



# QRGMC FEBRUARY 2025

*FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...*

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Pow wow 2025 is behind us. I want to thank the many volunteers that contributed dozens and dozens of hours to the club. A special thank you to those that volunteered not only to the QRGMC but also did double duty and helped the QIA. Looking forward into February, we can't slow down. We need to keep up the drive for new members, training members to be Instructors, Foreman and Supervisors.

Sadly, we're not here forever, we lose folks every year. Please as a seasoned member take someone under your wing, help them to excel and hopefully someday become a leader in a shop or even on the board. We live on the volunteerism; you are the life blood of the club. As evidenced this year by some supervisors not being able to come back, we had a shop that was not able to open this year. Every shop, every position should have someone ready to step in, emergencies happen, the unexpected comes up and we need to be prepared.

Again, many thanks to all, stay strong, stay healthy, enjoy life.

-Dale Evenson

**New Board (starts in March):**

Pres-	Dale Evenson	VP-	Rachel Clary
Sec.-	Donna Batzer	Trustee -	Bill Palone

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# February 2025

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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2  Ground Hog Day	3	4  Rock Trip 9am	5	6  Orientation 7:30am  Club Meeting 2pm  Gold Show Setup	7  ATV Trip 9am  Meet at QIA  Gold Show	8  Gold Show
9  Gold Show	10  Board & Procedures Meeting 4:30	11  Rock Trip 9am	12  <b>BUDGETS DUE by 4pm</b>	13  Orientation 7:30am  Club Meeting 2pm	14  Valentine's Day	15  Pancake breakfast, Silent Auction & Tailgate 8:30-9:30am
16	17  BBQ Ribs Dinner @ 4:30	18  Rock Trip 9am	19  Budget Meeting @4:30 (tentatively)	20  Orientation 7:30am  Club Meeting 2pm	21  ATV Trip 9am  Meet at QIA	22
23	24	25  Rock Trip 9am	26	27  Orientation 7:30am  Club Meeting 2pm	28	



# Rock Trip Schedule

## February 2025

DATE	MATERIAL/LOCATION	DEPARTURE	DISTANCE/Rd Trip	Site Difficulty
Feb. 4	Jasper & Agate (Agate Hill) Lake Havasu	N	170	2-2-3
Feb. 11	Chalcedony/Desert Rose/ Scotty Dog	S	50	3-3-1
Feb. 18	Purple Jasper Agate	N	98	3-3-4
Feb. 25	Petrified Wood –Parker	N	50	7-3-2

Difficulty Code	Rock Trip - Site Difficulty Scale				
	Road Leading to Site		Terrain of Site		Extraction of Material
<b>Easy</b>			<b>Ok for Passenger Cars</b>		
1	Paved Roads	1	Flat, open, smooth ground	1	Light, loose float
2	Maintained gravel	2	Flat scattered vegetation small rocks	2	Small, medium size, half buried float
3	Unmaintained gravel good condition	3	Gentle slopes, light vegetation, fairly rock	3	Small, medium size size pieces visible in tailings or rubble
<b>Moderate</b>			<b>High-Clearance Vehicle Required</b>		
4	Unmaintained gravel, fair condition	4	Moderate slopes, vegetation, large rocks,	4	Light hand tools helpful to remove pieces from ground
5	Bumpy, rocky, sandy shallow ruts	5	Tailing piles, open trenches and shafts obstacles	5	Hand tools are required to remove material
6	Large rocks, deep ruts and erosions, steep hills	6	Rough steep slippery slopes	6	Moderate digging, prying, hammering required
<b>Hard</b>			<b>Four Wheel Drive Only</b>		
7	Steep, heavily eroded sharp rocks, exposed ledges	7	Very steep heavily vegetated, rocky cliffs, very hard to climb	7	Extensive digging prying, chiseling required
8	Dangerous, steep mountainous, no turnarounds, narrow	8	Unstable, deep excavations, decayed structures	8	Exceptionally hard rocks, heavy hammering
9	Most treacherous, four-wheel, low gear Required	9	Physically exhausting requires rigorous climbing	9	Material is exceptionally difficult to obtain

