

Sedona Red Rocking News

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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Next Club Meeting – Sept. 16, 7:00 pm

General SGMC meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedona Library, 3250 White Bear Road in West Sedona.



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President's Message

From Pat McMahan – SGMC President

Our first meeting back will be “Members’ Night,” with an Ice Cream Social at the break. Please see the adjacent article.

At this meeting we will be voting on the latest updates to our Bylaws. A busy agenda at our May meeting kept us from voting on our Board’s recommended changes to those bylaws.

Our Annual Rock Show is October 18 and 19. Our October meeting will be after the show, so we need volunteers to sign up on Members’ Night, or by calling committee Chairs at their phone numbers below. Other jobs include setting up display cases, placement of road signs, food court, entrance fee table, raffle table, kid’s corner and security. It takes a lot to put on the best rock show in the country. There will be sign up sheets at our September 16 meeting.

Your involvement is a chance to become closer with club members. We have some really fun, amazing and interesting people in our club. Here’s a chance to develop friendships with some of them by working alongside them. How fun can that be? Give it a try.

There are opportunities for each of you to participate with the committees below. Setting up and taking down for the show is where we need as many helpers as possible. With a good turnout we meet at the school at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon Oct. 17. It takes about 2 hours to set up, then our Club treats our hungry workers to *free pizza and drinks*. Take down starts at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon and also takes about 2 hours. With a good gang we can do it even quicker. You will discover what a great team we have and how fun it is to join that team. Our show is our one big fundraiser and is therefore a very important Club event. Your help is needed and very much appreciated.

I personally want to thank each of our committee chairs, as well as each of you in advance for your help putting on one of the best rock shows in the country. Our Board and I look forward to seeing you at Members’ Night.

Show Committee Chairs:

Entrance Fee Table/Security – Susan Read – 284-9547
Raffle Table – Laura Castree – 821-3010
Road Signs – Tom Helgeson – 554-5077
Kid’s Corner – Heather Redden – 649-9901
Food Court – Amy Koba – 451-6339
Display Cases – John Brown – 284-0891
Advertising – Bill Schwartz – 821-1346
Vendors – Pat McMahan – 300-8333
Show Tables – Rita Topp – 284-1570

Members’ Night

From Pat McMahan – SGMC President

Our meeting on September 16 is Member’s Night, and it is one of our best meetings of the year. All our meetings are fun, but this is *really* fun. We want each of you to bring rocks, antique jewelry, modern jewelry, or something rock related you have picked up over the summer or before. Our hope is that everyone coming will bring something to show our gang. There will also be a section for showing off something you have made in one of our classes.

Bragging Table

There will be a separate area called the bragging table. Here’s a chance to flaunt your rocks. (Did I say that?) These might be large or small showy rocks that really got you excited when you found them. We want that enthusiasm to spread.

Sales Table

There will be a separate table for selling your rocks. We realize if it is the first rock you have ever sold, you might need some help and perhaps counseling. We know it could be worse than selling your kids – we’re here to help. Collecting rocks is not like going fishing where you eat the fish. The rocks just don’t disappear. You eventually need a way to get rid off them, and as a very special service to our valued members, we provide that for you here. *So bring some rocks to sell*. We’ll even help you price them.

We will have a short business meeting, and vote on the Bylaws and anything relative to our October show.

Three or four of our members will take up to six minutes each, to share what they have done over the summer. Please contact Evelina if you would like to tell us what you have done. We will also have some special specimens that will be in our raffle and silent auction.

Ice Cream!

To top off an awesome, fun evening of sharing, bragging, getting caught up with Club Members’ summer activities and more, you will be given the chance to top a huge bowl of ice cream with delectable tidbits, chocolate, maple syrup and more. This is why I will be going to this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you and your treasures.

Pat McMahan – President, Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

2014 Sedona Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show

This year's Show will be held on October 18th and 19th. Show times are Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Show will take place at the Sedona Red Rock High School, located at 955 Upper Red Rock Loop Road in West Sedona, inside and outside of the school cafeteria. Parking is complimentary.

The entry fee is \$3.00 for adults and children under 12 years of age are free. Once again, the Show will have a Kid's Corner for the children with games and rock specimens available.

The Food Court will be available for purchase of food and snacks as a fund raiser for the School's Photography Class.

