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CLUBS - OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Apache Junction

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc.

P. O. Box 712

Apache Junction, AZ 85117

President: John Frary, 480-452-4870

Secretary: Barbara Bayer

Meeting Place: Desert Chapel Church, 462 N.

Palo Verde Dr., Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Day of Month: 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., except

May through September

Club Website: www.ajrockclub.com

Club Specialties: Field trips, lapidary

Arizona City

Arizona City Gem and Mineral Society

P. O. Box 63

Arizona City, AZ 85223

President: Gabe Klimesh, P.O. Box 1451, Arizona City, AZ 85223

Secretary: Diane Wharton, 7136 S. Sunland Gin Rd., Eloy, AZ 852231

Meeting Place: Community Center Arizona City, on Sunland Gin Rd.

Day of Month: 2nd Thursday 1:30 p.m., except

April through October

Club Specialties: Field trips

Black Canyon City

Black Canyon City Rock Club

P.O. Box 1472

Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

Black Canyon City

Braggin Rock Club

P. O. Box 308

Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

Meeting Place: Albin Civic Center, K Mine Rd.,

Black Canyon City 85324

Day of Month: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.

Bullhead City

Silvery Colorado River Rock Club

P. O. Box 22648

Bullhead City, AZ, 86439-2648

Meeting Place: Bullhead City Junior High

School, Hancock & Lakeside, Bullhead City, AZ

Day of Month: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., except June through September

Club Specialties: Field trips, shows, and programs.

Cottonwood

Mingus Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

P. O. Box 1284

Cottonwood, AZ 86326-1284

www.mingusclub.org

President: Leo Zuercher, 928-649-9673

Secretary: Marny Zuercher

Meeting Place: Moose Lodge #1449, 1051 S.

Broadway St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Day of Month: 1st Thursday 6 p.m., except July and August

Club Specialties: Gem show, field trips, speaker programs, lapidary workshop, mineral and rock collecting

Cottonwood

Verde River Rockhounds, Inc.

P.O. Box 2674

Cottonwood, AZ 86326

President: Jim VanWert 928-649-1938

jimellen@hotmail.com

Secretary: Kay Roberts 928-202-1949

kay@therobertsaz.com

Meeting Place: American Legion Post, 480 S.

Calvary Way, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Day of Month: 2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m., except July and August

Club Specialties: Field trips, speaker programs, lapidary, silversmithing, faceting

Flagstaff

Flagstaff Gem & Mineral Society

P. O. Box 1261

Flagstaff, AZ 86002

Meeting Place: Coconino County Fairgrounds,
Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (I-17's airport exit)

Day of Month: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

No meetings if bad weather or holiday conflict

Florence

Florence Gem & Mineral Club

3827 N. South Dakota

Florence, AZ 85232

dancapps@desertwisper.com

President: Clancy Bolander

Secretary: Shirley Gossert,

Florence, AZ 85232, 520-868-0180

Meeting Place: Caliente Casa Del Sol, Annex
Bldg., Florence, AZ 85232

Day of Month: 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.,
except May through October

Kingman

Mohave County Gemstoners

P.O. Box 3995

Kingman, AZ 86402

www.gemstoners.org

President: "C" Russell, 928-846-0927

Secretary: Fred Bunge

Meeting Place: Kathryn Heidenreich Senior Center,
1776 Airway, Kingman, AZ

Day of Month: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Club Specialties: Annual show, fossil study, lapidary
work, field trips

Lake Havasu City

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 990

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0990

President: Stan Sutton, P.O. Box 990, Lake Havasu
City, AZ 86405, 928-680-4535

Secretary: Stan Sutton

Meeting Place: Mt. Olive Lutheran Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City 86403

Day of Month: 2nd Friday, 6:30 p.m., except
June, July and August

Club Specialties: Annual show, fossil study, lapidary
work, field trips.

