



ROCK TALK

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President's Message

December 2009

Mele Kalikimaka,

Thanks for a good year. I appreciate everyone who helped with the club as officers, volunteers and helping with the show, the new website, thanks Ron, and everything else all of you did, too much to mention. There were a lot of great field trips, thanks Eunice and those of you who went and opened your doors for us on the last field trip. Thanks to all of the returning and new officers and volunteers for stepping up to keep this club working. Thanks for the trilobite hat again, Toni. Just thanks to everyone even though I did not mention each specifically.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season whatever you celebrate and however you celebrate. The weather is still holding so pick up a rock or make something with your many talents, much more than mine.

Aloha,
Pete

"Rock Talk" is published monthly by The White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Any comments members wish to have published in "Rock Talk" need to be turned in or called in at the general membership meeting to the Editor.

Membership dues are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for couple/family. Dues are due the first of January of every year along with a completed application. Meetings are held at J.B.'s Restaurant on the Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Az., 1st Tuesday of the month, social hour starts at 5:30/meeting at 6:30.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Meeting
White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club
December 1, 2009

President Pete Scholten called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. There were 20 members and 1 guest in attendance for this meeting and the Christmas party that followed.

A motion to approve the November minutes as published was made by Nanz Marshall and seconded by Bill Stalder. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pete then made announcements regarding upcoming shows, including the Gila County Show in Globe in January.

Vice President, David Bingell reported he had been in contact with the producer of the Tucson Show DVD and that he had other programs on video and may be available as a speaker at a future meeting. David also mentioned that future educational presentations would be made by Ron Dale (on the subject of our website) and by Jan Petruzzi.

Also from the Vice President/Educator: If you wish to purchase "What's Hot In Tucson, 2009" you will receive a 10% discount for the full 2 DVD, 4 hour program. Go to their website (www.whatshotintucson.com) and put **09minclub** in the Apply Code coupon field.

Treasurer Larry Legge gave his November report and told us that the Edward Jones representative may give a presentation on investment opportunity for our account. Larry also reported that Nanz Marshall had negotiated an additional year for the storage unit for \$80 a month instead of the increased fee we had anticipated.

Editor Charlene Bingell would look for articles for the December issue.

Secretary Tonie MonDragon made a presentation to Pete in appreciation and on behalf of the members for his term as President. The gift was a hand knitted hat with a pattern of trilobites.

Fieldtrip Coordinator Eunice McQuiston reported that the November field trip to four homes had been very enjoyable and that Nanz Marshall won the door prize on the trip of a geode specimen and stand crafted by Wayne and Jan Sandberg. Eunice reminded the membership that we still did not have a Field Trip Chairman for 2010, and asked members to share the task. Larry Legge has met the manager of the Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee and will follow up on his offer of a field trip for our members (possibly in April). If it is scheduled there will be a limit of 25 members. David Bingell will check on the possibility of leading a field trip to a meteorite strewn field. Nanz Marshall will lead the June field trip to our crystal claims and Eunice McQuiston will lead our September field trip to Magdalena.

Pete called for old and new business and there was none. Upon a motion by Ron Dale and seconded by Robert Stalder, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas pot luck followed with the drawing for year end bonus prizes and the gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

Grand Prize Winners

Small blue book ends-donated by the Bingells----
Bill Stalder

Amber reversed carved bolo tie-donated by the
Bingells----Nanz Marshall

Aragonite specimen-donated by Larry & Nanz----
Edie Christie

Native Copper specimen-donated by Tonie
MonDragon----Bill Stalder

Gold Panning Kit-donated by Eunice & Fred---Ron Dale

Petrified Wood Clock-donated by Dee Budde---Robert Stalder

Picture Jasper Necklace-donated by Avian Oasis----Tara Cluff

3rd prize- =AZ Minerals & How To Find Them----Tonie MonDragon

2nd prize- Agate Calendar----Robert Stalder

1st prize- The Crystal Bible----Tonie MonDragon

Grand Prize-Smoky Quartz Crystals with Dolomite---Linda Stalder

List Submitted by Eunice- (thanks Eunice!)

Next Meeting

Mark your calendars: Our meetings are always the first Tuesday of the Month- Next month will be January 5, 2010 (Happy New Year!) - at JB's Restaurant on the Deuce of Clubs in Show Low- social hour starts at 5:30 meeting starts promptly at 6:30 PM.

