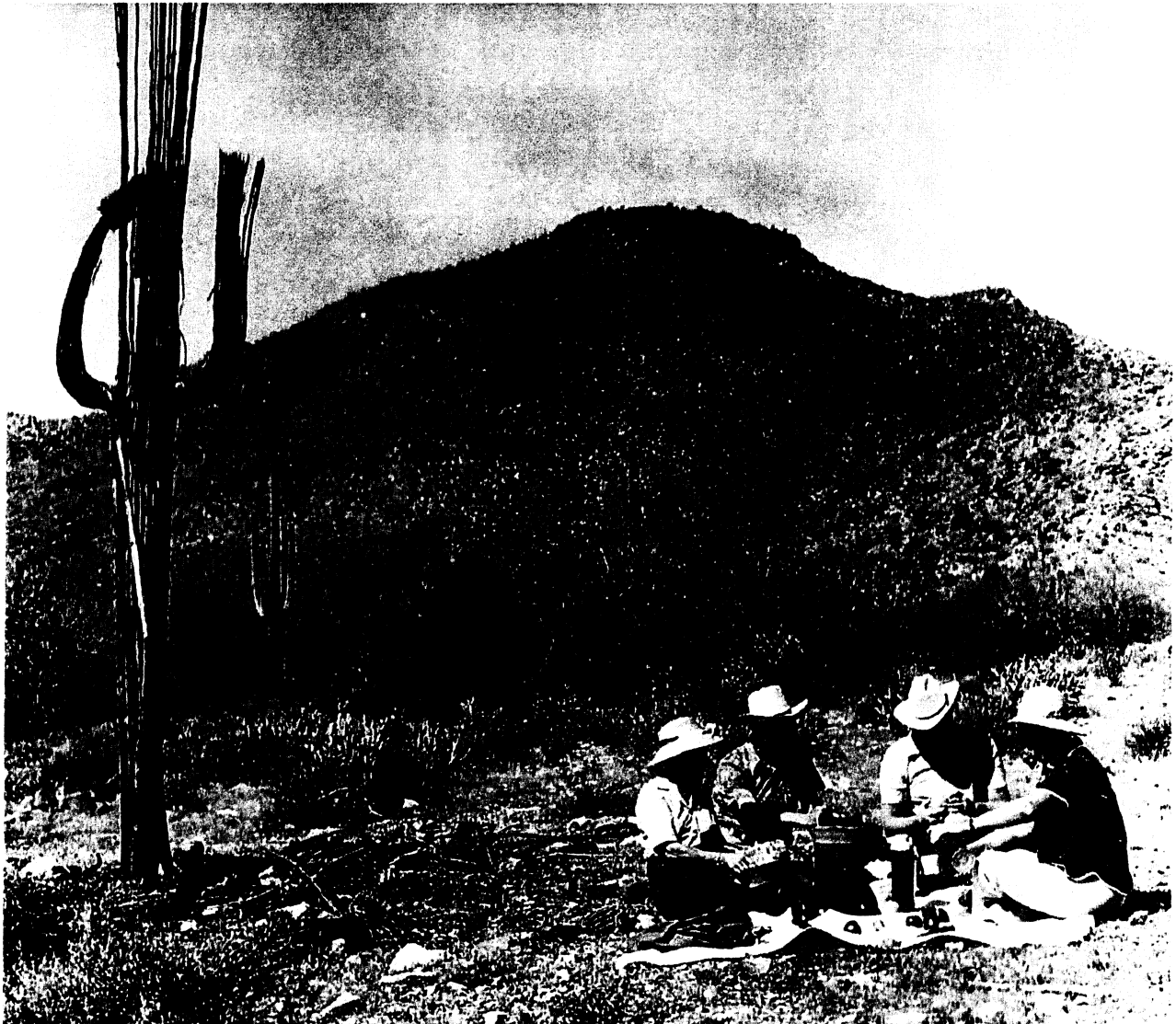


50th Anniversary

Of the

THE ROCK HOUND SOCIETY



OF SUN CITY ARIZONA

1963 to 2013 commemorative Book

A message from our club President:

Dear Friends,

December 12, 2013

Exciting field trips and other activities have transformed thousands of ordinary citizens in to true Rock hounds and friends through this club. We hope Sun City residents will continue to join together for the next fifty years and that this book will give them a look at what came before. We anticipate that all who live in Sun City, and even the casual visitor to our Mineral Museum, will get a glimpse of the rich history experienced by members in The Rock Hound Society of Sun City, Arizona, from the information presented here.

Regardless of your reason for reading this, I join with all the membership, and the other officers of the club, in wishing you just one more field trip.

1st Vice President: Joe Chan
2nd Vice President: Bill Kronenberg
Secretary: Clair Lund
Treasurer: Elizabeth Chan
Membership: Betty Kalleser
Rockdust Newsletter: Peter Jennings

Kindest Regards,

Linda Johnson, President
Sun City Rock Hound Club

Dedication

The Sun City Rock hounds created this booklet to thank our founders in 1963 and all who followed. We would not be here today without their foresight and indomitable persistence in maintaining a club. Hundreds of thousands of hours were graciously given by rock hounds to promote all aspects of the club activities during our 50 years. For that we profoundly thank you.

Front Cover Photo: Members of the Sun City Rockhound Club 1974, L to R:
Essie May Hill, Gerald Hill, Lloyd Ainsworth, Jewell Ainsworth.

The Origins of the Sun City Rockhounds

January 1960 is a well known date for many 'Suncitians' because that was the date that Del E. Webb Corporation started our new city in cotton fields on the outskirts of Phoenix. The houses grew up as fast as the cotton that they were replacing. A shopping center, recreation center, golf course and even a town hall were swiftly in place. Lines of people streamed down Grand Avenue to investigate the proposed community. Many of them bought houses or apartments which were then built to fill the contracts.



People visiting Sun City model homes in the early 1960's. (photo: Sun City Historical Society)

Sun City was actually built where the 'old ghost town' of Marinette had been. Marinette was abandoned sometime in the early 20th century. Beginning in 1960, the land was transformed into the thriving community of Sun City. Del Webb had many ideas and one way he promoted the concept of his new city was to run a competition to name it. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Britton won a home in the "Name this Community" contest by Del Webb Company. The Brittons' Sun City Home was located at 12801 West Augusta on the golf course. Plan 1-A-R called the "Meadowgrove"; the house had 2 bedrooms and 1 bath.

