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## ESM OUTREACH UPDATE

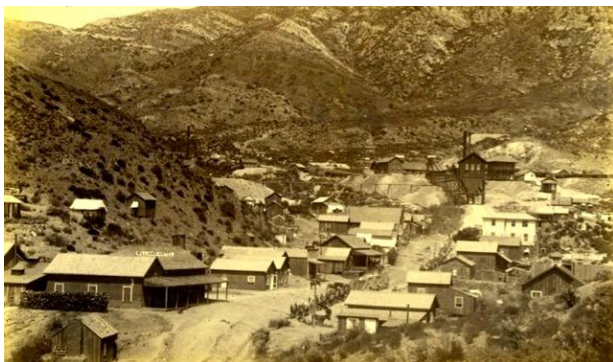
Mardy Zimmermann, Outreach Coordinator

### December Outreach

There are no ESM outreach activities to report this month.

### Silver King Mine

Please join Dr. Ray Grant for his presentation on the Silver King Mine at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024, at the Viney Jones Library, 778 N.Main St., Florence, AZ.



Town of Silver King in 1880s, Arizona Geological Survey edited photograph



Wagons hauling ore from Silver King Mine to Pinal for smelting, AZ Geol. Survey photo

Ray Grant photo

Ore wagon tracks just south of route 60



**SPEAKER SERIES** 

# SILVER KING MINE

By Dr. Ray Grant

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024** <sup>4</sup>

**Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am**  
**Location: Viney Jones Library & Community Center**  
 778 N Main St. Florence, AZ  
 Phone: 520.868.4382

Discover the history of this early Arizona mine, its significant mineral discoveries, and its profound importance to Pinal County. The Silver King mine, established in 1875, has yielded millions of dollars in silver. Renowned worldwide, the native silver specimens extracted from this mine are of exceptional quality, alongside a total of 32 different minerals discovered on-site. The rise and fall of the towns of Silver King and Pinal were closely tied to the mine's operations, exerting a substantial influence on the early development of Florence.





## Libyan Desert Glass

By Harvey Jong

Last month we explored trinitite, the glassy material produced by the first atomic bomb test. Continuing with a theme involving unusual occurrences of vitreous substances, this article focuses on Libyan Desert glass. The glass is found around eastern Libya and western Egypt and is believed to be an impactite (a metamorphic rock formed or modified by a meteorite impact). The origin of the material, however, remains a mystery.

### Geologic Setting

Libyan Desert glass occurs within the Great Sand Sea which is one of the world's largest dune fields covering 72,000 square km (27,799 square mi). The Great Sand Sea is named for its landscape of megadunes that resembles ocean waves. The megadunes may reach heights of 100 m (328 ft) and lengths of 100 km (62 mi).



### **View from Space of the Great Sand Sea**

ISS/NASA photo taken on May 11, 2012, - PD, via earthobservatory.nasa.gov

A distinguishing dimension of megadunes involves a wavelength (distance between each successive dune crest) that is greater than 1 km (0.62 mi). This image shows megadunes spaced at 1.5-2.5 km (0.92-1.55 mi) intervals.

The dunes are actually made up of a series of parallel ridges of Nubia Sandstone covered by a thin veneer of brownish to yellowish

sand that resulted from the breakdown of the underlying sandstone (Ouda et al., 2012). The sand veneer has a nominal thickness of 3-5 cm (1.36-2.27 in), but it can sometimes reach up to 10-15 cm (4.54-6.81 in). The movement of vehicles is not hindered by the sand. In some areas, the ridges are intruded by old (Pleistocene) river systems.



### **Ground Level View of a Dune**

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Egyptian Sand Sea, Western Desert, Egypt

A pair of trucks traveling through the Great Sand Sea indicates the enormous size of the dunes.

The Nubia Sandstone was deposited between the Lower Paleozoic and Upper Cretaceous. It is composed of coarse-to-medium, rounded quartz grains cemented with microquartz. The sandstone includes a significant amount (3.5-10 wt%) of kaolinite group clay minerals, such as dickite and halloysite, but fossiliferous content is absent. Since Libyan Desert glass is near 100% silica, the Nubia Sandstone is unlikely to be the source of the glass.