Web Site information:

whitemountain-azrockclub.org

Contact Ron Dale if you have any questions about the website.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday December and January Babies!- We only have today - this moment in time- so CELEBRATE! No matter what your age!

December
Ernie Barbee - 2
David Bingell - 10
Norma J. Clark - 12
Nancy Frampton - 4
Diane Murphy - 30
Robert Stalder - 2
Lynne Wheeler - 26
Larry (Rick) Haase- 21

January
Mike Gaspar - 7
Mark Holmstrom - 4
Lyla Mateosky - 23
Jody Overstreet - 14
Tisha Peterson - 19
Marilyn Reynolds - 19

FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip Report- November 21, 2009

November could mean frozen ground or even snow on the ground, so to play it safe, we had a first ever "traveling-socializing-enlightening-of-some-club-member's-skills-and-abilities" trip.

The first stop - "The Flats" (named after all the cardboard flats of rocks), where Fred McQuiston showed off his shop set-up to members - we saw his saws, all of his rock tumblers going. And of course, his polishing equipment was on display. He answered questions, showed some of his finished specimens, gave out hand-outs and free tumbled stones. Outside, members were able to look around the yard and if they found a rock with a "rockhound sticker" on it, the rock was theirs. Donuts, coffee and juice were served.

The second stop - "Mount Dragon" (the name MonDragon was derived from this). Tonie had laid out her life as a rockhound from beginning to present. She told about the Castro Valley, CA club, her T-shirt sales (designed by her; rocks, of course), to starting the reorganized WMG&MC. During our visit at Mount Dragon, two special guests of Tonie's arrived, two young rockhounds named

Ralph and James, along with their father. It was very rewarding to see children with such interest in such a healthy hobby. "Wraps," pescotti and water were served.

The third stop – "Shady Pines (tall pines and restful" turned out to be the home of Bill and Linda Stalder. I'll bet Robert was involved here also. Bill had on display outside some very beautiful specimens that he had collected on previous fieldtrips. I overheard many times "oh, that came from Magdalena, etc." Such fond memories we all have! Inside we were greeted by an astonishing collection of minerals and fossils. Also on display were pieces of jewelry that Bill had made using the "lost wax" method. They were beautiful and unique. Linda served many different snacks.

The fourth and last stop – "Rolling Hills" named after (you guessed it), Mexican Coconuts, was hosted by the Sandbergs, Jan and Wayne. On display were spheres made by Wayne a few years ago from very large ones, down to very small ones, all were very beautiful. Current projects involve the Coconuts with Wayne cutting in half, explaining how he polished the halves on his flat-lap machine and then passing them on to Jan who created stands out of driftwood. She explained the process of finding the wood, soaking the wood, cleaning the wood, sanding the wood, and then staining the wood. It's a long process, but makes great decorative pieces. Sandwiches, chips & dip, and coffee were served. Jan & Wayne held a door prize draw at the conclusion of our day with Nanz winning a "Drif-teode" mad by Jan.

I wish to thank all "site" owners for their hard work putting this trip together. I appreciate all the effort you went through. I'm sure all that were able to attend enjoyed their day also. Tonic called this day "A Cozy Field Trip." We were all WARM and WELL FED.

Two members have already signed up for next year, this is such a great way to get to know each other and a way to share others talents and abilities.

Rocks Dominate!

(ed.: "Silicis Dominor!" When put into Latin, it sounds like a Club Motto, huh?)

Eunice

WANTED - Field Trips – 2010

WANTED: Someone to assume the title and responsibilities of the "Field Trip Chairperson."

In the event that this position is not filled, a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting for any member to choose a month(s) and provide a field trip for the rest of us. This has worked in the past, but it is nice to have a single individual in charge. Out of the 12 months, seven months are untitled and leader-less. Surely we can fill these spaces. Help and suggestions are always available.

Have a happy and healthy 2010.

Remember, we are an EOC (an Equal Opportunity Club).

Eunice

Club Field Trip December: - None- Be safe and Enjoy your holidays! Of course you can explore and have your own field trip expeditions!

