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OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

November General Meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 pm, November 17 at the Sedona Library off of Dry Creek Road in West Sedona. Guests are always welcome. The Board of Directors meets at 5:00 pm the day before the General Meeting, also at the library. Any members are welcome to attend and participate with input.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

MINERALS IN DISGUISE: ARIZONA PSEUDOMORPHS

Please join us Tuesday, November 17th for the last general Club meeting of the year. Presenting will be former Club member and Earth Science Curator Emeritus for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Anna Domitrovic.

Anna's specific interest in the mineral field is the nature and origin of pseudomorphs, a mineral replacement form with some intriguing chemical and crystallographic relationships. She also actively researches historical mining districts throughout Arizona and their associated mineral deposits, and has lectured and published on these subjects throughout her career.

Anna is a member of the Arizona Geological Society; the New Mexico Geological Society; the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration; the Geological Society of America; the American Geophysical Union; the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals; the Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, of which she is a lifetime member. She is also a life member of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. She has served in various capacities as an officer and volunteer for most of these organizations, and it has been that association that held her interest in mining and minerals, in particular, and geology, in general.

Anna Domitrovic was born and raised in southwestern Pennsylvania, in the midst of the coal mining districts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. She moved to southern Arizona in 1975, shortly after receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She was employed at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Earth Sciences Center in the Mineralogy Division from 1977 - 2005. She retired from the Desert Museum in September, 2005, and was appointed Earth Sciences Curator Emerita, the first emeritus appointment for the Desert Museum.

The last time Anna spoke to the Club was in 2005 when she presented a program on earthquakes. And the last time she spoke to us about pseudomorphs was in the year 2000 - so it definitely sounds like we need a refresher course! Don't miss this opportunity for a great program and a chance to say, "Hello" to Anna.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

The field trip this month will be to Bloody Basin for beautiful plume and moss agate on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Information will be available at the November meeting, or contact Pat McMahan at 300-8333.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS from Pat McMahan

Dec. 30-31 Quartzsite camp out with Coalition Members, Desert Gardens and Tyson Wells shows - Maybe even more things than our show!

Jan. 20 Quartzsite QIA POW WOW - Likely more things than our show...

Feb. 10-12 Tucson Show Tour - Definitely more things than our show!

Mar. 20-21 Burro Creek - Purple agate, dendritic agate, pastelite, and more.

April 24 Holbrook with Sedona sponsored Coalition trip - Petrified wood.

May 22 Grey Mountain - Mokie balls, (not what you think!), Agate, petrified wood.



Upcoming Programs December Christmas Party



*Our Annual Christmas
Party is fast approaching.
Be there or be square!*

Details forthcoming...

2009 Gem and Mineral Show

Hello Everyone,

Pat and I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the success of our 2009 Gem and Mineral Show. This year's raffle was successful and we elevated our sales from last year. We can thank Brian Freifield for his enthusiastic energy he brought to the raffle proceedings. The alligator fossil was a big draw, and surprising, it wasn't the children who were interested in it. Pat's challenge for 2010 will be to find something to top this years Grand Prize. It was duly noted, the Kids Corner was very successful in its new location. Mary Jane Cooke and the numerous helpers did a great job to encourage the children to learn about rocks and minerals.

For our show in 2010, we are going to create sub-committees for key areas. Each sub-committee chairperson will be responsible for their key area, i.e., display cases, signage, advertizing, food court, and vendors. The Board has already reviewed each sub-committee job description and agrees this will help in sharing the load of work needed to make our show a success. I'm planning on staying on as head chairperson overseeing the Show. Gale Macklin, with her extensive expertise in advertizing, has volunteered to take on the important task in promoting our show for 2010.

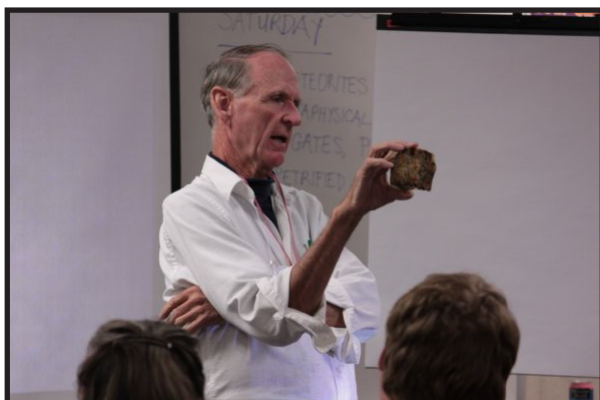
I would like to express a very special thank you to Pat McMahan. Without Pat's guidance and support; the work needed to be done, would have been overwhelming. Pat's dedication to making our Show fun and successful was a huge part in the Show's successful achievement this year.

We started a new procedure this year by signing up our vendors for our Show in 2010 at this years Show. Each vendor was given a Welcome Packet with the contract for 2010, and were asked to return the contract by the end of this year's show. We have approximately 85% of the vendors returning. This relieves the amount of work in trying to fill open booth spaces at the last minute.

