

ROCK TALK

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This was our first meeting of 2026. I hope the delay of one week did not cause many problems. Sometimes things happen beyond our control.

I want to thank you for electing me as the new president of the WMGMC. My predecessor, Sandra Angelo, did a stellar job in this position, and I can only strive to follow her lead in directing this club. For the last three years, I have been busy going to school, the Purdue Global Law School, West Lafayette, Indiana. I am proud to say that I graduated in December with an EJD, Executive Juris Doctorate in Business Law. As a senior citizen, I do not plan to find employment, but instead, use my newly gained knowledge to investigate ways to make our club even more resili-ent and relevant in our community. Thank you, Sandra.

One goal that I am working on is to find us a permanent home for the WMGMC. To that end, in the last few weeks, I have investigated various avenues that we could pursue to reach that goal.

- I have investigated the viability of buying a property through a realty.
- I have looked into federal grants that are available to non-profits.
- I have reached out to our county and local governments for assistance.

What I have learned so far does not create a positive outcome, but I have just begun to gather information.

I am asking our membership to think about this goal. As most of you are aware, in 2024, we were given a twenty-acre property for rock hunting in St. Johns by a generous man, Joseph Smith, of Honolulu, Hawaii. I met Joseph while researching tax liens. He was able to reduce his income tax by deeding this property to our non-profit organization.

We are a diverse group and have many ties to different people. If you know of someone with local property they don't want or need, who would be willing to benefit our club and receive the real monetary relief of an income tax break, let me know. If there is anything that you may like to mention or suggest that could advance or help our club, please let me know. Even a criticism is welcome. My personal email is tdpollard@msn.com and telephone number 480-600-2714.

Here is to a great year to us all.

Sincerely, Donna L. Pollard

TREASURER'S REPORT

December Expense

Rock Talk Printing, Postage
 Christmas Party Supplies, Show Signs
 Storage Unit (Annual Payment)
 VFW Meeting Rent (Annual Payment)

Upcoming Expense

Rock Talk Printing, Postage

Income This Month

Member Badges and Dues
 50/50 Raffle
 Donations

BULLETIN BOARD

Happy January Birthdays

David Adams	Vicki Barrieau
Ron Cargile	Artie Cervantes
Chris Frayer	Tom Green
Barbara Lerrick	Louann Lovato
Chris Lucero	Lurline Ober
Jeff Shen	Douglas Wolfe

The Let's Do Lunch Club will meet at Neko's Asian Fusion Restaurant on Thursday, January 29, at 12:00 PM.

If you haven't been there, it is in the shopping center near the Pinetop Post Office on White Mountain Blvd.



It's time to renew membership! A membership application form is on Page 9. It can be printed off and filled in if you wish, and forms will also be available at the meetings.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you so much to everyone who has expressed confidence in me as I step into the role of Editor. BG has left some gigantic shoes to fill, and I greatly appreciate her help and guidance. Suggestions and criticisms are always welcome, and I am always open to team collaborations. Here's to many beautiful rocks for us all in 2026.

Bea Kennedy



A hill composed entirely of serpentine at the Imperial Dam Long-Term Visitor near Yuma, AZ

Rock Talk Newsletter

Our newsletter is published monthly by the White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Any information or comments members wish to include in the monthly newsletter must be given to the editor at the general membership meeting or call the editor no later than Tuesday following the meeting.

Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a couple/family. (\$5 less if you receive newsletter by email.) Dues are paid in January each year along with a completed application form. Memberships initiated in November or later in a given year are also good for the following year.

Meetings

We meet the first Sunday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday) at the VFW Post 9907, 381 North Central Avenue in Show Low. Turn north off the Deuce of Clubs at Burger King. Social half hour at 1:00 PM, meeting starts at 1:30 PM.

Elected Officers

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Auctioneer	Donna and Terry Pollard		
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Show Low: B.G. Hogarth

Springerville/Eager: Rick Palmer

Snowflake/Taylor: Karen Hickman

Heber/Overgaard: Aimee Webster



WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM & MINERAL CLUB

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2026

Welcome to a New Year of Rockhounding Adventures and gloriously Nerdy Rock Talk! Our Club Meeting began at 1:30 led by our new Club Leader Donna Pollard! We began the meeting as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance and Greetings to our Guests and New Members. Welcome to Vicky, happy you're here!

