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Turkey Feathers

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Presidents Message - by Nina Hustus



Here it comes, a month or so away..... Holiday season. We start with Thanksgiving. So, in that thankful frame of mind, I would like to say, "thanks." To all the members who show up at our meetings and contribute to our programs. Thanks again, to those people who helped out at our show. Thanks to those individuals who keep the club running all year. Thanks to everyone who supports the Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society. I hope we all keep in mind how good it is to be thankful, and not just during the month of November.

Remember, think kind thoughts, speak kind words and do kind things!

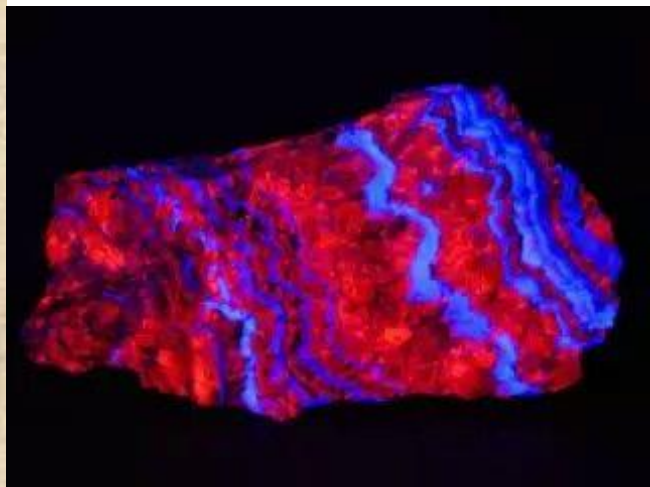
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Nov 6 "*New Location*"

Bossier Parish Library Historical Center - 2206 Beckett Street, Bossier City, LA

Room reserved 5:45pm till 7:30 pm

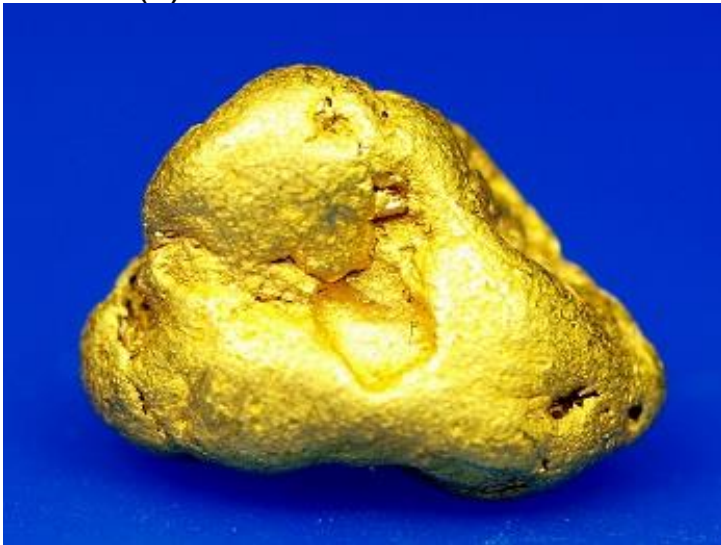


Program : Will be a continuation of Bill Eeds trip to Colorado, also will have a florescent display with rocks



Rock of the Month:

"Rock(s) I am thankful for"



Asking each member to bring their favorite rock, or two, for display and fellow members to view.

Member Spotlight

Kathy Haney



1. Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Tacoma Washington.
2. What started your interest in rocks?
I have always loved and collected rocks.
3. What was your favorite rock experience, rock adventure?
They all are.
4. Other than rockhounding and lapidary what are your other interests?
Natural healing, astrology and watching nature.
5. The wisest thing anyone has ever told me was?
Treat people the way that you want to be treated.
6. I am happiest when _____?
I am around nature, my family and of course my rocks.

Member Photos



Shows

October

- **Oct 26 - 28, Glen Rose, TX, Dallas Paleontological Society, Somervell Cty Expo Center, dallaspaleo.org**
- **Oct 27 - 28, Oklahoma City, OK, Oklahoma City M&GS, Oklahoma State Fair Park, www.OMGS-minerals.org**

19-21—WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana, Inc.; The Alario Center, 2000 Segnette Blvd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; All Weekend Pass: Adults - \$6, Members and Students or Military w/ID -\$3, Kids under 12 and Scouts in Uniform - Free; Vendors of mineral and fossil specimens, cabochons, faceted gems, slabs, rough, jewelry, beads, spheres and findings. Displays include fluorescence, dinosaurs, cabochon-making, wire wrapping, oil and gas exploration and hobby-related videos. Kids polish cabochon, get grab bags and sieve for specimens.; contact Levette Carlos, (504) 214-3205; Email: gemshow2018@gmail.com; Website: [facebook.com/GemAndMineralSocietyOfLouisiana](https://www.facebook.com/GemAndMineralSocietyOfLouisiana)

