

# Sedona Red Rocking News

## Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

PO Box 3284, Sedona, AZ 86340  
www.sedonagemandmineral.org

**Next Club Meeting – Apr 21th, 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*

April showers may bring flowers, but it also changes the landscape. Dirt roads change and deposits of rock are exposed. Rock hunting will be in full swing this month. Be sure to join us for the Coalition Trip, that our club sponsors to Dobell Ranch for petrified wood. It is some of the best petrified wood found, with colors and crystals beyond imagination. So much can be found on the surface after rain that digging is an option rather than a requirement. Get all the details on the upcoming trip and happy hunting. Sign up at our meeting, or see Mike Sliberhorn for details. Keep April 25th open for the trip.

Be sure to take a class offered to learn new skills and have fun making something wonderful from your rocks. Silver work, beading and lapidary classes are not only affordable, they are a great way to spend time with friends. Take advantage of their talents and unlock yours as well. If you enjoy teaching, give our Education Committee a hand to put on a presentation for kids who will be future rock hounds. Contact Mark Moorehead to sign up.

Don't forget the saw cleaning party at Pat's house. You can use his equipment, by pushing up your shirt sleeves and cleaning the saws – it is a really good deal! See details in the box below.

Don't miss out on the fun at the meetings – see you there and in the meantime "Rock on!" – *Marge*

### **Saw Cleaning at Pat McMahan's House**

**– Saturday May 9th, 8:00 a.m. Until Noon –**

Like to play in the dirt and grease? Pat McMahan will be inviting those who like to clean, to his shop to help clean saws. There are more than enough to go around – lots of cleaning opportunities. So why do people help? Besides being a lot of fun getting together with other club members, you get to use his saws for the next year. This club event is for those club members who are rock hounds who might not have bought a regular saw yet or have a rock too big for their trim saw.

What to wear: Clothes not good enough to donate to the good will (yes they will get dirty and maybe thrown out at end of the day), rubber gloves, and a plastic apron if you have one.

Refreshments will be served at break, and lunch will be provided after (or bring your own). Come join in on the fun!

Call Pat if you want to participate at: 928-300-8333 or sign up at the April 21st meeting.

## April Program

*Evelina Dunton – Programs Chairperson*

### **Morrisonite Jasper**

The Sedona Gem and Mineral Club will meet on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sedona Public Library. The program presenter will be Keith Horst who will speak and show a short video on Morrisonite Jasper. Morrisonite Jasper is called the "king" of jaspers. This rare jasper comes from a remote canyon wall in Southwest Oregon. Morrisonite has an unrivaled color range with a bright, vibrant spectrum. It is a true porcelain jasper that takes a polish second to none.

Keith has over forty years of experience as a lapidary professional. He has been cutting and polishing gemstones that have been sold and used in jewelry the world over. He is a Graduate Gemologist and Master of Lapidary and resides in Prescott, Arizona.

After forty years of experience, he is still amazed and passionate about the artistic process of turning rocks and minerals found in nature into beautiful works of wearable art. The stones he works with are clean, elegant shapes that have been incorporated into jewelry pieces of jewelry artists around the world.

Keith's other lapidary passion is conveying his craft to others through quality instruction. He started the Lapidary Program at Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona ten years ago. He teaches *Introduction to Lapidary* courses as well as an *Advanced Lapidary* course. In addition to the college classes, he teaches workshops to small groups and to individuals who prefer personalized instruction. He has taught over 600 students. We look forward to his program.

Following the presentation, the meeting will close with the monthly raffle with new specimens obtained at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Buy raffle tickets and win great rock and mineral specimens for your own collection. – *Evelina*

### **Scheduled Program Presentations for 2015**

- 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."

## April Coalition Field Trip

**Petrified Wood – Dobell Ranch, Holbrook, AZ**

**Hosted by:** Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

**What for:** Petrified Wood

**When:** Saturday, April 25, 2015

**Where:** Meet in the parking lot of Jim Grey's Petrified Wood Co., 147 Hwy 180 E, Holbrook, AZ at 9:00 a.m. We'll sign waivers and leave promptly at 9:15 for the Dobell Ranch, which is about 15 miles S.E. of the meeting place on Hwy 180.