Coalition Trip for December

Payson Rimstones Rock Club invite your members to join us:

Dec. 30-31 Coalition trip - Wiley Wells, CA 30 minutes SW of Blythe, CA and 1 hour from Quartzite. Meeting at Coon Hallow campgrounds @ 8:30 AM both days for collecting trips/ Attached photos show materials from this area and a typical camp- site @ the BLM Coon Hallow campgrounds-\$40 for 2 weeks.

There are tables, fire pits and BBQ, at each site, and restrooms for tenting.

Motels available in Blythe too. Best way to take a trailer is via I-10 to Wiley Wells exit- just 15 minutes west of Blythe.

Driving to South campground about 30 minute. Collecting in this area include agate, jasper, fire agates, lots of calcedony, Hauser Geode beds, and psilomelane that polishes well according to the camp hosts, Gorden and Diane. I vivated the area Nov. 22 and I suggest you layer clothes as

it is the desert and gets cold at night. Hi clearance and 4x4 is fine. I took my Ford Expedition that is 4x4 all over the area and it did fine. Haul in lots of water, food and firewood for PM campfires. Remember we will have a New Year's Eve potluck- so plan on a dish to share. I plan to camp on the north side in Coon Hollow and may be there as early as the 28th to scout and plan the best areas for the group to hunt and collect in DEC. 30-31 Please RSVP so I have an idea of how many to expect. Please wear club name badges .

Lynne Wheeler-Payson Rimstones

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Roster Updates:

Will be available on our website- password is given to members only. Please Contact Ron Dale our webmaster for your password to access the membership roster. Updates are done monthly so visit the roster online for the most current address and phone number information.

Rock & Gem Shows

December 2009:

11-13--COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA: Gem Faire; Gem Faire Inc.; OC Fair & Event Center/Bldg. 10, 88 Fair Dr.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

18-20--SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Gem Faire; Gem Faire Inc.; Scottish Rite Event Center, 1895 Camino del Rio S; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

January 2010:

1-3 -GLOBE, ARIZONA: 53rd annual show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society; Gila County Fair Grounds, 3 miles north of Junction US 60-70; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$3, students with ID and children with adults free; live demonstrations, door prizes, displays, minerals, jewelry; contact Jim Mills, P.O. Box 487, Miami, AZ 85539, (928) 701-1712; e-mail: oldulking57@hotmail.com

1-10--QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Show, "Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show"; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds, 100 W. Kuehn St.; 9-5 all days; free admission; contact Kym Scott, P.O. Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

1-31--LAUGHLIN, NEVADA: Show, "Clouds Jamboree"; Richard Cloud; Avi Resort and Casino - Outdoor RV Park, 10000 Aha Macav Pkwy.; 10-5 every day; contact Richard Cloud, P.O. Box 284, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (866) 558-7719; e-mail: cloudsjamboree@tds.net; Web site: www.cloudsjamboree.com

8-10--DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; Del Mar Fairgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

8-10--MESA, ARIZONA: 38th annual show, "A.L. Flagg Gem & Mineral Show"; Mesa Community College, US Hwy. 60 and Dobson Rd.; free admission; Peralta Stones display, more than 100 dealers, local clubs and organizations, displays, free activities for children, kids' egg carton kits; contact Ray Grant, (480) 814-9086; e-mail: raycyn@cox.net; Web sites: www.azminfun.com and www.flaggshow.info

15-17--SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; Sonoma County Fairgrounds/Grace Pavilion, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

16-17--EXETER, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gemboree"; Tule Gem & Mineral Club; Veteran's Memorial Bldg., Hwy. 65; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, gems, grab bags, club displays, jewelry, rocks, minerals, lapidary supplies, demonstrations, "Wheel of Fortune", door prizes; contact Pepper Okada, 5924 W. Iris Ct., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 733-5842; e-mail: pepperok@clearwire.net

29-31--SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; Marin Center/Exhibit Hall, 10 Avenue of the Flags; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

2010 Tucson – Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show
Jan 30 - Feb 13 Daily 10 – 6
4 Easy to find Locations:

Quality Inn - Benson Hwy – I-10, Exit 262,
Northeast Corner Of Benson Hwy at Park

