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Big Spring
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Howard Co. Fair Barn

March 01-02
Robstown, TX
Gulf coast G&MS
Regional Fairgrounds

March 08-09
Pasadena, TX
Clear Lake G&MS
Pasadena Convention Ctr.

March 15-16
San Antonio, TX
Southwest G&MS
Events Center
Marbach @ loop 410

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank our members for their hard work preparing for the Annual Gem & Mineral Show. And all of you that donated material. Because of all the effort put forth by you, we should have a successful show. I know that I enjoyed working with everybody at the pre-show workshops, even at the annual lick and stick. I would like to thank Bill Faulkner for securing the Bullard Church of Christ Fellowship Building for our January workshop. Anybody that hasn't signed up to work at the show, and would like to help, get with Keith Harmon (903) 795-3860. Show setup is Thursday, January 23rd. Show days—January 24th, 25th, and 26th.

We have the display cases at the Tyler Library for January 2nd – 31st. If you are in Tyler take time to see our display. The members that took part in this project did a really nice job in setting it up.

Randy Harmon's field trip for February 22, is a trip to Keith Harmon's house. Anybody that has ever been there knows that this is a great location to find some good cutting material and minerals. Also those members interested in learning 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 used in the lapidary arts.

The 2014 Tyler Mini 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.

We finally have a location for our Rock Swap on April 5th, it will be at Fun Forest Park in Tyler. We will get all the information in the March newsletter. (Flyer included in this one)

We ordered extra vests sizes L, XL, and 2X, for those members that weren't able to get in on the initial order. We also have extra 7 & 3 inch patches. If you need any of these items, you can purchase them at the show.

Kinney Polve



JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order on January 6, 2014, at 6:55 p.m. by President Kenny Polve.

Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Becky Whisenant made the motion and it was seconded.

Bill Faulkner gave the treasurer's report.

It was announced that door prize tickets were available as well as a silent auction.

Lapidary Sub-Group: There was no-sub group meeting in December. Instead that date was used as a workday for the annual gem and mineral show. It was held at the home of Bill Faulkner.

Mineral Sub-Group: The mineral sub-group joined the workday in December.

Field Trips: There will be a field trip to the home of Keith Harmon on February 22nd. At that time Keith will present a program on rock and mineral identification.. Let Randy Harmon know if you are interested in a fossil hunt North of Greenville on the North Sulfur River.

Newsletter: Susan Burch is still asking for contributions of articles and pictures for the newsletter.

Old business: Thank you to those who worked on the display cases at the Tyler Public Library. This will help get out word about the annual gem and mineral show. All should try to go by the library to see the cases on the first and second floors. Name tags, vests, emblems, and pins have been received. If you placed an order they are ready to be picked up. If you would like to order any of these items see Bill Faulkner. There will be another pre-show workday on Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Bullard. The church is located at the corner of East Main St. and Henderson St. in Bullard. All hands are needed to assist. Some yard signs for the annual gem and mineral show are available if you would like to put one in your yard. Sign-up sheets for the show still have some openings. Please sign-up. Six show cases are still available for someone to fill. Talk to Kenny Polve if you are interested. Some food is still needed for the dealers dinner. Becky Whisenant needs your help. Becky reported good response from school groups for attendance on Friday of the show. Susan Burch will demonstrate wire wrapping and Terry Roberts will demonstrate cabbing on Friday at the show. Speak to these people if you can assist them on that day for the students. The "Rock Swap" in April will be at Forrest Park in Tyler. A leader for this event is still needed.

New business: The Science Discovery Center has asked for our help for a program in March. We can think about having a booth to let the children make "critters" like the ones made for the gem and mineral show.



