

SEDONA RED ROCKING NEWS

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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www.sedonagemandmineral.org

General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Sedona Library off of Dry Creek Road in West Sedona. The Board of Directors meets at 5:00 PM the day before the General Meeting, also at the library. Members and guests are always welcome to attend.



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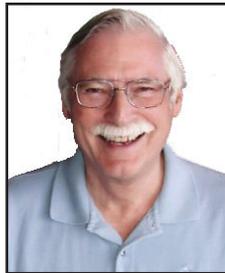
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Be sure to attend the annual Sedona Gem and Mineral Show October 15 and 16, 2011, at the Sedona Red Rock High School, Sedona. For more information call Pat McMahan at (928) 300-8333.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

"Basic Dowsing and Beyond"

Presented by Ed Stillman (at right) and Michael Greenup



Ed Stillman, Past President of the Verde Valley Chapter of the American Society of Dowsers (ASD), and **Michael Greenup**, President of the Prescott Area Dowsing Society (PADS), will both be speakers at our upcoming February 15th, 2011 club meeting and basic dowsing program.

Ed has been dowsing for more than 25 years, and he has owned a water well location business for more than ten years with Jack Baxter, who was a club speaker at the October 2008 ASD meeting. Ed is a lifetime member of ASD and has served ASD as the Scientific Advisor for seven years. Ed was in charge of the Dowsers' Brainwave Study and served as the Education Advisor for five years developing curriculum for the one-day basic Dowsing School. Ed has taught the all-day essential-knowledge Dowsing School at major ASD conferences for the last 18 years. He has published articles on dowsing in the American, Canadian and British Society of Dowsers Journals. In 1999, Ed received the highly coveted ASD "Dowser of the Year" Award.

Michael has been dowsing for more than 10 years and has directed his dowsing interests to Treasure Dowsing. He is a member of ASD and has taught many dowsing classes. For the Prescott Area Dowsing Society, Michael has introduced many of the facets of this highly specialized skill that can be done with dowsing. He has worked with some of the top dowsers in the country who have been successful treasure hunters. Michael has worked with Ed Stillman and Jack Baxter, and they have been instrumental in helping to develop Michael's dowsing interests. Michael has spent many hours in the field perfecting his skills in the precious metal area.

Dowsing is the ancient art and skill of finding water and minerals including objects and information on just about anything you can imagine, including human artifacts, gold and even rocks!

Ed will show a video of the Discovery Channel Show "*Strange But True*" that documents the amazing map and field dowsing of master dowser Ted Kaufman in locating a truck that disappeared with two men aboard. In order to provide further information about basic dowsing, Ed will then show and demonstrate all of the individual steps in preparing to do such a complicated dowse with highly skeptical observers, including duplicating Ted's dowse

for you, step by step. This will also include information about the application of the "dowsing mind state", which the brainwave study results demonstrated. Ed will then show the application of these steps to dowsing for human remains and human artifacts and water dowsing applications.

Michael will describe and demonstrate what the dowser has to do to accomplish gold dowsing, and he will discuss the energy fields of the gold deposits and treasure for which he searches. Michael will show the gold dowsing techniques and talk about how you can perfect your skills. Michael will also talk about the many problems one faces as a dowser when looking for precious metals.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

I spoke with the front desk agent at the Best Value Inn this morning, the purpose of the call was to get a room count for the field trip. The number of rooms remaining in our "block" is 6.

It's time to get out your calendars and make your decision about going. This is such a remarkable event, whatever you are looking for, rough rock, slabs, cabs, faceted gems, beads, findings, designer jewelry, and on and on.... you will find it at the world famous Tucson Show.

Make your call soon. Be sure to mention that you are with the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club to get the special rate of \$59.00 per night plus tax. Nights are Wednesday, Feb 9th and Thursday the 10th.

**Best Value Inn
818 E. Benson Hwy
Tucson, AZ
520-884-5800**

Our group will meet in the hotel lobby Wednesday at 5:20pm for a short orientation and then as a group we are heading to La Parilla Suiza for a great Mexico City style Mexican dinner. The restaurant has always offered separate checks to make it easier on the group.

I want to personally thank Pat McMahan for taking us on this wonderful and exciting trip. *from Rita Topp*

President's Message by Garry Kappel

On January 17th, 2011 the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club board of directors has elected to change the date of the monthly board meetings from the day before the general meeting to the Tuesday before the general meeting (e.g.; 1 week prior on the 2nd Tuesday of the month). This change will allow the officers and directors more time to get any necessary materials ready for the general meeting on the following Tuesday.