Susan Read



Clockwise from right, Doris Banks' lovely Jade display, Susan Zepkin giving her talk on the metaphysical value of stones, guest speaker Walt Wright sharing on the different types and qualities of Petrified Wood, and one of the many signs set out by our volunteers announcing the Sedona Gem and Mineral Show.



JUNE CULP ZEITNER

February 7, 1916 – October 11, 2009

June Culp Zeitner, 93, died in her home on October 11, after a lengthy illness. An internationally-known author, speaker, and mineral and gem authority, the Michigan native lived in Springfield and Aberdeen, South Dakota, before making her home in Mission, in 1937. After extensive travel across North America, Zeitner permanently settled in Rapid City in 1986 with her beloved husband Albert. She published books and magazine articles until shortly before her death.

The couple's 30-year cross-continent adventure was a trip from one gem or mineral locality to another. Each new mine created an impetus for another side-trip and an opportunity to work with miners and scientists in the field. The process also provided Zeitner with her first major book project, a series of authoritative, practical, and popular "Gem Trails" books in which she recorded detailed locality information to guide rock enthusiasts. It would not be long until Zeitner became one of the world's best-known rock, gem, and mineral experts.

Over the ensuing decades, Zeitner's expertise formed the basis for a dozen books and more than 1,000 magazine articles covering many aspects of the subject she loved most. Many articles appeared in Lapidary Journal, the primary magazine for the lapidary arts of gem carving and jewelry manufacturing, where Zeitner held the post of Special Assistant Editor for more than three decades, ending in 2002.

Zeitner's accomplishments in her chosen field are remarkable. A selection includes: being crowned at the White House by the International Gem Show as the First Lady of Gems in 1976; receiving the 2006 Carnegie Museum of Natural History's Mineralogical Award, which celebrates significant contributions to the science of mineralogy; having the largest emerald found and cut in the United States named after her; founding a dozen gem and mineral clubs and the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame; founding the State Stone program, where every state adopted an official state gem, mineral, fossil, and/or rock (South Dakota's gem is the Fairburn Agate; its mineral is Rose Quartz; its fossil is Triceratops); and assembling a collection of gemstones for display at the Smithsonian Institution.

For her writing, Zeitner was honored as South Dakota Woman of Achievement by the National Federation of Press Women in 1976, and in 1985 received the A.H. Pankow press award, which is given to the South Dakota journalist whose "coverage and promotion of the state's visitor industry is unparalleled."

The Zeitners amassed a significant collection of rocks and gems, portions of which are currently on display at: the Pioneer Auto Show, a museum in Murdo, South Dakota; the Museum of Geology at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City; and the Black Hills Institute and the Black Hills Museum of Natural History, both in Hill City.

A memorial has been established at Black Hills Museum of Natural History, PO Box 614, Hill City, SD 57745.

Thank you Deb Radomski, President of the Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society for submitting this notice.
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Cut this section from the newsletter and mail to
the above address, or you are welcome to come
and join at one of our regular meetings.

Questions?

Call Pat McMahan: (928) 300-8333

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

If there is anything you would like to have published in this
newsletter, please be sure to get it to me by the 1st of the month.
Also, any news, articles, and photos of events or rock collecting
trips are greatly appreciated!

Email any info to: rockhound_86326@yahoo.com

Thank you!

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There will be hourly door prizes and a big prize raffle of \$200.00 cash. Admission & parking is free. Lake Havasu City is renowned as the new American Home of the Old London Bridge, and is on AZ 95, just 25 miles south of where historic old Route 66 crosses the Colorado River. For more info, call C. Russell, Show Chairman, at 928-846-0927.

JANUARY 2010

Jan. 1--GLOBE, ARIZONA: 53rd annual show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society; Gila County Fair Grounds, 3 miles north of Junction US 60-70; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$3, students with ID and children with adults free; live demonstrations, door prizes, displays, minerals, jewelry. Contact Jim Mills, P.O. Box 487, Miami, AZ 85539 (928) 701-1712; email: oldulking57@hotmail.com

Jan. 8-10--MESA, ARIZONA: 38th annual show, "A.L. Flagg Gem & Mineral Show"; Mesa Community College, US Hwy. 60 and Dobson Rd.; free admission; Peralta Stones display, more than 100 dealers, local clubs and organizations, displays, free activities for children, kids' egg carton kits. Contact Ray Grant, (480) 814-9086; email: raycyn@cox.net. Web sites: www.azminfun.com and www.flaggshow.info

NOVEMBER 2009

Nov. 6-8--BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA: Show, "Rock-A-Rama"; Braggin' Rock Club; tailgaters, dealers, minerals, gems, and jewelry.

Contact Don, BRC, P.O. Box 308, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324, (623) 374-0202.

Nov. 14-15 -. Lake Havasu, Arizona. Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society's 40th Annual Gem Show at the Lake Havasu City Community Center. Featuring mineral displays, jewelry and art objects by the members, plus booths selling holiday gift items, collectibles, jewelry findings, tools and semiprecious gemstones, as well as refreshments.

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