Our President shared the Presidents letter aloud with us- which is written in this Newsletter. If there is anything you'd like to add to the newsletter, please Email tdpollard@msn.com

Show and Tell- Darren: Metal figurines of miners on Pyrite and geodes. Rollo: Shoo Fly Agates. Mike: new grinder for sale. Dr Wolfe: Paleozoic limestone with bryozoan colonies. Will be auctioned later in the coming months.

Field Trip Information announced. Field Trip to be at the Gila County Gem Fair. More information about trip in this newsletter.

Announcements:

-Melon Show: 14th of March. You can start signing up for a table, please have a kids theme or game there at your table.

-Show: Rolo's Presentation about Purple Passion Mine, Shoo Fly, and Field Trip Tips.

-Congratulations to the Winners of the Doorway Drawing, Hope's brother, Terry, Brookie. And to the 50/50 drawing winners: Tippy, Greg, BG, and Wendy

-There is a Dinosaur exhibit at the Chamber of Commerce 9-4m.

-Business portion of meeting: Melon Center 14th, Finances good, paid for yearly expenses like storage. We need more Club Trifolds and Business cards. Still looking for a building, we discussed options with club. Meeting Adjourned 3:35

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Applegate, Secretary

JANUARY FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

GILA COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

JANUARY 17, 2026

Field Trip Leader: Dick Turpin 480-240-0995 dickturpinaz@gmail.com Dick will be travelling from Gilbert and will meet the group at the fairgrounds. Please let him know if you plan to attend either by text, email, or phone.

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026 – a week earlier than the normal field trip date.

Location of the Field Trip Site: We will be attending the Gila County Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show.

Where and When We Will Meet: We will meet at the Show Low Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 AM and depart around 9:00.

Recommended Vehicle: Any vehicle can reach the Gila County Fairgrounds.

What we will collect: We will collect all the rocks and minerals the vendors have for sale.

Recommended Things to Take: A wallet or purse full of cash and credit cards.

Cell Phone Service: The site likely has good cell service.

Directions: From Show Low, take Highway 60 toward Globe, about 90 miles. About two miles before the traffic light in Globe, the Gila County Fairgrounds is on the left (east) side of Highway 60. The address is 900 E. Fairgrounds Rd. The travel time from Show Low is approximately 1.5 hours. If you are traveling from a location other than Show Low and plan to drive directly to the sale, plan to meet the group between 10:45 and 11:00 AM at the fairgrounds.

Lunch Plans: For those who would like to go to lunch as a group, we will agree on a location and time to meet when we gather at the fairgrounds.



ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

WWW.GILAGEM.ORG



16TH-18TH JAN 2026

GILA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

KIDS'ACTIVITIES, VENDORS, DISPLAYS
FRI & SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4

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ROCK OF THE MONTH

THULITE

Submitted by Bea Kennedy

Thulite is a pink variety of the mineral zoisite. It gets its pink color from manganese. It may contain calcite crystals, as well. It is relatively soft with a Mohs hardness of approximately 6 to 6.5 but does still take a nice polish. It is commonly sourced from Norway, where it was first located, and where it is the national stone. My collection of thulite, however, comes from the area of Southeastern California approximately ½ hour north of Yuma, AZ, at the Imperial Dam Long Term Visitor Area, which is a BLM long-term camping area. For my first two winters in the area, I simply called it the pink stuff. Then, in a conversation with some of the local gold miners, I was informed that it was thulite. It is my understanding that material collected on the local gold mining claims is often sold at the annual gem and mineral shows in Quartzite, AZ. The area in general has a highly geologically active past, and the large washes are filled with many types of rocks and minerals, including agates, jaspers, serpentine, basalt, as well as gold and copper minerals. A note on Mindat.Org suggests that much so-called "thulite" is actually clinothulite. The chemical formula for thulite is $\{Ca_2\}\{Al_3\}\{Si_2O_7\}(SiO_4)O(OH)$.

Mineral Family: A manganese-bearing variety of zoisite

Color: Pink to reddish-pink, derived from manganese, often with white calcite streaks.

Hardness: 6 to 6.5 on the Mohs scale

Appearance: Translucent to opaque, vitreous to pearly luster.

Habit: Massive, granular, or as veins/fracture fillings.

