

Sedona Red Rocking News

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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President's Message

Mark Moorehead



February means more than Valentine's Day, it's also the most exciting month of the year for any Rock Club including ours. Why? Because the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, the biggest

Gem Show in North America, is here and only a mere three and half hour drive from Sedona. We have record number of club members signed up to go, 18 so far. Interest is high and it's not too late if you want to go. Even if your budget is too tight to buy anything it's still an educational and visual feast for the eyes. The first time you may seem a bit overwhelmed. But, you learn so much the first couple times you go that you're able to narrow down the venues that really excite you, to a half dozen. And, you get to enjoy the comradery of fellow club members over a few meals who like to share their experiences and bargain treasure finds. Contact Pat McMahon if you have questions (928-300-8333).

Carpooling. A lot of members have indicated a desire to carpool to Field Trips and Gem Shows. I'd like someone to help me organize this effort by managing a sign-up sheet of drivers willing to share their vehicle and riders willing to share the cost of gas. Everyone wins. Even if you volunteer to manage the sign-up sheet for one outing it would benefit many. The sign

up sheet is simple: top half a driver(s) willing to drive, bottom half list of riders wanting to go.

There's order in the Universe. Thanks to the efforts of board members Tom Helgesen, Bill and Marge Schwartz the club trailer looks better than an ad for Classy Closets. All of our monthly raffle and annual show specimens for 2018 were sorted, boxed, labeled and organized on shelves. I'm very grateful for Bill's initiative and his time constructing, repairing and reorganizing the shelving for this purpose.

Plenty of time to plan a trip to Nowhere, Arizona: our club has been invited to join the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society, based in Las Vegas, to join them for a field trip March 7-12 to Burro Creek. It's an overnight camp and camping is cheap. And, of course you don't have to stay all 6 days—even one would be fun. Details and list of specimens available to find to be provided by Dave Maples.

Hi all:

If you signed up to go on the trip to Tucson, the guide books will be available for you Thursday Feb. 1st, after 2PM. They will be on Amy Koba's porch at 85 Ross Rd (take Northview at Bank of America and then a right onto Ross Rd). Please take one of each book. If you want to go on the trip but did not sign up, please call Pat 928-300-8333. See you in Tucson,

Marge Schwartz

Past President, Membership Chair

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club Meeting

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

By Evelina Dunton



The Sedona Gem and Mineral Club will meet February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedona Public Library. Our featured speaker will be **Michele Watters** whose presentation is titled “Exploring Reactive Metals Studio”.

Reactive Metals Studio was founded 37 years ago by Bill Seeley after he completed his Masters Thesis “The Studio Preparation and Coloring of Titanium”.

Michele Watters began the company 27 years ago to implement the accounting software and learned everything from the bottom up. Her business partner, Deborah Allen-Adair has been with the company for almost 29 years. She came to the company with a jewelry making background, working many years as a bench jeweler in Australia. Michele and Deborah bought the company from Bill Seeley when he retired in 2013.

Since the beginning, Michele and Deborah have been the small quantity specialists in exotic metal products like Niobium, Titanium, Japanese alloy metals and unique jewelry making tools that complement our metal lines. They sell all over the world to jewelers, knife makers, artists and crafts people with extremely varied tastes.

Michele will be sharing a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the many beautiful things people have made with Studio products as well as demonstrating Anodizing on Niobium. It is a very simple process with a very dramatic outcome. Anodizing, in this case, is basically running an electrical current through a bath of soapy water. The natural oxide layer

occurring in Niobium allows one to thicken that layer by increasing the voltage and the way the light refracts through the layer is how the different colors appear. There are no dyes involved and the material is completely hypoallergenic. There are many different surface techniques allowing you to see the color.

Michele will be demonstrating some of them such as sponging, masking, and anodic painting. She will have samples on hand of some of her other metals like the Japanese Mokume Gane as well as a line of impressions castings and some other unique products. We are looking forward to this one-of-a-kind presentation.

