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LEESVILLE, LA

JANUARY 20 - 21, 2019

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FREDERICKSBURG, TX

JANUARY 25-27

**EAST TEXAS G&MS
ANNUAL SHOW**

ROSE GARDEN CENTER
TYLER, TX

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone who helped at the last meeting with bringing their turquoise pieces. It really helped with the show and tell part of the presentation, and we had a lot of really nice specimens and jewelry. Next month's meeting we vote for the club officers. If you are interested in running for any of the offices, sitting board member positions or would like to make



nominations, then please let me or any of the current board members or club officers know. We still have positions open on the sign-up sheets for our annual Gem and Mineral Show in January. The next meeting is our annual Christmas Party. We will have a short business meeting, followed by the party and gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift preferably related to club activities. We will explain the rules for the gift exchange before we start. It is always lots of fun. If you wish to bring something for the refreshments, please feel free to do so. Don't forget to send your articles and pictures to the Newsletter editor (Kinney Polve). Have a safe Thanksgiving holiday!

Fred Mahaffey

East Texas Gem Mineral Society will set up a booth at the Rose Garden Center, "Holiday in the Gardens Bazaar." This will be on December 8th from 10 am to 6 pm. The club members will be selling items that were made by our members to raise more money for another capping machine for the lapidary workshop. Make some time to come out and stop by our booth. Show your support.

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society was called to order at 6:45 pm on November 5, 2018. We had two visitors from Idaho who introduced themselves, but no new members. Fred Mahaffey asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Kinney Polve made the motion and Amy Long seconded. The motion carried. Colleen gave the Treasurer's report and reminded everyone that dues are to be in by January 1, 2019.

Announcements:

- Please submit articles for the newsletter.
- Gemology group: Richard Armstrong - There was a gem identification course in October and there will be another one in February.
- Kinney gave a report on the Bergfeld Park show. We raised \$685 toward a new capping machine. Holiday in the Garden (Arts and Crafts) will be Saturday, December 8th from 10 am – 6 pm at the Tyler Rose Garden Center in the same room as our show. We will try to raise the remaining money for the machine.
- Randy Harmon reminded everyone of the display cases we fill yearly at the Tyler Library during January. January 7th is the first day. Call him to meet with your items.
- Sign-up sheets are out for working the different places at the January show.
- Julia Toombs reported on the Craft show that she attended in her home community. At this and the critter workshop, \$122 has been donated to the Club.
- Lapidary Sub-group – Fourteen members attended the critter workshop in October. The next meeting will be November 10th at 2 pm and the subject will be given by Kinney on electro-etching on copper.
- Mineral Sub-group – Charles Creekmur – We will meet Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm. Bring your unknowns and they will be identified. Do not bring agates and jaspers, only minerals.
- Gem Sub-group – Richard said the next meeting will be Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 pm.
- A Field Trip is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Duncanville, near Dallas, for Septarian nodules. We will leave from the Clubhouse at 7 am as it is a 2-hour drive.

New Business:

- Christmas Party – white elephant gift exchange after the business meeting and refreshments. Call Fred if you are unsure about food you want to bring and someone else bringing the same.
- Officer elections will be at the December meeting. A new treasurer is needed.

Fred asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Terry made the motion and Sherry Spencer seconded. The motion carried. A short break was taken for refreshments and purchase of door prize tickets. The last ticket drawn will be for a small diamond with certification card. The program is on Turquoise.

Submitted by
Julia Toombs, Secretary



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OF JEWELRY APPRAISERS

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

Revised ETGMS Field Trip Schedule Summary 2018 - 2019

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.		

November Field Trip for Septarian Nodules and Fossils

When: November 17th

Where: We will be meeting at the clubhouse at 6:30am and leaving at 7 am. It is approx. a 2-hour drive to the hunting spot in the Dallas area. We will caravan to the location.

What to bring: I recommend boots or shoes you do not mind getting muddy. You will need something to dig with, a shovel, a bucket and heavy-duty bag to tote your treasures in. There are no facilities there as it is a wilderness area. You need to bring water and snacks if you wish. If it is really muddy, we may not be able to drive up into the area unless you have 4-wheel drive. You may have to walk 40-50 yards.

What you may find: Septarian Nodules filled with calcite crystals, fossils (ammonites). This area is fairly kid friendly and is off the road so junior members should be able to find them as well. This is an area where the locals play with their 4-wheel drive vehicles, so we will need to pay attention if there are any out there driving around. With the cooler weather, please be sure to dress for the weather. Critters should be minimal because of the cooler weather but we will still need to watch out for them in case you uncover one. Fred Mahaffey

WANTED FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN

MINERAL GROUP

The Mineral Group had eight members in attendance Tuesday, November 13th. Members brought their unknowns to discuss, look at under the microscope and identify. An informative and active discussion resulted in a fun meeting. The next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. Subject to be announced at a later date.

