

Dear New Member(s):

We welcome you to membership in one of Arizona's finest rock and mineral clubs. Let me share with you some salient points of membership:

Club's History: The Club was a vision here, in Anthem in 2011 of four local geologists (Robert Salter, Herb Jacobson, Dan Janko and Keith Martin) as well as Ed Winbourne and Joan Jamtaas. They knew Arizona is prized as a State rich in rocks, minerals, and fossils and wanted to not only explore the diverse geology but also share their knowledge with others. The Club has expanded since the beginning from a membership of six to 100+, but also in its reputation as one of the leading clubs in Arizona.

Funding: The Club is a totally self-supporting 501c3 not-for-profit organization. Financial support comes from membership dues as well as our yearly Gem and Mineral Show.

Organizational Management: The Club is managed by a duly elected Board of Trustees comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Chairs, and At-Large Trustees.

Meetings: Meetings are held at the Anthem Civic Center Building, 3701 W. Anthem Way, Anthem, the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 6:30 p.m. The meetings consist of a speaker of interest, refreshments, and a club business meeting.

Community Outreach: The Club members regularly provide lectures to schools as well as STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), and Career Day presentations. We also provide a yearly scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a career in the geosciences field.

Volunteer Opportunities: In order for the Club to run efficiently, we depend upon volunteers to provide their time and talents in the following ways: Board membership, Committee membership, Field Trip leadership, Outreach (marketing and communication) and the Annual Gem and Mineral Show.

Field Trip Etiquette: The Club is fortunate to be able to travel to many different areas in Arizona to collect specimens and explore the diverse collecting sites in Arizona and other neighboring states. As we have a large membership and some of these collecting areas are somewhat remote, we ask that you follow the following rules to make the trip safe, manageable and enjoyable for everyone:

- Contact the Field Trip Coordinator to assure your attendance. (This can be done via email, upon receiving the trip notification.)
- Arrange for appropriate transportation, 4-wheel drive may be necessary. Contact other members for rides.
- Bring supplies; i.e., water, sun glasses, hats, picks, hammers, sun screen, bug repellent, buckets, comfortable hiking shoes, something to eat, first aid kit.
- Contribute money to the driver to cover fuel costs.
- Discuss with Field Trip Coordinator the geographical boundaries of the collecting site. (Usually provided prior to trip.)
- Be sure to meet at the vehicle area at the time the Coordinator has specified, as the group will leave the area together.
- Take only the amount of specimens you can personally carry out of the area.
- Do not leave trash in the area.
- Some Field Trip locations require an admittance fee; this will be collected at the beginning of the trip.
- Inform someone, who is not on the field trip of where you will be and approximate time due back. Many locations do not have cell phone service.

Field Trip Attendance: Field Trips are for **members only** and their pre-approved guests who must sign the Liability Waiver form. Many of these trips are in areas without facilities. It is necessary that those attending be physically able to traverse difficult terrain. Everyone attending must sign a liability release form stating that the Club is not liable for injuries incurred during the trip.

Membership and Fees: Membership is open to everyone. All those interested in membership are asked to attend one of the monthly Club meetings so that you are aware of the requirements of club membership. Fees are \$20 (single person) or \$25 for couples/families. First year members will be required to make a one-time, \$10 purchase, of a name badge to be worn at meetings. Membership fees are due yearly by the end of November. At the meeting, those wishing to join will be provided with the appropriate membership application and waiver of liability forms. One membership application for each household; one waiver of responsibility signed by each adult, and the responsible adult will sign for children under the age of 18. We ask that all members share in the volunteer responsibilities of managing our club. Please list your areas of interest so that we may place you in a volunteer opportunity that most meets your wishes.

The Board and fellow members of the Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club welcome you; and please contact any Board member if you have any questions or concerns,

Sincerely,

The Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club

