# Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter

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## WELCOME BACK FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON

As we begin another season together, I want to extend a warm welcome to all returning members and those joining us for the first time. One of the things that makes our club so special is the friendships, shared interests, and sense of community we enjoy each year when we gather again after the summer months apart. Before we look ahead, we also want to pause and remember the members we lost over the summer. Their contributions, friendship, and presence were an important part of our club family, and they will be greatly missed.

As many of you know, our club faced an unprecedented challenge in August when a severe flash flood struck our facility. The damage was significant, but the response was remarkable. Right after the storm, a small group of our local, year-round members sprang into action. Working in exhausting triple-digit heat, they hauled massive amounts of thick mud out of our building. Thanks to their quick, selfless efforts, they dried out the facility and saved our structure. In keeping with the quiet humility of our hobby, these volunteers have asked not to be named or publicly recognized. You know who you are. "Thank you" hardly seems enough. Your backbreaking labor in the desert heat, your immediate commitment, and your deep care saved our club, and we owe you an immense debt of gratitude. We contracted in good faith with a commercial restoration company to handle the specialized structural drying, but the company walked away, leaving key phases of the project unfinished and untreated for mold. Rest assured that your Board of Directors has handled this administrative challenge with great care. To protect the club's assets and finances, we have frozen all payments to this contractor and escalated the matter to the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, where it is now an active licensing fraud investigation (Case Number 2026-12120), and to the Better Business Bureau for corporate compliance tracking (ID#: 25350926). Although work remains inside our spaces to repair specific shop areas and fully restore our center, the response from our club family has been nothing short of overwhelming.

We have been deeply moved by the incredible wave of generosity from our members, who have stepped forward with significant monetary contributions and vital supply donations. Because of your rapid and heartfelt support, we are already well equipped with the resources needed to push forward with our rebuilding efforts. Slowly and surely, we will get everything back in top shape.

Out of respect for all members and guests, smoking is now permitted only in the designated area on the south side of the club parking lot. Thank you to Tim and Jerry Solomen, who graciously donated their time and supplies to create a welcoming space for smokers. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to keep the club comfortable and enjoyable for everyone.

This season, your Board invites every member to get involved and keep the lines of communication open. Please bring us your suggestions, ideas, and concerns so we can work together respectfully and constructively for the benefit of the club. We currently use several channels: this newsletter, Facebook, our website, bulletin boards, and in-person meetings. Look for the brief member survey asking how you would like to receive club news and updates on the back page of this newsletter. Your responses will help us focus on the ones that best keep everyone connected and engaged. We'll report what we learn, and how we plan to act on it, in an upcoming issue.

Thank you for your patience, resilience, and unwavering support of the Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club. Together, we will make this a fantastic and successful season.

Rachel Clary, President

# Supporting the Roadrunners Rebuild

## Our Flood Recovery Fund

While our recent wave of supply donations has equipped us beautifully, we still face ongoing, specialized costs to fully restore our club.. If you or would like to make a secure monetary contribution to our recovery efforts, our permanent donation platform remains fully active.

The system securely accepts PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, and all major credit or debit cards. 100% of these funds stay right here to rebuild our local facility.
Click this secure link to head straight to our donation page:

👉 https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/YS5RWJKUPSYUQ

*(Note for Apple Pay users: If clicking the link digitally on an iPhone, open it in your Safari browser to activate the Apple Pay button!)*

Flood Recovery Fund

## Wear Your Pride: "Stronger Together" Flood Commemorative Shirts!

Show your support for the Quartzsite Roadrunners both in the shop and out on the field! This custom t-shirt was specially designed to help us remember our resilience during the August 2026 flood and to show that our community is truly stronger together.
The front features our classic club emblem, and the back showcases an incredible, custom-designed graphic celebrating our survival and recovery.
Sizes and Prices: • Small, Medium, Large: $20.00 • XL, XXL, XXXL: $22.00
Where to Buy: Shirts are available for purchase directly at the Club Store before and after our general meetings on Thursdays.

All proceeds go directly to the Flood Fund to help finish rebuilding our center!

