

Sedona Red Rocking News

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

PO Box 3284, Sedona, AZ 86340
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Next Club Meeting – Mar 17th, 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

Marge Schwartz – SGMC President

Spring is just around the corner and Happy St Patrick's Day! Everyone can have fun and be just a little Irish for the day. Ireland is also known as the Emerald Isle, which brings me to the Rockhound's Challenge for the March meeting. Bring your best green rock and join the fun.

My emeralds are from a mine in North Carolina that we visited. Not gems good enough for our fabulous faceting expert to work on, but still interesting to the average rockhound. Dust off your collection and find your favorite green one to share with fellow club members.

Fieldtrips will be starting up again as the weather is getting nicer. Be sure to pay your dues so you can participate. You can learn a lot about the area and the minerals you can collect with the help of experienced members. Fresh air, sunshine and a day with friends, sounds like a great way to spend some time.

Please join us and bring a friend. Great speakers and even better cookies are what we have planned. It's OK to wear a little green too! See you there. – *Marge*

From the Sedona Red Rock News - February 27, 2015

Bill Would Reopen Mineral Museum

The mineral museum in Phoenix began at the 1884 territorial fair and was one of Arizona's top-rated museums. It was a tourist destination and resource for scientific research. Most importantly, it offered free K-12 earth science education programs for both students and teachers.

Over 40,000 children visited the mineral museum each year. Of those, 25,000 came on school field trips and more than another 15,000 were brought by parents, grandparents or Scout leaders.

In 2010, the Arizona Historical Society gained control of the museum. In 2011, the AHS locked the doors, even though it continued to receive the full museum budget every year since. Apparently, the reason for the closure has never been determined.

Senate Bill 1200 will facilitate restoration of the mineral museum and its kindergarten to 12th grade education programs, by transferring all of its assets to the Arizona Geological Survey.

The bill, sponsored by Arizona Sen. Gail Griffin [R-District 14], unanimously passed a committee vote on February 17. The bill is budget neutral, so there is absolutely no reason not to support it.

Arizona residents need to contact their state senators and representative, as well as their new governor to assure that this bill becomes law. – *Submitted by: Dick Zimmermann - Tempe*

March Program

Evelina Dunton – Programs Chairperson

A Day in The Life of a Miner

The Sedona Gem and Mineral Club will meet on March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedona Public Library. Our program presenter is Anna Domitrovic, who will do a "show-and-tell" presentation on *A Day In the Life Of a Miner*.

This unique format will look at mining at the turn of the last century to about the mid-1900's, with artifacts, historical documents, and antidotes along with some great stories.

Anna is a scientist and mineralogist by profession and was the driving force of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson. She is a renowned and much sought after speaker in the gem and mineral world. Her "show-and-tell" program will be the first for our club.

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

Anna has previously made presentations to the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club and is involved in the annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind program on Arizona mines. She is providing hand-outs to all club members.

The meeting will close with the monthly raffle of newly acquired specimens. Buy raffle tickets and win some great rocks and minerals for your collection. – *Evelina*

Scheduled Program Presentations for 2015

- April 21, 2015 - Keith Horst - "Morsenite."
- May 19, 2015: Ken Zoll – "The Use of Meteorites Among Ancient Native American Cultures."
- September 15, 2015 - Members Night, no speaker.
- October 20, 2015 - Les Presmyk, mining engineer. No topic determined yet.
- November 17, 2015 - Paul Lindberg - "Mineral Deposits of Northern North America."

March Field Trip to Burro Creek

Saturday March 21 & Sunday March 22

The SGMC field trip for this month will be to Burro Creek for purple agate, dendritic agate, pastelite and other assorted minerals.

Details and sign up sheets will be at the March meeting. For any additional information, contact Michael Silberhorn at 928-301-5606. [Photo from www.agateswithinclusions.com/Arizona.html](http://www.agateswithinclusions.com/Arizona.html)



• Please Contribute to Your Newsletter •

Many of you have knowledge of rocks and minerals, as well as lapidary experience that could be shared.

What might seem ordinary to you, can often be invaluable and new to other club members.

We welcome your articles, in addition to news and announcements, to be included in this newsletter. Please include photos if you have them.

Submission deadline for the April newsletter content is April 1st.

– Contact Ray Topp: radio@rconnect.com



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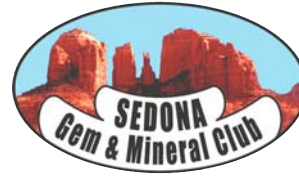
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The Sunshine Man

Mike Silberhorn is our Sunshine Man, and if you know of anyone who needs some sunshine in our club, please contact him at: 928-284-4220



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 from this form (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: Nadine Cummins at:
480-375-0982 or Email: nadinecum@msn.com

March Birthstones

Michael Silberhorn – 2nd Vice President

Bloodstone and Aquamarine

The birthstones for the month of March are Bloodstone and Aquamarine.

Bloodstone is an opaque green jasper (or a form of chalcedony) with red flecks or spots. It is also known as Heliotrope which comes from the Greek words “helios” (the sun), and “tropos” (to turn). It has a hardness of 6.5 - 7.0 on the Mohs scale and is mostly found in India, Brazil, China, Australia and U.S.A. Rings of bloodstone were popular with the Egyptians – they wore it as a thumb ring because it was said to be able to open any door or break down any walls during conflict. The Greeks and Romans wore it for many reasons, such as to gain endurance during athletics, to gain influence over those in power, to bring renown and to protect against venomous bites.



