



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Wow!!!!

The year is almost gone. I hope all is well with everyone and you are anxiously looking forward to our Christmas party like I am!! Hope all of you will bring something good for our auction. Remember at the November meeting, we will be electing the officers for 2016. If you are unable to attend, you can email to Sharron your vote by 5 pm on Tuesday. To see who is being nominated for each position, see the information in this newsletter. I sure hope to see you all at our meeting tomorrow night. Don't forget about our field trip next Saturday to Ron Coleman's. You must RSVP if you going and we will be leaving from the library at 5 am on Saturday

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	November 3, 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:	
Refreshments:	Sharon Glasner
Door Prizes:	Miguel Pacheco

Minutes of Meeting

October 6, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update—Tom Stringfellow
 - Members that do not know how to use any equipment in the shop will need training
 - Tom is requesting help at the Thursday open shop and the Saturday open shop
 - Machines were purchased at sale
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
 - See current list in newsletter
- Field Trips
 - Members only field trips
 - October 24—Midlothian trip
 - November 7--Ron Coleman's will be a 2 hour dig
- Other Business
 - 1st Annual Ark-La-Tex Rock Swap next April
 - There will be a sale of some of the pieces from our recent purchase
 - Christmas dinner on 12/1/15 @ 6 pm at Podnuhs on Shreveport Barksdale
- Demonstration by
- XX 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.

November 7th

Ron Coleman's private dig

2015/2016 Class Schedule

Nov 7	Lost Wax Casting (\$120)
Nov 14	Lost Wax Casting (included with Nov 7 class)
Dec 5 & 6	Metal Manipulation ((\$75)
Jan 9 & 10	Intro to Flame Worked Beads ((\$165)
Feb 6 & 7	Glass Fusing (\$165)
Mar 5 & 6	Enameling with Glass Enamels (\$165)
Apr 9 & 10	Channel Weave & Byzantine Chainmaille' (\$165)
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)

Class Signup: **Please list your interest in specific classes and give your completed form and payment to Tom.** (Make checks payable to Tom Stringfellow, email: TomString@aol.com phone: 903-839-6744, address: 16856 Cardinal Lane, Troup, Texas 75789)

In the "Comments Section", Tell us if you want any other class/es not listed, if you prefer weekend or weekday classes, or any special times for a specific class. Our classes can be scheduled for everyone's interests! (Interested in teaching a class or introducing a new class to our club? PLEASE contact Tom !!!! WE ARE INTERESTED!!!!)

NAME (Please Print) Contact (Address, e-mail, AND phone) Class/Classes signing up for:

COMMENTS:

CLASS FEE'S PAID:

Class fees must be paid at least fourteen days BEFORE the class is scheduled (or more) to allow the instructors to assemble tools and supplies. Over enrollment in a class will allow a second class to be scheduled at a time convenient to all....otherwise the class fee will be refunded.

A receipt will be mailed back to you.

** Refunds are given only if you cancel at least twenty-one days in advance!**

RECEIPT FOR CLASS

FEE: _____

Must be Signed & Dated by Club Receiver

Upcoming Show Dates

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/>

Nominations for 2016

President

Antony Thomas

Vice President

Leland White

Tom Stringfellow

Secretary

Sharron Thomas

Treasurer

John Autry

Board Members

Nina Hustus

Moses Chattellier

Michael Clark

Dwain Spillman

Lyn Simms

2015 Board Members

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