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*Sapphire- Birthstone of the month
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Presidents Message - by Del Glasner

Members I'm proud of you. Almost all our members even Nina, just recovering from surgery worked at this show and it showed.

Our booth was full of activity with lots of people visiting it. We signed up lots of new Members. I did worry about Malcolm burning the whiskers off some of our visitors with his glass bead making.

Adult Grand prize winner: George Kalis

Kids Grand prize winner: Adi Reich

Birthstone for September --- Sapphire

Besides blue sapphire and ruby, the corundum family also includes so-called "fancy sapphires." They come in violet, green, yellow, orange, pink, purple, and intermediate hues. Some stones exhibit the phenomenon known as color change, most often going from blue in daylight or fluorescent lighting to purple under incandescent light. Sapphires can even be gray, black, or brown.

Per GIA <https://www.gia.edu/sapphire-history-lore>



NEXT MEETING:

Tues Sept 3rd - Room reserved 5:45- 7:45 pm

Location for meeting is **Bossier Historical Center**
2206 Beckett St. Adjacent to Bossier Central Library

Program for Sept. meeting - Trudy Carr will share her experiences at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

Program for Oct. meeting

Imaging and Digitization Workshop for Amateurs!
– By Del Glasner

Last meeting notes:

By: kathy haney

We discussed our up coming show. Our volunteer worksheet is almost complete . We also need volunteers for Friday 8/16/19 at 8am to help set up for the show. Tom will provide the coffee and Don will bring doughnuts .
Some of our members will be demonstrating the fun things we do in our club.

Demonstrations:

Tom - Will be doing Cabs

Malcolm - Glass Beading

Laura - Beading

Larry - Faceting

Lynn - Wire Wrapping

Look for our bulletin boards:

Burt Kouns / Kingston

Foot of Texas Street Bridge

I 20 and Old Minden

Laura has a Faceting Machine for sale for \$800

At our meeting Bill gave a presentation on Wyoming's Petrified Wood with agate from the Blue Forest

Member Photos – Our Show photos



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

- **Sep 13-15—DENVER, COLORADO:** Annual show; The Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Society; Denver Mart, 451 E 58th Ave.; Thu. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$7, seniors/teens/military \$5 (three-day pass \$15 adults, \$10 for seniors/teens/military, free admission for children under 13 and scouts and leaders in uniform, and free admission for children under 13 and scouts and leaders in uniform; The annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show with the theme — Canada Unearthed (Minerals of Canada) — more than 150 dealers, nearly 100 exhibits, fossil workshop, speakers, demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Nancy; Email: nkk9960@hotmail.com; Website: <https://www.denvermineralshow.com>
- **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: rolston@hot.rr.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

INFO

Websites that may be of interest:

Starburst Obsidian

<https://www.rockngem.com/what-to-cut-arizona-starburst-obsidian/>

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