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Coming Shows, 2012

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JASPER, TX
SCMFS & Pine Country
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Events Ctr.

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ARLINGTON, TX
Arlington G&MS
Arlington Conv. Ctr.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA
Doubletree Hilton Hotel
Veterans Blvd.

Oct. 06 - 07
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VICTORIA, TX
Victoria G&MS
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2905 E. North St.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be electing new club officers at the September 10th club meeting. We have received several nominations so far, and welcome additional nominations be made between now and voting during the business portion of the meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer, or want to nominate someone (who is willing to serve), please let us know so we can get everyone's name on the ballot for consideration.

Since this will be my last club meeting, I will take a few minutes during the September 10th club meeting to share with the club a brief review of our club history. Few of our current members are aware of the fact that this club first started meeting in 1956/57. We still have one of those early club members as a current member who plays an important active behind the scenes roll in making our club show a success. Do you know who this club member is? I want to review the names of the key people from the past who gave of themselves to kept this club alive and going for us current club members to enjoy today. It's easy to look back and critique and criticize the work of others who proceeded us. But it's on their broad, selfless, hard working, dedicated, sacrificial shoulders upon which this club was started and built. We owe it to them to serve as they did in order to move this club forward. I'm honored to have been apart of this rich tradition for the past 17 years.

2013 Club dues are due starting in September. Please get your dues in so you will continue to receive your club news letter.

We are asking all club members to get us their contact information as soon as possible so we can get our membership list up to date. We are striving to compile the best list possible so that everyone is accounted for as to paying their dues, and to receive the news letter by e-mail or snail mail. Please fill out the enclosed membership form and bring to the club meeting or mail in.

Don Campbell



SEPTEMBER 10TH MEETING PROGRAM

The September 10th club meeting program will the second part of the Volcano DVD program we watched at the last meeting. Questions and answers to follow.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 10TH DUE TO THE
3RD BEING A HOLIDAY.



AUGUST 6th MEETING MINUTES

The East Texas Gem and Mineral Society monthly meeting was called to order by President Don Campbell. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the past meeting as written in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given.

It was noted that the next club meeting will be on September 10th due to Labor Day falling on September 4th, the first Monday of the month.

Field Trip News: No club field trips are currently scheduled. At this time we do not have an official field trip leader. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please let the club president know.

Colleen Hayes gave a quick report about the Albuquerque trip that she and Pete Keiser were able to attend at the San Pedro mining area in New Mexico with the Albuquerque Gem and mineral club. Joining another club is a good way to attend field trips in other locations. Don Campbell mentioned that networking with others is a good way to learn about locations. A donation of Utah trilobites and fulgurates were given to the club from one of these contacts.

Don Campbell then explained that after the September meeting, he will part ways with the club. Don joined the club in 1994 and has been a very important part of this club, holding many of the elected offices over the eighteen years. He explained that at this time he has other interests to pursue.

Reminder: Club dues are due at the September meeting. After October, members that have not paid the 2012-2013 dues will not receive that newsletter.

Reminder: The Pine County Gem and Mineral club will host the SCFMS show August 25th-26th in Jasper TX. Don Campbell and Susan Burch will attend the breakfast as club representatives. There is a field trip scheduled along with the show. All the details may be found at www.pinecountrygms.org.

Recap: Discovery Science Place hosted a kid's event and 8 volunteers from our club attended. Don Campbell and Jeri Kitchens described the event. The volunteers from our club assisted the staff in setting up events for the children including a dinosaur egg dig, and sifting for mineral specimens. Everyone had a good time and the staff at the center was very appreciative for all the volunteer help.

Please note that on September 10th we will be electing the new officers for the 2012-2013 year. Anyone who wishes to be included in the nomination list please contact a current club officer. Several persons have already agreed to accept nominations; these include Richard Armstrong for President, Susan Chapman for Secretary, Bill Faulkner for Treasurer and Terry Roberts for Vice President. These are just suggestions and not the final list. The final list will be presented at the September meeting and the membership will vote to elect officers at that time.

October meeting is the club auction/fundraiser. Everyone is asked to bring an item related to our hobby to donate for the auction. All proceeds from the auctions go to the club.

In September we pay the club dues to the SCFMS at the rate of \$2.00/adult member and .50/child. The insurance is also due at the same time at the rate of \$3.00/member. This will be paid by the club treasurer.

Door prizes were drawn: a Utah trilobite is the silent auction item tonight.

Tonight's program was a presentation by Don Campbell on Volcanoes.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Colleen Hayes, volunteer secretary.



SPANNING THE GEOLOGIC GENERATION GAP

By Becky Whisenant

A portion of the stated purpose of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society as written in the club charter is "educational and, more particularly, to promote the study of geology, mineralogy and the lapidary arts".

On Saturday, August 4, eight members of the club volunteered their time and energies to accomplish that purpose by means of promoting our hobby to children who attended an activity day at the Discovery Science Center in Tyler.