The current board meeting date is specified in the Club's By-Law (Article 7, Paragraph 2), so a change to the Club's By-Laws will be required. In accordance with Article 9, Paragraph 1 Amendments to the By-Laws Club membership must be informed of the proposed change and information posted at the preceding general meeting. In accordance with the Amendments provision, the membership at the January general meeting were so informed and could read the posting on the President's Message Board. In addition, this article will so inform the general membership who did not attend the January general meeting.

Also, per Article 9, Paragraph 1 - any change to the Club's By-Laws requires a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at the next general meeting (after the posting). Therefore, the general membership at the February 15th meeting will be asked to vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment. Specifically; the first sentence of Paragraph 2 of Article 7 which states "The Board of Directors shall meet the day before every regular meeting of members at a time and place determined by the President" shall be change. The new wording shall be "The Board of Directors shall meet on the 2nd Tuesday prior to every regular meeting of members at a time and place determined by the President."

Usually, board meetings are held at the Sedona Public Library at 4:00 pm and members &/or guests are welcome to attend. However, based upon availability of meeting space at the Library, the board may meet at a different location from time-to-time.

February Birthstones By Marge Schwartz

As if time doesn't already fly by fast enough, February is the shortest month of the year! The Sunshine committee wants to wish a happy birthday to all the February babies out there.

A birthstone is a gift of a precious material, mainly gemstones They are traditionally associated with various qualities that symbolizes the month of birth in the Gregorian Calendar. It is sometimes also called birthday stone because it coincides with the recipient's year of birth

Modern Birthstones – from the American National Association of Jewelers

Amethyst: This is a form of quartz and the name comes from the Greek word meaning sober. This gem was thought to protect the wearer from drunkenness and evil. Party down but don't drink and drive !

Planetary Stone

Turquoise: This valuable mineral is one of the most valuable non-transparent minerals used in the jewelry trade. Most rockhounds probably own a piece or two. Many fetish animals carved of turquoise serve as pocket charms . It is often used by shamans in rituals and ceremonies as a sacred stone for the North American Indians. It is said to promote mental and spiritual clarity and expansion and to enhance wisdom, trust, kindness and understanding.

Zodiac Stones

Aquarius: Opal and Garnet with a Talismanic (good luck) stone of Jasper.

More Field Trip News by Rita Topp

I've spoken to a few members that went on the "on your own" January field trip to Quartzsite, AZ. Each found most of what they were looking for and plenty of what they were not looking for. Heavy loads for some!

The staff at the Best Value Inn said they would honor our special rate of \$59.00 until the Inn is sold out. So, just in case you put your decision making off you may still have a chance to get in on the fun. Remember to mention Sedona Gem & Mineral Club to save dollars, as you probably will end up spending on ROCKS or BEADS or EQUIPMENT or WHATEVER.

If you have added yourself to the Tucson trip and made a room reservation after January 20th, please call Pat McMahan or myself, we'd like to notify the restaurant on a firm number for our Wednesday night meal.

Our Tucson field trip, February 9 and 10 is on track. Details are in last months newsletter and also in an email Rose Marie sent to every member that supplied us with their email account information. Thanks Rose Marie, for your help in contacting our SGMC members.

The field trip to Anderson mine is on hold for now. More information in upcoming months.

Our new March field trip is to a location on Mingus Mountain. Our trip is scheduled for March 19th, and we'll be finding siderite which is often associated with calcite, barite and pyrite. The colors are brown to very dark brown with white streaks.

On my last trip up the mountain to pick up specimens I found many different size pieces, from chips to chunks larger than a fist. The collecting is easy if the sun is shining, although we don't really need sun to get what we are after. Siderite is an ore of iron and it is heavy, so don't over fill your container. You can easily take a couple of trips back to your vehicle, as it's only about 1/4 mile from the parking area.

Our April field trip is the annual Coalition trip to Holbrook for petrified wood, weather permitting.

Pisces: Rock Crystal and Sapphire with a Talismanic (good luck) stone of Ruby.

Good luck charms made of Talismanic stones can be carried in a pocket or purse to bring the owner luck and courage.

Mystical Birthstones

Bloodstone: This is a colorful form of Chalcedony. The name for a group of stones made of a microcrystalline or cryptocrystalline variety of quartz. Bloodstone is a colorful combination of green hues and red drops that look like drops of blood on the background color.

Note from the Editor

Hello again everyone!

