

Sedona Red Rocking News

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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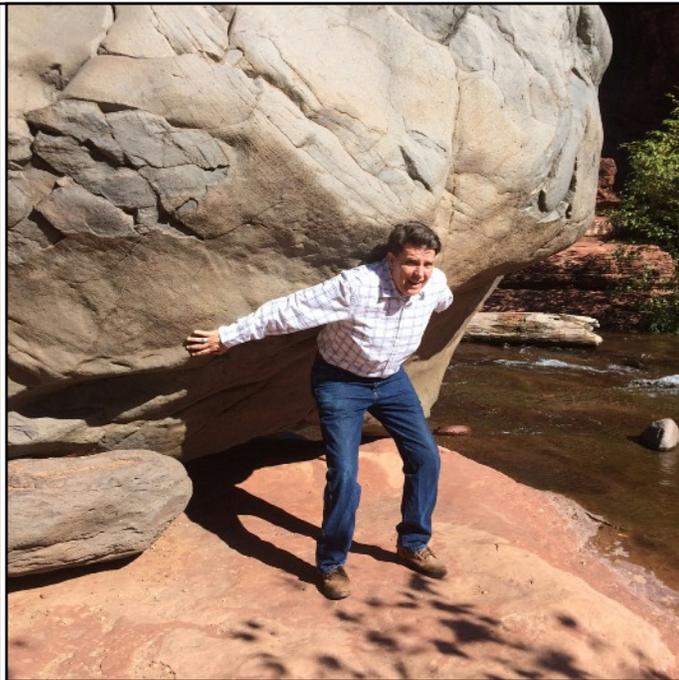
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President's Message

Mark Moorehead



Hello Everyone! March is upon us bringing warmer weather perfect for rock hounding field trips. At our last meeting Dave Maples announced our next field trip will be the old mining town of Cleator on March 24. What makes this destination more exciting was the beautiful specimen recently found in Cleator by Bill Hedglin. He brought the large blue rock to our February meeting for all to see. His discovery sure got my attention.

I want to thank Evelina Dunton for finding Michelle Watters as our guest speaker last month. Watters' power point presentation and anodizer demonstration

in jewelry making was riveting. It was amazing witnessing the transformation of plain looking Titanium and Niobium into a rainbow of colors and textures. She is definitely one of our best speakers and demonstrators to date.

As I mentioned at our February meeting I'm looking for someone with an artistic flair who would help us design our new banners to be hung in uptown Sedona this October. This individual will be the chairman of the Banner Committee. Also, if any of you ever written an article, managed a blog or produced a newsletter for any organization or print publication we would like for you to contribute to our newsletter.

Galen is working in Winslow, AZ but continues to volunteer his personal time to produce the newsletter even though he's no longer able to be as active in the club as he'd like to be. He says that he will make as many field trips as he can because they are worth it!

Finally, Jan Avery of the Mingus Gem & Mineral Club is having a *Rocks In The Park II* Rock and Mineral Sale on April 28, 2018 from 9 AM to 5 PM. The sale is open to Sedona Gem & Mineral Club members. Please contact Jan to reserve a space at:

jaelav334@gmail.com

Editor's Note: See additional information about Rocks in the Park II on page 4

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club Meeting

March 20, 2018

By Evelina Dunton



The Sedona Gem and Mineral Club will meet March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedona Public Library. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Kennard Bork whose presentation is titled “The PERMIAN Period – Time of Sedona’s Red Rocks and Interesting Events

Around the World.” He will consider a Period in Earth History from about 300 million to 250 million years ago.

That was the time of deposition of Sedona’s Red Rocks, but also of many significant events worldwide. The reptiles were evolving, the supercontinent of Pangaea was being built, and the greatest extinction event in Earth history occurred. He will also consider important fossils and some of the key mineral resources of the Permian age. His presentation will include PowerPoint illustrations.

By the time he was in high school, Ken’s interest in science was strong but he also wanted to know more about Earth history. One of his teachers suggested he follow a career in biology. It dawned on him that paleontology incorporated biology and history of the planet in one super-interesting field. He was a geology major in college and then pursued a Ph.D. in paleontology, with the goal of teaching at the university level. His research also included the history of geology.

