



ROCK-N-ROSE



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Coming Shows, 2014

MARCH 1-2

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA
The Bead Market
Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Expo Hall 3, 3212 Wichita Walk

ROBSTOWN, TX
52nd Annual Show
Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Soc.
Richard M. Borchard
Regional Fairgrounds
1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd.

MARCH 7-8

FORT WORTH, TX
The Bead Market
Cendera Center
3600 Benbrook Hwy.

MARCH 8

BATON ROUGE, LA
Rock Festival
Recreation and Park Commission for
the Parish of East Baton Rouge's
Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center
10503 N. Oak Hills Pkwy.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By all accounts the 18 Annual East Texas Gem & Mineral Show was a great success. This was all due to all the club members and members of their families that helped prepare for and helped out at the show. All the dealers were happy. I received a lot of positive feedback from the people attending. And hopefully some new members. I want to thank all of you for the time and hard work you put into this year's show. Also I would like to thank Rich Geist from Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society for his donations to the Silent Auction and the display he set up.

I want to welcome all of our new members to ETGMS. I also encourage you to get involved in some of our club activities. Don't be shy about talking to the other members, you'll find they have a lot to offer. I've enjoyed talking to some of you, and look forward the meeting the rest.

Randy Harmon's field trip for February 22, we'll meet at Keith Harmon's house at 9:00 AM. Those members interested in learn more about identifying minerals, Keith is giving a course on Mineral (Rock) Identification. This course will help you locate and identify rough material in the field by the names commonly use in the lapidary arts. Not to mention, this is the best location in East Texas that I have found to hunt rocks. Keith has over 30 tons of rock, and he is always ready to make a deal.

The 2014 Tyler Maker Faire is on March 29, and the ETGMS will have a booth. Members interested in helping during this event, contact me. We will give the public a hands on opportunity make rock critters and gem trees. Also we will demonstrate wire wrapping. This is a good opportunity to get more public interest in our club. More than 1000 people attended the Faire last year.

Don't forget the Rock Swap is coming up on April 5th, at Fun Forest Park, in Tyler.

The public really enjoyed the display ETGMS set up for the month of January. We have the Tyler Library display reserved for May. I would like to see other members get involved when we set up the display in May. There are a lot of talented members, and I would like to show off some of your beautiful creations to the public. The set up day will probably be May 1st. If you have items to show, but can't make it to the library on that day, we can help you. Kinney Polve



FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order on February 3, 2014 at 6:45 pm by President Kenny Polve. Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Eula Scott made the motion and it was seconded by Jack Shull.

Bill Faulkner gave the treasurer's report.

A report was read from Becky Whisenant. She reported that the student day on Friday of the show was a success. She had good comments from those attending. She thanked those who helped with the student day and the dealer dinner.

Lapidary Sub Group: The January meeting was a pre-show workshop The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be at the home of Terry Roberts. They will work on wire wrapping and work with shells. Terry asked for program suggestions.

Mineral Sub Group: The mineral sub group is looking for a new leader. If this is your interest please consider taking on this responsibility.

Filed Trips: Randy Harmon reported that the exhibit at the Tyler Public Library helped gain attendance at the annual gem and mineral show. He will need help to create another exhibit at the library in May. On February 22nd meet at the home of Keith Harmon for a field trip where Keith will give a program on mineral identification. Get a map and sign up for trip and sale. Randy is working on a march trip to Fredericksburg near Mason to hunt blue and clear topaz. April 5th is the club's Rock Swap. It will be held at Fun Forest Park in Tyler. You can begin setting up at 8:00 am either on your table, your tailgate, or on the ground. Bring your lunch and stay to visit with other rock enthusiast. A trip to the Coleman mine near Hot Springs Village in Arkansas is in the plans for May. You need to be there when they open to hunt for quartz crystals in the new dirt they will bring out. Another possibility is a trip north of Ladonia, TX on the North Sulfur River to hunt for fossils. Randy would like to have your suggestions on trips that you would like to take.

Newsletter: Susan Burch would like to have pictures and articles from you for the newsletter.

Old business: The club will participate in the Tyler Makers Fair at the Science Museum on March 29th. Please sign up to help.

New Business: Kenny presented a certificate to Don Campbell for his outstanding dedication to the club. His hard work has given the club a much needed uplift. He will be missed as he moves into his new work venture.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be March 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Terry Roberts and seconded by Bill Faulkner to close the business meeting. We adjourned to have refreshments, door prizes, and silent auction. The program was for each person to tell about themselves and their interest in the club.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Davis

At right: Amethyst crystals, February's birthstone





And The Winner Is...



Grayson Winn, Student Grand Prize Winner



Mary Holcomb, winner of the Adult Grand Prize
pictured with ETGMS President Kinney Polve



THANKS!

