



Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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The purpose of this organization shall be to educate and to provide fellowship for people interested in rocks and minerals; to foster love and appreciation of minerals, rocks, gems, and the Earth. Membership shall be open to all interested people.

Club Show 2014 a Success

About 1000 people attended the 2014 WGMS Gem and Mineral Show, over the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. Thirty-five dealers sold their wares to the eager crowd.



Views of happy shoppers on the main floor of the show 2014



Paula Stanley and Erma Roe staff the kids' table. This year the table was moved to the main floor, and had many more visitors than last year.



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Always a favorite — the glowing rocks of the fluorescent room.



Outside dealers at the 2014 WGMS Gem & Mineral Show

Meeting Minutes — December 5, 2014

President Craig Jones began the short meeting at 6:35 pm, and thanked everyone who volunteered and worked at the show. There will be a “thank-you dinner” at Beth’s the second week of January.

Debbie reported on the show:

The front desk took in \$840; food was \$346 after expenses; kid’s room \$128; donation jar \$140. Preliminary profit is \$3,250. There were 992 red door prize tickets given out.

Tuesday Craig went to Harquahala Peak and found fluorite and mushroom rhyolite. The claim owner is receptive to us rockhounding there. Craig will get written permission from him.

Bob Bartlett talked about going to the Dragon Mine to look for thunder egg nodules and purple muscovite on Saturday, December 13th. Meet at the Hanson quarry road @ 9:00 am.

Bill and Karen Coulter went to Miner’s Creek and bought gold nuggets for a charity raffle. If you buy a raffle ticket and cannot attend, Marty will hold your ticket for you. Last year approximately \$595 went to the club. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The raffle ticket drawing is January 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm, followed by the pot luck dinner and Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Jones, Secretary

Club Christmas Party a Hoot!

On Friday, January 5th the club hosted a Christmas potluck, with a White Elephant gift exchange. Between 35 and 40 members attended, contributing lots of tasty food. Dinner was followed by a White Elephant exchange, in which each person could take a gift from the table, or “steal” a previously chosen gift from its chooser. A couple gifts attracted a lot of attention! When all gifts had been chosen, THEN they were unwrapped — with some wild ‘reveals’. Start looking for something hideous, hilarious, or hairy for next year!



Ladies First — ladies got to load their plates first!

The women left some food for the men.



Good food!!!!

The nuggets for the Christmas raffle of the Stanton Branch



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..... More pictures from the 2014 Show



Debbie Keiser guards the *Best Rocks*



Winners of the Best Rock Contest: 1st Place - Sue Jones, thunderegg; 2nd Place - Debbie Keiser, black sand; 3rd Place - Jason Munger, chrysocolla/azurite/hematite

Start looking for an entry for next year!

Club Members Display Their Treasures 2014



Al Roe displays some of his handiwork — set and unset cabochons.



A variety of Arizona lapidary material, displayed by the Stanton Branch.



Gem Trees crafted by Paula Stanley, Al Roe, and Erma Roe



Erma Roe's geode display



Chrysocolla from the Reserve Mine, owned by Gary Huetson and Joyce Ramage.



Thumbnails from the collection of Sue and Stan Celestian

Happy Winners of Raffle Prizes



Patsy Kastner wins slab of Brazilian agate purchased by the club.



Sue and Craig Jones announce the winners of the raffle prizes.



Club member, Larry Wilkinson, shows us the beautiful wire-wrapped rhodochrosite pendant he won.



Patty Elliott proudly holds up the polychrome jasper, purchased by the club.



Julie Dubosz smiles about winning a turquoise money clip

Pat Hill was the lucky winner of this beautiful jewelry box, handcrafted by AI.





Dale loses his chosen gift.

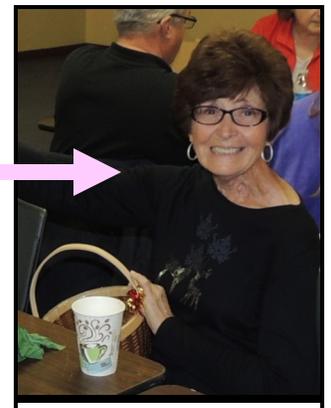
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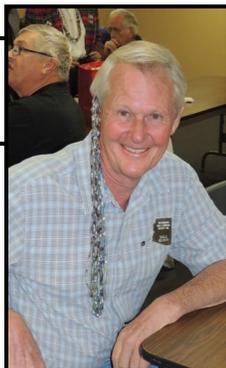
The basket with red and green tissue changes hands.....



..... and changes hands again



.....and ends up with Sue Jones
And what was it?



Dale decides to go hippy by hanging his beaded necklace from his ear.



Gift exchange coordinator gets to satisfy her sweet tooth.



Wonder what this cornucopia held?



Bet we see this next year!

UPCOMING AZ MINERAL SHOWS

January 9-11, 2015 - Mesa, AZ The Flagg Gem and Mineral Show; Mesa Community College, on Dobson, just north of Rte 60; 9-5 each day; Free admission, free parking, free samples for children.