### **Discovery of Libyan Desert Glass**

Wind-eroded fragments of Libyan Desert glass were discovered in December 1932 during the Egyptian Desert Surveys. Various shapes and sizes of the glassy material was found lying on the silt-covered surface of the Nubia sandstone and scattered over an area



## Formation Theories

Since the discovery of Libyan Desert glass over 90 years ago, several theories have been proposed on how the large mass of glassy material was formed. Potential formation processes include lightning strike, meteorite impact, hydrothermal sol-gel, and welding of lunar volcanic glass particles. The exact scenario, however, remains controversial due to extreme assumptions or inconclusive evidence.

A lot of research has focused on the impact theory. It is supported by mineralogical evidence, such as the presence of lechatelierite, a high-temperature melt-product of quartz and baddeleyite, a high-temperature breakdown product of zircon. In addition, a recent nanostructural study identified inclusions of orthorhombic zirconia ( $ZrO_2$ ), a rare high pressure polymorph, along with amorphous berlinite ( $AlPO_4$ ), an ultrahigh temperature phosphate (Kovaleva et al., 2023).

Two competing impact-related hypotheses have been proposed:

1. Melting by low-altitude airburst
2. Melting by ground impact

## Airburst Hypothesis

The airburst scenario reflects the growing interest in aerial bursts as an important class of geohazard events. Recent examples, such as the 2013 Chelyabinsk meteor and the 1908 Tunguska event, show that airbursts may involve a tremendous amount of energy (0.5 and 5 megatons, respectively). This hypothesis suggests that radiative melting occurred when a fireball of a vaporized object came into contact with the Libyan Desert - a situation analogous to the atomic thermal alteration of trinitite. One simulated finding indicates that an asteroid airburst with a kinetic energy of 108 Mt could result in the temperature and wind

conditions needed for creating the Libyan Desert glass (Boslough and Crawford, 2007). Evidence of such massive energy events, however, doesn't seem to appear in the geologic record, while aerodynamically-shaped microtektites have not been found in the Libyan Desert glass.

## Ground Impact Hypothesis

This theory maintains that a large meteorite impacting the Libyan Desert produced the high temperatures and pressures needed to form the glassy material. Some specific indicators of these conditions include:

- The occurrence of lechatelierite along with  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -cristobalite indicates heating the original source rock to a temperature of at least 1550 °C.
- The breakdown of zircon to form baddeleyite involves temperatures above 1676 °C.
- The melting of zirconium oxide implies a temperature over 2750 °C, while the presence of orthorhombic  $ZrO_2$  indicates a pressure greater than 13.5 GPa.

While the minerals establish a possible glass-forming environment, no evidence of an impact crater of a sufficient size has been found near the glass site. The crater, however, may be covered by sand or underwent extensive erosion. Another inconsistency involves the evidence that the glass cooled from its fusion temperature at a slower rate than the rate associated with the short duration of a meteorite impact.

## Noteworthy Examples

We'll conclude with a quick look at some Libya Desert glass specimens.



### Assortment of Libyan Desert Glass

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Silica Glass Area, Great Sand Sea, Western Desert, Egypt

This collection of glass samples demonstrates the variety of colors, shapes, and sizes along with the contrast against the desert sand.



### Libyan Desert Glass Samples

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Silica Glass Area, Great Sand Sea, Western Desert, Egypt

This close-up shows the range in opacity from translucent to milky opaque.



### Libyan Desert Glass

H. Raab photo, - CC\_BY\_SA-3.0, via Wikimedia Commons

Libyan-Egyptian border, Great Sand Sea

Dimensions: 55 mm wide

Weight: 22 grams

This translucent specimen exhibits a polished wind-blown texture.



