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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

EXPLORE DISCOVER SHARE



Greetings all,

Well, here we are as another season is coming close to the end, I would like to reminisce for a moment and reflect on the things that happened this year, and all the members new and old that I've talked with. I feel that the most important thing about our Club is the relationships and friends that we make. I never get tired of coming to the meetings and seeing everyone and talking about

minerals. For me personally, I look forward to every single meeting so I can see all the friendly faces and meet new people. It's been great getting our Community Outreach Program going again this year, so if you know of any events TGMS should/can be a part of, please let the office know. To the general membership, again, I want to say serving you has been a great honor, and I thank all of you who voted me in as President. I would like to thank my Board Members for their help as well. I have a deep passion for the TGMS and will continue to serve/volunteer in any area I can.

As the summer months come, we will have our typical Potlucks/Rock Swaps; these are such great events with great fellowship. I hope you'll be able to attend. We typically have a great time trading, selling, and enjoying some amazing food which altogether makes for a wonderful afternoon. If you have not been to one of these events, I encourage you to come next time. In advance, I would like to thank all of you that will be hosting the potlucks and for opening your homes to us.

To all our members who travel and return to summer homes, I hope and pray for safe travels and your return once the "HOT" summer ends. Those of us who will stay and enjoy Tucson's summer, keep watching for summertime events and volunteering opportunities. We have several other fun activities during this time so don't miss out. And if anyone knows of anything that the club would enjoy, please contact us.

Again, even though this fiscal year is almost over, the Show Committee and Society are continuing to work and focus on next year's 2025 Show, so please think about an area that you can volunteer and be a part of the biggest and best Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® in the world.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the General Meeting in May and, if you have any comments or suggestions, please find me and we can discuss them.

Michael Hollonbeck
President



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TGMS GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 4, 2024

The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 7:02 p.m. He introduced new guests and welcomed all attendees (both online and in-person) to the March General Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Members were reminded to put a ticket in the bucket for prize drawings.

Members were reminded to wear their name badges and welcome our visitors and new members.

Members are to sign up for events online using the TGMS HUB. Nonmembers can contact the office (by phone or email) to get information.

The 2024 TGMS Show was a success! Attendance was very strong and foreign dealers and buyers have returned.

PROGRAM: Dave Korzendorfer introduced Dr. Jan Rasmussen, who presented "Arizona Minerals through Geologic Time." Dr. Rasmussen used graphics, maps, and photos to discuss Arizona's geology and ore deposits. Minerals grow when the earth's crust or mantle melts, slabs move, or mountains are built. She described geological time periods and showed photos of the minerals formed in those periods. Dr. Rasmussen referred the audience to the first three volumes of "Arizona Mineral Districts," and the book "Mineralogy of Arizona". She then answered questions from the audience.

BREAK: A thank you to Ortrud Schuh for providing refreshments for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes Approvals: **MOTION:** To approve the January 8, 2024, General Meeting minutes as published in the March/April 2024 issue of Rock Talk. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** To approve the January 29, 2024, General Meeting minutes, as published in the March/April 2024 issue of Rock Talk. Seconded and approved.

Micromount Meeting: A Micromount Meeting will be held on March 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will be looking at micros starting with the letter "S". Members are to sign up through the Member HUB.

Educational Class: An Educational Class will be held on March 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bill Shelton will lead a class on "Gold." Members are to sign up through the Member HUB.

Field Trip Update: A volunteer is needed to take the lead on organizing field trips. A field trip has been scheduled to the Tiger Mine for March 21. Members are to sign up through the Member HUB. Individuals can make arrangements to collect at various mines by contacting Kerry Towe through the membership list. He has information on various collecting locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Potluck: Contact the TGMS office if you would like to host a potluck, either at the Club or your home. The office will provide paper products, water and soft drinks.

Community Outreach: Look for details on an upcoming opportunity to volunteer with the Children's Museum.

