



# The Rock Rattler

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## President's Message

Members--

The year 2015 is almost done. Time to prepare for 2016. I can't wait to see the member's response at this year's Christmas party when they see the items up for auction. Cabs, slabs, rough, etc. As you all may have already heard we lost a longtime member and friend Bill Hart. He gave of his time and knowledge while he was alive and he is still doing it, because he has left to the club his machines, cabs, opals, etc....lots of amazing stuff. I, Tom and Del are sorting through it to determinate what is usable equipment and also items for our Christmas auction. By the way we now have several running saws and I can't wait to see what our clubs future holds. I ask all of you to openly support your 2016 officers/board members and help make our club the best it can be. We had 16 members show up for the Ron Coleman's fieldtrip. I am sure everyone lots of crystals. I challenge new members and old alike to attend as many fieldtrips and CLASSES possible

Tony

## Next Meeting

When:	December 1, 2015
Board Meeting	
Member Meeting	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Where:	Podnuh's BarBQ 1146 S'port Barksdale Hwy
Program:	Christmas Social Bring items to donate for auction



## Minutes of Meeting

October 6, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

### Business Discussed:

- Building Update—Tom Stringfellow
  - Will install electrical outlets in bathroom for heater and vent
  - Open shop on Saturdays 11-6
  - Open shop by RSVP on Thursdays
- Finance Committee report
  - No updates
- Treasury Report
  - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
  - See current list in newsletter
- Field Trips
  - Members only field trips
    - November 7--Ron Coleman's will be a 2 hour dig
      - Meet at library at 5 am
  - Possible field trip to North Carolina
- Other Business
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ark-La-Tex Rock Swap next April
  - There will be a sale of some of the pieces from our recent purchase
  - Christmas dinner on 12/1/15 @ 6 pm at Podnuhs on Shreveport Barksdale
- Demonstration by
- 35 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.

Pending for 2016 at this time

## 2015/2016 Class Schedule

Dec 5 & 6	Metal Manipulation ((\$75)
Jan 9 & 10	Intro to Flame Worked Beads ((\$165)
Feb 6 & 7	Glass Fusing (\$165)
Mar 5 & 6	Enameling with Glass Enamels (\$165)
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](mailto:TomString@aol.com) phone: 903-839-6744)



**Class Signup:** **Please list your interest in specific classes and give your completed form and payment to Tom.** (Make checks payable to Tom Stringfellow, email: TomString@aol.com phone: 903-839-6744, address: 16856 Cardinal Lane, Troup, Texas 75789)

**In the "Comments Section", Tell us if you want any other class/es not listed, if you prefer weekend or weekday classes, or any special times for a specific class. Our classes can be scheduled for everyone's interests!** (Interested in teaching a class or introducing a new class to our club? PLEASE contact Tom !!!! WE ARE INTERESTED!!!!)

**NAME (Please Print) Contact (Address, e-mail, AND phone) Class/Classes signing up for:**

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**COMMENTS:**

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**CLASS FEE'S PAID:**

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Class fees must be paid at least fourteen days BEFORE the class is scheduled (or more) to allow the instructors to assemble tools and supplies. Over enrollment in a class will allow a second class to be scheduled at a time convenient to all....otherwise the class fee will be refunded.

A receipt will be mailed back to you.

**\*\* Refunds are given only if you cancel at least twenty-one days in advance!\*\***

**RECEIPT FOR CLASS**

**FEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be Signed & Dated by Club Receiver**

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# Upcoming Show Dates

## JANUARY

**16-17—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS:** Annual show; FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS, LADY BIRD JONHSON PARK; HWY 16 SO., 3 MILES SO. OF MAIN ST.; Sat. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Free Admission!; 47 th ANNUAL HILL COUNTRY GEM & MINERAL SHOW 40 + DEALERS TEXAS & SW.....MINERALS,FOSSILS,METEORITES,GEODES,CARVINGS,JEWELRY FREE ADIMSSION, FOOD SERVICE HOURLY SILENT AUCTIONS & DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE PRIZES COME BROWSE,COME BUY, OR JUST COME AND HAVE FUN ; contact JIM GEDEON, 1156 OLD WILLOW RD., FREDERICKSBURG, TX 78624, (830) 456-5419; e-mail: gedeonjim1@gmail.com; Web site: FREDERICKSBURG ROCKHOUNDS

