

SEDONA RED ROCKING NEWS

Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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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 week before the General Meeting, also at the library. Members and guests are always welcome to attend.



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MEMBER ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

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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 Garry Kappel at (928) 634-4698.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Ice Cream Social & Member's Night

September's program will include both member's night and an ice cream social. Member's Night is just what it says - an evening dedicated to sharing and exploring our club member's interests, talents, and projects.

Patti Polk will give a short talk on some of the subjects included in her book "Collecting Rocks, Gems, & Minerals", and Rose Marie Licher will present a slide show of her photos from this year's club picnic. There will also be impromptu standup presentations from members who bring their show & tell displays of 5-6 minutes each, and the floor will be open to all members to share their interesting stories, projects and special collections or displays that they may have completed over the summer months. All members are encouraged to participate and share their summer experiences or braggin' rocks!

There will also be a fantastic Ice Cream Social featuring delicious ice cream with a variety of toppings, along with the usual refreshments.

This will be a fun evening, so be sure to be there!



WELCOME BACK!
To all new & returning
members!

A MESSAGE FROM ANN AND GREG CAPATCH SHOW CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Hello fellow club members. Ann and I have been working hard through the summer getting the show preparations finished, and since this is our first year we have leaned heavily on some of the other members for help - which we appreciate greatly. We had a show meeting over the summer to discuss the progress of all the different areas which encompass our show, and the chairpersons for these areas have things running smoothly and everything will be in place and ready to go come October. Ann and I are also the vendor chairpersons, and we are happy to report that we filled the last open booth this week.

Our neighbor has a business in which he delivers rack cards to all 77 resorts and hotels in the area, and he has offered to take our rack cards to all of these locations the week before the show free of charge, so we are expecting a very large turnout this year. The city will also be placing our banners on the lampposts throughout Sedona again this year, and this will help draw people in as well.

With all this said, the show cannot happen without a substantial number of volunteers from the club to help with set up and tear down, help with raffles - and assist in the many other areas where help is needed. During the ice cream social this month, we will be bringing signup sheets for each of the areas in which help is needed - and we encourage each of you to consider signing up as a volunteer in one or more of these areas.

The club is hoping for a very large turnout for the upcoming meeting, but in the event you cannot make the meeting and would like to volunteer, please call Ann or Greg at 554-4615 and we will gladly find an area where you can pitch in. Thanks in advance for helping to make this our best show ever.

Greg & Ann Capatch

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP *by Rita Topp*

This trip will be one week earlier than the usual weekend. We will be headed to an area near Payson on Saturday September 17, to collect Brainstone Nodules and Fossils. The Brainstones are usually solid with a few exceptions that have a small cavity with crystal points. These nodules are plentiful and range from 1 inch to 4 inches in size. We will stay at the collecting site for about three hours. Keep your eyes open for the Fossils which are in the same area.

Samples of the Brainstone and Fossils will be available to view the morning of our trip. We will meet in the McDonald's parking lot at the HWY 260 exit off of I-17 at 9 AM and leave at 9:15 AM for the collecting location.

Bring a rock hammer or a small spade, gloves, sunscreen, snacks, drinking water and a hat. Don't forget your containers for your finds. You can pack your lunch or we can continue our new tradition of going out for lunch after the dig. The Riverside Grill is not far from the turn off of Hwy 87 in Pine, they have a wide variety of food to choose from.

Please call 284-1570 to sign up for the trip, just leave a message with your name, phone number and the number of people going on the trip. If it is raining the morning of the trip we will cancel and find a new date. You may contact me on my cell the morning of the 17th if you have any questions or need to cancel. My cell phone number is 300-7461.

October Has Two Field Trips:

Trip #1

The 70th annual Gem-O-Rama put on by Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society will be held October 8 and 9, 2011. They have a really good show plus lead three fun filled field trips.

