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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

EXPLORE DISCOVER SHARE



Hello all,

As the fiscal year comes close to the end, I would like to pause for a moment and reflect on things. First thing I feel is the most important are the relationships and friends that we make being a part of this club, and Covid has really been a big interruption to that. 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. Second are the duties that go with being President. Who knew what and how involved with the community TGMS is a part of and I

can't wait to get our Community Outreach Program going again. To the general membership, again, I want to say serving you has been a great honor. So many of you have encouraged me and been supportive as I figured out what it is a President does. I thank all of you who voted me in as President, and feel I have served our club to the best of my abilities. It is simply amazing what a non-profit organization can do with a staff of two and some volunteers. I had the honor and pleasure to be a part of this, and 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.

Hopefully you all will have a chance to make it to a Potluck/Rock Swap over the summer months coming, these are outstanding with great fellowship. 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 of our members who travel and return to summer homes, I hope and pray for safe travels and your return once the "HOT MISERABLE" summer ends. Those of us who will stay and enjoy Tucson's summer, keep watching for summertime events, field trips, potlucks, 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 so we can post it on the TGMS website.

Again, even though this fiscal year is almost over, we are still working and focusing on next year's 2023 Show, so please think about an area that you can volunteer and be a part of the biggest and best 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
TGMS President

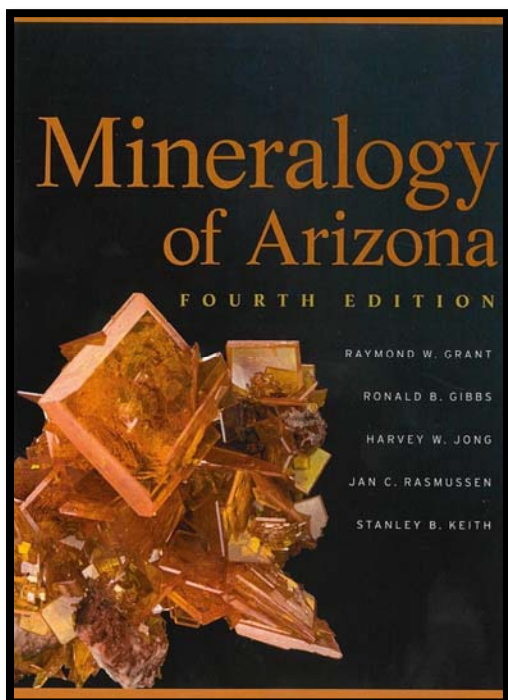


TGMS Summer of 2022

Summer is almost here and the TGMS Board has stated that if there is anyone in the membership that would like to HOST a summer potluck (June, July, August) ... pick the date and let the TGMS Office (520-322-5773 or tgms@tgms.org) know when and what you would like to do ... and the TGMS Office will get the word out to the membership ... provide paper products ... drinks ... and you will be given \$100.00 to apply towards food. The Office will also assist by sending out a form for folks to fill out to RSVP for the potluck. And before you ask ... mask or no mask ... house rules apply. Whoever is hosting dictates the rule.

We are going to plan a rock swap potluck here at the TGMS facility later in the summer ... in celebration of getting back to a somewhat normal schedule for the following year.

Stay tuned for further details on potlucks ... community outreach programs ... educational programs ... Family Fun Day ... Mineral, Fossil, Arts & Craft Sale.



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TGMS Board Meeting - September 30, 2021

Board Members Present: Diane Braswell, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Les Presmyk, Marilyn Reynolds, Linda Ross and Janette Simister

Absent: Ellen Alexander, Mark Candee and Alrene Hibben

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Not present

Audience: None present.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by Mike Hollonbeck at 5:05 p.m. via Zoom. A Zoom conference was held due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Minutes Approval:

MOTION to approve the May 27, 2021 Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve the September 1, 2021, Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

Old Business:

Update on membership interest in volunteering for Family Fun Day: An online survey was sent to the membership to determine interest levels in volunteering for Family Fun Day. The results indicated that the membership is not ready to hold a Family Fun Day.

Building lighting: New lights have been ordered for the TGMS facility.

New Business:

Discuss the options of holding the October 4, 2021, and November 1, 2021, General Meetings via Zoom or in person: **MOTION:** To hold the October meeting via Zoom. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** To hold an in-person/Zoom meeting in November, with a maximum of 50 in-person attendees, masks required, and only if the number of new COVID cases is ten percent lower by October 21 than the current number of 348 cases as reported by Pima County Health Department. Seconded and approved. The November meeting, if held in person, will be conducted following the current protocols established by Pima County for Covid procedures.

Community Outreach: A teacher emailed TGMS requesting donations for fossils to use with her class. Several members donated enough boxes of fossils that the teacher was able to share fossils with another teacher. TGMS also donated additional teaching materials.

