



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Members,

Now that it has cooled off I hope a few of you get outdoors and collect some rocks. I know that a few of you were collecting at the rock shop closing in Longview. Election night for local, state and national will be the same night as our club meeting and election of officers and board members will also take place. There will also be some silent auction items up for bid. Dec meeting will be a eating meeting at Kelley's on hwy 80 in Haughton. We will have some fun auctioning off a few items.

Sincerely,

Del Glasner,

President

Next Meeting

When: November 6, 2012, Tuesday

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Bossier Parish Library
2600 Beckett
Bossier City, LA 71111

Program: YOUTUBE videos on Agate

Bring your favorite Agate for Show n' Tell

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Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society
Minutes of Meeting, October 2, 2012

Opening: Del Glasner

Pledge of Allegiance: Wil House

Prayer: Al Simms

Old Business:

- Treasurer's Report – John Autry
 - Show Financial Report was very good, showing significant increase from last year's show.
 - Checking Account and CD is great shape. (Specific amounts withheld from published newsletter)
- Class Report – Wil reported on the Silversmithing Class recently held with five students. Other attendees at the meeting chimed in and expressed how much they enjoyed the class.

New Business:

- Ike House gave a short presentation on the South Central Federation of Gem & Mineral Society.
 - They are active in many areas relating to our hobby, including, Liability Insurance for the Shows and Classroom, Legislative Activities, Clearing House for Information, Networking activities, Scholarship for Earth Sciences students. Each year there are awards given for poetry entries submitted with recognition of participants.
 - Next year the Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society will host the SCFMS during our Gem & Mineral Show in August.
- November meeting nominations for Society officers will be held, so all members need to be prepared to nominate someone.
- Christmas Party schedule to replace our December meeting. We will meet at Kelley's Place on Hwy 80 in Haughton at 6:00pm. After the meal, there will be an auction to help raise funds for the Society.
- October 20, 2012, the Classroom/Shop will be open for members to work on projects, if there is a Shop Stewart available.
- Bossier City Rock & Gem Shop will be organizing a Gem Show for our society members to set up tables and sell their products. The date will be November 3, 2012 from 10am til 5pm, on Benton Road next door to the BC Rock Shop. Space cost will be \$60.00 per booth area (which could be reduced with more participation). Bring your own tables. Setup on Friday afternoon.
- Our big saw has now been moved into our classroom. For members to use the saw, a donation of every third slab will be accepted.
- Field Trips
 - Saturday, October 6 & 7, 2012 to Mineral Wells, TX. Group will be at 7am at the Chili's Restaurant and leave for the dig site. Group will return to Chili's for lunch, so others may join them after lunch. A visit to the Arlington, TX Gem & Mineral Show will be on the return trip.
 - Saturday, October 20, 2012 there will be a private sale just north of Longview, TX.
 - Saturday, October 27, 2012 to Keith Harmon's Yard Sale in Troup, TX. More information TBA.
 - Field Trip to Mineral Wells, TX TBA
- Classes
 - October 6, 2012 – Wire wrapping class
 - November 10, 2012 – Cabbing Class
 - November 17, 2012 -- Viking Knit class -- \$100 fee
 - November 18, 2012 – Chain Maille class -- \$100 fee
 - If someone signs up for both classes the fee will be \$180.00 for both.
 - Each first Saturday following our regular meeting will be Open Shop days at our classroom for members to come and work on projects with supervision from one of our several instructors, unless a class is scheduled for that Saturday. Hours 10am til 6pm.

Membership Application

Individual Membership \$15/Year Couple Membership \$20/Year Family Membership \$25/Year
New Member? Yes No Renewal? Yes No

Name _____ (Spouse) _____

Children's Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile)

E-Mail _____ FB _____

Membership Option (Check One): Individual (\$15) _____ Couple (\$20) _____ Family (\$25): _____

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Or Come to a meeting and pay in person at 6:30 on the 1st Tuesday of each month
Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St.
Bossier City, LA 71111

Class Info & Updates



Reminder!! Cabbing Class - Saturday Nov 10, 9-5. We have students signed up for this class. A bit late to sign up, but perhaps Del might bend (?). Ask at our meeting Tuesday night....YOU might just get LUCKY!!!

Chain Classes, Nov 17-18 - Saturday 10:00 to 6:00 - Viking Weave Class. Only \$100, and you get to keep the tools. Sunday 9:00 to 6:00 - Chainmail Class. Also \$100.00, and keep the tools.

