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February General Meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 pm, February 16, at the Sedona Library off of Dry Creek Road in West Sedona. Guests are always 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 with input.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Worldwide Classic Mineral Presentation Part II
Presented by Martin Zinn
by Becky Solon

We are pleased to welcome back Martin Zinn as our program speaker this month. Since 1982, Marty has been a show promoter under the company name of Martin Zinn Expositions LLC. He now manages mineral and fossil shows at four locations every year in Tucson, AZ, three shows in Denver, CO, one show in Springfield, MA, one show in Cartersville, GA, and two shows in Costa Mesa, CA. In August of 1999, 400 of Marty's best specimens were exhibited at the East Coast Gem & Mineral Show in Springfield, and they filled 50 exhibit cases. Eventually, though, he developed a desire to start a new collection; and in 2005, he sold most of his specimens through Bryan Lees, owner of the Sweet Home Mine in Park County, Colorado. This new collection includes some new specimens he's assembled in recent years. His minerals are featured in the intriguing work of Jeff Scovil, a foremost photographer of gems, minerals and jewelry designs.

Marty started a new career as a serious field collector and mineral connoisseur when he purchased property near Florissant, CO and mined it successfully for amazonite. He has collected brookite at Magnet Cove, AR, wavellite at Mauldin Mountain, quartz in Arkansas, blue barite at Stoneham, CO, clear barite at Grand Junction, CO, quartz at Herkimer, NY, red beryl in the Wah Wah Mountains of Utah, topaz at Topaz Mountain, UT, and tourmaline at the Himalaya Mine, CA. He has also been a major investor in Bryan Lees' amazingly successful specimen mining operation at the Sweet Home Mine in Colorado. In addition, he manages his family's petroleum and natural gas properties in Texas, from his new offices in Bernalillo, NM. Even if you've seen one of his previous presentations, you don't want to miss this update of his latest acquisitions!

Martin Zinn's shows are internationally known and respected. His mineral expos are renowned for their beauty and collectability.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

The field trip this month will be to the world famous Tucson Gem & Mineral show in Tucson, Arizona from February 10th -12th. For additional information, contact Pat McMahan at 300-8333.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS from Pat McMahan

Feb. 10-12 Tucson Show Tour - Tons of fun! Don't miss it!

Mar. 20-21 Burro Creek - Purple agate, dendritic agate, pastelite, and more.

April 24 Holbrook with Sedona sponsored Coalition trip - Petrified wood.

May 22 Grey Mountain - Mokie balls, (not what you think!), Agate, petrified wood.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS from Becky Solon

March: Wayne Ranney, renowned geologist

April: Jeff Scovil, world reknown mineral photographer

May: TBA



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REMEMBRANCE by Marjorie Schwartz

Dick Smach's wife, Maryanne, passed away 1/26/2010 after a long illness. Dick has not been in AZ for many years but keeps up his membership with the Sedona Gem and Mineral Club. Our hearts go out to him.

2010 Board of Directors

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A Rockhound's Tour of England 2010

Join Rock and Gem editor Bob Jones for a special tour of England arranged specifically for rockhounds and mineral enthusiasts.

The 11-day trip is planned for May 4-14, 2010 and includes daily breakfast meals, five lunches and two dinners at hotels in London, Derbyshire, Bristol and Cornwall inclusive of motorcoach transportation to tour destinations and demonstrations. The tour is offered by Culture Travel Tour Operators (CRIZMAC) and is a collaboration between CRIZMAC and Rock and Gem magazine. CRIZMAC provides guides, travel insurance and a tour handbook along with museum and site admissions to geologically significant areas, important mines and mineral collections not normally accessible to the public. There will even be two guided collecting opportunities for trip participants. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to visit remarkable sites in the company of others who share your enthusiasm for the wonderful world of rocks and minerals! The tour price of \$2895 per person is based on double occupancy rooms with single rooms available for an additional fee. Airfare is not included. Enrollment will be made on a "first-come, first-served" basis. A \$500 deposit is required to guarantee your space. Register by January 4, 2010 and receive a free one-year subscription (or one year extension to your current subscription) of Rock and Gem magazine. Registration and deposit payments may be made in person at CRIZMAC's Tucson Marketplace location, by mail or by phone at 1-800-913-8555 or (520) 323-8555, or you may register online at www.crizmac.com. Final payment is due two months prior to departure.

**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 which is related to the recipient's year of birth

I have put together another summary of the active stones for this month for your enjoyment.