Two sabbaticals in Paris allowed him to look into the evolution of thought in France and England leading to the work of Charles Darwin and his “Origin of Species” (1859). After retiring in 2013 he and his wife (Katherine Camille Odell) moved to Sedona where he continues his passion of geology and paleontology. Ken was a geology major earning

a B.A. degree at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana; a M.A degree in geology/paleontology from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; and a Ph.D. in geology/paleontology from Indiana University. His offices and awards and publications are too numerous to list. We look forward to his presentation. The Club meeting will also feature member displays, closing with the monthly raffle of great rock and mineral specimens. Visitors and member guests are always welcome.

March Field Trip: Cleator!

By Dave Maples



We are going to a real ghost town, Cleator. The town was established in 1864 as a placer gold mine, but died out as the gold was all removed. There is still a bar that is the only business that

stayed alive. We will stop there to see it and the shop. Not too far there we will come to the dig site. Mostly mine tailings to find specimens. Keeping in mind the early gold hunters didn’t care about pretty rocks, it was all about the gold. And that is why rock hounds continue to find good stuff there!

DATE: March 24th 2018. **WHERE:** The McDonalds in Camp Verde, aka HWY 260 and I-17. **TIME:** 7:00 to 7:15 AM sharp. We will caravan from there to Cleator. Travel time is about 1 ½ hours to site.

TOOLS: Some surface, some digging, So bring the regular stuff, hammer, chisel shovel, gloves, knee pads buckets etc. **PERSONAL:** Safety goggles, lunch, snacks and water. At 3500 feet temps should be fine for just shirts and jeans, but just in case, sweater, light jacket and raincoat. Will have sign up sheet at March meeting and you can email me also:

sceptor11@aol.com

Gem and Mineral Shows and Other News!

Burro Creek Rockhounding Opportunity!

Las Vegas has invited the AZ Clubs to join them on a rock trip to Burro Creek. This is not a Coalition trip. Please see below for further information. Like Peggy Sue said, this would be a great time to meet new friends. Being the AZ State director I have met with some of your clubs and have enjoyed the people and shared rock trips. I'm still making my way to those clubs I have not made it yet. If you can give an approximate number of how many people will be coming from your club, even if you don't plan to stay over night, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please wear your name tags. Hope to see you there. Happy Hunting!

Thank You, Jodi Brewster
Arizona State Director

Burro Creek rock trip details from: Peggy Sue Moore

Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society
[3111 S. Valley View Blvd](http://www.snvgems.org), E-125
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Club website: www.SNVGMS.org

We are inviting our fellow Rockhounds from Arizona to join us as this is their backyard and know all the good places to go, so you will be meeting new friends. If you need a motel, check with Wikiup, AZ or Wickenburg, AZ, hotels and motels on Google. We have been there before and have collected agate, opalite, pastelite, jasper, apache tears, & petrified wood. I know there is a lot more so we will be coordinating with our Arizona friends for the best sites to visit. Most of the roads are graded, if you do not have 4 wheel drive, try to make advance arrangements to acquire one before the trip. The closest fuel is in Wikiup or Wickenburg. We usually bring a couple of auxiliary gas cans for our generator.

When: March 7 as an arrival date. We have reserved the group camp site.

Where: Burro Creek Campground. BLM campground.

Schedule:

Wednesday, March 7th, Arrival day. Get set up in your campsite. If you have a tent or an RV that isn't too big to maneuver, you can easily fit into the group site. This site has a covered pavilion, which we will use for eating and the Saturday night pot luck. Bill and I will probably park in one of the regular sites, as our 5th wheel is 30 feet long.

Thursday, March 8th: field trip

Friday, March 9th: field trip

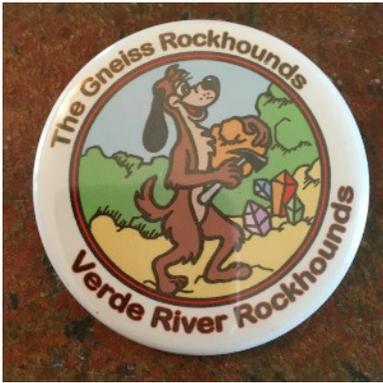
Saturday, March 10th: field trip & POT LUCK
DINNER at 5pm

Sunday, March 11th: field trip

Monday, March 12th: vacate group campground



March 24-25, 2018 **Anthem Gem & Mineral Show**, March 24, 2018 Saturday 9am - 5pm, March 25, 2018 Sunday 10am - 4 pm.
Boulder Creek High School, 40405 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy Anthem, AZ 85086. See website: <http://www.dmrmc.com/>



"ROCKS IN THE PARK II"

ROCK & MINERAL SALE

APRIL 28, 2018

Rocks in the Park was such a success last December that our board has given approval for us to hold another rock/mineral sale fundraiser for the club on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale is open to members of the Verde River Rockhounds, the Mingus Gem & Mineral Club and the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club. We are also accepting outside vendors, but club members will have priority spacing closer to the park entrance.

