



# The Rock Rattler

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## Presidents Message

Show is 19 weeks away. Please enter a competitive display into the show.

Our website in the newsletter download section is AFMS information on displaying if you would like to read up on it.

Member Tom Stringfellow who is recovering from surgery will be back with us in May.

One of our show dealers Rusty Mercer is recovering from double pneumonia in a Tyler hospital. I wish them both a fast recovery.

Del Glasner

### Next Meeting

When: April 2, 2013  
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Where: Bossier City Library  
Historical Building  
Bossier City, La  
Program:

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# Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 5, 2013**

**Opening:** Del Glasner

**Pledge of Allegiance** Wil House

**Prayer** Wil House

## **Old Business:**

- Still looking for a new home.
- Old classroom at University Storage is officially closed. Teresa has volunteered to clean it for closing on Sat at 10:30 am
- Dues is due immediately
- Federation Show update
  - Show Committee met on Feb 23 and March 5
  - Food has been reserved
  - Lyn is working on cards for mail out. Will print 3500 yellow cards and 500 blue cards.
  - Signage through Lamar is being researched by Tony. Looking into possibility to renting sign on I20 and Benton

## **New Business:**

- Update for field trip to Midlothian. Have been invited to return in September.
- April—going to Arkansas to look for quartz
- \$100 donation given to South Central Federation in the name of Charlotte Harman
- Del's presentation on Vertebrates

**Members in Attendance** – Thomas Caughlin, Clarece Caughlin, Sharron Thomas, Antony Thomas, Del Glasner, John Autry, Sue Autry, Theresa Crawford, Susan Fortenberry, Adriene Abraham, Linda Leedom, Wil House, Dave Lowe, Gwynne Lowe, Marjorie Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Leland White, Jeannette White, Keith Tindall, Lyn Simms, Don Gednetz, Nina Hustus, Fonda Hatfield, Jim Hatfield, Larry Maquire, Charlie Johns, Dale Stokes

# Membership Application

Individual Membership \$15/Year Couple Membership \$20/Year Family Membership \$25/Year

New Member? Yes No Renewal? Yes No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ FB \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Option (Check One): Individual (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_ Couple (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$25): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society  
PO Box 6633  
Bossier City, LA 71111

Or Come to a meeting and pay in person at 6:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St. Bossier City, LA 71111

## *Class Dates*



Saturday – April 20, 2013 – Shell Carving. Instructor – Del Glasner. 1 day class. Fee \$100.

Saturday – June 9, 2013 – Introduction to Flame Worked Beads. Instructor – Tom Stringfellow. 1 day Class. Fee \$100.

Saturday and Sunday – July 13, 14, 2013 – Etching. Instructor – Tom Stringfellow. 2 day Class. Fee \$140.

## tips and tricks

### **SAWING THROUGH METAL TUBING** - *March '13*

Ever have problems cutting through a tube with your jeweler's saw? The teeth tend to get stuck on an edge and often will break your blade. To conserve time and resources, simply apply pressure on the upward motion of your saw to cut instead of the normal downward motion. The teeth won't get caught but will still cut through the tube like butter. Problem solved!.

### **SPRING HANDLE PLIERS FOR SMALLER HANDS** - *September '11*

Spring handle pliers can be difficult to grasp, especially if you have small hands. To make your life easier, stretch a wide rubber band across the handles to pull them together slightly. This stops them from springing open to their original position and adds additional grip while holding them. Start with the rubber band across the widest part of the handles and adjust it up or down to bring the handles closer together or farther apart.

### **NO TANGLE CHAIN POLISHING** - *August '11*

To tumble polish tarnished sterling chain with open links, thread it on monofilament or fishing line. Use a running stitch about every inch or so, depending on the size of the links, and tie the ends, making a loose bundle. Dip in jewelry cleaner to remove excess tarnish, rinse and tumble. No more tangled chain.

[http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm\\_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm\\_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October\\_eNewsletter\\_3%2Bstars&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October_eNewsletter_3%2Bstars&utm_medium=email)

## Upcoming Show Dates

### April

13-14—**ABILENE, TEXAS**: Annual show; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Abilene Civic Center; N. 6th and Pine St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children \$1.50; contact Linda Walker, PO Box 206, Hawley, TX 79525, (325) 537-4557; e-mail: [linewalk@juno.com](mailto:linewalk@juno.com)

20-21—**JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**: Show and sale; Greater Southern Gem & Jewelry Shows; Mississippi Trade Mart; 1207 Mississippi St., Mississippi Fairgrounds; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children (under 6) free; dealers, demonstrations, opals, Ethiopian opal, Oregon sunstone, loose and mounted gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewelry, precious stones, rare stones, rough rocks, coins, discounted gold and silver, jewelry repair, stone setting, ring sizing, gold and silver findings, tools, drawings, auctions, kids' and adults' panning, on-site gold and silver buying; contact Stan Bennett, 242 Faith Hill Dr., Ridgeland, MS 39157, (601) 898-0407

### May

25-26—**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**: 62nd Annual Show; Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club; Amon Carter Exhibits Bldg., Will Rogers Memorial Center; 3401 W. Lancaster; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors, students and military \$4, children (under 16) free; "Timeless Treasures", more than 25 dealers, exhibits, kids' games, hourly door prizes, grand prize, silent auction; contact Steve Hilliard, PO Box 418, Decatur, TX 76234, (817) 925-5760; e-mail: [fwgmc@embarqmail.com](mailto:fwgmc@embarqmail.com); Web site: [fortworthgemandmineralclub.org](http://fortworthgemandmineralclub.org)

## Field Trips for 2013

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator if you will be attending.

If you are unable to attend a field trip but would like something brought back just ask. Arrangements can be made.

*April 15, 2013* – Magnet Cove area in Arkansas for crystals.

*May 25, 2013* – Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Society show

*June 8-9, 2013* – Branson Missouri to search for mozarkite and jasper

*July 13, 2013* – North Sulfer River, Paris, Tx to search for fossils

*August 24, 2013* – Jasper Gem & Mineral Society show

*September 2013* – Midlothian Texas. Updates to follow

*October 5, 2013* – Arlington Gem & Mineral Society show

*Nov 3-4, 2013* – Midland Gem & Mineral Society show

This field trip list is subject to change based on participation and input from members.

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You annual dues is due immediately  
Please help us keep you inform by updating  
your information. Complete the membership  
application and turn it in with your payment.

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit educational organization devoted to promoting interest in the various earth sciences, particularly the art of lapidaries and their related fields. Informational speeches presented at area schools and the presentation of awards and cash prizes at the Public School Earth Science Fair are two of the ways the society achieves its goals. Another contribution to the community is the annual show, held at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd, in Bossier City. This "Jewelry, Gem, & Mineral Show" functions as a fund raiser for our group and a venue for the demonstrations of gold and silver casting, jewelry making, bead stringing, faceting, cabochon making, and flint knapping (the art of flaking stone tools such as arrowheads). The monthly meetings included programs of interest to rock hounds, information from the Rock Rattler, and jewelry making classes complete the educational objectives of the club.

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