



Pretoria Gem & Mineral Club

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P.O. Box 36 888
Menlo Park
Pretoria 0102

Clubhouse: no. 29, 26th Street, Menlo Park
Saturdays 11:00–15:00, Thursdays 18:00– 21:00
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*** PGMC Exhibition, Practical Demo's and Sales at the Wood Expo and Craft Festival in Menlo Park, Pretoria

5 & 6 Oct.

*** Club Outing: Ollie Roon, Hartbeespoort

20 Oct.



Woodworking Association of Pretoria

Wood Expo and Craft Festival

A hobby day for the whole family



5 & 6 October 2019

- Woodworking Demonstrations
- Woodworking Presentations
- Wood Art Exhibitions
- Tools and Machinery Exhibits
- Arts and Crafts
- Activities for Children
- Raffle Draw
- Free Secure Parking

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Times:
5 Oct: 08:00-15:00
6 Oct: 08:00-14:00

Entrance:
Adults: R30
Scholars: Free

Venue:
New Hope School
103 Cecilia Road
Ashlea Gardens
Pretoria

620 Steve Biko Rd, Gezins, Pretoria 012 331 1853
2 Nuburu Avenue, Gezins, JHB 007 915 9074

Come and join us at this well known Craft Festival just around the corner of our clubhouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce family and friends to our hobby. Various exhibits, practical demo's and work sessions await you. See you all there!

Programme for September


(as at 28.08.2019)

3 Oct.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
5 Oct	Lapidary & Silversmithing Workshops open	11:00 – 15:00	Duty Team
5 – 6 Oct.	PGMC Exhibition - Wood Expo & Craft Festival, Menlo Park, Pretoria – see page 1	08.00 – 15.00	Alan Crawford, 082 324 3174
10 Oct.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
12 Oct.	Lapidary and Silversmithing Workshops open Committee Meeting	11:00 – 14.30 15.00 – 16.30	Duty Team Committee Members
17 Oct.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
19 Oct.	Silversmithing Course – confirm with Bernard Lapidary Workshop open	10:00 – 15.30 11.00 – 15.00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683 Duty Team
20 Oct.	Lapidary Sunday – confirm with Bernard	08:00 – 13:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
20 Oct.	Club Outing to Ollie Roon, Hartbeespoort - details published in September Newsletter	09:30 – 13.00	Willem Vorster, 076 612 4888
24 Oct.	Silversmithing Workshop open	18:00 – 21:00	Bernard Strydom, 074 850 5683
26 Oct.	Lapidary and Silversmithing Workshops open	11:00 – 15:00	Duty Members
31 Oct.	Silversmithing Workshop open	11:00 – 15:00	Duty Members



Duty Roster



October 2019	5	12	19	26	 Opal October Birthstone
Open – 11:00 am	Dieter	Alan	Bernard	Willem	
Duty Team	Dieter Heinichen Joanne Fidos	Alan Crawford Dina Crawford	Willem Vorster Karin Mayerl	Jan Oliver Joey Oliver	
Close – 15:00 pm	Dieter	Committee	Bernard	Willem	

November 2019	2	9	16	23	30
Open – 11:00 am	Oliver	Dieter	Bernard	Willem	Lex
Duty Team	Oliver Green Anita Havenga	Ben Bekker Magdel Bekker	Dieter Heinichen Linda Stone	Peter Beresford Yolanda Keyter	Lex Krabbendam Joanne Fidos
Close – 15:00 pm	Oliver	Committee	Bernard	Willem	Lex



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. Early Announcement – Annual General Meeting 2019



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

The preliminary agenda will be: **Annual General Meeting** and **Election** of the **2020 Committee**, followed by refreshments and a big **Live Auction** of second-hand machinery, surplus rocks and mineral specimens, etc., etc..

Nomination forms may be submitted from 19 October to 2 November 2019.



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.

