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Shows, 2017

**JANUARY 21-22
FREDERICKSBURG,
TEXAS**

Annual show

**Fredericksurg Rockhounds
Lady Bird Johnson Park
The Pavilion**

Contact Jim Gedeon,

1156 Old Willow Rd.,

Fredericksburg, TX 78624,

(830)-456-5419;

e-mail: gedeonjim1@gmail.com

JANUARY 27-29

TYLER, TEXAS

Annual show

**East Texas Gem
and Mineral Society**

Rose Garden Center

420 Rose Park Dr

The Nationally Recognized

Rock Food Table will be on Display the entire show.

Contact Keith Harmon,

(903)-316-2967; e-mail: keith-

harmon19@yahoo.com

Web site: etgms.com



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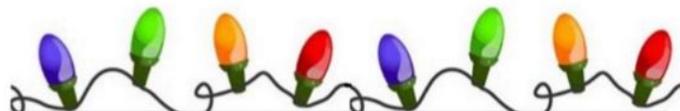
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Everyone that was able to make the December meeting/Christmas party had a good time and there were many members out that were missed. I want to remind everyone that I have sign up sheets for the different areas at the show. I want to thank everyone who signed up or has let me know that they want to help. I wanted to tell everyone something that I have been thinking about that applies to all. I realize that everyone is busy and we all have responsibilities outside the club. And before I go any further let me explain that I am no different. I work 3 ½ jobs, yes between my full time job and my part time teaching at Kilgore College and Angelina College I stay busy. However, I also know that when we want to do something we somehow make time for the things we really want to do. We all have different reasons for being a part of our awesome group of individuals. Whether it is a love for fossils, lapidary, minerals, the adventure of exploring a new place, or friends with a common interest, what I also know is we only get out of something what we put into it. I understand that everyone cannot participate in every activity, or go on all the field trips. But, each of you have talents and abilities that you can use to help make our organization better. If you are afraid to volunteer because you are new and don't know everyone's name, or maybe if you are like me it just takes awhile to remember all the different faces and names. That's ok, we don't see each other every day, that is normal. The only way to learn each other's name is to participate in activities with each other. The best way to do that is to volunteer. I am saying this, not just because of the upcoming show and the need for volunteers. But, because we rely on a core group of individuals to do things and I would really like to see more of you step up and enjoy all the benefits of participation. It is truly amazing what a group of individuals can accomplish when they work together. If you have never helped at a show it is amazing the things you can learn, people you meet, and see some pretty cool stuff. The good thing is when we have more people than scheduled, then people can help give folks restroom and walk around breaks. When we don't have enough people to cover all the areas then it makes it hard for those who do volunteer to actually walk around and see the show themselves. A lot of the show positions are sitting, some involve standing and moving around. So we can accommodate just about anyone. This is not all about the show; it is also about making field trip suggestions, meeting topic ideas, etc. I want to make your club experience something you look forward to each month. Come join me in the adventure!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting, Have a Merry Christmas! and a Safe New Year!

Fred Mahaffey





PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP

We have a pre-show workshop scheduled for January 14, in Bullard as last time. We will start at 9 a.m. and end about 3 or 4 p.m. Please Contact Terry Roberts for more details. We will be making items for the wheel of fortune and the silent auction. If you have never been, plan to attend, you'll be glad you did.



Fred Mahaffey



DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

President Fred Mahaffey called the meeting of the East Texas Gem and Mineral society to order on December 5, 2016 at 7 p.m. Officers present were Fred, Rip Criss, V.P. and Julia Toombs, Secretary. Five guests were welcomed. Sign-up sheets were out for the show in January.

There was a short business meeting prior to the Christmas party.

Fred asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they were printed in the newsletter. Lynn Metcaff made the motion and Elsa Jerger seconded.

There was no treasury report as Trish Hamilton was absent.

There were no ticket sales or silent auction items as it was a gift exchange party.

Fred asked for sub-group reports: Terry Roberts stated that there would be no Lapidary meeting this month. January's meeting would be combined with the workshop in preparation for the show. There was no Fossil group meeting or a field trip in December.

There was discussion on the show and library displays:

Becky Whisenant needs help with the publicity for the show as she is unable to do it. Lynn volunteered to help.

Randy Harmon needs help with the Tyler Library display. The day is Tuesday, January 3 and they will begin around 10 a.m.

Carolyn Davis has begun to call the schools in preparation for school day at the show, Friday, January 27.

Fred asked for ideas for field trips. He stated that he had no suggestions during his year as field trip chairman. The private mine in Arkansas was discussed because of the crystals in a wall. It is south of Mt. Ida.

