

SEDONA RED ROCKING NEWS

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FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES

January General Meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Jan. 15, at the Sedona Library off of Dry Creek Road in West Sedona. Guests are welcome. The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 pm the day before the General Meeting, also at the library. Any members are welcome to attend and participate in input.

WE WILL BE ADDRESSED BY A DOCENT IN THIS PROGRAM

(by Marge Herkenham, Red Rocking News Editor)

The program will be presented by archaeology and geology instructor **Patrick Cassidy**, a resident of Sedona and a **Museum of Northern Arizona** docent. He will discuss geology and ecology of the Colorado Plateau and Colorado River, increasing our understanding of how the Colorado Plateau came to be over time. (*In my memory, we have not had a docent address us before.*)

Are you aware of the docent program for volunteers with the **Museum of Northern Arizona** (MNA) in Flagstaff? To enter the docent training program, a five-month commitment to training is required, and any graduate of this program is very well-informed on all fields of Natural History, History and Archaeology by the time he or she finishes, if not already an expert in these subjects in the beginning.

The mission of the **Museum of Northern Arizona** is "to inspire a sense of love and responsibility for the beauty and diversity of the Colorado Plateau through collecting, studying, interpreting, and preserving the region's natural and cultural heritage."

Geology is one of the four main disciplines of study, the others being anthropology, biology, and fine arts.

In pursuit of this aim, the Museum is joined by many, many volunteers, who play an integral role in its daily operations. From working in collections and archives, to assisting in the cleaning and conservation of fossils and artifacts, and more, volunteers provide essential support to Museum staff members. The docent program is just one of the many endeavors handled by volunteers.

Patrick has moved from Ireland, via California and Montana, to Sedona. While still in Ireland, he was a potato farmer - a very common and historic occupation in Ireland. Have you heard of the "potato famine?"

You will recognize he is an Irishman! In California, he worked 35 years for P.G. & E. (which, as every Californian, like me, knows is the Pacific Gas & Electric Company). He had some college courses in geology and anthropology, and like others in Sedona have done, expanded on his interests in retirement here. Patrick and his wife serve as volunteers with the City of Sedona, being Park Patrol volunteers who interact with visitors uptown, and other places such as Sunset Park and Posse Grounds.

Following the business meeting, there will be a break before the program begins. Here is where you get a chance to talk to your neighbors and to look at the displays that members have brought in, and usually coffee and tea and cookies - but see below for this month's problems.

Cookies and...Tap Water?!?!?!?

The good news is that two people have volunteered to bring cookies for the January meeting: **Linda Yee** and **Miki Dzigan**. Thank you both!!!! The bad news is - that probably won't be enough cookies so if anyone would like to bring more, please do. The worse news is that we no longer have a Refreshment Committee, hence, tap water?!?!?! Many thanks to Marjorie Schwartz and Judy Feldman, who handled this job for the past two years. Now we need some new people to take over. Here's what's involved:

- call the cookie providers in advance so they don't forget,
- arrive about 6:30 to fill the coffee maker with water so it has time to heat,
- set the table,

-restock any items we might be running short on - instant coffee, tea bags, cups, creamer, sweetener,
-clean up afterwards, and,
-keep a list of cookie volunteers and ask the pres to announce when you need more names.
This is a great job to share with one or two other people and it's a nice way to meet all the club members as they chow down! There's also a notebook with detailed instructions. Please contact **Kelly Quester** (928-203-9372 or KellyQ13inSedona@msn.com) if you'd like to save us all from tap water!!!!

Board of Directors Meeting of Nov. 19, 2007, *submitted by secretary Janet Walters, excerpted for newsletter.*

Our treasurer, Ray Cooke, reported a balance of \$20,343.18. His report, including income and expenses for the 2007 Gem & Mineral Show was approved.

Rose Marie Licher, in charge of our roster, reported the Club has 173 members in 116 households.

Marge Herkenham mentioned that there is no newsletter in December. Important matters that may come up before January will be sent out by email to our email list of about 73 persons.

The nominating committee reported changes in officers for 2008. Danny Fitzpatrick will replace Linda Yee as Program VP and Pat McMahan is working on securing a Field Trip chairman. Linda Yee will continue as Club Historian until a replacement can be found, and will be Show co-chairman.