Next Meeting: The next meeting will be February 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Penny Hawkins to close the business meeting. It was seconded. We adjourned to have refreshments and prepare cards for mailing to people on the gem and mineral show mailing list.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis



CLUB 24" SLAB SAW

ETGMS now has a 24" Frantom Slab Saw, thanks to the generosity of Sylvia Rainer. Good blade, full of oil, and works great. Also, I would like to thank Pete Keiser, Terry Roberts, and Vicky Polve for helping to get this monster into the trailer. Kinney



ETGMS CLUB HAPPENINGS

Tyler, TX—Tyler Public Library displays

ETGMS members met at the Tyler Library January 2nd to set up a ETGMS display for the public. In attendance was Randy Harmon, Terry Roberts, Jack Shull, Don Campbell, Kinney Polve, Vicky Polve and David Polve. The display looks great, stop by and check it out.

Tyler Public Library

201 S College Ave, Tyler, TX 75702

(903) 593-7323

More Annual Show Information

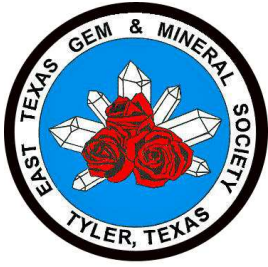
We will have a cab-making demonstration on the first day of the show (Friday-Jan. 24) from 9:00 a.m. to around 3:00 p.m. for the school kids that are bussed in that day. Please let me know if you can help out for a couple of hours (or more) in showing the kids how cabs are made and answering any of their questions. I can furnish some cab blanks mounted on dop sticks ready for cabbing if you need some. If you don't think you can make cabs, but would like to help out at the show, you can take over my position at the front tables on Friday collecting entrance fees for a couple of hours so that I can work at the cab-making demonstration table. We definitely need your help in whatever capacity you feel up to doing. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help us with the show and demonstration. Terry Roberts, (903) 881-5801

Pre-show Workshop January 11

We had about 16 people show up for the pre-show workshop on January 11. It was a very productive day, the creativity was really flowing, and we should be set for a terrific show!



Photos courtesy of Vicky and Kinney Polve



2014 Rock Swap

East Texas Gem & Mineral Society will be hosting this event at Fun Forest Park on N. Glenwood Blvd., in Tyler, TX.

Saturday April 05, 2014 from 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Set Up at 8 A.M.

This will be an old fashion Rock Swap. This event is organized for ETGMS members and members from other area clubs. The public is welcome.

Bring plenty of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, petrified wood, agates, fluorescent minerals, crystals, rough, tools and equipment. Bring anything related to the gem and mineral field, and swap, trade, and wheel & deal. Other activities will include, showing off your favorite findings, sharing stories about rockhounding field trips, swapping rock hunting locations, sharing lapidary techniques, fellowship with other members, making new friends, etc.

The event will be held outdoors.

Setup on your tailgate, the ground, or bring a table and chairs. Bring a picnic lunch or pick it up nearby. There is plenty of parking available.

For more info contact:

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MISCELLANEOUS TID BITS...

WINTER FLOWER



Don't think rocks can't speak to you, this photo of a 'winter flower', a project completed recently at a pre-show workday, was submitted by Kinney Polve.



DID YOU KNOW?

Petrified wood is a type of FOSSIL, in which the tissues of a dead PLANT are replaced with MINERALS (most often a SILICATE, such as QUARTZ). The PETRIFICATION process occurs underground, when wood or woody materials suddenly become buried under sediment. Mineral-rich water flowing through the sediment deposits minerals in the plant's cells and as the plant's LIGNIN and CELLULOSE decays away, a STONE cast is left in its place. Via SCFMS newsletter Jan./Feb., 2014.