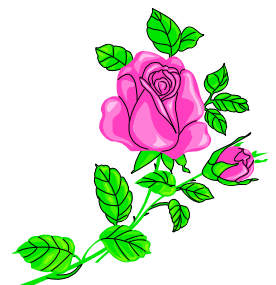
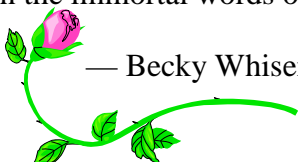
A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to the wonderful club members who helped with the show in any capacity, but I especially want to thank those who worked on Friday, School Day and those who contributed to the dealer dinner.

We had approximately 600 public school, private school and home schooled students who were very involved and enthusiastic. School Day would not have been possible without the specific help of Lani Lancaster, Willow Lancaster, Carolyn Davis and Vicky Polve, my posse! Thanks, guys. And there would not have been exhibits for students to see without the contributions of Gene Goar, Jack Shull, Ed the cabbaging expert (!), Terry Roberts, Susan Burch-wire wrapping, Keith Harmon, the gold panning crew, Kinney Polve and Charles Creekmur. Appreciation also to David Polve, Sherry Breedlove, Bill (The Fall Guy) Faulkner, Euva Scott, Randy Harmon, Judith Burleyson, Penny Hawkins, Mike Howe & Suzan Chapman.

Your willingness to help and to further the club's goals is greatly appreciated.

In the immortal words of Elvis, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much."

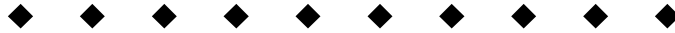
— Becky Whisenant





FIELD TRIP REMINDER—ASAP!

ETGMS Members, This a reminder of the upcoming field trip this Saturday, February 22, at Keith Harmon's house. This is the best place in East Texas that I have found to find all kinds of cutting rough, slabs, lapidary equipment, etc. If you haven't been to Keith's before, you don't want to miss this field trip. He has over 30 tons of rough material and he has some great prices. Also, Keith is going to give a Mineral Identification Class, for those members that are interested. This class is going to be geared more toward the lapidary names of the rocks, and what they would look like when collecting out in the field. Because Keith has such a wide variety of material, it makes this the ideal place to have this class. We will meet at Keith's at 9:00 AM. The address is 9116 US Hwy 84, Rusk, Texas. From the intersection of US 69 & US 84 in Rusk, Texas go west on US 84 @ 6.5 miles. Keith's driveway is on the right @ 100 yards past County Road 1702. When you get to his driveway, take the dirt road that goes between the brick columns, and around back to his shop.



WIRE SUCCESS

Terry Roberts taught a wire wrapping class at the home of Becky Whisenant on January 21, 2014. Becky's husband, Charles, her friend, Sheila, and Colleen Hayes had a great time and each completed a pendant using copper wire. Becky provided an excellent lunch for us since the class lasted about four hours.



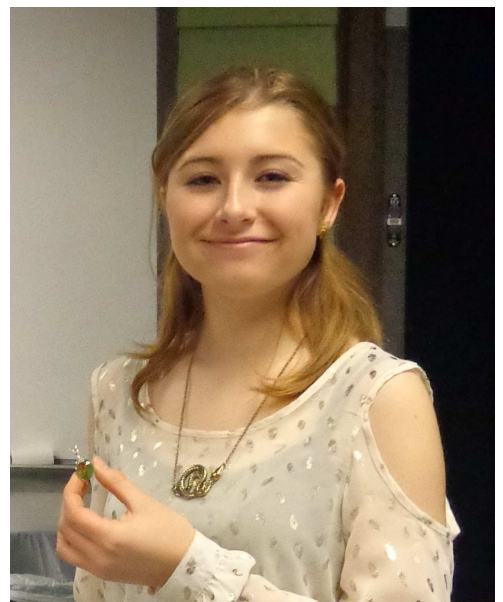


**IT'S THE MONTH OF LOVE,
AND I LOVE ROCKS...
OF COURSE,
I'M A ROCKHOUND
SO I LOVE ROCKS
EVERY MONTH.**

MEMBER HAPPENINGS



At Right: Willow Lanchester was presented with a faceted pendant that was donated by Jim Marler, for the great job she did at the Annual Show. Willow filled in for Jim at the faceting demonstration in his booth, all day Friday. At left: Don Campbell was presented with the ETGMS Rockhound Performance Award, for his outstanding performance and dedication to ETGMS over the many years that he has been a member. Don was quick to state that there were a lot of other members that have work hard to make the club what it is today. Pictures taken by Vicky and Kinney Polve





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DATE: Saturday 12 April 2014

TIME: 9am to 3pm Set Up at 8am

Austin Gem & Mineral Society

ROCK SWAP

Gems, Minerals & Fossils

New for 2014

TEXAS TOPAZ DAYS

Brought to you by the Texas Faceters' Guild

Head to Austin for an old fashion swap meet

Plenty of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, petrified wood, agates, fluorescent minerals, crystals, rough rock, gift items, jewelry, beads, tools & equipment, local mineral & fossil specimens.

