



The Rock Rattler

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Presidents Message

Dear Members:

Show was a great success thanks to all of you that pulled it off. Our dealers gave nothing but praise along with the Delegates to the convention.

Del Glasner,
President

Next Meeting

When: September 2, 2013
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier City Library
 Historical Building
 Bossier City, La
Program: Unknown

Minutes of Meeting

August 6, 2013

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

Old Business:

- Federation Show update
 - Show is Aug 17-18
 - Dealers will need help unloading on Friday
 - John will need help moving show items from his house to the civic center
 - Be at his house on the Thursday before the show to help load show items
 - Pins designed by Larry Maquire were for sale
 - Sign-up sheet available for volunteer time
 - Final dinner and breakfast count to be given to caterer
 - Demos
 - Lyn cabs
 - Will sphere machine
 - Flintknappers
 - Other dealers
- Treasury Report

Members in Attendance –Sharron Thomas, Antony Thomas, Del Glasner, John Autry, Sue Autry, Leland White, Jeannette White, Nina Hustus, Larry Maquire, Wil House, Dwain Spillman, Nancy Spillman, Edna House, David Lowe, Gwynne Lowe, William Stevenson, Heather Cregut, Teresa Crawford, Keith Tindell, Lyn Simms, Kathy Haney, Charly Johns, Reagan Ryan, Diane Hendricks, Jody Hendricks, Susan Fortenberry, Adrien Abraham

tips and tricks

QUICK AND EASY EARRING POSTS - December '10

To make ear posts quickly and with less waste, drill a hole in a scrap of hard wood that is slightly wider than the wire you're using. The hole should be the same depth as the desired length of your posts. Round off the end of your wire and insert it into the hole. Cut the wire flush with the top of the wood, then file it flat. Tap the wire out of the hole and you have a perfect ear post.

CUTTING SMALL MATERIALS WITH A GUILLOTINE SHEAR - Nov '10

Cutting small pieces of metal with a guillotine shear can be difficult, and even dangerous. To make the task easier (and safer), take the piece of metal and tape it to the side of a sheet of paper. You can then use the paper to hold the metal in place and keep your fingers away from the blade..

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.

September 14, 2013 - Midlothian Texas. Updated info will be given at meeting.

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

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

Upcoming Show Dates

September

14-15—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8; silent auctions, gem identification, demonstrations, door prizes, grand prize, Kids' Korner, displays, class information, 27th annual Grapevine Grapefest nearby; contact Randall Lantz, 1408 Gibbins Rd., Arlington, TX 76011; e-mail: show@agemclub.org; Web site: www.agemclub.org/events.php

October

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

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

Show Pics









Field Trip to Jasper Texas

We were invited to go on the Pine Country Gem and Mineral Society out of Jasper on their annual dig. Remember this field trip is a first come first served basis. When they put out the word you have to send your registration and payment immediately. Out of all of our members that wanted to go, only 2 paid in a timely manner. There was tons of petrified wood. You were allowed to take out as much as you could carry. The largest piece we found was well over 1000 pounds. Of course it did not make it home. Of all of the people attending, not one person came home empty handed. There was only one that overheated. John did find a nice piece of petrified palm wood. Hopefully next year, more from our club can attend.



Editors Message:

Federation Update

As all of you know, we hosted the annual South Central Federation of Mineral Societies meeting. It was definitely a time consuming show to coordinate. It is already a lot of work for our annual show, but to include the Federation show was more than double work. With all that said, with everyone working together, it all came together and was a success. Thank goodness we don't have to take on this big job every year. Thank you everyone that volunteered and assisted in making this year's show a success. We cannot pull this off every year without our volunteers.

Saturday morning started early with a breakfast for the Editors and Webmasters. I didn't really know what to expect since this was my first time helping with this meeting. There were so many entries. Houston Gem and Mineral Society, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas and East Texas Gem and Mineral Society were big contenders in the awards. I didn't sit and count all of the entries and award winners, I am going to use info that Don Shurtz included in his September issue of Chips and Chatter of the Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas: There were 55 entries in the Bulletin and Author contest from 8 different clubs. Houston Gem & Mineral Society took home the 19 awards followed by East Texas Gem & Mineral Society with 11 awards. Pleasant Oaks took home 5 awards.

Saturday evening we had the awards banquet for members of the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies. The most notable award was given to an officer of the Federation who was most deserving. Don Shurtz was given the Gold Spark Plug award for his contribution to the Federation. He is the webmaster for the Federation website. He will take over as treasurer for the Federation next year.

In closing I met numerous people that are so dedicated in the Federation. If we did not have their participation in the Federation it would not be what it is today.

Next year Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the annual Federation meeting. Good Luck. Hopefully theirs will be a success like ours

Sharron Thomas
Secretary/Editor

Door Prize Winners

Adult
Eva Jean



Child
Addison Beshea



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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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