



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Here we are in October already. I was very glad to see such a good turnout to our recent sale that was open to our club. I'm sure not one attendee can complain about what they were able to purchase (if you purchased something from the sale, please send a pic of what you purchased to me). After the sale the club purchased what was left, which included hundreds of slabs, 4 plus tons of rough and an 18" saw. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Del, John, Moses, Bill and Michael for their hard work. It took all six of us, 5 trucks, 4 trailers and 6 hours to move this material. I would ask that no one go through the material until it can be separated and determined what will be for sale, silent auction or club use material.

Please don't forget election of officers is at this month's meeting

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	October 6, 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:	Alchemy: The Ancestor of Science
Refreshments:	Kim Chattelier
Door Prizes:	Diane Hendricks

Minutes of Meeting

September 1, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update—Tom Stringfellow
 - Sept 5 will be our open house from 4-6
 - Members that do not know how to use any equipment in the shop will need training
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
 - See current list in newsletter
- Field Trips
 - September N Sulfur River
 - Meet at library at 5 am
 - October 3 Midlothian Texas
 - November Ron Coleman's will be a 2 hour dig
- Other Business
 - 1st Annual Ark-La-Tex Rock Swap next April
- Demonstration by Del Glasner on Saltwater Etching
- 28 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.

October Midlothian Texas
November Ron Coleman's

2015/2016 Class Schedule

Oct 17 & 18	Introduction of Metal Clays (\$165)
Nov 7	Lost Cast Waxing (\$120)
Nov 14	Lost Cast Waxing (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



AFMS & SCFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION 54th Annual Gemstones, Mineral & Fossil Show Featuring PEGMATITES

The following item is the Grand Prize and will be given away
Sunday October 25, 2015, at the
AFMS/ SCFMS Convention and Show.
Ticket comes free with show entry.

The winner does not need to be present to win.

This Show will be held in our own South Central Federation in Austin, TX. Plan now
to attend. It will be a show to remember and you won't want to miss this one.

See you there.

Upcoming Show Dates

October

9-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is FREE; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest Hi Lynn, JohnBe the Crystal Guy here! Yes, we are having the show and Dig again this year. The hours at the Chamber are shortened during the winter, so there may not be anyone there to answer if you call. That is why I am giving you the heads up! We would like to get this listed online as soon as possible, so people can start making plans now.; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Hwy 270 West, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

16-18—METAIRIE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of LA, Inc., Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel; 2601 Severn Avenue; Fri. 10 am-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$6, Students \$3, Children under 12 free; Admission prices good for all three days; Military w/ID also \$3, Scouts in Uniform - Free Fluorescent Display, Dinosaur Display, Oil Exploration Display Grab bags for Kids, Cabochon Polishing for Kids Cabochon Cutting and Jewelry-Making Displays ; contact Levette Carlos, 2027 Swan Street, Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 214-3205; e-mail: gemshow2015@gmail.com

23-25—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem & Mineral Society, Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Students ages 13-18 \$2, Children age 12 and under free!; Gem Capers 2015 annual show with over 30 vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, spheres, meteorites and lapidary items. This year hosting national federation show (AFMS) and regional federation show (SCFMS) as well as S.C.R.I.B.E. Several talks will be held during the show and are open to public with show admission. Topics such as Central Tx Pegmatites and American diamond mining. See website for more details on schedules. Numerous free exhibits and demos and Touch Table of rocks. For \$1 each, view fluorescent minerals, take a spin on Wheel of Fortune, find stones in the Gem Mine, make a piece of jewelry. Fri is youth education day sponsored by Silicon Labs. Fri, Sat, and Sun prizes. Sun is Grand Prize of floor sized globe with semi-precious stone inlay. Sat & Sun hourly door prizes as well. Proceeds support AGMS (501(c)(3) organization) and scholarships in the Earth Sciences.; contact Susan Postlethwait, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; e-mail: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Web site: www.gemcapers.com

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/>

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