



The Rock Rattler

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Thanks to all those members who gave of their time and energy to help make this year's show a great success.

Sincerely,
Del Glasner
President

Next Meeting

When: September 4, 2012, Tuesday
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier Parish Library
 2600 Beckett
 Bossier City, LA 71111
Program: Stone Tools by Will House

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REMINDER

We are now on FACEBOOK.
Search for ArkLaTex Gem & Mineral Society.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and want to
have it emailed to you,

ARK-LA-TEX GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

August 7, 2012

Minutes of the General Meeting

Called to Order - President Del Glasner

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Charlie Johns

Opening Prayer - Al Simms

Old Business:

- Gem & Mineral Show
 - Del – Need more volunteers to work different areas of the show
 - Show layout to be approved.
 - Workers needed at 7:30am Friday morning to help load materials stored at the classroom
 - 6pm – Dinner for Dealers and workers
 - 26 dealers registered, with a few of them being new dealers
 - Several members and dealers have volunteered to demo various activities
 - It was recommended that e-mail invitations be sent to the schools to encourage more students to attend.

New Business

- Members Gem Show – Bossier Rock Shop owner, Patrick Denton, are proposing that they sponsor a gem show that will be for our members to display and sell their products, since our members are prohibited from setting up tables at our Gem & Mineral Show. Location will probably be near their shop on Benton Road in Bossier. There will be more information forthcoming.
- Bill Dowling of the new Louisiana Rock Park brought a specimen and donated it to the Society. It was proposed that we auction it off with the proceeds benefiting the Society.
 - Duane Spillman won the auction with a bid of \$74.00.
- Antony requested that any pictures of our activities be sent to him to be included in our Facebook postings.
- Door prize drawing was held with several members' numbers being drawn.
- Field trip planned for September 8th, 2012 to go to the Louisiana Rock Park, which is near Hall Summit on Hwy 371. \$20.00 admission with children 10 and under no charge.

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

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Or Come to a meeting and pay in person at 6:30 on the 1st Tuesday of each month

Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St.

Bossier City, LA 71111

Class Info & Updates



The Sept 1 Wire Wrap Class had to be cancelled due to under enrollment. The Wire Wrap Class is rescheduled to Oct 6. Don't miss this one. Larry is a SUPER teacher!!

Basic Beginning Metal Smithing (Silver Smithing) is scheduled for Sept. 15 & 16. The class is a GO and there is room for one more student.

REMEMBER: On Saturday, Sept 8 our shop will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for you to come have FUN. Tom Stringfellow will be there to help. He will bring a Rolling Mill and give a brief familiarization. We will also experiment with our NEW Vibratory Tumbler and see how well it polishes metals with Walnut Hulls and polish.

Cabbing Class is next, scheduled for Sept 29. Del and Tony will teach!! Come, Bring that special rock and see what treasure it might be!!

Field Trip Schedule

September 8---Field Trip to a pay to dig site in Martin, LA.

October---Location to be determined

Please Welcome Our New Members

Adriene Abraham

Larry Androes

Bill Bacle

Eddie & Ann Barnes

Lee Boudreaux

Phillip Brown

Kenneth Burge

Thomas Caughlin

Suzan Chapman

Charlotte Coille

Nelwyn Gray

Leanne Hardy

Sandra Hooker

Ike House

Admiral Dale Karr

Matthew Kimbrough

Gene Lances

Linda Leedom

Marie Maranto

Michelle and Kenneth May, Brook Ingram, Patrick Ingram, Cameron May

Donna McCathran

Lou Papai

Donna Scroggins

Vickie Smith

William Teague

Kathie Thomas

Keith Tindall

Lura Touchstone

William Whitton

Sharon and Levi Williford

SEPTEMBER



The striking deep blue of a quality sapphire is reminiscent of a cloudless night sky. Ancient civilizations believed that the world was set upon an enormous sapphire, which painted the sky blue with its reflection. This legend, as well as the belief that the ten commandments were inscribed upon tablets made of sapphire, gives September's birthstone a royal place among gemstones.

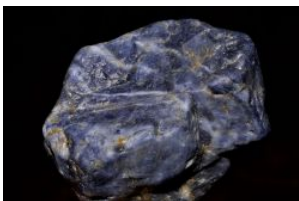
Named after the Greek word "sapphirus", meaning blue, Sapphires have long been a favorite among priests and kings, who considered them symbolic of wisdom and purity. These gemstones are prominent among the British Crown Jewels, and Prince Charles chose this as the engagement stone for his fiancée, Princess Diana.



In ancient times, Sapphires were thought to be protective against envy, and even against poisoning. A common belief was that a venomous snake placed in a Sapphire vessel would rapidly die! Ground to a powder, the blue stone was believed to cure colic, rheumatism and mental illness, and to strengthen eyesight.

Sapphire is a variety of the mineral corundum. Corundum is found in every color of the rainbow, with red being designated as ruby and all other hues Sapphire. But the most prized color of Sapphire is a rich, deep blue. These gemstones were mined as early as the 7th Century BC from India and what is now Sri Lanka. They are found today in Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Myanmar, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, China, Madagascar, and the United States. Large specimens of Corundum crystals are rare, although the 563-carat Star of India can be seen in the

American Museum of Natural History. This is the largest and most famous of star Sapphires, which are cut to reflect light from inclusions within the stone, revealing a bright six-legged star pattern.



The Sapphire is second only to the Diamond in hardness, making it a durable gemstone for setting into jewelry. A gift of Sapphire represents sincerity and faithfulness. As nourishing to the soul as gazing up at the sky on a summer day, this brilliant blue gemstone is truly a heavenly choice!

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PICS from Show







Pics from dig in Martin, LA



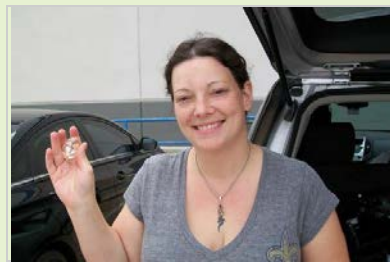
Pics from Field Trip to Jasper, TX



Grand Prize Winners



Kathy Bolis



Amanda Balladares

Kids Grand Prize Winner

Christopher Tonnies



A Special Note from Christopher Tonnies

Dear Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society,

My name is Christopher and I won the you door prize at your show last weekend. I was very excited when I won, and I can't wait to clean the rocks and see what I got. I had fun at the show and can't wait to go next year

Sincerely,

Christopher Tonnies

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

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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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