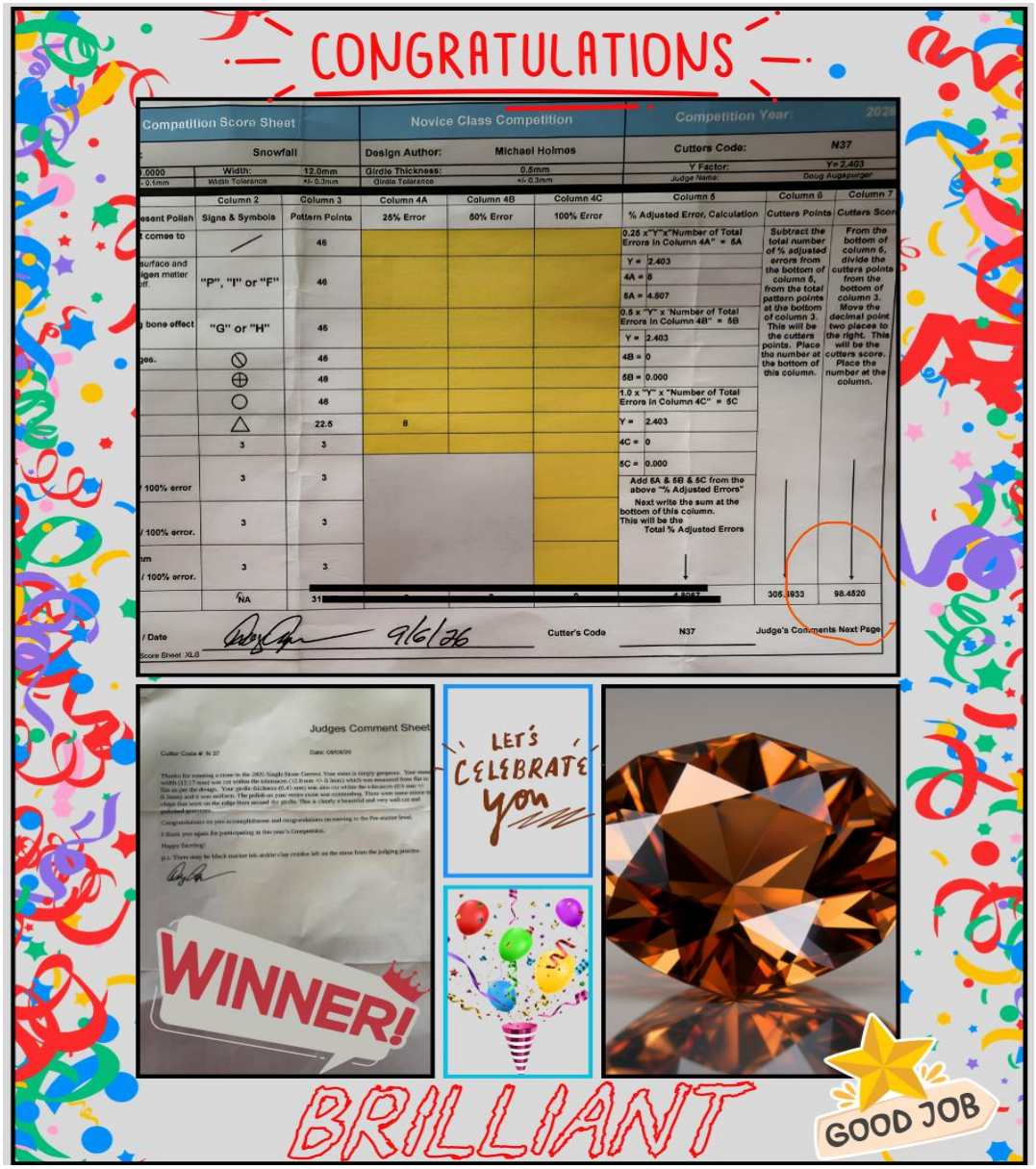


## Randy Fischer Crushes It At The USFG Competition!

Randy entered the United States Faceters Guild (USFG) Single Stone Competition in the Novice category and absolutely knocked it out of the park. He submitted a stunning Padparadscha sapphire, and the precision and artistry he put into completely paid off.

