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*Quartzsite Roadrunners
Gem & Mineral Club
Newsletter*

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Hello Members,

Another season is nearly behind us — it's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone. Along the way, we've formed new friendships, strengthened old ones, and shared many wonderful moments together.

The Scholarship Dinner was a tremendous success, made possible by the time, generosity, and teamwork so many of you gave. Thank you for helping create such a special and memorable evening.

A special thank you goes to those who worked so hard to install the new parking lot fence, hang the sign atop the main building and paint all of the doors and framework. Your efforts have made a lasting improvement to our club grounds. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who volunteered throughout the year. Your dedication and pride in our club do not go unnoticed. We truly value the time, effort, and heart you give so generously — you are what makes this club so exceptional.

To all of our talented creators — it's never too early to begin working on your beautiful pieces. We will soon begin collecting donated items for the 2026–2027 Pow Wow and Scholarship Program. Your handcrafted contributions make a meaningful difference in supporting our mission.

As we head into the summer months and everyone sets off in different directions, I wish you safe travels, a restful break, and time well spent with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming you all back in November.

Enjoy the summer — and see you soon!

Warm regards,
Rachel Clary, President

The Board for the 2026—2027 season is as follows:

President: Rachel Clary

Vice President: Donna Batze

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Scholarship Review Process	Dolores Durant	519-551-6637
Web Master	Bob Wood	928-542-7122

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 9:00 am Faceting, Lapidary, Metals Orientation 2:00pm Club Meeting- Home Made Cookies, New Board Swarn In	6 Highway Clean Up @ 9 am Mile Marker 99 	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	9 4:30pm Board Meeting	10 9:00am Rock Trip 9 am Ceila Garden Clean Up LAST DAY TO ORDER!	11	12 9:00 am Faceting Orientation 2:00pm Club Meeting	13 9 am ATV/SxS Trip from QIA Lot Burro Creek Trip	14 Burro Creek Trip
15 Burro Creek Trip	16	17 9:00am Rock Trip 4 pm HOBO Stew <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> 	18 LAST Rock TURN In	19 9:00 am Faceting Orientation 2:00pm Club Meeting	20 First Day Of SPRING! 	21 8:30-9:30 am Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction, & Tailgate 
22	23	24 9:00am Rock Trip PICKUP ROCKS!	25 LAST DAY for CLASSES!	26 2:00pm LAST Club Meeting	27	28
29	30	31	See You	IN		

QIA Events
March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 12:00pm-Ladies Luncheon 2:00pm-Corn Hole Tournament	4 7:00pm-Metal Detector Club Meeting	5	6 4pm: Bingo Doors Open 5:30pm-Early Bird Bingo 6:00pm-Bingo Regular Session	7 8am Craft Fair & Yard Sale
8	9 9:30am Board Meeting	10 12:00pm-Membership Meeting 2:00pm-Corn Hole Tournament	11 4pm Brauts & Brews (DR)	12	13 4pm: Bingo Doors Open 5:30pm-Early Bird Bingo 6:00pm-Bingo Regular Session	14
15	16	17 2:00pm-Corn Hole Tournament 5 pm Pancake Dinner	18	19	20 4pm: Bingo Doors Open 5:30pm-Early Bird Bingo 6:00pm-Bingo Regular Session	21
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2025-2026 Class Schedule

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Days/Times</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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
Cold Forge	Under Cool Cover	Mon 1-4 & Fri 1-4 (NO March Classes)	Bill Davidson	910-734-3794
Faceting - Beginner (Orientation Required)	Faceting Shop	Mon 9-12, 1-4 Tue 9-12	Dewayne Glover	801-989-4058
Faceting -Intermediate	Faceting Shop	Tue 1-4, Wed 9-12, 1-4	Dewayne Glover	801-989-4058
Flint Knapping - (Lapidary Orientation Required)	Under Cool Cover	Tue 12-3	Virgil Kinnison	307-631-8422
Gem Tree - Beginning	Craft Barn	Fri 1-4	Stacy Hall	843-870-1249
Gem Tree -Advanced	Annex	Wed 9-12	Sue Fischer	509-631-0418
Glass Beads Making	Annex	Fri 9-12 & 1-4	Twyla Miller Jon Bowman	360-485-8159 970-599-9292
Glass Fusing - Beginner & Intermediate	Opal Room	Mon, Tue 1-4	Laurie Curran	906-370-8448
Glass Fusing -Specialty	Opal Room	Wed 1-4	Laurie Curran	906-370-8448
Glass Fusing - Open, NO INSTRUCTOR	Opal Room	Fri 9-12	Laurie Curran	906-370-8448
Lapidary - (Orientation Required)	Lapidary Shop	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9-12, 1-4 Wed 5-8	Jon Kolb Rachel Clary	530-318-8085 501-762-1751
Leather Tooling	Knife Making Room	Mon 1-4	Nancy Falconer	360-391-4797
Leather Sheath Making	Knife Making Room	Wed 1-4	Nancy Falconer	360-391-4797
Leather Stamping	Knife Making Room	Friday 1-4	Brian Moorcroft	971-219-4342
Loom Beading	Craft Barn	Tue 9-12 & 1-4	Beverly Carman	208-863-9844
Lost Wax Casting (Metals Orientation +Both Beginner Classes REQUIRED)	Off Site (Signup & Direction in Metals)	Tues & Wed 8	Tim Solomon	303-709-0749
Metal Shop (Orientation Required)	Metal Shop	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9-12, 1-4,	Donna Batzer Lorraine Hague	719-480-1917 208-867-4391
Opal Cutting -Beginning	Opal Room	Mon, 9-12	John Batzer	719-480-1919
Opal Cutting -Open	Opal Room	Tue, 9-12	No Instructor/Forman	843-408-6128
Opal Cutting -Open	Opal Room	Fri, 1-4	John Batzer	719-480-1919
Opal Cutting -Natural	Opal Room	Wed, 9-12	Tim Hall	843-408-6128
Stained Glass -Beginners	Annex	Mon 9-12 & 12:30-3:30	Lynn Johnson	907-232-5632
Stained Glass -Advanced	Annex	Tue 9-12 & 1-4	Lynn Johnson	907-232-5632
Steel Knife Making -Beginner	Knife Making Room	Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30-12	Tim Brandenburger	612-913-1740
Steel Knife Making -Advanced/ Open	Knife Making Room	Tue 1-4 Wed 8:30-12	Tim Brandenburger	612-913-1740
Stone Carving	Under Cool Cover	Mon 1-4	Linda Bergeson	503-680-7802
Wire Wrap -Beginners	Craft Barn	Wed 9-12	Connie Brandenburger	701-403-0705
Wire Wrap -Advanced	Craft Barn	Wed 1-4	Cheryl VanMeter	208-431-9724



