

SEDONA RED ROCKING NEWS

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General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Sedona Library in West Sedona. The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of the month at the home of Greg Capatch in Sedona. Members and guests are always welcome to attend.

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DECEMBER PROGRAM

Annual Sedona G & M Club Christmas Party

The program for December will be the annual pot luck Christmas party which will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at Saint Andrews Church in West Sedona from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM. We have the space rented from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM, and those that volunteered for set up should plan to arrive at 5:00 PM. We generally start serving food just before 6 PM, so keep that in mind as you make your plans. Additional information is included on page 2 of the newsletter. It's always a fun party and we look forward to seeing you there!

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New Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2014

As a result of the annual elections at our November Club meeting, the following are our Officers and Board Members for 2014.

President: Pat McMahan

1st Vice President and Program Chair: Evelina Dunton

2nd Vice President and Field Trips Chair: Ted Shultz

Treasurer: Gayle Macklin

Secretary: Susan Read

Board Members: Amy Koba, John Brown, Greg Capatch, Tom Helgeson

A list of all Committee heads is forthcoming. This will be a very fun and exciting year for our Club! I look forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas Dinner December 11.

Warm regards,
Pat McMahan



Did you know that the mineral Smithsonite was named after the man who provided the initial funding for the Smithsonian Institution, John Smithson?

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP

Information for the December field trip will be announced at the December general meeting.

Annual Club Dues Are Due!

Our annual club membership dues are due in January, so please be sure to bring your checkbook with you to the December meeting if you would like to renew your membership.

Membership dues for one year are as follows:

- Individual membership: \$15.00
- Family membership: \$25.00
- Junior (9-18 yrs old) membership: \$5.00

If you would like a club badge, please include \$6.00 (per badge) with your application.

Club membership entitles you to all the benefits of belonging to the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club, including meetings with educational programs and speakers, raffles, special classes, club functions such as the summer picnic and Christmas party, field trips, our newsletter, and our fantastic annual gem and mineral show. And also, just as importantly - the opportunity to get to know a bunch of friendly (and a little crazy) rockhounds for fun and adventure!



*Happy
Holidays
To All!*

The Sunshine Lady
If you know of anyone who needs some sunshine in our club, please be sure to contact Marge Schwartz at bschwar13@msn.com

President's Message - Holiday 2013

Happy Holidays to one and all. We had a lot of the membership present during the November general meeting, which was nice to see. For those not present, and as a reminder for those that were, I want to take a minute to go over a few important items.

The first is the Christmas party, which will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at Saint Andrews Church in West Sedona from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM. We have the space rented from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM, and those that volunteered for set up should plan to arrive at 5:00 PM. We generally start serving food just before 6 PM, so keep that in mind as you make your plans. At the close of the festivities, I am hopeful a few people will offer to help tear down and put everything away. The club provides the turkeys, ham, drinks, and a few other odds and ends- and the remaining food is provided by members in the form of a pot luck. In this case the term is used loosely, because although people are free to bring whatever they want, we still need members to volunteer to bring the 'standard' fixings for a traditional holiday feast. Currently, we have volunteers to do the turkeys, ham, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce- but we still have a need for a few items that are traditionally served during the holidays. If you didn't sign up to bring something- and would like to offer to help, please call me at 554- 4615 and we will get you signed up to bring something.

We will also be doing a 'Secret Santa' during the party. This is not mandatory, so if you would like to participate all you need to do is bring something wrapped to the party at a suggested value of approximately ten dollars. Those that bring something will be able to choose an item that another club member has brought in- it's that easy. The gift can be whatever you want to bring, it doesn't need to be related to minerals.

Door prizes will be given to all members that come. Earlier this year, we chose a lot of nice mineral specimens that were set aside for this event. Everyone will get a ticket just for coming, then we will draw numbers 'raffle style' and you will be able to choose from whatever is on the table at the time your number is drawn.

Entertainment will be provided again this year by Mike Silberhorn, a very talented club member that hosts an open mic night at his business on a regular basis, and we are happy he is returning.

During the Christmas party we will also be raffling off the volunteer incentive prizes to those that spent time volunteering at the show. During the party just see Ann or me and let us know how many hours you volunteered. You will receive one ticket for each hour you spent volunteering. Once everyone has their tickets, we will draw for the prizes. If you are not planning to come to the Christmas party, but volunteered at the show and would like to be included in the raffle, just call me and we will get your tickets in the raffle jar.

Generally speaking, there is no club business conducted during the party, and we hope to see all of you come out and join us for what promises to be a great time.

Greg Capatch



TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW FIELD TRIP

Wednesday, February 12 thru Friday, February 14, 2014

Hotel Accommodations are at:

Best Value Inn
818 E. Benson Hwy
Tucson
520-884-5800
Cost per room: \$59.99, plus tax for a 2 double bed or 1 king bed room.
Please tell the hotel you are from the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club to receive the negotiated rate.