The sale committee has outlined the following:

First and foremost, this is a rock and mineral sale. All items will be, contain, be made from, be made with, or painted on, rocks/minerals. This is a very strict requirement. No crafts, such as clothing, accessories, jewelry, etc. that are NOT made from rocks/minerals or with rock/minerals are acceptable.

NO YARD SALE ITEMS.

There will be an unlimited number of 10 x 10 spaces available at the park. We will be charging \$20 per space for club members of the Verde River Rockhounds, the Mingus Gem and Mineral Club, and the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club and \$25 per space for outside vendors. You may reserve more than one space if you wish.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please come early to set up. After you unload everything from your vehicle, you must park it in a designated area. There is limited parking room in the lot and we must save it for people who are bringing their children or dogs to the park. We want all vendor vehicles unloaded and parked before 8 a.m.

Bring your own tables and chairs. If you want to throw a sheet on the ground and put your yard rock on it to sell, that's fine. This is not a fancy show, it's a rock/mineral sale. Also, you are responsible to clean up your space at the end of the sale so please bring a trash bag and take your own trash out with you. Restrooms are available on the premises.

I had two vendors mention that they had some problems getting cell reception at the park. I have Verizon and I had LTE with 2 bars. If you use a Square or other point of sale equipment for credit card/check sales, you may want to take a ride to the park ahead of time and see how your phone reception is there. Worst case scenario, if you can't get cell reception, you will need to sell cash only.

You can bring canopy(ies) for your space(s) but they must have weights attached to hold them down in case of wind. There is nothing scarier than an airborne canopy. As it was last time, the sale will be advertised online in major rock and gem show websites, in newspapers and by posting flyers.

Email me at:

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to reserve your space(s). First come first served. You will receive your space assignment about 2 weeks before the sale. The fee will be collected at the sale. Please have cash.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Jan Avery

This month's birthstone is

March Birthstone – Aquamarine

Those born in March are blessed with the serene, tranquil and majestic Aquamarine as their birth gemstone. The deep sea green color of aquamarine is believed to keep one calm and peaceful, allowing the bearer to remain stoic and in control despite any provocation. Aquamarine has a pale, deep green-blue cool color that works perfectly with spring and summer wardrobes. The alternative March birthstone is Heliotrope.



March Birthstone – Meaning, Significance and Symbolism

The lovely aquamarine gemstone is associated with courage, loyalty, fealty and friendship. Aquamarine is said to heighten awareness, communication skills and quick response. This gemstone symbolizes honesty, faithfulness and beauty.

Interesting Facts About Aquamarine

Aquamarines were considered sacred to Neptune, Roman God of the Sea. The association with the sea has made this stone a sacred gem for sailors, promising a prosperous and safe voyage for all those at sea. The stone was believed to have promised a safe and prosperous voyage, as well as provide sailors protection against the perils and monsters of the sea. The Greeks wore amulets made of aquamarine engraved with Poseidon (The Lord of the Sea) on a chariot.

Membership News by Marge Schwartz



In January, many of you have been sending your renewal of your membership. **The new fee for a single member-ship is \$20.00, a family is \$30.00, and a junior member-ship is 10.00 effective 11/20/17.**

See the membership form at the end of this newsletter. New members, be sure to indicate if you wish to have a badge with your name wonderfully displayed. Bring your membership renewals to the Tuesday, March 20 meeting to continue another great year.

Questions? Call Marge Schwartz
(928) 203-0356.



**2018
Membership Application**
(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Desired (Check One)

- Individual - \$20.00
 Family - \$30.00
 Junior (9-18) - \$10.00

If family membership, please list the names below:

New Members: Do you want a badge? _____

What type of backing do you want on your badge?

- Pin back
Magnetic back

Add \$9.00 for each badge and indicate the exact spelling of name to go on each badge.

**Mail this application with your dues to:
Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
PO Box 3284
Sedona, AZ 86340**

Mail to the above address, or bring to our next meeting

Questions?

Call

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