President’s Page

Another year has come and gone. There have been losses and gains for all of us and now we look forward to a New Year with all its possibilities. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and are now ready to face those possibilities with hope and confidence.

Our 60th Anniversary Show is just around the corner and it is going to be an exciting event. Many things are planned to bring a new “feel” and energy to the event as never before. We have been in almost constant contact with Crossroads Custom Cabinetry to get all 120 cases completed by “Show Time” and it looks like it is going to happen. Credit for this accomplishment goes to the diligent efforts of our Show Chairman Mr. Paul Harter, one of our members Mr. Wayne Klement and our Administrative Manager Ms. Pat McClain. They have worked tirelessly to coordinate and implement all the measures necessary to get this done. Also, I would like to thank those who have financially contributed to the cases with their generous donations. It has been a joint effort of which I am fortunate to be a part.

Soon we will be contacting our volunteers to schedule a part of their time to help in the Show. Without your help and time, the Show just could not happen. Thank you all, so much, for setting this week aside to make TGMS a top priority.

Also, thanks to everyone that donated toys, money and food to help the less fortunate at this special time of the year. It is a credit to our members that they take the time to think of others.

On a personal note, any donations you may have to help out the Junior Education venue will be most appreciated. We need specimens to give the kids in their egg cartons so they can take them home. Also, egg cartons are needed, as always, to accommodate the number of kids coming through.

So, have a safe and prosperous New Year, take care of yourselves and each other and I will see you next year.

Diane Braswell
President
The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Diane Braswell at 7:30 p.m. Guests from Brazil were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

**PROGRAM:** Dr. Peter Megaw spoke on “TGMS Goes to Changsha.” Dr. Megaw was invited to attend the 1st Annual Changsha Mineral and Gem Show in China and was appointed as the TGMS ambassador representing the Society at the show. Over 1000 earth sciences museums are under construction in China and 395 are newly opened since the government has decided to support earth sciences. The Changsha show had tremendous backing from the Chinese government and various agencies and was an ambitious undertaking. The building had 45,000 square meters of exhibit space divided between two floors. Attendance was expected to be 200,000, but only 45,000-50,000 attended. Dr. Megaw presented a talk about the history of the TGMS Show and reality. The Changsha show did not have special or competitive exhibits or junior education activities which are highlighted in TGMS Shows. There were few rare specimens at the show, but LARGE, spectacular common mineral crystals, most of which were sitting on carved wooden bases and were oiled to increase luster. The gem floor had spectacular carvings, jade specimens and jewelry made in China. A lot of business was done, primarily by Chinese dealers. The 2nd show will be May 15-20, 2014 and the promoters are already actively working to solve problems apparent at this show such as the tariff and lack of specimens for beginning collectors. Dr. Megaw got his PhD in Geology from the University of Arizona and has been active for 30 years in geologic exploration in Mexico, focusing on silver and gold. He has been the President and Principal Partner of International Mineral Development & Exploration, Inc. since 1988 and serves as a director or consultant for numerous other companies. He is an active member of TGMS and has held every elected office with the exception of treasurer, plus most of the appointed offices. He has procured the Special and Guest Exhibits for the TGMS Show for over 25 years. He is an active collector of high quality mineral specimens from Mexico and wulfenite from everywhere.

**BREAK:** Ortrud and Wolf Schuh provided a tremendous spread of vegetables, potato and tuna salads, hot dogs, chips, bread and mini muffins. Great job!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Field Trips: Kerry Towe announced that those attending the trip to Granite Gap found lots of fluorescent and micro mount specimens.

November 17th will be a trip to Ash Canyon, a good place for quartz and metal detecting. Meet at the turn-off for Sierra Vista, exact spot to be determined.

December: Silverbell Mine
January: Purple Passion Mine
February: Mission Mine

Community Outreach: Shirley Wetmore presented her program to a third grade class on minerals and how they affect our everyday lives. It was well received.

Christmas Toy Drive will start soon. Members will be asked to bring new, unwrapped toys for the Fire Department to pick up and distribute to hospitalized children at Christmas.

Food collection will start soon also.

Mark Candee announced that there are plans to enlarge the U of A Mineral Museum, the Minerals of China exhibit will close in December and some specimens from the Princeton Arizona minerals collection and the Mark LaFont collection are on display. He encouraged everyone to come see the exhibits.