### Libyan Desert Glass

James St. John photo, - CC\_BY\_SA-2.0, via Wikimedia Commons

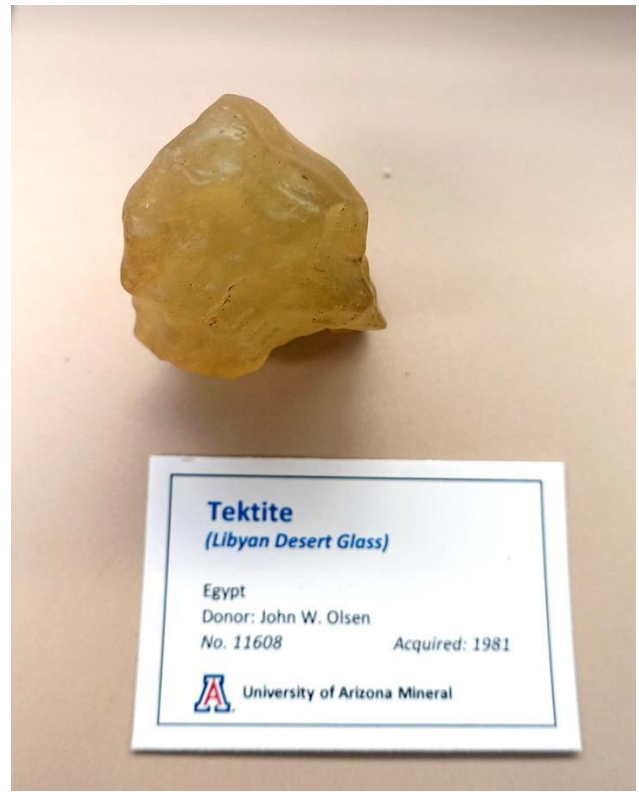
The sculpted appearance of this sample is due to sand abrasion of conchoidal fractures.



### Libyan Desert Glass

Geolina163 photo, - CC\_BY\_SA-4.0 International, via Wikimedia Commons  
Oasis Al Koufra, Gifl Kebir, Egypt  
Technical Mineralogy Collection of TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany specimen  
This sample features sharp conchoidal fractures that weren't subject to sand abrasion.

contain cristobalite along with aluminum, iron, or magnesium.



### Tektite (Libyan Desert Glass)

Egypt  
Donor: John W. Olsen  
No. 11608      Acquired: 1981

 University of Arizona Mineral



### Libyan Desert Glass with Devitrification Spherulites

James St. John photo, - CC\_BY\_SA-2.0, via Wikimedia Commons  
Egypt  
Dimensions: 3.4 cm across  
Devitrification or partial crystallization may occur in some glass samples depending upon the rate of cooling and presence of impurities. The resulting white spherulites may be a few millimeters in diameter and

### Libyan Desert Glass

Daderot photo, - CC0\_1.0\_UPD, via Wikimedia Commons  
Egypt, UA Mineral Museum specimen  
Dimensions: 4.5 x 4.1 x 3.3 cm  
Weight: 59.18 g



### Largest Known Libyan Desert Glass Sample

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Muséum national d'histoire naturelle, Paris, France specimen

Weight: 26 kg (57.3 lb)

This specimen is the largest known sample of Libyan Desert glass. It exhibits a flow band structure which has been interpreted as evidence of a downslope flow of a silica melt after a large aerial burst (Wasson, 2003).



### Tutankhamun Pendant

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From tomb of Tutankhamun, Valley of the Kings, West Thebes, Egypt

Egyptian Museum of Cairo artifact JE 61884

This elaborate winged scarab pendant was discovered among the treasures in King Tutankhamun's (ca. 1332-1323 BC) tomb. It features a canary-yellow piece of Libyan Desert glass as its central element.

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**AZ Mining, Mineral & Natural Resources Education Museum Update December 2023**

<https://ammnre.arizona.edu/>

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Help support the museum at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/SupportMM-NREMuseum>

Hi everyone,

I'm out of town for the holidays and will be back after the first of the year.

Please join me at the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show January 5-7, 2024.

