



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Summer is here and I hope everyone is hydrating if they are spending time outside. Our classroom and saw shop are coming along nicely. We could use some help. Email Tom Stringfellow or myself to verify when someone will be there. Our show is coming up in 2 weeks. See attached volunteer form. We still have spots to fill. Hope to see all of you at our meeting Tuesday, August 4.

Tony

Next Meeting

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| When: | August 4, 2015 |
| Board Meeting | 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm |
| Member Meeting | 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Where: | Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La |
| Program: | |
| Refreshments: | Cindy Free |
| Door Prizes: | Tony |

Minutes of Meeting

July 7, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update—Tom Stringfellow
 - Main Building
 - Carpenter has widened the door for wheel chair access.
 - Tub has been removed for extra storage space
 - Old heater and a/c unit have been removed
 - Tom requested any help available on Sat, July 11
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
 - At this time all classes are at a standstill until the class room is at a point that it can be used.
- Field Trips
 - Alabama trip has been cancelled until further notice
 - November Coleman's
- Other Business
 - No Updates
- Show
 - Dates are Aug 15 and 16
 - 32 dealers have been invited—deadline to pay is June
 - 28 vendors have confirmed
 - Possible scavenger hunt for kids
 - Del will be following up with all unpaid vendors to see if they are interested. The people on waiting list will be contacted
 - Pins are available
 - Louisiana Association of the Blind printed cards, flyers and brochures
 - Advertising through Lamar has been completed. We have 2 large and 2 small billboards
 - Signup sheet were started
- 30 members attended meeting

Field Trips for 2015

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.

November

Ron Coleman's

Class Schedule Update

The class schedule is available. If you would like a copy emailed to you, email Sharron at adslthomas@gmail.com to request a copy. At this time, the classroom needs to be completed before dates for classes can be confirmed. If you have questions about the classes, you can contact Tom Stringfellow at tomstring@aol.com.



AFMS & SCFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION 54th Annual Gemstones, Mineral & Fossil Show Featuring PEGMATITES

The following item is the Grand Prize and will be given away
Sunday October 25, 2015, at the
AFMS/ SCFMS Convention and Show.
Ticket comes free with show entry.

The winner does not need to be present to win.

This Show will be held in our own South Central Federation in Austin, TX. Plan now to attend. It will be a show to remember and you won't want to miss this one.

See you there.

Upcoming Show Dates

August

8-9—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel; 5500 Hilton Ave; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$5.00, Children >12 & younger \$3.00; Demonstrations: cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, and more. Door prizes all day. Silent auctions going on both days. Scout and educational groups are welcome.; contact Tony Rouchon, LA, (225) 219-0698; e-mail: aroucho@entergy.com; Web site: brgemandmineral.org

22-23—JASPER, TEXAS: Annual Show Pine Country Gem and Mineral Society, The Event Center 6258 Highway 190 West. Students Free, Adults \$3.00 <http://www.pinecountry-gms.org/>

September

25-27—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, ; Fri. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Students \$7.00, Children 10 and under Free!; More than 40 gem, mineral, jewelry, lapidary, bead and fossil dealers with unique and colorful items from all major localities worldwide. Educational displays, including fossils, minerals, jewelry and beadwork. Demonstrations of jewelry making, faceting, bead work and lapidary. Mineral and fossil identification. Professional gemologist for faceted stone identification. Kids activities - Dino Dig, Youth Section games, Science Museum activities. Scout program for merit badge. Girl Scout program. Swap Area for inexpensive minerals, fossils and jewelry.; contact Scott Singleton, Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: hgms.org

October

9-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is FREE; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest Hi Lynn, JohnBe the Crystal Guy here! Yes, we are having the show and Dig again this year. The hours at the Chamber are shortened during the winter, so there may not be anyone there to answer if you call. That is why I am giving you the heads up! We would like to get this listed online as soon as possible, so people can start making plans now.; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Hwy 270 West, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

23-25—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem & Mineral Society, Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Students ages 13-18 \$2, Children age 12 and under free!; Gem Capers 2015 annual show with over 30 vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, spheres, meteorites and lapidary items. This year hosting national federation show (AFMS) and regional federation show (SCFMS) as well as S.C.R.I.B.E. Several talks will be held during the show and are open to public with show admission. Topics such as Central Tx Pegmatites and American diamond mining. See website for more details on schedules. Numerous free exhibits and demos and Touch Table of rocks. For \$1 each, view fluorescent minerals, take a spin on Wheel of Fortune, find stones in the Gem Mine, make a piece of jewelry. Fri is youth education day sponsored by Silicon Labs. Fri, Sat, and Sun prizes. Sun is Grand Prize of floor sized globe with semi-precious stone inlay. Sat & Sun hourly door prizes as well. Proceeds support AGMS (501(c)(3) organization) and scholarships in the Earth Sciences.; contact Susan Postlethwait, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; e-mail: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Web site: www.gemcapers.com

November

21-22—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Mesquite Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is \$8, Children 3 and under are Free; Adults: \$8.00 12 & under: \$3.00 3 & under: FREE! Family of 4 or more: \$20.00 Scouts & Leaders in uniform FREE! Rocks/Mineral Specimens Polished/Faceted Gems Fossils Lapidary Equipment Jewelry Supplies Games & Demonstrations Fluorescent Display Prizes & Silent Auction ; contact Darrell Harrison, P O Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374-2033, (214) 454-0945; e-mail: bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net; Web site: <http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org/>

Volunteer Sign up as of July Meeting

| Saturday | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | 10a-12p | 12p-2p | 2p-4p | 4p-6p |
| Ticket Sales | Dwain Spillman | Sharron Thomas | Dwain Spillman | Debra Clark |
| | Nancy Spillman | Sharon Glasner | Nancy Spillman | |
| Door Prize Ticket Taker | Marjorie | | | |
| Silent Auction | Lynn Simms | Nina Hustus | Michael Clark | |
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| Kids Booth | Sue Autry | Sue Autry | Sue Autry | Sue Autry |
| | Frankie Autry | Frankie Autry | Frankie Autry/Allison Clark | Frankie Autry |
| Club Booth Info | | | Jeanette White | Jeanette White |
| | | | Rachel Brannon | |
| Demo | | Lynn simms | Lynn Simms | Lynn Simms |
| Dealer Follow Up | | | | |

| Sunday | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 10a-12p | 12p-2p | 2p-4p | 4p-Close |
| Ticket Sales | | Nina Hustus | Sharron Thomas | |
| | | Susan Fortenberry | Sharon Glasner | |
| Door Prize Ticket Taker | | | | |
| Silent Auction | Nina Hustus | | | |
| | Lynn Simms | | | |
| Kids Booth | Sue Autry | Sue Autry | Sue Autry | Sue Autry |
| | Frankie Autry | Frankie Autry | Frankie Autry | Frankie Autry |
| Club Booth Info | | | Jeanette White | Jeanette White |
| | | | Leland White | Leland White |
| Demo | | Lynn Simms | Lynn Simms | Lynn Simms |
| Dealer Follow Up | | | | |

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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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