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# **Wits Rock Digest**

**Newsletter of the Witwatersrand Gem and Mineral Club**

**February 2013**

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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Witwatersrand-Gem-and-Mineral-Club/346437298736246>

## **1.0 Meetings**

**Venue:** Room 215, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Department of Geology, University of Johannesburg

**Visitors are welcome at club meetings.**

### **1.1 Mineral Section meetings**

**Second Wednesday** of each month (Time: **19h00 for 19h30**)

**The Mineral Topics for the February Mineral Meeting are:**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> :** Pyrite , Marcasite and their Pseudomorphs

**Remember to bring your specimens for show and tell !**

For more information on the Mineral Section or its themes contact:

Damian Kislig (Mineral Section Committee member and Vice Chairman) on 072 203 1351

### **1.2 Month-end Meetings**

**Last Wednesday** of each month (Time: **19h00 for 19h30**)

February 27th :           **The February Month End Meeting will be devoted to the club's Annual General Meeting .**  
**No talk has been arranged for this evening.**

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## **2.0 Club Raffle**

The raffles are still taking place, usually at the month end meetings. Raffle tickets are on sale in the meeting room and your attention will be drawn to this. If you are selling minerals at the club meetings, please donate a mineral specimen to the raffle. Contact Keith Bailey in this regard at club meetings. Interesting mineral specimens have been won by lucky raffle ticket holders. Thank you mineral dealers for your donations of beautiful mineral specimens for the raffles.

## **3.0 Library**

Massimo Leone is at present still taking care of the library and will give assistance to members wishing to borrow books and in returning them. If you have any old books on minerals, geology or lapidary that you wish to donate to our library, please contact Massimo. The library is being updated and rearranged and a register drawn up to maintain proper control of the books and magazines held in the library and out on loan. You will be notified of further acquisitions for the library when they are made.

## **4.0 Membership**

### **4.1 Membership Fees for 2013**

Membership fees for 2013 remain unchanged as follows:

Single or Family membership	R240
Pensioner	R200
Student	R 90

Get your 2013 membership fees paid up and in order now so that you may continue to participate in and enjoy the club's benefits.

The club's banking details are:

Account name   **Witwatersrand Gem and Mineral Club**  
Bank             **Standard Bank**  
Branch          **Northcliff**  
Branch code    **006 305**  
Account number   **200551744**

Or payments may be made directly to the club Treasurer Ray Biram at meetings.

### **4.2. WGMC Membership Cards**

New membership cards are due for 2013 and will be issued upon payment of fees for 2013.

### **4.3 New Members**

If you know of anyone interested in minerals, please bring this person along to meetings. More new members will be most welcome.

### **4.4 Access Cards**

The validation of access cards held in 2012 expired at the end of last year and need to be renewed for this year. A number of members handed their cards to Bruce Cairncross at the end of last year and these will have already been renewed and maybe even returned to members. The remaining cards must please be handed in at the next meeting which you attend.

## **5.0 Forthcoming Events**

### **5.1 Annual General Meeting 2013**

The Club's AGM takes place at the February month end meeting, which will be on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

All Committee members are standing down in the ensuing year and we look forward to volunteers coming forward to fill the positions held by them, as well as your nominations for new Committee members by no later than 1 week before the meeting, will be much appreciated.

An Agenda for the meeting will be circulated in due course.

### **5.2 Easter Gemboree 2013**

This year's annual Gemboree over the Easter weekend from 28 March to 1 April 2013 will be in Pitseng, Lesotho. An invitation to the Gemboree, the Weekend Programme and Registration and Booking Form were sent out in November last year. Registration and bookings for accommodation need to be settled very urgently, so if you want to join the Gemboree, **register now !** Refer to the PGMC newsletter for more info and urgency of booking.

### **5.3 'African Gems and Minerals' Open Day**

This annual event will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Rob Smith's home and shop / working premises in Germiston. The gate will open at 10:00 am ! Rob's formal invitation is to follow.

### **5.4 Other Events**

The Wits club and Pretoria club have a reciprocal arrangement to participate in the outings arranged by each club. Please refer to the PGMC Newsletter which is circulated to our members.

