



# Pretoria Gem & Mineral Club

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**Pretoria Gem and Mineral Club**  
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Saturdays 11:00–15:00, Thursdays 18:00– 21:00  
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- \*\*\* **Swop and Sell and Social** **2 Nov.**
- \*\*\* **Annual General Meeting and Live Auction** **9 Nov.**
- \*\*\* **Silversmithing Course / Lapidary Sunday** (confirm with Bernard) **16 / 17 Nov.**



Please join us on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 13.00** at the clubhouse for the

- **Annual General Meeting**
- **Election of the 2020 PGMC Committee**
- **Massive Live Auction** of various Rocks, Minerals, Books and secondhand machinery.

Everything must go, go, go.....

**All members are invited to attend the AGM; refreshments will be served after the meeting.**

**See you all there!**



## Programme for November

(as at 16.10.2019)

2 Nov.	<b>Swop and Sell and Social</b> Lapidary and Silversmithing Workshops open	11.00 – 15.00	Duty Team
7 Nov.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
9 Nov.	Lapidary and Silversmithing Workshops open <b>Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019</b> <b>Live Auction</b>	11:00 – 13.00 13.00 onwards	Duty Team Committee Members
14 Nov.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
16 Nov.	Silversmithing Course – confirm with Bernard Lapidary Workshop open	10:00 – 15.30 11.00 – 15.00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683 Duty Team
17 Nov.	Lapidary Sunday – confirm with Bernard	08:00 – 13:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
21 Nov.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
23 Nov.	Lapidary and Silversmithing Workshops open	11:00 – 15:00	Duty Members
28 Nov.	Silversmithing Workshop open	11:00 – 15:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
30 Nov.	Lapidary and Silversmithing Workshops open	11:00 – 15:00	Duty Members



### Duty Roster



November 2019	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Open – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Heidi</b>	<b>Dieter</b>	<b>Bernard</b>	<b>Willem</b>	<b>Lex</b>
Duty Team	Willem Vorster Heidi Naudé	Ben Bekker Magdel Bekker	Dieter Heinichen Linda Stone	Peter Beresford Yolanda Keyter	Lex Krabbendam Joanne Fidos
<b>Close – 15:00 pm</b>	<b>Heidi</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bernard</b>	<b>Willem</b>	<b>Lex</b>


December 2019	7	14	21	<b>Closed for Festive Season 22.12.2019 – 03.01.2020</b>
<b>Open – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Alan</b>	<b>Bernard</b>	
Duty Team	Oliver Green Anita Havenga	Alan Crawford Dina Crawford	Willem Vorster Karin Mayerl	
<b>Close – 15:00 pm</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bernard</b>	



We still need people to serve on the duty teams and ask all our members to avail themselves for admin. or machine duty; training will be provided.  
Please advise Willem or Bernard if you are willing to help, thank you.




## 1. Reminder - Annual General Meeting 2019





The date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019 has been confirmed for **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 13:00 pm.**

The preliminary agenda will be:

- **Annual General Meeting**
- **Election of the 2020 Committee**
- **Live Auction** of second-hand machinery, books, rocks and minerals.



Nomination forms may be submitted from 19 October to 2 November 2019, either via email to [adelheid.naude@gmail.com](mailto:adelheid.naude@gmail.com) or dropped into the voting box at the duty desk.



## 3. Personals



Very big **Thank You's** go to **Lex Krabbendam** and **Alan Crawford** and the rest of their helpers-team for organizing, building-up and breaking-down the PGMC exhibit at the recent Wood Expo and Craft Festival.

Alan also ferried all the tables, display stands, machinery etc. to and from the event and Lex made us very professional club banners and table cloths for all the display stands and tables. Thank to you both our exhibit looked really impressive.

## 4. For Sale



**Lex Krabbendam** is offering a **7ft. Glider Trailer for sale.**

The trailer is in mint condition, fully roadworthy, excellent tires incl. spare wheel and custom made roof rack – absolutely essential for transporting all those rocks and camping equipment to and from your next collection outing!