Directions:
I-10 south to exit 262 (Benson Hwy. South)
Go one quarter mile south on Benson Hwy. Best Value Inn will be on your right on the northwest corner of Park Ave. and Benson Hwy.

Dinner will be at 6:00pm. Meet at the hotel lobby at 5:20pm for a brief orientation where I will have material on the agenda for this fun trip.

Wednesday evening we'll be having authentic tasty Mexico City food at:

La Parilla Suiza
2720 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson
520-624-4300

Pat McMahan will furnish complimentary directories and other free guide books which give information about the shows. These directories will be available for you to pick up at Amy Koba's house at 85 Ross Rd. (89A to North view south 1block to Ross then west on Ross). They will be outside by her front door, Friday, Feb. 7. Take one of each of the different guides.

This is the biggest and best rock, mineral and fossil show in the world. People travel many thousands of miles to come to this event. It's almost in our backyards (about 3 and one half hour's drive from Sedona).

Tucson Field Trip Coordinator
Pat McMahan
928-300-8333

DECEMBER COALITION FIELD TRIP

BUCKSKIN MOUNTAINS: BOUSE, ARIZONA
HOSTED BY: VERDE RIVER ROCKHOUSES OF COTTONWOOD, AZ.

DATE: Saturday, 12-28-2013

MEETING PLACE(S) AND TIMES:

Meeting time is 8:30AM. Meeting place is at Midway which is about 15 miles north of Bouse. From the intersection of Main & RT 72 in Bouse, turn east on Main, cross the RR tracks, drive .25 mile to Rayder Rd, turn left on Rayder which soon becomes Swansea Rd. and go 2.2 miles to a fork. Bear left (NE) and drive 10.5 miles to Midway, intersection of Swansea, Lincoln-Ranch and Transmission Line roads.

DIRECTIONS TO BOUSE, ARIZONA:

It is 200 miles to Bouse from Cottonwood or about 130 miles from Phoenix. If you're coming from Cottonwood allow about 4 hours driving time to the meeting place. Take Hwy 89A from Cottonwood to Prescott Valley all the way to the intersection with Hwy 89. Continue south on Hwy 89 all the way through Prescott, Kirkland Junction, Yarnell and Congress. At Congress, turn right(SW) onto SR 71 which will go under Hwy 93 in a few miles and continue on to intersect with U.S. 60 at Aguila. Go west on U.S. 60 through Gladden, Wenden, Salome & Hope. At Hope, turn right onto SR 72 and proceed about 20 miles to Bouse.

From any other location consult a good map or use MapQuest.

VEHICLE REQUIRED:

Passenger cars can make it to the meeting place, but high-clearance, 4WD vehicles will be required to get to the collecting sites. Should you need to switch to another vehicle, we can usually find space somewhere for you.

GENERAL ITINERARY:

I will be staying in our travel trailer at Midway in a big, flat camping area there (you can't miss it). You are welcome to join me for camping out there Friday night, Dec 27.

We will meet at Midway and collect at several sites near Midway on Saturday. After the fieldtrip, you could go down to Quartzsite where you could spend a couple of days at the various shows. It's a little early at some venues, but there should be a lot to look at (and buy).

MOTELS IN THE AREA:

1.Parker, Arizona. Consult the internet for many good motels. About 28 miles from Bouse plus 15 miles to Midway, so plan your driving time accordingly.

2.Quartzsite, Arizona. Consult the internet for motels available. About 28 miles from Bouse plus 15 miles to Midway, so plan your driving time accordingly.

3.Salome, Arizona (near Hope on U.S. 60). Sheffler Motel 928-859-3001. About 17 miles from Bouse plus 15 miles to Midway.

WHAT TO COLLECT: (We're finally getting to the good part!)

The Buckskin Mountains and surrounding area are hon-

eycombed with old mines and prospect holes, mostly from people looking for gold and silver over the last 150 years. Most of the mines follow fairly rich copper deposits but there wasn't much money in the copper itself. A list of the minerals we will collect include chrysocolla, malachite, jarosite, gypsum, hematite, barite, augite and epidote.

WHAT TO BRING:

Gloves, eye protection, rock hammer, sledges, chisels and digging tools(for the energetic treasure hunters), water, lunch and appropriate clothing. Daytime temperatures should be around 80° and nighttime around 50°.

Cell phone reception will be spotty away from towns, so don't rely on them too much. I will bring several 2-way radios for off-road use on channel 6.1.

TRIP LEADER:

Jim Van Wert: 928-649-1938 or 928-202-2177(cell)
Email: jerockshop@gmail.com

DECEMBER BIRTHSTONES

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) and Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

There are actually three different stones associated with being the birthstone of December: the blue topaz, turquoise, and tanzanite. All three of these very different have one thing in common: a unique blue color.