Approval of September and October minutes published in Rock Talk: **MOTION:** To approve the minutes. Seconded and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Shelton’s class on “Tourmaline-The Sequel” will be Tuesday, November 5th starting at 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit case fund: Donations have been received for about 23 cases so far. A suggestion was made last month regarding donations for a case in honor of Harrison Yocum. The office cannot handle collecting donations, but someone would be welcome to volunteer to collect donations for the case.

Hospitality: Volunteers are needed for March and May. Please sign up on the sheet in the back room.

The Christmas party is December 18th and is $5.00 for members, $10 for guests.

There are “Get well” cards in the back room to sign for Carole Lee and Phyllis Smolnicky.

Egger’s Lapidary Shop in Golden, Colorado was broken into and specimens stolen. Janelle Cortwright has a list of the items. If anyone sees any suspected items, please call Mr. Eggers.

**DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES:** First choice went to Ortrud and Wolf Schuh as hosts for the meeting. Drawing winners were Geoffrey Schwartz, John Thompson and Janelle Cortwright.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Reynolds, Recording Secretary
TGMS General Meeting - December 2, 2013

The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Diane Braswell at 7:30 p.m. Visitors and new members were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

PROGRAM: The evening’s speaker was Anna Domitrovic who was appointed Earth Sciences Curator Emerita after retiring from the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. This was the first emeritus appointment for ASDM. Anna worked in the Mineral Division of the Earth Sciences Center from 1977 - 2005. She has lifetime memberships in TGMS, the Arizona Geological Society and six additional mineral/scientific organizations, having served in various capacities for most of these organizations. Anna actively researches historical mining districts and mineral localities and their associated mineral deposits throughout Arizona. She has lectured and published on these subjects throughout her career. Her topic “Mineralogy Along Arizona’s Route 66” followed mining history and minerals along the famous route which went from Chicago to Los Angeles. The longest stretch and the best preserved part of the original highway are in Arizona. Most of the route in Eastern Arizona is under I-40, while the best preserved stretch is in Western Arizona. The mineral tour began in Monument Valley on the Navajo Reservation where uranium was mined, continued through the Painted Desert and on to Petrified Forest, both of which are Chinle Formation and get their color from iron and manganese, with small amounts of copper, azurite and malachite. Meteor Crater, also known as Beringer Crater for Daniel Beringer who was the first person to recognize it as a crater, was formed by the impact by what is believed to be a 150 feet in diameter nickel and iron meteor. Next Anna continued to Grand Canyon which displays 200 million years of earth’s geological history. Human habitation in the canyon goes back to 1200 BC. In 1869, John Wesley Powell made the first of three expeditions through the canyon. Mining started in the late 1800’s. From Ash Fork she followed the original Route 66 through Colorado Plateau badlands topography to Kingman and the Cerbat Mountains where copper mining continues today at Mineral Park. Further on in the Oatman District gold mining produced nearly 2 million ounces of gold by the 1930’s. After leaving the Oatman District there is not much mineralization going on to Needles, California.

BREAK: Many thanks to Mike Braswell and Sarah Day for providing the refreshments which included cookies, candies, crackers and cheese with some wonderful goat cheese.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Trips: Kerry Towe reported that 34 people attended the trip to Ash Canyon and enjoyed a beautiful day. January 25th will be the trip to an older area of Silverbell Mine. February 22nd the trip will be to Wickenburg where four mines will be visited, and those interested will go to the Purple Passion Mine at night for fluorescent specimens. The March trip will be to Mission Mine.

The Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Art and Crafts Sale March 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Jo Anne Sam announced that the building will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday evening for vendors to set up and again at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. All vendors are requested to stay until the 4:00 p.m. closing. After clean up there will be pizza and soda for the vendors. Sam thanked Janelle Cortwright for all her hard work in organizing and publicizing the sale.

Christmas Party Wednesday, December 18th: Information, including menu and entertainment, is in the back room and was published with the announcement for this meeting.

Case Endowment: A $500 donation will put a plaque on a case “donated by” or “In honor of” the person of your choice. There will be 120 cases for the Show. For those people interested in donating a case to Harrison Yocum, send a check payable to TGMS for “Memorial case for Harrison Yocum” to Janelle Cortwright, 752 Dorotea Court, Rio Rico, AZ 85648. Checks will be returned to senders if not enough money is collected for a case.

