



# The Rock Rattler

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## Presidents Message

Members,

Looks like the board of directors has a plan to get our classroom back up and running again. More details at our next meeting.

Be thinking of who you would like to nominate for next year's officer.

Del Glasner  
President

### Next Meeting

When:            October 1, 2013

Time:            6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Where:          Bossier City Library  
                      Historical Building  
                      Bossier City, La

Program:        "*Carcharocles*, a megatoothed shark, from the Yazoo Clay  
                      (Late Eocene), Caldwell Parish, Louisiana."

Presented by Gary L. Stringer, Ph.D.  
Professor Emeritus of Geology  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

## **Minutes of Meeting** **September 3, 2013**

Opening: Del Glasner  
Pledge of Allegiance Wil House  
Prayer: Wil House

### **Business Discussed:**

- Federation Show update
  - Income amounts were given by Treasurer
- Class Update
  - Larry will have wire wrapping class on 9/14/13
  - Members were given instructions on where and what time.
  - Members requested having a PMC play date, a ring making class and a cab making class
- Building update
  - John and Sue Autry have graciously donated an area of their land in Haughton for the club to put a shop.
  - Tony gave information on how much an estimate would be to put a building
  - Board members present gave approval to move ahead with getting the land cleared, electricity pole and meter put up along with checking out sewer and water costs
- Field Trip
  - Will be going to Midlothian Texas on 9/14/13
    - Will meet at Library at 6 am
  - Will also be going to Keith Harmon's home for his yearly rock sale on 9/21/13.
    - Will meet at library at 6 am
- Show and Tell
  - New member James Stroud showed his crystals he found in Mt Ida AR

**Members in Attendance** –Sharron Thomas, Antony Thomas, Del Glasner, John Autry, Sue Autry, Leland White, Nina Hustus, Wil House, Dwain Spillman, Nancy Spillman, Edna House, David Lowe, Gwynne Lowe, Heather Cregut, Lyn Simms, Kathy Haney, Charlie Johns, Diane Hendricks, Jody Hendricks, Susan Fortenberry, Adrien Abraham, Sandry Talley, Sharon Glasner, Jerry Thomas, Marjorie Thomas, Don Gednetz

**NEW MEMBERS:** James Stroud, Tori McCauslin

# *tips and tricks*

## **DEAD SOFT TO SPRING HARD** - *September '13*

Round wire can be hardened quite easily and quickly by twisting it. Twisting will not change the shape of the wire and you can go from deadsoft to springhard lightening fast by placing one end of the wire securely in a flexshaft or other rotary tool and firmly grasping the other end with pliers. Simply start the flexshaft at a very slow speed while gently pulling on the wire. You will feel a slight 'give' as the wire lengthens and you're done! (wear protective eye gear in case of breakage).

## **SMALL DESK TOOL ORGANIZER** - *September '10*

If you're stuck working at a small desk, you know how difficult it is to keep your tools handy when you need them, but out of the way when you're not using them. To solve this problem, attach a pull-out keyboard drawer to the bottom of your desk. It's roomy enough to hold many of your tools, but shallow enough to not get in the way when it's not needed. Now, all of your pliers, cutters and other hand tools will be one "pull" away.

[http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm\\_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm\\_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October\\_eNewsletter\\_3%2Bstars&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October_eNewsletter_3%2Bstars&utm_medium=email)

## *Field Trips for 2013*

*Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator if 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.*

*October 5, 2013* – South LA with Ike House for river agate

*Nov 3-4, 2013* – Midland Gem & Mineral Society show

# Upcoming Show Dates

## October

5-6—JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society; Jacksonville Community Center; 5 Municipal Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; contact Tom Sharp, (501) 379-8653; e-mail: thom61847@yahoo.com; Web site: centralarrockhound.org

11-13—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: 29th Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, quartz crystals, minerals, jewelry, quilts, crafts, Treasure Hunt; contact Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 270 W., Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

11-13—METAIRIE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana; Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel; 2601 Severn Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, 3-day pass \$8, students with ID \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, gems, minerals, beads, fossils, jewelry, exhibits, demonstrations, fluorescent mineral room, door prizes, grand prize; contact Levett Carlos, 2027 Swan St., Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 214-3205; e-mail: gemshow2013@gmail.com

