



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club – October 2016

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Next Meeting: November 10, 2016

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- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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General Meeting minutes for 10/13/19 – by Ruth Flynn

Chuck Larson, President

- Called meeting to order at 6:35
- Led Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduced Board members
- Welcomed new members and guests
- Announced that club still has display cases to give away – contact Terry Smith if you're interested – 989-274-5367
- Reminder that all members are expected to volunteer 10 hours per year at either the club or club activities. The fall show and the Festival of the Superstitions still need many volunteers to sign up
- Announced 50/50, door prizes and Silent Auction

John Philpot, Nominations Chair

- Began the elections process by requesting a show of hands for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Trustee
- Passed out ballots for the Secretary position

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- Reminder that the club has club wear for sale: T-shirts are \$15, hats are \$15 and hoodies are \$35. T-shirts are also available in kids sizes
- Commented that volunteering at the shows is a lot of fun

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Gave financial report

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Minutes from the last meeting were approved
- Sent out two sympathy cards – one to the family of Paul Ewald and one to the family of Dennis Gassner

Mattie Gadd, Show Co-chair

- Fall show has a full complement of vendors
- Still need many volunteers to help at the show – November 19th & 20th. Job descriptions are available for each position
- Still need many donations for the show. Instead of doing door prizes, we will be holding a drawing for three raffle items each hour of the show. Please bring in your clocks,

boxes, jewelry, knives etc. Your items will be put in the display case at the club until the show

Susan Colby, Advertising Co-chair

- Passed out advertising flyers for the show
- If you live in a mobile home park, please take the flyers to your activities director
- Please help advertise the show by using email and Facebook and passing out flyers to all your friends

Cindy Koontz, Member

- Asked a question about Boy Scout troops and field trips. The Board will discuss the requirements at the next Board meeting

Chuck Larson, President

- Volunteers are still needed for the Festival of the Superstitions – November 11th & 12th. Please come into the shop and sign up to help. You'll be passing out flyers for the fall show and taking money for the raffle
- Still need donations for the raffle at the Festival of the Superstitions – please bring them into the shop

Nicole Fry, Hospitality

- The club Christmas party will be held December 8th at 6:30 PM, details to follow

Ed Lindsey, Youth Group and Field Trip Chair

- Has been asked to set up a booth at a local Junior High School for Science Day. Would like several members to bring rocks and enjoy the kids. The date is Wednesday, 10/26/16 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. If you'd like to have some fun working with kids, contact Ed at 480-380-7400 or sealindsey@comcast.net
- Will continue to have once a month slab and cab days for the kids
- In the future, will be combining kids and adult field trips. All field trip info will include level of difficulty and whether or not it's appropriate for kids
- Need field trip leaders. Please contact Ed at 480-380-7400 or sealindsey@comcast.net to volunteer. There are way too many trips scheduled for Ed to lead all of them
- The Jerome field trip was exceptional. Paul Lindberg, a local geologist who has been working in the area since 1971, took the group to an area with banded jasper. Paul knows the area extremely well and is definitely a great resource
- The Sycamore Creek field trip is scheduled for Saturday, 10/22/16
- Ed has gotten permission to take the club to the Chilito mine on Wednesday, 10/26/16. This area has some very fine malachite, chrysocolla and azurite, some with silver veins running through it

- The road to the Woodpecker Mine is in very bad shape so will be delaying this field trip
- Will be posting field trips on the club's Facebook page and will be emailing information as well

Connie Smith, Membership

- Club currently has 352 members, 13 of them are junior members
- If you're interested in selling out front, please contact Connie at 989-860-1895 or writingonthewall4u@att.net for more information. She will be setting up a meeting to go over the requirements. You will need an Apache Junction city license which is \$50 for the year or \$15 for each event

Karen Moschinger, Class Coordinator

- Mattie Gadd will be doing a ring wire wrapping class on Wednesday 10/19/16. This is an advanced class and is limited to 10 participants. Please contact Karen to sign up – 480-248-5529 or krzymosch@aol.com
- Susan Colby will be teaching a kumihimo with beads class on Wednesday 10/26/16 from 9:00 AM till noon. Please contact Karen to sign up
- If you're interested in teaching a class, please contact Karen