The judges were completely blown away, giving his entry an incredible, near-perfect score of 98.452! Scoring that high in a USFG competition is an exceptionally rare and massive achievement, especially in the Novice division where the grading is incredibly strict. On the official comment sheet, judges specifically noted that the stone is “simply gorgeous, well cut and perfectly polished.”
Everyone here at QRGMC is bursting with pride over this. Having this level of talent in our club is amazing, and we all know how much hard work goes into a piece like this.

Huge congrats, Randy! Make sure to give him a big congratulations and ask him about his winning stone the next time you see him.



| Board of Directors | | |
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| President | Rachel Clary | 501-762-1751 |
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| Committee Chairpersons | | |
|---|---|---|
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| ATV/SxS Trail Master | Joe Arbuckle/Terri Arbuckle | 605-517-1856 |
| Scholarship Dinner & Entertainment | Louise Rhinevault | 503-539-7411 |
| Scholarship Fundraising | Donna Batzer & Nancy Nichols | 719-480-1917/360-635-1367 |
| Scholarship Review Process | | |
| Web Master | Bob Wood | 928-542-7122 |

# November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | **Oct 28**<br>1:00 pm<br>Board Meeting | **Oct 39**<br>2:00 pm<br>First Club Meeting | **Oct 30**<br>9:00 am<br>Season Opening | **Oct 31** |
| **November 1** | **2**<br>**First Day of Classes** | **3**<br>**9:00am**<br>Rock Trip<br>**12:00 pm**<br>Brown Bag Lunch with the Board | **4**<br>**12:00pm**<br>Orientation | **5**<br>**9:00am**<br>Faceting, Lapidary, Metals Orientation<br>**2:00pm**<br>Club Meeting | **6**<br>**9:00am**<br>ATV Ride | **7** |
| **8** | **9**<br>**4:30pm**<br>Board Meeting | **10**<br>**9:00am**<br>Rock Trip | **11**<br>**12:00pm**<br>Orientation | **12**<br>**9:00am**<br>Faceting, Lapidary, Metals Orientation<br>**2:00 pm**<br>Club Meeting | **13**<br>**Burro Creek** | **14**<br>**Burro Creek** |
| **15**<br>**Burro Creek** | **16**<br>**4:00-7:00 pm**<br>Chillin' With the Locals at QIA | **17**<br>**9:00am**<br>Rock Trip | **18**<br>**12:00pm**<br>Orientation | **19**<br>**2:00pm**<br>Thanksgiving Dinner @ QIA<br> | **20**<br>**9:00am**<br>ATV Ride | **21**<br>**8:30-9:30 am**<br>Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction, & Tailgate<br> |
| **22** | **23** | **24**<br>**9:00am**<br>Rock Trip | **25**<br>**12:00pm**<br>Orientation | **26**<br>**Thanksgiving**<br>**Club Closed**<br> | **27** | **28** |
| **29** | 30 | | | | | |

# QIA
# November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | **Oct 28** | **29** | **30** | **31** |
| **Nov 1** | **2**<br>QIA Opens | **3**<br>**12:00**<br>Ladies Luncheon | **4** | **5**<br>**12:00**<br>AA Meeting | **6** | **7**<br>**8:00 am**<br>Craft Fair & Yard Sale |
| **8** | **9**<br>**9:30 am**<br>Board Meeting | **10**<br>**12:00-2:00**:<br>QIA Membership Meeting | **11** | **12**<br>**12:00**<br>AA Meeting | **13**<br>Int'l Truth Expo | **14**<br>Int'l Truth Expo |
| **15**<br>Int'l Truth Expo | **16**<br>**4:00-7:00 pm**<br>Chillin' With the Locals at QIA | **17**<br>**5:00 pm**<br>Pancake Dinner<br> | **18** | **19**<br>**2:00-5:00 pm**<br>Member's Only Dinner<br> | **20**<br>**4:00 pm**<br>Bingo Doors Open<br>**5:30 pm**<br>Early Bird Bingo<br>**6:00pm**<br>Bingo Regular Session | **21** |
| **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**<br>Thanksgiving Day<br> | **27**<br>Santa's Workshop | **28**<br>Santa's Workshop |
| **29** | **30** | | | | | |