The most famous birthstone for December is the blue topaz, a variation on the common gem topaz. Topaz becomes blue when it is heated, a process that can happen naturally or artificially, and results in three shades of blue that varies in its intensity. The more intense and deep the color is, the more valuable the blue topaz is, although the most deep shade, London Blue, never occurs in nature and is only produced by gemological produces. Slight changes in the mineral composition, however, can create topaz with hues of green, yellow or pink.

Even people who are not gem experts can usually identify turquoise, a uniquely opaque stone with a unique shape and appearance. While turquoise is so called because it was imported to medieval Europe via Turkey and Turkish traders, it is perhaps better known as the primary stone used in Native American and New Mexican jewelry. Although turquoise is associated with the New World, it is one of the oldest stones to be used in jewelry, and was considered sacred by many ancient civilizations.

Until recently, the question, what is the December birthstone, could be answered only two ways. In 2002, however, the American Gem Trade Association officially added tanzanite, a new gemstone, to the birthstone December list. Tanzanite is a blue-lavender stone primarily mined in Tanzania that was discovered only in 1967 and has since been associated with the virtues of contentment and understanding - powerful symbolism for a beautiful new stone. The tanzanite is said to have better fire, and therefore more sparkle, than similar stones like the tourmaline or peridot, and it is hard and durable enough for use in many kinds of jewelry settings.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

This is a section dedicated to club members for sharing information about *personal items* that they would like to buy, trade, or sell. If you would like to submit information to be included in the classified section, please email Patti P. with your complete announcement at: rockhound_86326@yahoo.com before the end of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

YOU CAN NOW VISIT US ON FACEBOOK!



A note from the outgoing editor

I would like to thank the club for having allowed me to be of service to the club for many years as your both your newsletter editor, and as an active board member for the last few years.

It has been a privilege to serve you and I will continue to serve you behind the scenes as the webmaster for the club, which I have done since the year 2000.

Ray Topp will be taking over the newsletter editor position in January and I am sure that the newsletter will flourish and continue to evolve in his very capable hands.

I would also like to say that it has been a rewarding and educational experience working with the outgoing board members. Everyone worked so hard at creating positive improvements in the best interests of the club, and they all deserve a big thank you from all of us.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Polk

2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Greg Capatch; 928-554-4615
 Vice President (Programs): Evelina Dunton; 928-284-9590
 2nd Vice President (Field Trips): Darryl Berghorn; 949-939-3375
 3rd Vice President (Newsletter): Patti Polk; 928-649-3744
 Treasurer: Gayle Macklin; 928-649-2163
 Secretary: Ann Capatch; 928-554-4615

Directors: Barbara Cadwell, Pat McMahan, Amy Koba, John Brown.

Past President: Garry Kappel

CLUB MERCHANDISE INFO

The Sedona Gem & Mineral Club now has hats and embroidered patches for sale.

Hats are \$12.00 and Patches are \$4.00.

Support your club and show your enthusiasm for our hobby!

Also, if you are a club member and would like to purchase a membership badge, the cost for a badge is \$6.00.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Membership Desired (Please Check One):

Individual membership \$ 15.00

Family membership \$ 25.00

Junior (9-18) membership \$ 5.00

→ If a family membership, please list the names of family members below:

If you would like a club badge, please include \$ 6.00 (per badge) with you application.

→ Would you like Yes No

Club Badge(s)? _____ Quantity _____

Would you like to receive your Newsletter by:

Post Office (printed B/W)

Email (color)

You may mail this application with your dues and badge fees (if applicable) to:

Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
 P.O. Box 3284 Sedona, AZ., 86340

QUESTIONS?

Call Garry Kappel @ (928) 634-4698
 or Greg Capatch @ (928) 554-4615

<http://www.sedonagemandmineral.org>

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Arkansas quartz crystals, rough and polished minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon (manager), Quartzsite, AZ. (928) 927-6361.
Email: info@desertgardensrvpark.net.
Website: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

3-12 QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show. Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc. Tyson Wells Show Grounds, 100 W. Kuehn St. Daily 9-5, free admission. Dealers from around the world. Contact Kym Scott, (928) 927-6364.
Email: tysonwells@tds.net.
Website: www.tysonwells.com

FEBRUARY

13-16 TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show. Tucson Gem & Mineral Society. Tucson Convention Center; 260 S. Church Ave. Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$10, seniors and active military get \$2 off on Fri., children (under 14) free. Contact TGMS Staff (520) 322-6031.
Email: tgms@tgms.org.
Website: www.tgms.org

Plus many more shows throughout the month of February at various locations in Tucson.



JANUARY 2014

3-5 MESA, AZ: 42nd Flagg G & M Show. Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ. Parking and admission are free to the public. Hours 9AM - 5PM daily. Jewelry, gems, beads, fossils, minerals, & lapidary supplies.

1-28 QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show. Desert Gardens RV Park; Desert Gardens RV Park, 1064 Kuehn St., I-10 Exit 17. Daily 10-6, free admission.

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