3. Personals



Very big **Thank You's** go to **Lex Krabbendam, Alan Crawford, Oliver Green** and **John Morgan** for sorting out and cleaning-up our solder at the clubhouse. This was a big job – years overdue! Thanks again guys for this tremendous effort.



More **Thank You's** go to **Ben Bekker** and **Harry Harris** for fixing-up our saw no. 4 – it cuts like a dream again!



Another big **Thank You** goes to our treasurer **John Morgan** who does a splendid job sorting out our finance administration. Thank you John for the very professional services provided and the many hours you put into the various tasks.

4. For Sale



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

The trailer is in mint condition, fully roadworthy, excellent tyres 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 years ago, often collected directly at the mine.

Contact him at felsko1@yahoo.com for an appointment.



5. PGMC Exhibition

5 & 6 October – PGMC Exhibition at the Wood Expo and Craft Festival at the Good Hope School in Menlo Park, Pretoria.

Rock & Mineral displays, lapidary, faceting and silversmithing and wire wrapping demonstrations on both days from 08:00 am onwards.

Bring you family and friends for a educational and fun-filled day.



6. Silversmithing Course



The next Silversmithing course has been scheduled for **Saturday, 19 October 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.

Look at the beautiful pendant recently made by Bernard Strydom (cabochon) and Bennrie Rodgers (silver work) – photo courtesy of Bernard.

7. Lapidary Sunday, 20 October 2019

Please note that this will be **lapidary work only – no cutting/slabbing of rocks, no silversmithing.** The session will run from 08:00 am to 13:00 pm and the normal workshop fee of R 15/pp applies. Re-confirm with Bernard beforehand as he will only open if there is a demand.



8. 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.



9. 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.

6. CSME - September Model Engineering Fair, 21-22 September 2019

Willem Vorster, our chairman, has done it again – he single-handedly organized a PGMC exhibit on very short notice at the recent Model Engineering Fair in Centurion. Due to some email communication problem we heard very late about this event and could not mobilize a team to assist Willem. Undeterred he called in the help of his daughter Erika and son-in-law Willem and quickly machinery, tables, chairs and club information material was loaded in his bakkie and off they went to Centurion.

The photos (courtesy of Tobias Beyers) speak for themselves – Willem and his family had a very successful 2-day exhibit and judging by the youngsters faces, everyone enjoyed the work sessions to the fullest. At times the kids had to queue for a machine to become available!!!



Willem, Erika and Willem – thank you very much for promoting the club and giving up your spare time to do so – you all are invaluable assets for our club!





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Nomination/Voting Form – PGMC Committee 2019/2020

Members are invited to forward their nominations for the new PGMC Committee 2019/2020. The elections will take place at the **Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 9 November 2019 at 13.00 pm.**

Members may personally forward their forms from **19 October to 2 November 2019** either via email to adelheid.naude@gmail.com or drop them into the voting box at the clubhouse.

Please note that any new person/s nominated **must give their consent** for you to do so, and must be willing to stand for election. Fill in the name of the person/s nominated in the space provided below, let them sign and then sign yourself at the bottom - **only fully completed forms can be accepted.**

New Nominations for the PGMC Committee 2019/2020 (having been asked and agreed hereto):

1. Nominee Name Nominee Signature
2. Nominee Name Nominee Signature
3. Nominee Name Nominee Signature

The persons stated below are currently serving on the Committee; those marked “yes” have given their consent for re-election. The positions of officers on the Committee will be voted upon at the AGM if required.

Voting Form - PGMC Committee 2019/2020

Designation	Name	Available	My Vote
Chairman	Willem Vorster	Yes	
Vice Chairman	Bernard Strydom	Yes	
Treasurer	John Morgan	Yes	
Secretary	open		
Additional	Dieter Heinichen	Yes	
Additional	Alan Crawford	Yes	
Additional	Karin Mayerl	Yes	
Additional	Heidi Naudé	Yes	
Additional	Peter Beresford	Yes	
Additional	Oliver Green	Yes	

Voting Member's Name & Signature.....