## 2026-2027 Class Schedule, as instructors arrive

| Class | Location | Days/Times | Instructor | Phone |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |
| Gem Tree (Beginning) | Craft Barn | Fri 1-4 | Stacy Hall | 843-870-1249 |
| Gem Tree (Advanced) | Craft Bran | Wed 1-4 & 5-8 | Sue Fischer | 509-631-0418 |
| Gem Tree (Open) | Annex | Fri 9-12 | Stacy Hall | 843-870-1249 |
| Glass Bead Making Beginner & Intermediate | Annex | Fri 9-12 & 1-4 | Twyla MillerJon Bowman | 360-485-8159<br>970-599-9292 |
| Loom Beading | Craft Barn | Tue 9-12 & 1-4 | Beverly Carman | 208-863-9844 |
| 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 (Beginners) | Craft Barn | Wed 9-12 | Connie Brandenburger | 701-403-0705 |
| Wire Wrap (Advanced) | Annex | Wed 9am –12 | Cheryl VanMeter | 208-431-9724 |
| Faceting Beginner (Orientation Required) | Faceting Shop | Mon 9-12, 1-4pm,<br>Tue 9-12 am | DeWayne Glover | 801-989-4058 |
| Faceting (Intermediate) | Faceting Shop | Tue 1-4 pm,<br>Wed 9-12, 1-4pm | DeWayne Glover | 801-989-4058 |
| Leather Stamping | Knife Making Room | Mon 1-4pm | Nancy Falconer | 360-391-4797 |
| Leather Sheath Making | Knife Making Room | Wed 1-4pm | Nancy Falconer | 360-391-4797 |
| Steel Knife Making (Beginner) | Knife Making Room | Mon, Tue, Fri<br>8:30am-12 | Tim Brandenburger | 612-913-1740 |
| Steel Knife Making (Advanced/Open) | Knife Making Room | Tue 1-4pm<br>Wed 8:30am-12 | Tim Brandenburger | 612-913-1740 |
| Lapidary (Orientation Required) | Lapidary Shop | Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri<br>9am-12am, 1-4pm<br>Wed 5-8pm | Jon Kolb<br>Rachel Clary | 530-318-8085<br>501-762-1751 |
| Metal Shop (Orientation Required) | Metal Shop | Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri<br>9am-12, 1-4pm,<br>Wed 5-8pm | Donna Batzer<br>Larraine Hague | 719-480-1917<br>208-867-4391 |
| Cold Forging | Cool Cover | Wed, Fri<br>1-4pm | Kevin Vickroy<br>Bill Davidson | 208-627-9652 |
| Glass Fusing (Beginner & Intermediate) | Opal Room | Mon, Tue 1-4pm | Laurie Curran | 906-370-8448 |
| Glass Fusing (Specialty) | Opal Room | Wed 1-4pm | Laurie Curran | 906-370-8448 |
| Glass Fusing (Open, NO INSTRUCTOR) | Opal Room | Fri 9am-12 | Laurie Curran | 906-370-8448 |
| Opal Cutting (Beginning) | Opal Room | Mon, 9am-12 | John Batzer | 719-480-1919 |
| Opal Cutting (Open) | Opal Room | Tue, 9am-12 | No Instructor/Forman | 843-408-6128 |
| Opal Cutting (Open) | Opal Room | Fri, 1-4pm | John Batzer | 719-480-1919 |
| Opal Cutting (Natural) | Opal Room | Wed, 9am-12 | Tim Hall | 843-408-6128 |
| 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 |

**Classes at a Glance: Name badges are mandatory to attend classes**

**Stained Glass Classes:** Hi, I'm Lynn Johnson with assistant Laura Smith. Beginner Classes: Mondays, Advanced Classes Tuesdays Lab Fee: $5.00, Starter kit for First Project: $10.00. We'll cover the basics of stained glass for beginners and offer more advanced instruction for returning students.