Departure Meeting Location
<b>East:</b> From the stop light on Hwy 95 South & E. Kuehn St. (south side of hwy 95 overpass) go east on E. Kuehn St. for .9 miles to the intersection of E. Kuehn St. & Riggles Ave. (Riggles Ave. is I-10 Exit 19 crossover south end) Line up on the north east corner on E. Kuehn St.
<b>North:</b> Hwy 95 North (Central Blvd.) go 1.5 mi. to Tyson Road, then East 1/4 mi. Park on the north side of the road facing west.
<b>South:</b> Hwy 95 South and Kuehn St., (south side of hwy 95 overpass) go south 1 mile to Mile Post 103. Park on the right (west) side of the road.
<b>West:</b> From the stop light at Hwy. 95 & Kuehn St. (south side of I-10), go 2.1 miles to just east of the Super 8 Motel and park on the north side of the road. From the Love's Station it is .6 miles. (Exit 17 on I-10)

## 2024-2025 Class Schedule, as instructors arrive

Class	Location	Days/Times	Instructor	Phone
Bead Tree (Beginning)	Annex	Fri 9-12	Stacy Hall	843-870-1249
Bead Tree (Open)	Annex	Fri 9-12	Stacy Hall	843-870-1249
Glass Bead Making (Advanced)	Annex	Wed 1-4	Di Bolton Twilya Miller	775-781-4660 360-485-8159
Stained Glass (Beginners)	Annex	Mon 9-12 & 1-4	Lynn Johnson	907-232-5632
Stained Glass (Advanced)	Annex	Tue 9-12 & 1-4	Lynn Johnson	907-232-5632
Wire Wrap (Advanced)	Annex	Wed 9am –12	Cheryl VanMeter	208-431-9724
Basket Making	Craft Barn	Mon 9-12 & 1-4	Joann Kinnison	307-631-2038
Beading (Beginner)	Craft Barn	Fri 9-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
Bead Tree (Advanced)	Craft Bran	Wed 1-4 & 5-8	Christine Rzepka	604-309-8697
Loom Beading	Craft Barn	Tue 9-12 & 1-4	Beverly Carman	208-863-9844
Wire Wrap (Beginners)	Craft Barn	Wed 9-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
Faceting Beginner (Orientation Required)	Faceting Shop	Mon 9am-12, 1-4pm, Tue 9am-12	Dolores Durant	519-551-6637
Faceting (Intermediate)	Faceting Shop	Tue 1-4pm, Wed 9am-12, 1-4pm	Don Barnhart	435-740-0209
Leather Stamping	Knife Making Room	Mon 1-4pm	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Leather Sheath Making	Knife Making Room	Wed 1-4pm	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Steel Knife Making (Beginner)	Knife Making Room	Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30am-12	Tim Brandenburger	612-913-1740
Steel Knife Making (Advanced/Open)	Knife Making Room	Tue 1-4pm Wed 8:30am-12	Tim Brandenburger	612-913-1740
Lapidary (Orientation Required)	Lapidary Shop	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-12, 1-4pm Wed 5-8pm	Rachel Clary Jon Kolb	501-762-1751 530-318-8085
Metal Shop (Orientation Required)	Metal Shop	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-12, 1-4pm, Wed 5-8pm	Donna Batzer Lorraine Hague	719 -480-1917 208-867-4391
Glass Fusing (Beginner & Intermediate)	Opal Room	Mon, Tue 1-4pm	Laurie Curran	906-370-8448
Glass Fusing (Open, NO INSTRUCTOR)	Opal Room	Fri 9am-12		
Glass Fusing (Specialty)	Opal Room	Wed 1-4pm		
Opal Cutting (Open)	Opal Room	Fri 1-4pm	John Batzer	719-480-1919
Opal Cutting (Beginning)	Opal Room	Mon, 9am-12	John Batzer	719-480-1919
Opal Cutting (Open)	Opal Room	Tue, 9am-12	No Instructor/Forman Only	843-408-6128
Opal Cutting (Natural)	Opal Room	Wed, 9am-12	Tim Hall	
Flint Knapping (Lapidary Orientation Required)	Under Cool Cover	Tue 12-3	Virgil Kinnison	307-631-8422
Stone Carving	Under Cool Cover	Mon 1-4pm	Linda Bergeson	503-680-7802
Lost Wax Casting (Metals Orientation +Both Beginner Classes REQUIRED)	Off Site (Signup & Direction in Metals)	Tues & Wed 8 am	Tim Solomon	303-709-0749



## Happenings though out the Season!!!!!!

**SAW SHOP** - Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9-11:30 and 1-3:30. Closed On Thursday for Orientation. \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$5.00 per rock set up fee. 25¢ per square inch for slabs cut.

