



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

One month to go 'til our show! Hope this finds everyone staying cool. Our studio and saw shop are coming along. Thanks to Tom's due diligence. Del is working hard to make this year's show the best ever. So now it's time for us to prepare ourselves to help make this a great show. We will have the volunteer signup sheet at this meeting, so please be thinking of where you would like to help. Hope to see each and every one of you at our July meeting. Tony

Next Meeting

When:	June 7, 2015
Board Meeting	6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	
Refreshments:	Nina Hustus
Door Prizes:	Don Gednetz

Minutes of Meeting

June 2, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update—Tom Stringfellow
 - Main Building
 - Carpenter has widened the door for wheel chair access.
 - Securing the building is done
 - Leland is working on the electrical issues
 - Tub will be removed for extra storage space
 - Old heater and a/c unit will be removed
 - Tom requested any help available on Sun June 7 and 8
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
 - At this time all classes are at a standstill until the class room is at a point that it can be used.
- Field Trips
 - Alabama trip has been cancelled until further notice
- Other Business
 - No Updates
- Show
 - Dates are Aug 15 and 16
 - 32 dealers have been invited—deadline to pay is June
 - 19 vendors have confirmed
 - Looking into the requirements for Boy Scouts Geology badge
 - Info will be researched by Michael Clark
 - Possible scavenger hunt for kids
 - Del will be following up with all unpaid vendors to see if they are interested. The people on waiting list will be contacted
 - Pins have been ordered
 - Louisiana Association of the Blind will quote and print the cards and flyers
 - Advertising through Lamar is being organized by Tony and Lauren
 - Signup sheet will be available at the July meeting
- 26 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.

July 11, 2015

Murfreesboro, AR

Diamond Mine (weather permitting)

Class Schedule Update

The class schedule is available. If you would like a copy emailed to you, email Sharron at adslthomas@gmail.com to request a copy. At this time, the classroom needs to be completed before dates for classes can be confirmed. If you have questions about the classes, you can contact Tom Stringfellow at tomstring@aol.com.

Upcoming Show Dates

August

8-9—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel; 5500 Hilton Ave; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$5.00, Children >12 & younger \$3.00; Demonstrations: cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, and more. Door prizes all day. Silent auctions going on both days. Scout and educational groups are welcome.; contact Tony Rouchon, LA, (225) 219-0698; e-mail: aroucho@entergy.com; Web site: brgemandmineral.org

22-23—JASPER, TEXAS: Annual Show Pine Country Gem and Mineral Society, The Event Center 6258 Highway 190 West. Students Free, Adults \$3.00 <http://www.pinecountry-gms.org/>

September

25-27—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, ; Fri. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Students \$7.00, Children 10 and under Free!; More than 40 gem, mineral, jewelry, lapidary, bead and fossil dealers with unique and colorful items from all major localities worldwide. Educational displays, including fossils, minerals, jewelry and beadwork. Demonstrations of jewelry making, faceting, bead work and lapidary. Mineral and fossil identification. Professional gemologist for faceted stone identification. Kids activities - Dino Dig, Youth Section games, Science Museum activities. Scout program for merit badge. Girl Scout program. Swap Area for inexpensive minerals, fossils and jewelry.; contact Scott Singleton, Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: hgms.org

October

9-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is FREE; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest Hi Lynn, JohnBe the Crystal Guy here! Yes, we are having the show and Dig again this year. The hours at the Chamber are shortened during the winter, so there may not be anyone there to answer if you call. That is why I am giving you the heads up! We would like to get this listed online as soon as possible, so people can start making plans now.; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Hwy 270 West, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

November

21-22—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Mesquite Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is \$8, Children 3 and under are Free; Adults: \$8.00 12 & under: \$3.00 3 & under: FREE! Family of 4 or more: \$20.00 Scouts & Leaders in uniform FREE! Rocks/Mineral Specimens Polished/Faceted Gems Fossils Lapidary Equipment Jewelry Supplies Games & Demonstrations Fluorescent Display Prizes & Silent Auction ; contact Darrell Harrison, P O Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374-2033, (214) 454-0945; e-mail: bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net; Web site: <http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org/>

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