



The Rock Rattler

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Well here we are looking at May

The flowers will be blooming and the bees will be buzzing.

We can start doing all sorts of outside things finally.

I went to the club house last week to look over what needs to be done and we have our work cut out for ourselves. We could use some help to get this done. Who is up for it ? Let us know.

We have field trips set up soon and I don't know about you but I'm ready to hunt for new rocks with friends doing what we like to do.

I will be leaving for the High Desert in Oregon on Sunday to dig Feather Ridge Pink Plume and Linda Marie Green plume. And may pick up some other goodies. Wish me well.

If you have any ideas for the club please share with us on Tuesday at the meeting.

Del tells me the club show in August is filling up with vendors, wonderful, let's make this the best show ever.

Let's think about what we can do to help at the show, we will need help.

I plan on bringing a few surprises for the door prize give away. If you have any rocks you would like to share or just show off, please bring them.

See ya'll on Tuesday. Larry

Next Meeting

When:	May 6, 2014
Time:	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	TBD
Refreshments:	Sharron Thomas
Door Prizes:	David Lowe

Minutes of Meeting

April 1, 2014

Opening:	Larry Maguire
Pledge of Allegiance	Del Glasner
Prayer:	Wil House

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - We need volunteers that can help get the buildings ready for use
 - Work day will be April 5 at 8 am
- Field Trips
 - Field trip scheduled for April 12 for N. Sulfur River
 - Tony gave update on Wegner Mine field trip
- Treasury Report given by John Autry
- August 16, 17 Show Update
 - Del Glasner will be the Show Chairman
 - Del said we will increase number of vendors from last year
 - 19 dealers have confirmed
 - Hoping to have at least 32 vendors
 - Would like to get in touch with glass blower
 - Suggestion of a display of activities of members
- Maker's Fair
 - April 12, 10 am – 6 pm
 - Request volunteers for at least 2 hour shifts
- Insurance Questions resolved
 - Club is covered for any mandated activity for members only
 - At clubhouse
 - On field trips
 - Club is covered for clubhouse and equipment
- Video on pearls

Members in attendance: Charlie Johns Reagan Ryan, Wil House, Edna House, Del Glasner, Tom Stringfellow, Susan Fortenberry, Sharron Thomas, Sue Autry, Nina Hustus, Antony Thomas, John Autry, Gwynne Lowe, David Lowe, Diane Hendricks, Jody Hendricks, Lyn Simms, John McDonald, Larry Maguire, Jerry Thomas, Marjorie Thomas, Dwain Spillman, Nancy Spillman, Kathy Haney

tips and tricks

Proper use of a bezel roller

For this trick, I will refer you to my article in the September 2010 edition of Art Jewelry Magazine which includes instructions on how to make a bezel roller to your own specifications.

But, basically, the important thing about using a bezel roller is to hold it properly. Most people hold it in their fingers and press down perpendicular to the bezel. This is incorrect and results in a wavy and poorly seated bezel. For one thing, 'pointing' the bezel in that manner uses the wrist which is one of the weakest parts of our bodies. Instead it should be held like an icepick and then placed onto the bezel parallel to the line of the bezel. Then, lean in with the shoulders while rolling or 'skidding' the tool along the bezel. This produces many times more pressure on the metal and forces it to form or flow along the shoulder of the stone.

There are two movements to bezel setting a stone. The first is to encapsulate the stone the second is to seat the stone. The first is done by moving, mostly rocking, the face of the tool along the side of the bezel to simply move it over the stone. Depending on the height of the bezel and angle of the stone shoulder, it may be necessary to start low down, work around the stone and then do the same higher up on the bezel. The seating is done by placing the edge of the tool on the top edge of the bezel at a slight outward angle and first rocking it and then skidding it along around the stone. The result will be a small even facet on the metal that will finish it perfectly



Field Trips for 2014

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 14----Mississippi – Homachita River. Banded Agate

July 12----Ashdown, AR – Fossils

August 23, 24 (tentative date--waiting on confirmation from host group)

Jasper, Tx – Petrified Wood. Fee of \$30 must be paid by June meeting

September and October- Open—if you have an idea give info to field trip coordinator

Upcoming Show Dates

May

23-25—GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society; Courtyard Marriott; 1600 E. Beach Blvd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (10 and under) free with adult; demonstrations, displays, Stump the Expert, hourly door prizes; contact Karen Johnston, 9037 Fricke Rd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, (228) 467-5465; e-mail: johnstonkaren@bellsouth.net

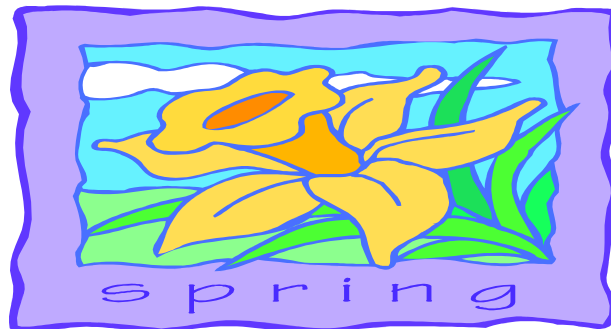
24-25—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: 62nd Annual Show; Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center; Amon G. Carter Exhibit Bldg., 3401 W. Lancaster; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children (under 16) free; more than 25 dealers, jewelry, beads, gems, minerals, fossils, silent auction, Kids' Corner, Rock and Fossil Dig, Wheel of Chance, door prizes; contact Steve Hilliard, PO Box 418, Decatur, TX 76234, (817) 925-5760; e-mail: fwgmc@embarqmail.com; Web site: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

June

7-8—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 8-6; adults \$3; contact Kris Kister, 1813 Arthur Dr., Colleyville, TX 76034, (817) 545-7239; e-mail: Krisk@kirstnerphotogrhy.com

July

26-27—FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS: Annual show; Corporate Employees Recreation Assn.; Brookhaven College; 3939 Valley View Ln., Bldg. H; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; indoor show; contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Dr., Saginaw, TX 76131, (817) 777-1997; e-mail: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com; Web site: www.2oldcurmudgeons.com/cera-show.htm



Workin' on the Clubhouse







N. Sulfur River Field Trip





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