**22-24—TYLER, TEXAS:** Wholesale and retail show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler Rose Center; 420 Rose Park Drive; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 Admission, Students/Children \$1; The 19th annual show will feature the rock food table, lapidary & equipment sales; fossils, minerals, jewelry and cut and uncut stones. There is a large variety of dealers, activities and displays, along with the popular wheel of fortune booth and a silent auction table. School day is Friday with several educational demonstrations but is also open to the public. ; contact Keith Harmon, Hwy 84 West, Rusk, TX 75785, 903 316-2967; e-mail: whizgnat@netzero.net

## FEBRUARY

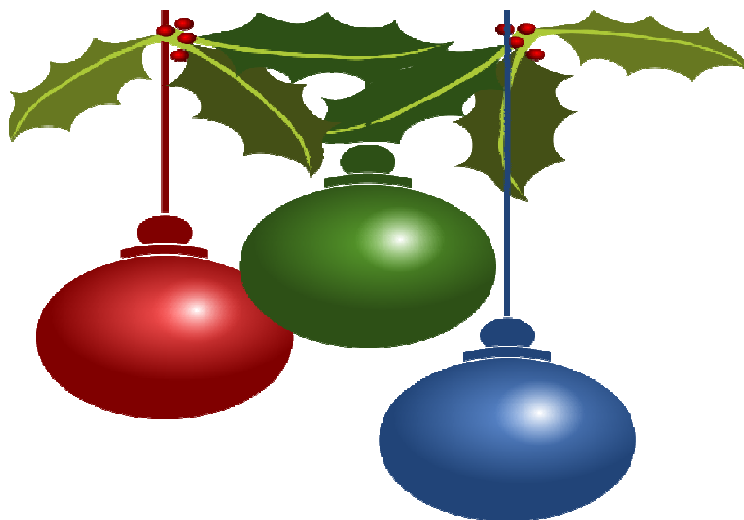
**20-21—GEORGETOWN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Williamson County Gem and Mineral Society, Community Center- San Gabriel Park; 445 East Morrow Street, P O Box 82472; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults + Seniors \$3.00, Students/Youth 6-12- \$2.00, Children under 6- Free!; Rollin Rock Club Meeting Sunday Feb 21,2016 9 A.M. We will have a food concession the whole shiw; contact Bill Medford, Georgetown, TX 78628, (512) 930-2768; Web site: wcgms.org

## MARCH

**11-13—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Exhibit Group International Inc, Embassy Suite Hotel; 7750 Briaridge drive; Fri. 11-06, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$3 Admission; Large selection gem stone beads, sterling silver Jewelry, fine jade, fine diamond, fine jewelry, pewter finding, jewelry making supply, bead's jewelry making class etc.; contact John So, 13337 South street #633, cerritos, CA 90703, 2146631740; e-mail: egi168@hotmail.com; Web site: www.egishows.com

## APRIL

**9-10—SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Nortwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society, Community Building; Mt. Olive Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$3.00, Free admission for children; Demonstrations, displays, silent auctions, dealers and gem wash.; contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479)-721-1579; e-mail: hulagrub@aol.com; Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org





# The Ten Rock Commandments

1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbors' minerals unless he/she places them in your hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by puchsing, biting or squeezing.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil for many do not bounce properly
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbors' specimen in thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not test they neighbors' agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
6. Thou shalt not argue the name of a mineral violently; sometimes thou could be wrong.
7. Thou shalt protect thine own eyes, hands and feet so thou can enjoy many more field trips.
8. Thou shalt not encroach on thy neighbors' digging lest his/her hammer be dropped on your toe.
9. Thou shalt not complain about or denounce thy club officers under penalty of being elected one thyself.
10. Thou shalt not climb above thy neighbor when on a field trip unless thou are willing to spend the remainder of the day digging him/her out

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## *Pics from Field Trip to Coleman's*





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