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**Space Science Calendars for 2024**

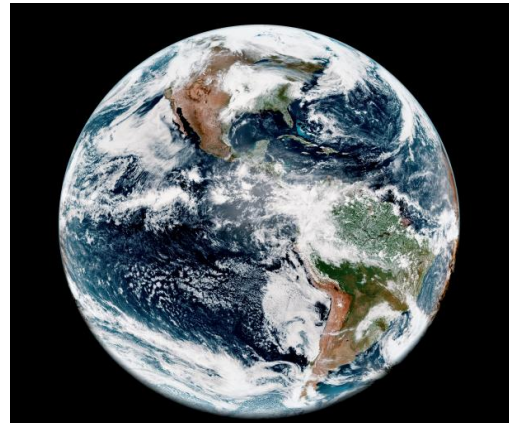
It's the start of a new year, and if you're looking for a calendar here are a couple downloadable versions that feature some spectacular images from the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes:



NASA graphic, - PD, via science.nasa.gov  
 This calendar celebrates the first anniversary of the James Webb Space Telescope and the

NASA scientists, engineers, and technicians who continue to push the envelope of space exploration.

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**December 2024**

60 Years After Blue Marble. On May 11, 2022, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shared the first image of the Western Hemisphere from the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-18 (GOES-18, formerly GOES-T). GOES-18, NOAA's newest geostationary satellite, launched on March 1, 2022. Its primary instruments, the Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI), views Earth with 16 different channels, each measuring energy at different wavelengths along the electromagnetic spectrum to obtain information about Earth's atmosphere, land, and ocean. ABI data are used for a wide range of applications related to severe weather, hurricanes, heavy rainfall and flooding, wildfires, smoke, dust, fog, volcanic eruptions, and other natural hazards. GOES-18 entered operational service as NOAA's GOES West on January 4, 2023, keeping watch over the western contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, and the Pacific Ocean as far south as New Zealand. Image and text credit: NASA/NOAA  
<https://www.noaa.gov/news/earth-orbit-noaa-debut-first-imagery-goes-18>



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 The European Space Agency's calendar features the latest telescope images released in 2023.

[Click for the calendar download page](#)







## Arizona Rocks 127

Text by Ray Grant  
Photos by S. Coté

I am not sure who reads this column, so most of you may know what I am writing about this month. But I wanted to encourage you to go to the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show that is at Mesa Community College on January 5, 6, and 7 from 9 to 5. There will be over 135 dealers set up, a tent of exhibits, club booths, and more. Except for the Tucson shows, the Flagg Show is the biggest show in Arizona. There is free parking and free admission.

You don't need to buy anything just go and look. I always encouraged my students to go to mineral shows. You can just look and learn a lot. You will start to be able to identify different minerals and fossils because you have seen so many of them. You find out about new localities. My brain is overfilled after a few hours at a show. They are a real learning experience.

Want to be more involved? The Flagg Mineral Foundation who sponsors the shows always needs volunteers. The Foundation holds its annual meeting on Thursday night, information below.

**Flagg Foundation annual meeting will be held at Mesa Community College, Physical Science Building (first building due north of the show area), Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7pm.**

**Pre-show sale following the annual meeting will premiere portions of the A.L. Flagg thumbnail collection, specimens from the Richard Flagg and Bob Weaver collections. Only members in good standing (meaning those who have paid their dues for 2024) will be allowed to**

**attend. Steve Kaminski will be available for 30 minutes prior to the start of the general meeting to accept dues. Payment can also be made by check or by Zelle to the Flagg Mineral Foundation.**



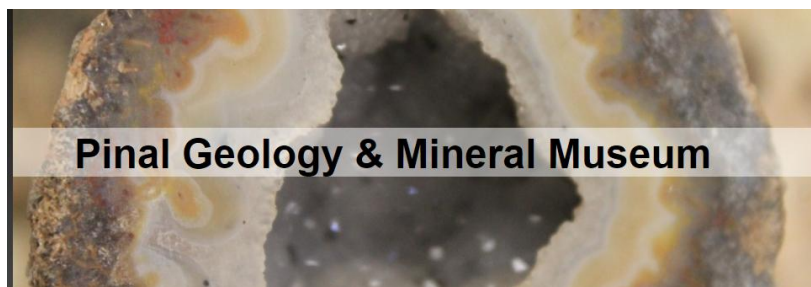
Flagg Mineral Foundation sales tables at the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show



Free samples and kids activities



Educational exhibit from the 2020 Flagg Show



## Pinal Museum and Society News

351 N. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ

### Pinal Geology and Mineral Society next meeting

**January 17, 2023**

Meetings are the third Wednesday at 7pm, doors open at 6:30.

