



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club – February 2017

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2017

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AJR&GC is a member of the following mineralogical societies:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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General Meeting Minutes for 2/9/17 – by Ruth Flynn

Chuck Larson, President

- Called meeting to order at 6:30
- Led Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduced club Officers
- Welcomed guests and new members
- Announced 50/50, Silent Auction and door prizes
- Need a volunteer for Webmaster – Ron Ginn will be retiring June 1st

Wanda Sisk, member

- Reported on the club table at Sousa Elementary School's STEM program
- The kids had a great time and the teachers were impressed with the story boards that Wanda created
- All the kids were thrilled to receive necklaces made by Nancy Suthann – thank you Nancy!

Ken Perkins, member

- Need a trailer to use as a parade float. Trailer does not need to be in great shape and does not need to be licensed

Katy Tunicliff, member

- Will be selling rocks tomorrow at the club for June Boney, a former member. June is in ill health and will no longer be able to participate in club events

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Gave financial report
- The Board voted to close the Building Fund and move that money to the Money Market account while the stock market is still at a high point. Hoping to pay off the building after the spring show – will report on that possibility at the March General Meeting

Ruth Flynn, Secretary and Newsletter Editor

- Sent out two get well cards and one sympathy card
- Need help from the members to create a great newsletter. Advertising in the newsletter is free and need not be rock related – you can advertise your business or items for sale or items you're looking for. If submitting articles that have been printed elsewhere, please get permission in writing to avoid

copyright infringement. Submissions can be made to newsletter@ajrockclub.com

- Meeting minutes from the previous General Meeting were accepted

Tom Sundling, Trustee

- On February 6th, 2017, an audit of the Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club books was completed by the Trustees of the club as required by the club By-laws. This audit was conducted by taking several transactions and following them from the creation documentation and insuring they were on the banking documentation and on the electronic documentation utilized by the Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club
- All transactions audited were found to be accurate and professionally maintained. The bookkeeping system in place is following generally accepted accounting practices and it is the auditor's opinion that they reflect the financial activities of the club accurately

Con Higley, Trustee

- Presented coffee mugs to Linn Mistrot, Ruth Flynn and Tom Sundling as a thank you for all their hard work. These three people will be retiring as club Officers after this year

Phil & Mattie Gadd, Show Co-Chairs

- Introduced Steve & Wanda Sisk and Dave & Terry Zellner as new Show Co-Chairs. Stacey Lindsey, who was unable to be at the meeting, will also be a Show Co-Chair
- Badly need volunteers for the spring show, February 18th & 19th
- Those helping with setup for the show need to be at the shop at 2:00 on Friday, February 17th to load rock. Setup at Skyline High School will begin at 3:30 with vendors arriving at 5:30

- Still need lots of donations for the raffles. Three items will be raffled each hour of the show
- If the show is successful, we may possibly be able to pay off the building
- Need tumbled rock for the Wheel of Fortune for the kids

Karen Moschinger, Class Coordinator

- Setting up five new classes – details will go out in an email
- Tomorrow will be a gathering to bag up parts for necklaces for the show
- Ruth Flynn will be doing a clock making class on Saturday, February 11 at 1:00
- It's a Wrap is back on, the 4th Thursday of each month from 9:30 – 12:30. Bring your projects and join this social group to work on your own things and learn from others who are working on their projects

Susan Colby, member

- It's a Wrap is a social group – come to meet others and share ideas – it's a lot of fun

Sharon Koberna, Membership

- Gave membership report. Currently have 318 members, 10 of them are junior members

Alan Koberna for Ed Lindsey, Field Trip Coordinator

- Ed has had a liver transplant and is home and doing well. You can check his progress on Facebook at Ed's Health News
- Upcoming field trips
 - Saturday, February 11th – Seven Springs for onyx. This trip requires high clearance or four wheel drive. Alan Koberna will be leading and will bring his side by side to shuttle people if necessary