In 1963, while Sun City was still in its infancy, its new inhabitants were forming clubs and societies to set up our 'active retirement city'. It would seem that the idea of our Rock hound club was planted during the lazy days of the summer of 1963, around the pool at the Community Center (now Oakmont).



Sun City Community Center, (now Oakmont) 1960. (photo courtesy Sun City Historical Society)

The original instigators were Claude Cherry, Carl Ball, and Clark Hall. That first group had just the right mix of skills and experience. Claude Cherry had experience as an attorney and chaired a large rockhound organization in California; Carl Ball was an Arizona rancher and knew the Arizona terrain and outdoor life; and Clark Hall was a leading figure in Sun City lapidary and was a founding member of the Sun City Lapidary Club.

The three men went on a few informal field trips out into the desert and mountain areas to see the potential for collecting rocks; one place they investigated was Ball's Ranch off Black Canyon Highway. Neither Ball nor Hall had ever been rock hounding before, but their enthusiasm encouraged the group to proceed. On October 14, 1963, they invited a small group of Sun City residents to a meeting in the Cherry home to see if there was enough interest to form a club. At that meeting were the original three and Frank Lane, Harry Van Nuys, L. C. Glendenning, and A. deLaNoy.

President: Claude Cherry,
1st Vice President: Frank Lane,
2nd Vice President: Harry Van Nuys,
Secretary: L. C. Glendenning,
Treasurer: A. deLaNoy,
and Clark Hall completed the group as a non-voting member of the board.

Before November 1963 was over, the newly formed society had their first field trip planned and was about to be on their way to the Consolation Area near Wickenburg to look for rocks. Health and safety were high on the committee's priorities and the treasurer was instructed to buy a first aid kit before the trip. Therefore, the first

dues, at the princely sum of \$2.50 per year, were levied so that things such as a first aid kit could be purchased. We don't know how many went on that field trip. Our first bank balance was \$147.50 from 59 of the 62 members present at a meeting on November 11, 1963. Alas, our first tradition started as three of the members were delinquent in paying their dues right from day one!

A membership of 62 in November of 1963 was not bad considering the population of Sun City was just 2,000. From there the membership just kept on growing and by 1964 the membership had reached 101.

It didn't take them long to get things really organized. During the meeting on December 9, 1963, two items were proposed: the first was to have identification/name cards printed, this was passed; the second proposal was that the place and time of meetings and field trips be published. It was decided to publish the dates of meeting nights and field trips but not the place of the field trips.

The club seems to have run things pretty efficiently and had fiscal responsibility because during the first decades the club demonstrated an increasing membership and bank balance. The balance was so healthy that donations ranging from \$25 to \$200 were made to Sun City Inc. and also books were donated to the Sun City libraries. The club's aims continued and the membership grew.

The tradition of speakers at each meeting was initiated right from the start. The talks were on a wide range of subjects such as jewelry-making and silver craft as well as geologic subjects. During the meetings, some members presented individual displays of material collected on recent field trips.

The smallest attendance at a meeting of the 1964/1965 season was 51 members in March. The speaker at that March meeting was Floyd Getsinger, who was an author, photographer and mineralogist. We would like to think that the turnout didn't reflect on Mr Getsinger!

It was also in 1965 that they voted to approve a By-Laws change of Article III, Section 1 that membership be restricted to holders of current Sun City Community Association Membership cards, although guests could attend in accordance with the rules of the Sun City Community Association. The card names may have changed but the rules are still the same today.

The first club field trip to Burro Creek to collect agate and pastellite in the club's records was in October 1970 and the trip has been a favorite with the members ever since.



Burro Creek Field Trip 1971



Burro Creek Field Trip 1971, (Photo from Sun City Rock Hound Club Archives).

The January 1972 meeting had 140 members attending and also 34 visitors. An announcement was made that an instruction class for silver mounting would be started. Classes in all sorts of rock related subjects were still going strong in 1978, by which time the membership was almost 600.

Many times during the club's history the field trip chairman or other volunteer ran 'Introduction to Rock Hounding' meetings about once a month to teach the new members the basics. Often, attendance at such a meeting was required before registration for field trips was allowed. Yes, they registered to attend field trips at the club meeting. Do we have an interest in reinstating this?

In early years the club sourced and sold rock hounding equipment as well as books and magazines that were not available locally. We must remember that this was not only before the internet, eBay and Amazon, it was also before computers were available to the public.

Silent auctions were run at meetings where a member supplied rocks and other items and collected 85% of the advertised price; the club received 15% of the sale price.

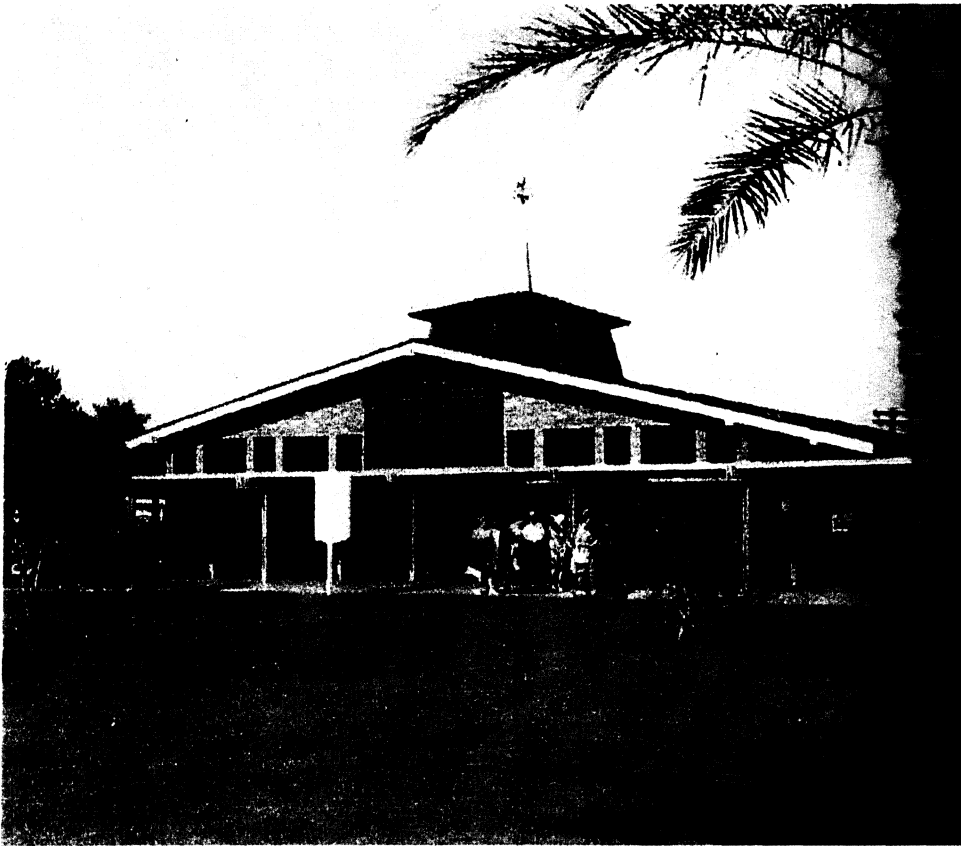
Many things have not changed; even back then the club was living up to the Sun City ethos of volunteers doing the necessary work to set up the activities for the benefit of the other members. The many jobs that 'just seem to get done' needed people to do them. After several requests for volunteers, committees formed to scout field trips, provide the refreshments, and organize the monthly 'Show and Tell'. The memos constantly urged the membership to wear their name tags; so perhaps we have the same difficulties in 2013 as they did back then!