Asking price = R 7500. Interested? Contact Lex at 083 449 6812.

**Fritz Felsko** from Midrand is selling his vast **mineral collection.** Mainly Tsumeb specimens from many “moons” ago, often collected directly at the mine.

Contact him at [felsko1@yahoo.com](mailto:felsko1@yahoo.com) for an appointment.



## 2. Ongoing Reminders: Indemnity Book and Safety Glasses



Please remember to sign the **Indemnity Book** at the duty desk every time you visit or work in the club's workshop. The book is kept at the duty desk.



**Safety glasses** are **compulsory** for everyone working on the grinders, polishers and trim saws. Safety glasses are for sale at the duty desk or bring your own.

### 8. Reminder: Club Outing to Ollie Roon, Hartbeespoort – Sunday, 20 October 2019



Willem has organized another outing to Ollie Roon at the Xanadu Estate in Hartbeespoort. So far 12 people have confirmed their attendance. Please note that you must give your name, cell number and car registration to Willem beforehand to be allowed into the estate (security is very strict).

The convoy will meet at 09:30 am at the entrance; once vehicles are cleared by security we proceed to Ollie Roon's house. Once you made your selection and payment you can then leave on your own time.

**Directions** from Centurion/Johannesburg – travel on the N4, take the turn-off Hartbeespoort R511 North; continue past first robot at Hartbeespoort, turn East at second robot next to the Caltex garage, at the roundabout take the 3rd exit, we meet at the parking area at the entrance of the Xanadu Estate.

### 5. Swop & Sell and Social

The next **Swop & Sell Open Day** will be held on **Saturday, 2 November 2019** from 11.00 am onwards at the clubhouse; all dealers welcome.

Members are invited to bring their own minerals, rocks or other related items to swop or sell. Bring your family/friends and introduce them to our club and hobby.

### 6. Annual General Meeting and Live Auction, 9 November 2019

Details/programme as per page 3.

### 7. Silversmithing Course



The next Silversmithing course has been scheduled for **Saturday, 16 November 2019 starting at 10:00 at the clubhouse.**

Details of the planned project will be advised as soon as possible. To book your place please phone Bernard Strydom at 074 850 5683.

Left: previous projects made; photos courtesy of Tobias Beyers.

### 7. Lapidary Sunday, 17 November 2019

Please note that this will be **lapidary work only – no cutting/slabbing of rocks** (except trim saw), **no silversmithing**. The session will run from 08:00 am to 13:00 pm and a workshop fee of R 15/pp applies. Please re-confirm with Bernard beforehand as he will only open the workshop on request.



### 9. Faceting Classes – Saturdays

Want to learn how to facet a gemstone like this beautiful citrine in the photo right? Contact *Peter Beresford* at 064 384 4514 to book your beginner's class on Saturdays at the clubhouse. We have four faceting machines available for our members to use. The workshop fee of R 30/p per session applies; faceting rough is available for sale.



## 6. Wood Expo and Craft Festival – 5 & 6 October 2019

Alan Crawford was the driving force behind this project. Assisted by Lex, Heidi, Johanna and Bernard our exhibits were set-up on Friday. Saturday and Sunday were busy days from early morning to closing time. Hopefully the positive interest results in many new members. Below a few images of the displays and activities (all photos by the editor). Amadeus and Eric acted as our 'secret agents' distributing our PGMC pamphlets to the crowd. The PGMC banners made by Lex ensured nobody missed our exhibit.



Eric and Amadeus taking a well-earned break.



Andre Zeeman's exhibit/sales table.



PGMC Rock and Mineral Display Cases



The information desk with Johanna's Wire Jewellery.



Minerals, Arte Facts and Agate slabs for sale.



Faceting display and demonstrations, various lapidary slabs for sale and a Tumbling display – we had it all !



Alan's Sphere machine and the spheres produced were a major attraction throughout the 2-day show. He had his hands full explaining the process to all.



The youngsters enjoyed themselves on the portable lapidary machines; at times we had a que waiting for access!

**Once again, thanks to all involved for their time, help and assistance to promote our hobby and the club!**