



# The Rock Rattler

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## *President's Message*

Hello my friends and fellow rockhounds!! Our show is 3 weeks away. Hopefully everyone is ready to roll up our sleeves and make this one the best ever. I apologize that I have not been at the shop lately but have had personal business that needed to be taken care of. If you are planning on entering our 1<sup>st</sup> annual cabochon contest for the show, please bring your entry to the meeting, Tuesday. **This is the deadline.** Our program for this month will be Lyn and Nina's adventure to William Holland School. I can't wait. Remember our field trip this month is to Oklahoma to look for fossils. Remember you must be a member to go on field trips and use our shop. Please also remember that when using equipment at the shop...SAFETY FIRST and always clean up behind yourself. If you use the saw remember every 3<sup>rd</sup> slab belongs to the club for our silent auction. If you have any questions while at the club shop, do not hesitate to ask the steward that is there. Remember our shop and all of its equipment need to be treated well so future generations can use

it. *Tony*

## **Next Meeting**

When:	August 2, 2016
Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	Lyn & Nina's Great Adventure to William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

## Minutes of Meeting

July 5, 2016

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

### **Business Discussed:**

- Building Update
  - Still looking for land to move our building
  - Thinking about putting culvert in
- Finance Committee report
  - No updates
- Treasury Report
  - Treasury report given by John Autry
- Classes
  - Board members have approved classes. List will be available at show
- Field Trips
  - Field trip to Perot museum with be Sat.
- Other Business
  - No update
- 2016 Show
  - Cab Contest—there will be 2 types of entries, one for set cabochons and ones that are not
  - Pins have been ordered
  - Volunteer sign up was available to start taking names
  - 1 display case still availble
  - Will need 2 cases for cabochon contest
  - Dinner for vendors will be changed to Bodacious BBQ
  - Gold Prospectors will have table set up for kids to pan for gold
  - Members requested info on vests to be emailed to everyone
  - Request for signs to direct people to speakers
  - Del gave layout of vendors
  - Request was made for donations for silent auction
  - Gary Stringer has confirmed as one speaker
- Presentation given by Del on steamcasting
- 36 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.

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

- 2016/2017 class schedule is in the process of being completed. If you have any suggestions on a class, please contact Tom Stringfellow at [TomString@aol.com](mailto:TomString@aol.com) phone: 903-839-6744).
- If interested in classes to learn techniques such as filigree, enameling with resins, etching, faceting, knapping, shell carving or beading, contact Tom Stringfellow
- Shop Location 581 Rex Beard Road, Haughton, LA
- You must be a paid member of the Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society

# Volunteers

We need  for our show in August!!!

Sign up at the next meeting

# Upcoming Show Dates

## August

**13-14—GONZALES, LOUISIANA:** Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center Trademart Building; 9039 S Saint Landry Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children \$3; Demonstrations: Cabbing, Faceting, Wire wrapping, and more. Door Prizes all day. Silent auctions going on both days. Scouts and educational groups are welcome. Vendors will be selling rock specimens, fossils, minerals, tools & jewelry. \$5 Adults • \$3 Children 12 & under Children 4 and under free \$1 off for Scouts in uniform Military personnel free with military ID; contact Wanda Gawarecki, 5191 Hwy 19, Ethel, LA 70730, (225)-603-3870; e-mail: mercymom3@gmail.com; Web site: www.brgemandmineral.org

**27-28—JASPER, TEXAS:** Annual show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, The Event Center; 6258 Highway 190 West; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10 -5; Adults/Seniors \$3.00, Students/Children free; Lapidary demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, silent auction, grand prize raffle and spinning wheel featured. Vendors from across the country will offer rough rock, lapidary equipment and finished jewelry for sale.; contact Jonetta Nash, 737 FM 254 South, Jasper, TX 75951, (409)-384 3974; e-mail: jonetta.nash@yahoo.com; Web site: www.pinecountry-gms.org

## September

**7-8—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS:** Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4; Admission \$75/\$100; Annual Amateur Quartz Crystal Digging Contest. Keep all you find, meet other miners; maybe even win a prize!; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870)-867-2723; e-mail: director@mountidachamber.com; Web site: www.mountidachamer.com

**7-9—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest. ; 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

## October

**21-23—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society, Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children ages 13-18 \$2 / 12 and under free; Gem & mineral show vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits like the touch table of rocks and fossils and member collections. Demos in faceting, cabbing, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay. Fri "Youth Education Day" w/field trips. For \$1 each Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune, Jewelry Making, or Illumination Station. Hourly door prizes Sat and Sun. Grand Prize Sun Fluorite specimen from Bingham, NM.; contact Chip Burnette, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512)-458-9546; e-mail: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Web site: www.gemcapers.com

## November

**19-20—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive, (I-635 & Military Parkway); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$8, Students \$8, Children \$3; 59th Annual Dallas Gem & Mineral Show. There will be be fluorescent displays, silent auctions, door prizes and much more.; contact Diana Case, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374, (214)-349-2022; Web site: dallasgemandmineral.org

Thank you Terry for bringing refreshments  
at our last meeting.

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

**If anyone is interested in bringing door prizes or refreshments on any of the open times, please let Sharron know.**

	Refreshments	Door Prizes
Aug	Sharron Thomas	Antony Thomas
Sep	Gwynne Lowe	Don Gednetz
Oct	Marjorie Thomas	Nina Hustus
Nov	open	open
Dec	Christmas dinner	Auction



**All CABACHON entries must be turned in at the meeting on August 2. No late entries will be accepted.**

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