

SEDONA RED ROCKING NEWS

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MEMBER AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
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MEMBER ROCKY MOUNTAIN
FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES

April General Meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 pm, April 22 at the Sedona Library off of Dry Creek Road in West Sedona. Guests are welcome. The Board of Directors meets at 5:00 pm the day before the General Meeting, also at the library. Any members are welcome to attend and participate in input.

Healing Energies of Gems and Minerals

Susan Zepkin, Sedona resident and Gem Club member, will speak on the principles of crystal healing and the selection of stones to use on the body at our next meeting April 22. (Please note the date change from the third Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday.)

Susan has been a lifelong rockhound and collector, starting her formal education at the University of California in Santa Barbara as a Geology major. Her interest in crystal healing led her to study with Katrina Kremer who specialized in sacred geometry and quantum physics as applied to crystal healing. She then studied "laying on of the stones" with Melody, a scientist and world renowned authority on crystals and crystal healing. She also learned chakra analysis and repair, energy balancing and natural healing with crystals and minerals. She subsequently received a Master of Crystology Certification from Melody. Her extensive training has also included degrees in Reiki, certification in color therapies, vibrational healing, and aura reading.

She had field training in Australia with Melody, where she became a Certified Instructor of crystal healing, participated in numerous gem and mineral digs around the world, has taught classes, conducted workshops, given ceremonies, and has been a practitioner of Crystal Energy Therapy for over 25 years.

Her natural gifts have led her to work with family, friends and clients who have experienced a variety of

conditions including chronic pain, terminal illness, female problems, disease, throat issues, bells palsy, low energy, pregnancy, and a wide variety of health concerns. She uses her crystals and minerals to balance the body's energy fields and promote general well being. She combines therapies by working with the mind as well as the body in the capacity of a life-quality coach. These modalities treat the whole person, and acknowledge each person's ability to participate in their own healing.

Susan will bring several of her healing stones and tools to the meeting. Be sure not to miss this very special presentation!

At our usual **Cookie &**



Coffee Break, cookie providers will be Elaine Marstad, Janet Walters, and Mary Nell Terry.

We are arranging the Coffee Break persons month to month this year. Marsha Adams volunteered last month to be in charge of the cookie table and the bringing of the coffee-making stuff this month of April. Take note of the cookie notebook on the cookie table to see who has volunteered for the May stint, following Marsha in April. Also, we need to make sure volunteers have signed up for bringing cookies in May.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2008

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ray Cooke reported a balance of \$16,798.88 after \$441 in income and \$2,594.47 in expenses. Ray noted that SGMC will file an e-card with the IRS since the club's earnings are less than \$25000.

MEMBERSHIP: According to Rose Marie Licher, there are 110 paid members in SGMC as of March 17. This includes 46 individuals and 30 families of two or more. Seventy-nine members have not yet renewed.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AND NEEDS:

Conrad Engsborg has agreed to handle audio-visual setup.

A Club Education Coordinator is still needed. Serving of refreshments at the General Meetings is running well. The names of each month's coordinators and cookie bakers should be reported for inclusion in the SGMC newsletter.

PROGRAMS:

The SGMC Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 at Montezuma Well.

FIELD TRIPS

Bob Mieth and Pat McMahan previewed upcoming field trips sponsored by local or regional clubs. Dates and sites are:

April 26 – Rockhounding at the Anderson Mine outside of Wickenburg for agate, petrified palm root, yard rocks.

May 21-26 – The Tri-Federations Rockhound Rendezvous offers a collecting opportunity in northeast Nevada for pink limb casts, snakeskin agate, geodes, and petrified wood. See the March issue of SGMC's Red Rocking News for further information.

May 30 or May 31 – SGMC members will view the mineral collection and possibly the vault at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and visit Kartchner Caverns. Dates and times will be determined depending on member interest.

OCT. 17-18, 2008 ROCK SALE PUBLICITY

Ed Hodges discussed with the board details of how publicity money is to be spent.