Next Board Meeting: The Board agreed to meet again by Zoom on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The 2022 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®: Planning for the 2022 Show is moving forward. Members have been emailed information on volunteering for the Show.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ross,
Recording Secretary

TCMS Board Meeting – November 23 , 2021

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Marilyn Reynolds, Linda Ross and Janette Simister

Absent: Mark Candee, Alrene Hibben and Les Presmyk

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Not present

Audience: None present.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by Mike Hollonbeck at 5:03 p.m. via Zoom. A Zoom conference was held due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

New Business:

Christmas Party 2021: The Board reviewed the survey results and discussed the possibility of holding the 2021 Christmas Party. **MOTION:** To cancel the Christmas Party. Seconded and approved.

December Sale 2021: The Board reviewed the survey results and discussed the possibility of holding the 2021 December Sale. **MOTION:** To cancel the December Sale. Seconded and approved.

Contracts for the 2022 Show: Dealer contracts have been set up so that the dealers can pay for their booth fee and insurance online.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ross

Recording Secretary

TCMS Board Meeting – January 11 , 2022

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Mark Candee, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Les Presmyk, Marilyn Reynolds, Linda Ross and Janette Simister

Absent: Alrene Hibben

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Not present

Audience: None present.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by Mike Hollonbeck at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. A Zoom conference was held due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

New Business:

Show Committee recommendation to request members who volunteer prove they are vaccinated.

MOTION: The Board will establish a policy requesting that members who volunteer will prove they are vaccinated. Seconded and failed.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ross

Recording Secretary

TGMS Board Meeting – March 29 , 2022

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Mark Candee, Victoria Fila, Mike Hollonbeck, Les Presmyk, Marilyn Reynolds, Linda Ross and Janette Simister

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben

Guests: John Callahan, David Korzendorfer

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 5:05 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes Approvals: **MOTION:** to approve the September 30, 2021 Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** to approve the November 23, 2021 Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved. **MOTION:** to approve the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

President's Remarks: The President indicated that the TGMS Show was a success for both the dealers and the public. A decrease in repeat dealers was noted, leaving an opportunity for new dealers. The President is interested in starting community outreach projects again.

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

Old Business:

Discuss using the TGMS building for events: The Board decided to continue to offer in-person and Zoom meetings in April and May with the current protocols. The Board discussed budgeting issues for Zoom; speaker and refreshment expenses for General Meetings; potlucks in the summer; and a celebration in the fall with an activity and food to welcome members back to the TGMS building.

Discuss Community Outreach Activities: The Board made a decision to start participating in Community Outreach programs.

Summary of 2022 TGMS Show: There were fewer large dealers, and fewer museum exhibits. Overall, the Show was a successful event considering the impact COVID had on the last year. The floor plan with all dealers being on one floor in the Exhibition Hall was well received and consideration is being given to do the same for the 2023 Show.

New Business:

Endowment from the Roe family: Bill and Nick Roe (sons of the late Dr. Arthur Roe) have offered to make a generous endowment to the TGMS Micromount Symposium. The financial aspects of the endowment have not yet been determined.

Board Nominations and Budget Approval: The Nominating Committee has verified that all current Board Members have accepted nominations to continue in their position, except for the Vice President. It was suggested that nominees from the floor whose names may be placed on the ballot, provide a paragraph of introduction to the membership before the election. The Membership will vote on the budget and elect Board members using the same procedures from the 2021 election.

Time Off for Staff: **MOTION:** Approve a paid week of time off for the office staff. Seconded and approved.

Next Board Meeting: The Board agreed to meet again by Zoom on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ross

Recording Secretary

TGMS General Meeting - March 7, 2022

The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Mike Hollonbeck at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held both in person with limited attendees and via Zoom due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic. The President welcomed a new visitor to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TGMS has books for sale "The 100 – A Practical Guide to Mineral Collecting in Today's World" by Bill Shelton for \$15.00 each. Proceeds go to the TGMS library fund.

TGMS has new 4 ply face masks for sale at \$6.00 a mask. They can be purchased at the TGMS office.

PROGRAM: Mark Candee introduced Les Presmyk, who presented "The Pioneer District – Silver King and the Magma (Silver Queen) Mines, Pinal County, Arizona". Les shared his deep knowledge on the history of minerals and mines in the Pioneer District of Arizona. He began with the interesting history of these mines from their discovery in the very early days of 1872 to the current and future mining operations in the District. He shared photos of documents, the early mining towns, the mines, and the miners. He then shared photos of the beautiful crystals from these mines. He answered a variety of questions from the audience.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the Following General Meeting Minutes Published in the Combined January/February/March/April 2022 Issue of Rock Talk: **MOTION:** To approve the November 1, 2021, December 6, 2021, January 3, 2022, and January 31, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. Seconded and approved.

