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CLUBS - OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Apache Junction

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc.

P. O. Box 712

Apache Junction, AZ 85217-0712

Iswany2@telus.net

President: John Frary, Apache Junction, AZ
85220

Secretary: Barbara Bayer, Apache Junction, AZ
85206

Meeting Place: Desert Chapel Church, 462 N.
Palo Verde Dr., Apache Junction, AZ 85217

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

Club Website: www.apachejunctionrockclub.org

Club Specialties: Field trips, lapidary and
silversmithing

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: D. Powell Senior Adult Center,
405 E. 6th St., Casa Grande, AZ 85222

Day of Month: 4th Thursday 7 p.m., except
April through October

Club Specialties: Field trips

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.

Black Canyon City

Black Canyon City Rock Club

P.O. Box 1472

Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

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

mingusclub.org

President: Mike Ramsey, 6255 E. Starry Night Ct.,
Cornville, AZ 86325, 928-634-0666,

ramsey6264@yahoo.com

Secretary: Sue Valek, 1957 Quail Run Rd.,
Cottonwood, AZ 86326, 928-634-7452,

queen3bbs@aol.com

Meeting Place: On The Greens Club House,
969 W. On The Greens Blvd.,

Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Day of Month: 1st Thursday 5:30 p.m., except
July and August

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

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

Lake Havasu City

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 990
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0990
President: Nannette Russell, 1799 Boeing Bay, Lake
Havasu City, 86404, 928-854-2503
Secretary: Stan Sutton
Meeting Place: Mt. Olive Lutheran Parish Bldg.
2170 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City 86404
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: Bernice Morrow, P. O. Box 1716,
Claypool, AZ 85532, 928-812-0561
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
Meeting Place: Payson Public Library, 328 N.
McLane Rd., Payson
Day of Month: 2nd Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.
Do not meet June and December.

Pearce-Sunsites

Sunsites Gem and Mineral Club
P. O. Box 87
Pearce, AZ 85625
www.cochisecountyrock.org
President: Donald Hammer, 9601 S. Robinson Rd.,
Willcox, AZ 85643, 520-384-3105
Secretary: Diane Brower
Meeting Place: Sunsites Community Center,
Treasure Rd., Pearce-Sunsites, AZ 85625
Day of Month: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., except
July, August, and September
Club Specialties: Lapidary, wire wrapping
Twilight Mineral Museum, open to public
703 N. Flagstaff Ave., Willcox, AZ 85643,
Curator and owner on premises
Call 520-384-2619 or knock on door.

Phoenix

Arizona Leaverites Rock and Gem Society
1702 E. Todd Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85283
President: Steve Eastman, 1702 E. Todd Dr.
Ave., Tempe, AZ 85283, 480-777-2288
skkeastman@mindspring.com
Secretary: Joyce Hendrix, 10918 W. Calle Del Sol,
Phoenix, AZ 85037, 623-877-9792
lost3acres@msn.com
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: Sandi McDonald, 3333 W. Golden Lane,
Phoenix, AZ 85051-3810
Secretary: Robin Evans
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
www.azminerals.com
President: Ed Nichols, 2251 E. Garnet Ave,
Mesa, AZ 85204, 480-636-1251,
Epidote555@yahoo.com
Secretary: Deanna Smith, 19480 E. Spencer,
Black Canyon City, AZ 85324, 623-374-9090
Amd9090@msn.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. Juniors are welcome.

Prescott

Prescott Gem & Mineral Club
P.O. Box 3923
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
www.prescottgemmineral.org
President: Max Hatch, 928-636-0946
Secretary: Marguerite Ahl
Meeting Place: Yavapai County Fair Grounds,
Clubhouse Bldg., 10401 N. Hwy 89A, Prescott
Valley, AZ 86314, 928-445-7820
Day of Month: 3rd 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: 65 Ironwood Drive, Quartzsite, AZ
Day of Month: Thursday, 2 p.m.
Meeting Place: QIA Building
Work Shop Open: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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: Kelly Quester, 928-203-9372
kellyqisinsedona@msn.com
Secretary: Janet Walters, 928-284-1339,
jwalters@esedona.net
Meeting Place: Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona, AZ 86336, 928-232-7714
Day of Month: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., except June picnic, July, August & December Christmas party
Club Specialties: Classes, field trips, speakers

Show Low

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club
P. O. Box 3504
Show Low, AZ 85902
President: Nanz Marshall, 5011 Forest View Rd.,
Lakeside, AZ 85929, 928-537-2524
Secretary: Sandra Ann Angelo, P.O. Box 3892,
Show Low, AZ 85902
Meeting Place: JB's Restaurant, 280 W. Duece of Clubs, Show Low, AZ 85902
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: Brad Kern 4114 Maricopa Place,
Sierra Vista 85650, 520-378-4406
tetpros2@juno.com
Secretary: Myra Rogers, 3500 Rosburg St.,
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650, 520-803-6547
tnkb357@aol.com
Meeting Place: Cochise College, 901 N. Colombo,
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Day of Month: 3rd Wed. 7 p.m. July picnic and December Christmas Party.
Club Specialties: Field trips, lapidary