The tailgate show tradition continues!



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January 1- February 28, 2015 - Quartzsite, AZ

Desert Gardens Gem and Mineral Show; Desert Gardens Show Grounds, 1055 Kuehn Rd; 8-5 daily; after February 10, vendors are transitional, Free admission, free parking; the largest gem and mineral show in Quartzsite.

January 2-11 & 16-25, 2015 - Quartzsite, AZ

Tyson Wells Rock and Gem Show & Sell-a-Rama; Tyson Wells Shows Grounds, 100 W Kuehn Rd.; 9-5 each day; free admission; dealers from around the world; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

January 16-18, 2015 - Globe, AZ

58th Annual Show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Gila County Fairgrounds; 3 miles northeast of junction U.S. 60; Fri. 9-5; adults \$3, students and children free; more than 40 specimen display cases, children's fossil and mineral specimen dig, fossil program. Web site: gilagem.com

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January 21-25, 2015 - Quartzsite, AZ Pow Wow Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show; Quartzsite Improvement Association, 235 E Ironwood Ave.; 9-6 daily, except 9-5 on final day; Free admission, free parking. Web site:

<http://www.giaarizona.org/POWWOW-Show.html>

February - Tucson, AZ mineral/fossil shows

<http://www.xpopress.com/AZ-show-schedule.html>

February 12-15 - Tucson, Gem & Mineral Show

Main show at Tucson Convention Center; 260 S Church St; Th-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; Admission \$10, 14 & under free; vendors from around the world; speakers, seminars.. Web site: <http://www.tgms.org/show-2015/>

February 21-22 - Apache Junction, AZ

Apache Gem & Mineral Club; Skyline HS; 845 S Crimson Rd; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4; Admission \$3, students \$1, children free. Web site: ajrockclub.com

March 12-15, 2015 - Deming, NM

50th Annual Rockhound Roundup; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; Southwest New Mexico Fairground; 9-5 daily; Free admission, free parking. Field trips Thurs-Sat. Flyer: <http://www.thedgms.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2015-Flyer.pdf>

March 27-29 - Phoenix, AZ

Minerals of Arizona Symposium; Clarion Hotel at the Phoenix Tech Center; northwest corner of Elliot Rd & I-10. Symposium registration fee; but the Mineral Sale is FREE — there will be dealers in several of the hotel rooms: Friday 5-10, Sat 4:30-6 and after dinner.

April 12-13 - Anthem, AZ

Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club; Anthem School; 41020 N Freedom Way; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Admission \$3, seniors & students \$2, children free; parking free.

If you are travelling, a good source for out-of-state (or in-state) gem and mineral shows AND clubs is <http://www.the-vug.com/vug/vugshows.html> or <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=AZ>

For out-of-the-country shows:
<http://www.mindat.org/eventlist.php>

A good source for a list of Arizona Mineral Clubs and contact information is

http://whitemountain-azrockclub.org/Public_AZ_Clubs_Links.html

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Meetings are held the **2nd Friday most months** at **Coffinger Park banquet room**. Potluck dessert at 6:30 pm. Business meeting at 7:00 pm. **Exceptions: February and December** meetings are held on the **first Friday of the month**. We don't meet in the summer — **no meetings in June, July or August**.

Membership Dues: \$15.00 Adults per Person
\$ 5.00 Juniors and Students

Meeting Dates for 2014/15

Wickenburg: Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 4

Stanton meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Field Trips are 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.

UPCOMING WGMS FIELD TRIPS

January 17, 2014 9:00 am BRENDA JASPER
 Meet at ALCO parking lot, 2031 West Wickenburg Way, Wickenburg, AZ 85390

January 31, 2014 9:00 am SADDLE MOUNTAIN
 Desert Roses
 (tentative)

February 21, 2014 CAVE CREEK/SEVEN SPRINGS
 Agate, Jasper, Travertine

March 7, 2014 ROCK POLISHING DEMO by Jim Jacobs; Gem Shop in Morristown

March 21, 2014 MUSHROOM RHYOLITE, DESERT ROSES, APACHE TEARS

Tentative — awaiting permission from claim owner

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

REPORT ON DATE CREEK TRIP, DECEMBER 27, 2014

We went to Date Creek Saturday and it was a little on the chilly side when we started but it warmed up. 14 people showed up. I believe everyone found something that they though was worth taking home. We cooked burgers and dogs and a had a potluck lunch in the desert.

.....Craig Jones

If you all have some place that you would like to go. Let Bob Bartlett 623-388-0749, Marty Hagan 602-469-7770, Craig Jones 208-681-4770. We have some dates to fill in.

This is your club lets go out and have some fun.

Check the website for field trip announcements, especially if you don't have email!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Have a geological interest? Been somewhere interesting? Collected some great material? Write a short story (pictures would be great). I take topic suggestions too. **Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month.**

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If you ever have photos from a club field trip, send a couple to Dale, for posting on the website.



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