

# SEDONA RED ROCKING NEWS

## Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

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October General Meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Oct. 9, at the Sedona Library off of Dry Creek Road in West Sedona. Guests are welcome. The Board of Directors meets at 5:00 pm the day before the General Meeting, also at the library. Any members are welcome to attend and participate in input. (Note: Oct. 9 is a week earlier than our usual meeting date, due to a date conflict at the library.)

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## LAPIDARY SLIDE SHOW WILL DEMONSTRATE CUTTING AND POLISHING

(Note time change for next meeting: it's October 9, 2007, Tuesday.)

Keith Horst, lapidary artist from Prescott, will be the featured speaker at our next meeting on October 9, 2007 at the *Sedona Public Library* at 7 pm. His slide presentation will show the rock cutting and polishing techniques he uses to make cabochons and other unique specimens. He will also have samples of his work on display.

Horst and his son Alex, who is a rock carver, own *A&K Gems and Minerals*, a lapidary shop in Prescott. A long-time Prescott resident and founding member of the *Prescott Gem and Mineral Society*, Horst became interested in rocks as a young boy when he and his Dad would find petrified wood in the Black Forest area of Colorado. He then went on to own and operate a jewelry and lapidary supply shop in Denver. Besides doing his own lapidary work, Horst is an instructor at *Yavapai Community College* in Prescott. His beginning and advanced lapidary arts classes are enjoyed by many interested students. He and Alex have been featured in *Lapidary Journal* and *Rock & Gem*.

We are also happy to let you know that Keith and Alex will have a booth at our *Gem and Mineral Show* on October 27 and 28. This will give you an opportunity to see more of their work and to talk

with these experts in the lapidary arts.

## Cookie Break

will be presided over by our very efficient Refreshment Committee of Judy Feldman and Marge Schwartz, who will have tea and coffee makings ready, and plates of cookies will be provided by Doris Banks, Bernice Brown, Karen Keller, and Linda Yee.

While you're munching cookies, you can squeeze out a little more time for looking at the displays that members have brought in and placed on side tables.

## Remembrance Report

Long-time member Lee Birch is now residing at *Sedona Winds Assisted Living*, and a card has been sent to her. But on a happy note, members will have a chance to personally wish *Harry Brown* a happy **90th** birthday, which falls on October 9, the date of our next club meeting.

Call or email Bernice if you know of anyone needing remembrance: 282-4921 or [beeline@commspeed.net](mailto:beeline@commspeed.net)

(From Bernice Brown, Remembrance chair)

## General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 18, 2007

President Kelly Quester began the business meeting at 7 pm. Twelve guests and 47 members were present.

## Business meeting topics

Due to a conflict with the Library's schedule, the

October General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9. As a result of this schedule change, all newsletter items must be sent to Marge Herkenham by Sept. 24.

Treasurer Ray Cooke reported that the balance is \$15,945. A detailed report of income and expenses is available during each business meeting for any member to review.

Pat McMahan described how he has retained the Club's claim at Rodeo Flats by yearly filing with the BLM and State of AZ.

### **Remembrances**

Pat McMahan did not escape our well wishes for his 60th birthday. Editor Marge Herkenham was welcomed back after a long recuperation from several surgeries.

### **Scholarship and Community Outreach**

Committee Chair Mary Jane Cooke reported that the committee on kids' programs and other community outreach activities will meet during the first week of October.

### **Petrified wood collecting**

Pat McMahan explained why collecting at the Paulsell Ranch near Holbrook is no longer allowed. Pat is maintaining communication with the landowners in case circumstances change.

### **Education**

Vivian Hilker asked members to contact her regarding the types of classes that may be of interest to them. Vivian created a bulletin board on educational opportunities.

### **Program**

Members Bob Yee, Ed Perry, Dunyasha and Steve Kluck, and Linda Kappel were the speakers for the Members' Night Program. Linda shared slides of bygone days in the Sedona area and the history of her father's Stoneyard.