From Interstate 40 take Exit 286 in Holbrook, turn right and go through town, over the railroad bridge, and approx. 0.5 miles further – highway 180 is on the left (Jim Grey's is on the SE corner).

**Fee:** \$28.00 for a full 5 gallon bucket (approx. 80 lbs). Please bring *CASH!* You will have an opportunity to pay for extra buckets if you wish.

**What to Bring:** Water, lunch, 5 gallon buckets, collecting tools and gloves.

**Bad Weather:** In case of rain or snow on April 23 or 24, the trip will be cancelled. Please pay attention to the weather prior to these dates.

**Trip Leader:** Michael Silberhorn at 928-301-5606 cellphone, or e-mail to: mustangmikefl@gmail.com



### The SGMC 2015 Board of Directors & Committee Members

#### Board of Directors

President - Marge Schwartz: 928-203-0356  
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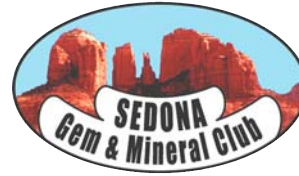
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Education - Mark Moorehead  
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Refreshments - Amy Koba  
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Sunshine - Mike Silberhorn: 928-284-4220  
Webmaster - Patti Polk



#### 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

# April Birthstones

Michael Silberhorn – 2nd Vice President

## White Sapphires and Diamonds

Hi everyone! Spring is in the air. What a great time of year to get out and explore and find some rocks.

The birthstones for the month of April are White Sapphire and Diamonds.

White Sapphire is a variety of a corundum (an aluminum oxide) with a hexagonal (triagonal) crystal system, and forms in prismatic, bipyramidal, rhombohedra or tabular crystals. It has a hardness of 9 on the Mohs scale and is found in metamorphic and igneous rocks as well as alluvial deposits. They are found in locations worldwide, including Africa, Europe, Australia and North and South America.

A White Sapphire can be completely void of color, with a slight yellow tint, or have rutile needle inclusions. Clear White Sapphires are often mistaken for diamonds. At one time, they were known as leucosapphire (from the Greek word “leykos,” meaning “white”). A White Sapphire is said to encourage one to be good to oneself and to strengthen your communication skills. This stone is held in great reverence in Eastern religions and is called the “Stone of Stones” by the Buddhists, who say that this stone will bring peace of mind, happiness and spiritual enlightenment. Sounds good to me!

Diamonds are crystals of pure carbon with a hardness of 10 on the Mohs scale – it is one of the hardest of all known substances to man. Their crystal symmetry is cubic and are found in a variety of forms, including octahedrons, triangles, cubes and amorphous shapes. Diamonds are commonly clear but are also found in many colors including yellow, brown, blue, pink, green, orange and even red. In many cultures diamonds are believed to bring victory, courage, faithfulness, purity and enhancement of love – maybe that’s why they are the most popular stone for wedding rings.

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



# Regional Gem Clubs

## Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club

PO Box 712, Apache Junction, Arizona 85117

**Contact:** Bill Jonas – 406-890-8264

**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:** Don Strong – 928-649-3935

**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

### 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 demonstrations. 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

### July-August 2015

#### Prescott Gem and Mineral Club 31-2 – Prescott Valley, Arizona

Prescott Valley Event Center, 3201 North Main St., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$5.00, seniors \$4.00, students \$4.00. Children under 12 years free! 12th annual Prescott Gem & Mineral Show. Minerals, fossils, meteorites, slabs, tools, jewelry, exhibits and demonstrations. Hourly raffel drawing for valuable prizes.

Child friendly demonstrations, displays, games, face painting, geode cracking, spinning wheel, flourescent rocks and minerals. All spaces for vendors are filled – new vendors will be added to our waiting list. Contact Prescott Gem & Mineral Club, Attnention: Melanie, PO Box 3923, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Web site: www.prescottgemmineral.org

### October 2015

#### Mingus Gem and Mineral Club 2-4 – Clarkdale, Arizona

Elks Club Lodge, Clarkdale, Arizona, 100 S. Broadway, Friday 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$2.00, children are free with adult. Contact: Amy Joe, 505-204-6881. Web site: www.mingusclub.org



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