Meeting Hostess: A volunteer is needed for May. Please sign up in the back room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Shelton’s Educational Class: The topic for Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. will be “Diamonds.”

Mineral Madness at the Desert Museum: TGMS members are invited to attend the special preview Thursday, January 16th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Public events will be January 18 and 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. RSVP to Penny Savoie at 520-883-3021 if you are attending the preview.

Toy Drive: Please bring new, unwrapped toys to put in the box near the Christmas tree no later than December 18th. The Fire Department will pick them up for Christmas distribution to children.

Food Bank: Donations may be brought to the office or put in a box by the Christmas tree. Money may also be donated. A $1 donation gets $9 worth of food. The
deadline for donations is December 18th.

U of A Mineral Museum: Mark Candee announced this is the last chance to see the minerals of China exhibit which is closing. The Princeton minerals are on display and Mark LaFont has given the rest of his mineral collection to the museum.

There are cards in the back room to be signed for the family of Richard Flagg who passed away on November 20, 2013. Richard was a longtime member of TGMS and made many contributions to the Society, including making and maintaining the display cases used for the Show for many years.

Longtime member Phyllis Smolnicky passed away November 9, 2013. Phyllis was a mentor to many rockhounds and was instrumental in organizing trips for Harrison Yocum’s classes as well as planning and leading many other trips for friends.

Tony Amshoff of Kino Rocks & Minerals passed away on November 21, 2013. He was a wealth of information and many enjoyed shopping at his store on Nogales Highway.

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES: Mike Braswell, as meeting host, made the first choice. Drawing winners were Stephan Koch, Pete Peterson, Jo Anne Sam and Stewart Towle.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Reynolds, Recording Secretary

**December 7, 2013**

**Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Art & Craft Sale**

*Great Day!!!*
*Great Food!!!*
*Great Crowds!!!*
*Great Sales!!!
FUN!!!!!*

*Collection For Sale!!*

 Extensive Mineral and Fossil Collection for sale!
 Contact Marvin Chaiken at 520-577-6646, or e-mail: chacha56@comcast.net
MicroMineral Room

The 2014 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™ will debut a MicroMineral Room for the full four days of the Show on the Galleria Level, located in the Onyx Suite. In conjunction with the Arthur Roe Micromount Symposium, the MicroMineral Room will be open throughout the Show as a meeting place for micromineral collectors. The room will include tables and chairs, microscopes, an area stocked with giveaway minerals, and an area with microminerals for sale. We encourage collectors to stop by to visit, relax, talk about microminerals, trade specimens and make new friends in the hobby.

An area out front in the Galleria will be used for education so we can explain to people what our particular interest in mineralogy is all about.

You are encouraged to donate appropriate giveaway material if you can. The giveaway area will be replenished each day. The room will close during the Arthur Roe Symposium and reopen immediately after.

For more information and to sign up to help, contact the TGMS Office at 520-322-5773 or show@tgms.org.

2014 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™ Giveaway Booth Hours & Grand Prize

2014 FGMS Show Information

PHOENIX AREA’S LARGEST GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

42nd FLAGG GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

JEWELRY, GEMS, BEADS, FOSSILS, MINERALS, AND LAPIIDARY SUPPLIES

FREE PARKING
FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 4, and 5, 2014

9AM TO 5PM EACH DAY AT MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE WEST PARKING LOT

DOBSON ROAD NORTH OF THE SUPERSTITION FREeway

(ROUTE 60), MESA, ARIZONA

2014 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™ “GRAND PRIZE”
18kt. White Gold, & Diamond Pendant
From Robert’s Jewelers Booth # 1902 - 1903
Sunday, February 16th at 3-30 p.m.
It is hard to imagine that another year has come to a close. It seems as if it was just yesterday TGMS was celebrating fluorite and all its colors. The 2013 Show was a memorable event from every perspective, but our challenge for the 60th Anniversary Show is to top all expectations.

Last week I re-read portions of the fifty year history published by the Mineralogical Record. Indeed a grand and glorious history. My first Show was in either 1974 or 1975, I can’t remember which. However, there are Society members who can recall the first Show. If you have an opportunity please thank each of these folks for the courage to host the first Show and then help it grow to where it is today; the premier gem and mineral show in the world.