Stunning examples of spheres, jewelry, and opals accompanied the talks by Bob, Ed, Dunyasha and Steve.

Kelly thanked all members who quickly put away chairs and tables at the end of the meeting. The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Janet Walters,  
9/23/2007*

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 17, 2007**

Present: Kelly Quester, Linda Yee, Ray Cooke, Pat McMahan, Linda Kappel, Ed Hodges, Janet Walters, Rose Marie Licher

Absent: Marge Herkenham, James Terry, Steve Kluck

### **MINUTES**

The Board approved the May Minutes.  
TREASURER'S REPORT Ray reported a balance of \$15945. His report was approved.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of September 17th, the Club has 165 members. This includes 59 singles, 44 families, and 14 junior memberships.

### **Actionable items**

Janet still needs to draft a proposal of the criteria for bestowing honorary memberships on members who made significant contributions to the Club's success.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Our substitute editors continue to shine. Ed Hodges did a great job of publishing the September newsletter. Meanwhile, we eagerly await the return of Editor Marge Herkenham for the October issue. The deadline for submission of information to Marge is September 24 since the newsletter must be mailed prior to the October 9th General Meeting. Rose Marie will make sure that 100 extra copies of the October newsletter will be printed so that they can be handed out at the Gem and Mineral Sale on Oct. 27-28.

### **PROGRAMS**

For October, lapidary arts will be presented by Keith Horst. His son Alex will also participate. Geologist Paul Lindberg will be the presenter in November.

### **2008 PICNIC**

The picnic grounds at Montezuma Well were suggested as the site for the 2008 picnic.

### **BOARD VACANCIES**

Program VP and Field Trip VP positions will be open for the upcoming election. A Historian is still needed.

**MINING CLAIM**

Pat described the procedure for maintaining the club's claim at Rodeo Flats.

Paperwork must be submitted before September 1 each year. Pat has been paying the \$10 filing fee and the \$19 Yavapai County recording fee out of his own funds. Pat will be reimbursed for the costs of filing this year. Kelly asked Pat to describe the filing procedure and its importance at the Sept. General Meeting.

(The Gem and Mineral Show was also discussed. Look for information in a separate article below)

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Janet Walters,  
9/23/2007*

**Our Monthly Raffle Will Be Held As Usual As The Final Event Of The Evening.**

The monthly raffles have been a good money-raising event. This is probably largely because of the high quality of the mineral and fossil specimens that have been in the raffle each month, which is in turn due to the successful effort of the buying team to buy specimens for the raffle at the last Tucson show. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Study the items on offer - look during breaks such as the refreshment break.

Our monthly always eagerly-anticipated raffle will be held as the final event of the evening. Last month, Ev and Brian Orsborn sold raffle tickets and distributed prizes, which were described by Pat.

**Club Elections Coming Soon**

We're nearing time for our yearly election, which occurs in November. Our Constitution states that the Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the October meeting of the Board of Directors. It will consist of one Director and two active members from the membership-at-large. The Committee shall present a proposed slate of Officers and Directors at the November meeting of members, which will then be voted on. Nominations may also be made from the floor, provided the candidates has consented to the submission.

Anyone interested in becoming an officer, please contact Pat McMahan (330-8333)

**Planning for the Now Annual  
SGMC GEM AND MINERAL SHOW  
on  
October 27 and 28 at the  
Sedona High School**

This year for the first time, our show will be two full days, instead of one day.

Chairmen Pat McMahan and Linda Yee reported that they have 30 vendors signed up. An additional 12 vendors are on the waiting list.

Thank you to all who signed up to help with the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show on October 27 and 28 at Sedona Red Rock High school. If you missed the last meeting and want to help out, please let us know. All hands are needed to make this the best Show ever!

We will have a meeting for all volunteers on October 10, Wednesday, at 4pm at the Sedona Red Rock High School Cafeteria. You can park in the main parking lot. The Cafeteria is in the first large building marked, Building B, Apache Gardens. The Cafeteria is on the west side. At this meeting we will review what needs to be done and answer questions about set up and how things will work during show days.

