



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in a rock hounding mood cuz this is rock hounding season. Remember this month's field trip is to a new location over in Georgia, April 22, 23 and 24. This will be our first time to a location going east. So please make plans to attend. The shop is rock'n and roll'n. There has been several members taking advantage of open shop on Saturday. New techniques are being taught by Tom. Please sign up for classes at the shop. It is a shame to not take advantage of the teachers we have available. As for me personally, I just got back from an amazing field trip out west with Del, Don Gednetz and Bill Eeds. We found lots of amazing rocks and were introduced to some very interesting wild life. Between Don's interesting stories, Bills knowledge of animals and birds, Del's driving and my impatient personality, it was a trip to remember. (by the way...Del are we there yet) We will have a slide show in the next few months to share with everybody our stories and examples of what we found. Just a hint—fire agate, petrified wood and peridot were our main focus. See y'all Tuesday.

Tom

Next Meeting

When:	April 5, 2016
Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	

Minutes of Meeting

March 1, 2016

Opening: Antony Thomas
Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas
Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Looking for land to move our building.
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John Autry
- Classes
 - See current list in newsletter
- Field Trips
 - Let Del know of places you want to go for a field trip
 - Planning for field trip to Grave's Mountain Georgia, April 23-24, 2016
 - Possible field trip to North Carolina
 - Rock Swap is postponed
- Other Business
 - There will be a sale of some of the pieces from our recent purchase at each meeting
 - Received a thank you from the family of Bill Hart
- 2016 Show
 - Considering presenters for each day
 - Motion for room rental was given by Lyn Simms, 2nd given by Sue Autry
 - Cab Contest—info was given to members
 - Will consider more advertising when speakers are confirmed.
 - Kids Corner—consider cabbing machine
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - Need ideas for pin for show
 - It was brought up to order more yard signs
- Showed video
- Silent Auction item was won by William Pesnell
- 34 members attended meeting

Field Trips for 2016

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator that 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 22-24	Graves Mt, GA	Minerals
May 7	Sulfur River	Shark, Ray, Dino Teeth and Fossils
June	Mt Ida AR	Crystals at a private location
July 9	Paragould AR	Crowley Ridge State Park
Aug 6	Claria Quarry, OK	Trilobites, brachiopods, coral
Sep 10	Little Stave Cr, AL	Middle Eocene, Gosport sand, fossils
Oct 8	Mufreesboro, AR	Crater of Diamonds State Park
Nov	Open	
Dec	Open	

2016 Class Schedule

Apr 9 & 10	Channel Weave & Byzantine Chainmaille' (\$165)
May 7 & 8	Chasing & Repousse' (\$190)
TBD	Stone Setting: Intermediate Metal Smithing
TBD	Contemporary/Unique Casting Methods
TBD	Wire Wrapping

- If interested in classes to learn techniques such as filigree, enameling with resins, etching, faceting, knapping, shell carving or beading, contact Tom Stringfello
- If interested in any of the classes, complete the following signup sheet and mail payment as instructed.
- Shop Location 581 Rex Beard Road, Haughton, LA
- You must be a paid member of the Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society
- Contact Tom Stringfellow with any questions (email: TomString@aol.com phone: 903-839-6744)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Since we have a class scheduled on April 9-10, the shop will NOT be open for anyone not attending the class.

Upcoming Show Dates

Apr 9-10, Siloam Springs, AR, Northwest Ark. G&MS, Community Building, www.nwarockhounds.org

Apr 30 – May 1, Waco, TX, Waco G&MC, Extraco Event Center, www.wacogemandmineral.org

May 14, Arlington, Arlington G&MC Swap Meet, 1408 Gibbons Rd, www.agemclub.com

May 21 – 22, DeRidder, LA, DeRidder G&MS, Beaugard Parish Fairgrounds

May 28 – 30, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth G&MS, Will Rogers Mem. Center, fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

Thank you Sue, Frankie and John for bringing refreshments at our last meeting.

Thank you Tom for bringing your chocolate velvet coffee and hot tea.

Thank you Lyn Simms, Walt Davis and Larry Maguire for bringing door prizes.

Just a sneak peak at the trip Don, Bill, Del and Tony took out West





	Refreshments	Door Prizes
Apr	Kathy Haney	Sue Autry
May	Jeanette White	Jeanette White
Jun	Nina Hustus	open
Jul	Terry Mastroni	Marjorie Thomas
Aug	Sharron Thomas	open
Sep	Gwynne Lowe	Don Gednetz
Oct	Marjorie Thomas	Nina Hustus
Nov	open	open
Dec	Christmas dinner	Auction

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