**Rock Trips** – Every Tuesday. See monthly schedule for rock species to be collected and the meeting place. Arrive by 8:30. Caravan LEAVES promptly at 9am. No sign-up, just show up. Bring your tools, rock hammers, buckets, screw drivers AND plenty of water, snack/lunch. Bring a chair and enjoy your lunch while meeting other club member rock-a-holics. Wagonmaster – Alva Richardson 503-313-0205.

**ATV Rides** – Rides are every other Friday. Meet at the QIA. Departs promptly at 9:00am. Bring water and a snack/lunch. Check calendar for next ride. Wagonmaster - Joe Arbuckle 605-517-1856

**Pancake Breakfast** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (except in January when POW WOW may fall on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; then breakfast will be held 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday). Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee. Bring your own place setting.

**November Thanksgiving Dinner** – (held on Thursday before Thanksgiving) 2pm at the QIA

**December Christmas Dinner** – (held on Thursday before Christmas) 2pm at the QIA

**Parades-** Christmas Light Parade (December) & Hi Jolly Parade (January) - Held in December during the evening, around 7 pm., and January during the morning around 10 am. The rock club puts a float in the parade. Look for the committee to sign up and help with a Theme, building and Participating.

**January or February Hobo Stew** - This is how hobo stew works. YOU bring a canned good to put in the pot (**NO MSG, NUTS, OR FISH**). The Club provides the meat for the stew. YOU bring a side dish—Grandma's favorite desert, salad, chips, crackers, bread; your place setting and drink. MMM good. Held at the Club under the Cool Cover. Bring chairs and a container for leftovers.

**BBQ Dinners** – The Club provides the meat and BBQ Beans and/or Coleslaw. YOU bring a side dish—Grandma's favorite desert, salad, chips, crackers, bread, (**NO MSG, NUTS, OR FISH**). Held at the Club under the Cool Cover. Bring chair(s) and your place setting, drink and your Ticket. Can be held in November, December, January, February, and/or March, just depending on the scheduling of the club and Pit Master. It is \$5 for a Ticket.

**POW WOW** - The Club is closed during Pow Wow, Pow Wow is our BIGGEST fund-raiser. We ask members to donate prizes (value \$25 or more). Prizes are given away every 15 minutes for all 5 days at our booth. Prizes can be handmade items or purchased. Sign up to VOLUNTEER at our booth, no experience necessary. See sign-up sheets in Office and at Meetings. Support your Club. Buy raffle tickets (6 for \$5), donate a prize or 2, or 3, and VOLUNTEER!!!!

**Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction** – The club raises money to be able to help the Graduating Kids of Quartzsite go to College or a Tech School, with a \$500 or more scholarship. We ask members to donate prizes (value \$25 or more) for the Silent Auction. The Auction is going on during the Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner is open to the Public. The event is held at the QIA Building, & Purchase the tickets at the Door.

**March – Celia's Garden Cleanup and Cookout** - The Club has a section of Celia's Garden that we clean up each season. YOU bring gloves & grab-its, shovel, hoe, hula hoe, and whatever you have that will help with clean up. The Club provides the vests and bags. The Club provides hamburgers, hot dogs and fixins. YOU bring a side dish/desert.

**November & March Highway Cleanup** – The Club cleans up 2miles of Highway 95, mile marker 98-100, twice during the season. YOU bring gloves and grab-its. The Club provides vests and bags. When you are done you get DONUTS and coffee/hot cocoa.

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for ALL that you have done for the club and it's events that we have been involved in over the last few months. With out your help we could not make it. Keep up the great work your all doing.

