



# The Rock Rattler

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## President's Message

Two months until the show, so be prepared to sign up to volunteer starting this month. If you are unable to make the meeting please email me where you would like to work and what times. Larry just returned from Oregon and is going to do a presentation. He also brought samples from his trip for everyone to enjoy. So be there or miss out. Please have your idea for a club pin for this year with you at this meeting. I am working on a private dig at a commercial quartz mine for the 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of June. Please let me know if you want to go so I can RSVP. The cost will be \$25 per person. Please start organizing your donations for the silent auction for this year's show. Anything is welcome and appreciated. Hope to see you Tuesday at the meeting.

*Tony*

## Next Meeting

When:	June 7, 2016
Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	Larry's Trip to Oregon

## Minutes of Meeting

May 3, 2016

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

### **Business Discussed:**

- Building Update
  - Still looking for land to move our building
  - It was discussed that rock is needed for the driveway
- Finance Committee report
  - No updates
- Treasury Report
  - Treasury report given by John Autry
- Classes
  - See current list in newsletter
  - Bizentine and Chainmaille class was a success. Had good comments from all who attended
- Field Trips
  - Field trip to N. Sulfur river on May 7
  - Rock Swap is postponed
- Other Business
  - There will be a sale of some of the pieces from our recent purchase at each meeting
  - Susan Fortenberry accepted the position of librarian for the club
- 2016 Show
  - Cab Contest—info was given to members
  - Scavenger Hunt
  - Need ideas for pin for show
  - It was brought up to order more yard signs
  - 17 contracts signed, 32 possible vendors
  - Will rent upstairs room for speakers
    - Still waiting on response from crystal/diamond mine person to confirm
  - T-shirts are available at show again this year
- Video presentation on finds at the N. Sulfur river
- 34 members attended meeting
- Silent Auction items were won by Andrea Sattler (Owyhee cab charm) and William Pesnell (malachite cab)

# Field Trips for 2016

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.

June	Mt Ida AR	Crystals at a private location
July 9	Paragould AR	Crowley Ridge State Park
Aug 6	Claria Quarry, OK	Trilobites, brachiopods, coral
Sep 10	Little Stave Cr, AL	Middle Eocene, Gosport sand, fossils
Oct 8	Mufreesboro, AR	Crater of Diamonds State Park
Nov	Open	
Dec	Open	

## 2016 Class Schedule

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](mailto:Tomstring@aol.com) phone: 903-839-6744)



# Upcoming Show Dates

## July

**2-3—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club, Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Seniors \$3, Students/Children \$3; 49th Annual Show, "Jewelry, Stones, Sticks and Bones". Spend your Holiday weekend with us during the day before setting out in the evening to view the fireworks in a gem of a city, Grapevine! Vendors, classes, food, fellowship. Tons of rough stones, rocks, slabs, rare minerals, fossils, beads, metaphysical stones, arrowheads, carvings, sculptures, skulls, antlers, bones, petrified wood, glass fusion, enameled jewelry, CRYSTALS, himalayan salt lamps, rock/mineral home decor, steampunk designs and butterflies will be available, as well as mining at a mobile mine. ; contact Dr. Nadira Charaniya, Arlington, TX, (469)-751-2944; e-mail: show@agemclub.org; Web site: www.agemclub.org

**23-24—MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club, Baxter County Fairgrounds in the Educational building; 1507 Fairgrounds Drive; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$2, Active military with ID free, Scouts in uniform free, 12 & under free; Great Gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry dealers. Educational displays and programs, kids games, geode cracking, State of AR. Geologist speaker, free hourly door prizes, grand prize raffle drawing, and demonstrations. Concession will be on site and provided by the Clarkridge Fire Dept.; contact Madelyn Anderson, (870)-421-4340

**30-31—FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS:** Annual show; Cowtown Gem, Mineral, Glass, Jewelry & Art Show, Brookhaven College Geotechnology Institute, Building H; 3939 Valley View Lane; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Dr. , Saginaw, TX 76131, (817)-777-1997; e-mail: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com; Web site: <http://cera-fw.org/gem-mineral-glass/>

## August

**13-14—GONZALES, LOUISIANA:** Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center Trademart Building; 9039 S Saint Landry Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children \$3; Demonstrations: Cabbing, Faceting, Wire wrapping, and more. Door Prizes all day. Silent auctions going on both days. Scouts and educational groups are welcome. Vendors will be selling rock specimens, fossils, minerals, tools & jewelry. \$5 Adults • \$3 Children 12 & under Children 4 and under free \$1 off for Scouts in uniform Military personnel free with military ID; contact Wanda Gawarecki, 5191 Hwy 19, Ethel, LA 70730, (225)-603-3870; e-mail: mercymom3@gmail.com; Web site: [www.brgemandmineral.org](http://www.brgemandmineral.org)

**27-28—JASPER, TEXAS:** Annual show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, The Event Center; 6258 Highway 190 West; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10 -5; Adults/Seniors \$3.00, Students/Children free; Lapidary demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, silent auction, grand prize raffle and spinning wheel featured. Vendors from across the country will offer rough rock, lapidary equipment and finished jewelry for sale.; contact Jonetta Nash, 737 FM 254 South, Jasper, TX 75951, (409)-384 3974; e-mail: jonetta.nash@yahoo.com; Web site: [www.pinecountry-gms.org](http://www.pinecountry-gms.org)

## September

**7-8—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS:** Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4; Admission \$75/\$100; Annual Amateur Quartz Crystal Digging Contest. Keep all you find, meet other miners; maybe even win a prize!; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870)-867-2723; e-mail: director@mountidachamber.com; Web site: [www.mountidachamer.com](http://www.mountidachamer.com)

**7-9—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest. ; 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](http://www.mtidachamber.com)

## October

**21-23—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society, Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children ages 13-18 \$2 / 12 and under free; Gem & mineral show vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits like the touch table of rocks and fossils and member collections. Demos in faceting, cabbing, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay. Fri "Youth Education Day" w/field trips. For \$1 each Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune, Jewelry Making, or Illumination Station. Hourly door prizes Sat and Sun. Grand Prize Sun Fluorite specimen from Bingham, NM.; contact Chip Burnette, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512)-458-9546; e-mail: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Web site: www.gemcapers.com

## November

**19-20—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive, (I-635 & Military Parkway); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$8, Students \$8, Children \$3; 59th Annual Dallas Gem & Mineral Show. There will be fluorescent displays, silent auctions, door prizes and much more.; contact Diana Case, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374, (214)-349-2022; Web site: dallasgemandmineral.org

*Thank you Jeannette and Leland for bringing refreshments  
and door prizes at our last meeting.*

*Thank you Tom for bringing your chocolate velvet coffee and hot tea.*

**If anyone is interested in bringing door prizes or  
refreshments on any of the open times,  
please let Sharron know.**

	Refreshments	Door Prizes
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



*To our Webmaster, Lauren Brown, for placing **SECOND** in the South Central Federation Website Contest.*

*Thank you for all the hard work you have dedicated to making our website  
**awesome!!!***

# Pictures from Larry Maguire's recent trip to Oregon



# 2016 Board Members

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