Terry Smith, Shop Manager

- Acknowledged all the monitors who attended the meeting and thanked them for keeping the club going
- Would like to extend the shop hours. Please contact Terry at 989-274-5367 if you're interested in monitoring

John Philpot, Nominations Chair

- Announced the election results
- President – Chuck Larson
- Vice President – Chuck Fagen
- Treasurer – Linn Mistrot
- Secretary – Ruth Flynn
- Trustee – Jerry Fellenz

Choe Fry, Volunteer

- Drew numbers for door prizes and 50/50

Chuck Larson, President

- Introduced our speaker, Pat McMahan

Pat has collected agates from 300 locations worldwide and has 8,000 stones in his collection in Sedona.

We were shown a couple of slide shows, set to some great music. The first slide show was a 20 minute presentation of beautiful Mimetoliths. The second and shorter slide show was a miscellaneous collection, also beautiful.

Pat has a gorgeous coffee table book for sale at \$129.99 that showcases his collection

To learn more about Pat, visit his website at www.agateswithinclusions.com

Chuck Larson, President

- The club was gifted with an air conditioner. If you're capable of hooking it up, please contact Chuck at 480-983-2672 or chuckinaj@gmail.com
- Announced Silent Auction cutoff time

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Christmas Potluck Information - by Nicole Fry

Date: 12/8/16

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Windsor Mobile Home Park

Address: 150 S. Windsor Ave. Mesa, AZ 85204

It is located on Main in between Val Vista and Lindsay.

There is limited parking in the front of the club house, but there is a ton of street parking.

In the next month we will be looking for volunteers to cook Turkey for the potluck.

If anyone would like to volunteer please email me or call me.

n_fry@hotmail.com or 480-720-7699

Free display cases – by Terry Smith

Contact Terry at 989-274-5367 if you'd like a free display case





Copper Art Museum, Clarkdale, AZ – By Brian Fermoye

(www.copperartmuseum.com)

If you have an interest in the history, use, science or sheer beauty of copper, then you should plan to visit the Copper Art Museum in Clarkdale, AZ(849 Main St, Phone 928-649-1858). It is located in the old high school building and is hard to miss due to a gigantic solid copper pot still on the front lawn and the copper sheathed front doors. Tours are self-guided although groups can arrange for docent guided tours. The interior of the museum is gorgeous with donations from throughout the world. The museum is divided into 6 rooms, each one having a theme such as the artillery shell room comprised of artwork made from old artillery shells. I was impressed by the museum volunteers' skill level at re-purposing materials to minimize the cost to display artifacts. Window frames from the old copper processing plant were used to build display cases at a fraction of the cost of new cases. Horse shoes provided an innovative and inexpensive way to mount the artillery shell art. The science and history of copper is interwoven throughout the various displays. A nice touch is the elemental timeline that is imbedded in the front sidewalk. This is a beautiful museum that you must see!

Rockhound Soap Box

by John Martin, AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee afmscl@antelecom.net
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National Monuments have been on the minds of many amateur collectors of rocks and minerals for personal and educational uses. When National Monuments are created whether by legislation or by Presidential Edict, removal of any Biological, Geological, Archeological, Paleontological and Historical items becomes a Federal Felony. There are of course exceptions as has been seen in California in the Mojave Trails National Monument where intervention, by oversight, from Senator Feinstein, Recreational Rockhounding has been given a temporary exception until the formal Monument Management Plan is finalized. Future National Monuments will not allow Recreational Rockhounding unless the Monument Management Plans expressly allow for this activity. The only way Recreational Rockhounding will be allowed is if there is a united effort by all Amateur Rock and Mineral Collectors to make their voices and actions recognized by the government land managers, legislative bodies and executive office responsible for the creation of the monuments. The list below is a proposal of new National Monuments, some are going through the legislative process but most are being proposed to be created by Executive Orders.

As can be read below not all proposed National monuments are only in the west. Several are proposed in the midwest and eastern United States. Will the creation of these monuments have an adverse effect on our Recreational Rockhounding? If there are any collecting areas within the proposed National Monuments, the answer is a definite YES and only you, the Recreational Rockhound, can influence this political action. The future of Rockhounding is in your hands, so you must get involved in the process to save your hobby for present and future generations of Rockhounds.

