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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER, 19-21

AUSTIN G&MS
PALMER EVENT CENTER
AUSTIN, TX

NOVEMBER 3-4

MIDLAND G&MS
ECTOR CO. COLISEUM
ODESSA, TX

NOVEMBER 9-11

HOUSTON G&MS
HUMBLE CIVIC CENTER
HUMBLE, TX

NOVEMBER 17-18

DALLAS G&MS
RODEO CENTER EXHIBITION
HALL
MESQUITE, TX

JANUARY 20 - 21, 2019

SCFMS CONVENTION
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ROCKHOUNDS
LADY BIRD JOHNSON PARK
FREDERICKSBURG, TX

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Clubhouse Needs

Some of our members have asked us to post a list of the different things that the club may need. Here are a few items that are currently needed. Julia Toombs is organizing the library and needs some plastic magazine organizers. If you would like to donate any, please let her know. We could use a few more folding tables for the clubhouse. When we have our show workshop in January, we need a lot of table space to lay out supplies. We will be expanding the Rock Food Table for the annual show by adding a dessert table. We need a 40" round folding table to match the breakfast table. Although this was a common size in the past, I have been having a hard time locating one. We will also need a tablecloth to match the breakfast table. The serving ware also needs some attention. We need serving spoons, ladle and cutting knives. If you have any of these things you would like to donate, you can contact me for more information. Kinney Polve

Board Meeting

The ETGMS Board met on October 16th to discuss the annual show. Some of the preliminary details were discussed, and another Board meeting will be scheduled for November.

Rockhound of the Year

We don't focus enough on our members who go above and beyond the call of duty to keep things running smoothly. For quite a while, we haven't nominated any of our members for the Rockhound of the Year program. The process is easy, and here's what you need to do. If you think one of our members should be nominated, just take the time to write a short paragraph about why you think that member should be considered. Send your nomination to Fred Mahaffy or me. At the December meeting, we will take all the nominations and vote on the club's nominee to send to the SCFMS.

Rockhound of the Month

On the same note as the Rockhound of the Year, we plan to start an ETGMS Rockhound of the Month program. I know most of you know a member of our club that is really dedicated and hard working. It's time to recognize these members. Write a short paragraph about why that member should be ETGMS Rockhound of the Month, and send it to me. Let's show these members that we appreciate the things they do.

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society was called to order at 6:45 pm on, October 1, 2018. The one new member introduced herself and the two visitors from Paris, Texas did as well. President Fred Mahaffey asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written in the newsletter. Penny Hawkins made the motion and Kinney Polve seconded. The motion carried. There was no Treasurer's report as she hadn't arrived yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October 13th is the critter workshop.
- October 6th is Keith Harmon's annual sale.
- October 20th & 21st is the Tyler Arts & Crafts Fair. Hours: Saturday – 9 am -5 pm & Sunday – 11 am - 5 pm. There are sign-up sheets for 2-hour increments. There must be at least 2 people there at all times.
- Lapidary Sub-group – October 13th at 2 pm in conjunction with workshop.
- Mineral Sub-group – October 9th at 6:30 pm. Subject – mineral identification.
- Gemology Sub-group – October 18th at 6:30 pm at Richard's house.
- Fossil Sub-group – October 15th at 6:30 pm is the scheduled meeting. Leader David Russ was absent.
- We are still in need of a Field Trip Chairperson.
- The October field trip to Mt. Ida, AK is now closed to more entries.
- The November 17th field trip is to Dallas for Septarian nodules.
- The school program day at our January Gem & Mineral Show still needs a helper.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We still need someone to help with the Scholarship Program.
- January 25th – 27th, 2019 show – There will be sign-up sheets next month for helping in the many different areas. A publicity chairman is needed.