Rock Trip Schedule March 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Material Location</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>Distance/Rnd Trip</u>	<u>Site Difficulty</u>
Mar 3rd	Gold Nugget Marble	E	18	6
Mar 10th	Alunite	W	10	3
Mar 17th	Purple Jasper Agate	N	100	5
Mar 24th	Jasper Hematite	N	50	6

Rock Trip – Site Difficulty Scale					
Difficulty Code	Road Leading to Site	Difficulty Code	Terrain of Site	Difficulty Code	Extraction of Material
Easy	OK FOR PASSENGER CARS				
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 pieces visible in tailings or rubble
Moderate	HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLE REQUIRED				
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
Hard	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ONLY				
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
East: 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 Northeast corner on E. Kuehn St.
North: Hwy 95 North (Central Blvd.) go 1.5 miles to Tyson Road, then East ¼ mile. Park on the North side of the road facing West.
South: 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.
West: 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)

Thank You Volunteers!



MEMBER RECOGNITION

Lynn Johnson-

In case you don't know who Lynn is, she is our Stain Glass Instructor!

She is a hoot! She is so full of energy. Her knowledge of Stain Glass procedures are awesome. Her class gets kind of loud some days, but that is because of all the fun EVERYONE is having. If you get a chance, stop by in and see some of her projects or sign up for the fun!



Rachel Clary-

She is there for you, me, and the Club. She didn't ask for the job of President, but she stepped up and is doing one hell of a GREAT job! She has definitely come out of her shell (every morning when she walks out of her camper, lol). Just a little secret about Rachel, she is scared of the microphone. But she does an excellent job at the meetings, don't you think. When you see Rachel, give her a HIGH FIVE!



Bill Davidson aka Wild Bill-

You may have been hearing him out at class hammering away. He stepped up to be the Instructor for Cold Forge Copper Class and is doing amazing things there under the Cool Cover! He has fun and a interesting way of teaching! Stop out and see what the noise is or join all the fun!



***** If you have someone to Recognize please get the name to Melinda *****

For Sale!!

Electric Bike-

See Rachel Clary for more information.

Electric Bike -

See Cindy Bavas for more information

5th Wheel Camper-

Please See Connie Brandenburger

Club Office-

Chips (50¢) & Candy (\$1.25)





WE L  VE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

What Volunteering Means to Our Club

Volunteering is the act of giving your time, skills, and energy to support something you care about! In our Club, volunteering is the heartbeat that keeps everything running. Every open door, every class, every workshop, and every event exists because members stepped up to help. Every puzzle piece helps keep the Club running!

Quite simply, **if we don't have volunteers, the Club cannot be open.** There is dedicated members giving their time so everyone can enjoy the club, learn new skills, and create together.

EVERY HOUR YOU GIVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

A BIG THANK YOU

to all that BIG trucks, Vans, Large Vehicles for parking in the 2nd and 3rd ROWS or BACKLOT!!

A Thank you to all that helped Setup and Tear Down the Pow Wow Trailer and Tents! It went very smooth!

Opportunities In The Coming Month:

Highway Clean Up –Lorraine Hague

Celia's Garden Clean Up –Jerri Solomon

Burro Creek—Alva Richardson

HOBO Stew—Marcia Betz

Pancake Breakfast –Brian Moorcroft

Club Clean Up/Summerize—Connie Brandenburger