There are other traditions that we carry on to this day; for instance, the membership donated slabs, rocks etc. to the club. As they became friends, the members just helped out other members with rock and mineral identification and understanding how to do things; these practices were just as important back then as they are today.

The guest speakers continued as a regular feature and the subject matter varied from 'Prospecting and Mining' through 'Spelunking of Caves', 'Gems and Precious Stones', 'The Geology of Central and Southern Arizona', 'History of Jerome', and 'Smelting and Assaying Copper' to pictures of 'A Trip to the Baja, California, and Mexico'.

During the January 1972 meeting it was suggested the club have a monthly bulletin named 'Rocks-Slabs-Dust'. No documents remain showing that title; through the years editors have used both 'Rock Dust' and 'Rockdust'.

1972 was a busy year because the club not only participated in the 'Merchants' Show' at Plaza del Sol, ran the same field trips twice with 20 – 25 cars each time, and also, March 27, 1972, put on the first Rock Hound Show. This took place at the Town Hall, which today is Fairway Recreation Center.



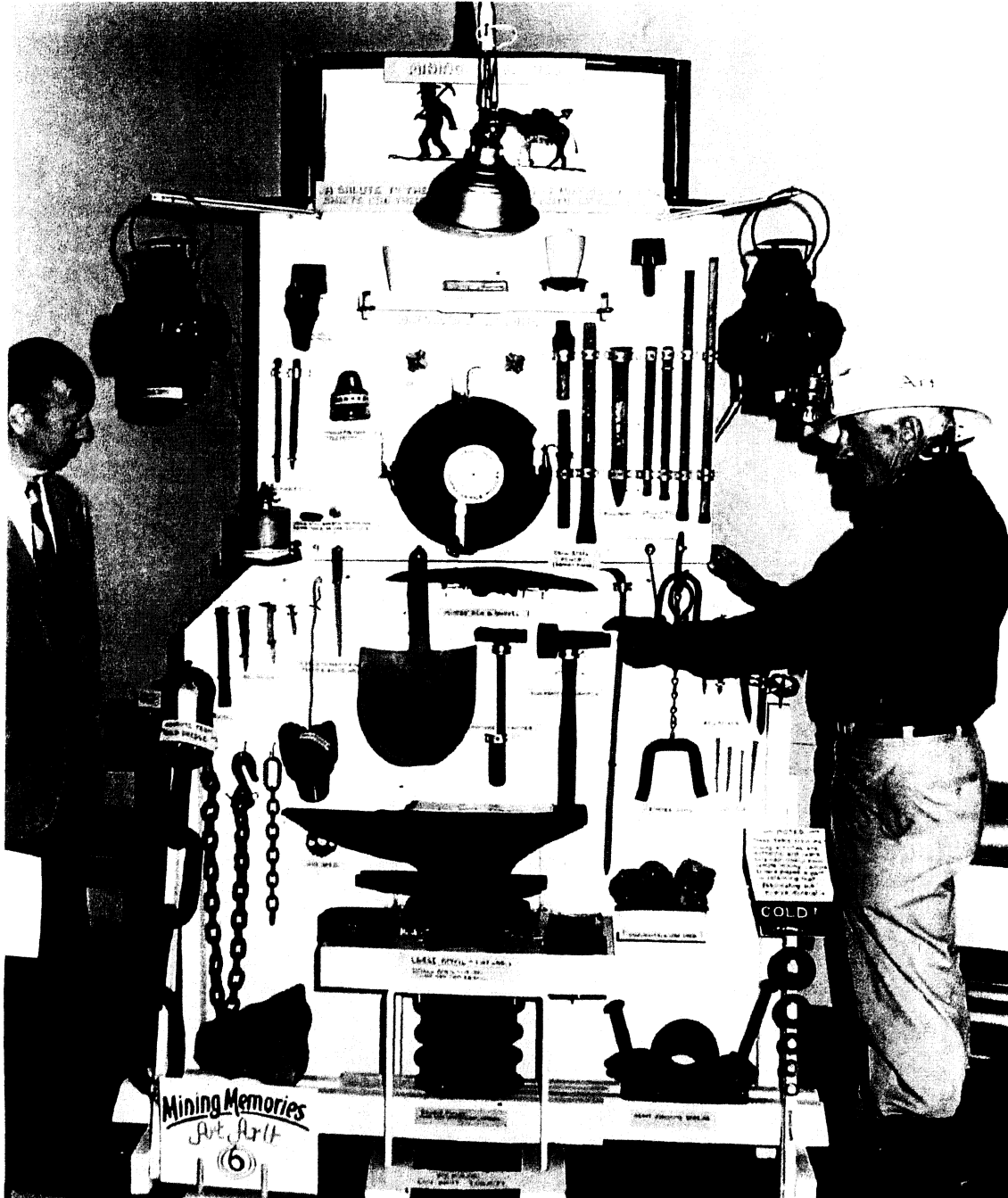
Sun City "Town Hall", Later Fairway Recreation Center. (Photo courtesy of 'Arizona Highways' magazine Nov. 1967)

1972 First Rock hound show. (Photo courtesy of Sun City Historical Society)



The Rock Hound Show, which ran for just four hours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., attracted 1063 visitors. A quote from the Theme and Principles of Show: "Since the show would be designed to illustrate the activities of the Rockhound Club, lapidary exhibits would be incidental and restricted to items made from material actually collected during field trips." We do, of course, maintain that tradition of sharing our personal collections through showcase displays in the Mineral Museum at Sundial. Have you signed up to share yours?