Pat McMahan purchased 3 pairs of walkee talkees for field trip participants. The cost was \$173.00. [There should be no further losses of cars in caravans now, among other safety benefits!]

Linda Yee and Pat McMahan will coordinate the 2008 Gem & Mineral show; however they will need assistants to mentor as they step back from managing future shows. Ed Hodges will develop publicity for the 2008 show. Among other small problems studied, the Kids' Corner will need more attention next year, particularly in staffing, room to work, and better traffic flow. More signage should direct participants to the entry for the high school and its parking lot. A large sign, indicating sponsorship by the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club, needs to be displayed at the school.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 14, 5:00 pm, at the Sedona Library.

General Meeting of Nov. 19, 2007, *submitted by secretary Janet Walters, excerpted for newsletter.*

President Kelly Quester began the business meeting at 7:00 pm. Fifty members and 18 guests were present. Many of the guests identified themselves as "groupies" of the evening's scheduled speaker, Paul Lindberg.

Business meeting topics:

Treasurer Ray Cooke reported that the club's Gem & Mineral Show generated a \$4,300 profit after expenses. A detailed report of income and expenses is available during each business meeting for any member to review.

President Kelly complimented the Club on extensive member participation in the Gem & Mineral Show. Special recognition was given to co-chairs Linda Yee and Pat McMahan for their non-stop commitment to the success of the show, while Bob Yee was recognized as the "behind the scenes" hero for the numerous tasks and activities that he took on. Dealer feedback noted that helpful and friendly club members made for a great show.

Pat McMahan reported the Nominating Committee's search for potential officers for 2008. Members, whose names were submitted for consideration, and the corresponding offices are:

Kelly Quester – President

Danny Fitzpatrick – VP Programs

Bob Mieth – VP Field Trips

Marge Herkenham – VP Newsletter

Janet Walters – Secretary

Ray Cooke – Treasurer

**Rose Marie Licher - Roster, & Board Director
2008-2009**

Linda Kappel - Board Director 2008-2009

James Terry - Board Director 2007-2008

Ed Hodges – Board Director 2007-2008

This slate of officers was elected by the membership.

Following the election of officers, President Kelly asked members to volunteer for several committees for 2008 including refreshments, general meeting set-up, raffle, and social committee. Members also need to sign up to bring cookies to the General Meetings in 2008.

President Kelly reminded the membership that the Club re-instituted the practice of rewarding members who display their favorite rocks, jewelry or other rockhound-related objects at General Meetings. Each member who brings items to display will receive three raffle tickets for the evening's raffle.

Linda Yee proposed that the club adopt a new member, a meteorite at the ASU Center for Meteorite Studies in Phoenix. The cost is \$100 and the meteorite will be chosen by the club with assistance from the Center.

Mary Jane Cooke reviewed the proposals that were developed by the Community Education Committee for awards at local high schools and Yavapai College. Mary Jane noted that last year's scholarship winner, Maxwell Weaver, used his award to buy uniforms at the Air Force Academy.

Remembrances

Bernice Brown reported that Lee Birch and Mary Gillett recently passed away. [See Nov. 2007 newsletter issue.] Several members stood up and spoke about the involvement of these ladies in the Club and the Sedona community.

Program

SGMC member Paul Lindberg, who is a longtime resident of the area and geologist by training and experience, was the speaker for the evening. Paul has a knack for explaining the geology of the Verde Valley and the broader area of Northern Arizona.

As usual, the meeting concluded with the popular raffle of mineral specimens which was coordinated by Brian and Ev Orsborn. A youngster from the audience, Madalyn, assisted them. President Kelly thanked all members who quickly put away chairs and tables.

A Request from the Mingus Gem and Mineral Club

The Mingus club has invited us to put in a display case for their show, either a combined case representing our Club, individual club member case/s, or both. Their show is March 21, 22, & 23. If you are interested, please contact Sue Valek (928-634-7452 or Queen3bbas@aol.com).

Help Needed!!!!

We still need help with set-up for our meetings. It requires getting in around 6 to set up chairs and tables and making sure things get put away at the end. There's lots of assistants but we need someone with a good back to be in charge! Please contact Pat McMahan (300-8333 or

mcmahan@swiftaz.net) or Ed Hodges (282-4980 or hmgx@commspeed.net).