November

9-11—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults, Seniors, Children, Scouts; contact Scott Singleton, Show Chairman, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; Email: show@hgms.org; Website: hgms.org

17-18—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society; Rodeo Center Exhibition Hall, 1800 Rodeo Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults, seniors and students \$8, family of 4 \$20, children \$4, Scouts in uniform free; door prizes, grand prize drawing, silent auction, fluorescent display, kids' area, demonstrations of wire wrapping, cabbing, knapping, gold panning, jewelry, slabs, rough, beads; contact DianaCase, PO Box 550395, Dallas, TX 75355, (469) 688-4057; Email: dgmscontracts@yahoo.com; Website: www.dallasgemandmineral.org

December

8-9—LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; DeRidder Gem and Mineral Society; Leesville Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 276 HM Stevens Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults/Seniors-\$2; Children under 12-Free; contact Bridget, (318) 730-7725; Email: bmjoubert@aol.com; Website: <https://rockngemswla.com>

January 2019

25-27—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem and Mineral Show; Tyler, Texas, 420 Rose Park Dr; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00. Free admission for kids under 12 and scouts in uniform.; Our 23rd Annual Show features outstanding vendors offering gemstones, jewelry, minerals, fossils, wire wrapping, decorator items, geodes, and meteorites. The renowned Rock Food Table will be on display, and attendees can enjoy demonstrations and show cases. Fun for the whole family. ; contact Keith Harmon, Show Chairman, 9116 US Highway 84 West, Rusk, TX 75785; Email: keithharmon19@yahoo.com; Website: etgms.com

February 2019

23-24—JACKSON , MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society ; Mississippi Trade Mart on State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5:30; Adults \$6, students \$3, scouts and leaders in uniform \$2, and free admission for children 5 and under; More than 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more; demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making; exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations; youth activities; hands-on exploration table; displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work; hourly door prizes, and a grand prize drawing ; contact Leslie Lane, 176 Tazan Avenue, Florence, MS 39073-8720, (601) 344-8171; Website: <http://missgms.org>

INFO

Terri Smith Rockhunts News- Alpine Texas
Here's the schedule through January 2019!

This year, I have 4 ranches available for rockhunting. I'll be leading a set of 4-day weekends of rockhunting, with one of the four days on each ranch. I will change the order of the ranches for each weekend, so that if you can only come on one day of the week, you can still get to each ranch. Here is the schedule for November, 2018 through January, 2019:

Date	Time	Trip Location	Leader
Thursday, 11/8	9:00 a.m.	Ritchie Ranch	\$10 entrance fee plus \$1/lb
Friday, 11/9	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Saturday 11/10	8:00 a.m.	South Larremore Ranch	\$50 per person
Sunday 11/11	8:00 a.m.	Stillwell Ranch	50 cents per lb. of rock you take
Thursday 11/22	8:00 a.m.	Stillwell Ranch	50 cents per lb. of rock you take
Friday 11/23	9:00 a.m.	Ritchie Ranch	\$10 entrance fee plus \$1/lb
Saturday, 11/24	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Sunday, 11/25	8:00 a.m.	South Larremore Ranch	\$50 per person
Thursday, 12/13	8:00 a.m.	South Larremore Ranch	\$50 per person
Friday, 12/14	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Saturday, 12/15	9:00 a.m.	Ritchie Ranch	\$10 entrance fee plus \$1/lb
Sunday, 12/16	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Thursday, 12/20	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Friday, 12/21	8:00 a.m.	South Larremore Ranch	\$50 per person
Saturday, 12/22	8:00 a.m.	Stillwell Ranch	50 cents per lb. of rock you take
Sunday, 12/23	9:00 a.m.	Ritchie Ranch	\$10 entrance fee plus \$1/lb
Thursday, 12/27	9:00 a.m.	Ritchie Ranch	\$10 entrance fee plus \$1/lb
Friday, 12/28	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Saturday, 12.29	8:00 a.m.	South Larremore Ranch	\$50 per person