The early shows also had things such as gold mining displays, reflecting the experience and hobbies of some of its members.

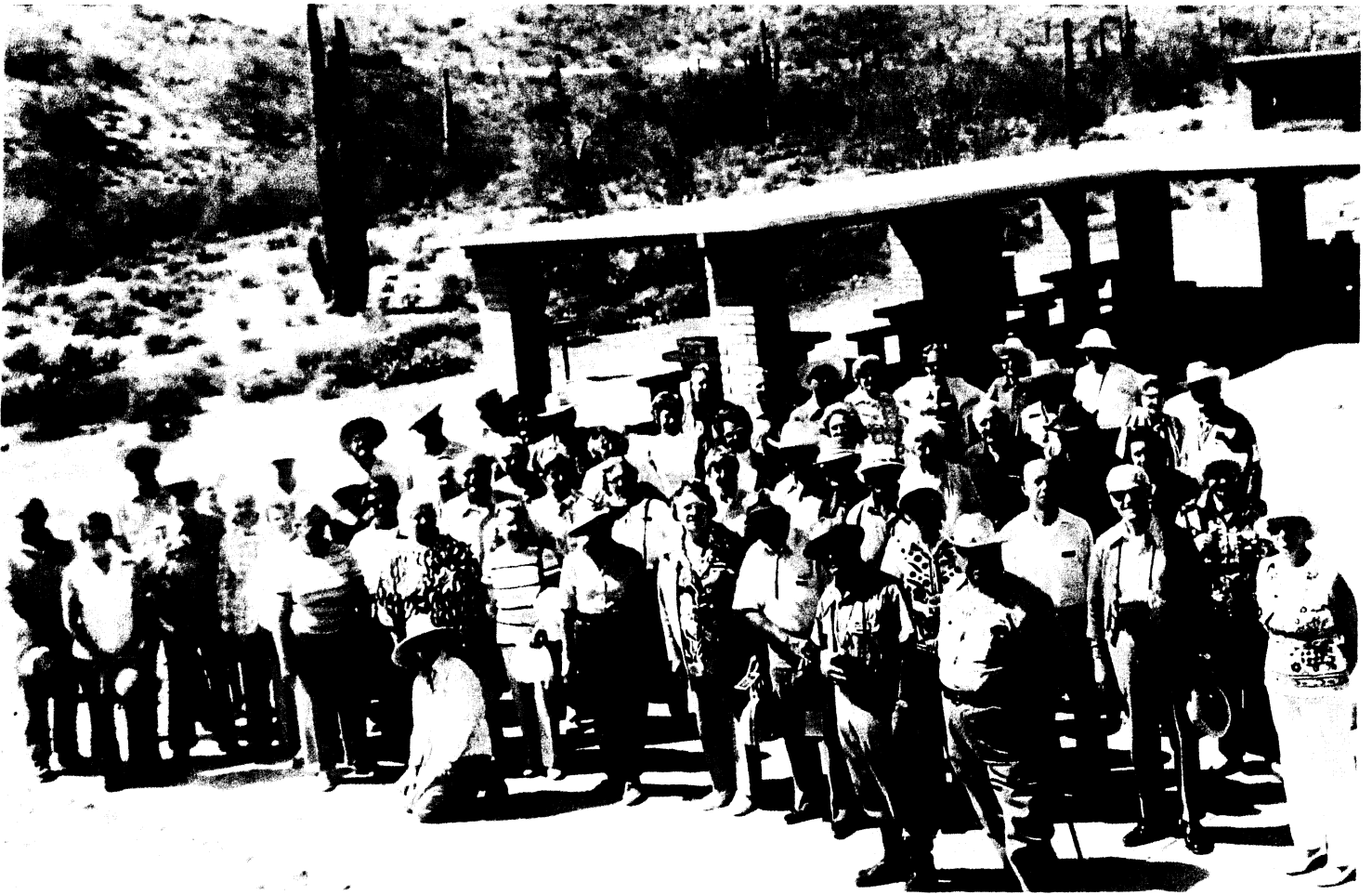


Mining tool display March 5, 1975 at the Fourth Annual Rock hound Club show.
By Art Arlt, Retired Mining Engineer and member of the Sun City Rock hound club.

The 1972 meetings were getting over 200 attendees so they had to change from meeting in the clubrooms to meeting in the Town Hall auditorium. In June of the same year, Dr DeSautelles of the Smithsonian Institute, interrupted his journey to a show in Anaheim to address the Sun City Rock hound members.

Four home shows were set up that year to highlight peoples' personal collections. Some of us are looking forward to present members repeating this great idea!

The Rock Hound Show concept continued to grow and in 1973 a separate committee with its own chairman was established to organize and run the event. The demonstrations in the second annual show included sawing and grinding stones, faceting and silvercraft. This show was even busier than the first. More than 3,700 people attended and the researched write-ups noted 1,500 people were involved in staging the event. Lakeview, Oakmont, and Fairway Lapidary Clubs plus the Silvercraft Club joined the Rock hounds. Items from each club were for sale and a 'Silent Auction' was held.



1974 "Show and Tell" outing to White Tanks Park. (photo from Sun City Rock hound club archives)