InnSuites Hotel – Ddowntown – 475 N Granada
Ave at St Marys

Ramada Ltd – Downtown – 665 N Freeway at St
Marys

Mineral and Fossil Marketplace – 1333 n Oracle at
Drachman

Martin Zimm Expositions, I.L.C. PO Box 665,
Bernalillo, NM 87004 Fax (303) 223-3478
mzexpos@aol.com, www.mzexpos.com

To see the rest of the scheduled shows go to -
<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

**Please visit the website listed under Web Site
Information in this newsletter to see if you can access
the newsletter via the website- lets go
PAPERLESS AND BE GREEN!**

Gem Artist of the Month

WinstonBuckles.Com





Bio- At age 12, J. W. Winston cut his first sapphire with his father that sparked a life long interest in gem stones. His carving career started in 1976 with turquoise tailings he found in the Arizona copper mines...

On the weekend of Sept 1st 1976, with a borrowed dental hand piece and three small flats of turquoise, Winston sat down to three full days of carving and came up with three carved and polished tiny turquoise leaves. Now thirty one years later, he carves the same three leaves in twenty one minutes!

The art of sculpting gemstones has been a totally self taught process constantly evolving in tactic, equipment and speed. His jewelry works are one of a kind pieces found nowhere else in the world.

Unique only to an original belt buckle crafted by Winston are hand engraved poems or stories of the carving on the back of each work, also, the total carat weight of the gem stone carved, his signature and date of it's birth.

Ironically, Winston was quoted, "I have never had an art class in my life and I have never really considered myself an artist." My mother and my grandmother were true artists in the form of clay sculpture and pencil sketch; my gemstone background came from my father and his four generation lapidary family. "If I only sculpted large gem stone creations I would have starved as an artist long ago. It has for the most part been my jewelry/art forms that have financed my career over the years."

Winston started his carving career as a hobby in his garage in 1976. Over the last thirty years he has moved from state to state while he started and ran three retail stores each in a different state. Winston started his retail store concept with a tiny shop in Fountain Hills Arizona with renowned mineral collector Cecil Storer in the late 80's and continued with a store in Laguna Beach California and later in Ruidoso New Mexico. He traveled in a "shop on wheels" motor home over half of the United States only to come full circle by working again out of his home studio in Daytona Beach Florida.

At sixty years of age Winston has a dream of finishing his life long career by sculpting a huge table mesa entering the town of Sedona Arizona. If commissioned the sculpture would be of a large horse head, Native American face and eagle head as the Trinity tribute to the Native American and their forefathers.

Winston's turquoise sculptures and art/jewelry have been included in numerous
[MUSEUM AND GALLERY SHOWS:](#)

J.W.COOPER GALLERY
TIME WARNER BUILDING, NEW YORK
The six and one half year long work of art by Winston "True Forefathers" Currently is on display at J.W.Cooper in the front entrance of the Time Warner Building at Columbus Circle in downtown New York

WESTERN HERITAGE GALLERY
SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA
"True Forefathers" a three foot tall turquoise eagle with eight famous Native Americans was shown Fall of 1996.

GENE AUTRY MUSEUM
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
Carefully selected works from the Spirit of America Gallery in Beverly Hills were auctioned at major celebrity charities in the Gene Autry Museum in the early 1990's

TOM CHAUNCEY MUSEUM
SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA
Chauncey Arabians purchased from Winston the thirteen pound turquoise eagle seen on the front cover of Rock and Gem Magazine Aug 1987. The sculpture was later retired to a museum by his family in Scottsdale. It sat along side of the larger than life sculpture Number 2 of John Wayne.

FISHER DIVING COLLECTION
SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI
Winston's large 75 pound turquoise eagle sculpture "True Forefathers" was shown with the famed Fisher Diving Collection – a collection of gold and gems.

GILBERT ORTEGA MUSEUM AND GALLERY
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO
Shown was the first casting of "True Forefathers" a one hundred and thirty pound crushed turquoise molded copy of the original.

[PUBLICATIONS](#)
There have been numerous articles in national magazines including:

Robb Report NOV 2006 page 329

RR listed his buckles: one of a hundred most tasteful ways to celebrate the holiday season.

winstonbuckles.com created in 2004

Rock and Gem Magazine AUG 1987 Front Cover

Rock and Gem Magazine APR 1981 pages 56-59

Jewelers Keystone Magazine

JKM listed him in the top 10 carvers in the US Mid 90 retail stores.