We have 10 display cases that need displays. If you have an interesting collection of unique specimens and/or things that you have made, let us know. We also need help setting up the cases.

Help is also needed making highway signs, putting them out, and picking them up on the two days of the Show.

We will need heavy-duty extension cords. If you have some we can use, be sure to label them with your name and bring them to the setup crew on the first day of the Show.

To those who are distributing flyers, you can start passing them out the week of October 15. Take them to hotels, resorts and bed-and-breakfasts. Give them

to stores and other public buildings. Hand them out at meetings and events that you attend. We want to get the word out to everyone in Sedona. Call Linda if you need more flyers.

Thank you again to all who have volunteered. We always have a great time! Remember to attend the volunteer meeting on October 10 at the high school.

Questions? Ask:

Pat McMahan (634-2404 or Agates920@yahoo.com)  
Linda Yee (203-9476 or LindaFYee@hotmail.com)  
Kelly Quester (203-9372 or KellyQ13inSedona@msn.com)

Show Co-Chair Pat McMahan noted that several tables are still available for members to sell their treasures. If there are no takers, the tables will be offered to dealers on the waiting list. Thirty dealers are expected to participate in the Show.

*As you, the membership, can see from the above, it takes a lot of hands to accomplish all these jobs. If you noticed something that you could help with in particular, call the chairmen Pat McMahan, 300-8333 or Linda Yee, 203-9476, and offer your services. There will also be still more opportunity to volunteer at the October General Meeting on the sign-up sheets, handily placed at the break right next to the tasty cookies.*

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### **Nominating Committee On The Prowl**

Who? Me? Run for office? No thanks!

The President's job . . . that should be Frank's  
But, listen now, I've some suggestions to make.

How about a display case -  
'twill only take a couple evenings for  
someone to make.

Program Chairman?

I don't see how I can manage that position just now.

But let's keep up the good speakers this year.

Maybe have a demonstration on cab making here?

You'll bet I'll attend every one, never fear.

Bulletin Editor?

Oh, I can't write a decent article — mine  
sound so trite.

But can't we have more rock cutting tips,  
A column for news, and some humorous quips,  
And something about our rock hunting trips.

Display table? I like it fine.

Oh no, that Selenite isn't mine.

My minerals and gems are all packed away.

Anyway, I was much too tired today.

Don't you realize how much rocks can weigh?

I'm in good standing. I've paid my dues.

I never fail to give you my views.

Meeting day comes and there I will be.

I'm present, please note, for all members to see.

Gee, don't you wish that were more members like ME?

*From Calgary Lapidary Journal 9/04 via Rock Chips*

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### **Coming Field Trips**

Gary Kappel provided sign-up sheets for potential field trips for collection of jasper and hematite on Mingus Mountain and collection of obsidian at the obsidian beds that are west of the San Francisco Peaks. Gary suggested that the Club might investigate purchase of walkee-talkees so that each field trip participant can remain in communication with their colleagues.

### **<http://www.rmfmts.org/>**

Here is a simple thing any of you on the Internet can do. This website will get you the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. You can read their general statement of purpose, and then in the left column, you can choose "Newsletters," or one of many other choices to push buttons and get various information about rock clubs. Pushing "Newsletters" will get you the complete October issue of the RM-FMS newsletter, or you can choose any one of the back issues. It will arrive in PDF format.

Happy reading!

If that doesn't satisfy your urge for rockhound knowledge, you can next choose this website to get the American Federation of Mineral Societies: <www.

amfed.org>

***You are needed!***

Pat McMahan has prepared a light-hearted job prospectus for a needed Field Trip Chairman for the next year, 2008.

