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The purpose of Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club is to promote and further an interest in geology, mineralogy, and lapidary arts, through education, field experiences, public service, and friendship.

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Bv Susan Celestian

WIGGEMIGE

Here is a mineral that you very likely have in your And if not, be sure to watch for collection. opportunities to collect it. Willemite's type locality was originally in the Netherlands (locality is now part of Belgium), and named in 1830 for William I (Willem), King of the Netherlands. It is a popular mineral with collectors of fluorescent minerals, as it fluoresces bright green under SW fluorescent light. Interestingly, it is best known from the zinc mines of Franklin, NJ and Arizona.

Chemical Formula - Zn₂SiO₄ Crystal System - Trigonal (Go to https://www.mindat.org/ min-4292.html OR https://www.minerals.net/ mineral glossary/trigonal.aspx for interactive images.) Growth Forms/Habits - prismatic (stout to slender), acicular, fibrous, botryoidal, granular, massive Hardness - 5.5 Luster - Vitreous, resinous Streak - White Color - Colorless, white, green, yellow, light blue, brown, gray, black, pink **Diaphaneity** - Transparent, translucent Specific Gravity - 3.89-4.19 Cleavage - One distinct/good direction; one good-poor Fracture - Uneven, sub-conchoidal **Occurrence** - Common secondary mineral in lead-zinc and zinc ore deposits, usually from oxidation of sphalerite Other - Fluoresces bright green in SW FL light, the most common activator being Mn²⁺ Uses - Minor ore of zinc

Images of willemite follow, in Figures 1-9.

FIGURE 1 WILLEMITE **CRYSTAL** This is an unusually large single crystal of willemite, from the Sterling Hill Mine, Ogdensburg, Sussex Co., NJ. Photo by Stan Celestian



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SAVE THE DATE! SHOW March 2-3, 2024

Anthem **Elementary**

READY.

GO



Get set

First Meeting of the Fall is coming up on **Tuesday**, September 5, 2023

It'll be good to get back together and talk rocks!

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ROCKS and MINERALS DONATED to DNRMC

By Claudia Marek (photos & text)

New rocks and minerals have been donated to the Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club, from the Arizona Mining, Mineral, and Natural Resources Education Museum, on Washington Street in Phoenix.

Thanks to an email sent to me on June 30th by Stan Celestian I found out about the museum's clearance of all rocks, minerals, core samples, mining equipment, and any other materials located in "the pit" (which turned out to be the basement in the building). I immediately contacted Catie Carter-Sandoval, its current administrator, to find out if our club could come down to acquire rocks, minerals, and beautiful specimens for our Kids Corner Egg Crates, raffles, silent auctions, and show. Catie immediately told me we could come down the following Monday, July 3rd, as she had 3 other clubs coming in that week to get what they needed for their clubs. Only non-profits would be allowed in for collecting.

I immediately contacted Bill Smardo to see if he'd come down and bring his pickup and asked him to contact George Vorce to see if he'd also come with his pick up, and all agreed. The three of us arrived at 9:00am to meet Catie and stayed until 4:30pm packing the 3 pickup beds to their ceilings with our finds!

Catie had warned us ahead of time that the basement materials hadn't been touched in years and were covered in layers of dust, gloves would be a must not to mention face masks. We were also guaranteed to walk away covered in dirt depending on how much time we spent down in the bowels of the building!

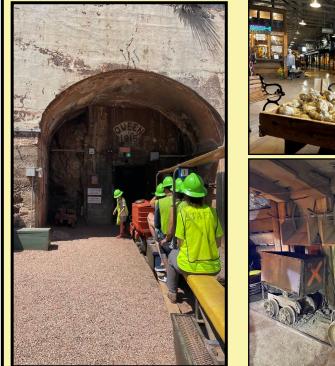
Getting what we did was not only a godsend to the Kids Corner but will also add beautiful, old specimens to our raffles and silent auctions for our members. Remember anything purchased at the silent auctions goes directly into our two college scholarships and money spent on raffle tickets pays for our room rentals each month so, bring extra cash with you to the meetings and see what beauties we found in "the pit"! I guarantee, you will not be disappointed with our finds, that could be yours, in the months ahead!