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.

LAPIDARY/JEWELRY GROUP

Ten members attended the November meeting of the Lapidary/Jewelry Group at the ETGMS clubhouse. Kinney gave an excellent presentation on the process of electro-etching on metals for use in the lapidary arts. He explained different techniques for etching designs on different metals, as well as the benefits and difficulties in using each technique. The members had many questions for Kinney. Several of them wished that they could do some electro-etching at the meeting. However, Kinney explained that it would take too long to do more than one procedure, since he had only enough equipment for one person to use. He explained that after the clubhouse was completely remodeled, we could get more equipment, so that several people could work on their projects simultaneously. Everyone said they enjoyed the demonstration and left the meeting happy. Terry Roberts



The three photos of the Lapidary/Jewelry group meeting are courtesy of Sonya Meinert.

**GEMOLOGY GROUP**

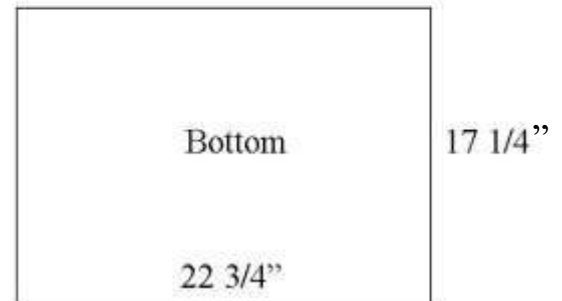
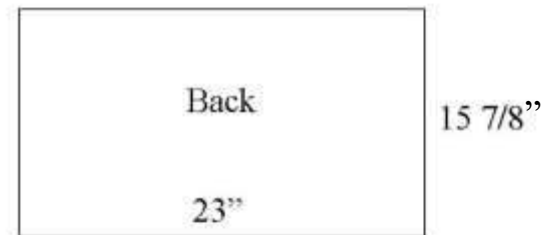
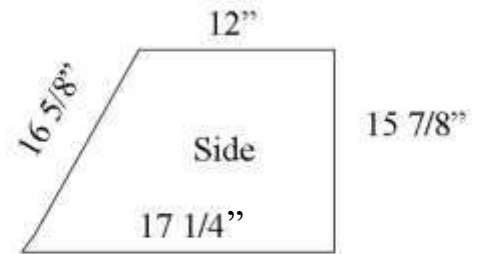
There's always a problem with the Gemology group meeting information being timely. The meeting time is always the third Thursday and the newsletter comes out about the same time. Any information that is sent to me by the leader of the group is always out dated when the newsletter is published. I will try to make arrangements with Richard Armstrong to see if we can't get that information ahead of time, so maybe we can give you a little more information on the group. The next meeting date is December 20th at 6:30 pm.

Kinney Polve

ANNUAL SHOW

I don't have to remind everybody that the annual show is coming up. It's time for our members to put their names on the sign-up sheets for the positions needed at the annual show. Fred Mahaffey had the sign-up sheets at the November meeting, and quite a few of you have already signed up. I was really surprised to see how many positions were already filled. There are quite a few positions left to be filled. I know we need more members to volunteer to bring food for the dealership dinner. We have display cases that we need our members to set up. Sign up for a display case and show off your work. Also, Friday is kids' day and we need a lot of extra help for thing to run smoothly. If you want to sign up to work the show contact Fred Mahaffey. I'm sure that he will have the sign-up sheets available at the December meeting, so if you don't get a chance before then, you can sign up at the meeting. We will also need a knapper on Friday. If one of you that have learned knapping in the club would like to volunteer to demonstrate it for the kids on Friday please contact me. If we are going to have all our demonstrations up and running, we need volunteers. If we're shorthanded, we won't be able to have all the demonstrations up and running. We also need more members to sign up to help set up for the show on Thursday, so if you are available please put your name on the list. I've included the diagram for the display case liners. If you would like to make liners for your display case, you can make them to these dimensions. You can also use the diagrams so that you know how big the areas inside to display case are, so if you're planning to set one up, you'll be able to arrange items at home, so you'll be sure that they'll fit in the display area.

Display Case Liners



January is the time to renew your membership. You must be a paid member to attend club activities, such as, Field Trips, Lapidary, Mineral, Gemology, Fossil group meeting, and classes. Renew your membership today!

East Texas Gem & Mineral Society

Member Registration Form

Date Paid _____ Dues Paid \$ _____ CASH CHECK _____

Name(s) _____ Adult ____ Jr. ____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Newsletter via email Y ____ N ____

Special Interest in Hobby _____

Home Phone _____ Work/cell phone _____

SCHEDULING CLASSES

I will be scheduling silversmithing and cabling classes for December 10th – 14th. Usually I call members that have put their names on the list, to try to schedule these classes. I have found that it was very time consuming, and most members were impossible to reach. The way it will be done now is, I will notify our members of the upcoming class date that are available, then you can contact me to schedule your class. These will be filled on a first come basis.