Modern Birthstones

These come from the official list from the American National Association of Jewelers, Jewelers of America. These gemstones were officially adopted in 1912.

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 on!

Planetary Stones

Turquoise - This valuable mineral is one of the most valuable non-transparent minerals used in the jewelry trade. Well known in the Southwest, most rockhounds probably own a piece or two. Many fetish animals carved of turquoise serve as pocket charms or pendants. A sacred stone for the North American Indians as well as the Tibetans, it is often used by shamans in rituals and ceremonies. 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 stone of Jasper.

Pisces - Rock Crystal and Sapphire with a Talismanic 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.

Enjoy February and all of the myths and legends of gemstones for the month.



You Might Be a Rockhound If

You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions. You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home. The rockpile in your garage is over your head. Your PC screen saver features pictures of rocks. You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night. You gave rocks, tumblers, or rock tools for Christmas. When friends say they're going to Tucson, you assume it'll be in February. You can find Quartzsite on a map in less than 5 seconds. When someone mentions "Franklin" you think of New Jersey rather than Ben. You can pronounce "molybdenite" correctly on the first try. The polished slab on your bola tie is six inches in diameter. The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books; and the books that are there are about rocks. You know how to pronounce "chalcedony." The club you belong to uses rocks for center-pieces for the annual Christmas dinner. The first thing you pack for your vacation is a chisel and a hammer.

You spend hours and hours in the ugliest room in your house. You give directions like, "turn right at the green farmhouse..." You know what findings are for. Your company asks you not to bring any more rocks to the office until they have time to reinforce the floor. The local jewelry stores & libraries give out your name for information on rock clubs. You examine individual rocks in driveway gravel. The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage. The local university's geology department asks permission to hold a field trip - in your back yard. The city sends you a letter informing you a landfill permit is required to put any more rocks in the back yard. You can debate for hours on the differences between spectrolite and labradorite. Your children have names like Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl. You get excited when you find a hardware store with 16 pound sledge hammers and 5 foot long pry bars. You debate for months on Internet about whether vibratory or drum tumblers are best. You can't remember the last time your car still fit in the garage. You have a two car garage and your 4WD pickup has to sit in the driveway. They won't give you time off from work to attend the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show and you go anyway. You've spent more than ten dollars on a rock. You still think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea. You have amethyst in your aquarium.

You associate the word "hard" with a value on the the Mohs scale instead of "work". You know the location of every rock shop within a 100 mile radius of your home. You're retired and still thinking of adding anoher room to your house. You're planning on using a pick and shovel while you're on vacation. You put a web page about rocks on the internet. You associate the word "saw" with diamonds instead of "wood". You begin wondering what a set of the Mineralogical Record is worth. You make a backpack for your dog. You have mineralogical database

software on your computer. You send your family on ahead into MacDonalds so you can check the gravel in the flower beds.

THIS LIST WAS WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE GMEDITORS E-MAIL SWAP GROUP.

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 the above address, or you are welcome to come
 and join at one of our regular meetings.

Questions?
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Feb. 20--PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Annual show, "Family Fun Day at the Museum"; Maricopa Lapidary Society; 1502 W Washington St.; Sat. 10-4; free admission; dealers, demonstrations, kids' activities, gold panning, metal detecting; contact Laurette Kennedy, (602) 771-1611 or (602) 738-2552; e-mail: lkennedy11@aol.com

Feb 20-21 - 44th Annual Jewelry, Gem & Rock Show, Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Skyline HS Cafeteria, 845 S Crimson Rd, Mesa, AZ, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4. Entrance \$3 (\$2.50 with coupon). Student \$1 with student ID, under 12 with adult free. Free parking. www.apachejunctionrockclub.org

MARCH 2010

Mar. 12-14--COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Show, "Verde Valley Gem & Mineral Show"; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 800 E. Cherry St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1 (Fri.) and \$3 (Sat./Sun.), children free with adult; worldwide minerals and gems, fine and costume jewelry, gem and mineral displays, raffles, silent auctions, jewelry, lapidary tools, supplies, equipment, children's activities, free mineral and gem identification; contact Sue Valek, (928) 634-7452



FEBRUARY 2010

Feb 11-14 - Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St, Tucson. Thur-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Admission \$9.25. 14 and under free with paying adult. Parking \$5.00. www.tgms.org

Feb 12-14 - Gold Rush Days, Annual Gem & Mineral Show Sale, Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N Valentine, Wickenburg Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4. Admission and parking free. www.wickenburgchamber.com

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