February 13-16, 2014, I can hardly wait. First I want to update everyone on the new exhibit cases which will make their debut. For many years Richard Flagg nurtured our exhibit cases. They served the exhibitors well, but the time has arrived for new cases. One change you will notice is the old 2’ case has been replaced with a 30” case and the 6’ foot case has been replaced with a 56” case. Of course the 4’ case will be the work horse for exhibitors. In addition, we are saying goodbye to Thomas Alva Edison and the incandescent light bulb and all cases will be outfitted with state of the art LED light strips. So many have contributed time and financial resources to this project, but one Society member has gone above and beyond on this project. Wayne Klement travelled to northern Wisconsin to assist (and I mean work!) for about ten days in the cabinet shop that is manufacturing the cases. Boy, aren’t we lucky to have a member like Wayne!

Staging is also another top priority. Again, the Show Committee has worked to change the appearance of the Show in many regards; additional carpet will be laid in the center of the Exhibition Hall, ceiling treatment that will be a great surprise, landscaping will be increased, larger dealer booths with eye popping treatment, new guest seating to rest those weary feet and so much more. Please give Linda Oliver a big thank you for the tireless effort she has made to upgrade the staging.

I could write about each Show Committee member and the work they do, for without their tireless effort the success of this Show is not possible. I will save those comments for future articles. As a favor to me, when you see a Show Committee member, please say thanks.

In closing I want to ask each TGMS member to do four things over the next 43 days:

1. Attend the Show and personally invite 10 friends to attend the Show.
2. Support, if possible, the exhibit case sponsorship program.
3. If you have not used your 2013 AZ State income tax credit, make a donation to a local school to help defray the cost of bus transportation for school children, February 14.
4. Support the Show dealers and make a purchase. There is something for every one of us.

The greatest gem and mineral show is in our backyard. Please continue to support the Show, to volunteer and buy a mineral specimen, jewelry, a gemstone or whatever may catch your fancy.

Happy New Year,

Paul S. Harter
2014 Show Chairman
October 13, 1961

F.W. Schupp, Show Chairman
Tucson Gem & Mineral Show
P.O. Box 6363
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Schupp:

It will be a pleasure for us to bring our winning Woodruff Trophy exhibit of minerals to your show next March 23rd. Unless something happens such as sickness, we will be there the day prior to the show to place the exhibit in its show place. We have enjoyed visiting your show now for the past several years and have already made plans to meet with Paul Desautels there, so it will be no trouble for us to bring the display with us.

We will furnish our own case, the one our minerals were in at the Miami show, which will take 74" of table space about 25" wide. The case is open for viewing only on one side and is an erect type box case. We have risers for a standard table top to make the viewing of the display at eye level. The case has three 150 watt lights which we will need electricity for. We have our own lights and case lining.

You spoke of shipping costs and insurance for our exhibit. We will change our plans and come in a panel truck instead of a car in order to bring the case with us so there will be no charge for shipping. If you want to furnish insurance for fire, theft and breakage, that will truly be appreciated. Our minerals are no longer insured while in our home but we always take out a short policy when we take them to any show. One nice specimen got broken on our Miami trip and we vowed we would take them never again -- but for you in Tucson who have shown us so much fun we want to show you our minerals too. If you prefer, you can get a policy there or we can get one here, the cost being probably near $50. We had a $10,000 coverage.

I believe this answers all your questions at the present time. Don't hesitate to write if you need more information.

Please accept our thanks for giving us the honor of inviting us to display at your show. We know your section of the country likes fine mineral specimens and indeed it is an honor to be included in your show.

Best wishes for your show's success.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Rice
Mineral Madness Sale and Family Fun

Public Sale and Family Activities: Saturday and Sunday January 18-19, 2014
VIP Preview: Thursday Jan 16 5 pm – 7 pm
Bring your Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum or TGMS member card!

The annual Mineral Madness event at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a chance for everyone, from the novice to the serious collector, to learn something new about minerals and rocks, and to find new treasures for their collection. Activities during the weekend include a mineral sale with thousands of specimens, ranging in price from 50 cents to hundreds of dollars. In addition, there will be activities for families and children all around the museum grounds, including viewing micro-minerals, painting with minerals and learning about how animals and people use minerals. At each station, children can collect a free rock or mineral specimen in their own egg carton collection box. Children should bring an egg carton if possible.

