

# Sedona Red Rocking News

## Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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

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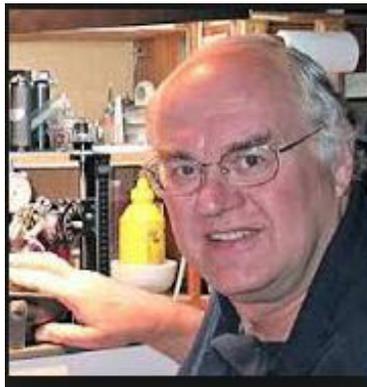
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## SGMC January program centers on faceting

by Evelina Dunton

Club member Ed Perry will do a presentation on Stephen Kotslowski and faceting when the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club meets at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road in West Sedona.

Stephen, a club member and Ed's close friend and associate, was slated to do a program on faceting at our October meeting. Unfortunately Stephen suc-



Stephen Kotslowski

cumbed to heart complications and Ed Perry has put together January's presentation on faceting.

There will be a short introduction of Stephen followed by the basics of getting started in faceting. He is shown actually faceting stones and explaining the tips and tricks of his trade. Stephen did all faceting by hand with no

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## February field trip: Tucson G&M Show



SGMC's February field trip takes participating members to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show Wednesday, Feb. 10, through Friday, Feb. 12. The group expects to arrive early enough on Wednesday to "get your feet wet and do a little shopping."

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed friends and family during this festive season. The SGMC Board set an exciting calendar of events for you all to enjoy. Great speakers, exciting field trips and lots of fun meetings are coming this year, as well as door prizes to add to your rock collection. We will also have a picnic in the spring and our December party.



Marge Schwartz

As we have done in the past, you can bring a display to our Show and Tell segment of the meeting to share with members. Bring part of your collection or tell us about a trip you went on that brought out the rock hound in you. To top it off, you also receive three free raffle tickets for the door prizes at the end of the meeting.

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### General itinerary

Meet at the Best Value Inn Hotel lobby at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday for a brief orientation for Thursday and Friday. Wednesday evening we'll have authentic, tasty Chinese food. The restaurant name and location will be in our February newsletter with directions to the hotel.

### What to collect

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 backyard (about a 3.5-hour drive from Sedona). Field trippers are guaranteed lots of fun. About 20 club members went last year and had a great time. Last year there were 43 shows. There should be enough rocks and jewelry for all of us.

### What to bring

If buying, bring lots of money – also, it's a good time to borrow



extra money from your kids! There are lots of places to spend it. This is the one event where it is okay to spend your children's inheritance.

### Additional info

Hotel accommodations can be made at the Best Value Inn, 818 E. Benson Highway, Tucson, 520-884-5800. Reserve a room for Wednesday night, Feb. 10 and Thursday night, Feb. 11. The cost per room is \$59.99 plus tax for a two double-bed or one king-bed room. **TELL THE HOTEL YOU ARE FROM THE SEDONA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB TO RECEIVE THE NEGOTIATED RATE.**

Pat McMahan will furnish free directories and other free guide books that give information about the shows. These directories will be available for you to pick up at Amy Koba's house at 85 Ross Road, Sedona (Hwy 89A to Northview, south one block to Ross, then west on Ross). They will be outside by her front door on Friday, Feb. 7. Take one of each of the different guides.

### Field Trip Coordinator:

Pat McMahan: 928-300-8333.

## Learn geology of red rocks

View the dramatic effects of Oak Creek Canyon faulting and examine sedimentary volcanic and erosional land features during the Red Rock Geology Walk presented by Friends of the Forest and the Red Rock District Forest Service from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 25.

This two-hour, moderately difficult hike is led by Naturalist Chris Weld, who has conducted interpretive hikes of Sedona's geology for 15 years. Wear hiking shoes and bring drinking water.

There is no charge to participate. However, due to limited space registration is required by calling 928-203-2903. The location is provided with registration. Info: [www.friendsoftheforestedona.org](http://www.friendsoftheforestedona.org).