MARK THESE DATES!!!

OCTOBER 18 and 19, 2008 Saturday and Sunday

These are the dates for the **2008** Sedona Gem and Mineral Show! Once again we are beginning to plan for this exciting event. This year will be better than ever, with many of our vendors returning and ASU planning to bring an even bigger meteorite exhibit! If you plan to have a booth, let Pat McMahan and/or Linda Yee know so that you can be put on the list. Contracts will be sent out in April or May.

This is also the time to volunteer to help! We need people to:

- Prepare packets and send out show information to last year's vendors
- Send out information to Gem and Mineral Clubs
- Email show publicity information to magazines and organizations
- Purchase stamps, labels, and envelopes (Club will reimburse, so keep receipts)

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please let Linda Yee know (203-9476 or LindaFYee@hotmail.com). Thanks to Ed Hodges for volunteering once again to design the show flyers, post cards, and small brochures. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAN HELP!

Bernice Brown's Long Service as Remembrance Chair is Recognized

I believe these selected emails tell the story better than I (*your editor*) can:

After six years of announcing birth stones and remembrances at the meetings, it has been a journey through many valleys, but I trust the expressions of get well wishes, as well as notes of sympathy, sent on behalf of the friends in the Club, have been of comfort to those in need. (Sadly, we have lost seven members this year.) It has been my pleasure, as well as sorrow this year in particular, to remember so many, on behalf of the Club. My thanks to everyone for keeping me informed. I extend my thanks and appreciation to Doris Banks for being my back-up along the way.

Bernice

Well Bernice! I can't begin to say what a great job you've done - and even better, having recruited your own

TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW FIELD TRIP

Show Dates: Thursday Feb. 14 thru Sunday Feb. 17, 2008

Accommodations: Best Value Inn
818 E. Benson Hwy
Tucson
520-884-5800

Call and reserve a room for: Wed. night Feb. 13 and Thurs. night Feb. 14

Cost per room: \$54.99 plus tax 2 double beds or 1 king bed.

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.

Arrive Wednesday hopefully early enough to get your feet wet and do a little shopping.
Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Meet at the hotel lobby at 5:30 pm for a brief orientation.
We'll be having authentic tasty Mexico City Mexican food.

We'll eat at: La Parilla Suiza
2720 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson
520-624-4300

Pat McMahan will furnish FREE directories and other free guide books which give
information about the shows. The directories will be available for you to pick up at
Kelly Quester's house, outside by her front door, Thursday, Feb. 7.

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 & 1/2 hour's
drive from Sedona). Guaranteed lots of fun. Twenty-six club members went last year and
had a great time. Last year there were 43 shows. There should be enough
rock and jewelry for all of us.

Tucson field trip coordinator
Pat McMahan
Home 928-634-2404
Cell 928-300-8333

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replacement! [Marjorie Schwarz has generously and willingly agreed to serve in this position for the coming year—*Editor insert*] Thanks sooooo much for your years of service.

HUGZ,
Kelly

Bernice

Thank you for your immense social contribution to the club's vitality for the past five years. You graciously performed an essential but unheralded service; a meeting was not a meeting without your "Remembrances".

No fuss, no bother - the hallmarks of a job well done!
I shall miss your presentations.

Ray

This final wrap-up for the year has our best wishes going out to **Dick Moore**, who suffered a stroke on December 5. After hospitalization and several weeks in rehab, he is now back home, while continuing to progress through outpatient therapy.

DICK CLAY REMEMBERED —

(By Bernice Brown)

Members were saddened to hear of the loss of our witty, dedicated, dear **Dick Clay** on November 22. Dick became an avid rockhound and a faithful member of the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club shortly after moving to Sedona in 1991. He served as treasurer from 1996-1999, following which he served ever after as auditor for the Club's treasury books. In 1999 he was voted Artisan of the Month, and in 2001 and 2002 he served on the Board of Directors.

Until recent years, when Dick's health began to fail, he was proud to mention he had never missed a Club meeting, and many will remember his part as an elf at the Club holiday party. Also, Dick attended every annual show during his membership, including the last one in October. He usually could be found talking to folks at the welcome table and the club booths. He will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing this gentle man. Members were saddened to hear of the loss of our witty, dedicated, dear Dick Clay on November 22nd. Dick became an avid rock hound and a faithful member of the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club shortly after moving to

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Month, and in 2001 and 2002 he served on the Board of Directors.