Bloodstone Ring



Tumbled Bloodstone

Aquamarine is a member of the beryl family of stones. It has a hardness of 7.5 - 8.0 on the Mohs scale, and comes in shades of light blue, sky blue, blue-green and watery green. It is also dichroic which means it has color in one direction and is colorless in another. The main sources of aquamarine are Brazil, Siberia, Russia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Madagascar, and U.S.A. The name aquamarine comes from the Latin words “aqua” (water) and “mare” (sea) and it does remind you of a tropical sea. This stone is held in high regard in the East as the stone of the Seer and the Mystic, a gem that imparts purity to those who wear it.

Hope your month has been great and we'll see you next time. Happy Rockhounding – *Michael*



Faceted Aquamarine



Aquamarine Rough

Regional Gem Clubs

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club

PO Box 712, Apache Junction, Arizona 85117

Contact: Wally Frlich – 480-982-7760

Website: www.ajrockclub.com

Meeting Place: New Club Lapidary Shop, 2151 West Superstition Blvd, Apache Junction.

Meeting Time: Second Thursday of each month, October through April at 7:00 p.m.

Black Canyon City Rock Club

PO Box 1472, Black Canyon City, Arizona 85324

Contact: Dave Sills – 623-374-5821

Website: www.bccrockclub.9f.com

Meeting Place: Black Canyon City Library.

Meeting Time: Third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Coconino Lapidary Club (Flagstaff)

11270 Zady Lane, Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

Contact: Brad Bradley - 928-522-5839

Meeting Place: Summit Fire Station 33 on Hwy 89 North.

Meeting Time: Third Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Flagstaff Gem & Mineral Society

4021 S. Kendall St, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Contact: Joe Findley – 928-310-6927

Meeting Place: Coconino County Fairgrounds Building #11.

Meeting Time: First Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m.

Mingus Gem & Mineral Club (Cottonwood)

PO Box 1284, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Contact: Heather Redden - 928-649-9901

Website: www.mingusclub.org

Meeting Place: Elks Lodge, 100 S Broadway St, Cottonwood, AZ

Meeting Time: First Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m., except July and August.

Payson Rimstones Rock Club

Contact: Lynne Wheeler – 928-978-4062

Meeting Place: Payson Public Library, 328 North McLane Rd, Payson, AZ

Meeting Time: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

Prescott Gem & Mineral Club

PO Box 3923, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Contact: Linda Loschke – 928- 225-6110

Website: www.prescottgemmineral.org

Meeting Place: Moose Lodge, 6501 E 6th St, Prescott Valley, AZ

Meeting Time: 1st Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Verde Valley Rockhounds (Cottonwood)

P O Box 2674, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Contact: Jim Van Wert – 928-649-1938

Meeting Place: American Legion, Cottonwood, AZ

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m., 2nd Thursday of the month except July and August

Regional Gem Shows

March 2015

CKM Productions, LLC

14-15 – Cottonwood, Arizona

Mingus Union High School, 1801 East Fir Street, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$3.00. Vendors from around the region will be offering crystals, mineral specimens, jewelry, gemstones, rough rock, fossils, and beads. Food and raffles will be available during the show. Contact Greg Capatch at: 928-554-4615, Email: gregcapatch@yahoo.com

Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club Show

28-29 – Anthem, Arizona

Diamond Canyon School, 40004 N. Liberty Bell Way, Anthem AZ. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Students \$2.00, Children under 12 free. 30 dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, fluorescents, jewelry, beads, wire trapping, geodes, raffles, kids events. Contact Ed Winbourne at: 623-444-4634, Email: ewinbourne@gmail.com

May 2015

White Mt. Gem and Mineral Club

16-17 – Pinetop, Arizona

Hon-Dah Conference Center, 777 Highway 260. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$2.00, Seniors 70+ Free, Students 18 and under free, Children 18 and under free. Member displays, raffles, door Prizes, silent auction, children activities, dealers, fluorescents, dinosaur Exhibit and dem-

onstrations. Contact Rick Olson: 8276 Tahoe Pl, Show Low, AZ 85901. Phone: 928-251-0949, Email: walkaround@earthlink.net Website: whitemountain-azrockclub.org

CKM Productions, LLC

23-24 – Sedona, Arizona

Sedona Red Rock High School, 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Road. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$3.00. Vendors from around the region will be offering mineral specimens, crystals, gemstones, jewelry, findings, beads, fossils, cutting material and lapidary equipment. An hourly raffle will be held for a chance to win one of many amazing prizes to be offered throughout the show. Food will be available for purchase during the show as well. This is a unique event the entire family will enjoy. Contact Greg Capatch: 928-554-4615

June 2015

Coconino Lapidary Club

5-7 – Flagstaff, Arizona

Outdoor Market At Silver Saddle, 9001 N Hwy 89. Friday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is Free. Gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, jewelry and findings, slabs, rough, plus gold prospecting equipment and displays. A club sponsored Education Corner will have activities for kids, a magnificent fluorescent display, a make a fossil area, and a rock hunt. Mineral identification. We also sponsor a raffle drawing. Contact Wayne Scott: 928-607-3185, Email: 4nsgsrocks@gmail.com



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