



# The Rock Rattler

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## President's Message

This year is flying by. I hope everyone is in good health and able to attend our meeting. As in recent past I would like to see out meetings full. It is a joy to see all of you and get the input that is needed to make this club better every day. We have some things we need to work on for the show that requires a lot of input. Remember we need nominate a new board member since Moses and Kim have moved to New Mexico. See ya'll Tuesday nite.

*Tony*

## Next Meeting

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| When:          | May 3, 2016   |
| Board Meeting  | 6:00 pm   |
| Member Meeting | 6:30 pm   |
| Where:         | Bossier City Library<br>Historical Building<br>Bossier City, La |

Program:

## Minutes of Meeting

April 5, 2016

Opening: Antony Thomas  
Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas  
Prayer: Antony Thomas

### **Business Discussed:**

- Building Update
  - Looking for land to move our building.
- Finance Committee report
  - No updates
- Treasury Report
  - Treasury report given by John Autry
- Classes
  - See current list in newsletter
- Field Trips
  - Planning for field trip to Grave's Mountain Georgia, April 23-24, 2016. If you are interested in going contact Tony or Del
  - Possible field trip to North Carolina
  - Rock Swap is postponed
- Other Business
  - There will be a sale of some of the pieces from our recent purchase at each meeting
  - Received a thank you from the family of Bill Hart
- 2016 Show
  - Cab Contest—info was given to members
  - Scavenger Hunt
  - Need ideas for pin for show
  - It was brought up to order more yard signs
  - 16 contracts signed, 32 possible vendors
  - Will rent upstairs room for speakers
    - Possible show speaker from crystal/diamond mine
- Showed video on Del, Tony, Bill and Don's trip to New Mexico
- 24 members attended meeting
- Silent Auction was won by Nina (stromatolite) and John (tiger eye cab)

# Field Trips for 2016

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 7  | Sulfur River        | Shark, Ray, Dino Teeth and Fossils   |
| June   | Mt Ida AR           | Crystals at a private location       |
| July 9 | Paragould AR        | Crowley Ridge State Park             |
| Aug 6  | Claria Quarry, OK   | Trilobites, brachiopods, coral       |
| Sep 10 | Little Stave Cr, AL | Middle Eocene, Gosport sand, fossils |
| Oct 8  | Mufreesboro, AR     | Crater of Diamonds State Park        |
| Nov    | Open                |                                      |
| Dec    | Open                |                                      |

## 2016 Class Schedule

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| May 7 & 8 | Chasing & Repousse' (\$190)                |
| TBD       | Stone Setting: Intermediate Metal Smithing |
| TBD       | Contemporary/Unique Casting Methods        |
| TBD       | Wire Wrapping                              |

- If interested in classes to learn techniques such as filigree, enameling with resins, etching, faceting, knapping, shell carving or beading, contact Tom Stringfello
- If interested in any of the classes, complete the following signup sheet and mail payment as instructed.
- Shop Location 581 Rex Beard Road, Haughton, LA
- You must be a paid member of the Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society
- Contact Tom Stringfellow with any questions (email: TomString@aol.com phone: 903-839-6744)

## Upcoming Show Dates

May 14, Arlington, Arlington G&MC Swap Meet, 1408 Gibbons Rd, [www.agemclub.com](http://www.agemclub.com)

May 21 – 22, DeRidder, LA, DeRidder G&MS, Beaugard Parish Fairgrounds

May 28 – 30, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth G&MS, Will Rogers Mem. Center, [fortworthgemandmineralclub.org](http://fortworthgemandmineralclub.org)

