



The Rock Rattler

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Presidents Message

Members,

Happy New Year to every one of our esteemed club members. As you all probably know, I am new to this position & I would appreciate input from all of you so that no one feels left out. I feel that everyone has something to contribute, and together we can make this club better than ever.

Thank you, & see you all on January 7th!

*Larry Maguire
President*

Next Meeting

When: January 7, 2014
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier City Library
 Historical Building
 Bossier City, La
Program: Discussion of upcoming year events

Minutes of Meeting
November 5, 2013

Opening:	Del Glasner
Pledge of Allegiance	Wil House
Prayer:	Wil House

Business Discussed:

- Christmas Party
 - Will be at Jan's River Restaurant on 70th Street at 6 pm
 - Bring items for auction
- Election of new officers
 - President – Larry Maguire
 - V. President – Antony Thomas
 - Secretary – Sharron Thomas
 - Treasurer – John Autry
 - Board Member #1 – Edna House
 - Board Member #2 – Nina Hustus
 - Board Member #3 – Lyn Simms
- Building Update
 - 14x28 building purchased for \$4000
 - 14x52 building purchased for \$3000
 - Wil House will be heading up getting the electricity up and working
 - Will need any volunteers that can help get the buildings ready for use
- Field Trips
 - Tony gave an idea what to look forward to next year for field trips
 - Feb—guided field trip
 - March—Wegner mine in Mt Ida, AR
 - Suggestion was given for Ashdown AR for fossils
- Video on Tanzanite

Members in attendance: Susan Fortenberry, Del Glasner, Edna House, Lyn Simms, Jeanette White, Sharron Thomas, Sue Autry, Nina Hustus, Milton Bauldree, Antony Thomas, Leland White, Debbie Washburn, Larry Maguire, John Autry, Wil House, Linda Leedom, Heather Cregut, Tommy

tips and tricks

CLEAN DESIGN TRANSFERS - December '13

Design transfer can be messy and complicated sometimes. To make it easier and cleaner, draw your design directly on clean metal with a permanent sharpie, then cover with clear packing tape to keep the drawing from being rubbed off. When you've finished, simply peel the tape off--it usually releases without leaving behind residue. No need to worry about paper labels that don't stick or toxic rubber cement smells

WONKY CRIMP COVERS? - November '13

Tired of your crimp covers sliding around or being gripped wonky with your pliers? Try using your crimping pliers! Put the crimp cover on a flat surface and grip the cover with the most forward "slot" of your crimp pliers. It holds the crimp cover just right and it won't slide around preventing you from closing the crimp cover sideways, as happens with regular flat nose pliers

http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October_eNewsletter_3%2Bstars&utm_medium=email

Field Trips for 2014

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.

February 15

Columbia, LA – Megladon Sharks Teeth

March 8

Mt. Ida, AR – Wegner Mine for crystals. 12 person minimum

April 12

N. Sulfur River – Fossils and petrified wood

June 14

Mississippi – Homachita River. Banded Agate

July 12

Ashdown, AR – Fossils

August 23, 24 (tentative date--waiting on confirmation from host group)

Jasper, Tx – Petrified Wood. Fee of \$25 must be paid by June meeting

September and October- Open—if you have an idea give info to field trip coordinator

Upcoming Show Dates

January

11—ARLINGTON, TEXAS: Annual Faceting Swap Meet; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; AGMC clubhouse; 1408 Gibbons Rd.; Sat. 8-4; free admission; faceting rough, equipment, cut gems, shop talk, faceting-related items, Texas Facet Guild meeting, Gemcad lecture; contact Jack Spinks, 209 Overlook Dr., Midlothian, TX 76065, (214) 335-9452; e-mail: jlspinks@sbcglobal.net; Web site: agemclub.com

February

22-23—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society; Mississippi Trade Mart; State Fairgrounds; Sat. 9-6; adults \$5, students \$3; dealers, gems, fossils, minerals, beads, jewelry, demonstrators, faceting, flint knapping, wire wrapping; contact Keith Peacock, 176 Tazan Ave., Florence, MS 39073, (601) 863-6535

March

8-9—PASADENA, TEXAS: Annual show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Pasadena Convention Center; 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, students (6th-12th grade) \$3, children (under 12) free; 32 dealers, lapidary equipment, rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, rockhound equipment, books, swap area, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, Scout merit badge workshops, fossil exhibits, children's gem mine and hands-on workshops; contact Sara Chelette, CLGMS, PO Box 58072, Houston, TX 77258; e-mail: sara_chelette@sbcglobalnet.com; Web site: www.clgms.org

April

12—NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society; Elder Johnson Pavilion, Burns Park; Military Dr.; Sat. 9-4; free admission; buy, sell or trade rocks, minerals or fossils; contact Mike Austen, PO Box 241656, Little Rock, AR 72223, (501) 868-4553; e-mail: steelpony@aol.com; Web site: www.centralarrockhound.org

DUES

IS DUE AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Please confirm address, phone numbers, date of birth and email address with Sharron or John.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our exiting president, Del Glasner, for his hard work and his uncanny ability to keep things fun while teaching us amazing techniques. Hopefully, we can get him to take us to some amazing field trip locations in the coming years now that he will have more time on his hands (hint, hint).

Sincerely,
Tony

Christmas Party Pictures



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