Dick always enjoyed making people smile, including children. He not only created the popular "Plinko" game for kids to play at the annual Gem Shows, but he volunteered his service to tend the game, as well, which brought a smile to

his face and to the kids, as they claimed the prize "at the bottom."



Another Coalition Field Trip

Jan 28 – Table Mesa for yellow and multi-colored jasper
A coalition field trip sponsored by Sun City West Rockhounds. From I-17 take exit 236, Table Mesa Road. At the west end of the overpass turn north at the frontage road sign. The group will meet one mile down (north) on the frontage road at 9 AM. Group will depart from there to the collecting site at 9:30 AM. Field trip leader Jim Sullivan 623-584-8893.

The Club is encouraged to attend the **POW WOW** Rock Show in Quartzsite. It starts Wednesday January 23 and ends Sunday January 27.

Bob Mieth, our field trip chairman will be selling in booth space 275. Club members are invited to use his booth as their base of operation to sit and rest or leave heavy sacks of goodies in his trailer. You can later drive to his booth and pick things up.

Further information about this or other Quartzsite shows is available at <quartzsitechamberofcommerce.com>

Our Club field trip (**Coalition**) will be to the Spectrum Mine. Please call Pat at 300-8333 before Jan. 11 to secure your spot. The material is varied and good quality and we will have the help of a backhoe to make our digging effort easier. It's kind of like cheating for you hardcore diggers.

**In Memory of Club Member Lost
"GEMS" of 2007**

Ethel Woodruff	January 26
Sam Ward	February 19
John Bennett	July 29
Dorothy Bennett	October 6
Mary Gillett	October 17
Lee Birch	October 29
Dick Clay	November 22

COALITION FIELD TRIP: Call Pat at 300-8333 Date: Saturday, January 19, 2008

Meeting Place & Time: Turn South off of I-60 at Aguila onto Eagle Eye Road and follow it to just North of the 7 mile marker....or go almost exactly 1 mile South of the main entrance to the Harquahala Recreation Area . Very easy to find.

Vehicles: There is plenty of parking on flat ground near the paved road. The dirt road goes back about a mile to the claims so depending on the conditions of the washes, high clearance may be required.

If necessary, those without high clearance can leave their vehicles and double up with others for the last mile.

Mineral Specimens to be found:

**At Spectrum - green, blue and teal fluorite, barite and copper ore
At Prism - various colored fluorite, wulfenite, galena, and amethyst. Some boulders have stripes of pale green fluorite with pale amethyst. Occasional nice pockets of darker amethyst in pods. Occasional vugs with small stalactites covered with micro fluorite crystals.**

Latest date for individuals to sign up for this field trip: January 11, 2008

Rockhound tools: Hammers, chisels, sledge hammers, glasses

Cost: To be determined by number of individuals who sign up for the field trip. Minimum cost will be \$590.

**Therefore if 20 sign up then cost would be appx \$30 per person
if 30 sign up then cost would be appx \$20 per person**

Sedona Gem & Mineral Club — Officers & Committee Chairs for 2008

OFFICERS

President: Kelly Quester	203-9372
1st Vice-pres. (Program Chair): Danny Fitzpatrick	282-1184
2nd Vice-pres. (Field Trips): maybe Bob Mieth	
3rd Vice-pres. (Newsletter Editor): Marge Herkenham	282-4291
Secretary: Janet Walters	284-1339
Treasurer: Ray Cooke	284-4740
Board Members (beginning 2 year term)	
Rose Marie Licher	284-9105
Linda Kappel	634-4698
Board Members in their 2nd year	
James Terry	282-3326
Ed Hodges	282-4980
Past President and Show Co-Chair: Pat McMahan	300-8333 (cell)

COMMITTEES

Membership/Rosters: Rose Marie Licher	284-9105
Refreshment: _____	
Remembrance: Marge Schwartz	203-0356
Community Education Committee: Mary Jane Cooke	284-4740
Club Education Committee: _____	
Club Display Committee: Carol Cone	282-6339
Auditor: _____	
Greeters: Brian Osborn	284-9236
Historian & Show Co-Chair: Linda Lee	203-9476
Newsletter Distribution: Miki Dzugan & Rita Topp	284-2660, 284-1570
Audio-visual: _____	
Meeting setup and takedown: _____	
Raffle ticket sales: Ev & Brian Orsborn	284-9236
Social (Holiday Party and Summer Picnic) Ev Orsborn	284-9236
Webmaster: Patti Polk	649-3744

Not all the offices are filled as yet.
We hope the list will get completed at the January meeting.