As there was no further business to discuss, Lynn made a motion to end the business meeting. Becky seconded. There was a short time to visit and have some of the many refreshments brought. The gift exchange began at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2017.

Submitted by Julia Toombs



**TYLER
LIBRARY
MONTH-LONG
EARTH SCIENCES DISPLAY**

The club has been invited to set up displays at the Tyler library again in January. Starting January 3 at 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The displays will be on display for the whole month. This is a great way to promote the club and our interests. If you have any questions please contact Randy Harmon. Randy said if you want to bring items to display at the library but cannot be there in person to set up on Tuesday morning then if you bring them to the meeting on Monday he will get them set up for you. He said we are also in need of giveaway rocks for the kids at the library so if you have small polished rocks that you would like to let them have, then bring those as well please.

Fred Mahaffey

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CAB OF THE MONTH



Imperial Jasper Heart
By Kinney Polve



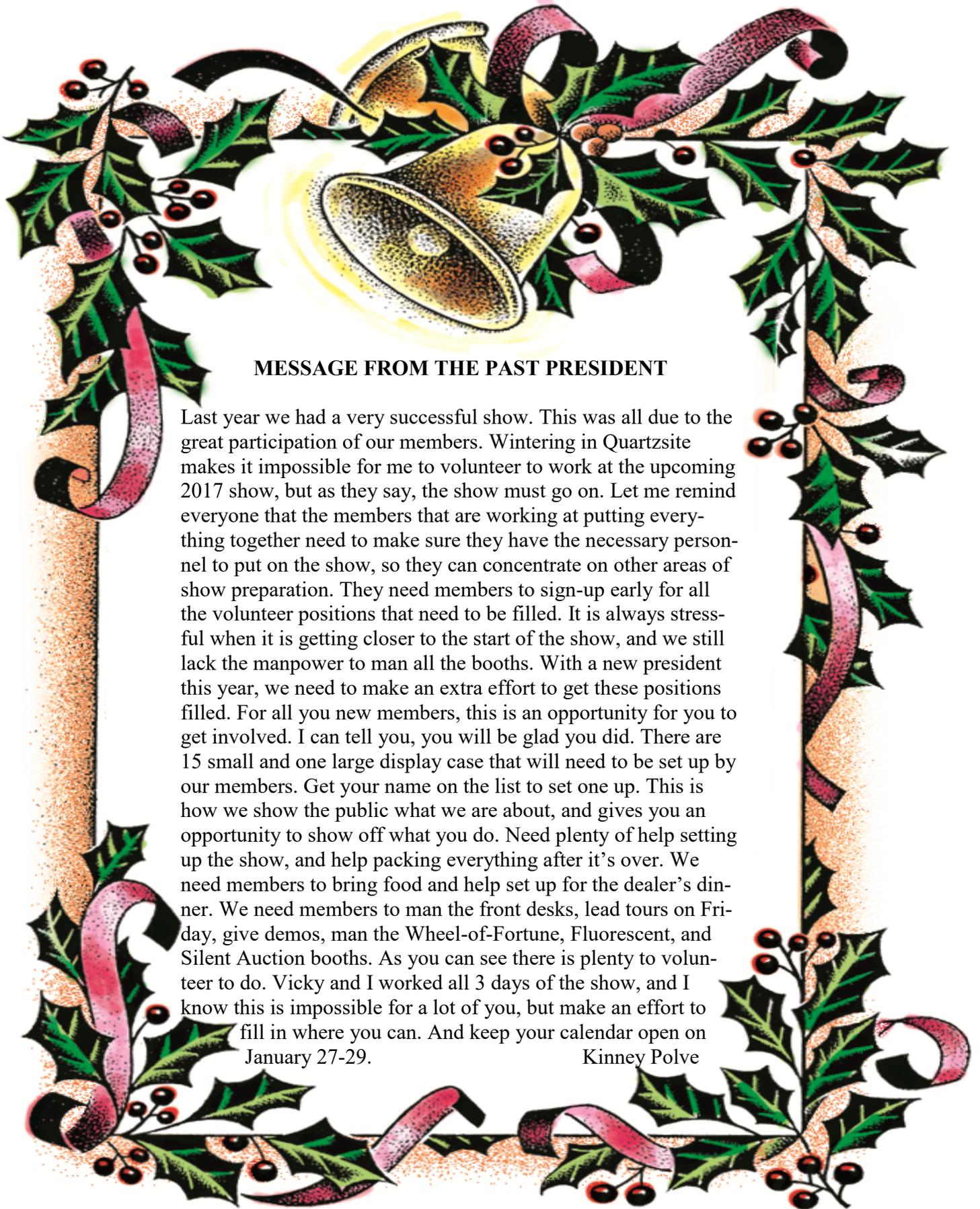
A heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to making our newsletters great this year!
Susan Burch



