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Presidents Message - by Nina Hustus



It was **fantastic!** Our 44th annual gem & mineral show, if you are wondering what I am referring to. While we all missed Del, and several vendors inquired after him and sent wishes for his speedy recovery, the show went on. We had loads of visitors, terrific vendors, old and new, and lots of club members manning the ticket, silent auction, club information and class tables. There were also many demonstrations to be seen. (Club members, Larry with faceting, Malcolm with flame work, Lyn cabbing, and Laura with beading!) Sue, John and Frankie had their hands full with large numbers of children in the dig all day Saturday. And Jeanette had 43 kids participate in the scavenger hunt! So much going on and so much fun to be had. I really want to thank those members who came out and gave of their time and energy to help make this a terrific event. This is the one time of year we really count on, and need, our members to pitch in and lend a hand. So many, many, thanks to all of you who came out to help. Either picking up a shift, creating a display or putting on a demonstration – our club could not do it without you.

NEXT MEETING: “New Location”

Tuesday Sept. 4

Meeting 6:30pm till 7:30 pm

Location for meeting is **Aulds Branch Library** [3950 Wayne Ave, Bossier City](#)

Directions: Hwy 71(Barksdale Blvd) 2.1 miles south of Barksdale West gate, turn left at(Mcdonalds) onto Shady Grove dr. and go down 7 streets to Wayne Ave. and turn left and follow to Library.

Program : **Top 10 Rarest Gemstones** – By Lyn Simms



Rock of the Month: - Rock of the month is Labradorite
Bring yours for show & tell



Field Trip - Arkansas Crystal Dig
Info at the Sept. meeting.



Member Spotlight

Sarah Wallace



1. Where were you born and raised? I was born in West Plains, M.O. But I grew up in Tacoma, WA.
2. What started your interest in rocks? My interest started very young thanks to my dad. He bought mineral rights to a goldmine in Eastern Washington and we went every chance we got. We panned and dredged for gold and garnets and I just LOVED camping, being in the woods looking for treasures.

3. What was your favorite rock experience, rock adventure? I don't really have a favorite because I loved all of my rock experiences. I do have one memorable trip though! My oldest daughter and I decided to take a trip to go crystal digging in Arkansas to my favorite secret spot. When the big day was done I got the bright idea to take a different route back to the car. BIG MISTAKE. Gallivanting through the woods with her behind me carrying all my gear not paying much mind, I went to put my foot down and almost put it on a rattlesnake face. I screamed, "Rattlesnake, rattlesnake!!!" running knees to chest and I scattered my gear across the mountain side. My daughter staring at me like I lost my mind. I guess I play too many pranks because she didn't believe me one bit until I pointed it out. After that we somehow got turned around and lost. It took us an hour to get to the car. But I found the biggest crystal to date on that day, so it was worth it all.
4. Other than rockhounding and lapidary what are your other interests? I really enjoy beading, polymer clay, knitting and being in nature when the weather is nice. I love doing all kinds of crafts and am always ready to learn something new.
5. The wisest thing anyone has ever told me was? Be yourself ALWAYS. Never let anyone make you feel out of place for being yourself. (My grandma)
6. I am happiest when? I am playing with my rocks. Cleaning them, sorting them or just staring at them. They bring me peace when everything around me is chaos.

Memorial of two that left a lasting impression on the young folks



Remembering Jim Marler & Bud McSparrin



Show Photos



Shows August

25-26—MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Ozark Earth Science Club; Baxter County Fairgrounds, 1507 Fairgrounds Drive; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, children 12 and under free; vendors selling beautiful gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, and more, games, geode cracking, speakers, demonstrations, displays, presentations, free hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing; contact Sharon Waddell, 6463 US Hwy. 63, West Plains, MO 65775, (417) 274-8712

25-26 Jasper, TX show

Location- The Event Center
8258 Hwy 190 West, Jasper , TX
Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5
Students Free, Adults \$3

September

14-16 – Denver, CO -Denver Merchandise Mart 451 E 58th Ave.

October

12-14—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-6, Sun. 9-4; Free Admission; Dealers from around the country, food, crystals, crystals and more crystals. Free Parking.; contact ChamberDirector, (870)-867 2723; Email: director@mountidachamber.com

13-14—TEMPLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society; Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. Third St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$3, children free; vendors with rocks, slabs, minerals, geodes, cabochons, and

fine jewelry, demos of wire-wrapping, cabochon making, and gold panning, touch table of large rock specimens, silent auctions, hourly door prizes and grand prize raffles, kids' treasure wheel, grab bags, where to rock hunt in Texas, fluorescent rocks and minerals, personal displays, cabochon contest; contact (Lols) Ruth Rolston, 106 Ottoway Drive, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 773-1039; Email: lrolston@hotmail.com

19-21—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 \$8, seniors \$7, ages 13-18 \$2, ages 12 and under free; Theme: Copper Minerals, 30+ vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils and spheres, exhibits (touch table of rocks and fossils, members' collections), silent auction, demonstrations of faceting, cabbing, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay, "Youth Education Day" Friday, field trips sponsored by Silicon Labs, Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune, Jewelry Making, Illumination Station, hourly door prizes, grand prize; contact SabrenaWright, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; Email: showchariman@austingemandmineral.org; Website: www.agms-tx.org

26-28—GLEN ROSE, TEXAS: Show and sale; Dallas Paleontological Society; Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Biggs Blvd., Apt. 10208; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5; free admission; contact MarkRandall, 2200 Uecker Drive, Apt. 10208, Lewisville, TX 75067, (469) 371-5309; Email: markrandall00@sbcglobal.net; Website: dallaspaleo.org

November

9-11—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults, Seniors, Children, Scouts; contact Scott Singleton, Show Chairman, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; Email: show@hgms.org; Website: hgms.org

17-18—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society; Rodeo Center Exhibition Hall, 1800 Rodeo Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults, seniors and students \$8, family of 4 \$20, children \$4, Scouts in uniform free; door prizes, grand prize drawing, silent auction, fluorescent display, kids' area, demonstrations of wire wrapping, cabbing, knapping, gold panning, jewelry, slabs, rough, beads; contact DianaCase, PO Box 550395, Dallas, TX 75355, (469) 688-4057; Email: dgmscontracts@yahoo.com; Website: www.dallasgemandmineral.org

INFO :

Ways to blacken silver from the most available home item. Hard boil an egg. Peel it and put in a plastic sandwich bag . Smash it to mush and put your silver object in the bag. Over the next 15 to 20 minutes it will gradually go through the same color changes as in liver of sulfur and eventually reach black. *(from Jewelry Artist July/August 2018 page 51)*

Websites to look at:

Play with this design your own jewelry

<https://www.jamesallen.com/>

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https://www.cafepress.com/+rockhound+gifts?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=msn&utm_campaign=44480022-d-c&utm_content=5405865899-adid-77309443452765&utm_term=kwd-132383959702:loc-190&msclid=08d252bdabbe15249e6f09c077be70d3

Gifts for rockhounds

<https://www.expertlychosen.com/gifts/interests/geology>

Rock Crafts for fun

<http://www.rockhoundingar.com/rockcrafts.php>

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Previous Meeting Notes- are not available