Meanwhile, you have a list suitable for cutting out and posting, maybe by your phone?

Dues are Due!

Our year begins in January. Pay to: Ray Cooke at meeting or by mail:

Ray Cooke
97 Pinon Woods Drive
Sedona, AZ 86351

Don't forget it – just get it over with!

\$20 per member. \$30 per family



**EVERYBODY – have
a great New Year!**

Hints & Tips, from Quarry Quips – Wichita G&M Society, Wichita, Kansas

- When storing gem material outdoors, be careful. Many colorful pink and purple minerals are faded by intense sunlight. These include rose quartz, amethyst, lepidolite, and fluorite. Fossil specimens may be destroyed outdoors by wetting, freezing and thawing. Many fossils are clay based... Common opal, if left in the elements, will craze, crack, and fall apart. (From Rock Chips, Deming G&M Society, July 2007)
- Did you know you can tell a man-made diamond from natural ones by the use of a magnet? Synthetic diamonds will stick to a magnet, but natural ones will not. (From Rock Chips, Deming G&M Society, July 2007)
- Epoxy Tip: If it is necessary to separate an epoxy joint, simply heat it as epoxy disintegrates at 250 degrees Fahrenheit. This should be a warning to those who use heat to set epoxy. (From The Rockpile, Midwest Mineralogy and Lapidary Society, April 2007)
- Wash fluorite specimens ONLY in cold water. If you use warm water, they will lose their shine, and it will never come back. (From Rock Chips, Deming G&M Society, Deming, NM, July 2007)
- Remove algae and lichen from rocks by soaking them in ammonia water followed by the use of a stiff brush. (Some minerals, like calcite, will dissolve in ammonia, so check your chemistry before you do it. (From Rock Chips, Deming G&M Society, NM, July 2007)



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JANUARY 18-20 GLOBE, AZ 51ST ANNUAL GILA COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SHOW, GILA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 3 MILES NORTH OF JUNCTION US 60 AND US 70. CONTACT ANDY CLARK 928-473-3042

FEB. 17 - PHOENIX, ARIZONA: 57TH ANNUAL SHOW, "PHOENIX GEM & MINERAL SHOW AND PROSPECTORS DAY"; MARICOPA LAPIDARY SOCIETY, ARIZONA MINING & MINERAL MUSEUM, ARIZONA PROSPECTORS; ARIZONA MINING AND MINERAL MUSEUM, 1502 W. WASHINGTON ST.; SAT. 10-4; FREE ADMISSION; GOLD PANNING, METAL DETECTING, DEALERS, LAPIDARY AND WIREWRAPPING DEMONSTRATIONS, KIDS' CRAFTS, JEWELRY MAKING; CONTACT LAURETTE KENNEDY, 1502 W. WASHINGTON ST.; PHOENIX, AZ 85007, (602) 738-2552; E-MAIL: LKENNEDY11@AOL.COM; WEB SITE: WWW.MINES.AZ.GOV.

Jan. 23-27--QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: 42nd annual show, "QIA Pow Wow"; Quartzsite Improvement Association; 235 E.

Ironwood Dr.; Wed. 9-5, Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; more than 400 vendors, rocks, gems, minerals, beads, wire wrap supplies, jewelry, fossils, lapidary, field trips, displays, demonstrations; contact Diane Abbott, P.O. Box 881, Quartzsite, AZ 85346-0881, (928) 927-6325; e-mail: powwow@qiaaz.org; Web site: www.qiaaz.org

March 23-25--COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: 31st annual show; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Mingus Union High School, 1801 E. Fir St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1 Fri., \$3 Sat. or Sun., 3-day pass \$5, children under 12 free; contact Ron Luce, 1647 E. Skyline Dr., Cottonwood, AZ 86326, (928) 649-2129, or Richard Casmier, P.O. Box 556, Rimrock, AZ 86335, (928) 592-0232.



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