TGMS Christmas Party -- December 18, 2013

Decorations by: Rose Marques
Entertainment by: Melody Louise
Holiday fare by: Boston Market
Photos by: Carol Johnston & P.R. McClain

We hope that everyone who attended had a great time!
Lots of food, lots of music and lots of fun!!!
2014 - NEW DISPLAY CASES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Marking another milestone for the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™. Here are a few photos of the materials needed to construct the new TGMS display cases ... 120 brand new cases in time for the 60th anniversary Show. Not only will the new cases be unveiled, but they will include all new state-of-the-art LED lighting.

This is the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™ not to miss ... new floor plan, new decoration, new cases and a whole lot more!
ROCK TALK

2014 SHOW DATES

January 2014

3-12—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W. Kuehn St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; dealers from around the world; contact Kym Scott, PO Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

7-26—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Annual show; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W. Kuehn St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; dealers from around the world on 25 acres; contact Kym Scott, PO Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

30-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Eons Expos; Tucson 22nd Street Show; intersection of I-10 and 22nd Street; Daily 9-6; free admission; minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, meteorites, gems, jewelry, rough rock; contact Christine Perner, 38 Fox Ridge Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: Christine@EonsExpos.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com

31-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Miners Co-op Rock Show; independent miners; Kino Sports Complex; 6107 N. Travel Center Dr.; Daily 9:30-5:30; free admission; outdoor show, dealers, jewelry designers and artists, rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry and lapidary supplies; contact Bob Scholl, 6675 Old Ridge Rd., Fairview, PA 16415, (307) 714-0160; e-mail: bob@reallyoldrocks.com; Web site: www.tucsonrockgemmineralshow.com

February 2014

1-15—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; Hotel Tucson City Center; 475 N. Granada; Daily 10-6; free admission; 300 dealers, Gallery of Artists displays; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernallilo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

1-15—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; Mineral & Fossil Marketplace; 1333 N. Oracle; Daily 10-6; free admission; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernallilo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

7-10—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual Westward Look Show; Fine Mineral Shows; Westward Look Resort; 245 E. Ina Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-5; free admission; Al and Sue Liebetrau collection display; contact Dave Waisman, Fine Mineral Shows, PO Box 8543, Spokane, WA 99203, (509) 998-5987; e-mail: dave@finemineralshow.com; Web site: www.finemineralshow.com

14-16—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: 1st Quartzsite Gold, Treasure and Craft Show; Quartzsite Improvement Association, Miners Depot, Natures’ Nuggets, Quartzsite Metal Detector Club; QIA Bldg.; 235 E. Ironwood St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults $5, children free; dealers, Quartzsite Metal Detector Club hunt, gold panning contest, speakers, authors table, demonstrations, metal detecting and prospecting equipment Q&A; contact Richard Trusty, PO Box 4051, Quartzsite, AZ 85359-4051, (928) 927-5479; e-mail: QuartzsiteGoldShow@gmail.com; Web site: www.QuartzsiteAZGoldshow.com

13-16—TUCSON, ARIZONA: 60th Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; Tucson Convention Center; 260 S. Church Ave.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults $10, seniors and active military get $2 off on Fri., children (under 14) free; contact TGMS Office, PO Box 42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-5773; e-mail: tgms@tgms.org;

TGMS EVENT CALENDAR

TGMS General Meetings are open to the general public. All other meetings/events are for TGMS Members only.

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Unless otherwise stated ... all meetings are held at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society facility. Located at: 3727 E. Blackledge, Tucson, Arizona 85716
PURPOSE: To encourage interest and study in geology, mineralogy, lapidary, and allied earth sciences.

Meetings: Usually the first Monday of the month, starting at 7:30 p.m., except February (on Monday, week of the Show), June-August (potlucks), and September (second Monday because of the Labor Day holiday). The TGMS facility address is 3727 East Blacklidge Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85716

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™: The second full weekend in February, starting with Thursday.

Affiliations: American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (AFMS), Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS), International Federation of Micromount Societies (IFMS), Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau (MTCVB), Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (TMCC).