On Saturday October 8th there are two trips: The Mud Trip (Saturday AM) - you'll find cluster and barrel Hanksite in black mud. Cost \$10.00 per car. The Blow Hole (Saturday PM) - you be collecting Hanksite, Halite and Borax, from the surface. Cost \$10.00 per car.

On Sunday October 9th: Pink Halite Trip (Sunday AM) - wading in knee deep to waist deep briny water to collect the crusty Halite crystals. Cost \$15.00 per car.

You may think this seems expensive, but to really see what all is involved in the preparation for this event you

have to visit their website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/GEM-O-RAMA.htm Renting equipment and hiring crews is not cheap. This really is a fun couple of days; I know from first-hand experience. The kid in me still likes to play in the mud and wade in puddles.

The website has everything you need to know, and what you need to bring to each of the field trips. For anyone not wanting to collect their own Halite Crystals they are available to purchase from the sales room.

Anyone wanting to go as a group will meet in the parking lot of the Best Western Motel, 400 South China Lake Blvd. Ridgecrest CA. We will leave the motel parking lot at 7:15 AM, drive to the event, park and register, as well as purchase our tickets for the trips.

I must emphasize the need to visit the website to get valuable information about this event. You will find information about motels, camping, brine to wash your Hanksite in, supplies needed, and also information about their show and food vendors.

No need to sign up for this event - just show up in the parking lot of the Best Western Motel by 7:15 AM on the 8th of October or head over on your own.

Trip #2

Diamond Point on October 24. More details in the October newsletter.



MAY FIELD TRIP

Our May 2011 trip to Mingus Mountain was a great success. Our thanks to Garry Kappel for leading us in the right direction to collect red and purple Jasper. Seventeen of us collected till we were exhausted and our bodies wanted food. Thirteen members decided to eat lunch together at the Su Casa Restaurant in Clarkdale where we had lively talks about rocks and rat zappers.

Did You Know?

That the club has a member's corner at every meeting? What is a member's corner, you ask? It is an area where members can bring different items to display, give away, or sell - rocks, jewelry, magazines, whatever. And, if you bring something to sell that doesn't sell, and you don't want to haul it home, you can always donate it to the club to be used as a raffle prize or as a prize for the kid's table at our annual rock show. We can also use small rocks, beads, jewelry making supplies, & plastic bags for the kid's table too.

SEPTEMBER COALITION FIELD TRIP

from Robin Evans, Maricopa Lapidary Club

The September Coalition field trip will be on Saturday, September 24th, and will be for Mingus Mountain red jasper. We will meet at the Mingus Mountain Recreation Area parking lot, which is on 89A between Prescott and Jerome between mile marker 336 and 337 at 9:00 am. Departure is at 9:15 am. Waivers and sign in sheet will need to be signed prior to leaving. If the area has rain one week prior to or forecasted for the day of the event, it will be cancelled. There is scant cell phone service available in the area, as we found out last year. If you have questions prior to event, call me at 602-866-8758 (EVENINGS ONLY – DAY SLEEPER). Otherwise, my emergency phone will be on the day of the event 602-703-5188.

OCTOBER COALITION FIELD TRIP

from Payson Rimstones Rock Club

The field trip will consist of shopping at Grey's Corner in Holbrook and then fee collecting at the Dolbell Ranch.

October 1st. We will leave the north side of Taco Bell in Payson at 7:00 AM and car pool to Grey's Corner Rock Shop in Holbrook. Taco Bell is at the corner of Hwy 260 and 87 on the north side in the Bashas shopping center. We will meet Steve Sundra at Grey's corner at 9:00 AM and after looking at museum quality rocks we will follow Steve to the Dobell Ranch where for \$28 we can collect a five gallon bucket of petrified wood. Bring a lunch, water, hat, tools and a five gallon bucket for collecting. Please contact Steve Sundra if you have questions at (928) 478- 4605. If you wish to meet at Holbrook Grey's Corner Rock Shop please show up by 9:00 AM and the shop is located on Hwy 77 south of Holbrook at Hwy 377 junction.