With no new business to discuss, Fred asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Zach Weeninik made the motion and Darby Spears seconded, and the motion carried. After a short refreshment break and another opportunity to look at

the sale items, the club auction got underway with Keith Harmon as the Auctioneer.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2018 at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by
Julia Toombs, Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 14	15 Fossil Group 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Gemology Group Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 Tyler Arts & Crafts Fair 9 am – 5 pm
21 Tyler Arts & Crafts Fair 11 am – 5 pm	22	23	24	25	26	27 Gem ID Course Part 1 9:00 am
28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
4	5 Monthly Meeting 6:45 pm	6	7	8	9	10 Lapidary Group 2 pm
11	12	13 Mineral Group Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15 Gemology Group 6:30 pm	16	17

Revised ETGMS Field Trip Schedule Summary 2018

The November trip is on the 3rd Saturday due to the Thanksgiving holiday the following week.

November 17th	Dallas, Texas	Septarian Nodules
December	No field trip due to holidays.	
January	No field trip due to annual show.	

Note: Schedules may change due to weather and unforeseen events.

Gem Identification Course

Offered by the Gemology Group
of the East Texas Gem and Mineral Society

The Gemology Group is holding a Gem Identification Course. The introductory course will be six lessons on theory. The course will be conducted by Cecil Waterhouse, FGA, who has years of experience teaching gemology. No tools will be required for this introductory course. A Practical Course will be offered later. This introductory course is a prerequisite for the practical course. The course is for members of the East Texas Gem and Mineral Society.

Gem Identification courses offered by the various gemological schools can be a thousand dollars or more. You will learn the same material with this course that you will learn with the major gemology schools.

- Cost: \$19 - \$11 covers course materials and \$8 shop fee for two days (payment must be made when signing up).
- Time and Dates: 2 days starting at 9:00 am for approximately 4 and a half hours each day, October 27th and December 1st (Saturday). Attendance is required both days.
- If you want to sign up, you can contact me at keltfire@msn.com or (903) 360-5680.

Richard Armstrong

GEMOLOGY GROUP

The Gemology Group meeting was held September 20th at the ETGMS Clubhouse. There were eight members in attendance. Richard Armstrong presented four news items he had seen the past month pertaining to the gem industry and gemology.

There was discussion about having an exhibit at the ETGMS Annual Show in January. A number of ideas were suggested and discussed. Two ideas that seemed to have merit and the most interest were offering basic gem identification to attendees at a nominal cost with proceeds going to the club, and an exhibit in one of the cases illustrating the gem identification process. These ideas will be developed further.

Offering a gem identification course was discussed and the details worked out.

I finished the meeting with a presentation and some discussion titled "Synthetics, Lab Created, Simulants and Other Manufactured Gems, What's the Difference". The presentation was illustrated with examples of some of the gems and photos showing the characteristics for identification. Richard Armstrong



LAPIDARY/JEWELRY GROUP

The next L/J group meeting will be held on November 10th at 2:00 pm, at the clubhouse. If I can round up all the supplies (and I should be able to), I will demonstrate electro etching metal for jewelry. This is a very interesting process and can be accomplished with very little equipment cost. I look forward to seeing you there. Kinney Polve

MINERAL GROUP

Three people braved the wet weather Tuesday October 9th, to come to the mineral group meeting. Everybody went home with a hardness kit and plan to bring their unknown minerals to the next meeting to be identified. Charles Creekmur

FOSSIL GROUP

There was no report on the last Fossil Group meeting. The next Fossil Group meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 6:30 pm.

CRITTER WORKSHOP

There were fourteen or so members that braved the stormy weather to attend Saturday's Critter Workshop. The stormy weather may have been a factor on the low turnout.