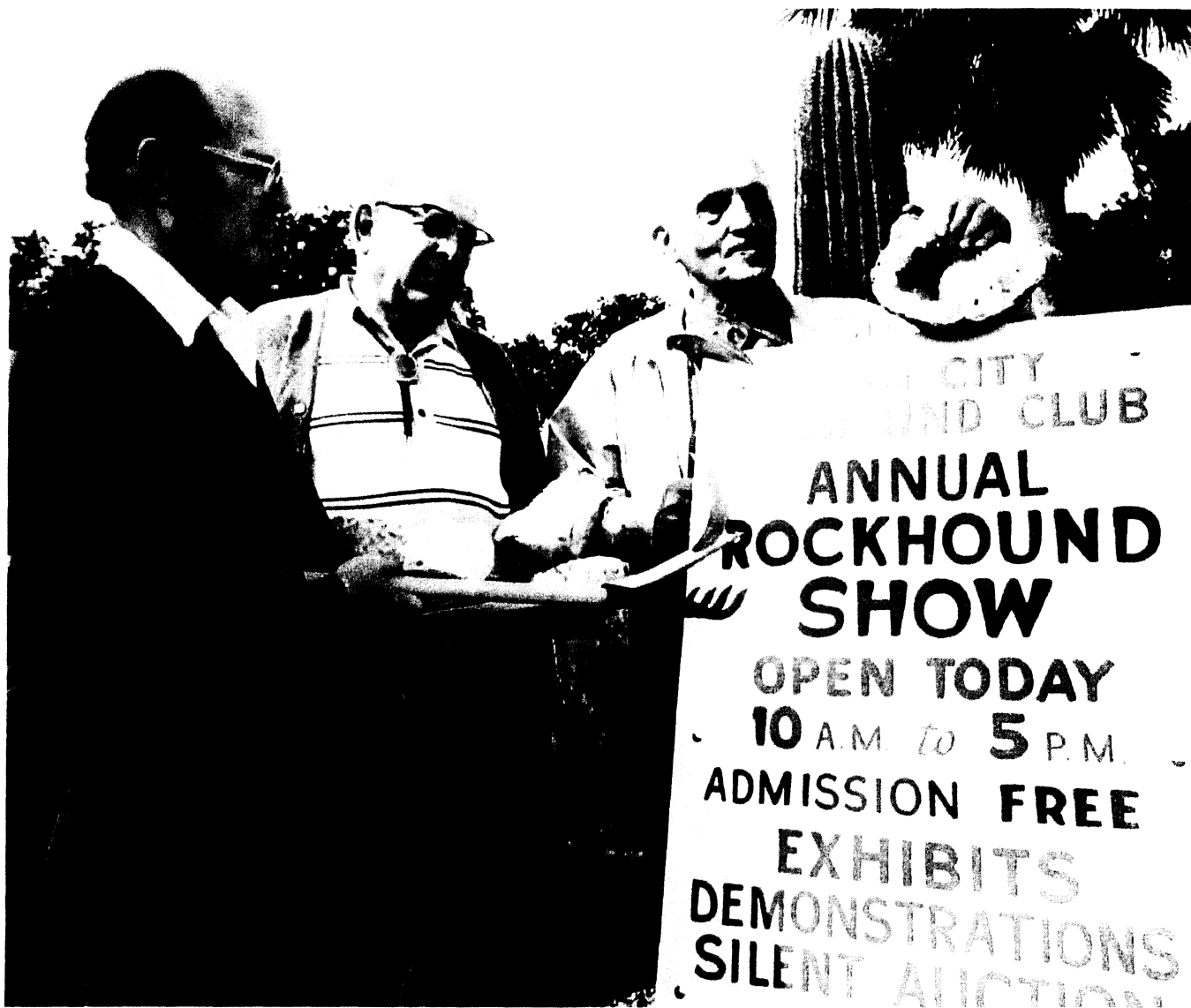
The early 'Show and Tell' activities were regarded more as social gatherings than as a meeting and the first one was held at the Fairway Center on December 27, 1973. The meeting was billed as running from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the theme was 'easy rock identification so that the members could get more enjoyment from their rock hounding in the coming year'. The members were asked to take along some of their 'holiday cookies' to be included in the refreshments. Some people may have gotten a slightly different impression because it was announced in the newspaper as a party.

Through the years, 'Show and Tells' were not confined to the rocks found on the last field trip or elsewhere; they often included the wide interests of the membership. It was not unusual to show the results of members' efforts in woodworking or needlecraft as well as lapidary and rocks.

All the way from 1973 through to 1975 the guest speakers continued to present the great variety of titles that had by now become the norm. The subjects ranged from lapidary skills and techniques, through geologic and rock hounding subjects and exotic rock hound holiday talks.

The titles themselves are worthy of note. One talk had the catchy title of 'Using Rocks to Make Functional Items Such as Lamps', another was 'A Rock hound Trip Through the South Pacific and Australia'. Compared to those, the other titles like 'Turquoise' and 'The Fascinating World of Minerals' could be regarded as a bit boring to anyone but a rock hound!

The editor of our 'Rock Dust' newsletter was also doing an excellent job. There are several references to Gerald L. Hill (our newsletter editor at the time) participating in the bulletin contests and receiving awards.



Above L to R: Rock hound Officers; Art Brownlie - Co-Chairman, Wayne Wilson - Show Chairman, Newton Burgoraw - Club Chairman. Erecting sign advertising the 3rd Annual Rock hound show in March of 1974.

Frank Jeckel was still calling for mineral specimens to be donated or loaned to the museum, and the call went out for volunteers with clerical skills, cabinet making skills to complete additional displays, and people with just willingness and enthusiasm.

By November 22, the museum had welcomed almost 700 guests from 35 states and 9 different countries. This was without counting the additional 630 visitors who were welcomed during the fair! By December the club had logged 585 specimens made up of 257 different minerals and fossils given by 52 different donors.

In spite of the warm glow of achievement, they weren't resting on their success. The next phase was already in the planning stage. The club pushed to get additional space identified as the meeting room adjoining the museum (now the fossils and field trip map room). The committee came up with an idea that could finance the improvements and expansion that was planned. The idea was a 'Buy a Share' scheme. The shares were \$10 each and could be bought through the treasurer, Bob Sutton. There is no notation in any of the scrapbooks that suggested you got anything for a 'Share'.

In 1991 the Recreation Centers of Sun City (RCSC) or their predecessors OK'd the expansion and donated \$1,800 to help finance the museum. This funding, plus the receipts from the 'Buy a Share' program, enabled the club to proceed with their expansion plans. With little delay, work started on another three cabinets to supplement the original five.

Having the long awaited museum did not diminish the clubs efforts with their annual 'Rock Hound Show' which continued at Mountain View Recreation Center. The 1991 show included lighted geode displays and the 'Wheel of Fortune'. Could it be the same wheel that we use today?

March 1991 was another landmark date for the club. Up until this time the club was known as 'The Rock Hound Society of Sun City, Arizona', but in March 1991, we officially became 'The Sun City Rockhound Club' when the club was finally chartered as a non-profit.

Frank Jeckel was not the only active 'mover and shaker' in the club. We know that because in January 1992 the Recreation Centers of Sun City requested that the members of the Rockhound Club select their 'Most outstanding member of 1991'. The Club President Lloyd Gau was chosen to accept the award.

The 'Annual Rock Hound Show' was organized again in 1992, and another 18 members were signed up at the show.

Throughout 1993 more improvements to the 'Mineral Museum' were made. In March, electricians and carpenters were busy in the museum and in April the field trip map with its push buttons was added. The job was overseen by Bob Peck, Walt Strane and Al Cervoni.