**September Birthstones**

By Marge Schwartz

In my earlier years, as a career teacher, I always had a happy and positive back to school message. Those days are gone but I still enjoy the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club Members Night meeting. It is like a reunion of friends rather than family and the evening is filled with stories of what we did over the summer. Welcome back!

In grand tradition, here is a summary of our summer birthstones and the current September information. Happy Birthday to all of the summer babies like me and any other happy occasion that may occur in the summer or in our new season starting with September. Enjoy the stones you have, bring something to show during Member's Night and let's look forward to collecting more during the next year.

The custom of actually wearing birthstones first gained popularity in Poland in the fifteenth century. Tradition suggested everyone wear the birthstone for each month, since the powers of the gemstone were heightened during its month. For the fullest effect, individuals needed to own an entire set of twelve gemstones and rotate them monthly. What a great excuse for more rocks!

Below is a summary of the summer's traditional birthstones:

June	Pearl, Alexandrite, Moonstone
July	Ruby, Carnelian
August	Peridot, Sardonyx, Carnelian, Diamond
September	Sapphire, Crysolite, Agate, Lapis

Each month in the newsletter, I hope to write a little about the birthstones for the month for your information and entertainment.

Annual Sedona Club Picnic

If you missed the club picnic in June at Posse Grounds in Sedona, you missed a good time. There were lots of changes this year for the picnic. The new venue being the Posse Grounds park, which was very nice and close by for most members. We had 4 reserved ramadas so everyone had plenty of room and we had several nice BBQ grills to cook up the hamburgers and hot dogs which the club provided, as well as drinks.

There were many chefs, including Bill Sarchet, Garry Kappel, Charles Drummond and Marjorie Schwartz. All of them did a fantastic job. There were also many yummy potluck dishes. Cliff Montgomery brought some first class guacamole and who ever made the lemon bars, I want that recipe for sure. There was chocolate cake, cupcakes, watermelon, cantelope, mixed fruit, Asian salad and lots of trimmings for the meat. I'm sure I forgot some of the dishes, but there was plenty for everyone and all had a good time socializing and trying to figure out the name and spelling for the game, *What Am I and How Do You Spell Me?*

Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun figuring out what the specimens were and then the all too tricky spellings. Did you know that Psilomelane is now called Romanechite in all the rock books? And of course, we all know the common habit of licking rocks to get a better idea how they might looked polished. But, don't be doing that with Cinnabar!

But before we learned the answers to that game and had our lunch, we did an Arizona Trivia Game. There were all sorts of questions about Arizona. Like where is Cleopatra Hill and who discovered the Vulture Mine? Where was the first copper mine and where is the Lavender Pit located. I think we all learned lots of interesting little tidbits about our great state. Did you know there is a monument to the camel driver Hi Jolly (Hadji Ali) located in Quartzite? The big winner was Daryl Berghorn who either brushed up all week or is really smart. Good job Darryl, who is a newer member from California.

After eating, came the water balloon toss and two parallel lines were formed and the balloons tossed back and forth. After each toss, the participants backed up. The winners of the first round were Rita Topp and Cliff Montgomery. Winners of the second go around were Ev Santorini and Bill Sarchet. It was a lot of fun. Alas there was no watermelon spitting contest as most melons these days are seedless. Bummer.

Finally it was time to get the answers to the rock naming and spelling game. Congratulations to Carlton Moore for having the most right answers. Second place went to Ann and Greg Capatch. As the festivities wrapped up, everyone received a raffle rock and then all the tickets

were dumped back into the bucket and Evelyn's mom, Eileen Rush won the grand prize, an amethyst stalagmite. Just one other little item that I overheard that just goes to show you what great members we have in our club. Cliff Montgomery brought a beautiful jar of tumbled stones to donate to the raffle and of course, Becky Solon snatched those up for more of her unique creations. But Marjorie Schwartz gave back several jars to Cliff and she had refilled them with homemade Jam. Isn't that just the greatest?