Photo: Coconino National Forest

## Membership renewal

by Nadine Cummins, Membership

It's time to renew your membership. Members can send a check to the Club's postal box at P.O. Box 3284, Sedona, AZ 86340, or bring cash or a check to the next club meeting on Jan. 19.

Membership is still only \$25 per family or \$15 for a single member. This allows you to attend any of the club functions; e.g., our great field trips planned for this year (including the Tucson trip), classes, the annual picnic and our holiday party, and of course, you get our wonderful newsletter!

## January Birthstone – Meaning, Significance, Symbolizes

The January Birthstone, garnet is a deep red crystal, a revered and popular precious stone. The Garnet has long been used as a talisman for protection by tribes and sects. According to legend, possessing or wearing a garnet ensures success and health, for the stone is believed to possess curative powers. The first birthstone of the year is called the 'Gem of Faith', a stone that has the power to bestow eternal happiness, health and wealth on the owner, in addition to a powerful shield constructed around the wearer by the stone for protection. Garnets are traditionally a deep, striking red, associated with fire and power in symbology. The ancient Egyptians hailed the garnet as a symbol of life. The stone was renowned for its properties as far back as the wealthy Bronze age, with remnants of garnet necklaces recently found in the graves of the Czechoslovakians. Egypt and Sumeria appear to have a fondness for this stone, with jewelry dating as far back as 3100 BC recently discovered in tombs and graves. Garnet jewelry was very popular during the third and fourth century in Rome, the fashion and trade Capital of the age. Warriors from different sects used to wear the stone as a talisman against death and injury. Ironically, the stone is said to bring peace and tranquility to the wearer. **Types of Garnet Gems.**



Garnet signifies victory, truth, purity, friendship, faith and protection. The January birthstone is said to symbolize happiness, deep and enduring friendships

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assistance from computer generated programs. He started faceting over 40 years ago and was a world-renowned gemologist and "Supreme Master Faceter," who will be missed by his friends at the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club.

Ed, a faceter in his own right in addition to being an inventor, is doing this tribute for his friend and will give us insight into the intricacies of faceting. He holds many patents on various inventions including machines and devices for processing, cutting, grinding, buffing and sharpening for stone and stone-like materials. His inventions include saws, components, accessories and semi-conductor devices.

The meeting closes with the monthly raffle of great rock and mineral specimens. There is no fee to attend, and visitors and guests are welcome.



**Stephen Kotlowski was commissioned to design this 6.83 cts. diamond by Rioux Rocks.**

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Our cookie breaks are legendary, so even if you made a resolution not to overeat, bring cookies to the meeting because you can win a calorie-free rock with your three free raffle tickets. Our meetings are fun and informative, so don't miss a single one. If you are not having fun, you are not doing it right!

Details of our trip to the Tucson shows will be discussed at the meeting, so mark your calendar for February and join us. The shows are large and scattered, and Pat can lead you to see the best of the best.

I look forward to getting back to regular meetings in 2016, and hope to see you there, too.

— *Marge Schwartz-SGMC President*

# REGIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

***B***e certain to confirm meeting details before leaving home, as locations, dates or times may change after the newsletter has gone to print.

**Jan. 1-10: Tyson Wells Gem & Mineral Show**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at the Tyson Wells Show Grounds. Peruse 84 vendor booths. Promoter: Kym Scott, 928-927-6364, tysonwells@tds.net.



**Jan. 8-10: Flagg Mineral Foundation 44th Annual Gem and Mineral Show** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at Mesa Community College on Dobson Road just north of the SR-60, Mesa. Features jewelry, gems, beads, fossils, minerals and lapidary supplies. Free parking and admission. Info: <http://flaggmineralfoundation.org>.

**Jan. 15-17: Gila County Gem & Mineral Society Show** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. at Gila County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Fairgrounds Road, Globe. Single admission, \$3; couples, \$5; students/children, free. Contact Jodi Brewster, P.O. Box 487, Miami, AZ 85539; 623-810-9780; jodibrewster66@gmail.com. Info: [www.gilagem.com](http://www.gilagem.com).