EDUCATION:

Bob Mieth and Pat McMahan reported on four sessions of

a successful lapidary class. Twenty-six students participated in the four-hour sessions on February 23 and 24. Training included slicing of rough rock through grinding and shaping of the finished pieces. Pat suggested that SGMC members who are interested in comprehensive training could contact Marilyn at the Taos School of Metalsmithing & Lapidary Design. See www.taosjewelryschool.com. (Excerpted from Secretary Janet Walters' complete minutes.)



Our lapidary class in the saw room. From left to right Instructor Bob Mieth, Barb Shultz, Ed Shultz, Rita Topp, Reily, (our best student) Ev Orsborn, Brian Orsborn and in front, "Agate". — from Pat McMahan

General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 18, 2008

President Kelly Quester began the meeting by relaying more "you know you're a rockhound" one-liners.



BUSINESS MEETING TOPICS

Club members were excited to see the finished, polished specimens produced by their peers at the SGMC Lapidary Class held on February 23 and 24. Bob Mieth and Pat McMahan were congratulated for successfully training 26 students in four sessions. Several class participants showed and described their class projects, then were rewarded with three raffle tickets for bringing in their treasures. Members were reminded that 2008 dues should be paid promptly so their names can be published in the membership roster in April. President Kelly noted that there are 79

unpaid members lurking in the wings.

The club's checking account holds \$6,798. The club has a \$10,000 CD too.

Education is the final committee that needs a leader to come forward. Contact Kelly if you're willing to seek out and report on educational opportunities for your fellow club members.

THE SGMC ANNUAL PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 7 AT MONTEZUMA WELL.

THE SEDONA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB ROCK SHOW IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 18-19 AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

FIELD TRIPS

Bob Mieth and Pat McMahan previewed upcoming field trips sponsored by local or regional clubs.

[A repeat of field trip information in the Board minutes follows, just to be sure you've got it:]

On April 26 there will be a rockhounding trip to the Anderson Mine outside of Wickenburg for limb casts, agate, petrified palm root, etc. The drive to the mine includes a bonus of viewing spring wildflowers and flowering Joshua trees.

During May 21-26, the Tri-Federations Rockhound Rendezvous will be a collecting opportunity for pink limb casts, snakeskin agate, geodes, and petrified wood in the Texas Springs area of northeast Nevada. See the March issue of SGMC's Red Rocking News for further information.

On Friday, May 30, SGMC members can tour Kartchner Caverns and view the mineral collection and possibly the vault at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Reservations are needed to tour the caverns so sign up as soon as possible.

EDUCATION

A proposal was put forth to the membership to consider purchase of a workshop trailer that would house tools and equipment for common use. Several members would need to learn how to use the equipment and hold keys to the trailer. Also, the trailer would need a home on a member's acreage. The membership expressed interest in this proposal.

SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

An inventory reduction sale of equipment and miscella-

neous items is scheduled for April 11-13 at Tom's Hidden Valley Treasures. Contact Linda Kappel at 634-4698 for more information and directions.

The meeting concluded with the ever-popular raffle of mineral specimens as described by Pat and presented by Ev Orsborn. Each member who displayed minerals, rocks, jewelry or other rockhound-related objects during the break was rewarded with three raffle tickets for the evening's raffle.

Then, President Kelly thanked all members who were ready to quickly put away chairs and tables.

(Minutes excerpted from complete minutes submitted by Secretary Janet Walters.)

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22 – EARTH DAY.

Program Calendar for Remainder of 2008

- Apr 22 - note date change
Why are we attracted to the rocks?:
Metaphysical properties of rocks and minerals
Susan Zepkin
- May 20
Crystal Cave – Sierra de Naica, Mexico
Bob Jones
- June 7
Club Picnic - Montezuma Well
- Summer hiatus
- Sep 16
Members Night
- Oct 14 - note date change
Dowsing for Minerals
Jack Baxter
- Nov 18
Agates
Pat McMahan
- December 2
Holiday Party - St Andrew's
Episcopal Church - West Sedona

Thanks to our most efficient program chair, Danny Fitzpatrick, we're all set for the rest of the year!

It was a Great Trip to Rodeo Flat!

Pat McMahan reporting in on the March 22 Field Trip.