(Sources: Mindat.org, Google AI Overview)



ROCKIN' SHOWS COMING UP!

RMGM Tucson Mineral & Fossil Show
January 30 - February 14, 2026
1920 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona
 Tent Show January 30 - February 14, 2026
 Wholesale (3 Dealers): January 23 - February 7, 2026 (metal building)
 Jeanne's Rock Shop (Miracle Breeze Blvd)
 January 23 - February 14, 2026

Hours:
Everyday: 10 am to 6 pm
except
Saturday: February 14, 2026: 10 am - 4 pm

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
FAMILY FUN

Fossils
Minerals
Cabochons
Cutting Rough
Metals-Gold/Silver
Meteorites & Tektites
Carvings & Decorator Items
Gems, Minerals, Jewelry & More ...

Pterosaur
 from Cretaceous (66 Ma) of Northwest Africa by Paleo Passion LLC (Booth 34)

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE
 Retail sales tax license required for wholesale purchases

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16TH-18TH
 JAN 2026

GILA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



KIDS' ACTIVITIES, VENDORS, DISPLAYS
 FRI & SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4

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DESERT GARDENS ROCK, GEM & MINERAL SHOW
January 1 - February 28

Time to get your rocks and !#& in gear and head to Quartzsite! Drag your camper or pack a tent. Get ready to hang out with like-minded and fun people for the largest outdoor rock show you'll ever experience. There are ATMs and a food court on site so you can spend the day. You'll find rough rock, polished rocks, rock decor, rocks in jewelry, rocks on tables and rocks on the ground. Find some new mineral specimens and make a few friends. The experience of a lifetime is just waiting for you in Quartzsite!

Hours 9 AM - 5 PM Daily

DESERT GARDENS ROCK, GEM & MINERAL SHOW

THE ROCK YARD
615 W Lester
Tucson, AZ
January 14 - February 15, 2026 **9 am - 5 pm**

Designer Cabochons

Gemstone Animal Carvings

Polished Rocks and Slabs

Bary Gems
 Designer Jewelry - Gemstones

Find us in Tucson:
 January 29 - February 15, 2026
 22nd Street Show - Booth E30

February 12 - 15, 2026
 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show
 Booths H410-H412

February 2026

20-22-CLARKDALE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Mingus Gem and Mineral club; Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium, 19 N. Ninth Street; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Free; Dealers, wire-wrapping and geode-splitting demonstrations, agates, fossils, gems, beads, findings, cabochons, crystals, geodes, rock slabs, tumble-polished minerals, handcrafted jewelry, carvings and unique gift items; Kids' Corner offers free mineral specimens for children 12 and under; contact Bill Hedglin, (928) 634-0269; Email: billkarin3@q.com; Website: <http://www.mingusgmclub.com/>

WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM & MINERAL CLUB

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



FIELD TRIPS WANTED!!

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY
GREAT PLACES FOR OUR OUTINGS!

MONTH	MEETING DATE	TRIP DATE	NOTES
JANUARY	4	17	Gila County Show
FEBRUARY	1	21	
MARCH	1	21	Melon Center Show— 14th
APRIL	12	25	
MAY	3	23	Highway Cleanup—16th
JUNE	7	27	
JULY	5	25	ANNUAL SHOW 10-11-12
AUGUST	2	22	
SEPTEMBER	6 (Picnic)	26	Highway Cleanup—19th
OCTOBER	4	24	Harvest Fest
NOVEMBER	1	21	
DECEMBER	6		Christmas Party



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PO BOX 3504
SHOW LOW, AZ 85902

DATE: _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Printed Name(s): _____

Phone(s): _____ Brass Name Badges (\$5 each) _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address(s): _____

Type of Membership: Single (\$20) _____ Couple/Family (\$25) _____
(\$5 deduction if getting newsletter by E-mail)

Please send club newsletter by: E-mail _____ US Mail _____

May we have birthdays? (Month Only) _____

List any junior members you would like to sponsor (No added fee):

1. _____ Age: _____ 2. _____ Age: _____

3. _____ Age: _____ 4. _____ Age: _____

Signatures: _____ Date: _____

Seasonal members, please list alternate address and months of residency:

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Months: _____ Phone: _____

Around and About at the January 2026 Monthly Meeting (Pictures by Garrett)