- Wednesday, February 15th – Red Rover Mine, Paul Stearns leading
- Wednesday, February 22nd – Hewitt Canyon for chrysocolla with silver, Glenn Troyani leading
- Trying to get information on conditions at the Barry Goldwater range for the March 4th trip. According to what Alan has heard so far, it will be rough going and requires an ATV. Suggested using a backpack instead of a bucket for easier collecting

John Philpot, Advertising Co-Chair

- Looking for someone fluent in Spanish to translate flyers into Spanish

Terry Smith, Shop Manager

- Announced Glenn Troyani as our new Monitor Coordinator. Glenn will be working with the monitors to insure they're trained correctly and to work with them on scheduling
- Lost and found items – there are several hoodies that people have left behind. If not picked up within a week, they will be used as rags for the club
- No large stone grinding on the diamond wheels. Steve and Wanda Sisk have donated bull wheels for large stone grinding – thank you, Steve and Wanda!
- Will be holding a “light” work party and potluck on March 18th as a send-off for Terry & Connie before they move back to Michigan. Details will be sent in an email
- Presented a t-shirt to Connie Smith. The shirt has been signed by many members as a keepsake for Connie – we'll miss her!

Mattie Gadd, Show Co-Chair

- Thank you to Steve and Wanda Sisk, Dave and Terry Zellner and Stacey Lindsey for taking over as show Co-Chairs

- Called a 10 or 15 minute break for people to look over story boards and sign up for the show

Chuck Larson, President

- Door prizes and 50/50 drawing were held

Chuck Fagen, Vice President

- Announced our speaker for the evening – Tom Kilbey of the BLM

Tom Kilbey, Geologist with the BLM

- Gave an information-packed slide show regarding the volcanic activity in the area, along with lots of gold mining information
- Email address is tkilbey@blm.gov

Chuck Larson, President

- Reminder to sign Connie's t-shirt
- Announced Silent Auction would be closing in 15 minutes
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05

SUPERIOR PERLITE QUARRY (APACHE TEAR) FIELD TRIP

REPORT TO CLUB MEMBERS

By Dan Jarvis

January 28, 2017

In the musical "Oklahoma" an actor by the name of Gordon MacRae sings a song titled "Oh What A Beautiful Morning". It was indeed a very beautiful morning that greeted our small group of 8 very fortunate club members as we arrived in Superior for the field trip at the Imerys Perlite Quarry. We (the 8 who

went) know that most of you either experienced a high level of jealousy, wanted to hang us from the nearest tree, or other negative feelings towards us since only a small group was allowed inside the quarry. We hope you will not shun us, slash our vehicle tires, or try to steal our Apache Tears when we are not looking. Well, just keep this in mind..... in 3 months we will go to the quarry again, and then it just might be your turn to go.

As most of you know a drawing was held at our last club meeting to see who would be the ones to go into the quarry. The 8 lucky club members who attended the field trip into the Apache Tear factory were: Wally Frlich, Oma Frlich, Alex Garcia, Jackie Garcia, Carol Ellingsburg, Roger Mellman, Kevin Stock, and Dan Jarvis. There were 3 people whose names had been drawn (or were spouses of those who were drawn) who were not able to go on the field trip. As promised these 3 automatically have the right to go on the next field trip which will probably happen in April. These 3 are: Chuck Jenkins, Angelo Devivo, and Veronica Devivo.

Every 3 months the employees at the quarry blast to loosen up the perlite, and a few days after each blasting we will be permitted to go into the quarry. The manager at the quarry told our group that there is enough perlite to last for 40 years. It may take that long to get all of us into the quarry, but please be patient your day will come. There needs to be a new rule for all club members.....you are not allowed to “kick the bucket” until you go to the Apache Tear factory.

A couple of months ago 3 members of the club and 2 guests were the first to go into the quarry. Thousands of large Apache Tears were all over the place, and the group completely wore out after 90 minutes of repeatedly bending over. During our field trip on January 28 we did not find as many Apache Tears as the first trip, but we were able to pick up more giant ones. We really found a lot of very big Apache Tears.

So, dry up your tears, let not your hearts faint, and be of good cheer. Your day to enter the quarry will come, and hopefully you too will experience a beautiful morning.