Mesa

Southwest Paleontology Society

Mesa Southwest Museum

53 N. Macdonald St.

Mesa, AZ 85201-7325

www.cityofmesa.org/swmuseum/info.asp

Meeting Place: Arizona Museum of Natural History
53 N. McDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201

President: Steve Beckman, 480-831-1585

Day of Month: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Club Specialties: Fossil collecting for the
museum and children's education

Membership Restrictions: Abide by code of ethics,
safety rules

Miami

Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 487

Miami, AZ 85539

President: Jim Mills, P.O. Box 1542, Claypool, AZ
85532, 928-701-1762

Secretary: Debra Oldfather, Kearny, AZ

Meeting Place: 413 Live Oak St., Miami, AZ 85539

Day of Month: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.,

Classes on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.,
except June, July and August

Payson

Payson Rimstones Rock Club

P. O. Box 1641

Payson, AZ 85547

paysonrimstoneshow@gmail.com

President: Lynne Wheeler, 928-472-7170,
lynnewheeler@gmail.com

Secretary: Sandy Shover, 928-468-9575

Meeting Place: Payson Public Library, 328 N.

McLane Rd., Payson, AZ 85547, 928-474-9260

Day of Month: 2nd Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Pearce-Sunsites

Sunsites Gem and Mineral Club

P. O. Box 87

Pearce, AZ 85625

www.cochisecountyrock.org

President: Paul McKnight, P.O. Box 132, Pearce, AZ
85625, 520-508-2657

Secretary: Diane Brower

Meeting Place: Sunsites Community Center,
Treasure Rd., Pearce-Sunsites, AZ 85625

Day of Month: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., except
June, July, and August

Club Specialties: Lapidary, wire wrapping

Phoenix

Arizona Leaverites Rock and Gem Society

P.O. Box 26901

Tempe, AZ 85285-6901

President: Tom Parks, at above address,
tlparks-us@yahoo.com

Secretary: Debbie Michalowski, 602-432-6921
Meeting Place: Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum, 1502 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ
Day of Month: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., except July and December
Club Specialties: Field trips, education and lapidary

Phoenix

Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation
P. O. Box 41834
Mesa, AZ 85274
www.azminfun.com/default.htm
President: Ray Grant, Chandler, AZ 85226,
480-814-9086; raycyn@cox.net
Secretary: Lavone Archer
Mesa, AZ 85202, 480-969-0483;
elabaso4@cox.net
Meeting Place: Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum,
1502 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ
Day of Month: Usually every other month on a
Thursday (dates are not fixed) at 7 p.m., except
June through August
Club Specialties: Gem show, Minerals of Arizona
Symposium, support the museum.

Phoenix

Maricopa Lapidary Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 36683
Phoenix, AZ 85067-6683
President: Robin Evans
Secretary: Laurette Kennedy
Meeting Place: Arizona Mining and Mineral
Museum, 1502 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ
Day of Month: 1st Monday 7 p.m., if 1st Monday is
a holiday, meeting is 2nd Monday
Club Specialties: Gem show, lapidary, field trips

Phoenix

Mineralogical Society of Arizona
1502 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3210
www.mineralogicalsocietyarizona.org
President: Roger Deming, 520 E. Hearne Way,
Gilbert, AZ 85234, 480-633-0731,
rogersweeps@yahoo.com
Meeting Place: Arizona Mining and Mineral
Museum, 1502 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ
Day of Month: 2nd Friday, 7 p.m., September through
June, except February, which is the 3rd Friday
Club Specialties: Interesting informative programs,
monthly field trips 3rd Sat. Juniors are welcome.