**Knife Making Class:** My name is Tim Brandenburger and I teach the Beginners Steel Blade Knife Making Class. My class takes about 4 weeks to complete. Class is every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings. Class is from 8:30 to noon. It's important that you are able to attend all sessions in order to complete your knife. Once you have completed your knife you may come in and make more during our open sessions. More information is posted outside the knife class door.

**Metal Shop:** Step into our Metal Shop where creativity meets craft! Hi I am Donna Batzer, Supervisor with assistant supervisors Larraine Hague and Marcia Betz. What began with silversmithing has grown to include copper, brass, enameling and even kiln-fired metal clay. This season, look forward to exciting classes like enameling on copper, making findings and more.

**Advanced Wire Wrapping:** Hi, my name is Cheryl Van Meter, and I will be teaching Advanced Wire Wrapping this season. I've been coming to Quartzsite full-time for several years, but my connection to this community goes way back—my grandmother started coming here in the 1970's and was a proud Roadrunner and QIA member. You could say I've grown up around this place! This year's class will require you to bring your own supplies. I'll post project details and supply lists on Facebook and in the club display case located in the Craft barn. Last year was a bit of a "fly by the seat of my pants" adventure, but this season I'm aiming for a bit more organization — while still keeping it fun. If there's something specific you'd like to learn, let me know and give me about two weeks to prepare. The goal of this class is to learn new techniques, share ideas, and have fun while creating beautiful pieces. I'm looking forward to another great and creative season with everyone.

**Leather Knife Sheath and Leather Tooling Classes:** My name is Nancy Falconer and I will be the instructor for the Leather Knife Sheath Class and the Leather Tooling Class. I have been a member of QRGMC since 2007 or 2008 and have been an instructor for the Leather Knife Sheath Class continuously since around 2009 or 2010. I have been the instructor for the Leather Tooling Class for approximately 5 or 6 years. I took a break for the past couple of years. I am self taught in this craft and continue learning every day. I am quick to share with class participants everything I know, what NOT to do because at some point through the years of my dabbling in the leather craft, I have sometimes learned practices the hard way. I also enjoy sharing the many successful tips and tricks that I have adopted over the years. I consider myself a professional. I work closely with each class participant to help them complete their project. Not often does the project need a total restart although it can happen occasionally. This is not a bad thing. I share with those in my classes that I want them to have a rewarding introduction and want them to walk out with a project they are proud of. I feel their work is a reflection of my teaching skills. I beam with pride when I see member growth in this craft outside the QRGMC classroom. I'm looking forward to an all around fine year this upcoming season.

**Lapidary:** My name is Jon Kolb and I have the pleasure of serving as Lapidary Supervisor along with Rachel Clary. We both would like to welcome you to the 2026/27 season. We are looking forward to another great season of turning your "trash" into treasures with the help of our wonderful volunteers.

**Pine Needle Basket Making:** My name is Joann Kinnison and I am the instructor for Basket Making, assisted by Bea Baldwin. Together we will guide you in creating beautiful pine needle baskets. You'll twist, stitch, and weave your way through a relaxing, creative, and laughter filled class. Don't miss out on the fun and friendship.

**Flint Knapping:** My name is Virgil Kinnison and I am the instructor for Flint Knapping, and I will be teaching Flint Knapping. Come learn how to chip and shape beautiful arrowheads from rock—just like the ancient masters did. It's hands-on, a little messy, and a whole lot of fun.

**Faceting:** The art of cutting multiple flat surfaces onto a transparent gemstone to make it shine brilliantly and leave your friends saying "ooh" and "aah"! Beginners will start their first stone at Thursday morning orientation and finish it the following Monday and Tuesday morning. Intermediate students can work on a series of increasingly difficult cuts on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Fridays are non-registration, non teaching days open to experienced faceters who wish to practice and refine their skills. Our teachers are highly experienced and enjoy passing on their passion to all who come into the shop! So please come join us and discover the sparkle within every stone —and yourself!