Our Member's will also be displaying rock specimens from their private collections. Once again, our popular hourly raffle will take place on Saturday and Sunday. The Grand Prizes drawing will be just before the close of the show on Sunday, and winners need not be present. Any winner not present, will be asked to pay for the shipping of their prize, if they live out of the area.

We look forward to seeing you there for this fun event.

September Birthstone

From Marge Schwartz – Membership Chairperson

Welcome back to our Sedona Gem and Mineral meetings. I encourage you to make a show and tell display of your rock collecting and projects from your summer vacation.

Traditional Birthstones

The Sapphire and Lapis is the traditional birthstone for the month of September. Sapphire has a hardness of 9.0 on the Moh's scale. It is a member of gemstones known as the corundum group and is found in many colors including yellow, pink, orange and gray, but we are most familiar with the beautiful blue color of this gemstone. A star sapphire is highly prized. It is made up of dense intersecting needle-like inclusions called rutiles that form a 6 rayed star in the stone.



Alternate Birthstones

Lapis is a composite rock and not just one mineral. It generally has a hardness of 5.0-5.5 on the Moh's scale. The blue parts are lazurite and/or sodalite sprinkled with golden pyrite. The white found in some specimens is calcite. The most valuable type of Lapis is known as Armenian Stone. It is mostly blue with speckles of green instead of gold.



Lucky Charms and Zodiac Signs

September good luck charms include Jaspers, Carnelian and Jade, as well as opal, Sardonyx and Chrolite.

I am looking forward to a great season of rock hunting and I'll see you all at the Ice Cream Social. Don't miss out on delicious treats while we trade stories of our adventures. See you then!

September Field Trip to Grapevine Canyon

Date: The Sedona Gem and Mineral Club will be going to the Grapevine Canyon area on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Meeting Time and Place: Meeting place will be at the Circle K convenience store/gas station at the Lake Mary Road exit off I-17 in Flagstaff. Meeting time is at 9:00 a.m. and we'll depart promptly at 9:15 a.m. Grapevine Canyon is still another hour and a half away once we depart Circle K.

What to Collect: The area is well known for its beautiful dark banded onyx, often referred as root beer onyx. There is surface material in this area, but the best material is found by digging. You'll need both surface collecting tools, and pick and shovel, and something to carry your specimens in. High clearance vehicles will be a must, as the last 8 miles of the 21 miles of dirt road is quit rough.

What to Bring: Bring your lunch, snacks, and water, as there's nothing close by.

Trip Leader: The trip leader will be Ted Schultz at tedschultzjr@aol.com or cell phone number 651-214-7532. Please sign up at the September meeting or contact me directly so I can reach you if necessary. This trip is weather dependent, so if it's raining the day of or two days prior to, it may be cancelled. If so, please call me the night before at 928-284-0415 between 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Coalition Field Trip for Lizard Stone, Between Wickenburg and Wickieup

Hosted by: Maricopa Lapidary Society

What for: Lizard Stone

When: Saturday, September 27, 2014

We will meet at Cholla Canyon Ranch Rd at 9:00 a.m. (east side of Hwy 93). It is just south of the Big Sandy River bridge, between mile markers 227 and 228 on AZ highway 93 (between Wickenburg and Wickieup).

The material we will be collecting is lizard stone, which appears to be a green banded rhyolite. It is pretty hard and takes a great polish. It forms in a seam about 6-8 inches thick where we will be collecting, and runs for about a quarter of a mile.

Passenger cars will be able to make it to a small parking area above the creek bed, then 4WD will be required to get to the site (we can shuttle people down in our F250). Hammers, picks and shovels are suggested, as well as plenty of water.

This trip is in a dry wash, so if it rains prior to the trip or the day of the trip, it will be cancelled for safety reasons. Waivers will need to be signed at the meeting space. Please contact Robin Evans if you have any questions at: 602-703-5188 (cell phone). She will also have this cell phone on the day of the trip.

KIDS CORNER

Just a reminder to please save up your paper egg cartons and bring them to the September General Meeting on the 16th. This will enable the Kids Corner Committee in helping the children keep their specimens under control when they take them home.





**Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
Membership Application**
(please print)

Name ↑

Address ↑

City ↑

State ↑

Zip ↑

Phone Number ↑

Email Address ↑

Membership Desired *(please check one):*

Individual Membership – \$15.00

Family Membership – \$25.00

Junior (9-18) Membership – \$5.00

For a family membership, list all names below: ↓

How should the names read on the badge(s): ↓

How would you like to receive the club newsletter?

Email *(color)* -or- Postal Service *(printed in B&W)*

Do we have your permission to share your personal information *(address, phone number, email)* with other club members only?

Yes No

Please mail this application *(or bring it to a club meeting)*, with your dues to:

**Sedona Gem and Mineral Club
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For questions please call: Marge Schwartz (membership) at: 928-203-0356 or Email: bschwar13@msn.com

Classifieds & Sales

Lapidary Work Bench For Sale

I've decided to sell this equipment, as I have not used the grinding and polishing wheels in several years. I do sometimes use the two saws but will sell them also. The two machines on the right are bolted to the kitchen cabinet, which will go with the equipment. The cabinet is about 6 feet long and 28 inches deep.



The trim saw in the left corner is on its own stand, and is from Crown Lapidary Equipment; its floor space is 18" by 20".

The saw sitting on the left end of the cabinet is a Lorton Lapidary saw, model LST-12.

The grinder is a Poly Products model, with 100 and 220 grit wheels.

The right tool is a Highland Park Mfg. Co machine, with a 600 grit belt in front and a polishing wheel on the end (and other belts also). There are two gallons of mineral oil under the trim saw also that would go with the saws.

Asking price is \$1,400 for all. Contact: Rose Marie Licher: 928-284-9105, or email to: rmlicher@sedona.net



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The Sunshine Lady

Marge Schwartz is our Sunshine Lady, and if you know of anyone who needs some sunshine in our club, please contact her at: bschwar13@msn.com

Regional Gem Shows

October 2014

10-12 – Buckeye, Arizona  *New Listing*

West Valley Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Helzapoppin Rodeo grounds, 802 N. 1st St., Miller Rd. entrance, Friday 9-4, Saturday 9-4, Sunday 9-4. Adults \$3, children (under 12) free. Contact Larry Tracey, PO Box 1425, Buckeye, AZ 85326, Phone: 623-208-3230, Email: larry@youth4youth.org, Website: www.westvalleyrockandmineralclub.com

11-12 – Sierra Vista, Arizona

Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club, 40th Annual Show. Cochise College, 901 N Colombo Ave., Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Free admission, jewelry, mineral specimens, beads, lapidary supplies, raffle, fluorescent display, geode sales and cutting. Contact Maudie Bailey, 5035 S. San Carlos Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650. Phone: 520-378-6291 or 520-249-1541, Email: gmbailey@msn.com Website: huachucamineralandgemclub.info

October/November 2014

31-2 – Black Canyon City, Arizona

Rock-A-Rama, 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Ln., Black Canyon City, AZ. Exits 242, or 244 – watch for signs. Friday and Saturday 9-4, Sunday 9-2. Free parking and admission, door prizes and raffles, tailgaters and dealers, food and beverages. Contact Sue at: 602-471-0173 or email riverdiva@gmail.com

November 2014

8-9 – Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society. Lake Havasu Community Center, 100 Park Ave., Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4, adults \$2, children (under 12) free. Contact Sue Kirk, 1100 Pueblo Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406, Phone: 928-302-1531, Email: macsuzy@mac.com

15-16 – Payson, Arizona

Payson Rimstones Rock Club. Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center; Hwy. 87 at Mile Marker 251; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children (under 12) free; gems, minerals, specimen rocks, fossils, lapidary equipment, jewelry and findings, slabs or rough material, gold prospecting equipment, dealer displays, club displays, Educational Corner, fluorescent display, sand painting, beading, Spinning Wheel, silent auction. Margaret Jones, Box 884, Pine, AZ. Phone: 928-970-0857, Email: margieaberry@gmail.com

22-23—Apache Junction, Arizona  *New Listing*

Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club Show and Sale. Apache Junction High School, 2525 S. Ironwood Dr. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Adults \$3, students \$1, children (12 and under) free. Dealers, jewelry, gems, opals, beads, rocks, specimens, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, silent auction, hourly door prizes, grand raffle, gem-tree making for all ages, wheel-of-rocks, egg-carton rock collections. Contact Kelly Iverson: 480-325-2705, Website: www.ajrockclub.com



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