We stopped at the salt mine where I had heard that an outcrop of halite (salt) had become exposed in recent rains. Some of the halite had a beautiful hue of purple. Thirty-five members of our club ascended the large hill at the salt mine finding glauberite after calcite pseudomorphs. The real treasure would be to find a piece of the halite. Ed and Dianne Hodges found the pocket and only took a few small pieces of plain white halite in the last few minutes we were there before heading off to Rodeo Flat. Ed and Dianne would deal with this find later when there was more time.

About 10:00 am the train of 21 cars arrived at our club's claim with picks and shovels at the ready. We walked about a quarter mile to an alluvial area where Pat began digging to show how to unearth agate treasures. Pat didn't find much but some of the girls got the hang of it right away and found some beautiful things. The guys were pretty good diggers but the girls were amazing.

Janet Walters, Rose Marie Licher, Barb Shultz, Rita Topp, Dianne Hodges, Ev Orsborn, Linda Kappel, Lynnette Delacruz and others got with it right off the bat. Colorful pieces of moss, plume and a little sagenite were part of the booty. I am sorry I didn't catch the excitement on their faces with my camera. What a site!

After a while, except for a few hardy diggers the group fanned out over the hills picking up treasures along the way. After a lunch in the agate field and some more hunting, the agate hunters lugged their rocks to the car. Many were fortunate to get a ride with Brian Orsborn who was so kind to bring his Mule (the 4-wheel variety) to help shuttle rocks and club members.

Patti Polk found a very interesting pseudomorph at Rodeo Flat. It will be at our next meeting along with, I hope, other members' finds for the day.

Later that day when there was more time, Dianne and Ed Hodges went back to the salt mine where they dug into the side of the mountain and found a 2-inch purple cube of halite. This topped off a really remarkable trip.

Picture Gallery



Rodeo Flats Area - Pretty rough country



Glauberite specimen from Salt Mine area.

Pretty good haul of jasper/agate pieces. Photos from James & Mary Nell Terry



Watching Pat Dig - a demonstration of method. From Linda Kapell

**Mineralogical Society of Arizona
Field Trip on April 19**

Ed Nichols - Field trip coordinator

Call his Cell Phone: 480-379-6716 for complete details and directions. The location is near Globe, AZ and off of Queen Valley Road.

Our club is welcome to join this field trip. Walk to location somewhat less than a mile, a rather rough hilly walk. Good fossil finds.

**KARTCHNER CAVERNS, ARIZONA-SONORA
DESERT MUSEUM
OUR CLUB FIELD TRIP ON MAY 30-31**

Information you need to know -

On May 30, our club will drive to Tucson and stay at the Best Value Inn, 520-884-5800. You may go directly to the U of AZ and view the mineral collection on the 30th if you wish. The group will meet at the Hotel lobby briefly and then travel on to meet together for dinner.

On Saturday May 31 we will leave after breakfast, going across the street from the hotel at 7:30 am for Kartchner arrival at 9:30 am. The tour is 1 hour 30 minutes. We will leave and meet for lunch at the intersection of I-10 and the exit for Kartchner Caverns. The name of the restaurant is forthcoming.

After lunch, we will leave for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (a little less than an hour drive). We will gather there about 1:30 pm and go together to the mineral display at 2:00 pm.

After seeing the museum, some will want to stay the night in Tucson and others return home. You will be on your own after the museum tour.

We must make our reservations the day after our April meeting to go to Kartchner Caverns.

Please bring a check or cash - \$18.95 each adult. Make your check out to Sedona Gem and Mineral Club. More information will be forthcoming at the April 22 general meeting.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, call Pat McMahan at 300-8333.

**Coalition trip-Payson Rimstones
Rock Club**

April 27 - Sunday 10 AM AGATE MOUNTAIN

meet @ Star Valley Circle K; leave 10:10 -

High clearance is advisable; jeeps work well. Road is better than last year. Float material available; but boulders are there for pounding on...also lavender amethyst material is a hike around the base of the mountain to an old mine area. Bring usual tools; lots of water; lunch; chairs; white shirts to reflect the heat; and boots as ground is uneven to mine—but fun for all ages.