The Club meeting will also feature member displays, closing with the monthly raffle of some terrific rock and mineral specimens. Visitors and member guests are always welcome!



Trivia Note: February 14, 2018 is the State of Arizona's 106th birthday. It was admitted as the 48th State in the Union.

–The editor

Gem and Mineral Shows and Other News!

Jan. 25-Feb. 11, 2018, 9 am.-6 p.m. daily. The **22nd Street Mineral & Fossil Show** is presented by Eons Expos and held at the Corner of I-10 and 22nd St., 600 W. 22nd St., Tucson. This show takes place in a colossal 250-yard heated tent and features dinosaur exhibits, minerals, fossils, meteorites, jewelry, and

carvings. Open to the public with free admission. Parking \$3. See the website for more info:

www.22ndstreetshow.com/exhibitor_information.php

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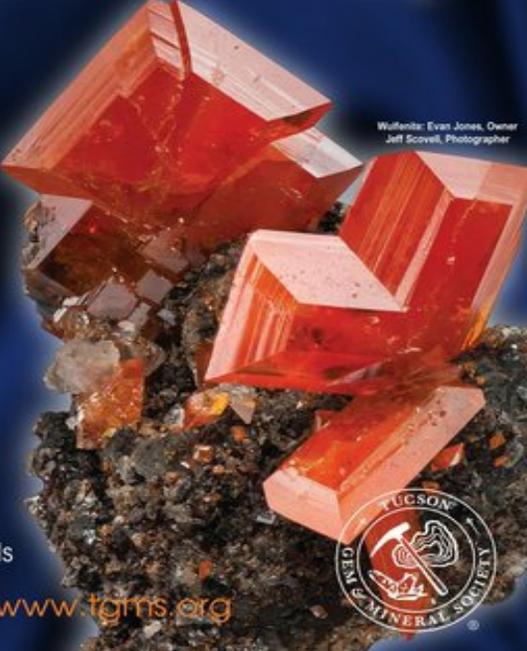


Gold on Quartz: Gilles Emminger Collection
Joe Bodd, Photographer

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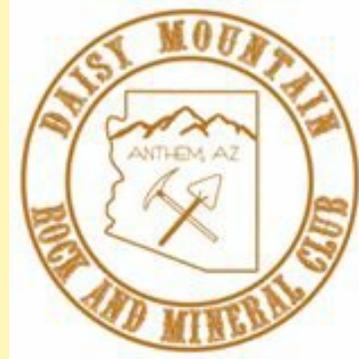


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64th Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show! February 8 - February 11, Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701. Hours: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Feb 8, 9 & 10th, and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 11. See website: <http://www.tgms.org/calendar/2017/10/17/tucson-gem-mineral-society-present> To the AZ Rock Clubs,

March 24-25, 2018 **Anthem Gem & Mineral Show**,
March 24, 2018 Saturday 9am - 5pm, March 25,
2018 Sunday 10am - 4 pm. Boulder Creek High
School, 40405 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy Anthem, AZ
85086. See website: <http://www.dmrmc.com/>



Burro Creek Rockhounding Opportunity!

Las Vegas has invited the AZ Clubs to join them on a rock trip to Burro Creek. This is not a Coalition trip. Please see below for further information. Like Peggy Sue said, this would be a great time to meet new friends. Being the AZ State director I have met with some of your clubs and have enjoyed the people and shared rock trips. I'm still making my way to those clubs I have not made it yet. If you can give an approximate number of how many people will be coming from your club, even if you don't plan to stay over night, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please wear your name tags. Hope to see you there.
Happy Hunting!

Thank You, Jodi Brewster
Arizona State Director

Burro Creek rock trip details from: Peggy Sue Moore

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society
[3111 S. Valley View Blvd](#), E-125
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Club website: www.SNVGMS.org

We are inviting our fellow Rockhounds from Arizona to join us as this is their backyard and know all the good places to go, so you will be meeting new friends. If you need a motel, check with Wikiup, AZ or Wickenburg, AZ, hotels and motels on Google.