There is no material cost for the Cabochon Making Class, I will donate the necessary materials. The class length is about 2 -3 hours. The cost of materials for the Beginners or Advanced Beginners Silversmithing Class is \$25.00. If you have a cabochon that you would like to use, please bring it. Maximum size for the beginner's class is 30 X 40 mm, and the advanced class is 18 X 25 mm. If you need a cab, we may have a few donated cabs to choose from. Also, I may have some available for sale. Both silversmithing classes are all day classes. The classes will be held at my workshop, south of Henderson, and start at 9:00 am., that means be there at 8:30 am. There will be no weekend class scheduled this month.

If you would like to schedule a class for one of these days, give me a call at 903-646-3189. If I don't answer, leave a message, because I have poor cell reception and it may not show that you called. Remember, these are scheduled on a first come basis and class size is limited.

Thanks, Kinney

SPECIAL WORKDAY

From time to time, I will be setting up special workdays at my workshop for a limited number of members. I will make my workshop available to those members that have already taken classes on Cabochon Making and Advanced Silversmithing. I will be doing this until we get our workshop set up at the clubhouse. You can bring your own materials and work on your projects using my tools and equipment. Also, if you would like to brush up on your silversmithing skills, you can use club materials to make projects for our fundraisers. There will be a \$5.00 shop fee for those members working on their own projects. Those members working on fundraiser projects will not be required to pay a shop fee. The first of these special workdays will be December 15th. My workshop will be available all day from 8 am until... Space will be limited, and on a first come basis. If you would like to sign up for this workday, contact me at 903-646-3189.

Kinney Polve

PERSONAL FIELD TRIP

Fred Mahaffey said "It was a good day to be outside! Even if it started out in the 20's.... 🤔 😊." Fred took a personal field trip with some friends up to the Jessieville, Arkansas area to hunt Quartz crystals. It looks like he might have found one.

Kinney Polve



Photos by Fred Mahaffey.

BERGFELD PARK

It was a nasty day on Saturday morning at the Rose Festival Arts & Crafts Show at Bergfeld Park. Everything was wet from the overnight rain. That wasn't enough to stop us. We went ahead and set up and got ready to raise some money for a new cabbing machine. We didn't do as well as we hoped. The two-day total got us half way to our goal. Hopefully at the booth in December, we'll raise the rest. *(Photo by Vicky Polve.)*

Kinney Polve



We will have our annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the December 3rd meeting. It's always a great time, good food and lots of fun. Let me tell our new members a little bit about the gift exchange. Some of our members like to call it the White Elephant Gift Exchange. It works similarly. Everyone attending the meeting brings a wrapped gift. It really needs to be club related, but that doesn't always happen. We usually stay in the \$10 - \$20-dollar range, but that doesn't usually happen either. What does happen is that we all draw numbers, and the member who drew number one starts things off. They will pick a gift, unwrap it and show it to everyone. Now, the member with number two has the option to steal that gift or unwrap another. If the gift gets stolen, the member whose gift was stolen gets to choose another, or may steal one from someone else. If your gift is stolen, you can't steal it right back. Also, once a gift has been stolen twice, it can't be stolen again. Once the last number is drawn, the member with number one has the option to steal a gift. Nobody is safe; not young or old. Come to the meeting and join us. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you to bring some goodies. It's not a party without the goodies.

MEMBERS HAPPENINGS

This month Terry Roberts has been working on quite a few more beautiful cabs.



CAST YOUR VOTE

Yes, it's election time. We will be electing new officers and board members at the December meeting. Make sure you attend, as Fred Mahaffey says, "If you're not there, you might just get voted into an office."

Rockhound of the Month

We need your nominations for ETGMS Rockhound of the Month. 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.

GEM ID CLASS

Cecil Waterhouse taught his first class on Gem Identification at ETGMS. On October 27th, five members met at the clubhouse to take part one of Cecil's two-part class on Gem Identification. There was a lot of useful information crammed into this four-hour class. We'll be taking part two in December. He plans to give more classes as necessary, so if you would like to be put on the list for the next class, please contact Cecil.