Educational Class: Bill Shelton will lead an in-person class at 6:00 p.m. on March 9 "Gemstones Part 2". To sign up, members will be sent an email with a link. Additional information can be obtained via our website www.tgms.org.

Field Trip: A field trip to the Prism Spectrum and Blue Rock Mines has been scheduled for March 12. Members may sign-up online. Check emails for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ross,
Recording Secretary

THE TGMS NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR 2022 - 2023 TGMS OFFICERS & DIRECTORS.

VOTING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO STAGES BY EMAIL. FOR THOSE WITHOUT EMAIL, THEY WILL BE SENT HARD COPIES. ALL STAGES OF THE VOTING PROCESS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MAY 3, 2022.

List of candidates for TGMS Officers:

President:	Mike Hollonbeck
Vice President:	Mark Ascher
Treasurer:	Ellen Alexander
Recording Secty.:	Linda Ross
Membership Secty.:	Marilyn Reynolds

List of candidates for TGMS Directors:

Diane Braswell
Victoria Fila
Janette Simister



TGMS General Meeting – April 4, 2022

The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order and all attendees were welcomed by President Michael Hollenbeck at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom due to concerns about COVID-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TGMS has copies of Bill Shelton's book "The 100 – A Practical Guide to Mineral Collecting in Today's World" selling for \$15 which goes to the library fund.

There are also new 4 ply masks for sale for \$6 each.

PROGRAM: Mark Candee introduced Graham Sutton, the speaker for the evening, whose topic was "35 Years of Field Collecting in the Southwest." He gave a very entertaining talk about his experiences working and collecting in many of the mines in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. He has collected, worked, purchased minerals from over 38 mines including those around the world. He admitted taking a beating on some of his projects and humorously reminded the audience at the end of his talk that "There will be a beating!"

OLD BUSINESS:

Micromount Meeting: April 11, 6:00 p.m., Subject: "Fluorite". This will be the first meeting since the pandemic. It was announced that some members of the Roe Family are considering giving an endowment to TGMS.

Field Trip: April 23rd to Washington Camp limited to eight people. Collecting fee \$35. Announcement has been sent to all members.

No sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meetings. Everyone must sign up online.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board approved having potlucks during June, July and August. If you would like to volunteer to host a potluck in your home, contact the TGMS office. There is a budget for potlucks and the office will provide paper products and soft drinks.

Nominating Committee Report: Les Presmyk was not present to give a report. The slate is completed for 2022-2023 officers and it will be presented to TGMS members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Reynolds
Recording Secretary pro tem



Aubrey Miller was the big winner of the 2022 TGMS Grand Prize!

You can see by the smile on her face that she was more than delighted that she, her boyfriend and the family attended the Show. She said that it was their first time to see the Show and they all thought that it was just amazing! And to have won the BIG prize was more than icing on the cake. When asked if they would return in 2023 ... the question was met with a very resounding "YES!"

So Aubrey ... we hope to see you and your family back in 2023 ... one never knows ... you might get lucky and win the Grand Prize again!

2022 TGMS Show Competitive Winners By Les Presmyk

After a year off, I am happy to say that many of our competitive exhibitors were ready to return to exhibit at the 2022 Show. The number of competitive exhibits was the same as in the past few years and they managed to fill out most of the pod. In addition, new collectors I met over the past two years competed for the first time in 2022. We also had three educational exhibits, and one entered by our youngest exhibitor of nine years old. Here is the list of our trophy winners.

TGMS Competition

Junior – Hannah Brodhagen (Arizona)
 Junior-Master – Max Kaminski (Arizona)
 Novice – David Tibbitts (Arizona)
 Advanced – David Tibbitts (Arizona)
 Master/Best in Show – Brent Lockhart (Colorado)

Best of Theme

Thumbnail – Alex Schauss (Arizona)
 Toe-nail – Peter Megaw (Arizona)
 Miniature – Lauren Megaw (Washington)
 Small Cabinet – Peter Megaw (Arizona)
 Cabinet – Barry Kitt (Texas)
 Lapidary/Jewelry – Peter Megaw (Arizona)
 Self-Collected – Les Presmyk (Arizona)
 UV-Long Wave – Evelyn Bauer
 UV-Short Wave – Al Liebetrau (Oregon)

Special Trophies

Desautels – Phil Gregory (Colorado)
 Lidstrom – Brent Lockhart (Colorado)
 Bideaux – Steve Maslansky (Arizona)
 Romero – Brent Lockhart (Colorado)
 Gibson (Museum) – Maine Mineral & Gem Museum (Maine)
 Schupp (TGMS member) – Les and Paula Presmyk (Arizona)

