



ROCK-N-ROSE



NEWSLETTER OF THE EAST TEXAS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



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Coming Shows, 2010

FEBRUARY 20-21
GEORGETOWN, TX

Williamson County G & M Soc.
San Gabriel Park

FEBRUARY 20-21
PLAINVIEW, TX

High Plains Gem & Mineral Society
Ollie Liner Center

FEBRUARY 27-28
PASADENA, TX

Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Pasadena Convention Center

MARCH 6-7
BIG SPRING, TX

Big Spring Prospector's Club
Howard County Fair Barn

ROBSTOWN, TX

Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Richard Borchard Regional
Fairgrounds

MARCH 20-21

LIVE OAK, TX (SAN ANTONIO)
Southwest Gem & Mineral Society
Live Oak Civic Center

Please, check Rock and Gem Magazine for more show dates near you, including the "Rings & Things Bead Tour. www.rockngem.com/

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the 2010 show is history and we can relax a little now. The show and school day went well. Had over 350 students come on Friday for the demonstrations and they seemed to really enjoy it. Saw many of them with their parents on Saturday and Sunday. Show was well-attended on Saturday and a little slower on Sunday. I want to thank everyone that gave of their time to assist with the show. It takes all of us to make it a success.

The monthly meeting was also well-attended. Lots of new members, all eager to go on field trips and learn lapidary arts. Tom Stringfellow announced plans to offer classes in various lapidary subjects and this should help in the recruitment and retention of members. We still need to actively pursue getting a clubhouse in the Tyler area so we have a home for our equipment and a place to give classes. If anyone knows of a suitable building in the Tyler area, please let me know. Until next month's meeting, stay safe and good hunting !

Rip Criss



EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi all! Welcome to our new members and to all the returning ones. This year is starting out wonderfully not only with a successful show and the new addition of a student's day, but also more classes being offered by our great members. This aspect is a big attraction to new members as well as established ones and is part of what our club is all about. The members make it all possible, decide what part you want to take. Quite a few have signed up to receive the newsletter via e-mail, saving the club and myself a lot in time and money. Thank you to all who help me make your newsletters informative and entertaining and a big thank you goes to Becky Whisenant for her photography at the show, it helped make this issue possible. Look for more pictures in the next few issues.

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February Meeting Minutes

The East Texas Gem and Mineral Society monthly meeting was called to order by President Rip Criss at 7:04 p.m. Feb. 1, 2010 in the meeting room of the Discovery Science Place on Broadway Street in Tyler, TX. There were 22 members and 11 visitors present.

Motion to accept minutes of the January 2010 meeting was made by Becky Whisenant, seconded by Colleen Hayes and unanimously approved. There was no treasurer's report due to the illness of Jeri Kitchens but she sent word that she would have a complete recap of the club show expenditures and income at the next meeting.

The only item of old business was Gene Goar reminding everyone that Pat Nixon of Hot Springs, AR, will be holding wire wrapping classes on March 5th and 6th. He announced that 13 have signed up for the classes, to be held in the meeting room of Gander Mountain on Hwy 69 south of Tyler.

Jack Shull had information and handouts about a planned field trip to Lake Texoma, on February 27. He took questions from the floor and a show of hands revealed a large number of interested persons.

Pete Kaiser said that he has been promised the club will be allowed another trip to the quarry in Midlothian in April or May; the site is currently full of water.

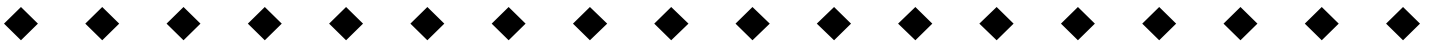
Tom Stringfellow announced that he will start having jewelry making classes at his studio after April at no cost to club members for the instructions, just for materials. He had signup sheets for a variety of interests and Robert Ortega will offer classes on chain mail construction. Tom had several displays of his cuff bracelets and other jewelry items.

Door prizes from the club show were awarded to the lucky recipients. Gracy Greer won the three display cases of different forms of rocks for the student prize and May Fisher won the adult prize of a big amethyst cathedral. Scout Troop 205 was in attendance to applaud Ms. Fisher on her win. The winners posed with their prizes and then door prizes for the evening were called out.

Following a short break for refreshments, Jack Shull presented the video program on earthquakes by Dr. John Renton. There was much interest in the program due to the recent massive earthquake in Haiti.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Penny Hawkins, Club Secretary



WANTED: FIELD TRIP CHAIRPERSON

Do you like going on field trips? Do you have organizational skills and access to a telephone? If so, we would like for you to step up and help us organize some field trips for our members. You will need to determine the following for a trip: where, when, who, and how. You will need to get permission from a land owner if this is a collection trip. Any costs associated with the trip will need to be disseminated to the group as well as provide directions on how to get to our destination. It is up to the participants to have fun. If interested, please see Rip Criss, Keith Harmon, or volunteer at one of the next meetings.



THIS MONTHS' ISSUE WILL BE DEVOTED TO PICTURES TAKEN AT THE SHOW.



GOLD PANNING ANYONE?



BILL PATTILLO SHOWING OFF THE ROCK FOOD TABLE



GENE GOAR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT FOSSILS



MORE "FOOD OF ROCK" WITH LOIS PATTILLO



TOM STRINGFELLOW TALKING ABOUT THE FORMING OF CABACHONS



ONE OF THE GORGEOUS GEODES FRESHLY OPENED BY KEITH HARMON



THE LOCAL NEWS CREW AT THE FACETING DEMONSTRATION



THERE WERE MANY QUESTIONS ASKED THROUGHOUT THE DAY



THE FLUORESCENT MINERAL DISPLAY, MANNED BY JACK SHULL



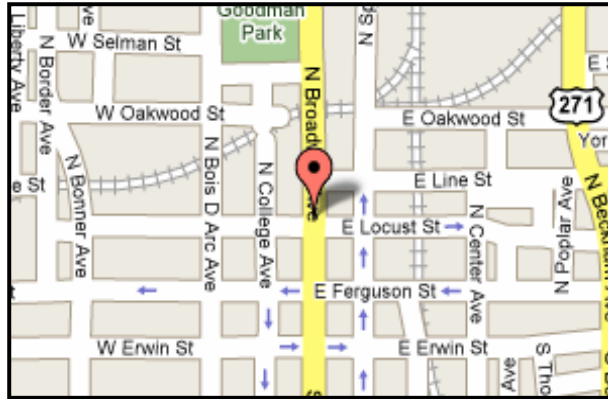
A FEW OF THE STUDENTS' SHOWING OFF A GREAT FIND



A GROUP SHOT OF SOME OF THE 5TH GRADERS WHO ATTENDED

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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.

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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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Thank you... SB



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