Texas Faceters' Guild will be on hand selling gem stones, gem rough and giving demonstrations



FREE ADMISSION

FREE PARKING

Club House Tours

Potluck Lunch

KIDS Activities

Demonstrations

Raffles



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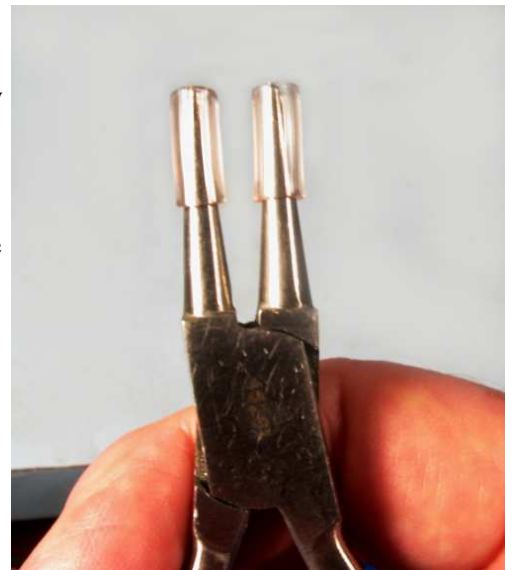
The ETGMS has quite a few activities planned over the next few months. These include field trips, a rock swap, volunteering at The Discovery Science Place, classes, etc. Be sure to get the most from your club by participating. Most of the details for these were mentioned in previous issue's Meeting Minutes sections.

**BENCH TIPS BY BRAD SMITH****NO - MAR PLIERS**

Pliers can often leave nicks and scratches on your work. If this is giving you a problem, first take a close look at the pliers jaws. New tools can be a little rough. I typically relieve any sharp edges, sand away any tool marks and give working areas a quick polish.

If that doesn't solve the problem, you probably need to cover the jaws. Plastic electrical tape provides a quick fix but can leave messy adhesive on the jaws. Dips don't seem to last very long.

A quick and easy way I've found is to slip a length of 1/8 dia vinyl tubing over each jaw. It's quick and leaves no sticky residue. Only problem is that it increases the size of the pliers jaws a bit. The tubing can be found in a store that sells aquarium supplies.

**PATINA RECIPIES**

In a recent class we did a little work with patinas. Came across a couple web sites for those of you who'd like to explore this area, especially for copper and bronze.

The first is The Science Company at

<http://www.sciencecompany.com/Do-It-Yourself-Patina-Formulas-W12C672.aspx>

with plenty of formulas for a variety of colors. And there's more formulas at Tim McCreight's Brynmorgen Press web site at

<http://www.brynmorgen.com/resources.html>

Small quantities of chemicals for making your own patinas are available from The Science Company at

<http://www.sciencecompany.com/Patina-Chemicals-C672.aspx>

If you prefer to buy the patinas already for use, one of the best sources I've come across is Sculpt Nouveau at

<http://www.sculptnouveau.com/>

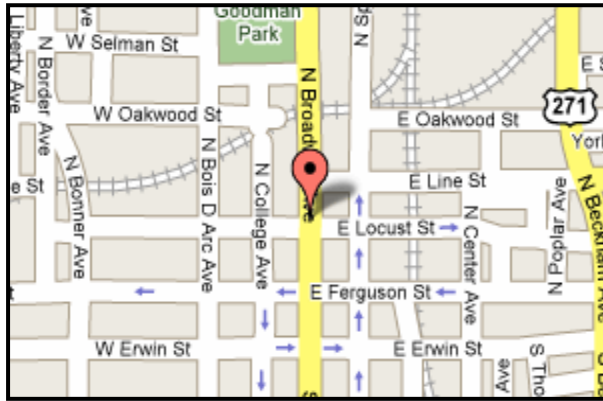
Don't miss all the instructional pdf's on the site and be sure to take a look at the videos showing how to use their products at <http://www.youtube.com/sculptnouveau>

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THE EAST TEXAS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS THAT DAY IS A HOLIDAY, THEN THE MEETING IS MOVED TO THE SECOND MONDAY. WE MEET AT THE DISCOVERY SCIENCE PLACE, 308 NORTH BROADWAY, JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN TYLER, TEXAS. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:45 P.M.

Please send any info or articles to be included in the newsletter to the editor by the 15th of the month. Please keep your address, phone and email information up-to-date, so that we can get the newsletter to you in a timely manner. Out-of-date information costs the club time and money in returned newsletters. If you need an issue dealt with quickly, don't hesitate to call me as this is the best way to reach me.

Thank you... SB

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Purpose of the**East Texas****Gem & Mineral Society**

Is to promote the study of geology, mineralogy, fossils and the lapidary arts.

The public is always invited to attend all club meetings.

Annual dues are \$10.00 for adults and \$2.50 for juniors.



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