~ Article submitted by Linda Kappel



CLASSIFIED SECTION *NEW!*

This is a brand new section for club members to share information about items or services that they would like to buy, trade, or sell. If you would like to submit information to be included in the classified section, please email Patti P. with your complete announcement at: rockhound_86326@yahoo.com before the end of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Wire Wrapping Classes

Learn to make wire wrapped jewelry. A 3 hour class is \$40.00 (non members) or \$25.00 for Sedona Gem and Mineral club members. Limit of 4 students per class.

You can see my work at www.akobaart.com. My work is also for sale. If you would like to purchase jewelry or sign up for a class, contact Amy at paintrocks@hotmail.com, or call 928-451-6339.

For Sale

Foredom variable speed dual spindle polisher with home made hood \$60. Call Garry or Linda at 634-4698.

PMC Classes

If you would like to learn the art of using Precious Metal Clay, Patti P. is offering individual classes at her home covering all the techniques necessary to complete a Fine Silver patinaed pendant with a bezel set cabochon ready for hanging on your favorite chain. Classes are two 1 1/2 hour sessions, and materials are included. Email Patti for details at rockhound_86326@yahoo.com.

YOU ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS

SGMC members needed to put together a small display of specimens, cabochons or jewelry, all from Arizona stones. Our club is very fortunate to obtain display space at the Ranger Station on Highway 179. This space is available to us for the 16 days prior to, and including the days of our Gem Show. The display cases will be located along the left wall as you enter the Forest Station. This is an ideal spot to catch the attention of visitors as they enter and leave the building. In case you are wondering ... the cases are secured with locks.

There is no fee to the club for the use of their exhibit space or the display cases. We will be allowed to place a brochure rack on the top of the exhibit = FREE ADVERTISING.

We need 6 or 7 club members to gather up a small display from their Arizona collections. Please, call Rita Topp at 285-1570. Please do not assume someone else will do it. Remember - *We Need You!*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Many will remember Suzanne and Roger Czeck who were members of our club until they moved to Colorado in 2008 to be closer to family. According to the Red Rock News, Roger died on August 18th, 2011. In case any of you want to write to Suzanne, her address is 645 S. Alton Way, Apt 10B, Denver, CO 80247.

NEW CLUB MERCHANDISE INFO

The Sedona Gem & Mineral Club now has hats and embroidered patches for sale. Hats are \$12.00 and Patches are \$4.00. Support your club and show your enthusiasm for our hobby!

Also, if you are a club member and would like to purchase a membership badge, the cost for a badge is \$5.00.



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:

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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 Garry Kappel: (928) 634-4698

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12-13 LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA: 42nd Annual Show. Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society. LHC Community Center, 100 Park Ave. Mineral and jewelry displays, dealers, demonstrations, and educational geological presentations. Contact C. Russell at (928) 846-0927.

26-27 WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: 11th Annual Gem and Art Fair. Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N. Valentine St. Wickenburg, AZ. Over 40 Vendors, Gems, Minerals, Jewelry, Local Artist, Photo Exhibit, Grab Bags, Spinning Wheel, Food and More! Free Admission, 9 AM to 5 PM Both Days. For Additional Vendor or Show Information call Beth Myerson at 928-684-0380 or 480-540-2318, or email at myerbd@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2011

15-16 SEDONA, ARIZONA: Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Sponsored by the Sedona Gem & Mineral Club, Sedona Red Rock High School, 89A and Upper Red Rock Loop Rd. in West Sedona. Free Admission, Free Parking, Displays & Demonstrations, Raffles, Free Prizes, Games and Crafts in the Kids Corner, Guest Speakers and Slide Presentations both Sat. and Sun. Food & drink available for purchase. Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. For additional information call Greg Capatch at 928-634-4698. Website www.sedonagemandmineral.org



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