Prescott

Prescott Gem & Mineral Club
P.O. Box 3923
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
www.prescottgemmineral.org
President: Ron Whorton
Secretary: Heather Redden
Meeting Place: Prescott Public Library,
215 E. Goodwin St., Prescott, AZ 86303
Day of Month: 1st Saturday, 10 a.m.
Club Specialties: Lapidary, jewelry, field trips, and
education

Quartzsite

Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club
P. O. Box 338
Quartzsite, AZ 85346
www.quartzsitegemandmineralclub.org
Meeting Place: QIA Building, 65 Ironwood Drive,
Quartzsite, AZ
Day of Month: Thursday, 2 p.m.
Work Shop Open: Monday-Wednesday &
Friday 9-4.
Club Specialties: Wire wrap, silver work, faceting
Membership Restrictions: Over 18

Sedona

Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
P. O. Box 3284
Sedona, AZ 86340
www.sedonagemandmineral.org
President: Ed Hodges, 928-282-4980
Show Co-Chair: Pat McMahan, 928-300-4980
Meeting Place: Sedona Public Library, 3250 White
Bear St., Sedona, AZ 86336
Day of Month: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., except June,
July, & August.
Club Specialties: Classes, field trips, speakers, local
scholarships to students.

Show Low

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club
P. O. Box 3504
Show Low, AZ 85902-3504
President: Nanz Marshall, 5011 Forest View Rd.,
Lakeside, AZ 85929, 928-537-2524
Secretary: Tonie Mondragon
Meeting Place: JB's Restaurant, 480 W. Deuce of
Clubs, Show Low, AZ 85902, 928-532-1266
Day of Month: 1st Tuesday, 6:30 P.M., meets every
month, December - Christmas party members only
Club Specialties: Educational presentations, field
trips, classes, gem show.

Sierra Vista

Huachuca Mineral and Gem Club, Inc.

P. O. Box 1596

Sierra Vista, AZ 85636

www.huachuca-diggers.tripod.com

President: David Kerr, 520 Mallard Cr. W.

Sierra Vista 85635, 520-459-6188

dpkerr@pngusa.net

Secretary: Ingrid Baillie, 43 Martin Dr. NW,

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-459-3718

ibailie@cox.net

Meeting Place: Kino Hall, 800 Taylor Dr.,

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Day of Month: 3rd Wed. 7 p.m., except July picnic
and December Christmas Party.

Club Specialties: Annual show, field trips.

Tucson

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, Inc.

3118 N. Dale

Tucson, AZ 85712

www.lapidaryclub.org

Secretary: Diana Hara, P.O. Box 786, Cortaro,

AZ 85652, 520-572-0339, diana@dianahara.com

Meeting Place: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N.

Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712, 520-323-9154

Day of Month: 2nd Saturday, 9 a.m., except February
business meeting, program follows,

Club Specialties: Silversmithing, casting, lapidary,
wire wrapping, beading, and field trips (must be a
member). Website has membership application
form to join club.

Tucson

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society

P. O. Box 42588

Tucson, AZ 85733

www.tgms.org

President: Society President, TGMS, P.O. Box

42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, 520-322-5773,

tgms@tgms.org

Secretary: Society Secretary, TGMS, P.O. Box

42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, 520-322-5773,

tgms@tgms.org

Meeting Place: TGMS Building, 3727 E.

Blacklidge Dr., Tucson, AZ 85716; 520-322-5773

Day of Month: 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m., except
February (Show month), and
September (Labor Day)

Club Specialty: Mineral show, field trips, potlucks,
educational classes, and newsletter.

Wickenburg

Wickenburg Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 20375

Wickenburg, AZ 85358

President: Max Brown, 928-684-3603,

wickenburggms@hotmail.com

Secretary: Debra DiWitt, 928-859-4087

Meeting Place: Coffinger Park Rec. Rm.,

Coffinger Park, Wickenburg, Az 85390

Day of Month: 2nd Friday 6:30 p.m., except June,
July and August.

Club Specialty: Field trip every 3rd Saturday,
Annual Show Thanksgiving weekend.