ON COLLECTING ROCKS — AUTHOR UNKNOWN

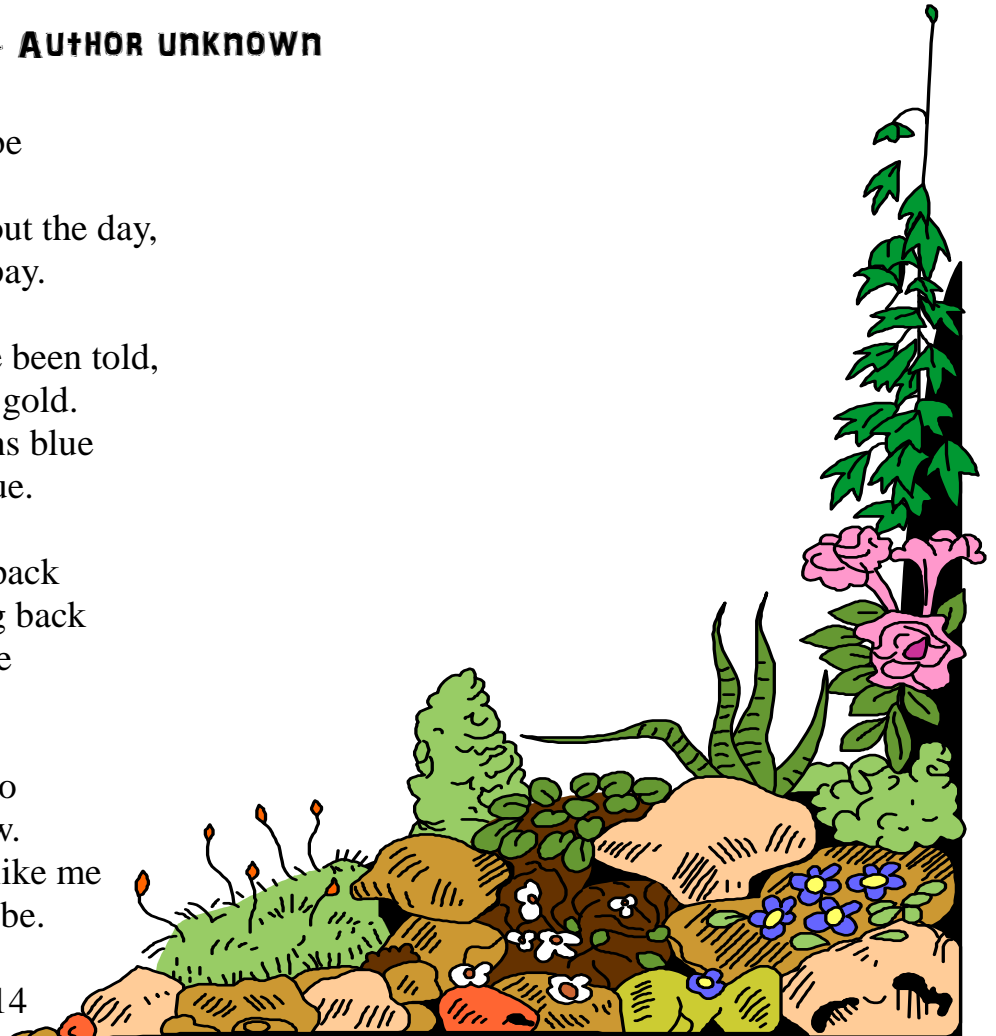
I think that there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day,
To pick up rocks that do not pay.

For there's one thing that I've been told,
I take the rocks and leave the gold.
O'er deserts wild or mountains blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.

A hundred pounds or more I pack
With blistered feet and aching back
And after this is said and done
I cannot name a single one.

I pick up rocks where e're I go
The reason why I do not know.
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.

Via AGMC News Nugget, 1/14





AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY ANNUAL ROCK SWAP

Is your calendar empty on Saturday, April 12?

Well then head into Austin on Saturday, April 12 for our annual Rock Swap. New for 2014 - the Texas Faceters' Guild will be joining us and bringing with them Texas Topaz Days! We will also be offering demonstrations for the general public as well as at least one children's activity.

Rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, petrified wood, agates, fluorescent minerals, crystals, rough rock, gift items, jewelry, beads, tools & equipment, local mineral & fossil specimens can be found. And just in case the mere mention of all those goodies was not enough to entice you to come, we also have a potluck for our "vendors"! Bring some stuff to swap, bring a potluck dish, bring your sodas, come with your best gneiss joke and join the fun!

Booth space is free, but does require reservations.