[www.pinalgeologymuseum.org](http://www.pinalgeologymuseum.org)

Ray Grant [ray@pinalgeologymuseum.org](mailto:ray@pinalgeologymuseum.org)

Through next May, we will have our hours of 10 to 4 Wednesday through Saturday, admission is free.

### Pinal Geology and Mineral Society and Museum schedule of events

January 13 - **GIANT BOOK GIVEAWAY**, 10-4 at the museum. Check it out! Geology related books on all sorts of topics. Bring Your Own Bag.

January 17 - Meeting - **Paul Marsh, the Arizona State Mine Inspector will be the speaker. The title of his talk will be "Arizona Mining and the role of the State Mine Inspector"**

March 2, 2024 - PGMS Annual Mineral Show in Coolidge

### Geology and Mineral Book Bonanza!

A geological treasure trove! We're giving away an extensive collection of Geology and Mineral books that will leave you awestruck. Dive into a world of coffee table masterpieces, stunning fossil and minerals, how-to guides, government geological publications, textbooks, historical accounts, and a plethora of earth science wonders. **Bring your own bag.**

Mark your calendar:

**Date:** Saturday, January 13, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum,  
351 North Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, Arizona

Visit our website at [pinalgeologymuseum.org](http://pinalgeologymuseum.org) for more details.

It's all free, though donations while you grab your favorite books would be welcome. No pressure!

Don't miss this golden opportunity to add to your library and explore the museum. Admission to the museum, the kids' fossil dig, Cullen's Rock and Mineral Dig for Kids, and field trips/tours are always free of charge. Join us for a great day of discovery!

**Geology Book Giveaway**

**SATURDAY**  
**JANUARY 13, 2024**



**Mark your calendar**

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Location: Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum  
351 North Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, Arizona  
Bring your own bag

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SUNDIAL RECREATION CENTER  
14801 N. 103<sup>RD</sup> AVE.  
SUN CITY, AZ 85351  
scrockmuseum@gmail.com  
623-428-6442**

**Sun City Mineral Museum update**  
Dave Balzer, Carol Bankert-George and with permission George Polman

The museum has recently added a new specimen of wickenburgite to the fluorescent room. Wickenburgite was discovered at the Potter-Cramer Mine outside of Wickenburg.

*In 1967, Dr. Sidney A. Williams, a Phelps Dodge research geologist, was collecting information on the geology of the Potter-Cramer mine. Dr. Williams collected several specimens. One of the specimens collected contained a new mineral species. The new mineral was called wickenburgite and was approved by the International Mineralogical Association in 1968. Since the Potter-Cramer Mine was now the Type Locality for wickenburgite, samples were sent to the Smithsonian Institution for their vast collection.*

*Wickenburgite is a rare lead aluminum calcium silicate hydroxide. The molecular weight is composed of lead (41%), oxygen (33%), silicon (18%) with small amounts of calcium and aluminum.*

*Wickenburgite is usually white, colorless or in rare instances pink. It is well crystallized to granular with hexagonal crystals. Wickenburgite is the most abundant mineral present in a particular suite of oxide minerals found at the mine.*

*Several minerals have been found to fluoresce at the Potter-Cramer Mine. These*



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*minerals, in the order of observed abundance, include wickenburgite, fluorite, willemite, opal, quartz, cerussite and calcite. Wickenburgite fluoresces best under shortwave ultraviolet light, with a response ranging from Bazooka bubble gum pink to deep crimson red.*



Wickenburgite from the Potter-Cramer Mine

The Sun City Mineral Museum is open to the public for free. The museum has a collection of over 1000 specimens in our main rooms and over 100 in our fluorescent room. Be sure and check out the new mineral, wickenburgite, in the fluorescent room.