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES: Ortrud Schuh, as meeting hostess, selected the first prize and then drew the ticket for the next prize. The winners were: Donna Pugh, Anita Nisonger, Vera Schlichter, Marie Gutierrez, Kerry Towe, Marie Lincoln, Maryann Penkova, Deborah Alderman, Bob Melzer, and Bob O'Donnell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross,



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TGMS General Meeting - April 1, 2024

The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 7:00 p.m. He introduced new guests and welcomed all attendees (both online and in-person) to the April General Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Members were reminded to put a ticket in the bucket for prize drawings.

Members were reminded to wear their name badges and welcome our visitors and new members.

Members are to sign up for events online using the TGMS HUB. Nonmembers can contact the office (by phone or email) to get information.

PROGRAM: Dave Korzendorfer introduced David Joyce, who presented "Mineral Collecting Trip to Southern-Central Morocco." Mindat organized a bus tour to a variety of mineral collecting locations in Morocco. He shared photographs of landscapes, architecture, and daily life. He then showed photos of various mines and the minerals they were allowed to collect. Mr. Joyce answered questions about Moroccan food, culture, and how to export minerals.

BREAK: A thank you to Denis Menard for providing refreshments for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Micromount Meeting: A Micromount Meeting will be held on April 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will be looking at micros starting with the letter "T". Members are to sign up through the Member HUB.

Educational Class: An Educational Class will be held on April 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bill Shelton will lead a class on "Gold, Part 2". Members are to sign up through the Member HUB.

Field Trip Update: A volunteer is needed to take the lead in organizing field trips. A field trip has been scheduled for the Rowley Mine in April. Members are to sign up through the Member HUB.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Potluck: Contact the TGMS office if you would like to host a potluck, either at the Club or at your home. The office will provide paper products, water and soft drinks.

Community Outreach:

There will be Community Outreach opportunities at St. Mark's Early Childhood Center, "Family Science Night," on Tuesday, April 9th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and at the Children's Museum's "Tucson Earth Day Festival," on April 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, Lowes Ventana Resort will sponsor an event on May 15th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES: Denis Menard as meeting host, selected the first prize and then drew the ticket for the next prize. The winners were Doug Reif, Larry Maney, Larry Gilbert, Elaine Royer, Dana Slaughter, Mark Ascher, Barb Korzendorfer, Michael Kobzeff, Denis Menard, and Doug Neal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross,
Recording Secretary



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TGMS Board Meeting - April 28, 2023

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Mike Hollonbeck, Les Presmyk, Linda Ross and Janette Simister

Absent: Mark Ascher, Victoria Fila and Marilyn Reynolds

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 3:08 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes Approvals: **MOTION:** To approve the October 17, 2022, Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** To approve the November 22, 2022, Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

President's Remarks: The President welcomed the Board members to the meeting. TGMS had a successful 2023 Show.

Treasurer's Report: TGMS continues to be financially sound. TGMS is waiting for invoices to be submitted before the 2023-2024 Budget can be finalized.

Old Business:

Scholarships: Scholarships will be addressed in the next fiscal year. Les Presmyk and Linda Ross will review the scholarship process.

Insurance: The Board discussed the options to pay the Directors & Officers Liability Insurance premium in one payment or in multiple installments. **MOTION:** To pay the insurance premium in one installment. Seconded and approved.

New Business:

Community Outreach: TGMS is beginning to resume Community Outreach Presentations. Several entities have asked TGMS to provide educational programs. Members will be contacted to sign up for outreach volunteer opportunities.

Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating Committee has recommended and received acceptance for the following nominations for the Board Officers and Directors Slate for the upcoming fiscal year 2023-2024: President - Mike Hollonbeck, Vice-President - Dave Korzendorfer, Treasurer - Ellen Alexander, Recording Secretary - Linda Ross, and Directors - Diane Braswell, Victoria Fila, and Kent Stauffer. The Committee is working on a nomination for Membership Secretary. Jeannette Simister and Mark Ascher declined nominations for the coming fiscal year.