1993 Ed Posser and Mary Randel loading specimens in the new cabinets, Jim Finley and Fred Curtis work on the new map at the Mineral Museum.

A Dr. Elwell donated 375 pounds of jade; a very generous donation. Some was exhibited in the museum. Also, the November 1992 'Rock Dust' announced that there would be a 'Jade Sale' held on November 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parking lot behind Mountain View Auditorium near the shed; that sale raised \$453 but there was a lot of jade left.

Many of us are familiar with the business called 'Rockazona' on the south side of Grand Avenue near the 101. Well, many years ago they used to put on rock shows, too. In 1994 the club took space at the 'Rockazona Show' in order to sell more of that jade and other slabs. They also started selling slabs and rocks at the monthly meetings.

No mention in the 'Rock Dust' said how the shed was obtained; could it be having such a huge donation forced the issue of giving the 'Rock Hound Club' rock storage space in 1992? The sale near the shed is another activity we continue each year. It is of interest that in the 2013 'Annual Shed Sale' a number of small and medium slabs of black jade were noted, all with identical tags: 'jade'. Oh, if only ALL of the rocks had such tags!

The club declared an 'Open House' week at the museum in October 1993 for three celebrations; first the opening of the new additions to the museum, second to recognize the third anniversary of the 'Mineral Museum', and, of course, the 30th Anniversary of the club itself!

The 'The Mineral Museum' collection continued to grow and by 1994 the museum had 1,468 specimens, artifacts, and fossils on display from 41 different countries, given by 125 different donors. But it didn't stop there. In memory of her father, Dr William S. Shields, Marcia Shields-Osmers donated an extensive collection of about 1,100 pieces of Mexican Agate cabochons and slabs. The collection was displayed in a new cabinet in the museum's main room.

The club has never been afraid to try out different ideas and instituted a system in 1994 of new members wearing a red ribbon so that other members could identify them and introduce themselves and make the newcomers welcome.

Sales were uppermost in some peoples mind that year because the club started to give the first choice purchase of excess museum material to members. The better quality specimens were offered for sale by bringing them along to the monthly meeting before they went on sale to the general public. The prices were not necessarily

cheap but they were mostly museum quality duplicates of what was already displayed in the museum.

In November of 1994, there was an 'Arts and Craft Show' where the club had a sales table and the museum expanded the desk area to create a better sales area. 1994 was notable for another reason too; it was the year that one of our current members, Mark Larson, was welcomed by the club. It may be time that he took that red ribbon off!

Everything seemed to run smoothly through the '1990's with the pattern of monthly meetings, 'Rock Dust' editions, the regular requests for museum monitors, field trips and the 'Show and Tell' meetings. Back in 1998 they were more adventurous with 'Show and Tells' than we are today. The fourth Thursday of the month (in season) the club would drive out to a near-by regional park like White Tanks Mountains and show the rest of the group something that you were proud of, or something that the person thought was pretty neat! The idea was that everyone would 'car pool' and take folding chairs, a beverage and a 'brown bag lunch' and tell the story about what you had brought to show. Attending a 'Show and Tell' was, and still is, a great way to get acquainted, enjoy the outdoors, and to hear/tell a few stories.

The 'Show and Tells' that we do today are still 'bring your own lunch' and engage in 'rock talk' but is usually held at one of the Lakeview gazebos. Probably this is a 'greener' 'Show and Tell' where we can help save the planet while still showing off lumps of it. The 'greener' system seems to have started in 2003 when, as a trial run, the club held the 'Show and Tell' at the Quail Run golf course gazebo after the 'powers that be' started requiring a \$25 fee for each ramada reserved in the regional parks.

On or slightly before 1999, 'Open House' events in the museum seem to have taken the place of the 'Annual Rock Hound Show'. The research doesn't record that any were held in the years before then. The museum continued to be very popular with the visitors to Sun City and the museum monitors were once again reassured that a knowledge of rocks was not necessary just the ability to welcome the visitors. The written script available today for the monitors hasn't changed very much and once you have carried out the task a couple of times it all seems amazingly easy.

In the year 2000, October's 'Rock Dust' newsletter had a two page article on the 10th anniversary of the 'Mineral Museum'. My, how time passes, that doesn't seem too long ago! In November of that same year Dr Steven Ruff, from ASU, was our speaker and the subject was 'Rock Hounding on Mars'. It seems quite fitting that in this, our 50th year that he was again our speaker and he gave us another of his updates on the geologic exploration of Mars.

One of our current members, Al Cervoni, was featured in an article in the 'Daily News Sun' in February 2001. It was really a piece about the 'Mineral Museum', but Al stole the show with a demonstration involving a laser pointer and a 'Herkimer Diamond'. The President at the time, Gerald Jensen, did get a mention, as did member Wayne Woodworth, but the reporter was really taken with the demonstration so Al got the best write-up. Al has been a real 'rock' for us in everything from setting up field trips to holder of the shed keys over the years. Also, he is the only member on the current roster who was in the club when he joined in 1984. So talk to Al to find out where his secret rock haunts are!

Gerry Jensen, has his name threaded through many 'Rock Dust' issues as President of the Rockhound Club: 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2005, as well as helping out in many tasks for our club. When asked what stories he had to tell, Gerry brought up the work of others such as Lloyd Gau who stepped up as President and other roles. He complimented Mary Randel, who participated in club activities and sponsored interesting "Show and Tell" experiences year after year.

Gerry lauded the Morenci overnight trips as a club favorite. Everyone stayed in the same motel and had a 'big

time' together. Also, at the field trips, members used to break for lunch at the same time and sit in a big circle as they ate; that added to the camaraderie. Additionally, he chuckled as he related the time Al Cervoni fell/sat on to a cactus and had to lay across a jeep to get the stickers pulled out before he could ride home.

In the years after the 'millennium' we find that the club's history blends quite nicely into our present club's habits, which is not really too surprising. From the 'Rock Dusts' and scrapbooks we know that the 'Shed Sale' continued to be an annual highlight and trips to the Rowley Mine were as popular as ever.

In November 2004 the club did put on a 'silent auction' for the first time in many years. It proved to be quite a success. So much so that it was decided to do it all over again and perhaps they might even make it a regular feature at the monthly meetings. As we know, that did not continue through to the present day.

2005 saw a two page 'Rock Dust' article on the 15th anniversary of the Mineral Museum and, in addition to the regular field trips, the club was a member of the Az Rockhound Coalition Group. The club sponsored/organized the May coalition outing and Chris Hidalgo took a group of 15 on a, non-club sponsored, trip to southern Arizona to hunt for blue opals. Today Chris is still a 'leading light' in Fairway Sterling and Stones'.