**Stone Carving Class:** My name is Linda Bergeson and I am the instructor for the class. For your first project, we use soapstone. A piece of stone, tools, and patterns are all provided. You will carve a roadrunner or a coyote, and most students finish their first piece during the first class! The initial project is done entirely with hand tools—files, saws, and sanding materials—so you can get a real feel for three dimensional carving, which is a bit different from cabbing. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dusty. For future projects, students provide their own stone and may use a Dremel if they like. Stones such as alabaster, onyx, flint and soapstone are all great options for advanced carving.

**Classes at a Glance continued:**

**Beginning Bead Tree Class:** My name is Stacy Hall and I will be your instructor for this class. Classes start November 7. Come and join me for a fun and relaxing class where you will learn how to create your very own beaded wire tree—a beautiful piece of art that sparkles and shines! You will learn the basic techniques of twisting wire, adding beads, and shaping your branches into a unique and life like design. Students will need to bring their own supplies. 24gauge wire, 21 wires 20 inches long for a total of 420 inches. Bring glue, accelerant, and a base for your tree complete supply list will be posted before each project.

**Advanced Bead Tree Class:** My name is Sue Fischer and I will be your instructor for this class. Are you ready to take your beaded creations to the next level? In this advanced class, you will learn how to make a stunning willow, saguaro, cascading bonsai, and pine trees throughout the season. Each class will focus on one beautiful design at a time. Students will need to bring their own supplies. A complete supply list will be posted before each project. You must complete the Beginning Bead Tree Class before enrolling in this advanced class. Come grow your skills—one sparkling branch at a time.

**Beginning Wire Wrapping:** My name is Connie Brandenburger and I will be your instructor for this class. In the class I will teach the basic techniques of wrapping, securing, and designing around a cabochon. The class content is the same each week. I do encourage you to come back as many times as you like to build your skills and your imagination.

**Advanced Wire Wrapping:** My name is Cheryl VanMeter and I will be your instructor for this class. Want to take your wire wrapping to the next level? In this class you will learn more complex techniques for creating intricate designs that will make your jewelry truly one of a kind.

**Beginning Beading:** My name is Connie Brandenburger and I will be your instructor for this class. Discover the joy of beading with a different project every week!! On the first Friday of each month, we will focus on beading around a cabochon. This is a great way to learn and practice the basics. Projects are designed to be simple and fun, but for those who love a challenge, I will occasional provide a more advanced project. Not all projects are jewelry—I like to mix things up. There will be some new patterns this season, though we may revisit a few favorite designs from last year. Each class is a chance to learn something new and create something beautiful.

**Opal:** The Opal lab is equipped with seven flat lap machines featuring laps that range from 180 grit to 14,000 grit polish. Two levels of classes are offered—Beginner and Intermediate. The beginner class held on Monday mornings is taught by John Batzer. This class teaches you how to operate the flat lap machines and the process of cutting and polishing a lab created or synthetic opal. The material used is soft, and is similar to natural opal. The intermediate class held on Wednesday mornings will be taught by Tim Hall. This class focuses on working with natural opal, using various types of precious opal. There are open lab sessions, typically on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons depending on foreman availability. These sessions allow members to work on either manmade or natural opals. Generally, no formal class instruction is provided during open lab times.

**Glass Fusing:** Welcome back. Classes are taught by Laurie Curran and Ruth Goodwin. Instructional Classes are Monday and Tuesday, 1:00-4:00pm. Completion of the beginning class is required before attending any other session. Open session, Friday 9:00-12:00 pm. No formal instruction provided during open session.

**Lost Wax Casting:** My name is Tim Solomen and I am the instructor for this class. Depending upon interest, the lost wax casting class will be offered this season. You must have completed the first two projects in the metal shop. This class is held off site, and dates to be announced later. All embellishments will be made out of sterling silver.