Kinney Polve



ETGMS HISTORY

To some of us, history is an important part of things. Recently our new Historian, Julia Toombs had given me some information on early club

history (a couple of meeting minutes and a field trip report). On November 12, 1956, the club held its first business meeting. The minutes read: A short business meeting was held and the first item of business was the choice of a name for the club, "East Texas Gem and Mineral Society." Officers were then elected and the following were voted into office as the club's first set of officers to run for one year: President – Vic Witzel, Vice-President – Bill Vineyard, Sec-Treasurer – Bernice Holt and Historian – Bill DiMarco. Vic Witzel agreed to prepare a draft of the new constitution and have it ready for the members at the next meeting. Meetings were set for the first Monday of each month and would be held at some members home until such time as the membership outgrew the facility. Dues were set at \$2 per year, which is a small fee from which considerable pleasure will be derived. At the December 3, 1956 meeting, the new constitution was reviewed in adopted. On December 15, 1956, the first field trip was held and it was a huge success. Ten members attended. The group met at 7 am and drove to Trinity approximately 125 miles. The formation visited was about 10 miles from East of Trinity - Catahoula formation. At the first stop along the dry stream bed there was little found. Going on further at an old quarry, the group has considerable luck, and many specimens were found. A rock log was looked over and was decided its quality was not such to take it along. Many large pieces of palm wood were found, and a very nice cross-section brought in by Carol Witzel. After a brief pause for lunch, the group continued to search until evening. Vic Witzel and son, and Bill Vineyard were lost for a while, but like good woodsmen finally returned. Bill and Adele DiMarco were the first to leave, as they were pretty tired. The rest of the group decided to try their luck at one more stop. The weather was perfect; terrain and scenery wonderful. A good start for the new club. "It's always fun to learn a little of the history on how we made it to where we are." I also really appreciate the excellent field trip report that was given, even though the author didn't pen his name to it. These bits of information are important pieces to the future members of our club. It also lets us know the importance of our newsletter. The newsletter is one of the main storage places for our history, and I want to encourage all out members to help us pass on the history of East Texas Gem & Mineral Society.



*ETGMS Historian
Julia Toombs.*

Kinney Polve

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Editor has other responsibilities besides making sure the newsletter goes out on time each month. One duty involves mailing information to the SCFMS each year. Each year I choose the best submissions from each of our members, and send them to the SCFMS to enter them in the Editors and Authors Contest. They will be judged against other submissions from the other clubs in our district, and the best of them will be sent to the AFMS to be judged against all the other top submissions. This year, I think the competition will be pretty tough. We had a lot more participation by our members, and many of these were exceptional. Because of that, much of the tough competition will come from inside the club. Sometimes I fail to say thank you for your submissions or reply to your email to let you know I received your article. I want to take the time to thank each of our members that have submitted things for publication over the last year. From photos, poems, personal field trip, articles and features, everyone of them made the newsletter what it was. These are the members (in no particular order) that made that happen: Richard Armstrong, Charles Creekmur, Lynn Metcalf, Fred Mahaffey, Terry Roberts, Julia Toombs, Sherry Reutlinger, Elsa Jerger, Gaye Goebel, Colleen Hayes, Kelly Ford, David Russ, Becky Whisenant, Laura & Matthew Laster, Vicky Polve, Sarah Miller, Sonny Powell, Marcia Graham and Sherry Breedlove. These few really took the time and effort to make our newsletter great. They helped our members learn and stay up to date on club events, shared their field trip stories, or maybe shared a poem. Thank you very much for your contributions. Emma Clark, I just want to let you know that I'm still waiting for your article. Remember, I need contributions to publish a great newsletter, so take a little time to write up a little something and send it to me.

Kinney Polve

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

NEWSLETTER CONTENT: Please send any original info or articles to be included in the newsletter to the Editor at the address or email listed below by the 10th of the month. Please keep your address, phone and email 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. AFMS & SCFMS Newsletters will be emailed to members, as to not duplicate that information here, unless it needs to be repeated. Board meeting minutes are not published in the newsletter. If you would like to see a copy, contact an officer on the Board. The information in this newsletter may be reproduced for nonprofit use, as long as credit is given to the source. Thank you, Kinney Polve

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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 regular monthly club meetings.

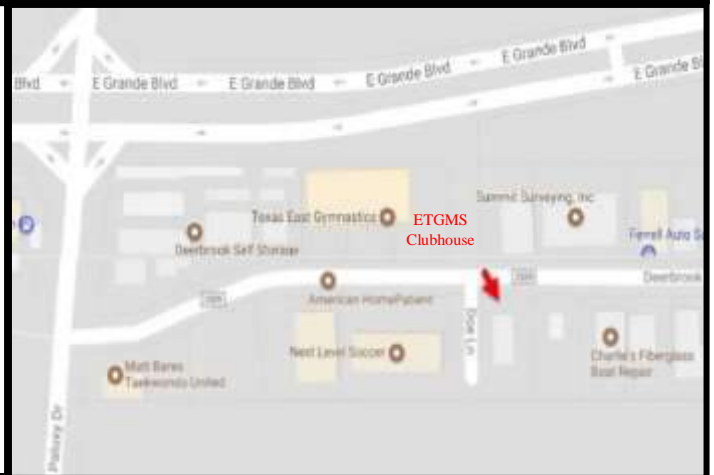
ANNUAL DUES:

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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