NOT ALL FUN AND GAMES, CONTINUED...
By Kinney Polve

Just a little update from out here in the field. I've been hard at it improving on my new found silver-smithing skills. I've taken to it like a fish to water, in fact, I'm now teaching a beginner's silversmith class once a week (pictured above). It looks like I can't even get any rest when I'm on vacation. I am really trying to challenge my skills, so I try to pick forms that are a little more difficult, like a heart. I'll let you be the judge. Also, for those of you that are interested in learning to knap arrowheads, I have taken the time to pick up that skill as well. When I return to East Texas, from my rough trip out here in the field, we can set up a class for those of you that are interested in knapping. Merry Christmas!





MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Last year we had a very successful show. This was all due to the great participation of our members. Wintering in Quartzsite makes it impossible for me to volunteer to work at the upcoming 2017 show, but as they say, the show must go on. Let me remind everyone that the members that are working at putting everything together need to make sure they have the necessary personnel to put on the show, so they can concentrate on other areas of show preparation. They need members to sign-up early for all the volunteer positions that need to be filled. It is always stressful when it is getting closer to the start of the show, and we still lack the manpower to man all the booths. With a new president this year, we need to make an extra effort to get these positions filled. For all you new members, this is an opportunity for you to get involved. I can tell you, you will be glad you did. There are 15 small and one large display case that will need to be set up by our members. Get your name on the list to set one up. This is how we show the public what we are about, and gives you an opportunity to show off what you do. Need plenty of help setting up the show, and help packing everything after it's over. We need members to bring food and help set up for the dealer's dinner. We need members to man the front desks, lead tours on Friday, give demos, man the Wheel-of-Fortune, Fluorescent, and Silent Auction booths. As you can see there is plenty to volunteer to do. Vicky and I worked all 3 days of the show, and I know this is impossible for a lot of you, but make an effort to fill in where you can. And keep your calendar open on January 27-29.

Kinney Polve



AFMS/SCFMS NEWS

AFMS Endowment Fund – Season for Giving

by Cheryl Neary, Chair

The Holidays are typically also known as the Season of Giving. During this time many people consider donating to a favorite organization. I am hoping that many of you will consider donating to the Endowment Fund!

To date, I have three great contributions and by next month this time I hope to quadruple that number! Of course, I need your help! Please consider donating an item with a minimum value of \$75.00 and a weight limit of not to exceed five (5) pounds. If you chose to donate – and I hope you do- please send me via email a picture of your generous donation so that I can get it posted to the AFMS website and into the newsletter.

You or your club will be recognized for the donation. This is a great way to advertise what your club does, especially the lapidary clubs! Of course, you can also help the fund by purchasing the tickets from your regional representative:

South Central Federation:
Joyce Speed
4680 Wisteria St; Dallas, TX 75211
<llispeed2@gmail.com>

Prize #1: A Dinosaur Footprint donated by Doug True. Estimated value \$250.00 (NFMS)



Prize #2: Multi-colored fresh water pearl necklace measuring 48-50". Estimated value \$80. (EFMLS)



Why donate an item or purchase tickets for the drawing? The money collected is for the AFMS Endowment Fund. The interest from the monies generated is used for AFMS special projects, such as, junior badges, judges training, digitizing of slide programs, to name a few.

Prize #3: Block of Red Jasper cabbing or carving material from the western U.S. - Estimated value \$75. (EFMLS)



Additionally, there are pins, which are being sold for the AFMS Endowment Fund. I have extra pins of our federations for \$20 or the single federation (except for South Central- sorry!)Thanks again for your support!



AFMS/SCFMS NEWS CONTINUED

Rockhound Soapbox – Rockhounding on Public Lands

by John Martin, Conservation & Legislation Chair <afmsc@antelecom.net>

Recreational Rockhounding is defined as the Non-Commercial collecting of Rocks, Minerals and Fossils, rocks, minerals, semiprecious gemstones, and invertebrate and plant fossils of non-scientific importance, for peaccording to established laws, rules and regulations, for personal and educational use, see:

Part 8365 of Title 43 CFR [Code of Federal Regulations], which provides for the collecting of “reasonable quantities” of rsonal use. Legal Definition of Recreational Rockhounding as defined in Title 43 CFR § 8365.1-5 Property and resources.



