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Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Inc. November 2014

Next Meeting: December 11, 2014

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The Club meets on the second Thursday of every month October thru April at 7:00 pm at the Lapidary Shop, at the corner of Superstition & Ocotillo, Apache Junction, AZ

Club Dues - \$24 a year per member prorated to first of month of joining.

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President's Message

By Bill Jonas

Many thanks to all the members who attended our November 13th general meeting. Popcorn and root beer floats were enjoyed by all who chose to indulge. All the ice cream sure did disappear quickly! The silent auction and t-shirt sales also went very well. Many of our snowbird members are arriving and we say WELCOME to them. The growth of our club is nothing short of phenomenal. Welcome to all our new members, also!

Our Club now has two very important events that we sponsor each year: our two rock and gem shows. These two shows are the only major external sources of income for our club business and operational expenses. Our first Annual Fall Show begins November 22nd at Apache Junction High School and is now only 6 days away. We began advertising for this show last May and have made a considerable investment in the sponsorship of this event in order to ensure its success. But the final success of our shows will again rely on the charitable member volunteers who work the Club show events as well as a large volunteer turnout for set up on Friday afternoon (November 21st at 3:00 PM) and tear down Sunday afternoon (November 23rd at 4:00 PM). We all pay our membership dues and other small contributions in order to enjoy our chosen hobby and all the benefits the club has to offer. If we all intend to continue to enjoy the comradery and fun provided at a very low cost, this is the time to help the club to obtain the resources necessary to continue our current level of operations as well as sponsor new opportunities. The bottom line is we your help now in order to continue our current level of success. The same will be true for our Spring show at Skyline High School in Mesa on February 21 and 22, 2015. If you have not already chosen your favorite club activity to participate in, please contact me or the event sponsor to volunteer some of your time. Or just show up at the show to enjoy the event itself and fill in if others are unable to make it. Thanks for your time and help in making our club fun and a success.

We had a club space at the recent Festival of the Superstitions last weekend. We gave out lots of Show coupons and information about our club. Our raffle brought in \$121. A few membership applications were also given out and a couple of people joined the club. I would like to thank all those who volunteered to help. These type of events give our club visibility and public awareness that we exist for the enjoyment of all those who wish to pursue their lapidary hobby.

Dave Webber, our Vice President and Field Trip Chairman, announced the beginning of our winter field trip program. Please keep a close watch on your e-mail for his first field trip plans soon.

Please remember that Club orientation is required to use the shop equipment or participate in field trips. If you just returned to this area or just joined you may participate in these events for a short time providing you attend the next scheduled orientation. Scheduled orientations are sent out through club e-mail, so watch you inbox closely.

Minutes of the November 2014 Meeting

By Barbara Bayer

The President called the meeting to order at 7 pm. He led the Pledge of Alliance.

- President's Report: Mr. Jonas called for volunteers to form a work party during the first week of December. The goals of the work party including painting the exterior of the Lapidary Shop, making a foundation for the flag pole, and building a storage shed for oil. There has been a donation of silver smith equipment. Due to the increasing interest in silver smith activities, there is a need for a manager and a fee schedule.
- Vice President's Report: Mr. Webber reported the fall field trip schedule is being planned. The next field trip will be November 19th. Please watch for emails containing more information. There is a need for more field trip leaders and more local residents to be field trip leaders in the summer. The schedule would have field trips on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The suggestion was made to have field trips on other weekdays also.
- Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Perkins gave the following financial report- Show Account \$9,699.55, General Checking \$2,453.21, Money Market \$5,249.15, Mutual Funds \$26,701.77 which totals to \$44,103.68. She pointed out that the Mutual funds started one month ago with \$25,000 so we had an increase of \$1,701.77. Budget plans for 2015 and financial reports are due in December by the various club board members and committee chairmen.
- Secretary's Report: There was one get well card sent during the prior month. The motion was made to accept the minutes of the prior general meeting. This motion was seconded and the motion was passed.
- Trustees' Report: The By-Laws are in process of revision by the Trustees. The 30 foot flag pole requires a foundation. Mr. Knootz donated a United States flag for the flag pole. Mr. Perkins is looking into two new items: club- t-shirts with pockets and sweat shirts with zipper closure and hoods. The suggestion was made to sell club vests.
- Membership: Mr. Ginn reported that we have 17 new members and 4 more people joined the club tonight. Our total membership is now 311 members. Laurie Jonas will be the new Membership Chairperson starting January 2015.
- Publicity: Mr. Frlich will not be coming to Arizona this season due to illness. He is working to assist the club with publicity via computer.
- Hospitality: Ms. Kimiel announced that the Christmas dinner will be held on December 19th at 7pm. The location will be the Casa Serena Mobile Home Park, 661 South Hawes Road in Mesa. This location is between Broadway and Southern on the East side of the road. Set up time to prepare for the dinner will be at 4 pm. Volunteers were asked to bake the turkeys and hams. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Members should also bring their own plates and silverware, plus their beverages. The park required a \$50 cleaning deposit which can be refunded to the club.
- Newsletter: Mrs. Jonas welcomes articles, reports, and pictures of field trips and other club activities for the newsletter.

