



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Members—

Hope this month's newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. I am looking forward to what Tom has in store for us for classes, what Del has in store for us for field trips and of course our 2016 Gem and Mineral Show. Don't forget our shop is open Saturday, 11 am – 6 pm. Tom is there willing and able to teach you. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at this month's meeting because how can you know what we are doing if you don't attend.

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	February 2, 2015
Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La

Program:

Minutes of Meeting

October 6, 2015

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
 - Christmas auction total was \$1214.00
- Classes
 - See current list in newsletter
- Field Trips
 - Del Glasner is now field trip coordinator
 - 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
- Other Business
 - 1st Annual Ark-La-Tex Rock Swap next April
 - 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
 - Already have 10 vendors confirmed
- Showed video
- 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

2016 Class Schedule

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 phone: 903-839-6744)

Upcoming Show Dates

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; Northwest 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

Christmas Party 2016





	Refreshments	Door Prizes
Feb	Nancy Spillman	Antony Thomas
Mar	Sue Autry	Lyn Simms
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

2016 Board Members

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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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