



# The Rock Rattler

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## President's Message

I would like to thank Tony and John for being shop stewards and helping other members work on their projects. Moving the 24" saw into the classroom now gives our members better access. Now that it is cooling off some outside I look forward to more field trips and bigger rocks.

Sincerely,  
Del Glasner

## Next Meeting

When:            October 2, 2012, Tuesday  
Time:            6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Where:           Bossier Parish Library  
                      2600 Beckett  
                      Bossier City, LA 71111  
Program:        The Mother of All Rock Trips  
                      Larry Maguire

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# REMINDER

We are on FACEBOOK

Search for ArkLaTex Gem & Mineral Society

Post your pictures and give an update on your finds or excursions

# Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society

## Minutes of Meeting, July 10, 2012

**Opening:** Del Glasner

**Pledge of Allegiance:** John Autry

**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)

### New Business:

- 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.
- Field Trips
  - Saturday, September 8, 2012 to Louisiana Rock Park near Martin, LA. Meet at the Lodge in Hall Summit at 7am and travel together to the park. \$20 per person fee to enter the park.
  - Saturday, October 27, 2012 to Keith Harmon's Yard Sale in Troup, TX. More information TBA.
  - Field Trip to Mineral Wells, TX TBA
- Public Schools – John Autry is to contact the public schools in the area and offer teaching assistance with earth sciences and "rock talks", etc.
- Del announced that during next year's Rock & Gem Show, we will be hosting the South Central Federation meeting.
- Board of Directors' Meeting to be held at 5:30pm on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, prior to regular meeting.
- Classes
  - September 15-16, Basic Silversmithing Class scheduled for the classroom, 9am til 6pm both days.
  - 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.

### Auction:

- Tony donated two items to be auctioned off to help raise money to purchase a new saw for the Classroom
  - A fiberoptic sphere was won by Lyn Simms with an auction price of \$12.50
  - A small bowl of polished rocks was won by Dwain Spillman with an auction price of \$10.00

# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society  
PO Box 6633  
Bossier City, LA 71111

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

## Class Info & Updates



10/6/12 – Wire Wrapping

10/20/12 – Knapping

11/10/12 – Cabbing

11/17 & 11/18/12 – Byzantine Chain Mail

Beginning Metalsmithing Class was FUN! Everybody learned to SOLDER and use the FLEXSHAFT. The resulting pieces were gorgeous. Please bring your pieces for show & tell at our next meeting.

Saturday Open Shop date will be announced at our next meeting. We may have to move the date for Open Shop to accommodate our Field Trips and our out-of-town Shop Stewards. Additional Shop Stewards would be GREAT!!! See Del, Tom, or Tony at our next meeting!!!

## Field Trip Schedule

October 6-7, 2012

Mineral Wells, Texas (see field trip information sheet)

October 20, 2012

Rock Shop in Longview, Texas. Going out of business. Meet at Bossier Library at 6 am.

October 27, 2012

Keith Harmons for his Garage Sale. Meet at Bossier Library at 7 am.

Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society  
Field Trip Information Sheet  
October 6-7, 2012  
Mineral Wells, Texas

Meeting Times

9:00 am October 6, 2012  
1:00 pm October 6, 2012  
8:30 am October 7, 2012

Meeting Place

Chili's Restaurant Parking Lot  
3607 Highway 180 East  
Mineral Wells, Texas  
(940)325-3838

Basic Trip Information

Have cars gassed and ready to go. Have food and drinks for your noon meal or you can eat lunch in town (possibly at Chilis) for the lunch break from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Meet after lunch at Chili's at 1:00 pm. At this time we can pick up anyone who has arrived late. Please follow the lead car at comfortable distance, but keep up. Signal all turns and make sure the car behind you sees you turn off. At stops, pull all the way off the road and leave about 6 feet between your car and one ahead so the trunk is accessible. Please do not litter. Carpool where possible.

Collecting Equipment

At one location you may want to use a bucket and shovel to collect "breakfast mix. Most other locations a pointed object like a pocket knife or screwdriver would be helpful to remove fossils from the crusty clay without damage and also help with climbing. Cigar boxes (available at Hobby Lobby) or the like, lined with cotton to collect and protect fossils. Sacks with newspaper are also good to use.

Suggested Lodging

Days Inn & Suites  
107 Washington  
Mineral Wells, Tx 76067  
(940) 468-2727

Best Western Club House Inn  
4410 Highway 180 East  
Mineral Wells, Tx  
(940) 325-2270

Comfort Suite  
105 Karl Kessler Blvd  
Mineral Wells, Tx  
(940) 327-0077

Knights Inn Mineral Wells  
4103 Highway 180 East  
Mineral Wells, TX  
(940) 325-6956

Camping

Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway  
100 Park Road 71  
Mineral Wells, Tx 76067  
(940)328-1171  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Area Events

Cross Timbers Cowboy Poetry and Stories  
Date: October 6, 2012  
Time: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Place: Lone Star Amphitheater at Lake Mineral Wells State Park



**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**

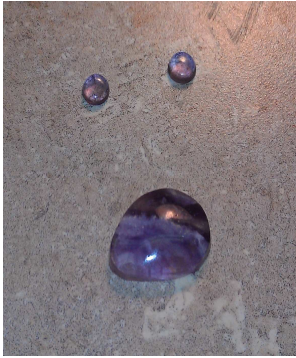
**[TomString@aol.com](mailto:TomString@aol.com). 903-839-6744**



## My Experience with Tom's Metalsmithing Class

This was my first experience taking a class taught by Tom Stringfellow. I have to say I was pleasantly surprised by what I learned and what I made at the end of the class. Tom is an very patient instructor. There were 5 students, me, Theresa, Heather, Diane and Wil. I think we all absorbed a great deal of information to undertake a project on our own. This class has got me wandering what I can make. I have included pics from our 2 days of class.

Sharron Thomas  
Newsletter Editor



If you need time to work on a project, come to the shop and get caught up. We have most of the tools to keep you going.



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](mailto: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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