Well, I am now back officially as the "new" newsletter editor. I had tried to escape my fate last year, but alas, to no avail. I will do my very best though to provide a timely, interesting, and informative newsletter for your personal enjoyment.

If you have anything to contribute - news, articles, photographs, or whatever, please email them to me by the end of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

You can send all info to: rockhound_86326@yahoo.com

Happy trails!

Your new/old editor, Patti Polk

2011 New Board Members & Committees

OFFICERS	POSITION
Berghorn, Darryl	3rd VP
Cooke, Ray	Treasurer
Kappel, Garry	President
Macklin, Gayle	Secretary
Solon, Becky	1st VP - Programs
Topp, Rita	2nd VP - Field Trips
DIRECTORS	POSITION
Cooke, Mary Jane	Dir./Board Member
Hodges, Ed	Past President
Koba, Amy	Dir./Board Member
McMahan, Pat	Dir./Board Member
Read, Susan	Dir./Board Member
<<<Open>>>	Show Chair
COMMITTEES	POSITION
Cooke, Mary Jane	Education
<<<Open>>>	Nominating
Cooke, Mary Jane	Refreshments
Licher, Rose Marie	Membership Roster
Michaelis, Roland	Display(s)
Schwartz, Marjorie	Remembrance/Sunshine
AD-HOC COMMITTEES	POSITION
Cooke, Mary Jane	Scholarships
Polk, Patti	Newsletter
Polk, Patti	Webmaster
Santiorinni, Ev	Raffle Ticket Sales
Schultz, Ted & Barb	Historian
<<<Open>>>	Welcoming
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<<<Open>>>	Setup/Takedown
<<<Open>>>	Audio/Visual
<<<Open>>>	Social (xmas/picnic)

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Due to continually rising costs, the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club yearly dues have been raised from \$10.00 for an individual to \$15.00; from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for a family; and juniors (9-18) remain at \$5.00.

To be included on the club's roster and remain a member, dues must be received no later than March 31st.

Clip out the application provided here and mail it with your check to the P.O. Box address listed below, or come and see treasurer Ray Cooke at one of our meetings.



Membership Application
(please print)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ___ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Renewal or New
Membership Desired (Check One)

Individual \$15.00 _____
 Family \$25.00 _____
 Junior (9-18) \$ 5.00 _____

If a family membership, please list the names of family members below:

Would you like to receive your Newsletter by:
(Circle Yes or No)

Post Office (printed B/W) Yes or No
 Email (in color) Yes or No

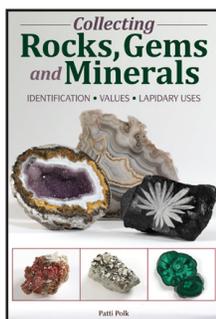
You may mail this application with your dues to:
 Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
 P.O. Box 3284
 Sedona, AZ 86340

Cut this section from the newsletter and mail to the above address, or you are welcome to come and join at one of our regular meetings.

Questions?
 Call Pat McMahan: (928) 300-8333
 or Ed Hodges: (928) 282-4980
 www.sedonagemandmineral.org

Don't Forget!

You can still purchase a copy of member Patti Polk's book "Collecting Rocks, Gems, and Minerals" on her website agategrrrr.com, Amazon.com, or at Barnes & Noble bookstores everywhere.



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FEBRUARY 2011

1-28—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Show, "Desert Gardens International Gem & Mineral Show"; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1064 Kuehn St. (I-10 Exit 17, south side); 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1064 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361. e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

10-13—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show; Tucson Gem & Mineral

Society; Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church St.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$10, seniors and active military \$2 off Fri. admission, children under 14 free with adult; contact TGMS, P.O. Box 42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-5773; e-mail: tgms@tgms.org; Web site: www.tgms.org

19-20—MESA, ARIZONA: Show, "2011: Rocks From Heaven"; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Skyline High School, 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children under 12 free; vendors, jewelry, gemstones, cabochons, rocks, minerals, fossils, beads, findings, lapidary equipment, lapidary supplies, silent auction, gem tree making, wheel of rocks, grand raffle; contact Wally Frlich, Apache Junction, AZ (480) 982-7760; e-mail: wfrlich@hotmail.com; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com

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11-13—COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Show, "Verde Valley Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show"; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 800 E. Cherry St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children 13 and under free with paying adult; more than 30 vendors, door prize raffles, educational displays, extensive children's area; contact Sarah Knowles, P.O. Box 1284, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. e-mail: Mingusgemandmineralclub@gmail.com

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