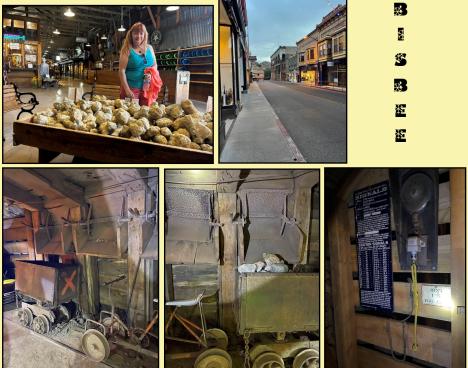
FIELD TRIP to BISBEE Saturday, July 22-23, 2023

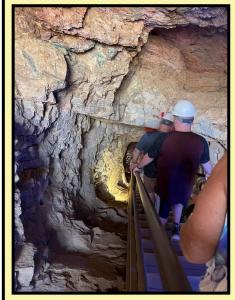
Photos by Deanne Gosse and Robin Shannon

MSA invited DMRMC to join them on a trip to Bisbee and Tombstone. Highlights included a tour of the Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee, the Good Enough Mine in Tombstone, and the rock and mineral show in Sierra Vista.



Portal to the Copper Queen Mine





Descending into the Good Enough Mine









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FIGURE 2 LUSTROUS WILLEMITE This willemite-lined pocket is from the Santa Eulalia District, Municipio de Aguilas Serdán, Chihuahua, Mexico. Rare from this mine, it probably was found 30-40 years ago. A close look will reveal its exceptional luster. *Photo by Stan Celestian*



FIGURE 3 BOTRYOIDAL WILLEMITE This lovely multi-colored willemite near-floater is from the Tsumeb Mine (Tsumcorp Mine), Tsumeb, Otjikoto (Oshikoto) Region, Namibia *Photo by Rob Lavinsky* (*iRocks.com*) and *licensed under* <u>CC-BY-SA-3.0</u>

FIGURE 4 WILLEMITE CRYSTAL This yellow crystal — a mere 3mm long, but would make a nice addition to а micromount collection is from Berg Aukas, Grootfontein District Otjozondupa Region Namibia. Photo by Christian Rewitzer and licensed under CC BY-SA 3.0





FIGURE 5 ACICULAR WILLEMITE The clear spray of acicular crystals is willemite from Granite Gap, Peloncillo Mountains, Hidalgo Co., NM. *Photo by Jerry Cone and is Public Domain.*

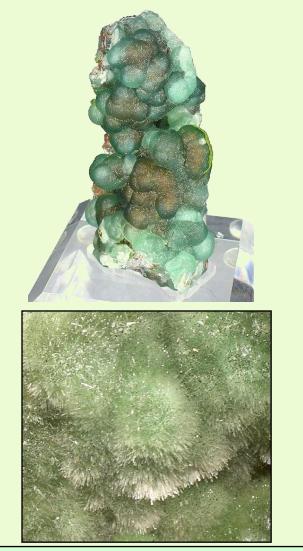


FIGURE 6 BOTRYOIDAL WILLEMITE Both of the lovely green willemite specimens above are from the Tsumeb Mine (Tsumcorp Mine), Tsumeb, Otjikoto (Oshikoto) Region, Namibia *Photo by Rob Lavinsky (iRocks.com) and licensed under CC-BY-SA-3.0*

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FIGURE 7 WILLEMITE & PALS Williemite is commonly associated with calcite and fluorite. Together they often make vibrantly colorful specimens, when exposed to fluorescent light. This specimen is from a club favorite — the Purple Passion Mine, Yavapai Co., AZ. Calcite is red, fluorite is blue, and willemite is green. *Photos by Stan Celestian.*