Yuma

Country Roads Rock & Gem Club

5707 E. 32nd St., #1094

Yuma, AZ 85365

President: Jack Vandelaar

Secretary: Julie Hendrickson

Meeting Place: Country Roads RV Lapidary Shop

Day of Month: Second Wednesday Nov. - April

Yuma

Yuma Gem and Mineral Society

P. O. Box 115

Yuma, AZ, 85366

President: Eugene Zielke, 14316 E. 51st St.,

Yuma, AZ 85367, 928-345-0957

Secretary: Valerie Zielke, 14316 E. 51st St.,

Yuma, AZ 85367, 928-345-0957

Meeting Place: Community Christian Church. 6480 E.
Hwy. 95, Yuma, AZ 85364

Day of Month: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.,
November - March

Club Specialties: Field trips, public service, programs

ROCKHOUND CLUBS - RESIDENTS ONLY

Chandler

Sunbird Rock, Gem & Silver Club

6831 S. Oakmont

Chandler, AZ 85249

Presidents: Howard & Lois Anderson, 6471 S.

Championship Dr., Chandler, AZ 85249

Secretary: Vickie Smith, 6630 S. Coral Gable,
Chandler, AZ 85249

Meeting Place: Sunbird Adult Resort Clubhouse,
6250 S. Sunbird Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85249

Day of Month: 1st Friday at 9:30 a.m., except May through
October.

Restriction: Residents of Sunbird and guests

Green Valley

Green Valley Lapidary and Silversmith Club

P.O. Box 113

Green Valley, AZ 85622

President: Bob Porterfield, 520-625-9122

Secretary: Carol Roskey, 520-393-3895, lapsec@cox.net
Meeting Place: 9-4 @ West Center, East Center &
Desert Hills Center, Green Valley, AZ
Club Specialty: Silversmith, lapidary, chain
making, wax carving, PMC, casting, & wire wrap
Restriction: \$30 a year to join. All Green Valley
Recreation member's welcome!

Mesa

Apache Wells R. V. Resort
2656 N. 56th St., 197 E
Mesa, AZ 85215

Meeting Place: Recreation Hall
Day of Month: 2nd Friday, 7 p.m., except April - October
Restriction: Residents of Apache Wells R.V.

Mesa

Mesa East Rock Club
Mesa East Club House
225 S. 74 St.
Mesa, AZ 85208

Meeting Place: Mesa East Club House, 225 S. 74th St.,
Mesa, AZ 85208, 480-985-1160
Day of Month: 1 night per month except June – Sept.
Restriction: Residents of Mesa East Park

Mesa

Mesa Spirit Rock & Gem Club
303 N. Lindsay Road, X4
Mesa, AZ 85213

Meeting Place: Mesa Spirit R.V. Park, Unit 3,
Recreation Hall, 3020 Main St., Mesa, AZ 85213
Day of the Month: 2nd Wed, 7:30 p.m., except April
through October.
Club Specialty: Operate silvercraft & lapidary shops
Restriction: Residents of Mesa Spirit R.V. Park

Mesa

Venture Out Rock and Gem Club
Venture Out Hobby Center
5001 E. Main St.
Mesa, AZ 85205

President: Dale Kohler, 5001 E. Main St., #1748,
Mesa, AZ, 85205, October through May only,
480-218-9556
Meeting Place: Venture Out Hobby Center
Day of the Month: Monday - Friday, 8-4, except June
through August
Club Specialty: Lapidary
Restriction: Residents only, 55+

Phoenix

ARC Jewelry Crafters Club
5001 E. Cheyenne Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85044

President: Keith LaMarr, 4247 E. Manden,
Phoenix, AZ 85044
keithlamarr@yahoo.com
Secretary: Dee Kossives, 480-656-0006,
deekoss@machlink.com
Meeting Place: ARC, 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr.,
Phoenix, AZ 85044, 480-893-2549
Day of Month: 3rd Monday, 2 p.m., October
through May
Restriction: ARC members & invited guests

Queen Valley

Queen Valley R.V. Resort Rockhound Club
50 W. Oro Viejo Drive
Queen Valley, AZ 85218
President: Ken Pavelek
Secretary: Marie Dengate
Meeting Place: Craft room, 50 W. Oro Viejo, Queen
Valley, AZ
Day of Month: 3rd Monday, 10 a.m., except April
through October
Club Specialties: Rockhounding trips, lapidary shop

Scottsdale

Roadrunner Rockhound Club
1149 N 92nd St. #237
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
President: Rod Erchul, 1149 N. 92nd St., Lot 99
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Secretary: Kate Sanders, 1149 N. 92nd St., Lot 237
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Meeting Place: Roadrunner Main Hall,
1149 N. 92nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Day of Month: 1st Monday, 10:15 a.m.
Do not meet April through October
Club Specialty: Rockhounding
Restriction: Residents of Roadrunner R.V.