12-13—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; LMRA Rockhounds; LMRA River-front Park; 3400 Bryant Irvine Blvd.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6; free admission; rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, stained glass artwork, metal detectors, prospecting equipment, pottery; contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Dr., Saginaw, TX 76131, (817) 777-1997; e-mail: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com; Web site: www.facebook.com/#!/groups/132202050142082/

18-20—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem & Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students (13-18) \$1, children (12 and under) 50 cents; Wheel of Fortune, gem mine, fluorescent cave, touch table, educational exhibits, demonstrations; contact Susan Postlethwait, 6719 Burnet Ln., Austin, TX 78757; Web site: www.austingemandmineral.org

18-20—VICTORIA, TEXAS: 54th Annual Victoria Gem & Mineral Society Show; Victoria Gem & Mineral Society; Victoria Community Center Dome; 2905 E. North St.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students and children (0-12) free; Kids' Day Fri., touch tables, exhibits, educational table, wheel of fortune, dealers, fossils, rare minerals, cut and uncut gems, lapidary supplies and rough, jewelry making equipment, beads, crack your own geode, silent auction, door prizes, grand prize drawing; contact Bob Clark, 14471 State Hwy. 111 E, Yoakum, TX 77995, (361) 293-8231; e-mail: rfclark51@yahoo.com; Web site: www.victoriagemandmineral.com

## November

2-3—MIDLAND, TEXAS: Annual show; Midland Gem & Mineral Society; Midland Center; 105 N. Main St., corner of Wall and Main; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$2, children (5 and under) free; artist Beverly Hartman, dealers, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, kids' corner, geode cutting, fluorescent mineral room, door prizes, grand prize; contact Bill Halepeska, PO Box 5043, Midland, TX 79704, (432) 694-5945; e-mail: show@midlandgemandmineral.org; Web site: www.midlandgemandmineral.org

8-10—HUMBLE, TEXAS: 60th Annual Show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, seniors and students \$6, children (under 12) free; fluorescent exhibit, 40 dealers, swap area, Dino Dig, youth section, displays, exhibits; contact Chris and Theresa Peek, c/o Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: www.hgms.org

## December

18-19—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: 45th annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park; Hwy. 16S; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; 26 dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, meteorites, jewelry, bulk material, demonstrations, identification experts; contact Jim Gedeon, 1156 Old Willow Rd., Fredericksburg, TX 78624, (830) 685-3342; e-mail: gedeonjim1@gmail.com

## February

22-23—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society; Mississippi Trade Mart; State Fairgrounds; Sat. 9-6; adults \$5, students \$3; dealers, gems, fossils, minerals, beads, jewelry, demonstrators, faceting, flint knapping, wire wrapping; contact Keith Peacock, 176 Tazan Ave., Florence, MS 39073, (601) 863-6535

## March

8-9—PASADENA, TEXAS: Annual show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Pasadena Convention Center; 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, students (6th-12th grade) \$3, children (under 12) free; 32 dealers, lapidary equipment, rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, rockhound equipment, books, swap area, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, Scout merit badge workshops, fossil exhibits, children's gem mine and hands-on workshops; contact Sara Chelette, CLGMS, PO Box 58072, Houston, TX 77258; e-mail: sara\_chelette@sbcglobalnet.com; Web site: [www.clgms.org](http://www.clgms.org)

# Field Trip Photos



Preparing to dig in Midlothian



**Attendees on the field trip were John Autry, Antony Thomas, Lyn Simms, Don Gednetz, Al Simms, James (non member)**



**New area recently opened to dig for septarian nodules. Our group was the first to dig in the area.**



**Largest piece of pyrite found by Lyn Simms before cleaning**



**Pyrite pre-cleaning whole haul**



Post Cleaning of Pyrite



Having fun cleaning all that pyrite FUN!!





Pyrite/Magnasite found in a new area that just opened

## *Wire Wrapping Class*



## Trip to Keith Harmon's Rock Sale



**Rough rock for sale**



**More rough rock to look through**



**Newly acquired rocks that have not been gone separated.  
A 100 pound piece of agotized dinosaur bone and a 100 pound piece of  
chrysocolla was found in this area. The average size piece is 20lbs.**

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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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