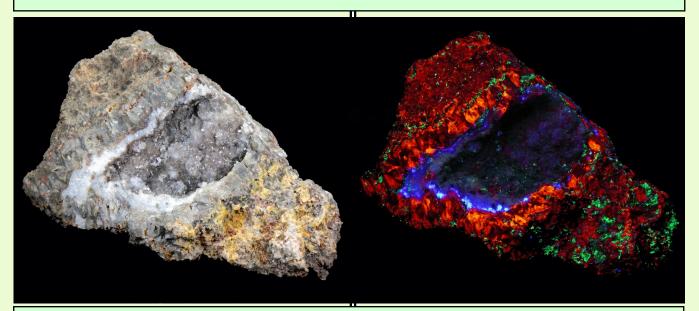


FIGURE 8 MORE WILLEMITE & PALS Just like the specimen in Figure 7, willemite glows green amidst a field of red calcite and blue fluorite. The large pocket is lines with quartz crystals. This specimen is from another club favorite — the Red Cloud Mine, La Paz Co., AZ. *Photos by Stan Celestian*

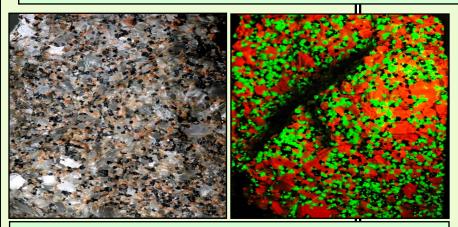


FIGURE 9 GREEN GLOW Speckles of bright green expose the presence of willemite in this specimen from Franklin, Somerset Co., NJ. Photos by James St John and licensed under <u>CC BY 2.0</u>

GENERAL RESOURCES FOR WILLEMITE

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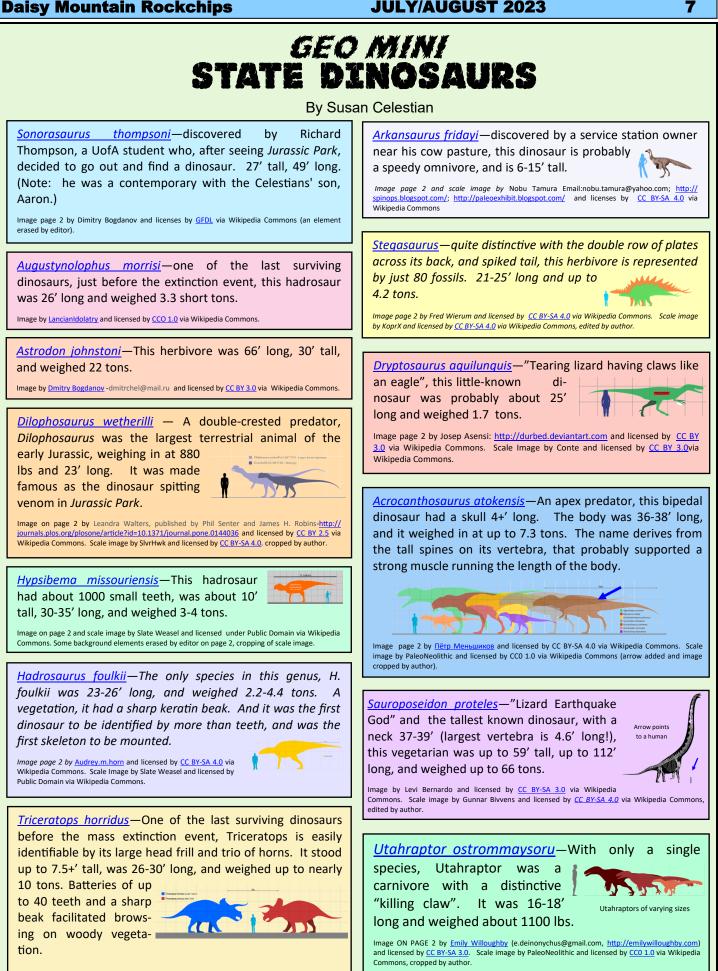
www.webmineral.com/data/ Willemite.shtml

