



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Thanks to Del Glasner and our amazing volunteers, we had a very successful show. With some planning, next year's show will be even better because we will have more time to educate the public on our speakers. Also our first annual scavenger hunt was a success. Our grand opening for our studio is Sep 5 from 4-6. All members are encouraged to attend. We also have an amazing opportunity to acquire specimens and high quality material on Sept 26. The sale is open to members only and I encourage each and everyone to attend. Come to our meeting to find out the details.

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	September 1, 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:	Saltwater Etching on Metal
Refreshments:	Marjorie Thomas
Door Prizes:	Tony

Minutes of Meeting

August 4, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update—Tom Stringfellow
 - Main Building
 - Getting quote for possible spray insulation
 - Plumbing was done
 - Sept 5 will be our open house from 4-6
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
- Field Trips
 - September N. Sulfur River
 - October 3 Midlothian Texas
 - November Coleman's
- Other Business
 - 1st Annual Ark-La-Tex Rock Swap next April
- Show
 - Dates are Aug 15 and 16
 - 32 dealers have been invited—deadline to pay is June
 - Signup sheet were available
 - Next year we will need polished rock donations for kid dig
 - Vendor Dinner is from Podnuhs
 - Members bring desserts.
 - Speakers for show
 - Professor from Monroe
 - Need to advertise for megladon speaker
 - Lunch time speaker
 - Treasurer hunter WC Jameson
 - Requested that we pay for mileage & \$1500
 - Room rental is \$250/day
- Video was shown of shop. Thanks to Del for that info.
- Bumblebee Jasper discussion
- 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.

September 12	North Sulfur River
September 26	UNBELIEVABLE ROCK SALE!!!
October 3	Midlothian Texas
November	Ron Coleman's

JASPER FIELD TRIP AUGUST 2015





2015/2016 Class Schedule

Sept 12 & 13	Basic beginning metal-smithing: silversmithing (\$165)
Sept 26 & 27	Cabbing (\$100)
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.



All Members of
Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society
are cordially invited to celebrate the
The Unveiling of our new shop!!

Saturday, Sept 5 from 4:00PM to 6:00 PM

581 Rex Beard Road

Haughton, Louisiana

Champagne and Light Refreshments

*Then at 6 pm we will all continue the celebration and
get together for dinner at
The Silver Star Restaurant in a private reserved room*

Upcoming Show Dates

September

12-13—SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society, Clubhose; Hwy 43N; Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Admission is Free!; Annual Fall Swap, Lots of rocks, slabs and some jewelry. Gem wash. Auction 1:00 pm Saturday. Free setup as this is a tailgate event. Like us on Facebook for more information!; contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479) 721-1579; e-mail: hulagrub@aol.com; Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org

25-27—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, ; Fri. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Students \$7.00, Children 10 and under Free!; More than 40 gem, mineral, jewelry, lapidary, bead and fossil dealers with unique and colorful items from all major localities worldwide. Educational displays, including fossils, minerals, jewelry and beadwork. Demonstrations of jewelry making, faceting, bead work and lapidary. Mineral and fossil identification. Professional gemologist for faceted stone identification. Kids activities - Dino Dig, Youth Section games, Science Museum activities. Scout program for merit badge. Girl Scout program. Swap Area for inexpensive minerals, fossils and jewelry.; contact Scott Singleton, Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: hgms.org

October

3-4—JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society, Jacksonville Community Center; 5 Municipal Drive, Hwy 67/167 Exit 9 Main Street; Sat. 09:00 am-05:00 pm, Sun. 09:00 am-05:00 pm; Admission is Free!; 43rd Annual Show. Minerals, Fossils, Gem Stones and Jewelry. Over 20 Dealers from 6 states. Kids activities.; contact Tom Sharp, AR, (501) 379-8653; e-mail: thom61847@yahoo.com

3-4—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Cowtown Gem Mineral & Glass, CERA; 3300 Bryant Irvin Road; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Admission is Free; Gems, Minerals, Glass Art, Handmade Jewelry, Pottery and more! Come out for a great time and visit our brand new Jewelry, Lapidary and Glass Art Studio and the new Pottery studio - both overlooking the Clear Fork of the Trinity River.; contact Steve Shearin, (817) 777-1997; e-mail: steve.L.shearin@Lmco.com

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/>

Here are a few pics from the 2015 show
The rest will be put on the website









Adult Grand Prize Winner

2015 Board Members and Board Members

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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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