Call if you have questions: Lynne Wheeler 928-472-7170 Payson, AZ verizon cell 928-978-4062

Wonders Of A Crystal

A crystal is one of the strangest objects of nature. It is not alive, yet it grows. A crystal attracts the same kind of materials of which it is composed, arranges them with great accuracy in geometrical forms, cements the parts together and holds them. Place a crystal in a liquid, or vapor composed of the same ingredients as the crystal and the process of accumulation immediately begins. If a crystal was broken in two parts and placed in a bath of liquefied crystal, the broken surface will be repaired and each part will grow into another crystal, providing the other conditions favorable for crystal growth are present. Even after a crystal has been worn until it is but a rounded grain of sand, it will speedily become a crystal again if placed in a solution containing the ingredients of which it is composed. There is no known limit to the ability of a crystal thus to repair itself and resume its growth. Under a microscope a crystalline solution can be seen forming into crystals, and it is a wonderful sight. First, innumerable dark spots form in the fluid; they stand still and then begin to move. It is soon seen that the movement arranges the spots in straight lines, like beads. The beads speedily coalesce into rods, and the rods arrange themselves into layers until a crystal is created. The process proceeds so rapidly that it is almost impossible to follow closely.

FROM PRESCOTT G&M CLUB "TAILINGS"

Rock Scoop 2\01 via Dusty Rocks 7/01
via Golden Spike News 8/01

From your editor - I promise more news besides field trips next month, more informational articles, and even more humor.

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JUNE 7-10 - RMFMS & AFMS CONVENTION AND SHOW. ROSWELL, NM

MAY 3-4, 2008 KINGMAN, AZ
KINGMAN ANNUAL SHOW. KINGMAN ACADEMY OF LEARNING 3419 HARRISON ST. KINGMAN, AZ
SPONSORED BY: MOHAVE COUNTY GEMSTONERS DISPLAYS, SILENT AUCTION, DEALERS, & DOOR PRIZES.
HOURS: SAT. 9-5, SUN. 9-4 ADMISSION: FREE
CONTACT: DAVE OR PETE AT 928-692-3797 OR 928-565-4321, OR WRITE MOHAVE COUNTY GEMSTONERS CLUB, P.O. Box 3992, KINGMAN AZ, 86402, OR E-MAIL DAVE : TPAT2TS@UNEEDSPEED.NET



MAY 21-26 TEXAS SPRINGS, NEVADA
TRI-FEDERATION ROCKHOUND RENDEZVOUS – REPRISE - SEE OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS



MAY 24-25, 2008 PINETOP-LAKESIDE
WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM & MINERAL SHOW
BLUE RIDGE JR. HIGH (GYM & CAFÉ)
1200 W. WHITE BLVD., LAKESIDE, AZ 85929
SPONSORED BY: WHITE MT. GEM & MINERAL CLUB
ADMISSION: \$2:00, STUDENTS UNDER 16 FREE

PARKING: FREE HOURS: SAT. 9-6, SUN. 9-4
SHOW / DEALER CHAIRPERSON: NANZ MARSHALL, 5011 FOREST VIEW RD., LAKESIDE, AZ 85929, 928-537-2524

MAY 24-25, 2008 BISBEE BISBEE MINERAL SHOW
QUEEN MINE TOUR 478 DART ROAD, BISBEE, AZ
SPONSORED BY: CITY OF BISBEE, BISBEE MINING HISTORICAL MUSEUM & BISBEE CHAMBER COMMERCE
ADMISSION: FREE PARKING: FREE
HOURS: SAT. & SUN. 9-5
SHOW AND DEALER CHAIRPERSON: DOUGLAS GRAEME, 520-432-2071, DGRAEME@CITYOFBISBEE.COM

AUGUST 22 – SEPT 1, 2008 APACHE CREEK, NM

AGATE RENDEZVOUS 2008 – 10 DAYS OF ROCKHOUNDING AMONG THE PINES IN NEW MEXICO.

DETAILS IN MSA FEB. NEWSLETTER. ASK HERK@COMMSPEED.NET FOR THEM.

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