## **Help Wanted: Field Trip Chairperson for 2008 Job Description:**

- 1. Schedule 8 trips for the year for specimen collecting or education. (Jan. Feb. Mar. April, May, Sept, Oct, Nov. )**
- 2. Once a year (April) schedule a "Coalition of Rock Clubs" field trip to an area large enough to accommodate several clubs' participation.**
- 3. Require a "Waiver of Liability" to be signed by each member/guest going on each trip. Have them sign up at the beginning of each trip.**
- 4. Write a short report on previous trip and also on upcoming trip in time to appear in appropriate newsletter. (A good job to delegate to an assistant.)**
- 5. The field trip chairperson title entitles you to attend monthly Board Meetings. You will be 2nd Vice-president and will be on the Board of Directors.**

**No experience is required, although dedication to the club and a desire to provide interesting places to visit is a plus! On-the-job training is available.**

## **Archeologists Search Mammoth Fossil Site**

*By Jon Johnson, Staff Writer*

Archeologists from the University of Arizona and the Bureau of Land Management descended upon the desert terrain southwest of Safford last week to look for evidence of human interaction with a mammoth.

Two mammoth rib bones were previously found by BLM geologist Larry Thrasher in the summer of 2006. This was

the second time Thrasher had found mammoth rib bones in the area.

Thrasher's first find was in 2000 when he was following a map of an earlier discovery from 1974.

"It had the recommendation the site should be monitored time to time, and that's what drove me out here," Thrasher said. "I walked down this little wash and found three parts of ribs coming out of the side of the hill."

The ribs found in 2000 were excavated with assistance from the Mesa Southwest Museum, and its scientists thought one of the ribs looked as if it had been cracked open by a human.

The scientists dated the bones to be approximately 11,000 years old - the same age as mammoth kill sites found in the San Pedro River area. Further searches made at the time yielded no other fossils.

By 2006, weathering of the area exposed the additional fossilized bones Thrasher found. This time, archeologists were called in to lead the dig.

Jesse Ballenger led a group of UA archeologists under the supervision of Dr. Vance Holliday of UA's Anthropology Department. Dr. Holliday obtained funding for the project from the Argonaut Archeological Research Fund, which funds Paleo-Indian research in the Southwest.

The team did not find any other fossils or artifacts.

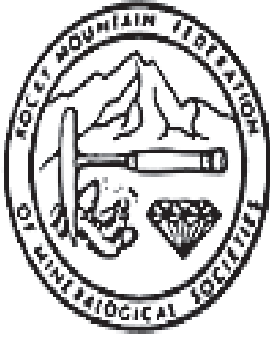
One of the team members, UA adjunct professor Dr. Jeffrey A. Homburg, said it appeared only a few of the bones had been buried at the time of death. Bones that are buried quickly are more likely to become fossilized.

"Bone left on the surface here in Arizona is not going to make it," Homburg said. "Oxidation will fragment the heck out of it, and it's just not going to last."

The results have not dampened Thrasher's passion for the site. He believes there are still more fossils not yet found, and since the site is in a wash, it is conceivable more fossils will surface due to weathering. Those facts, plus the dating of the bones to the same time of Clovis man kill sites from the San Pedro, keep his hopes alive.

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**CLUB SHOWS**



October 13 - 14, 2007, Sierra Vista, AZ  
Huachuca Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show  
at the Elks Lodge on Wilcox Avenue; Free  
admission and parking; live demonstrations,  
educational displays, rocks, jewelry,  
gems, minerals, fossils, equipment, lapidary-  
supplies & more! Contact Show Chairman  
Bill at 520-803-6590 or via email: billjae-  
ger@hotmail.com

October 13 - 14, 2007, Payson, AZ  
Payson Rimstones Rock Club show at Tonto  
Apache Reservation Recreation Center

- Highway 87 (mile marker 251) by  
the Mazatzal Casino. ShowChair-  
man, Jo  
McKenzie 928-474-4452, e-mail:  
rocks2007@earthlink.net

January 18 - 20, 2008, Globe, AZ  
51st Annual Gila County Gem &  
Mineral Show, Gila County  
Fairgrounds 3 miles North of  
Junction US60 & US70. Contact  
Andy Clark 928-473-3042.

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