We have been there before and have collected agate, opalite, pastelite, jasper, apache tears, & petrified wood. I know there is a lot more so we will be coordinating with our Arizona friends for the best sites to visit.

Most of the roads are graded, if you do not have 4 wheel drive, try to make advance arrangements to acquire one before the trip. The closest fuel is in Wikiup or Wickenburg. We usually bring a couple of auxiliary gas cans for our generator.

When: March 7 as an arrival date. We have reserved the group camp site.

Where: Burro Creek Campground. BLM campground.

Schedule:

Wednesday, March 7th, Arrival day. Get set up in your campsite. If you have a tent or an RV that isn't too big to maneuver, you can easily fit into the group site. This site has a covered pavilion, which we will use for eating and the Saturday night pot luck. Bill and I will probably park in one of the regular sites, as our 5th wheel is 30 feet long.

Thursday, March 8th: field trip

Friday, March 9th: field trip

Saturday, March 10th: field trip & POT LUCK
DINNER at 5pm

Sunday, March 11th: field trip

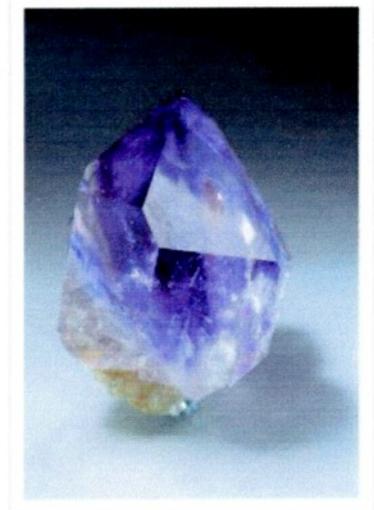
Monday, March 12th: vacate group campground

February Birthstone: Amethyst

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The Meaning, Significance and Symbolism Of The Amethyst, February Birthstone

Those born in the month of February are blessed with Amethyst as their birth gemstone. This stone was believed to ward off the intoxicating and alluring powers of Bacchus by the ancient Greeks and Romans, as well as keep the wearer calm, sharp and quick-witted. The Amethyst is a lovely deep purple, and is among the popular gemstones around the world for its striking beauty, deep color and minimum inclusion. During the Middle Ages, the stone was believed to have symbolized royalty. Today, the Amethyst is prized for the associated qualities of peace, courage, stability, sincerity and strength it is supposed to bestow on the wearer.



Interesting Facts About The February Birthstone

In Greek mythology, a beautiful maiden called Amethystos was known to have rebuffed Dionysus, the god of wine. The legend says that the maiden prayed to the Gods to keep her chaste, resulting in her transformation to a white stone from a maiden. Dionysus, driven by grief, is said to have poured wine on the stone, turning it purple. As a result, the Amethyst is often associated with romance, lust and love.

Membership News by Marge Schwartz



In January, many of you have been sending your renewal of your membership. **The new fee for a single membership is \$20.00, a family is \$30.00, and a junior membership is 10.00 effective 11/20/17.**

See the membership form at the end of this newsletter. New members, be sure to indicate if you wish to have a badge with your name wonderfully displayed. Bring your membership renewals to the Tuesday, February 20 meeting to continue another great year.

Questions? Call Marge Schwartz (928) 203-0356.



**2018
Membership Application**
(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Desired (Check One)

- Individual - \$20.00
 Family - \$30.00
 Junior (9-18) - \$10.00

If family membership, please list the names below:

New Members: Do you want a badge? _____

What type of backing do you want on your badge?

- Pin back
Magnetic back

Add \$9.00 for each badge and indicate the exact spelling of name to go on each badge.

**Mail this application with your dues to:
Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
PO Box 3284
Sedona, AZ 86340**

Mail to the above address, or bring to our next meeting

Questions?

Call

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If you have questions or comments about the newsletter, contact Galen Worthington at gaviator47@yahoo.com

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Judy Feldman is our club's sunshine lady. If you know anyone who needs sunshine, please contact Judy at 928-284-3534