To reserve a booth/table contact:

vpresident1@austingemandmineral.org

The gritty details:

Austin Gem and Mineral Society Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set Up: 8 a.m.

Place: 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, Texas 78757

Contact Info: vpresident1@austingemandmineral.org

Phone: 512-458-9546 voicemail only

Website: www.AustinGemandMineral.org



WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! Dues are Due!

All memberships expired October 31, 2013. This will be your last issue of the award winning Rock N Rose if you do not renew your membership. Dues are still only \$10 per adult individual, \$2.50 per junior member or \$20.00 per household for 2014. The membership form is included in this newsletter. You can print a copy and fill it out ahead of time to renew at the general meeting or mail it to:

East Texas Gem & Mineral Society

P. O. BOX 132532

Tyler, TX 75713-2532

PLEASE: We need ALL THE INFORMATION on the form filled in for insurance and/or club purposes. Even if you filled out ALL THE INFORMATION last year. Also, please PRINT all information – especially your email address so it can be recorded correctly and that way you'll get the Rock N Rose in time!



BENCH TIPS — By Brad Smith

MOBILE STAND

A handy mobile stand for your flexshaft can be made easily and quickly from the base of an old swivel office chair. You can find these chairs being thrown out at office buildings and schools. I just ask the custodian in my building to set one aside for me.

To separate the chair from the wheeled base, simply remove the spring clip from the center bottom. I use a small screwdriver or a pair of pliers.

To make the stand, you'll need two pieces of threaded galvanized steel pipe and a pipe fitting from a hardware store. The first length of pipe is 3/4 inch diameter to fit the hole in most chair bases. The second piece is a length of less expensive 1/2 inch pipe. Total length of the two pipes should be five feet. I used a two foot length of 3/4 pipe and a three foot length of 1/2 pipe. They are joined together by a pipe fitting called a 3/4 to 1/2 reducing coupler.



LOCAL METALS SOURCE

Local sheet metal shops typically have barrels of scrap copper, brass and aluminum sheet that they save for recycling. Shops will usually let you go through the barrels to select the shapes and thicknesses you want. Prices vary but will generally be just a little more than the wholesale per-pound scrap value.

I've found it's much cheaper to buy metal this way than ordering from a catalog. There's no shipping charges, and you'll be supporting a local small business in your community. Do remember to bring your thickness gauge and work gloves if you try this.

The following attribution is requested with each publication:

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EAST TEXAS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM



Name(s): _____ Anniversary _____ Birth Date: _____ Adult: _____ Jr. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Newsletter via e-mail? Y ___ N ___

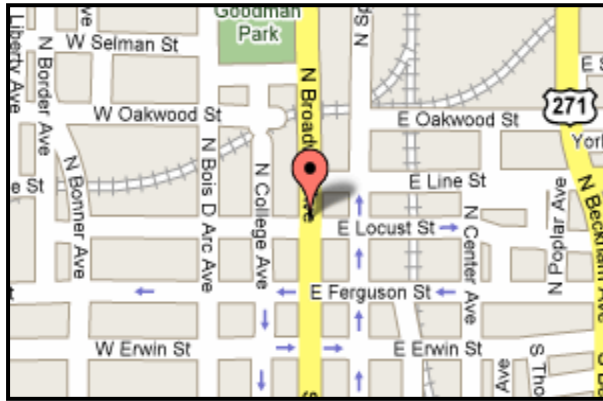
Special Interest in the hobby: _____ Date Paid: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone or Cell: _____ Dues Paid: \$ _____



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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

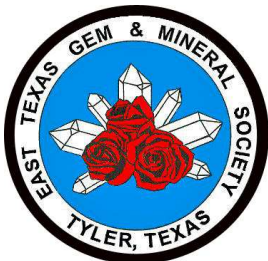
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Purpose of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society

Is to promote the study of geology, mineralogy, fossils and the lapidary arts. The public is always invited to attend all club meetings. The ETGMS is a member of the American Federation of Mineral Societies and the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies.

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



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