*Thank you Kathy for bringing refreshments at our last meeting.*

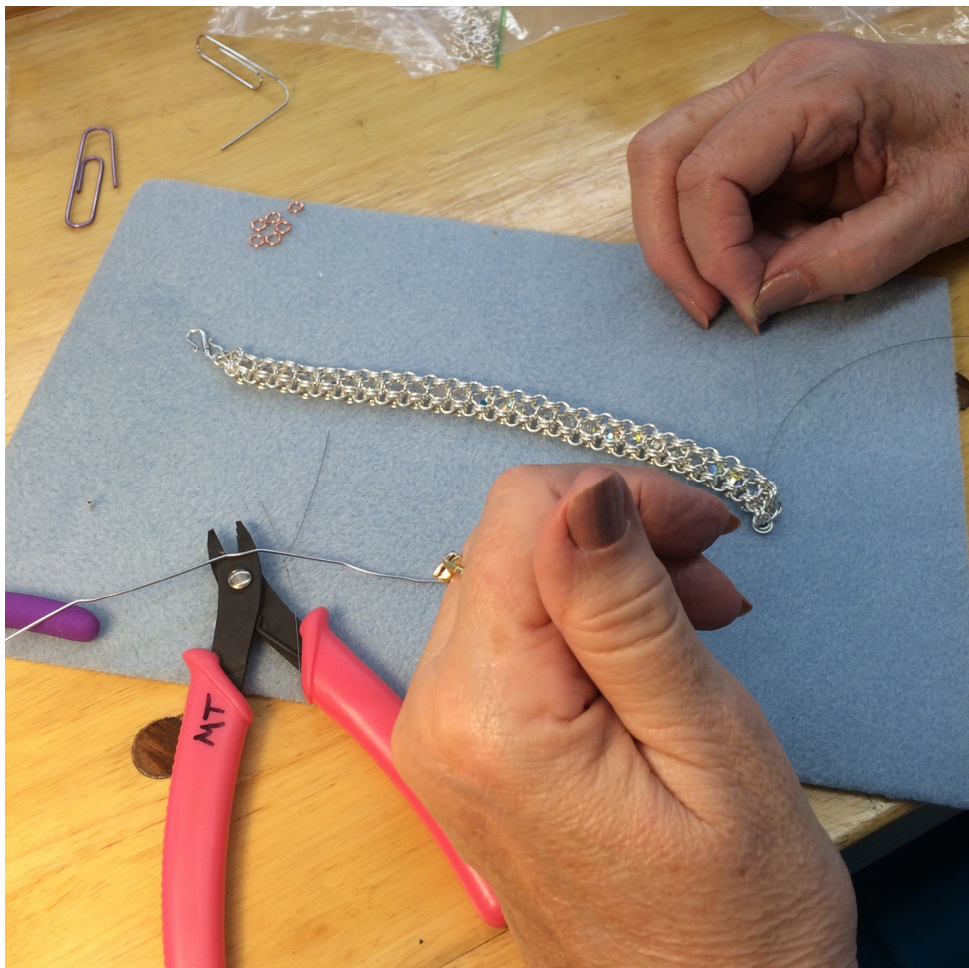
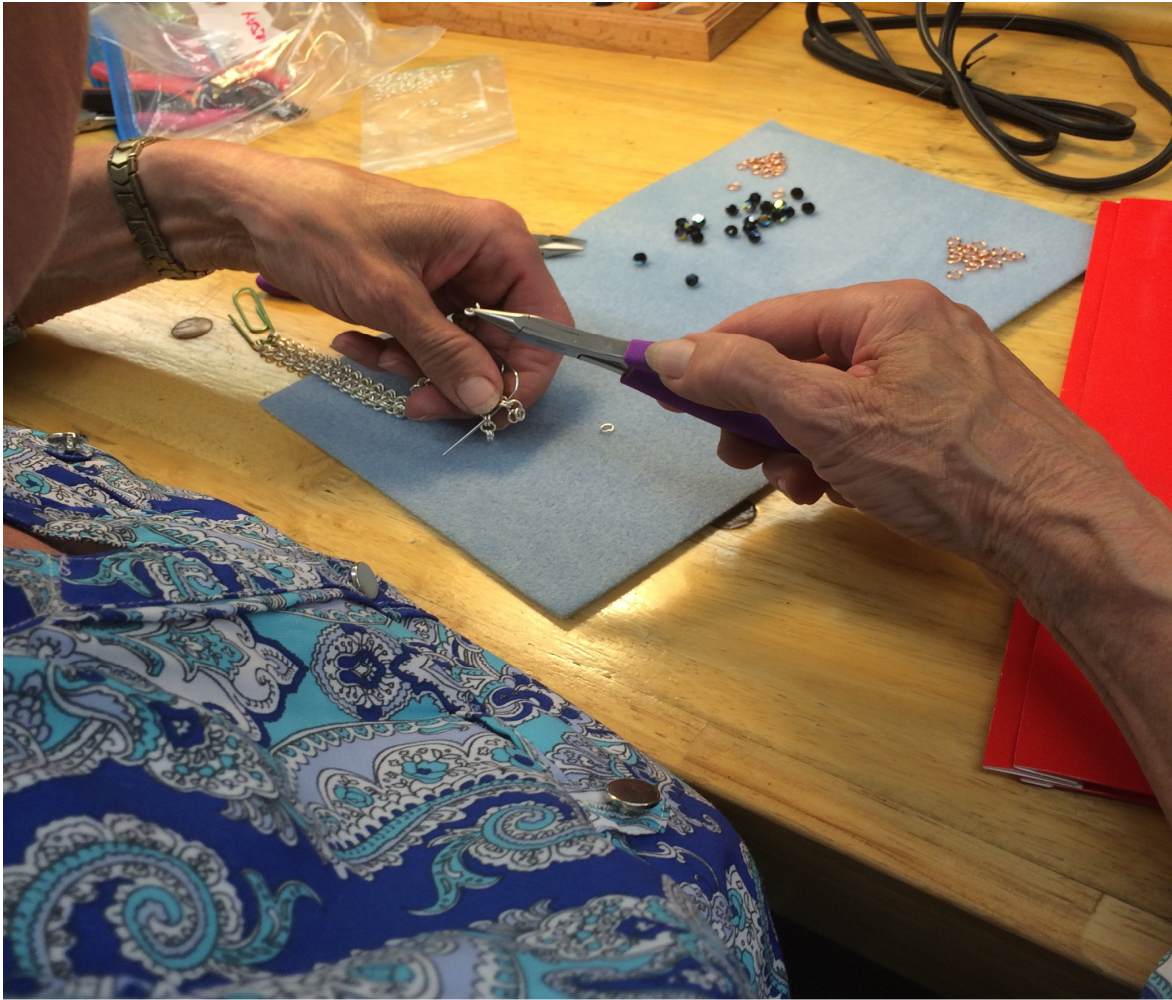
*Thank you Tom for bringing your chocolate velvet coffee and hot tea.*

*Thank you Sue for bringing door prizes.*

## *Pictures from the Channel Weave & Byzantine Chainmaille' Class*

Thank you for allowing me to teach this class. I had the privilege of working with five wonderful students. I do believe we all had a great time. Everyone left with two beautiful pieces of Sterling Silver jewelry and the knowledge to recreate them themselves at home. Suzan Chapman











|     | Refreshments     | Door Prizes     |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| May | Jeanette White   | Jeanette White  |
| Jun | Nina Hustus      | open            |
| Jul | Terry Mastroni   | Marjorie Thomas |
| Aug | Sharron Thomas   | open            |
| Sep | Gwynne Lowe      | Don Gednetz     |
| Oct | Marjorie Thomas  | Nina Hustus     |
| Nov | open             | open            |
| Dec | Christmas dinner | Auction         |
|     |                  |                 |
|     |                  |                 |

## 2016 Board Members

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