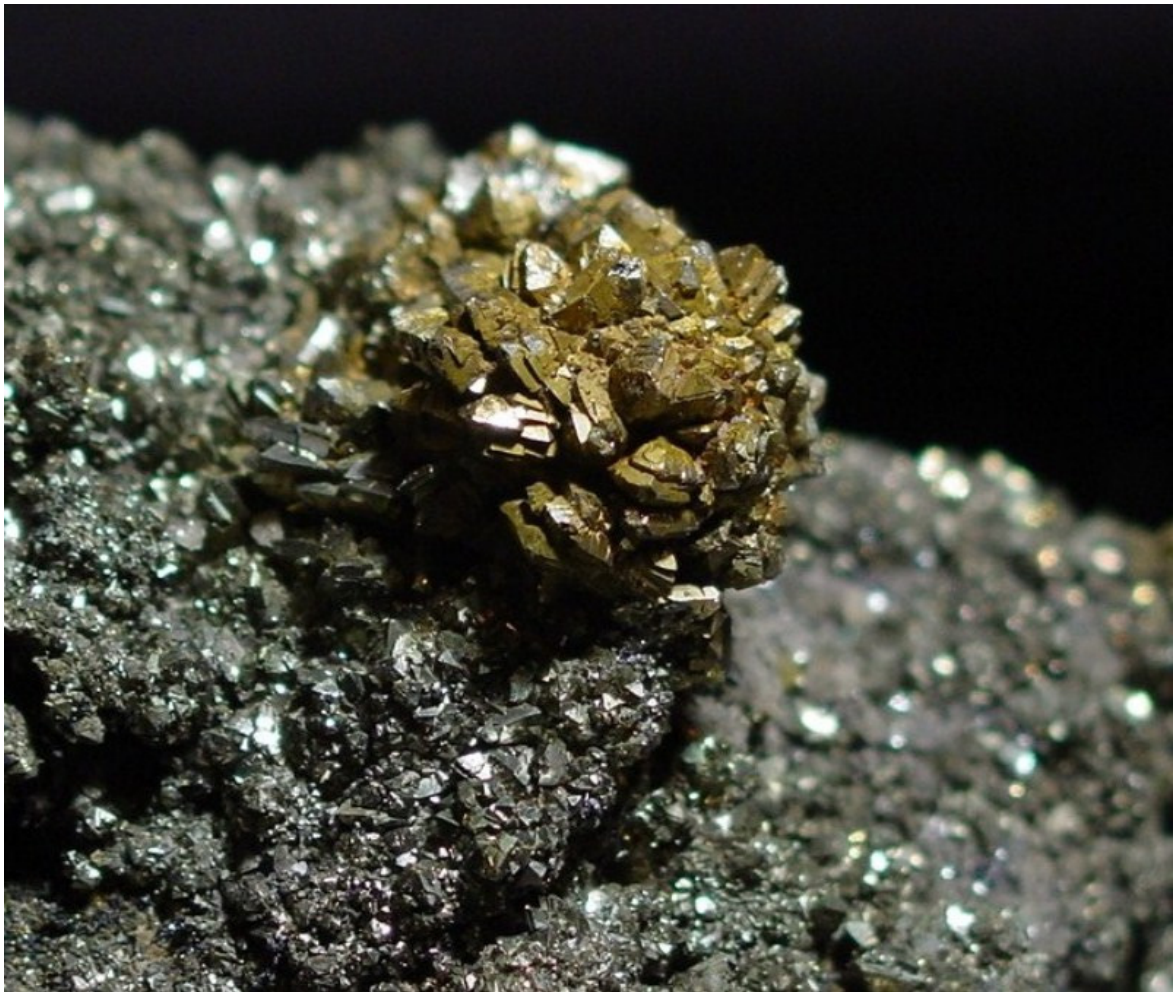
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**NOTE :** Newsletters from other clubs are displayed on the notice board in our meeting room at UJ for your interest, should you have deleted or misplaced your e-mail edition.  
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## **6.0 Request for Members' contributions**

Any members who have anything at all related to our hobby to tell and who are willing to share this with other members, please let the newsletter editor, currently Louise Dibb, have a paragraph or two for insertion in the newsletter. We would welcome input from members.

Also, if there is anyone in the club able to give a talk at a month end meeting, or knows of someone who could provide a talk, please speak to Massimo. Again, members' input would be much appreciated.

## **7.0 Mineral of the Month**



Rosette of Marcasite on matrix, Rosh Pinah mine, 3cm. Specimen and picture: Allan Fraser

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## **Committee Members**

**Remember the AGM and nominations for new members to be elected.**

Committee members for the year ending February 2013 are as follows:

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**Louise Dibb and Massimo Leone**  
**February 2013**

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