Tucson

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, Inc.
3118 N. Dale
Tucson, AZ 85712
www.lapidaryclub.org

President: Bill Carmody, wcarmody23@comcast.net

Secretary: Jenny Coniglio, 761 N. Circle D Way,
Tucson, AZ 85748, 520-546-3684,
vlctucson@earthlink.net

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: Mark Candee, Tucson, AZ
520-322-5773

Secretary: Alrene Hibben, Tucson, AZ
520-322-5773

Meeting Place: Adobe Bridge Club, 3727 Blackledge
Dr., Tucson, AZ 85716; 520-322-5773

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

Club Specialty: Gem show, field trips, potlucks,
educational classes, newsletter, and minerals
Send letters to the club postal box, not officers.

Wickenburg

Wickenburg Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 20375
Wickenburg, AZ 85358

President: Max Brown, 928-684-3603

Secretary: Debra DeWitt, 928-859-4087,
Salome, AZ 85348

Meeting Place: Coffinger Park Rec. Rm.,
Coffinger Park, Wickenburg, Az 85358

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

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

Yuma

Yuma Gem and Mineral Society
P. O. Box 115
Yuma, AZ, 85365

President: Al Eaton, 5707 E. 32nd St., #1185,
Yuma, AZ 85365, 928-305-6245

Meeting Place: Community Christian Church. 6480 E.
Hwy. 95, Yuma, AZ 85365

Day of Month: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., except
April through October

Club Specialties: Field trips, public service, programs

Yuma

Country Roads Rock & Gem Club
5707 E. 32nd St., #1094
Yuma, AZ 85365

ROCKHOUND CLUBS - RESIDENTS ONLY

Chandler

Sunbird Rock, Gem & Silver Club
6831 S. Oakmont
Chandler, AZ 85249

President: Muriel Davis, 6831 S. Oakmont.,
Chandler, AZ 85249

Secretary: Grace Robillard, 6472S. Oakmont,
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
www.gvrlapidaryclub.com

President: Harry LaFavor, 505 W. Knotwood St.,
Green Valley, AZ 85614, 520-207-2841
hwlaf@aol.com

Secretary: Jim Fitzsimmons, 1041 W. Mission Twin
Buttes Rd., Green Valley, AZ 85614, 520-625-4341,
jamesfitz2@cox.net

Meeting Place: Las Campanas, Green Valley, AZ

Day of Month: 2nd Wednesday, 8 a.m., except
June & July

Club Specialty: Silversmith, lapidary, chain
making, wax carving, PMC casting

Restriction: Must be a Green Valley Recreation
Member

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 through
October

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

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: Linda Swain, 12815 S. 41st St., Phoenix,
AZ 85044, 480-893-0469,

lindaswain@aol.com

Secretary: Barbara Trout, 480-496-4418

Meeting Place: ARC, 5001 E. Cheyenne Dr.,
Phoenix, AZ 85044, 480-893-2549

Day of Month: 1st Thursday, 2 p.m., except
June through September

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

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

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

Meeting Place: Fairway Recreation Center, 107th Ave
and Peoria, Sun City, AZ 85351

Day of Month: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., except June
through September

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

Membership Restrictions: Sun City Recreation Center
member

Sun City Rockhound Museum

14801 N. 103rd Ave.

Day of Month – Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 12
noon, October through April, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
June through September, closed July and August

Lakeview Lapidary Club

10626 Thunderbird Blvd.
Sun City, AZ 85351

PROSPECTING ORGANIZATIONS

Hereford

Huachuca Prospectors Association
P. O. Box 453
Hereford, AZ 85615

President: Allen Lane

Secretary: Carol Jelinek,

Meeting place: Hwy. 92 Café, Sierra Vista

Day of Month: 2nd Tues, 6:30 business meeting

Phoenix

Arizona Prospectors Association
4945 W. Monte Cristo Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85306
www.geocities.com/Area51/7581/apa.html

President: Mary Alice Vertz, 6628 W. Acapulco Ln., Glendale, AZ 85306

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

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

Day of Month: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 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.

Phoenix

Roadrunners Prospectors' Club Inc.
P. O. Box 56804
Phoenix, AZ 85079
<http://roadrunnergold.com>

President: Rex O. Drake Jr.,

480-813-1743, rex@roadrunnergold.com

Secretary: Jim DiMaria

623-937-8658, jimd@roadrunnergold.com

Meeting Place: Loma Linda School, 2002 E.

Clarendon, Phoenix, AZ, Multi-purpose room

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

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

Mesa

Mesa Gold Diggers
510 N. 95th Place
Mesa, AZ 86207

Meeting Place: M & M Villa Mobile Home Park, 320 E. McKellips, Mesa, AZ 85203

Day of Month: 1st Thurs., 7-9 p.m.

Club Specialties: Gold panning, dredging, metal detecting

Tucson

Desert Gold Diggers
6809 E. Hayne
Tucson, Arizona 85710
520-886-3275
www.desert-gold-diggers.org

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

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

Club Specialty: Recreational prospecting

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