



# The Rock Rattler

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## Presidents Message

I know that all of the folks that went on the great crystal hunt had a great time. The club will, I'm sure, want to hear a report in detail at the next Meeting.

We will be asking for volunteers for the upcoming show in August which is just around the corner. When you are asked, just say yes! As most of you know, the show is our club's major fund raiser for the year. We need everyone to pitch in for one weekend and help. I know we can all count on you.

Memorial Day is coming up and I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to the men and women who served and are serving in the US armed services to protect and preserve this great country of ours and the relatives and friends of loved ones lost in overseas conflict. Truly we owe a debt we can never repay.

Helpful hint: Porcelain cleaner called Iron Out will help Cleaning Quartz . It can loosen up some of the rusty material. It may not be as abrasive to the stone as oxalic acid.

Storing a piece of blackboard chalk with your silver jewelry will help prevent the silver from tarnishing. You can tell manmade diamonds from natural ones by the use of a magnet. Synthetic diamonds will stick to a magnet, but natural ones will not..(let me know if this one works).

From Golden Spike (date unknown) via Dusty Rocks 3/02

*Del Glasner*

### Next Meeting

When:            May 6, 2013  
Time:            6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Where:           Bossier City Library  
                      Historical Building  
                      Bossier City, La  
Program:        Salt Domes: What are they and how  
                      are they formed

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# Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 5, 2013**

**Opening:** Del Glasner

**Pledge of Allegiance** Del Glasner

**Prayer**

**Old Business:**

- Still looking for a new home. One options is a locations off Greenwood Road and Pines Road
- Dues is due immediately
- Federation Show update
  - Competitive Displays. You can find info on our website if you are interested in showing.

**New Business:**

- Field trip to Arkansas on April 13, 2013
- Video presentation

**Members in Attendance** – Thomas Caughlin, Clarece Caughlin, Sharron Thomas, Antony Thomas, Del Glasner, John Autry, Sue Autry, Linda Leedom, Leland White, Jeannette White, Lyn Simms, Don Gednetz, Nina Hustus, Fonda Hatfield, Jim Hatfield, Larry



Diane's Booth at  
The Texas Street Makers Fair



# Report on Field Trip to Ron Coleman's Mine

## April 13, 2013

I would like to say Thank You to our club Vice President Larry Maguire for setting up a private dig at Ron Coleman's mine on such short notice. My plans to go to Magnet Cove fell through at the last minute. All that attended the field trip, to my knowledge, found some nice crystals. The ladies that run the gift shop and dig were gracious to give us another basket of unsearched crystals for a door prize for the show in August. That alone was well worth the trip. Sorry so few pics but I was up to my waste in mud. Will post pics of what I am currently cleaning on the club's Facebook page. We had 11 attendees. Hope to see you all on the next field trip.

*Nina's 50 pound crystal found at the mine dig*



## Class Dates



Saturday – June 9, 2013 – Introduction to Flame Worked Beads. Instructor – Tom Stringfellow. 1 day Class. Fee \$100.

Saturday and Sunday – July 13, 14, 2013 – Etching. Instructor – Tom Stringfellow. 2 day Class. Fee \$140.



Nina's Booth at Texas Street Makers Fair





# tips and tricks

## **JUMP RING SOLDERING** - April '13

When soldering jump rings, use a permanent marker (red is great!) and mark on each side of the joint. Put the jump ring in the ultrasound or pickle for cleaning (the pen marks remain), close the joint and set it up for soldering. The marks make clear where the joint is, and it's clear where the solder should go. The marker fades as the metal heats up, but it's done its job

## **QUIET YOUR ANVIL** - July '11

A good quality anvil makes a loud ringing sound when struck. To dampen the ringing, attach a large chunk of plain old pasticine modelers/sculptors clay to anvil. Positioning the clay under the horn of the anvil keeps it out of the way. it works like placing a finger on a ringing bell... making the sound softer. You can also use a large magnet from an old audio speaker to get the same result..

## **NO MORE LOST PARTS** - May '11

Keep little bits and pieces from falling on the floor as you work: screw several cup hooks to the underside of your workbench, about 24" apart, about 6-8" from the front edge, with the open side away from you. Attach a couple of big safety pins, clips, clamps, or grommets to the bottom corners of your work apron, and hook up when you sit to work. No more lost rivets, jump rings, or gemstones... they'll land in your lap!