Sunday, 12/30	8:00 a.m.	Stillwell Ranch	50 cents per lb. of rock you take
Thursday, 1/24/19	8:00 a.m.	Stillwell Ranch	50 cents per lb. of rock you take
Friday, 1/25/19	9:00 a.m.	Ritchie Ranch	\$10 entrance fee plus \$1/lb
Saturday, 1/26/19	8:00 a.m.	East Needle Peak	\$40 per person
Sunday, 1/27/19	8:00 a.m.	South Larremore Ranch	\$50 per person

As usual, all trips start in front of the Antelope Lodge, 2310 W. Highway 90, Alpine. To reserve your place on a trip, email me at agatehunter@sbcglobal.net. Payment for the trip is not due until the morning of the trip. All the ranches accept cash or check, and the Stillwell also accepts credit cards. At least one person in your group needs to be a member of the Rollin' Rock Club to go on the trips. Cost is \$10 per year for a single membership and \$16 for a dual membership, purchasable at the time of the trip.

If no one is signed up for a trip 48 hours before it starts it will be cancelled. Once cancelled, it can't be "un-cancelled". So be sure to sign up!

Since the Antelope Lodge has changed ownership, the prices have gone up somewhat, and the amenities are different. But the reservation website name is the same, www.antelopelodge.com.

As for the bad news, I'm sorry to report that another of the classic rockhunting locations, the Walker Ranch, is permanently closed to rockhunters. It has been sold to the Wood family, who purchased the Woodward Ranch several years ago. They had bad experiences with rockhunters after purchasing the Woodward Ranch, and they do not care to open it up to us. Even the name "Walker Ranch" has disappeared: it's now part of the Wood ranch.

The winds of change are also blowing through my life since we sold the Antelope Lodge last December. For a number of reasons, this will probably be the last year that I lead field trips for the full Fall-Winter-Spring season. So if you've been waiting to for a compelling reason to come out here, that's it. I don't know what the schedule will look like for the 2019 -2020, but my guess is that it will be compressed into a fairly hectic month or two. I'll post the new developments in my life that have led to this decision on my website or tell y'all when you're out here rockhunting.

I hope to see y'all this winter!

Regards,
Teri

PHOTOS from the web:

This is why to buy used dentures!!!! Not me Buddy

Noreena Jasper



If you like Sea Glass this is the beach for you.

Glass Beach, Mackerricher State Park, near Fort Bragg, California

Websites to look at:

Advice for Beginners

http://rockhounds.com/rockshop/john_betts/advice.html

Interesting Family website

<http://pbandjadventures.com/Things/Rockhounding/Rockhounding.htm>

Rockhound State Park

<https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/tour/state/rockhound/home.html>

Locations

<http://www.findingrocks.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi>

Rockhounding N.M.

<https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/publications/guides/rockhound/home.html>

Rockhound Gifts

<https://www.cafepress.com/+rockhound+gifts>

Rockhounding

<https://hobbylark.com/collecting/Rockhounding-Secrets-of-a-Rock-Hoarder>

Officers for 2018:

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Others:

Field Trip Coordinator – Tony Thomas

Head Shop Steward – Laura McWilliams

Show Chairman – Del Glasner

Newsletter Editor – Del Glasner

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Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/ArkLaTexGemMineralSociety/>

Website - <http://larockclub.com/>

Previous Meeting Notes-

Meeting Notes: October 2, 2018

John & Leland are still working on getting the electric fixed at shop

Laura McWilliams called for shop steward meeting last Saturday of November, the 24th

Board voted to purchase new wheels for Titan

Board voted to offer yearly \$400. scholarship to William Holland Lapidary School for members earning chances to go into drawing. (First winner will be in 2020)

Clubs January meeting has been moved to January 8th, since 1st Tuesday of the month is New Year's day.

Rocks used in kids dig need to be cleaned before next show. Need a screen or something like it to help clean rocks.

There are upcoming events members might be interested in :

October 6 – Keith Harmon's rock sale – Rusk TX

October 12-13 Crystal Festival in Mt. Ida, Arkansas

October 19, 20 & 21 Austin Gem & Mineral Show, Austin, TX

November 17th & 18th Dallas Gem & Mineral Show

Wire Wrapping class October 27th, 9-5. Cost is \$25.00

Nominations / Elections of officers for year 2019 as Follows:

- o President – Luther Mathis
- o Vice President – Del Glasner
- o Secretary – Kathy Haney
- o Treasurer – John Autry

Treasurer Report

Starting balance 9/1/18		22,097.23
Expenses		
SWEPCO	28.17	
Water	10.00	
Don Gednetz	48.63	
SCFMS dues & ins.	485.80	
Transferred to Savings	1000.00	

Total expenses		1572.60

Balance in checking		20,524.63
Savings		8001.00

Total ending balance		28,525.63