Sun City

Bell Lapidary Club
16820 N. 99th Ave.
Sun City, AZ 85351-1262
623-977-1803

Sun City

Rockhounds West
22326 Cheyenne,
Sun City West, AZ 85375
www.scwclubs.com Click on Rockhounds West
Meeting Place: Lecture Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson
Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
Day of Month: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m. except May
through September

Club Specialty: Monthly rockhounding trips
Membership Restriction: Sun City West Recreation
Members only.

Sun City

Sun City Rockhound Club

Sundial Recreation Center,
14801 N. 103rd Ave.
Sun City, AZ 85351

Meeting Place: Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W.
Peoria, Sun City, AZ 85351

Day of Month: 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., except June
through September

Club Specialties: Mineral Museum at Sundial Recreation
Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Membership Restrictions: Sun City Recreation Center
member.

Sun City

Lakeview Lapidary Club

10626 Thunderbird Blvd.
Sun City, AZ 85351

Sun Lakes

Sun Lakes Rock & Gem Club

10102 E. Watford Way
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

President: Lynn Vraspir, lvrspir@wbhsi.net

Day of Month – Third Monday, 10 a.m. in the
Navajo Room at SLCC - October - May

Club Specialties: Lapidary, silver, gourds, beading,
stain-glass, dichroic glass, sandstone paintings,
Ming Trees, gourds, wire wrapping, open
shops, and field trips.

PROSPECTING ORGANIZATIONS

Phoenix

Arizona Prospectors Association

4945 W. Monte Cristo Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85306

President: Roy Farley, 602-573-7660 cell

Secretary: Judy Dixon, 4945 W. Monte Cristo Ave,
Glendale, AZ 85306, 602-375-1680,
everettedixon@msn.com

Meeting Place: Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum,
1502 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ

Day of Month: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., except
November and December

Club Specialty: Placer gold prospecting, claims,
monthly outings.

Membership Restrictions: Person must attend 3
meetings and 1 outing and then be interviewed by
a Board member.

Phoenix

Gold Prospectors Association of Phoenix

P.O. Box 97462
Phoenix, AZ 85060-7462
www.gpapclub.com

GPAP Hotline: 480-368-2664

President: Chris Tinney, 602-326-1288

Secretary: Bud Riley, 602-828-7853

Meeting Place: Arizona American Italian Club
7509 N. 12th St., Phoenix, AZ

Day of Month: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

Club Specialties: Active gold prospecting, claims,
field trips, meetings, raffles, picnics, gold show.

Phoenix

Roadrunner Prospectors' Club Inc.

P. O. Box 56804
Phoenix, AZ 85079
http://roadrunnergold.com

President: Bill Colebeck

602-274-2521

Secretary: Fred Horn

602-274-2521

Meeting Place: AZ American Italian Club, 7509 N.
12th St., Phoenix, AZ

Day of Month: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., except December

Club Specialty: Prospecting, acquiring claims for
members, one outing per month

Tucson

Desert Gold Diggers

6150 N. Desert Willow Dr.
Tucson, Arizona 85743
www.desert-gold-diggers.org

Contact: Mark Paris, 520-744-1036,
captaingoldseeker@yahoo.com

President: Donna Hackett, 520-889-0065

Secretary: Carl Wruck 520-219-6488

Meeting Place: V. F. W. Post 10188, 345 E. Roger
Road, Tucson, AZ 85705

Day of Month: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Club Specialty: Recreational prospecting

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