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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:

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

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

Thank You Volunteers!





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/Kelly Knapp

Celia's Garden Clean Up –Jerri Solomon

Burro Creek—Alva Richardson

HOBO Stew—Marcia Betz/Pit Boss Kevin Vickroy

Pancake Breakfast –Brian Moorcroft

Club Clean Up/Summerize—Connie Brandenburger

See you in

NOVEMBER!!!