*****!!!!!!!!!!!! For a GOOD Bargain, sign up for both for only \$180.00!!!!!!!!!!!!*****

SATURDAY OPEN STUDIO: Saturday, Nov. 24, 10:00 to 6:00. Tom will be there working on lost wax models using the wax injector tool. This wax can be extruded and platted into intriguing patterns. Extruding the wax into a pan of water can give some mighty wild effects!!! Come SEE!!!

Field Trip Schedule

At this time, there are no field trips scheduled between now and the first of the year. However, if anyone has suggestions feel free to email Antony Thomas or bring up at the Nov or Dec meeting. Keep in mind that the Martin digging location is available for \$20 per day. Here you can find petrified wood, palm wood and various other items. You may contact Bill Dowling at 318-932-4614 for more information

In Memory of **Okley Davis**

The club was notified that Mr. Davis passed away on Friday, October 26, 2012 from complication of metastatic prostate cancer.

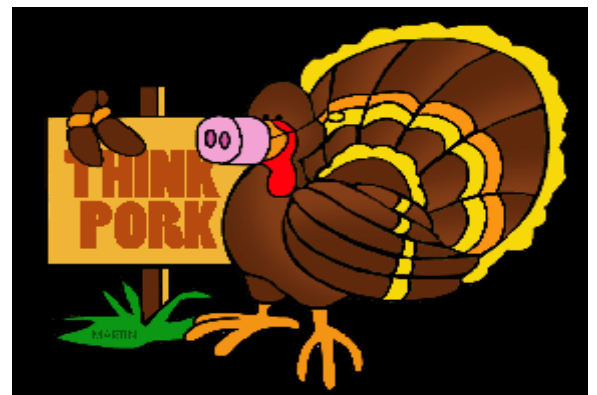
The family has requested that memorials be made to Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society in Okley's name.



federation news

You should have received the most recent newsletter from the South Central Federation newsletter. If you haven't had a chance to read it here some the highlights.....

- ❖ Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the 2013 South Central Federation Convention and Show.
- ❖ Virginia Adian writes a great article about her excursions to the SCFMS show in Jasper and "The Celebration of Agates" at The Minnesota Mineral Club in Minnetonka.
- ❖ The current President of SCFMS will be replaced in November. The new President will be John Nash
- ❖ Read the article below regarding the award that our fellow rockhound Keith Harmon received.
- ❖ Announcements were made for the





Does the idea of using the ancient art of Chain Maille as jewelry intrigue you?

Join us November 18 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) for a day of learning the Byzantine Weave. Byzantine is a beautiful and apparently complex; yet it is a weave that is easy to learn. Byzantine Weave is easily adapted and enhanced to create many beautiful pieces of Jewelry.

You will take home a beautiful bracelet in either brass or copper, your tools and the knowledge to recreate the work on your own. You are limited only by your imagination.



Registration is \$100 (or \$80 if taken in conjunction with the Viking Weave Class on November 17) and includes all materials and tools. The Viking Weave Class Registration is \$100.00. (Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) Send your registration fee to Tom Stringfellow, 16856 Cardinal Lane, Troup, Texas 75789

TomString@aol.com. 903-839-6744



tips and tricks

KEEP CUTTING LUBRICANT CLOSE AT HAND - *October '12*

Before using your jeweler's saw or a burr in your flex shaft, it is important to run it through lubricant wax to increase the life of your tools. To make this quick, burr out a decent size hole in the side of your bench pin and using a torch melt the edge of your wax and drip it into the hole. Once it's dry it's a quick move to run your saw blade through it with one simple motion before getting to work!

PREVENT SAW BLADE BREAKAGE - *September '12*

When creating a piercing in sheet metal it is best to hold your saw somewhat loosely without giving up control. This will allow you to feel when the blade is too tight or caught on something letting you know to pull back a tad and re-enter your cut. This will help you not break saw blades.