WINSTON'S FORMER RETAIL STORES

Winston Minerals – Fountain Hills, AZ

Studio Winston – Laguna Beach, CA

Winston the Carving Cowboy – Ruidoso, NM

To learn more about J. W. Winston and to see more of his creations visit: winstonbuckles.com

December's Birthstone

Turquoise is probably the most valuable, non-transparent mineral in the jewelry trade. It was mined by Egyptians on the Sinai Peninsula as early as 6000 BC. and was transported to Europe through Turkey, accounting for its name, which means "Turkish" in French.

Turquoise is hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate -- $\text{CuAl}_6(\text{PO}_4)_4(\text{OH})_8 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -- that is used extensively as a gemstone. It is a secondary mineral deposited from circulating waters, occurring exclusively in desert and arid environments. Its appears blue to green, with waxy veins in aluminum-rich, volcanic or sedimentary rocks.

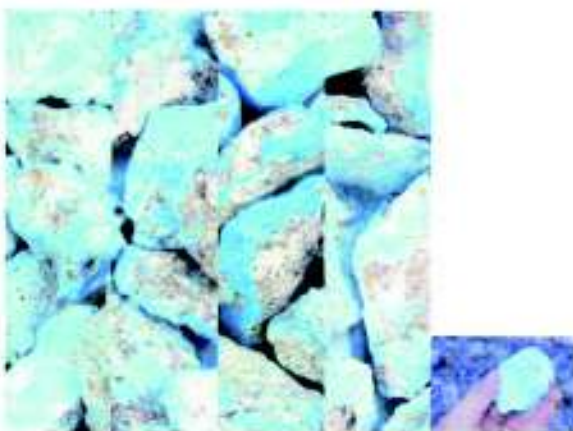
Turquoise is an opaque mineral with a slightly waxy luster, ranging in color from blue through shades of green to yellowish gray. An elegant sky blue, which provides an beautiful contrast with precious metals, is the most valued color for gem purposes. Some collectors prefer turquoise that is delicately veined within a matrix of impurities of limonite or other substances.

Very fine, untreated turquoise is fairly rare. The finest comes from [Iran](#) and Tibet, often appearing in a black matrix. Numerous, excellent deposits in the southwestern United States, usually with a white or brown matrix, have been worked for centuries by Native Americans. Turquoise also occurs in northern Africa, Australia, Siberia, China and Europe.

American Indians of [Colorado](#), Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico have long fashioned turquoise into ornamental jewelry, inlays and carvings. The Navaho believe turquoise is a piece of the sky which has fallen to earth. The Apache think it combines the spirits of the sea and sky to helped warriors and hunters aim accurately. The Zuni believe that turquoise protects them from demons, while the Aztecs reserved turquoise for the gods and was not to be worn by mere mortals. Montezuma's treasure, now displayed in the British Museum in London, includes a carved serpent covered by a mosaic of turquoise.

Because turquoise remains so popular today, much of the mass-market material has been dyed or color stabilized with resins to seal it and to improve color. Turquoise is often imitated by "fakes" such as the mineral chrysocolla.

http://www.desertusa.com/mag98/sep/papr/geo_turq.html



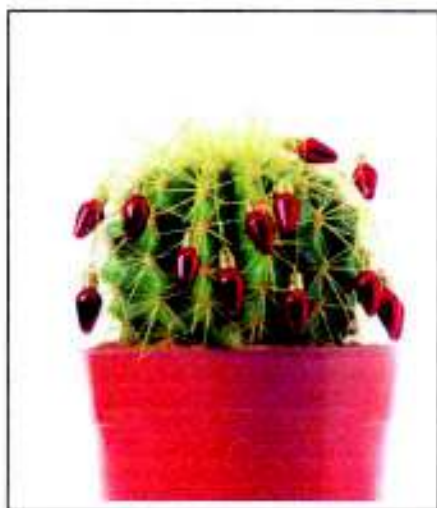
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Merry Christmas!

Happy Chanukah!

Happy Kwanzaa!

Please Enjoy this Holiday Season!

Blessings!

Peace!

Joy!

Love!