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## Mineral Meetings

Visitors and new members are welcome at all club meetings and presentations.

### Mineral Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month show & tell theme evenings

### Presentations

Last Wednesday of every month renowned guest speakers

- If you haven't visited for a while, or wish to join us for the first time, FREE parking is ample to the right of the gate, at the bottom of the hill.

Access to our club is wheelchair friendly, with ramps and lifts. So if you are a rockhound, collector or dealer, there's no excuse not to be where it's happening!!!  
*Rock n Roll time.*

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### THEMES

**November mineral themes are:**  
**Moroccan Minerals**  
**South African Wulfenite specimens**

Photo : Romuald Koppert  
 Specimen : Wulfenite  
 Locality : Tsumeb Mine,  
 Namibia



This picture really reminds me  
 of chocolate crystals rolled in  
 liquorice with a sprinkling of  
 rock candy. Yum!

We are still looking for  
 suggestions for MINERAL  
 THEMES for 2014. Please bring  
 your ideas to the club this  
 Wednesday, or email me  
[MineralNews@vodamail.co.za](mailto:MineralNews@vodamail.co.za)  
 and I will share them with the  
 club.



Photo : Romuald Koppert  
 Specimen : Wulfenite / Mimetite / Dolomite /  
 Calcite / Mottamite  
 Locality : Tsumeb Kibne, Namibia

### Talks and Presentations

We roll out the red carpet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm ... PLEASE NOTE: There will be no further presentations in 2013. The final Wednesday in November is dedicated to a MEMBERS ONLY year end function. Please do enquire about this...

Here's a taste of what's to come:

2014 TALKS and PRESENTATIONS:

January Prof Morris Viljoen

February Nicci Sherwood  
 – An interesting archaeological topic by postgrad student Nicci Sherwood, who specialises in assessing rocks that were used in the Cradle of Humankind. She has completed her Masters and is applying to upgrade to the PhD shortly, and she also studied geology and minerals at UJ. She has much greater technical knowledgeable than I have about rocks in terms of their properties and is a capable speaker.

The following two events' dates are to be confirmed :-  
 March Arthea's brother has offered to captivate us for an evening. Additional info to follow.

April Allan Fraser wishes to share some



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May Prof Bruce Cairncross  
Part II of KMF the adventure Continues...

June onwards - You are welcome to contact us with your suggestions. The Club offer a financial reward to speaker.

#### Reading room

Please visit our **DROPBOX** for an updated list of our international journals and CDs available for loan.

The May 2013 folder contains most of the clubs technical info. Newsletters received from other clubs are available online under the month of their issue.

For more information on available media, please contact Massimo Leone at [mass@thefacetingstudio.co.za](mailto:mass@thefacetingstudio.co.za) as he updates the Dropbox list.

#### Committee Members

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Speakers Sharon

#### SAGM

You may have heard that the LAPIDARY MAGAZINE has been re-launched as **The Southern African Gems and Minerals Magazine**. I will be assisting in the production as editor. We are ALWAYS on the lookout for rock, mineral, gem, faceting and related articles and adverts for both the magazine.

Advertising rates are very reasonable, from as little as R125 per quarter page ad. Please contact me at [editor@sasagms.co.za](mailto:editor@sasagms.co.za).

The November edition is with the printers and will be available shortly.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the magazine.



#### Membership Fees

##### Membership Fees for 2013

Get your membership paid up and enjoy the club's benefits.

Single or Family membership	R240
Penioner	R200
Student	R 90

The **WGMCC Banking Details** are as follows:

Standard Bank	Cheque account
Account number:	200551744
Branch code:	630522

Fees are payable to the Treasurer, **Jono Hotz**



In case you were wondering ... here's a peek into what we get up to during our mineral evenings.

Come along and share some eye-candy ...

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