**Glass Bead Making**: Hi! My name is Twyla Miller, and I'll be your instructor this season along with Jon Bowman. We're excited to offer this advanced bead-making class and share the techniques, creativity, and passion that go into creating truly beautiful beads. Jon and I both love bead making and enjoy sharing what we've learned over the years. I've had the privilege of learning from many fantastic instructors within the club, and I'm excited to carry forward their love of bead making while helping others grow their skills. Once the class is underway, we'll also welcome one beginner per class, giving them a chance to learn in a supportive, hands-on environment alongside more experienced students.

| Date | Material Location | DEPARTURE | Distance/Rnd Trip | Site Difficulty |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 27 | Marble, Gold Nugget Road | E | 30 miles | 3-3-1 |
| Nov. 3 | Pink Marble/Epidote Gneiss | N | 10 miles | 1-3-3 |
| Nov. 10 | Birds Eye Rhyolite | S | 65 miles | 3-3-2 |
| Nov. 13-15 | Burro Creek | E | 286 | 3-2-2 |
| Nov. 17 | Broken Angle Agate, Gold Nugget Road | E | 15 | 6-4-3 |
| Nov. 24 | Chalcedony/Scotty Dog | S | 50 miles | 3-3-1 |

## 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)

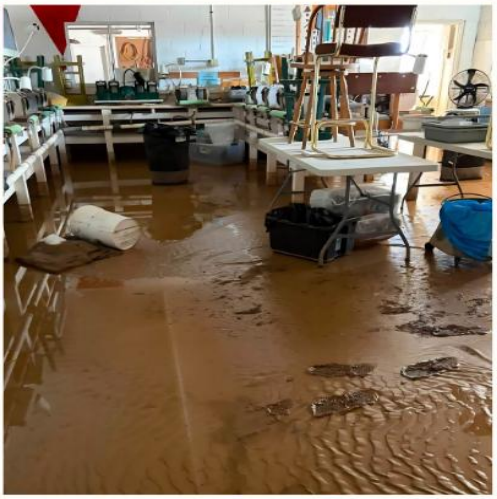



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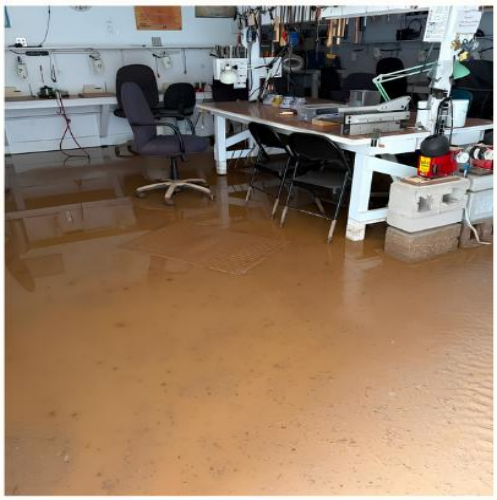



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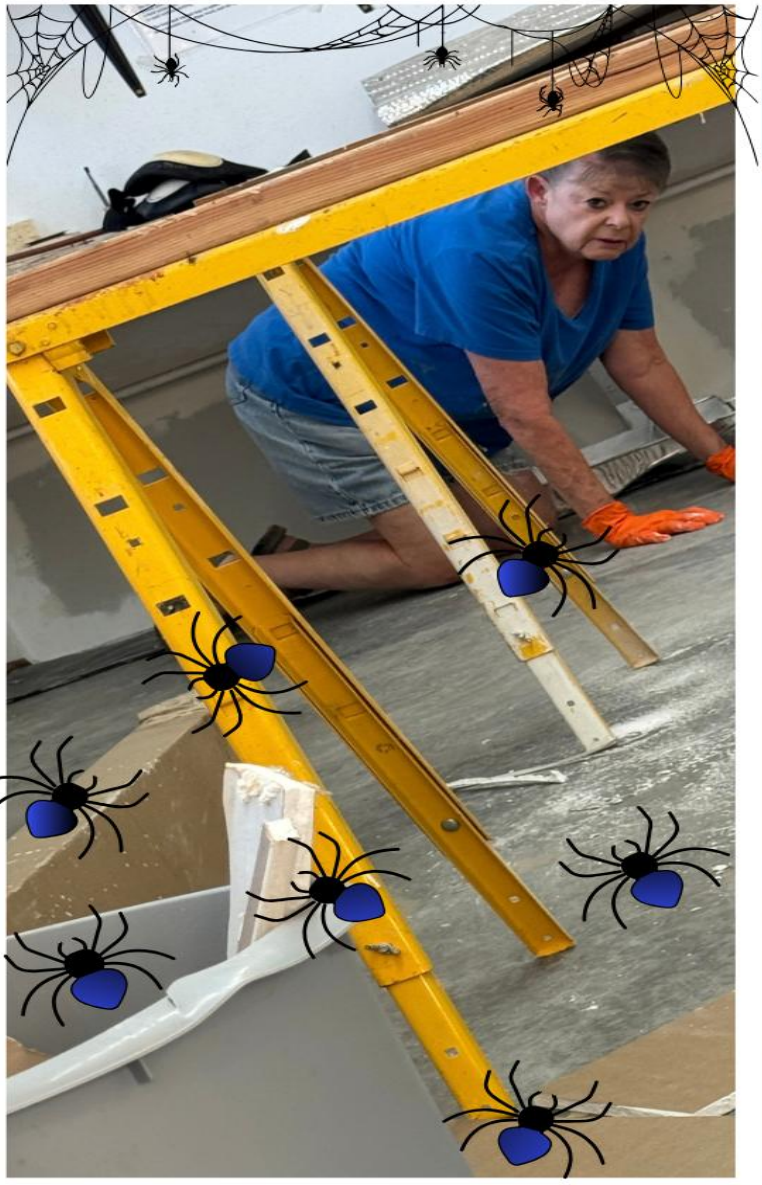
# Unstoppable Together: Thank You, Volunteers!





















