hwy 87 Mile Marker 251, Payson, AZ85541 Friday 2-7, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Admission \$3. Children 13 and under free with paid adult.

**18-19—GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:** Annual show; Grand Junction Gem and Mineral Club; Mesa County Fair Grounds, 2785 US Highway 50; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$5, children \$3; 75 anniversary show—diamond celebration; contact Wayne Sims, 622 Glacier Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81507, (970) 516-3870; Email: [lks10042@msn.com](mailto:lks10042@msn.com)

**24-26—CLARKDALE, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium, 19 N. Ninth Street; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free; The Semi-Annual Clarkdale Gem and Mineral Show and Sale. Wire-wrapping and geode-splitting demonstrations, agates, fossils, gems, beads, findings, cabochons, crystals, jewelry, unique gift item and so much more; mineral specimens for children 12 and under; Kids can play the Spin-n-Win Wheel.; contact Bill Hedglin; Email: [billkarin3@q.com](mailto:billkarin3@q.com); Website: <http://www.mingusgem.club/>

### **October 2021**

**9-10—SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Huachuca Mineral and Gem Club; The Mall at Sierra Vista, AZ, El Mercado Drive; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; Indoor and outdoor vendors, free gem identification by graduate gemologist, demonstrations and displays; contact Maudie Bailey, 5036 S. San Carlos Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650, (520) 249-1541; Email: [gmbailey@msn.com](mailto:gmbailey@msn.com); Website: [huachucamineralandgemclub.info](http://huachucamineralandgemclub.info)

**16-17—SEDONA, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Sedona Gem and Mineral Club; Sedona Red Rock H.S., Upper Red Rock Loop Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$4.00 - Children under 12 Free; 45 vendors, Many with native Arizona specimens. Kid Adventure to find free mineral specimens throughout the show. Food trucks on site.; contact Mark Moorehead; Email: [fifthestate23@gmail.com](mailto:fifthestate23@gmail.com); Website: [sedonagemandmineral.org](http://sedonagemandmineral.org)

**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.**