



# The Rock Rattler

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## President's Message

*The heat is on. Make sure you hydrate when you're out. Wear a hat, use sunscreen and get some mosquito repellent. Our shop is coming along thanks to Tom taking on some of the challenges. Our show is approaching so start thinking about what YOU can do to help make it a SUCCESS. This club is truly blessed having such dedicated and creative members. Field trips coming up will be Quartz crystals near Mt Ida Arkansas in May, Marine Fossils in Andalusia Alabama in June and maybe Mt Ida Arkansas again in July. Hope to see all of you at our meeting.*

*Tony*

## Next Meeting

When:	May 5, 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:	Fossils from Andalousa
Refreshments:	Sharron Thomas
Door Prizes:	Larry Maguire

## Minutes of Meeting

March 3, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

### **Business Discussed:**

- Building Update
  - Saw shop is being organized
  - Main Building
    - Carpenter has widened the door for wheel chair access.
    - Securing the building is done
    - Leland is working on the electrical issues
    - Nina and Douglas have completed the ramp
- Finance Committee report
  - No updates
- 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.
- Field Trips
  - May-fieldtrip
- Other Business
  - Website-Lauren is working on the design of the website
- Show
  - Dates are Aug 15 and 16
  - 9 vendors have confirmed
  - Looking into the requirements for Boy Scouts Geology badge
  - Possible scavenger hunt for kids
  - Display boxes will be used by Lyn, Del, John, Tony and Marjorie
  - Vendors that have never been to our show are added to a waiting list until all others have either paid or not responded
- 30 members attended 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.

May 9, 2015	Mt. Ida	<b>**NEW** location for quartz crystals</b>
June 12-14, 2015	Andaloussa, Alabama	Marine Fossils
July 11, 2016	Murfreesboro, AR	Diamond Mine (weather permitting)

## Class Schedule Update

The class schedule is available. If you would like a copy emailed to you, email Sharron at [adslthomas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tomstring@aol.com).

## Upcoming Show Dates

### May

**22-24—BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI:** Annual show; Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., MS Coast Coliseum and Convention Center; 2350 Beach Blvd.; Fri. 10 am-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$5, Children under 10 free; Free Parking; contact Lynn Tate, Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., P.O. Box 10136, Gulfport, MS 39505, (228) 342-2963; e-mail: [GulfportGemShow@gmail.com](mailto:GulfportGemShow@gmail.com)

### June

**13-14—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club, Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 South Main ; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$3.00, Students \$6.00, Children \$3.00; Annual Show, Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Crafts, Exhibits, Classes, Memberships, Junior Activities Active Military and Scouts free admission; contact anastasia chaparro, 2817 Hunter Street, Fort Worth, TX 76112, (817) 739-3833; e-mail: [anastasi.chaparro@att.net](mailto:anastasi.chaparro@att.net); Web site: [www.agemclub.org](http://www.agemclub.org)

### August

**22-23—MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club, Baxter County Fairgrounds, (Educational Bldg.); 1507 Fairgrounds Drive; Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-4 pm; Adults \$2., Seniors \$2., Children under 12 FREE; Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club is sponsoring it's annual show this year at our NEW LOCATION at the Baxter County Fairgrounds located at 1507 Fairgrounds Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Admission is \$2, active military with ID, Scouts in uniform, & Children under 12 yrs. FREE! Gems, Minerals, Fossils, unique crafts, jewelry, games, hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing, displays, AR. State Geologist for mineral/fossil information, DVD educational programs. Concession on location. Contact Sharon Waddell, 6463 US Hwy. 63, West Plains, MO. 65775, 417-274-8712 or Ernie Confer 870-425-1311; Website: [www.ozarkearthscience.org/news.htm](http://www.ozarkearthscience.org/news.htm); contact Ernie Confer, AR, (870) 425-1311; Web site: [www.ozarkearthscience.org/news.htm](http://www.ozarkearthscience.org/news.htm)

### October

**9-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is FREE; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest Hi Lynn, JohnBe the Crystal Guy here! Yes, we are having the show and Dig again this year. The hours at the Chamber are shortened during the winter, so there may not be anyone there to answer if you call. That is why I am giving you the heads up! We would like to get this listed online as soon as possible, so people can start making plans now.; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Hwy 270 West, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: [director@mtidachamber.com](mailto:director@mtidachamber.com); Web site: [www.mtidachamber.com](http://www.mtidachamber.com)

## November

**21-22—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Mesquite Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is \$8, Children 3 and under are Free; Adults: \$8.00 12 & under: \$3.00 3 & under: FREE! Family of 4 or more: \$20.00 Scouts & Leaders in uniform FREE! Rocks/Mineral Specimens Polished/Faceted Gems Fossils Lapidary Equipment Jewelry Supplies Games & Demonstrations Fluorescent Display Prizes & Silent Auction ; contact Darrell Harrison, P O Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374-2033, (214) 454-0945; e-mail: bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net; Web site: <http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org/>

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