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Opal- Birthstone of the month

Presidents Message - by Del Glasner

Finally its cooling off and we can get back to some field trips. John and I took a side trip to locate a possible field trip to Caster, La and found the creek was overgrown for now.

Please note that because of the early election we will move our meeting place Oct 1 to the Aulds Library room.

This is the month that we nominate next years club officer's

Birthstone for October Opal

Louisiana Opal

Small amounts of a material called "Louisiana Opal" or "Louisiana Sand Opal" have been mined from the Catahoula Formation near Leesville, Vernon Parish, Louisiana. If you examine this material closely, you will find that it is a [sandstone](#) in which the [sand grains](#) are bound together by a cement of clear [precious opal](#).

The material is not spectacular in appearance, but it is a genuine precious opal. It is a novelty gem that is enjoyed by local people and gemstone collectors. Small amounts of this material were produced in the late 1980s and early 1990s. It is no longer produced, and rough material is difficult to find.

(<https://geology.com/gemstones/states/louisiana.shtml>)

NEXT MEETING:

Tues Oct 1 - Room reserved 5:45- 7:45 pm

Location for meeting is **Shady Grove Library** (Aulds room) [3950 Wayne Ave, Bossier City](#)

Directions: Hwy 71(Barksdale Blvd) 2.1 miles south of Barksdale West gate, turn left onto Shady Grove dr. and go down 7 streets to Wayne Ave. and turn left and follow to Library.

Program for Oct. meeting

Imaging and Digitization Workshop for Amateurs!

– By Del Glasner

Last meeting notes: Secretary notes not available

Member Photos – Facebook **Cuttlefish bone and Broom straw Casting in our shop**



Master at work below



New members Instructed in Cab making



Classroom/Shop: Open for members most Saturdays 10-5
Check our facebook page link below to confirm.
Location: 581 Rex Beard Rd. Haughton, La

Shows

- **Jasper show canceled for lack of club member help**
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- **Oct 12-13—TEMPLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. Third Street; Sat. 9-6, Sat. 10-5; Adults \$5, teens \$2; Dealers offering rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, demonstrations of wire wrapping and cabochon carving, and fluorescence; contact Ruth Rolston, 106 Ottoway Drive, Temple, TX 76501; Email: Irolston@hotmail.com; Website: <http://drarhie.wixsite.com/tcgme>
- **Oct 11-13- Westwego, La: 49th New Orleans Show.**
Alario Center 2000 Segnette Blvd. Westwego, La
- **Oct 11-12—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS:** 32 Annual World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 7-4, Sat. 7-4; \$100 (entry fee)

and banquet meal); 2018 World Championship Quartz Crystal Dig, part of the 39th Annual Quartz, Quiltz, & Craftz Festival, for more information call Gail at the Chamber office number listed, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday. (R&G, please call GAIL for confirmation, at 870-867-2723, b/w 10am and 2pm M - F, only. These are normal Chamber business hours) ; contact Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, 124 US 270 W, PO Box 6, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; Email: director@mtidachamber.com; Website: www.mtidachamber.com

- **Oct 18-20—AUSTIN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, military personnel (with ID) and seniors (60+) \$7, students age 13-18 \$2, free admission for children 12 and under; Show theme: Canadian minerals; more than 30 dealers, exhibits, displays, fluorescent minerals area, demonstrations in faceting, cabbing, and wire wrapping, and activities for children; contact Laird Fowler, Show Chair, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; Email: showchariman@austingemandmineral.org; Website: www.agms-tx.org
- **Nov 8-10—HUMBLE, TEXAS:** Retail show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8 (good for all three days), free admission for children 10 and under; 66th annual gem, jewelry, mineral and fossil show; contact Scott Singleton, 3607 Durness Way, Houston, TX 77025-2517, (832) 524-8382; Email: ShowChair@HGMS.org; Website: <https://hgms.org>
- **Nov 23-24—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society; Mesquite Rodeo Center Exhibition Hall, 1800 Rodeo Dr; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8, seniors (65 and older) \$6, kids \$4 Kids-4, free admission for veterans and scouts in uniform; Rough, polished stones, slabs, and finished rocks and minerals, fluorescent display, demonstrations, auction, and activities for children; contact Lynn Couvillion, PO Box 550395, Dallas, TX 75355, (214) 349-2022; Email: lynncouvillion@gmail.com; Website: www.dallasgemandmineral.org
- **Dec 14-15- Leesville, La** : Deridder Gem & Mineral Society
West LA Forestry Fair Grounds, 276 H.M. Stevens Blvd.
Leesville, LA 71446

2020 Jan 18-19—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: Annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Lady Bird Johnson Park at the Pavilion, Hwy.16 South; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; Dealers, demonstrations, rock cutting, activities for children; contact Frank Rowell, 474 Lost Hollow Rd., Llano, TX 78643, (325) 248-1067; Email: hcgms20@gmail.com; Website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org

- **Jan 24-26—TYLER, TEXAS:** Annual show; The East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 South Rose Park Dr.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, students and children \$1 ; 24th Annual Gemstone and Jewelry Show, with dealers offering minerals, cut and uncut stones, geodes, equipment and supplies, demonstrations, displays, and activities for children ; contact Margaret Kilanski ; Email: mkilanski@yahoo.com

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Websites that may be of Interest:

Treasure Hunt

<https://amp.usatoday.com/amp/2916167>

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