Maine Woods. Maine The Maine Woods is the largest expanse of intact forest east of the Rocky Mountains.

Rocky Mountain Front. Montana The Rocky Mountain Front is south of Glacier National Park and west of Great Falls, Montana.

Boulder-White Clouds. Idaho. The Boulder and White Cloud Mountains of Idaho rise just north of Sun Valley and Ketchum.

Owyhee Canyonlands. Oregon The Owyhee Canyonlands have been proposed as national park or monument in the past.

Cascade Siskiyou Expansion. Oregon The current 62,000 acre Cascade Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) was created by President Bill Clinton in 2000. It was one of his leaving office, national monument presents to the American people, and now many feel the borders should be expanded.

Sonoran Desert additions. Arizona There two proposed National Conservation Areas (NCA) proposed for the Sonoran Desert west of Phoenix—the **Belmont Harquahala NCA** and the **Gila Bend NCA**.

Vermillion Basin, Colorado. The Vermillion Basin, located in northwest Colorado, is sometimes billed as Colorado's loneliest corner.

Valles Caldera, New Mexico The 89,000-acre Valles Caldera northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico is one of the largest calderas in the world and is an excellent example of a caldera advanced in history but still retaining its essential structures.

Greater Hart-Sheldon, Nevada and Oregon The Greater Hart-Sheldon Wildlands is a vast, remote land of scenic sagebrush-dominated landscapes.

Siskiyou Wild Rivers, Oregon The Siskiyou Wild Rivers area is located in the southwest corner of

Oregon and northwest California. In total more than a million acres of Forest Service and BLM lands encompass one of the highest concentrations of free-flowing rivers left in the US.

Gold Butte, Nevada Gold Butte is the name of a large area of desert lands managed by the BLM that lies east of Las Vegas between the Grand Canyon/Parashant National Monument, Arizona, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, just south of the City of Mesquite.

Hidden Gems, Colorado The Hidden Gems are proposed wilderness areas primarily on the White River National Forest in Colorado. Legislation has been introduced by Senator Mark Udall and is companion legislation to a bill submitted by Congressman Jared Polis.

Browns Canyon, Colorado Browns Canyon on the Arkansas River near Salida and Buena Vista Colorado is a popular area for whitewater rafting and kayaking.

Big Bend Marine Reserve, Florida The Big Bend of Florida's Gulf Coast is one of the most pristine and least developed in the state. Stretching from Florida's panhandle, it includes the area around Apalachee Bay, an arm of the Gulf of Mexico.

Greater Canyonlands Utah is the heart of some of Utah's canyon country's wildest corners. The original proposal for Canyonlands National Park was far greater than the acreage that finally was designated but there is still an opportunity to correct this deficiency. Counting 1.8 million acres of surrounding unroaded BLM lands adjacent to it, Greater Canyonlands remains one of the largest roadless areas left in the lower 48 states.

The **Bears Ears** are a pair of buttes located in San Juan County in the southeastern Utah. The Bears Ears are bordered on the west by Dark Canyon Wilderness and Beef Basin, on the east by Comb Ridge and on the north by Indian Creek and Canyonlands National Park. Rising 2,000 feet (610 m) above Cedar Mesa to the south, the Bears Ears reach 8,700 feet (2,700 m) in elevation and are named for their resemblance to the ears of a bear emerging from the horizon.

The **Bodie Hills** are a low mountain range in Mono County, California, is where the mining district and town of Bodie, California is located. The Hills are between Bridgeport and the Nevada border, where they become the Bodie Mountains in Mineral County, Nevada. The Sierra Nevada (U.S.) Range towers to the west.

One last note, The President just created the largest National Monument in the history of the United States in the state of Hawaii. The monument is larger than Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Nevada and Arizona combined. Though it is a marine monument and traditional Rockhound as we know it, is not a real problem for the average American Recreational Rockhound, it still remains that no collecting of any kind from inside its boundaries. This monument will have current and future impact on the lives of the residents and visitors of the state of Hawaii.