Fred Mahaffey



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone who helped at the last meeting with donations for the auction. I believe it was one of the best I've seen. We are working on getting ready for the show in January, and everyone who wants to set up a display case will need to be at the next meeting to start signing up. It is a first come first serve basis. I have already had several asking about setting up a display. We will talk more about it at the meeting. Last year you all did an excellent job of presentation, and I heard a lot of very positive comments from visitors as they were admiring your displays. I want to welcome all of our new members to ETGMS and encourage you to get involved in some of our club activities. Don't be shy about talking with the other club members. You will find they have a lot to offer. The best way to get to know everyone is to participate in club activities. One of the things I want us to work on is communication. I really feel like only a small handful of you are speaking up and voicing what you would like to see as far as meeting programs and presentations you want. The fact is, we all learn better by teaching or assisting someone else. Maybe you would like to learn more about a specific mineral or fossil. Maybe it would be fun to present a short presentation to the group on that topic with someone willing to help, who has that knowledge. Think about it and let me know. Meeting presentations cannot be too lengthy or too in depth, because you will lose your listeners usually. Presentations need to be geared to capture their attention and imagination and to make them want to learn more. Our individual groups are better suited for more in-depth studies. The next meeting is the last regular meeting before the Christmas Party in December. We will talk briefly about the party, so the new members will know what to expect. We always have fun and good refreshments. Lastly, I find it quite interesting when I ask people if they can help out or volunteer with things, they start disappearing. We are only as good as all of us. I believe we have so many talented people that "the sky is the limit" on what we can accomplish. However, we all have to make time in our busy lives to make things happen. I do not care if you cannot attend all the groups or even every monthly meeting. But, I do want you to be as active in as many events as you can. Do the things you find fun; help with few things that you are not super excited about doing. You may discover that you enjoy doing all of it.

Fred Mahaffey

ANNUAL SHOW

Our annual show is almost upon us. The show dates are January 25th – 27th, 2019. There is much to be done in preparation for a successful show. Fred Mahaffey will have sign-up sheets at the November meeting for the different work areas at the show. I always encourage members to sign up early. This gives you the opportunity have a better choice in scheduling your time slots. Those of you that are available to help out on Friday's School Day, please sign up to help with the tours and demonstration areas. Last year members didn't sign up to fill these areas, and we thought that we were going to have to cancel some of our demonstrations. Please don't wait to volunteer until the last minute. The main purpose of Friday is educating school children. We are still looking for a Publicity Chairperson. This person would take care of advertising and publicity leading up to the show. It's always less time consuming and stressful for the members that organize the show when more of our members get involved and volunteer early.

Kinney Polve

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

With everything that has been going on this month, it has managed to throw me off schedule a little. I want to take a moment to thank Terry Roberts for his contribution to this month's newsletter. It was appreciated. Also, the group leaders that made sure I was updated on the sub-group activity, thank you. It seems that I had to scrape the bucket to get enough to fill the newsletter this month. When you don't take the time to email me your articles, photos, etc., the newsletter seems to lose its luster. I can't stress the importance of members playing an active role in the newsletter. Your contributions are what makes it great. When I took over as editor, I wanted to publish a newsletter that represented our club. I wanted it to be something that was anticipated by our members; something members couldn't wait to read each month. What is it going to take to get you to contribute? I know that there is a vast amount of knowledge among our members; please share it! Also I can't be everywhere. Send me photos and update me on what happens at club events. Where's your poem? Where's that joke? I need your help!

Kinney Polve

The Rock Food Table Goes to Huntsville, Alabama

By Kinney Polve

On October 10th, as with the tradition of Bill and Lois Patillo, Vicky Polve and I headed for Huntsville, AL. After an eleven-hour drive through the wind and rain, we finally arrived. Don't you know a hurricane had to make its appearance the same time as the Huntsville show. Good thing it decided to make a turn to the east. Thursday, we set up the display, and got ready for a three-day show. The Rock Food Table had been to Huntsville before. Our best guess was in 2012. The Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society was glad to see its return visit. It's a unique opportunity to follow in the Patillo's footsteps, being it is the exhibit so many rockhound appreciate and anticipate seeing. We talked to many that had seen it in the past, who were happy to get the opportunity to see it once more. For those seeing it for the first time, it was something they looked upon with wonder and fascination. We also met a bunch of wonderful folks from the Huntsville club. Where will we take it next? I can't wait to see!



