

# THE ROCK RATTLER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

February is a great time for organizing your rocks and minerals....So send us pics of your favorite ones. I hope everyone is doing well and would strongly encourage each and every one of you to attend our monthly meetings, classes and field trips. Tom is eager to hear what classes you are wanting and Del needs your input on field trip ideas...What material do you want to look for, how far do you want to travel etc....Be safe and see you at the meeting. Tony

## **NEXT MEETING**

New meeting location for February 7 and March 7 because Historical center and Library will be closed due to repairs.

Hope Community Church of God located at 3247 Bert Kouns

(this is where we had our Christmas party in Dec)

Gathering 5:30pm Board meeting 6:00pm Meeting starts 6:30pm

**Refreshments** by: Nina Hustus **Door Prizes** by: Malcolm Moore

**Program: How It's Made – Turquoise Jewelry**

## **Classroom/Shop**

Del will be covering for Tom's Saturday **open shop on Jan 14 and 21**. For those that have done casting or others that want to observe, we will be doing some Investment casting. others Fill free to bring out your project and work in the shop.  
Hours 10:00 am-5:00 pm

## Upcoming Classes

Introduction to the Metal Clays – Feb 18 & 19 fee \$165

Chasing & Repousse' – April 15 & 16 fee \$100

## Upcoming Shows

<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates/>

**Jan 27-29—TYLER, TEXAS:** Annual show; East Texas Gem and Mineral Society, Rose Garden Center; 420 Rose Park Dr; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$3, Students \$1; Grand Prize drawing for both Adults and Students, Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune, Show Cases. We have Outstanding Dealers offering Gemstones, Jewelry, Fossils, Minerals, Geodes, and lapidary arts demonstrations. The Nationally Recognized Rock Food Table will be on Display the entire show.; contact Keith Harmon, TX, (903)-316-2967; e-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com; Web site: etgms.com

## Information

Hints:

- To get a Gloss Finish on Tigereye, polish once, then dry, then put a drop of vinegar on it. Leave a couple of minutes and give it a second polish. Result should be the deep finish you want.
- A quick and safe way to remove a cabochon that gets stuck in the bezel of a finding when grinding for a perfect fit: put the cab on a towel. Boil a cup of water. With needle nose pliers or tweezers, nab the offending cab and dip in the hot water. One minute is usually enough. Remove the cab and tap it very gently with a pencil; it should drop out free and unharmed. The metal of the finding will expand more quickly than the stone and therefore the stone drops out. Don't try this with opals.
- Treat wood dopsticks with a light coat of shellac. This prevents wood from absorbing water, which would cause wood to swell and eventually crack the dop wax, thus loosening the stone.
- For a bright sparkle, mix denture powder as directed and soak your geodes with crystal centers and/or crystal specimens.

Websites:

[Waxpatterns.com](http://Waxpatterns.com) has info on how to cast stones in place.

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/env/pdf/publicat/gempostr.pdf> Texas Rocks Poster.

[http://www.newssouthernview.com/pages/nsv\\_wht\\_jacksons\\_volcano.html](http://www.newssouthernview.com/pages/nsv_wht_jacksons_volcano.html) Jackson Ms.

Volcano.

**Member Crafts**



created by member Del Glasner

Send in photos of your craftwork or comments to: [larockclub@gmail.com](mailto:larockclub@gmail.com)

**Field Trip Photos**



Collecting rocks is OK here outside Deming N.M.



**Collecting rocks here at Odessa Meteor Crater is not OK**



**Rockshop outside of Rockhound S.P.**

**Possible next field trip to collect on a beach that was once onshore**



Point



Present day McFaddin Beach

## **Minutes for 1/3/17**

Attendance 33 members

Opening Antony Thomas

Prayer Antony Thomas

Pledge Antony Thomas

Treasury Report John Autry

### Old Business

- Request was made for membership cards
- Chainmaille class is planning to be moved to May 6 & 7.  
Waiting on everyone to check their schedules.
- Field Trips Planning a trip to Alpine in west Texas for 3 days
- Show Committee 9 dealers have returned contracts
- Shop Committee Tom will be out for 2 weeks and Del will be covering those dates.  
Saturday shop hours are 11 am to 6 pm.

### New Business

- Request has been made to create a children's class

### Program

- West Texas Agates

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