# 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. Wagon master – 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. Wagon master - Joe Arbuckle 605-517-1856

**Pancake Breakfast** – 3rd Saturday of the month (except in January when POW WOW may fall on 3rd Saturday; then breakfast will be held 4th 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 PowWow, This 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.

**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.

## Member Communication & Involvement Survey

*Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club — 2026-2027 Season*

Your Board wants to make sure every member stays informed and has a chance to get involved. This short survey takes about five minutes. Please check all boxes that apply and return the survey to the Office. Your answers will help us decide how to share club news and plan activities this season.

### About You

**Are you a new or returning member?**
☐ New this season ☐ Returning member
**When are you usually in Quartzsite?**
☐ Year-round ☐ Winter season only ☐ Occasionally

### Staying Informed

**How do you currently get club news? (Check all that apply.)**
☐ Printed newsletter ☐ Emailed newsletter ☐ Facebook ☐ Club website
☐ Bulletin boards ☐ In-person meetings ☐ Word of mouth
**Which ONE method would you most prefer for regular club news?**
☐ Printed newsletter ☐ Email ☐ Facebook ☐ Club website ☐ Bulletin boards ☐ Meetings
**How should we reach you with urgent updates, such as closures or emergencies?**
☐ Email ☐ Text message ☐ Phone call ☐ Facebook ☐ Club website
**How often would you like to hear from the club?**
☐ Weekly ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Only when something important happens
**Would you like to receive updates during the summer while you are away?**
☐ Yes, by email ☐ Yes, by text ☐ No, thank you

### Getting Involved

**Which club activities interest you? (Check all that apply.)**
☐ Lapidary and shop classes ☐ Field trips ☐ Rock and mineral identification
☐ Jewelry making ☐ Gem show preparation ☐ Social events and potlucks
☐ Other: _____
**How would you be willing to help? (Check all that apply.)**
☐ Greeting at meetings ☐ Event setup or cleanup ☐ Shop assistance
☐ Newsletter, website, or Facebook ☐ Gem show volunteer ☐ Facility repairs and rebuilding
☐ Committee or Board service ☐ Other: _____
**What would make it easier for you to take part?**
☐ Different meeting days or times ☐ More advance notice ☐ Smaller, short-term tasks
☐ Knowing whom to contact ☐ Other: _____

### Your Suggestions

**What is one thing the Board could do to improve communication?**

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**Please share any other suggestions, ideas, or concerns.**

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### Contact Information (Optional)

Fill in only if you would like a Board member to follow up or want to be added to an update list.
Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone (for text updates): _____

### Thank you for your input!

We will share the results, and what we plan to do with them, in an upcoming newsletter.