- Fall Rock Show: Mr. Iverson reported that the Fall Rock Show will be held at Apache Junction High School on November 22nd and 23rd. The set up for the show will be at 3 pm on November 21st. The tear down time will be at 5 pm on November 23rd. The club has purchased tables for the sum of \$1400 from the Mingus Rock Club. This will save some of the table rental fees for the rock shows. Mr. Iverson reported the vendor tables have been sold out for the November and February shows. One vendor cancelled due to her husband's death. Her fee for the show was refunded. The activity leaders presented their individual needs for volunteers for the show. The raffle activity requests items as jewelry, rocks cabochons, gem stones, etc. The egg cartoon activity needs more rocks and cartons. One member donated 75 cartons at the meeting. Students from the High School are also volunteering for extra class credit. Badges will be prepared for show workers.
- Lapidary Shop: There is a need for more shop monitors, especially in the summer. Orientation sessions are required for those who wish to participate on field trip, in the lapidary shop, and activities as the Jewl Box. Cards with orientation date and paid fee status will be distributed following the orientation sessions. The next orientation session will be November 20th at 9 am. Mr. Wright suggested a punch card for tracking lapidary shop time use.
- Nomination Committee: Mrs. Jonas presented the nominations for officers and trustee for 2015- President Bill Jonas, Vice President Ken Perkins, Treasurer Linn Mistrot, Secretary Ruth Flynn, Trustee Tom Sundling. Other members can be nominated for these offices. Please contact Mrs. Jonas via email for additional nominations. The ballot will be presented at the December General Meeting for a vote and installation of officers and trustee will be at the January General Meeting.
- Jewl Box: Mrs. Knootz reported that their activities are going well and she welcomes three new members. She reminded the club members that the Rock Sales for member-vendors occurs at the Lapidary Shop over the weekend. She said that some people who stop also inquire about membership for the club and recommends a membership table. Member-Vendors are required to have an Arizona tax identification number and an Apache Junction resale license.
- Social Time Suggestion: The suggestion was made that we have an informal social time following the formal club general meetings. Members could share rocks collected and items made at this time. A new member from Manitoba shared his zinc and copper mining samples from a mile deep mine.
- Announcement: Don Good is having a rock sale on November 22nd from 8 am until 2 pm. He is selling saws, wheels, display cabinets, and rock specimens including a 60 lb. piece of turquoise. Please note email regarding this sale.
- Door prizes were distributed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.
- Mr. Fermoyle would like to thank those who donate and participate in the monthly silent auction. The silent auction results from January to November 2014 totals \$740.00, with a monthly average of \$123.33. The total for November 2015 was \$171.00.