Since availability of our meeting place is contingent upon our contributions to the center's offering of educational opportunities to the public, this event fulfilled two objectives. Club members Terry Roberts, Don Campbell, Pete Keiser, Colleen Hayes, Jeri Kitchens, Becky Whisenant, Al Davis and Carolyn Davis discussed and explained minerals and their every day uses, identification and location of Texas rocks and supervised and/or participated in digging in the dirt.

Getting down to the nitty-gritty, in front of the entrance to the DSC a small swimming pool was filled with sand, and sieves were provided for children to sift and unearth buried specimens. Al & Carolyn manned a booth just inside and identified treasures collected. Umbrellas helped provide shade but, despite the heat, there were lots of smiles and handfuls of rocks poolside.

Next to the sand pit was an archaeology dig site where fossil footprints and dinosaur 'eggs' could be uncovered with the appropriate tools. The eggs were cracked open to reveal a baby dinosaur inside to be taken home.

In order to make this event a success, the DSC provided tables, setups and some materials. Club members contributed displays, gem & mineral samples, specimens collected from club field trips, shared knowledge and willing hands.

None of this would have been possible if not for ETGMS members who don't mind working up a sweat for the smile of a potential future rock hound, and who know that a strong club is much more than a presentation once a month.

Pictures to follow next month.

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 Joined: _____

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



SO, YOU'RE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT A PROGRAM AT THE ROCK CLUB MEETING

by Jonetta Nash, Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society

In my many years of attending rock club meetings, I have heard a lot of comments about the program-- "THAT WAS GREAT!", enjoyed the program...sigh", "MAN, YOU DID A GREAT JOB"!". "I just hate to waste my time on those old films". "I REALLY LEARNED A LOT FROM YOUR PROGRAM -- THANKS", "those programs are just so ho hum".

We need to remember that for every one of those programs -- SOMEONE put forth the effort so that you could be entertained, educated or just bored. That SOMEONE could be you. As a member of the audience you are as important in your own way as the persons presenting the program. I guess my age is showing or maybe it's just because I have lived with a school teacher for forty three years, but I get really angry when someone has the floor and those who are supposed to be listening are talking -- up walking around -- even tending to club business -- or decide that bed time has arrived and they have to leave in the middle of the program. If you are bored and sleeping -- that really doesn't bother me as long as you don't snore too loudly.

I realize we don't all have the same interest and maybe the program is not one you enjoy - - just leave before it starts or sit quietly and daydream if you must. The job of Program Chairman is really difficult if they are dealing with the type of audience described above, since they are the ones responsible for asking people to speak. I don't know if you have been in the embarrassing position of asking someone to speak and they, the audience, behaves like unruly children. I know that "OUR" club members would never behave in any manner that would discourage you from presenting a program, so don't wait to be asked. Volunteer to give a least one program during the next year. Decide to present a program on something that interests you -- it doesn't have to be a topic you know a lot about -- this is a good way to learn something for yourself.

Friends are also a great resource. and friends are also a great resource. Pictures, slides, hands-on demonstrations, personal experiences, and maybe even a joke or two are helpful. If your knees knock and your tongue gets twisted, make a joke about it and go on like it's no big deal. If you are one of those folks who just can't get up before a crowd -- volunteer anyway and twist the arm of your spouse or best friend. Your club needs YOU. Your club needs you to be a willing worker, speaker, and an attentive member of the audience.

from The Pineywoods Rooter, Aug. 2012'; via Huntin' & Diggin' 09/12.



2012 SCFMS Annual Meeting Flyer

ALL Roads Lead to Jasper, Texas-Jewel of the Forest-Site of SCFMS Annual Meeting and PCGMS 18th Annual Show
August 25-26, 2012—Show Hours - Saturday 9 to 5 Sunday 10 to 5

The Event Center, 6258 Highway 190, 5 miles West of Jasper

The South Central Federation of Mineral Societies Annual Meeting Hosted by PCGMS

Editor's & Web Master's Breakfast - Saturday 8:30 A.M. SCFMS Annual Business Meeting - Saturday 2:00 P.M.

Awards Dinner - Saturday 6:00 P.M. ALL SCFMS meetings to be held at First National Bank Community Room

Rollin' Rock Club Meeting Sunday 9:00 A.M.

Collecting Petrified Wood—Field Trip - Thursday August 23rd

The Field Trip will be open to members of any Rock Club affiliated with the SCFMS

And will require pre-registration. The number of participants will be limited. Contact Paul James, (409) 429-7444 or

Fred Brown, (936) 661-1024, Field Trip Chairman for information.

Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, P.O. Box 2513, Jasper Texas



COFFEE FILTERS

Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for \$1.00, even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters..
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them.. It soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers.."
15. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliqueing soft fabrics.
16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
- 18 Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car..
19. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
20. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having extra bowls to wash.
21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
23. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a zip-lock plastic bag until they sprout.
24. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book.
25. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.
26. Great in the tool room when separating nails and screws then use in to bottom of containers to remove moisture and prevent rust.

OH YEAH THEY ARE GREAT TO USE IN YOUR COFFEE MAKERS TOO

via Huntin' & Diggin' 09/12



These were too cool not to pass on, but they forgot the best use of all...take them to wrap small specimens in the field, they don't take up near the amount of space of a paper towel roll. Susan



ARLINGTON GEM & MINERAL CLUB

55th Annual Jewelry, Gem, and Mineral Show

FREE PARKING!