**Jan. 20-24: The QIA POWWOW Rock and Mineral Show** (50th Anniversary) at the QIA Community Center, 235 E. Ironwood St., Quartzsite (south of I-10 and north of E. Ironwood Road). There are several hundred dealers. Free admission and parking. Contact: [QIAArizona@gmail.com](mailto:QIAArizona@gmail.com). Info: [www.qiaarizona.org/POWWOW-Show.html](http://www.qiaarizona.org/POWWOW-Show.html).



**Jan. 29-Feb. 14: Tucson Gem, Mineral, Rock & Fossil Show/3rd Annual Marana Miner's Cooperative Rock Show**, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Mark Jacob's Sports Park, 6901 N. Casa Grande Highway, Marana. Shop for all types of rocks, gems,



minerals, jewelry, lapidary supplies, direct from miners across the USA. See thousands of finished stones and gems ready for your next jewelry project and finished jewelry pieces designed by artisans from across our country. Free admission. Contact Rachel Ford-Dingfield, 720-495-8362, [kaipuravida@gmail.com](mailto:kaipuravida@gmail.com). Info: <http://tucsonrockgemmineralshow.com>.

**Jan. 30-Feb. 14: Tucson Kino Gem Show** (Part of Tucson Gem, Mineral, Rock & Fossil Show) 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 14 at Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo Way, Tucson. Over 200 wholesale and retail vendors from around the world offer gems, minerals, fossils, beads, finished jewelry and one-of-a-kind specimens at -competitive prices. UPS office onsite, offering service from domestic packages to ocean containers. Tax ID, EIN or business

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## The SGMC 2016 Board of Directors & Committee members

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Marge Schwartz: 928-203-0356  
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### THE SUNSHINE LADY

Judy Feldman is our Sunshine Lady, and if you know of anyone who needs some sunshine in our club, please contact her at 928-284-3534.

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license required with wholesale purchase. Free and open to the public. Free parking, free shuttle and a food court available. Promoter: AS Shows, Inc., info@as-shows.com. Info: www.as-shows.com.

**Jan. 30-Feb. 13: Martin Zinn Expositions, L.L.C., Wholesale and Retail Show** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 13 at three locations: Hotel Tucson City Center (formerly InnSuites Hotel), 475 N Granada; Ramada Ltd., 665 N Freeway; Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, 1330 N. Oracle; Tucson. Features 400 dealers, selling minerals, fossils, meteorites, gemstones, cutting material, decorator items, etc. Free admission. Contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004; 505-867-0425; mzexpos@gmail.com Info: www.mzexpos.com.

**Feb. 20-21: Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club (50th Anniversary Show)** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. at Skyline High School Gymnasium, 845 S. Crismon Road, Mesa. Dealers sell jewelry, gems, beads, opals, purple jade, cabochons, slabs, rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry-making supplies and equipment. Activities for kids and food service. Includes a raffle, silent auction, hourly door-prizes, a gem-tree-making activity for all ages and free egg-carton rock collection for kids. \$3 regular admission (discount coupon online), \$1 students, free for children. Free parking in the south parking lot. Contact Phil Gadd: 503-705-3933, mmpdg16@msn.com. Info: www.ajrockclub.com.

**March 19-20: Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. at Boulder Creek High School, 40404 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway, Anthem. Over 30 exhibitors of rocks, gems, jewelry, beads and geodes. Includes silent auction, children's events and raffle on the half hour. \$4 general admission, \$3 students/seniors. Contact Ed Winbourne, 1717 W. Medinah Court, Anthem, AZ 85086; 623-444 4634; ewinbourne@gmail.com.

## Submissions Wanted!

The SGMC Red Rocking News is only as good as your submissions, so be sure to send your gem- and mineral-related events, news and photos to Editor Mark Moorehead at fifthstate23@gmail.com by Feb. 1 for the Feb. 7 issue.



### 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:** ↓

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

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**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