Mines in Arizona – courtesy of the Arizona Geological Survey

Looking for mines in Arizona?

Start with our 'Mine Index for Metallic Mineral Districts of Arizona'. This 98 page bulletin goes county by county, listing more than 300 mining districts and the names of 1,000s of mines.

Each county is represented in map form (e.g., Cochise & Gila County maps below) showing the distribution and names of mining districts. Listed on the following pages are the names of each mining district and the mines of that district.

This is a great resource posted online for the very first time today.

http://repository.azgs.az.gov/uri_gin/azgs/dlio/1707

Lost and found

There are several hoodies that have been left behind at the shop. Please pick up your hoodie before it becomes an oil rag!

Lapidary Blog – By Donna Albrecht

Lapidary lovers now have a blog just for us! www.LapidaryWhisperer.com has just come online and I hope you will check it out. It's an online community for lapidary lovers where I'll post a new blog entry every other Wednesday.

Yes, rocks and slabs whisper and tell me what they want to be, then I commit lapidary on them to bring out their stories.

I'd love to hear what you think about the blog. Please write me directly at Donna@LapidaryWhisperer.com or if the comment box isn't showing at the bottom of the blog entry, click on "No Comment" at the bottom and the comments block will appear.

Let's enjoy this wonderful art and craft together!

Your Lapidary Whisperer, Donna Albrecht

ARE YOU OUR NEW WEBMASTER?

Ron Ginn drew up the follow Webmaster requirements – the items highlighted in red are all we really need from a Webmaster at this time. Ron will be retiring as Webmaster as of June 1st and is willing to train our new Webmaster. If you're interested, or have questions, please contact Ron at 480-294-0731

Job Description

A web designer creates the look, layout, and features of a website. The job involves understanding both graphic design and computer programming. **Once a website is created, a designer helps with maintenance and additions to the website. They work with Board Members /Committee Heads for keeping the site up-to-date.**

Duties

A web designer's job duties cover all aspects of creating a website. Upon meeting with clients and assessing their needs, web designers help create and maintain the product. Their duties include, but aren't limited to, the following:

- Writing and editing content
- Designing webpage layout
- Determining technical requirements
- Updating websites**
- Creating back up files**
- Solving code problems

Requirements

Web designers need education in computer technology and website design. **Those with prior computer experience can become entry-level web designers by taking a self-study course under the guidance of an experienced web designer.**

An associate's degree program related to web design, such as an Associate of Applied Science in Web Graphic Design, provides a student with a foundation in the design and technical aspects of creating a website. Students learn web design skills and build professional portfolios that highlight their skills and abilities.

Common topics include:

Fundamentals of design imaging

Basic web design

Animation

Multimedia design

Content management

Editing for video and audio

Multimedia programming and technology

A bachelor's degree in multimedia or web design allows students to learn advanced skills needed for professional web design. Students develop artistic and creative abilities in addition to technical skills. Degree programs, such as a Bachelor of Science in Web Design and Interactive Media, cover:

Databases

Webpage scripting

Programming

Digital imaging

Multimedia design

Web development

Compass For Your Cause Program – by Linn Mistrot

Are you considering changing banks? Are you thinking about opening a new checking account? If you are please consider BBVA Compass Bank. Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc. uses Compass Bank and we've been very happy with them.

The Club just signed up for the *Compass For Your Cause Program*. Every time any of our members (or any other supporter) opens a new BBVA Compass Bank Checking Account the Club receives a \$50 royalty. There is **no** cost or charge to you. All you have to do is give Compass Bank the Club's code when you open the account. And if you use the Visa Check card that comes with many of the accounts, the Club will get 0.25% of the purchase amount. Still no cost to you!

The Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club code number is 114303.

Compass has several checking account options available. One that is particularly attractive is the *Clear Choice Free Checking* account. Features include:

- Minimum opening amount of only \$25.00
- No monthly service charge
- One complimentary Visa Check Card
- Unlimited check writing

There are other benefits and other accounts. Ask a bank representative to explain them to you.

They have several locations but the one closest to the Club is on Baseline near Crismon Road. Be sure to give them **the Club's code: 114303.**