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Aquamarine - Birthstone of the month

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Presidents Message - by Del Glasner

Cabin Fever is running rampant for me. I've opened a few boxes from previous field trips and found some rocks that begged to be cut open. Glued some to 2x2's so they could be completely cut. That kept my 10" slab saw hot cutting slice after slice. Now that some rocks have moved from rock pile to slab pile. I'm ready to restock my rock pile.

Finally It has warmed up enough that I do not need the propane torch and Icepick to thaw out the ground and I'm ready for a field trip to restock my rock pile.

NEXT MEETING:

March meeting room reserved Mar - the 5th - 5:45- 7:45 pm

Location for meeting is [Aulds Branch Library 3950 Wayne Ave, Bossier City](#)

Directions: Hwy 71(Barksdale Blvd) 2.1 miles south of Barksdale West gate, turn left at (McDonalds) onto Shady Grove dr. and go down 7 streets to Wayne Ave. and turn left and follow to Library.

Refreshments: Will be furnished by Sue Autry

Program - By Nina Hustus

Pearls



Last meeting notes: by Nina Hustus

Meeting Notes February 5, 2019

Board Meeting:

Present were: Del Glasner, Lyn Simms, Tom Stringfellow, Laura McWilliams, John Autry, Bill and Nina Hustus

Tom Stringfellow confirmed demonstration being offered at shop on February 23rd. He will be demonstrating patins.

John will be getting estimate on driveway material being installed. He will also get info on cost to skirt the trailer.

Lyn and Del will be judging the science fair put on annually by BPCC.

John paid deposit on Civic Center and billboards for advertising of show.

Laura McWilliams was able to update/compile shop steward list thru end of May.

General Meeting:

Announcement to general membership of dues being due at this time.

New business was conducted – John gave financial status, Laura updated members with info on shop stewards being assigned thru May for each Saturday. Also, let members know that there are new wheels on the large cabbing machine.

Field trip planned for February 16th to Sweet Surrender – interested members should meet at Bossier main library/History Center at 5 am. For ride sharing.

Malcolm expressed interest in helping judge science fair with Lyn and Del.

Del presented on February birthstone – amethyst

Lyn had a program on Mookaite

March and April meetings will be held at the Aulds Branch Library meeting room – 3950 Wayne Ave., Bossier City

Field trip 2/16/2016: Sweet Surrender Crystal Mine

Attended by Bill Drotar, Pat Holloway, Kathy Haney, Del Glasner and new members David Murphy and Deborah Northcott.

Photos by Del Glasner



Member Photos

Bill Eads via Facebook



Laura McWilliams via Facebook



Classroom/Shop: 581 Rex beard Rd. Haughton, La

Tom will open Club Shop on Saturday, Feb 23, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be a free demo at 1:00 PM on Patinas. Come see !!!

Shows

February 23-24 The Clear Lake Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show held in the Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas, southeast of the Houston Metro area, 2.5 miles east of Beltway 8. This year we will be holding our 44th Annual Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show at the Pasadena Convention Center on February 23-24th. Admission is \$7 for adults (good for both days of the show), \$3 for students in grades 6-12, and children and scouts in uniform are Free. Hourly door prizes and a grand prize! DINOSAURS ROCK is a 40-minute interactive program for kids followed by a Fossil Dig. Each child digs for 3 specimens to take home. Dinosaurs Rock is daily at 12, 2 and 4. Open Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-5. This family friendly event will have over 40 dealers with rock specimens, jewelry, art and more to add to your collections. Displays and demonstrations will help you learn about lapidary art and geology! To help get scouts started on their geology merit badges, Scout sessions are held both days 11, 1 and 3pm. Free parking.
Coupon at <http://clgms.org/showcoupon.pdf>