*Above – Kinney & Vicky Polve
Courtesy of Lori Crymes*



*Above – Man powered carving machine.
Left – Huntsville club demonstrations.
Below – Vicky patiently waiting for the show to open.*



NEW LIBRARIAN

Julia Toombs has volunteered to be our librarian. She is currently working on getting all the magazine and books organized. I'm sure if she needs any help she can count on some of our club members.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Don't forget about the Rose Festival Arts & Crafts Fair in Bergfeld Park on October 20th & 21st, ETGMS will have a booth set up, selling jewelry and other items handmade by our club members. We are raising money for another capping machine for the club. Come and check out our booth and say hi.

AUCTION

I hope everyone had a great time and got some good deals in the auction at this month's meeting. It looks like we did pretty good this year, thanks to the members' donated items. Let's not forget Keith Harmon. He always seems to squeeze out every penny, and then some.



KEITH'S SALE

As usual, I headed for Rusk, TX on October 6th, like a lot of other rockhounds from near and far. This is one sale I try not to miss. Usual, I walked away with a bucket of some great material, and a nice piece of equipment to add to my arsenal.



MEMBERS HAPPENINGS

This month Terry Roberts has been working on quite a few cabs, along with utilizing his wire wrapping skills.



I spent my time working on knives, handles, pendants and earrings.
Kinney Polve



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Lapidary/Jewelry Group – Meets on the second Saturday of each month, except December and January. The meeting time is 2:00 pm. This group's meeting is all about lapidary (anything to do with cutting and polishing rocks) and jewelry making. Terry Roberts leads this group. To have your name added to the email list contact Terry Roberts - terry.roberts45@yahoo.com

Mineral Group – Meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. This group is all about minerals, how to identify them, geology and the locations they can be found. Topics are decided on by the group leader and the members. Charles Creekmur heads up the group. If you are interested in learning more about minerals, get your name on the email list for this group by contacting Charles Creekmur - calcite65@gmail.com

Fossil Group – Meets every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. If fossils are your thing, or you just want to learn a little more about fossils, this would be the group for you. Topics about fossils, locations where they can be found, and geological time periods are all discussed in this group. David Russ heads up the group, and if you would like to have your name added to the email list, contact David Russ - dbruss50@gmail.com

Gemology Group Meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. This group is all about gemstone and the identification of gemstones. Topics are decided on by the group leaders and members. The group is led by Richard Armstrong. If you are interested in gemstones, identification, where their found, or any other related topic, this is the group for you. To have your name added to the email list, contact Richard Armstrong - keltfire@msn.com

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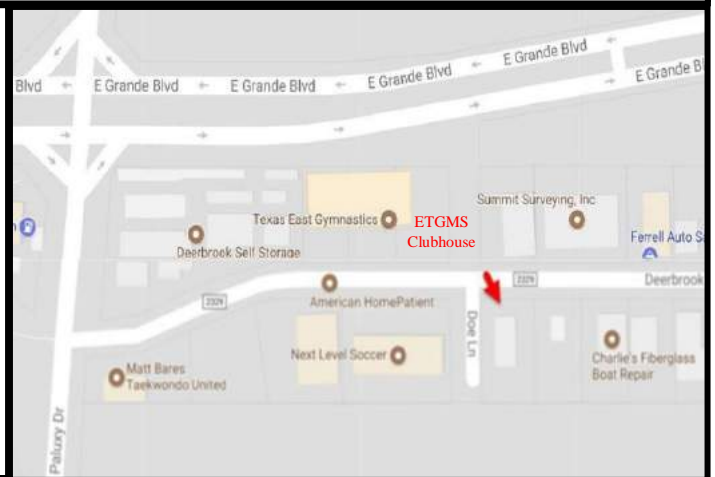
ANNUAL DUES:

Single: \$10.00 - Family: \$20.00

MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: First Monday of the month unless it's a holiday, then the second Monday, at 6:45 p.m.

WHERE: ETGMS Clubhouse, 2015 Deerbrook Drive, Tyler, Texas



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