Election of AJR&GC Officers for 2015

By Laurie Jonas

It is time to elect our new Club officers. In order to streamline this process, the Board of Directors has established a Nominating Committee consisting of Laurie Jonas, Connie Sundling, and Con Higley. For someone to run for a Club officer, they must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Club in Good Standing
- Be willing to serve as a Club officer for one year (three years for Trustee)
- Be a member of the Club for a minimum of six (6) months

Nominations are open for the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trustee (one open position at this time)

If you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, or if you have questions regarding nominations, please contact Laurie Jonas at jonas.laurie@yahoo.com or 406-890-1335. The schedule for nominations, voting, and officer installation is as follows:

- Nominations are open from October 9 to December 11, 2014.
- Names of the individuals nominated by the November meeting will be read to the General Membership on November 13, 2014.
- Voting will be held at the December 11, 2014 meeting. All names of nominated individuals will be read to the General Membership. If more than one individual is running for an office, a secret ballot will be used. If only one person is running for an office, the General Membership will vote by a show of hands.
- Newly elected officers will be installed at the January 8, 2015 meeting.

AJR&G Club Fall 2014 Show

By Laurie Jonas

As you know, our Fall Show will be November 22 through 23, 2014 at Apache Junction High School. Putting on a show takes a lot of volunteers. The following Club members are leads in the respective booths for the show. They will need volunteers to man these booths. If you would like to volunteer to help with the show, please contact the lead. You can find contact information in the Roster on the AJR&G Club website at <http://ajrockclub.com>:

- T-Shirt sales: Laurie Jonas
- Raffle ticket sales: Jeannie Sipes
- Ming trees: Oma Frlich
- Greeters: Cindy Koontz
- Admissions: Dorri Kapki
- Wheel: Cheryl Sterns
- Silent Auction: Tom Sundling and Paul Sterns

- Set Up and Tear Down: John Sipes
- Announcements: Julio
- Misc. Jobs: John Sipes
- Membership: Ron Ginn

2014 Club Christmas Party

By Laurie Jonas



Our annual Christmas party will be held:

December 19th at 7:00 PM

Casa Serena Mobile Home Park Clubhouse
661 South Hawes Road
Mesa, AZ
(Cross streets are Broadway and Hawes, near the 202)

The Club will supply turkey and ham. Please bring a dish to share, such as vegetables, salad, potatoes, dessert. You will also need to bring your own drinks, glasses, plate setting, and silverware.

Some parking is available inside the park; however, there is a lot of parking just outside the gate.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Bayer at 480-832-3561 or babrillhart@msn.com.

Rock Shows

The following is a list of rock shows being held for the next few months. If you have a show you would like to add to this list, contact the Newsletter Editor at jonas.laurie@yahoo.com. You can find more information about these shows at <http://flaggmineralfoundation.org/home/about-the-fmf/shows/>.

- AJR&G Club Fall Show, Apache Junction, AZ, November 22 thru 23, 2014
- Desert Gardens Rock, Gem and Mineral Show, Quartzite, AZ, January 1, 2015 thru February 10, 2015
- 2015 Flagg Gem and Mineral Show, Mesa, AZ, January 9 thru 11, 2015 (Note: We will have a AJR&G Club booth at this show to provide information about our Club)
- Quartzsite Pow Wow, Quartzite, AZ, January 21 thru 25, 2015
- Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, Tucson, AZ, January 31 thru February 15, 2015
(<http://www.visittucson.org/events/gem-show/>)
- AJR&G Club Spring Show, Mesa, AZ, February 21 thru 22, 2015

Classified Ads

Field Trip CDs

A computer disc format of the entire Apache Junction Rock Field Trip Manual is available for members only at the Lapidary shop for a fee of \$10.00. All proceeds of the manual sale go to the club. Also available in printed form are directions for using the disc.

The sections of the manual include: rules and regulations for BLM and National Forest sites, plus details of 25 sites to include locations and type of land, vehicle difficulty, personal difficulty, and a picture of a typical specimens at site. The final portion of the manual focuses on injury or illness situations one may find on a field trip. This includes description, first aid, and prevention tips.

For information, contact the Shop Manager or a Monitor.