



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Classroom visits on Thursday nights 5:30-8:00pm have been filled with some interesting visits from a few of our members wanting to cut an interesting open and see inside or cast a piece of jewelry. Sometimes we just visit over a cup of coffee while Tony works circles around us. More members should visit our classroom. Other members are always willing to share their knowledge and help you with your project. Remember this is your classroom/shop to use that is made possible by your dues and our major fund raiser show each year. Soon we will start having the classroom open on Saturday's when there is not a scheduled class. We will be looking for volunteers for shop stewards to open/close, and help members for this.

*Sincerely
Del Glasner*

Next Meeting

When: July 10, 2012, Tuesday
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier Parish Library
2600 Beckett
Bossier City, LA 71111
Program:

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Future Field Trips

September 2012

Location: Open for suggestion

Disclaimer: Club and host are not responsible for injuries, items lost or stolen. So be on your toes, be patient and aware of your surroundings

Membership

Individual Membership \$15/Year

Couple Membership \$20/Year

Family Membership \$25/Year

New Member? Yes No Renewal? Yes No

Name _____ (Spouse) _____

Children's Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile)

E-Mail _____ FB _____

Membership Option (Check One): Individual (\$15) _____ Couple (\$20) _____ Family (\$25): _____

Mail to: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
PO Box 6633
Bossier City, LA 71111

Or Come to a meeting and pay in person at 6:30 on the 1st Tuesday of each month
Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St.
Bossier City, LA 71111

Class Info & Updates

The "Open Shop" Saturday was great fun! Metal Clay Players made more gorgeous items! A newbie in clay-work learned how. One of our players worked on gorgeous beach glass as pendants mounted in silver....and hooked Tom into doing some on his own. He is busily making some unique glass to use. Tony embarked upon Chasing-Repousse' and turned out a nice chased and repousse'd leaf. Marilyn continued her metal clay investigation and accomplishments. Del came by and set up our new Vibratory Tumbler that Susan, so graciously, got at a bargain price at Harbor Freight. It is one great labor saver in polishing!! **ALL HAD FUN!**
No classes currently scheduled for July; but don't miss our open shop nights on Thursday.

Minutes For June 5, 2012 Meeting

Opening: Del Glasner

Pledge of Allegiance: Antony Thomas

Old Business:

- Treasurer's Report

 - Checking and account and CD is in great shape

- Show Report-Charlie Johns

 - Dates—August 18 & 19, 2012 w/ setup on August 17

 - Digital signs have been paid for. They will start the week of the show.

 - Signs are located at I20/Benton Road and Fern/70th

 - Ads to run in Shreveport times and all other publications that have free advertising.

 - Cards are ready to mail

 - Will need volunteers to help with show. Sign up will begin next meeting

- Shop

 - Barstools are in use.

- July meeting

 - Members requested that next meeting will be moved to July 10 because of the 4th of July holiday. It will be held in another part of the library.

New Business

- Classes

 - no classes at this time.

 - shop will be open on Saturday June 16 for a play day. Tom's supplies and tools will be available for use for attendees.

- Another auction was held for Philip Sanders items that have been donated by family

- Field Trips

 - No field trips in summer

 - Need ideas for field trips

 - idea was given to go to a river in Arkansas. Del will follow-up with member on exact location

Program

- Tom Stringfellow gave a demonstration on Chasing and Repousse and passed around possible ideas available with the type of craft.

Upcoming Shows

August, 2012

11-12 – Baton Rouge - Baton Rouge G&MS. Marriot Ballroom. Just off of college Drive

25-26 – Jasper -Show Hours - Saturday 9 to 5 Sunday 10 to 5. The Event Center, 6258 Highway 190, 5 miles West of Jasper. SCFMS & PINE COUNTRY G&M SOC

Tony's 1st attempt at Chasing and Repousse'





--Ruby--



Ruby

Like a perfect red rose, the Ruby's rich color speaks of love and passion. Called the "Rajnapura" or King of Gems by ancient Hindus, July's birthstone is among the most highly prized of gems throughout history. The Ruby was considered to have magical powers, and was worn by royalty as a talisman against evil. It was thought to grow darker when peril was imminent, and to return to its original color once danger was past—provided it was in the hands of its rightful owner!

Rubies were thought to represent heat and power. Ancient tribes used the gem

as bullets for blowguns, and it was said that a pot of water would boil instantly if a Ruby was tossed into it. Ground to powder and placed on the tongue, this crystal was used as a cure for indigestion.



The word Ruby comes from the Latin "ruber," meaning red. It is a variety of the mineral Corundum, and is found as crystals within metamorphic rock. Corundum is the second hardest mineral, after Diamond. It comes in a variety of colors, and is considered a Sapphire in any color except red, which is designated as a Ruby. Rubies range in hue from an orangy red to a purplish red, but the most prized gems are a true red in color. Large sized Rubies are very rare and valuable.

The history of Ruby mining dates back more than 2,500 years ago. The most beautiful crystals are thought to be from Burma, but quality Rubies are also found in India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Kenya, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the United States.

It has been said that the Ruby's red glow comes from an internal flame that cannot be extinguished, making a gift of this stone symbolic of everlasting love. With its hardness and durability, it is a perfect engagement gem. And if worn on the left hand, ancient lore has it that the Ruby will bring good fortune to its wearer, too!



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-----Reminder-----

The ArkLaTex Gem & Mineral Society's
Gem & Mineral Show will be
August 17-19, 2012.

Please consider volunteering or donating to this event. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering, please sign up at the next meeting. Del will have a signup sheet available.

The rock shop is open on Thursdays, usually from 5 pm - 8 pm, for all members to work independently on their personal projects.

Please call Del or Tony to make sure one of them will be in attendance.

If you would like to submit material to be included in the monthly newsletter, please email information to Sharron at adslthomas@gmail.com

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