Saturday, October 6th, 10am-6pm
Sunday, October 7th, 10am-5pm

1010 Collins Entertainment Center
1010 N. Collins St. (behind Walgreens)

Diagonally from Cowboys Stadium, Arlington, Texas 76011



Adults: \$6.00, Seniors: \$3.00, Children (6-12): \$3.00

(Sunday half off with Saturday ticket stub)

FREE for Scouts in uniform or active military

*Grand Prize - Suite of Jewelry

*Hourly Silent Auctions

*Rock Food Table

*Gem Identification

*Demonstrations of skills

*Hourly Door Prizes

*Gold Panning demo

*Kids Korner

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arlington-Gem-and-Mineral-Club/138161306234904>



All specimen pictures via the Internet.



BENCH TIPS BY BRAD SMITH

CLEANING SOLDER OUT OF A BEZEL: Sometimes when you solder a bezel to a base plate you end up with excess solder that needs to be removed before setting the stone. My choice of tool for this is called an "Inverse Cone" bur used in a rotary tool or flexshaft. It cuts on both the bottom and the side and is shaped so that there's less chance of cutting into the bezel wall than if you used the more common cylinder bur shape. The 2 mm size is useful for most any bezel.



FAUX SILVER: I'm fortunate to live in a big city that has frequent jewelry shows where I can buy supplies. But there are certain risks in buying at one of these events or from some of the online venues. Recently, a friend bought a package of 12 mm Sterling jump rings that became copper plated in the pickle. There was no sign of any steel contamination, so I tested them with a magnet to discover they were just plated steel.

I ran into a similar misrepresentation a couple years ago. I bought some "genuine" turquoise beads that I needed for 10mm cabs only to find they were a white magnesite that had been dyed.

Best solution is to carry a couple simple tools with you when you go to buy stones or findings. I usually carry a ten power loupe and a small vernier caliper to measure things. From now on, I'll also be carrying a small, strong magnet with me to test the findings.

Dealers are not necessarily the problem. Many have no idea their metals are plated. They were duped by their supplier. Regardless of who's to blame, I think it's worth reporting any problems you find to both the dealer and to the show promoter.

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In addition, here's a story written up by a friend in my club. It was originally published in the Nugget, newsletter of the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Culver City, CA USA . The club shop is a small building with two doors that we usually keep open for ventilation. A friend of mine was working at the bench on a pendant/earrings set she had already sold to a client. Then as they say on the news programs "Something went terribly wrong". Here's her story. Enjoy !

#### THE CROW

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 What a beautiful sunny day! To me this is the best incentive for creativity and so I pick up my silver and tools and go to the shop - I am going to realize my multi-stones pieces!

There, I find some more people cutting rocks and making cabs - it's always nice to share our work and ideas, and get a little distracted, including by that beautiful crow that just landed at our back door - he seems quite domesticated; he accepts food and doesn't fly away - OK, back to work!

And cut and assemble and solder and sand... ready for the drilling now... I pile all my pieces in front of me, the foredoom ready to operate, the Optiviser on my eyes, and in few seconds I'll be ready to polish! Suddenly, here is the crow again - oh my, this time he enters the shop and lands right on my bench and he just looks at me! Well, I can't resist. I start playing with him using my file and he picks up the end once, twice, and then he stops and looks at me... suddenly my blood freezes with fear: I know what he's going to do!

He takes a quick look at the pile of silver pieces, looks at me again and in a fraction of second, he grabs half of the pieces of jewelry and flies out! I cannot believe what just happened - I run after him and he is right next door on a telephone post - I am still in shock and try to telepathically convince the bird to drop my pieces down - then I get back to reality and I swear at him, and he starts having fun with me! He gently puts the jewelry down, screams at me three times, grabs the jewelry and moves up one step, and he does it again and again, until he flies away.

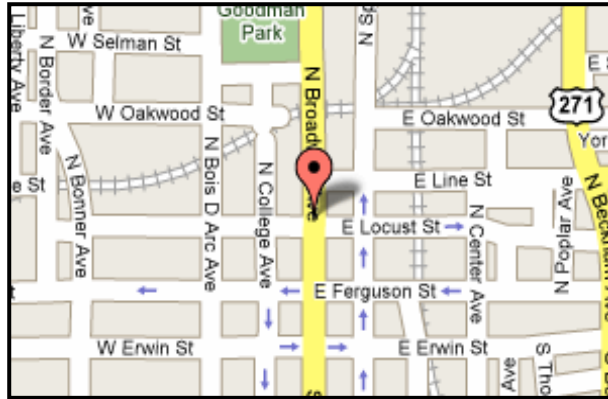
So, I was laughed at by a crow and left with three different sets of jewelry totally messed up - but you know what? Besides having amused everybody, I completed the jewelry, I went to my client, told the crow story, and sold all the pieces!

Look for fun out in everything!

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[facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips) or [groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/](https://groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/)

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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.**

**NOTE TO EDITORS**

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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.

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.

Thank you... SB



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