That just about brings us back to modern times in the club. As you can see, beginning from a small group of volunteers, we have had 50 years of quite glorious history within this group that provides a way to enjoy this wonderful state. We may have lost collecting areas to urban development and years of over publication of collecting sites, but thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm, the club continues to offer opportunities to safely enjoy the countryside, the comradeship and, of course, the rocks. Without our membership freely giving their time to support the activities, such as the 'Craft Fair', 'Shed Sale', field trips and monitoring in the museum, none of this would have been possible – in the past – in the present and – in the future.

We are thrilled that Joan and Charlie Allen, 1979; Louis and Marie Kazal, 1980; and Dorise Campbell, President, 1991, are our guests for the 50th celebration. We thank Perry McCown, President 2006, 2007, and his wife Sylvia for entertaining the celebrating rockhounds with Perry's original song, "The Thrill of Rockhound Air".

Field Trip History

Archives of the early years

<u>1963 November.</u>	<u>Consolation</u> , near Wickenburg
<u>1965 April.</u>	<u>Ajo</u> , 40 members drove 20 miles south of Ajo for Peanut-Obsidian
<u>1966 February.</u>	<u>Yarnell</u> , for prospecting

The following is an alphabetical list showing Field Trips in the early decades and the rock and minerals sought over time. These are the only ones recorded in the 'Rock Dust' newsletter and the scrap books.

Aguila Geode Beds, 2001, 2004, highway 60 south 5 miles, fork SE 7 miles cross wash: Apache tears, then 3.7 miles geodes, obsidian, chalcedony and crystal filled geode-like bubbles of limestone

Anderson Mine, 1974, 1975, 1983, agates, fossils, chalcedony, pastellite, petrified palm wood, (bright yellow material is Carnotite and is a uranium bearing mineral), yard rock

Andy Garrison's home on Shea Blvd. in Scottsdale, 1978, 1979, gold panning

Apache Junction, Old Tucson Road, 1981

Arizona Mineral Museum, 1993, 2001, (attended previously as Show and Tell Trip)

Field Trips (con't)

Bagdad Copper Mine 1975, two trips needed, tour made by bus plus specimens from dump

Bagdad Cyprus Copper Mine, 1976, 1979, busses furnished to the site from Sun City by the Arizona Mining Association, 1993, tour-not collecting-by car, 1996, 2000

Bead Museum, Glendale, 2003

Between Bagdad and Hillside, 1980, 1984, 1986, 1993, 2001, 2003, carnelian, chalcedony, jasper, quartz crystals

Bisbee, 1976, tour of Copper Queen Mine, bus tour of Lavender Pit Mine, 1999, 2005 #7 turquoise belt Phelps-Dodge, the Mining Museum in Bisbee, AZ arranges every year in second week of October

Bouse, 2000, hematite, jasper, agate

Burro Creek, 1970, 1971, 1979, 1981, 1983-“bring large hammers”, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 2003, 2005, agate, pastelite

Camp Verde, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1980, 2005, included Cordes Junction, 1985, 1987, 2005, tour, agate, aragonite, Gypsum pseudomorphs after glauberite, halite, kyanite, pure sodium chloride, selenite, thenardite

Calamity Wash, near Wickenburg, 1978, 1980, 1985, crazy quartz geodes, gold panning

Carefree Highway, 1983, petrified wood clearance sale of wood that had been brought from elsewhere

Carefree area, 2004, north to 7 Springs Road then turn off on FR 254, jasper, then to FR 41 and 24, onyx

Castle Hot Springs, walk 1 ½ miles to mine, 1975, 1978, 1980, 1985, biotite, calcite, crystals in vugs, feldspar, hematite, magnetite, manganese mine, mica, pyrolusite, quartz, red hematite, tourmaline crystals

Copper Basin Wash and Phelps-Dodge property, Morenci, 1984, 1992 azurite, chalcopyrite, copper nodules, gold, malachite, tour 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, called Morenci Mine in 2005

Copper Canyon, near Camp Verde, 1983, Copper Canyon near Skull Valley, 1988, 1989 1991, malachite, azurite

Dago Springs, past Superior, Miami, and Inspiration, 107.4 miles, 1982, 1984, chicken track granite, olivine, sandstone, serpentine, worm burro agate,

Date Creek, north of Wickenburg, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1991, 1994, 2002, quartz crystals (if coated iron oxide may be cleaned with an overnight soaking in Oxalic Acid [Dupont #7 Radiator Cleaner])

Deming, New Mexico, 1991, 1995, agate, onyx, period bombs

Douglas, 1999, geodes

Duquesne, 1999, quartz crystals, calcite, garnet, pyrite, blue agate and silver ore

Fourth of July Butte, Chimney Beds, 1971, 1986, 2003, 2009, Fortification Agate, material to be collected is clam-shaped geodes occurring 4” or more below ground. Go to Arlington and pick up Agua Caliente road, collecting done about ¼ mile off the road.

Golden Eagle Mine, 1988, tour

Happy Harry Mine, 1986, old gold mine, azurite, bornite, malachite, ores of gold, silver, lead, zinc and cobalt bearing material, Hard Hats and signed release required, club researched acquiring head gear

Harqualhala Mine, near Salome, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1983-gold mine northwest of valley, chrysocolla, diopside

Haraqahala Mountains, 1998, 2000, 2002, white marble

Heading Ranch, 1979

Hewitt Canyon, near Whitlow Dam, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1989, banded marble, serpentine, rhyolite

Holbrook, 1991, 1993, petrified wood

Horseshoe Dam, past Carefree, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1992, 1994, agate, brecciated agate, chert, natrolite, agatized petrified palm-root, 1978 joint fieldtrip with Sundial Rock and Gem Club

Kennecott Copper Mines and Smelter at Hayden, 1970 tour 1972, 1979

Kofa Wildlife Refuge, 1998, pastelite, jasper

Lake Pleasant, 1979, 1987, 1988, 1995, 1998 calcite crystals, chalcedony, agate

Laughlin, 2002, Gem Show and Slots

Les Merydith Ranch, near Prescott, gold

Lynx Creek, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1991, gold panning

Field Trips (con't)

Magma Mine, near San Manuel, 1994, limit 30 members, vanadinite, mimetite, wulfenite, smokey and clear quartz, amethystine, calcite, hematite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, chrysocolla, willemite, galena, sphalerite, gold