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willemite

www.minerals.net/mineral/ willemite.aspx

www.fluomin.org/uk/fiche.php?id=199

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023

- In attendance: Bill F., Bob S., Claudia M., Deanne G., Don R., Ed W., Gregg J., Jeff B., Johanna R., Rebecca S., Stan C., Sue C., and Tiffany P.
- Bill F. called the meeting to order
- Insurance carriers for the trailers were discussed
 - The owner of the land the trailer is on needs us to have insurance
 - o It is difficult to find a liability insurance for the trailer and its contents
 - The club needs a general list of contents for appraisal
 - Claudia M. volunteered to create the inventory
 - Needs to have a valuation to them
 - Rental policy does not cover liability
 - The trailer holds a lot of rocks
 - The stairs posed a safety concern
 - Thank you, Bill Smardo, for installing a handle
 - o Someone suggested adding us to the property owner's insurance
 - The club will have to investigate who else is on the property as well
 - Johanna R. volunteered to investigate this matter
- Meeting minutes were unanimously approved
 - Rebecca S. sent the club her program evaluation plan for the club
 - This included a project plan the club could start for carbon reduction
 - Will present the plans to the club
 - Will include why, how, when, and the benefits of the plans
- Deanne G. Financials
 - Club in good standing
 - Outstanding checks given to those who present for the club
 - Only one remaining is from the snake's presentation
 - Deanne will follow up with speaker
 - \circ Club is looking to invest some of the saved funds to make more money
 - CDs for businesses was suggested
 - Fees could be more than money brought in
 - As a 501(c)3, the club cannot invest in stocks
 - Ed W. will continue to investigate best option
 - o Deanne will appropriate scholarship money over the summer
 - Certain items were sold exclusively to fund a second scholarship
- Claudia M. Promotional Items and Events
 - The club had a booth at the May 2023 MSA show
 - Thank you, Tiffany P. and Claudia, for running the booth
 - They were proud to represent DMRMC
 - Even wore their bright yellow shirts on Sunday
 - Club got the table for free
 - There were 38 vendors at the show
 - Almost all were selling high end minerals
 - DMRMC made \$144 at the MSA show
 - Sold similar items that the club sold at the DMRMC show
 - MSA show was at Shriner Auditorium
 - Location cost over \$3,000/day
 - Had maybe 1,000 guests

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- Only had about 20 volunteers to setup show
 - o DMRMC is lucky to have a large volunteer force
- MSA show is new
- It is exciting to see their club grow to include a show
- MSA is about the same size as DMRMC
 - MSA has been around since 1935
- Tiffany P. Membership
 - o DMRMC membership is at about 350 members
 - Got a few sign-ups at the MSA show
 - Verde River Rockhounds in Cottonwood was sadly disbanded
 - Their club paid for membership to DMRMC, Mingus or Payson clubs
 - Some attended the DMRMC meeting this month
- Rebecca N. Wire Wrapping Class
 - Everyone is enjoying the renewed classes
 - She was even able to have classes over the summer
 - About 7 attendees in July and August
- Jeff B. Claim's Committee
 - o Getting the club's claim ready for BBQ event for next season
 - There are a lot of rattlesnakes on the claim right now
 - o Other claim options will be updated in September
- Bill F. Field Trip Committee
 - Tip jar has been updated again
 - This helps the leader with gas and other expenditures
 - They are not getting compensated otherwise
 - Upcoming field trips
 - Added another museum trip in June
 - Bisbee shared trip with MSA was confirmed
 - Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) Convention in July
 - DMRMC did not have any delegates volunteer to attend
 - Board approved to sign proxy paperwork
 - Bill sent to RMFMS
- Gregg J. Safety Committee
 - Will purchase Garmin over the summer for the club
 - Will create an incident report form over the summer
 - Should have copies available for all club events
 - Will give instructions on how to fill out
 - Names and pictures are important details
 - Gregg will present to general membership if adopted
 - More whistles were handed out at field trips
 - CPR classes were investigated
 - Daisy Mountain Fire offers classes for \$60/person
 - 6-hour class
 - Includes first aid certification
 - Would like to send some members through class
 - It is best to have as many members as possible prepared for emergencies