(a) On all public lands, unless otherwise authorized, no person shall;

(1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;

(2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or (3) Use on the public lands

explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on developed recreation sites and areas, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the public lands reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:

(1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;

(2) Nonrenewable resources such as rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;

(3) Petrified wood as provided under subpart 3622 of this title;

(4) Mineral materials as provided under subpart 3604; and

(5) Forest products for use in campfires on the public lands. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title.

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the public lands for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit from an authorized officer in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.

[48 FR 36384, Aug. 10, 1983; 67 FR 68778, Nov. 13, 2002; 75 FR 27455, May 17, 2010]

Source: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/43/8365.1-5>; More on Code of Federal Regulations can be found at <www.amlands.org/6652/index.html> near bottom of page under

United States Code - Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

“Happy Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands”

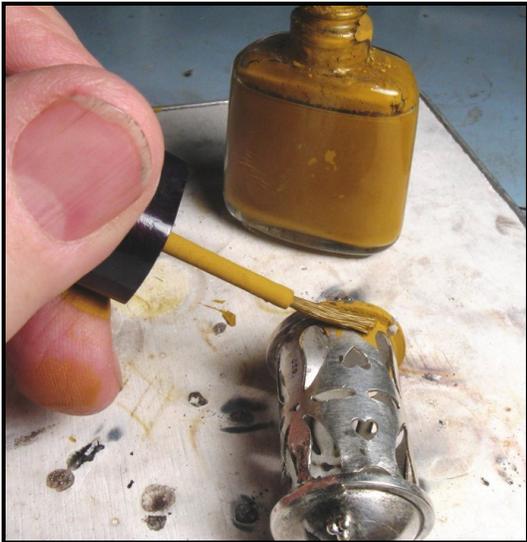
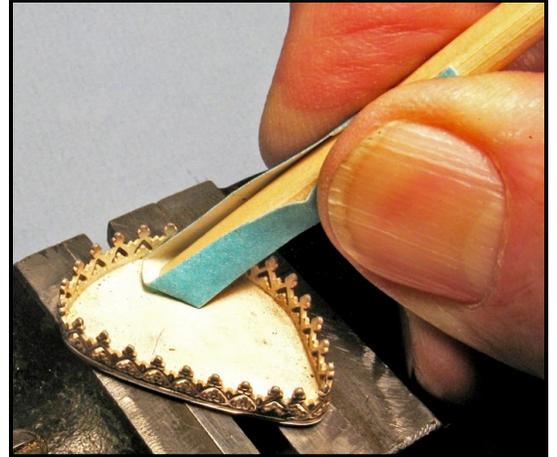
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BENCH TIPS BY BRAD SMITH

SANDING/POLISHING IN TIGHT PLACES—Often you'll need to sand or polish an area that's impossible to reach with even a small wheel on a flexshaft. Other times it might be the bottom of a pocket or inside bottom corner of a box that needs to be finished. One trick for these nit-picky jobs may be left over from your last Chinese dinner - a chopstick.

I've found quite a few uses for these in the shop. Prepare the tip by simply sawing it off at a 45 degree angle. Then apply whatever abrasive grit you will need for the job or hold a strip of sandpaper around the end. Loose grit can be held onto the tip with a bit of vaseline or oil. Tripoli or rouge can be just rubbed onto the end of the chopstick.



OCHRE APPLICATOR—Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow on an area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.

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THE EAST TEXAS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Purpose of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society: Is to promote the study of geology, fossils and the lapidary arts. The public is always invited to attend all club meetings.

MONTHLY MEETING:

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

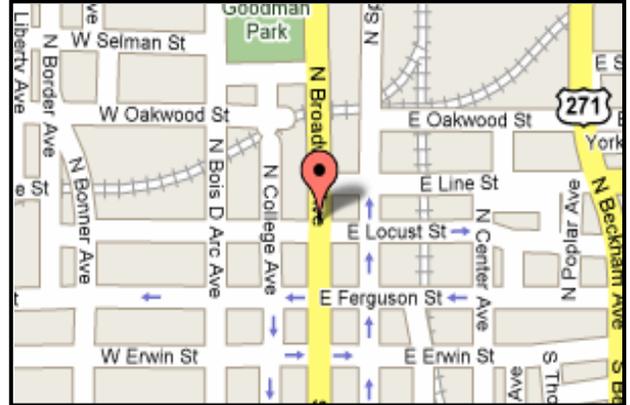
WHERE:

The Discovery Science Place
308 N. Broadway
Tyler, Texas

ANNUAL DUES:

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- Juniors: \$2.50 with adult membership
- Family: \$20

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