*(Much of this article was quoted from an article written by George Polman, owner of Polman Minerals. The specimen in the museum was purchased from him. His article was used with permission.) His article can be found here: Polman, G.V. (2021) Potter-Cramer Mine, Maricopa County, Arizona, Rocks and Minerals 96(1): 24-37.*

We hope to see you soon!  
Find us on: Facebook: Sun City Rockhounds

## Arizona Rock and Gem Shows

Flagg Mineral Foundation  
51<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Flagg Gem and Mineral Show  
January 5-7, 2024  
Fri., Sat., Sun. 9-5  
Free Admission and parking  
Mesa Community College  
1833 W. Southern Ave.  
Corner of Dobson Rd. and US60  
Mesa, AZ

Gila County Gem and Mineral Society  
Gila County Gem & Mineral Show  
January 12-14, 2024  
Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4  
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Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4  
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Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium  
19 N. Ninth Street  
Clarkdale, AZ

66th Annual **GILA COUNTY**  
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JANUARY 12TH, 13TH, & 14TH 2024  
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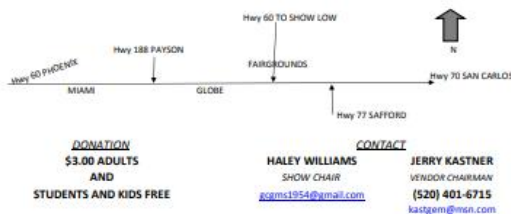


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Anthem, AZ

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**PYRITE** - 6TH LEVEL, 79 MINE, ARIZONA  
JOHN CALLAHAN COLLECTION  
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4CM HIGH



**SPHALERITE ON GALENA**  
FLINT MINE, GAVAZO COUNTY, ARIZONA  
LES AND PAULA PERRYMAN COLLECTION  
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2.8CM HIGH



**GALENA AND QUARTZ**  
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MARK HAY COLLECTION  
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8.4CM WIDE

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### Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
 Next Meeting: January 11, 2024, 6:30 pm  
[www.ajrockclub.com](http://www.ajrockclub.com)  
 @ Club Lapidary Shop  
 2151 W. Superstition Blvd., Apache Jct.



### Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club

Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
 (unless a Holiday then 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
 Next Meeting: January 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
**Please go to their website for more info**  
[www.dmrmc.com](http://www.dmrmc.com)  
 @ Anthem Civic Building  
 3701 W. Anthem Way, Anthem, AZ



### Maricopa Lapidary Society, Inc

**Note: Change of meeting day**  
 Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
 Next Meeting: January 16, 2024, 7:00 pm  
[www.maricopalapidarysociety.com](http://www.maricopalapidarysociety.com)  
 @ North Mountain Visitor Center  
 12950 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ



### Mineralogical Society of Arizona

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
 (Except December & June)  
 January 18, 2024, 7:30 pm  
 Franciscan Renewal Center, (Piper Hall)  
 5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale  
[www.msaz.org](http://www.msaz.org)



### Pinal Geology & Mineral Society

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
 Next Meeting: January 17, 2024, 7:00 pm  
**In person meeting**  
[www.pinalgeologymuseum.org](http://www.pinalgeologymuseum.org)  
 351 N. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge



### West Valley Rock & Mineral Club

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
 Next Meeting: January 9, 2024, 6:30 pm  
[www.westvalleyrockandmineralclub.com](http://www.westvalleyrockandmineralclub.com)  
 @ Buckeye Community Veterans Service  
 Center  
 402 E. Narramore Avenue, Buckeye, AZ



### Gila County Gem & Mineral Society

Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
 (unless a Holiday then the next Thursday)  
 Next Meeting: January 4, 2024, 6:30 pm  
[www.gilagem.org](http://www.gilagem.org)  
 Club Building  
 413 Live Oak St, Miami, AZ



### Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
 (February & December on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
 Next Meeting: January 12, 2024, 7:00 pm  
[www.wickenburggms.org](http://www.wickenburggms.org)  
 @ Coffinger Park Banquet Room  
 175 E. Swilling St., Wickenburg

### ESM's Meeting Notice

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