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- Claudia M. DMRMC Show
 - Talked to Irma (volunteer to host us at Anthem Elementary School)
 - She agreed to show dates the first week of March
 - The school has early release on Fridays
 - Claudia will submit paperwork to the school district
- General Club Meeting for June
 - Speaker Aaron Celestian
 - Presentation over zoom
 - Monthly recognition plan to be postponed
 - Would be too time consuming presently
 - Club guides
 - Working well
 - Find those with a green "Guide" button on
 - They can assist others about club matters
 - Kid's program
 - It was suggested to create a kid's scavenger hunt on the claim
 - Would be at the DMRMC claim's BBQ party this season
 - Geocaching was also suggested
 - Thank you, Jeff B. for investigating this activity
 - Encouraging children participation is ideal for the club
 - Helps fulfill the club's objective to influence future generations
 - Special Raffle Item/Auction Item
 - An amethyst cathedral was suggested as a long-term auction/raffle item
 - Would cost the club about \$200
 - Would have special tickets for about \$5-10
 - Details will be discussed in September
 - Stan C. and Sue C. will take pictures of possible specimen options
 - \circ $\,$ Board will decide in September on what to purchase $\,$
- Claudia M. Rockhound of the Year
 - Well deserving of award
 - She wears many hats and keeps the club running smoothly
 - She has not received her trophy from RMFMS yet
- There was a suggestion made to rent a bus for the Quartzite show
 - GoGo bus service would cost about \$3,000
 - Would be about \$70/person if 40 people use the service
 - Mark F. had a lower quote for a bus
 - Claudia M. and Stan C. will investigate pricing
 - A bus could help members attend more shows
 - Some cannot afford the drive
 - The board considered covering their costs
 - Some cannot physically drive that far
 - The bus would fix this obstacle
- Ed W. Club's Standing
 - Thanked the board for their valiant efforts
 - Everyone serves an important purpose to the greater whole of the club
 - Thinks the board is running very effectively right now

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- o Proud of how united we are as rockhounders
- Bill F. also stated our club is blessed with a deep bench of knowledge
 We also utilize tools like FB and our website to reach others
- Bob S. included that the club is as good as it's leaders
 - We owe a great bit of gratitude to Dave H. and Herb J.
 - They helped lead the club to success
 - Even though they are not with us, their legacy lives on
- Claudia M. Promotional items for volunteers
 - Needs help finding rock related items for volunteers
 - Shipping costs are difficult to work around
 - At least 100 items are needed
- Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Slosarik



Hjalparfoss in Iceland. As glaciers melt, outflow roars over topographical steps. This one is supported by columnarly jointed basalt. *Photo by Susan Celestian*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES June 6, 2023

- In attendance: About 81 attendees, 1 youth
- Bill F. called the meeting to order
 - This is the last meeting of the season
- Sue C. introduced the speaker for the night, her son
 - o Dr. Aaron Celestian spoke about "Using minerals and gems to illuminate science"
 - Telling a narrative can be impactful
 - Follow him on nhmla_gems on Instagram

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- His upcoming show tells the story of Earth's history
 - Will be open for about 6 months
 - Will have a webpage online about the event
 - Might allow a behind the scenes tour for DMRMC members
- Thank you, Dr. Celestian, for that captivating presentation
- Raffle presented by Robin S. and Michele
 - o Thank you, Michele, for donating so many items to the raffle
 - The raffle made the club \$283
- Newcomers were welcomed to the club
 - Found DMRMC through Google and fellow rockhounds
 - Those are the most common avenues to bring in newcomers
- Deanne G. Financials
 - Club in good standing
- Jeff B. Claim's Committee
 - Cannot go to the site in the middle of the summer due to heat
 - Will have a club BBQ at the claim in November
 - Would like to include a kid's scavenger hunt
 - Will update the club in September's meeting
- Bill F. Field Trip Committee
 - Glad the club was able to take advantage of the good weather in the spring
 - o Dobell Ranch had about 58 people attend
 - Was a joint field trip with other clubs
 - Luna Agate is one of the best field trips of the season
 - The blue agate from the site is spectacular
 - Season had 36 field trips
 - Thank you, Bill, for coordinating and leading these trips
 - Will have field trip committee meeting before next season
 - Meeting is used to create tentative schedule
 - Will be held at a restaurant during the day
 - Suggestions for new locations are always accepted
 - Would like to add a gold panning trip next season
 - Typical favorites will surely make the list
- Tiffany P. Membership
 - Still at about 350 members
- Claudia M. Show, Volunteer Coordinator, and Promotional Items
 - Anthem Elementary School dates
 - Irma has agreed to volunteer March 1-3rd
 - Second week or March is the triathlon
 - Anthem Days will most likely be at the end of March
 - T-shirts are always available for purchase
 - Email Claudia at <u>ClaudiaAMarek@gmail.com</u>
 - Kid's corner rocks for the show need to be numbered
 - Two bags still need to be numbered