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## Susan's Booth at the Texas Street Makers Fair



# Upcoming Show Dates

## May

25-26—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: 62nd Annual Show; Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club; Amon Carter Exhibits Bldg., Will Rogers Memorial Center; 3401 W. Lancaster; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors, students and military \$4, children (under 16) free; "Timeless Treasures", more than 25 dealers, exhibits, kids' games, hourly door prizes, grand prize, silent auction; contact Steve Hilliard, PO Box 418, Decatur, TX 76234, (817) 925-5760; e-mail: fwgmc@embarqmail.com; Web site: fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

## August

10-11—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society; Baton Rouge Marriott; 5500 Hilton Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, students (12 and over) \$3, children (6-11) \$2, Scouts in uniform \$1, veterans free with military ID; demonstrations, cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, door prizes, silent auctions; contact Diana Martin, (225) 931-7543; e-mail: Cajunladi@cox.net; Web site: Brgemandmineral.org

24-25—JASPER, TEXAS: 19th Annual Show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society; The Event Center; 6258 Hwy. 190W, five miles west of Jasper; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, free, students and children free; spinning wheel, silent auction, lapidary demonstrations, hourly door prizes, grand prize raffle, student prize, petrified wood field trip; contact Ann James, 2738 FM 92 S., Woodville, TX 75979, (409) 429-7444; e-mail: earthscache3@yahoo.com; Web site: www.pinecountrygms.org

## September

14-15—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8; silent auctions, gem identification, demonstrations, door prizes, grand prize, Kids' Korner, displays, class information, 27th annual Grapevine Grapefest nearby; contact Randall Lantz, 1408 Gibbins Rd., Arlington, TX 76011; e-mail: show@agemclub.org; Web site: www.agemclub.org/events.php

## October

11-13—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: 29th Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, quartz crystals, minerals, jewelry, quilts, crafts, Treasure Hunt; contact Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 270 W., Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

18-20—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem & Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students (13-18) \$1, children (12 and under) 50 cents; Wheel of Fortune, gem mine, fluorescent cave, touch table, educational exhibits, demonstrations; contact Susan Postlethwait, 6719 Burnet Ln., Austin, TX 78757; Web site: www.austingemandmineral.org



The Clubs display of Geodes at  
the Texas Street Makers Fair

# Field Trips for 2013

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator if 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.

*May 25, 2013* – Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Society show

*June 8-9, 2013* – Branson Missouri to search for mozarkite and jasper

*July 13, 2013* – North Sulfer River, Paris, Tx to search for fossils

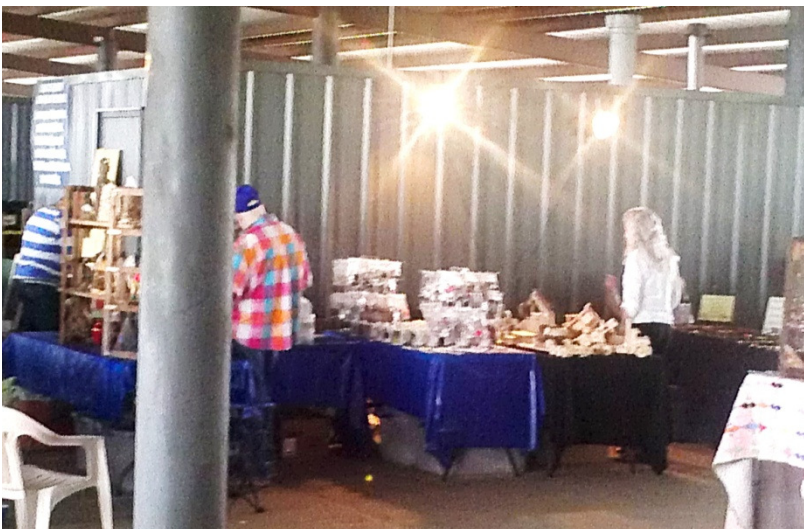
*August 24, 2013* – Jasper Gem & Mineral Society show

*September, 2013* – Midlothian Texas. Updates to follow

*October 5, 2013* – Arlington Gem & Mineral Society show

*Nov 3-4, 2013* – Midland Gem & Mineral Society show

This field trip list is subject to change based on participation and input from members.



Tony and Sue' Booth at the  
Texas Street Fair

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You annual dues is due immediately  
Please help us keep you inform by updating  
your information. Complete the membership  
application and turn it in with your payment.

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit educational organization devoted to promoting interest in the various earth sciences, particularly the art of lapidaries and their related fields. Informational speeches presented at area schools and the presentation of awards and cash prizes at the Public School Earth Science Fair are two of the ways the society achieves its goals. Another contribution to the community is the annual show, held at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd, in Bossier City. This "Jewelry, Gem, & Mineral Show" functions as a fund raiser for our group and a venue for the demonstrations of gold and silver casting, jewelry making, bead stringing, faceting, cabochon making, and flint knapping (the art of flaking stone tools such as arrowheads). The monthly meetings included programs of interest to rock hounds, information from the Rock Rattler, and jewelry making classes complete the educational objectives of the club.



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