Mayer, 1976, 1980, 2001, black onyx, honey onyx, onyx

Mining World, route 71 northwest of Wickenburg, 2004, tour

Mobile, southeast of Phoenix, 1971, 1988, 1989, 1990, green quartz which is also called Maricopa jade

Mule Shoe Ranch, near Hillside, 1986, agate, druzy quartz, dendritic jasper, opalite, red and brown carnelian

New River, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1983-Greer Ranch, 1987, green jasper with dendrites, green quartz, Maricopa jade, orbicular jasper, red jasper, quartz, 1976, Greer's Milky Ranch for petrified wood at 50 cents per pound, 1985, 1987

New Water Mine/Mountains, Brenda area, the "Porter Claim", 1992 \$2.00, 1993, 1994, geodes guaranteed, five varieties fee, owned by two sons of Club member Bill Porter, 1995, \$5.00

Nibtezyna's Well, 1982, opalite

Painted Rock area west of Gila Bend, 1970

Patagonia, 1999, 2000, agate, pyrite, crustals

Payson area, including East Verde River and Kohl's Ranch, 1-3 days, 1972, 1976, rained out 1977, 1979, 1981, 1984, 1986, 2002, 2005 Rock and Mineral Show, "Arizona diamonds", chert, limestone, onyx, rhyolite, travertine, **and rocks listed below which show more specific locations mentioned in 1981 October trip: Kohl's Ranch=Christopher Creek zebra agate, rocolite, jasperized red brachiopod fossils, other fossils (1 mile west of Kohl's Ranch) Control Road 14 miles east of Payson- 1.6 miles from Kohl's Ranch: quartz crystals, agate and zebra agate, ricolite, pink and green marble, brain rock geodes. Control Road is 22 miles of good gravel road which continues to Highway 87 near Pine. Route 199, Houston-Mesa Road, east of route 87, 4 12 miles. Hunt for paisley marble, ricolite, agate, epidote, yard rocs, and petrified wood**

Petrified National Park, Museum and Information Center outside the park, 1985, petrified wood dig, \$.50 per pound

Purple Passion Mine, bonus trip 2005, 1 free rock then \$1.00 per pound, fluorescent

Prescott National Forest, 1975, 1976, examine old gold mine prospects, gold panning

Quartzite, 1981, bus trip to Pow Wow, 1983, bus trip- 49 people, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 2006

Quartzite, 1984, 1986, hematite, pyrophyllite, rutile quartz crystals, zunyite, rough collecting area, need boots not tennis shoes, also hiking staff

Queen Canyon, 1981

Queen Creek Mine, 1992

Red Rover Mine, near Seven Springs, 1974

Rockazona Show, 1984

Rowley Mine, (great petroglyphs at Painted Rock State Park, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1992, 2005, barite, cerussite, chrysocolla, hematite, lead, memenite, wulfenite, yard rocks

Roy Mine, 1972, chrysocolla, copper ores, malachite, native copper

Saddle Mountain, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1991, 1993, 2000, chalcedony, desert roses, fire agate

San Domingo Wash, 1983

Seven Springs, near Cave Creek, 1970, 1972, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1996, 2001epidote, onyx, red jasper, red/orange jasper, lacy jasper, rhyolite

Signal Road, off Highway 93, 1971

Spectrum and Prism Mines, 2005, \$10 fee, blue fluorite with barite, amethyst, wulfenite and galena,

Strawberry and Pine, 1989, fossils

Sun City, field trip within the boundaries, 1985

Superior or Apache Tear Caves and Boyce Thompson Desert Arboretum, 1976, 1979, 1981, 1984, apache tears (fee), pink rhyolite containing druzy quartz crystals and some tridyinite crystals, geodes

Stafford-Morenci, overnight, 1982, chalcedony, chalcedony with crystals, fire agate, jasper, moss agate

Table Mesa Road, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1987, banded jasper, rainbow rock

Field Trips (con't)

Tiger Mine Gate in San Manuel on a Sunday, 1970, called Mammoth Mine, 1989

Tonto National Forest, 1974, Natrolite (elusive element) agate, crystals

Tucson Show, tour via bus, two days, 1987, 1988

Vulture Mine, near Wickenburg, 1970, 1980, 1980, 2000, 2005, perlite bed, geodes on Eagle Road, 10 miles

Wendon, marble site, 1986, 1987, 1990, marble

Wickieup, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2004, lizard rock (stone)

Former Club Presidents and Chairman

1963 Claude Cherry	1989 Ed Posser
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1967 Harry Van Euys	1993 Lloyd Gau
1968 Albert Houille	1994 Herb Bauss
1969 Albert Houille	1995 Lloyd Gau
1970 LaMont West	1996 Ed Mariner
1971 Kenneth O'Blenes	1997 Alice Rosenbluth
1972 Edwin Brooks	1998 Alice Rosenbluth
1973 Ferris Filley	1999 Alice Rosenbluth
1974 Ferris Filley	2000 Gerry Jensen
1975 Linden Berkheimer	2001 Gerry Jensen
1976 Elmer Bay	2002 Gerry Jensen
1977 Frank Jeckel	2003 Lloyd Gau
1978 Frank Jeckel	2004 Al Cervoni
1979 Wilma Laws	2005 Gerry Jensen
1980 Dan Mitchell	2006 Perry McCown
1981 Dick Meinert	2007 Perry McCown
1982 Newton Durboraw	2008 Lex Parova
1983 Genevieve Lewis	2009 Tom Cheveny
1984 Genevieve Lewis	2010 Floyd Segar
1985 Hadley Miller	2011 Floyd Segar
1986 Hadley Miller	2012 Linda Johnson
1987 Fred Curtis	2013 Linda Johnson
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We appreciate the present members who
were past Presidents:

Gerry Jensen
Al Cervoni
Floyd Segar
Linda Johnson



1990 Mineral Museum opens at Sundial

Epilogue

Let us recognize important facts, this story is not complete. Compiling the history of this 50 year old club is not an easy task. Many sources were used to find data, our sources include old newspaper articles, the club's scrapbooks, (which are mostly complete from the '70's through the '90's), the Sun City Historical Society's archives as well as long serving members with personal memories and photographs. If you find that we have 'made an error' please let us know. There are gaps in this history. Please come forward with anything, and we can make, it will make life easier when we do the 100 years edition.

50th Commemorative Committee: Michael Blachut, Colin Morley, and Mary Brown-Martilik

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