



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Well here it is March already.....wow. I hope everyone is rebounding from our Snow/Ice storm. Some work has been done at the shop and we have a ways to go. Your patience and understanding in this matter has been amazing and is greatly appreciated. We have members that have graciously offered to finish the deck/ramp, build a deck on front, clean our big saw, build tables for the saw shop and much much more. We are truly blessed to have such passionate and resourceful members that can/will give of their time. We have several members that are in need of our prayers and we all know the power of prayer. Based on the input I have received our 2015 pin the design will be in the shape of Louisiana with petrified palm designs on it. It will also have the letters AGMS and 2015 on it. I am currently trying to incorporate this into a design the board can approve. A very special Thank You goes out to our Finance Committee Chairman Tom for his diligence and tenacious attitude in getting our club some much needed 501C3 help. Hope to see you guys at our meeting. Our program will be Larry demonstrating and explaining his Air Chassing technique in making those amazing copper cuffs. Please!!!!!! Send me pics or put them on a disc/thumb drive for our Website Designer Lauren. She will need them soon.

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	March 3, 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:	Rachel Brannon
Door Prizes:	Marjorie Thomas

Minutes of Meeting

February 3, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Tony will be going to shop and has asked the board to meet him there on Saturday to go over items that still need work
 - It was approved by board to get contractors for plumbing, leveling and electrical
- Finance Committee report
 - 501 (c)3 info was given to board members and people on the finance committee
- Insurance
 - It was suggested that we look into liability and risk insurance for members and structure while shop is in use
- 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.
- Other Business
 - Lauren Brown is working on updating the website. Any pictures you have can be emailed to her to add to our site.
 - It was decided that designs for a yearly pin for our show would be voted on when ideas were submitted were submitted.
 - Rock shop on Benton Road is closing. The owners are moving back to Arizona
- Show
 - Dates are Aug 15 and 16
 - 7 vendors have confirmed
- 25 members attending 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.

March 7, 2015	open for ideas	open for ideas
April 18, 2015	Ida, Louisiana	Metal Detecting
May 9, 2015	N. Sulfur River	Marine Fossils
June 12-14, 2015	Andaloussa, Alabama	Marine Fossils

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

February, 2015, March, 2015

28-1—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society, State Fairgrounds; Trade Mart Building; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$3; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads, books, lapidary tools, free demonstrations, cutting, faceting, jewelry making, flint knapping, wire wrapping, kids' activities and educational exhibits; contact Ricky Odum, Jr., (601) 750-8765; e-mail: rickyhalffeather@icoud.com; Web site: <http://missgems.org>

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21-22—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; SAN ANTONIO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, SAN ANTONIO TEXAS; 8111 MEADOW LEAF DR [CORNER OF I-410 WEST AND MARBACH; Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM; Admission \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children \$1; 54TH ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS; contact ROBERT BOWIE, (210) 860 2830; e-mail: krbotx@gvvc.com; Web site: www.swgemandmineral.org

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