Fluorescent Displays

Honorable Mention – Outstanding SW Minerals – Dick Bostwick and Tema Hecht
 Honorable Mention – Outstanding LW Minerals – Glenn Waychunas
 Honorable Mention – Best Educational Display – Don Newsome
 Best Overall Display – LW Minerals – Jim Herbold (California)

Hannah Brodhagen was a first time Junior exhibitor and, not only did she win the Best Junior trophy, she was the highest scoring Junior exhibitor. Because of this she received \$500 in addition to the trophy, which she is going to spend on an extra special specimen or two to add to her collection. The cash awards to our Junior exhibitors was started and funded by Dr. Rob Lavinsky, owner of the Arkenstone, almost 15 years ago to encourage Junior age exhibitors to compete. This year his generosity was aided by contributions from Dick Morris and Carole Lee and Les and Paula Presmyk. Max Kaminski received \$300 for the second highest scoring Junior age exhibitor and he took home the Junior-Master trophy as well. All other Junior age exhibitors received \$100 for exhibiting. Colton Kalina, the youngest exhibitor, entered two cases, one of minerals from India and an educational exhibit concerning how to purchase minerals from the internet. The final Junior exhibitor was Wyatt Busby, who did a very nice educational exhibit on thumbnail collecting.



David Tibbitts entered three exhibits, a former Junior exhibitor (the relentless march of time will ultimately move all of our Junior exhibitors into adulthood). He won the best Novice exhibit for his case of personally collected specimens. In the Advanced division he won the Best Trophy for his thumbnail collection. His third case was of specimens from Peru.



Now on to our special trophies. Phil Gregory and Brent Lockhart,

2022 TGMS Show Competitive Winners By Les Dresmyk CONTINUED!

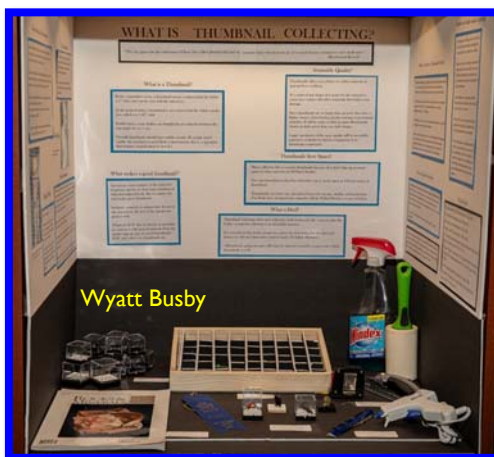


both from Colorado by the way, went head to head for the Desautels and Lidstrom trophies, along with the Masters (Best of Show) Trophy. Brent walked away with Best of Show and the Lidstrom Trophies, along with the Romero Trophy. Phil took home the Desautels Trophy.

To honor the fluorescent exhibits this year, several were selected for recognition, along with a Best of Theme competition for best short-wave and best long-wave specimen. In addition to awarding the best case trophy to Jim Herbold, three cases were given honorable mentions for outstanding short wave, outstanding long wave and best educational exhibits, as noted in the above list.

The Lidstrom Trophy is presented to the best single specimen entered in a competitive exhibit. This specimen is selected by the exhibitor. No scores are given, the three quality judges examine each entry and pick what they consider to be the best specimen using quality and aesthetics. Rarity can play a part in the selection but more often as a tie-breaker.

The Desautels Trophy is awarded to the best case of minerals, again entered in competition for this trophy. This was a tougher decision for the judges as both of these collectors displayed cases of mainly small cabinet size specimens of very good quality. Over the years some people have asked how the case that wins the Masters Best of Show Trophy not win the Desautels. This was just such a year. When cases are scored, separate teams judge quality, showmanship, labelling and rarity. None of these scores are added up when the Desautels judging is taking place. For the Desautels the judging is based entirely on what the three quality judges consider to be the best overall exhibit, again based mainly on quality and aesthetics.



Over the years, I have heard comments about how you have to be ultra-rich in order to win these trophies and why should a collector of more modest means even try to compete. While there have certainly been years when these trophies were won by collectors of significant wealth, most of these trophies have been taken home by collectors of more modest means. In fact, only about one-third of the Desautels Trophies and five of the Lidstrom Trophies have been won by those who have significant mineral budgets over the past 30 years. This year was just an example of this. Brent and Phil have spent years building their

collections. Just like the lottery, you cannot win if you don't compete.

As you may have noticed, three exhibitors accounted for seven of the total competitive exhibits. For 2023, I hope more TGMS members will step up and enter competitive exhibits. If it will help encourage members, let me know if you would like a Zoom class on how to set up an exhibit. This could also help with anyone wanting to put in a guest exhibit as well.



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