The Membership will have two opportunities to submit nominations, the first at the May 1st General Meeting and the second by responding to an email/mail sent to the Membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross,
Recording Secretary



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TGMS Board Meeting – June 20, 2023

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Dave Korzendorfer and Les Presmyk,

Absent: Suzanne Collier, Linda Ross, Kent Stauffer

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 4:34 p.m. via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the 2023-2024 Society budget for review and approval. A discussion was held and recommendations were made for revisions. A subsequent meeting will be held on June 21, 2023 to review and approve the revised budget.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose Marques
Recording Secretary pro tem



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TGMS Board Meeting – June 21, 2023

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Dave Korzendorfer, Les Presmyk and Linda Ross.

Absent: Suzanne Collier, Kent Stauffer

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 12:37 p.m. via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the 2023-2024 Society budget with the revisions as recommended by the Board. A **MOTION** was made to approve the budget as presented. Seconded and approved.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose Marques
Recording Secretary pro tem



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TGMS Board Meeting – January 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Suzanne Collier, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Dave Korzendorfer, Les Presmyk, Linda Ross and Kent Stauffer.

Absent: None

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben

Call to Order: President Mike Hollonbeck called the Board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes Approvals: **MOTION:** To approve the April 28, 2023, Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** To approve the June 20, 2023, Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** To approve the June 21, 2023, Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

President's Remarks: The President welcomed the Board members to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: TGMS continues to be financially sound.

Old Business:

Scholarship Guidelines: The Board reviewed the suggested new guidelines for the scholarship application form. Two Board members will review the suggestions and present to the Board at a later date.

The Executive Manager reported on ongoing changes with the TCC.

New Business:

Facility Maintenance Report: The Executive Manager reported to the Board about the upcoming facility maintenance issues. Due to hail damage, the roof and heat pump need to be repaired. The water system's water gong failed and may need to be replaced. Funds are available in the building maintenance fund to cover expenses.

Storage: The Board reviewed the Show Committee's recommendation to purchase two new semi-trailers for additional storage. **MOTION:** To authorize the expenditure of up to \$90,000 for the purchase of two new semi-trailers for storage. Funds will be drawn from the storage fund and "rainy day funds." Seconded and approved.

Cases: The Board discussed making a complete inventory of all cases in February. Case assets will be evaluated for continued use or disposal.

Schedule next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 29th, at 3:00 pm.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m

Respectfully submitted by:
Linda Ross
Recording Secretary



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TGMS Board Meeting – January 24, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Victoria Fila, Michael Hollonbeck, Les Presmyk, Linda Ross (late arrival) and Kent Stauffer.

Absent: Suzanne Collier, David Korzendorfer.

Guest: Peter Megaw.

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 3:01 pm. via Zoom.

Upgrading Lights for Spotlight Cases: The Special/Guest Exhibits Chair requested an emergency TGMS Board meeting to get approval for case lighting funds. A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to spend \$12,500 to update the existing lights to full spectrum lights for the Spotlight cases.

Respectfully submitted by:

Victoria Fila
Recording Secretary Pro Tem



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TGMS Board Meeting – February 29, 2024

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Suzanne Collier, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Dave Korzendorfer, Les Presmyk, Linda Ross, and Kent Stauffer.

Absent: (all present)

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben

Call to Order: President Mike Hollonbeck called the Board meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes Approvals: **MOTION:** To approve the January 12, 2024, Board Meeting minutes with the correction that Janette Simister was not present as a Board Member. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** To approve the January 24, 2024, Board Meeting minutes with the correction that Peter Megaw attended as an audience member. Seconded and approved.

President's Remarks: The President reported that the Show was a success. Dealers want to return to the 2025 Show and possibly expand their booth space.

Treasurer's Report: TGMS continues to be financially sound, with a Society year-to-date income of \$154,061.67, and expenses of \$143,431.07.