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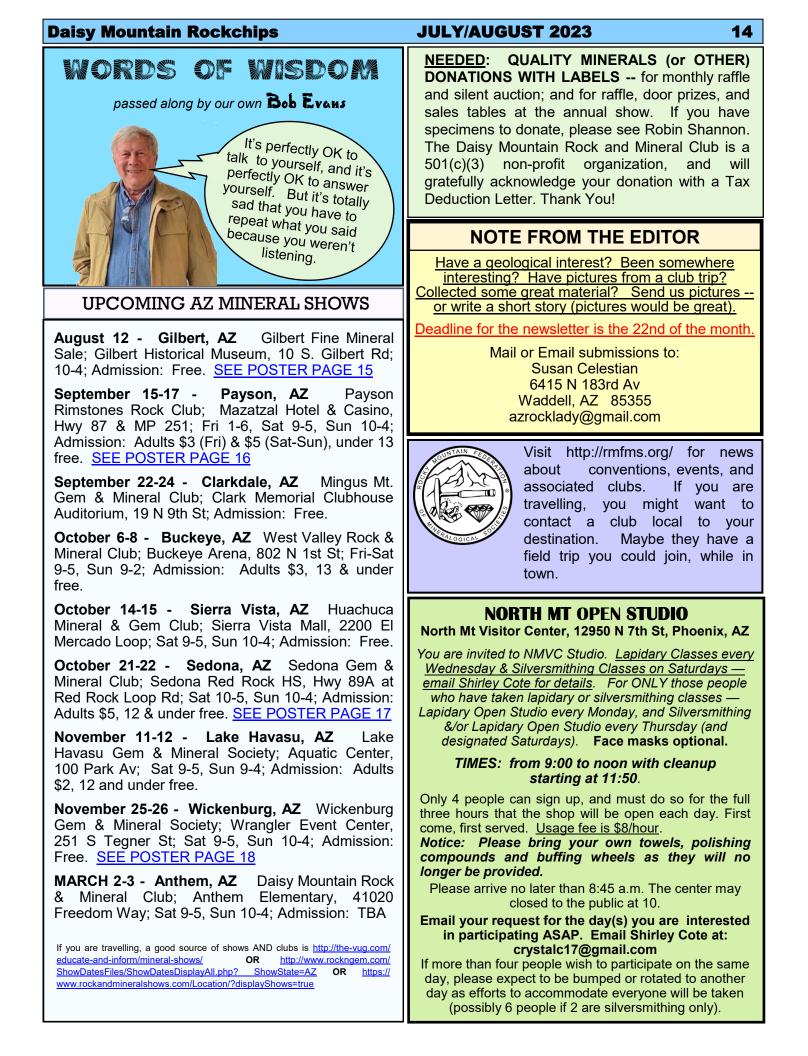
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- More will be available in September
- The club needs about 1,500 rocks per show numbered
- Gregg J. Safety Committee
 - Has newsletter articles on safety
 - Whistles are being supplied on field trips
 - Will purchase and supply more for those who still do not have one
 - They are great to have if you get lost on field trips
- Sue C. Newsletter
 - Thank you, Sue, for all your hard work and amazing content
 - Check out the newsletter on the DMRMC.com website
- New Programs
 - Club guides
 - There to help guide members about club matters
 - \circ Monthly recognition
 - Postponed as a program for now
 - Wire wrapping class
 - Going great so far with Rebecca N.
 - The club provided materials for attendees to borrow during class
 - Anyone is welcome to attend classes
- Please remember to always wear your name tag for club events
 - This helps everyone get to know each other
 - See Tiffany P. if you need a name tag
- The club sends club event information over email
 - They get sent to email given on membership form
 - See Tiffany P. if you are not receiving emails
 - She will add/update your email
- The club owns an 18" rock saw
 - Rocks 7" or less can be cut on it
 - Go visit North Mountain Visitor Center to use
 - Monday 9am-12pm
- Ed W. President of DMRMC
 - Thanked leadership for their hard work to keep the club running
 - Read a beautiful poem on rockhounding
 - Thank you, Ed, for being such an inspiring leader
- Silent Auction
 - \circ Made the club \$161
- Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Slosarik



UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Here is a general list of possible upcoming trips. Details will be emailed to the general membership.

August

Alfie Norville Museum UofA

The Field Trip Committee will be creating a field trip schedule this month. Announcements coming soon.

DATES AND DESTINATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Bill and the field trip committee will be actively looking for productive spots for field trips. If you have any suggestions, you are encouraged to contact him at bfreese77@cox.net

INSTRUCTOR — Rebecca Noel

CLASS DATE: on the 1st Tuesday CLASS TIME: 4:30-6:15 CLASS PLACE: Anthem Civic Center, 3701 W Anthem Way

Bring a cabochon or other stone, 20 and 26 gauge copperbased wire, round nose pliers, flush cutters, and any other tools you might use.

*If you want to try it out, the club has 4 sets of tools and wire that you may borrow during a class. If you like it, you can then purchase your own supplies.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

September - Susan Emberley of the Four Peaks Mining Co. : Tentative October - Evan Jones: TBA November - Stan Celestian: TBA December - Christmas Party January - Dr. Barbara Johns, U of Wyoming: Deep Sea Drilling in the Atlantic

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FACEBOOK

Visit and join the club page periodically. See what is happening, and boost our visibility on the web. Go to: <u>The Daisy</u> <u>Mountain Rock and Mineral Club</u>. It is set up so you can post photos of outings or related items. Share with friends!

AWARD-WINNING WEBSITE

http://www.dmrmc.com/

If you have comments, contact Nancy Gallagher.



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Follow the club on Instagram. Go to <u>https://www.instagram.com/</u> <u>daisymountainrockclub/</u> and follow today. Share with friends!

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Meetings are held the **1st Tuesday of the month** at **the Anthem Civic Building**, 3701 W Anthem Way, Anthem, AZ 85086. General meeting at 6:30 pm. We **do not meet in July or August**.

DMRMCLUB@GMAIL.COM

Membership Dues: Juniors (under 18) - Membership is free; one time fee of \$10 for name badge Adult - First year \$35, then \$25 per Person Couple - First year \$55, then \$35 per Couple

Meeting Dates for 2023

Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

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AUGUST 12, 2023

GILBERT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: 10 S. GILBERT RD, GILBERT, AZ 85296 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

> AZURITE, MALACHITE, 6 cm, Czar Mine, Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona, USA. Chris Whitney-Smith Collection, 2023 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show® Bideaux Trophy. © Jeff Scovil Poster Chris Whitney Smith

Payson Rimstones Rock Club Gem & Minera Show

Sept 15-17, 2023 Fri 1-6 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4 Mazatzal Hotel and Casino

Vendors Rocks and Slabs Polished Rocks Fossils Jewelry & Art

Education & Kids Area Fluorescents Auctions, Raffles Demonstrations

\$5 Adults \$3 Friday Kids under 13 are FREE

Red Jasper with Epidote Rye Creek, AZ

Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show

October 21 & 22 Sat 10-5 / Sun 10-4

Sedona Red Rock High School – 89A at Upper Red Rock Loop Rd, W. Sedona

Hourly Raffles Grand Prize

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