

Sedona Red Rocking News

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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Next Club Meeting – Sept. 15th, 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

I hope that your summer has been fun and exciting! If you did not get out to collect, don't worry because we will have some great field trips coming up this fall. Bill and I worked on some of our rock projects and hope to do some collecting before we all meet in September. We had an opportunity to meet a family from the TV Show Prospectors – and I am the proud owner of a (tiny) topaz from the mountain featured in the program. If you have not seen the series, I hope it will run again so you can catch the "prospecting bug."

Sadly, I must tell you that two club members have passed away. Heather Redden and Brandi Drummond will be missed by us all. I hope, as a club, we can continue their efforts to make our club a positive part of our community.

The Show plans are in full swing and I really need your help. Let me know if you can spend even a few hours at our Raffle, Membership and Kid's Corner on October 17th and 18th. Signup sheets will be out at the meeting. If you have already signed up, reserve the time that you can be there.

Our meeting in September is the one I like the best. Members Night is a special edition of Show and Tell. Bring your projects and treasures from the summer and take a moment to share with other members. Our Board will be serving you ice cream with all the trimmings! It is a really great way to kick off our next set of meetings and field trips.

Nominations for positions will also be coming up, so talk to Barb Schultz if you are interested in a position or committee. We have grown into one of the best clubs in the area thanks to all of you who have held positions. Our goal is to have fun, so come back with a smile and a story about your summer! – *Marge*

Scheduled Program Presentations for 2015

- 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."

September Birthstones

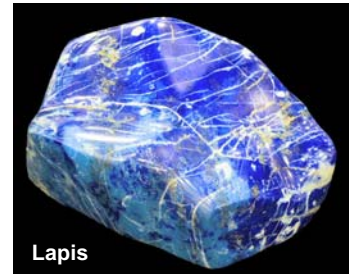
Michael Silberhorn – 2nd Vice President

Lapis Lazuli and Sapphire

Hi everyone! Welcome back after our summer break. The season for some great collecting sites is fast approaching. Hope you can get out and enjoy some fine collecting.

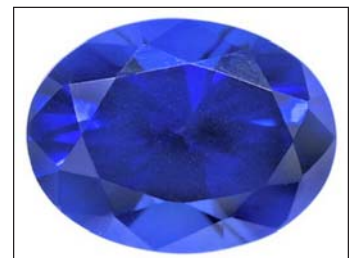
The birthstones for the month of September are Lapis Lazuli and Sapphire.

Lapis Lazuli is a deep blue metamorphic rock with inclusions of pyrite and calcite, with a hardness of 5.0-5.5 on the Mohs hardness scale. Lapis Lazuli is not one distinct mineral, but is comprised of Blue Lazulite, Hauynite, Sodalite, Diopside, Calcite, and Pyrite. The better grade material is currently mined in Afghanistan but can be found in locations worldwide, including Chile, Siberia, Burma, Pakistan, Angola, Canada and the U.S.. Lapis Lazuli is, and was, a highly treasured stone in many cultures, including the Egyptians, Romans, Greeks and Chinese. It is said to be a stone with great healing and purification properties.



Lapis

Sapphire is a corundum like the ruby, which has a hardness of 9 on the Mohs hardness scale and is the second hardest stone in the world next to a diamond. They come in many colors including blue, white, green, violet, yellow, brown, orange and pink. The current main sources are Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, Montana, Cambodia, Brazil, Kenya, Colombia and Tanzania. Sapphires have a long, extensive history that span many cultures and centuries with a lore of being a very healing, loving stone.



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

September Field Trip to: – Grapevine Canyon –

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Meeting Time and Place: We will meet at the Circle-K convenience store, at the Lake Mary Exit off I-17 in Flagstaff. Meeting time is at 9:00 a.m. and we'll depart at 9:15 a.m. promptly. The collecting site is still approximately 90 minutes away from the meeting place.

What to Collect: The area is well known for a dark banded onyx called root beer onyx. There is surface collecting, but the better material is usually found by digging so you will need surface collecting tools (buckets/collecting bags, gloves) and also any picks or shovels if you desire to dig.



The last 8 miles of the dirt road is rough so a high clearance, four wheel drive is required.

What to Bring: Collecting tools, water, lunch and/or snacks – and a smile!

Trip Leader: Michael Silberhorn, cell phone 928-301-1761 or mustangmikefl@gmail.com.

Please sign up at the September meeting or contact me directly. This trip is very weather dependent – if it's raining 1-2- days prior to the trip, it may be canceled.



The SGMC 2015 Board of Directors & Committee Members

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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:

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For questions please call: Nadine Cummins at:
480-375-0982 or Email: nadinecum@msn.com

Regional Gem Shows

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, website: www.mingusclub.org

West Valley Rock & Mineral Club

9-11 – Buckeye, Arizona

Helzarockin' Rodeo Arena, 802 North 1st Street, Miller Road. Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00, children under 12 are free. Raw rock material for lapidary enthusiasts, gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads and cabochons for sale. Saturday there will be demonstrations and a raffle. Kids enjoy a free rock scavenging hunt daily. Snacks and beverages available. Contact: Lara Serbin, phone: 602-405-2926, email: lara@serbinstudio.com, website: www.westvalleyrockandmineralclub.com.

Huachuca Mineral and Gem Club

10-11 – Sierra Vista, Arizona

Cochise College, 901 N Colombo Ave. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 41st Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Free admission, free parking, handicapped accessible, and child friendly. Vendors inside and outside, largest selection of ge-

odes around (free cutting with purchase). Raw and finished stones, finished jewelry, jewelry-making supplies, beads, and lapidary supplies. Hourly raffles (proceeds go to scholarship/educational funds). Contact: Maudie Bailey, 520-378-6291 or 520-249-1541, email: gmbailey@msn.com, website: huachucamineralandgemclub.info

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17-18 – 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, children under 12 free. 16th annual show and sale, indoors and outdoors, 40+ dealers, displays, Kids Corner, hourly and grand raffle prizes, minerals, agates, gemstones, copper, jewelry, lapidary tools and supplies. Contact: Marge Schwartz, 928-821-3900, email: bschwar13@msn.com, website: www.sedonagemandmineral.org

High Desert Helpers Inc.

Oct. 30 – Aug. 1 – Black Canyon City, Arizona

High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Lane. Daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. 39th Annual Rock-A-Rama Gem & Mineral Show – family friendly, outdoor, free admission and ample parking. Features 30+ vendors and dealers, minerals, gem stones, jewelry, fossils, crystals, tools, equipment, books, lapidary supplies, gold panning, beading, wire wrapping, faceting, stone carving, gem setting, raffle, rock identification, hourly door prizes, plus food and beverages. Contact: Susan Marley, 623-295-1970, email: riverdiva@gmail.com, website: hgihdeserthelpers.org



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