Old Business:

Scholarship Guidelines: The Board reviewed the suggested new guidelines for the scholarship application form. Revisions were made to the application. The process of reviewing applications and awarding the scholarship was also discussed.

New Business:

Schedule next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 3:00 pm.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ross
Recording Secretary



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TGMS Board Meeting – March 21, 2024

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Suzanne Collier, Victoria Fila, Michael Hollonbeck, David Korzendorfer, Les Presmyk, Diane Braswell, Linda Ross (late arrival).

Absent: Kent Stauffer.

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben (absent).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 5:07 pm via Zoom.

Minutes Approval: **MOTION** made to approve the February 29, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer gave a brief summary of scholarship giving for the last 20 years.

Old Business:

Discussion of Scholarship Parameters: The Show Committee reviewed the "Pre-Scholarship Evaluation Procedures Committee Notes." First six bullet points set aside for further discussion at a future meeting. Bullet point seven: Are there available funds for additional scholarships that were not used in previous years? The Treasurer indicated that there is \$172,000 available in the Scholarship Fund. Nothing more discussed on additional scholarships.

Should \$5,000 be divided into not more than two scholarships? Everyone agreed on only two.

If an applicant is a relative of a Board Member, should that Board Member withdraw from evaluating that application? A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved that the Board Member will withdraw from evaluating that applicant.

MOTION: If a Board Member knows an applicant, it will be left to the Board Member to decide whether to remove themselves from evaluating that application. Seconded and approved.

New Business: none.

Call to the Audience: none

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Victoria Fila
Recording Secretary Pro Tem

"BOB MELZER"

We owe you a big "thank you" for volunteering at the 2024 TGMS Show. We apologize for not catching that we omitted your name in the last issue of the TGMS Rock Talk.

You, like all the others, are an important part of how our Show comes together.

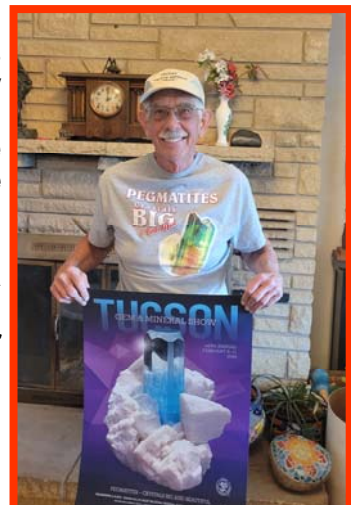
2024 TGMS QUIZ CASE WINNER!

Hopefully, during the course of the TGMS Show, you had the opportunity while looking at all of the marvelous display cases, that you noticed this year's QUIZ CASE. And hopefully you gave it a try ... if you didn't, you missed out on some fun!

We had a lot of entries and we are happy to say that Pete Modreski won with a perfect score ... he didn't miss any of the questions!

So he is the winner of a TGMS hat, TGMS T-shirt, TGMS 2024 Show poster and a check for \$50.00.

Congratulations Pete!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Tucson Children's Museum

Hello!

We wanted to thank you for participating in our Earth Day Festival this year! We had an amazing turn out and the guests LOVED every single exhibit. Attached is our Earth Day Festival Recap flier for you to share on your platforms, if you would like. We had **1,212 guests** attend/visit this event, which is awesome! We have received nothing but GREAT reviews about the event from the exhibits, to the food, the performances, and the friendly faces that greeted every guest.

We hope next year will be just as big and we are looking forward to everyone participating again next year. Please look out for my email with the upcoming details for this event again!

Many thanks,
Jordan Valencia



Here's to a great group of volunteers who helped with the month of April's community outreach events.

Doug Reif, Tim McClain, Mike Hollonbeck, Marie Lincoln, Ortrud Schuh, Kathy Heitzmann and Pat McClain.

THANK YOU!



Family Science Night - St. Mark's Early Childhood Center

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The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show @:

The second full weekend in February, starting with Thursday.

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