Via Rock and Gem Magazine

- **March 9-10—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society; San Antonio Event Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf Dr. (N/E Corner of Marback and Loop 410); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, senior/military \$3, students with ID \$2, and children under 12 \$1; 58th Annual Fiesta of Gems – Gem and Mineral Show, with dealers offering crystals, minerals, fossils, exhibits, jewelry, and demonstrations, with an opportunity to make your own cab with proceeds to support earth science scholarships; contact Robert Bowie, 1324 Kings Pt. Dr., Canyon Lake, TX 78133, (830) 387-1766; Email: krbotx@gvtc.com; Website: swgms.org
- **April 13-14—ABILENE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N 6th; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$4, children (6-12) \$2, free admission for children under 6 and scouts and military personnel in uniform; dealers, fluorescent display, geode cracking, exhibitions, raffles and auctions, activities for children ; contact Kay, 3118 Woodglenn Cove, Abilene, TX 79606, (325) 668-8558; Email: kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net; Website: <http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html>
- **April 19-21—ALPINE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club; Alpine Civic Center, 901 West Holland Avenue; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free; regional geology presentation, and activities for children; contact Judith Brueske, PO Box 195, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 244-9503; Email: occoent895@gmail.com
- **April 26-28—CONROE, TEXAS:** Annual show; RMGM Promotions; Lone Star Convention & Expo Center, 9055 Airport Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; New Show! Wholesale and retail sales, demonstrations and classes, and activities for children; contact Sandra Gonzales; Website: <https://www.rmgmpromotions.com/>
- **May 4-5—WACO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Waco Gem And Mineral Club; Extraco Events Center (General Exhibits Building), 4601 Bosque Blvd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 for anyone over the age of 10, and \$1 for children 10 and under ; 59th annual show, vendors offering precious stones, geodes, crystals, fossils, rare minerals, jewelry, plus demonstrations and displays, and activities for children; contact Alison Redding, (254) 707-1341; Email: Alison.redding@ctxwifi.net; Website: <https://www.wacogemandmineral.org>
- **May 25-26—FORT WORTH, TEXAS:** Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors, students, and military personnel \$4, and free admission for children 16 and under; dealers with gems, minerals, fossils, beads, fine jewelry, and crystals, auctions, and activities for children; contact Janice Craddock; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com; Website: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org
- **June 29-30—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, seniors and children over 12 \$5, free admission for children under 6, boy and girl scouts in uniform, and active and retired military with ID ; Vendors selling artisan and fine jewelry, gemstones, geodes, minerals, rough cut polished rocks, petrified wood, fossils, demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Amy Kubes, 1408 Gibbins Rd., Arlington, TX 76011, (817) 300-6946; Email: agmcadvertising@gmail.com; Website: www.agemclub.org

Our own show

- **Aug 17-18 Bossier City, Louisiana:** 45th annual show, Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center, Sat 9-6, sun 10-4. Adults \$4.00, Admission is free for Children under 6 & Students with I.D., Custom and unique Jewelry, Beads, Gems and Minerals, Fossils, Educational exhibits and Demonstrations/Speakers, Door prizes.
- For information, Call Del Glasner, Show Chairman, at (318) 517-7372 or email larockclub@gmail.com
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INFO



Utah Picasso Marble

Marble is a common building stone, it is a classic sculptor's stone. Some marbles are famous such as Italian White and Belgian Black marble. The colors vary and may be ground in pinks, yellow and browns. Marble is a soft rock and yet dense in structure. It was once limestone in the Precambrian era. The sedimentary limestone masses were sometimes contacted by hot magmas and the pressure altered the limestone. Other minerals from the magmas then infiltrated the limestone causing feathery lines and beautiful designs such as Picasso Marble found in Beaver County, Utah. The scenic effect and color contrast in black and gold has made this

marble a popular cutting rock for the lapidaries.

The Zion Prospector

Websites that may be of interest :

Link to Mookaite Mine from last month's program

<http://www.outbackmining.com/mookaite>

Link to Gold Panning in Louisiana

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/kisatchie/recarea/?recid=82007>

Tumbling Tips

<http://greatbasingemandmineralclub.rocks/how-to-tumble-rocks-2-14/>

Cabin Built of Dino Bones

<https://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/fossil-cabin>

Rockhound Tips

<http://www.gatorgirlrocks.com/resources/the-best-ever-tips-for-a.html>

Great Rockhoun tips

<http://sarmclub.org/rockhoundingtips.html>

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