SIMPLE JUMP RING CUTTING - *August '12*

Keep wooden dowels around to for cutting jump rings. If the rings aren't snug, wrap an appropriate length of masking tape around the dowel. It takes some fiddling, but well worth a minute or two to set up. The wood shavings burn out of fines and, with the dowel clamped in a vise and a bucket underneath, you can cut many, many jump rings at a time without wearing out your "holding" hand completely.

http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October_eNewsletter_3%2Bstars&utm_medium=email



Kindred Spirits

Antony Thomas

Interests and hobbies lead us down paths we would have normally not took

These few years of collecting I could have written a book

Having met some amazing people and heard of such true pioneers

Like Cecil and Betty from Longview their stories lost in the years

While the creator keeps nudging us to just look around

Finding the treasures He has left us upon the ground

Like working with clay He has unlocked my artistic side

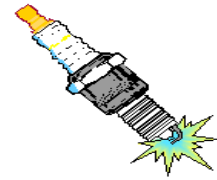
Teaching me patience and giving me pride

So to all my new found friends and future ones

We "are" kindred spirits

SCFMS GOLD SPARK PLUG AWARD

by Ike House, Chairman
KEITH HARMON



The recipient of this year's Golden Spark Plug Award is well known for his friendly and kind behavior. He always gives of his time and resources to encourage others in our wonderful hobby. He has donated many specimens and material for educational purposes. He has served as his club's show chairman, Rockhound of the Year and many other offices. He singlehandedly doubled his club's membership in three years. A stalwart supporter of the SCFMS, he has served as treasurer, vice-president, and president. During his tenure he organized and started arguably the most important benefit the Federation provides, the liability insurance program. He continues to give freely of his time and expertise to the Federation officers and is a valuable resource for everyone. You may have seen him as a show dealer. Look around and find the biggest bunch of grinning kids, old and young alike, around his tables as they marvel at the heretofore unseen beauty of a newly-cracked geode. Congratulations to our 2012 Golden Spark Plug Award recipient, Keith Harmon.

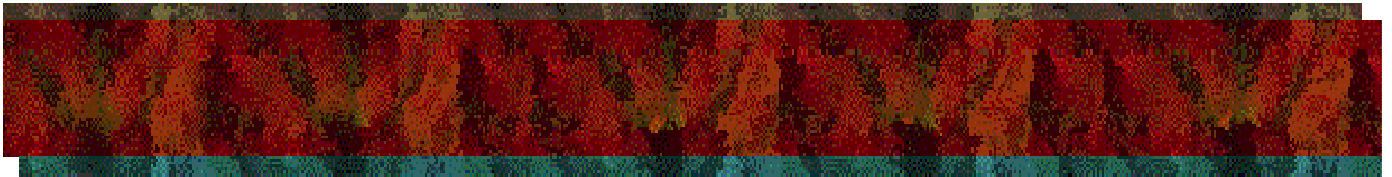


Field Trip Update

Antony & Sharron Thomas
John & Sue Autry

Those who attended the estate sale in Longview would like thank Robert Hall and the children of Mr. Cecil and Ms. Betty for inviting us to experience and bring home some of their family treasures that were found and enjoyed. Some of the items found there were Brazilian agate, petrified palm wood, various jaspers, tons of rocks and machinery. These collectors had over 60 years of material that we were able to peruse through. Everyone agreed that it was an amazing collection. We found some specimens that are not available any longer and look forward to working with them. Here are some pictures from our adventure.





Upcoming Show Dates

November, 2012

9-11 - Humble, Texas - Annual Show for the Houston Gem & Mineral Society. Humble Civic Center. Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5. Adults \$7, Seniors & students \$6, children (under 12) free. www.hgms.org

December, 2012

8-9 - DeRidder, Louisiana – Annual Show for DeRidder Gem & Mineral Society. Beauregard Fair Grounds Building. Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4. Adults \$2, Children under 12 free. Military with ID free Sun. Hands on demonstrations, knapping, capping, faceting, beading, wire wrapping, rough rock, finished jewelry, silent auction equipment, Louisiana Opal rough, cabs and jewelry.

January, 2013

25-27 - Tyler, Texas – Annual show for East Texas Gem & Mineral Society. Tyler Rose Garden Center. Fri 9-5, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5. Adults \$3, students \$1, scouts in uniform free. Grand prize drawings, hourly door prizes, silent auction, wheel of fortune, showcases, 11 dealers, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, minerals, geodes, lapidary demonstrations.

The rock shop is open on Thursdays, usually from 5 pm – 8 pm, for all members to work independently on their personal projects.

Please call Del or Tony to make sure one of them will be in attendance.

If you would like to submit material to be included in the monthly newsletter, please email information to Sharron at adslthomas@gmail.com

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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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