

# THE STONE CHIPPER

THE 657TH MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



March Program  
To Be Announced

March Birth Stones  
Aquamarine, Bloodstone

## THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.



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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGMS is to promote interest and education in the various Earth Sciences and other related subjects.

### MEETINGS

**The Society meets the fourth Thursday of every month except** October which is show set up day. The November meeting will be held on the THIRD Thursday. December is the Officers' Induction Banquet held on a date to be determined. Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Show committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Society officers are listed on the second page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.

### DUES FOR 2011

Membership dues are:  
\$15.00 annually for an adult    \$20.00 annually for a couple    \$4.00 annually for juniors

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Sunshine

Tommy Potts is in Heartland Health Care Center in Austin.

Ron Guzman is up and moving after his surgery. Way to go Ron.

Please take a moment and send a card or make a phone call, they'll appreciate it.

**2011  
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## Presidential Message



Greetings all,

I am just back from the Rockhound Roundup, a gem and mineral show with FIELD TRIPS at Deming, New Mexico. Our AGMS was well represented by 13 members, and most of us made at least two of the three available field trips. Charlotte and I did the "Big Diggin's" on Thursday for agate. Won't know how we did until we get the material cleaned up, but I don't expect too much in the way of WOW! material.

On Friday we went to the Baker Ranch site where thundereggs, or geodes, are being mined. We were given the free run of the tailings pile, which is great as the mining is for a specific size egg and everything else goes to the tailings. I found one geode that split down the middle when I tried to knock off a corner. The split was through a seam of bright blue common opal, about 3/4 inch wide and 3 inches long, that showed on both halves. Of course, Susan and Les P. topped this with a huge geode with multiple crystal filled vugs showing where they knocked off a corner. Both trips required digging, and picks and shovels were needed, but it was loose material, not hard rock mining, and even a certain old lady named Ivy did quite well for herself.

Of course, the easiest way to get specimens was to visit the Dealers at the show, and the Dows used this method to expand their rock pile and jewelry collection. Unfortunately, we all found a Dealer that was selling an estate collection at half price. I say unfortunately, because the prices were too good to resist, and many of your fellow AGMS members are now a bit poorer (me included).

I also expect to see some nice material coming back from James Mercier's trip to Oklahoma and Arkansas. Between the two trips, we should have a long and interesting "show and tell" session at the March meeting.

See you then,

Robert Morriss,  
President, AGMS

**Annual Rock Swap**  
**April 9, 2011**  
**AGMS Clubhouse Front Parking Lot**



**Set up starts at 8:30 a.m. Selling hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**All sellers please RSVP to Richard Dorsey via email**  
**[vpresident1@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:vpresident1@austingemandmineral.org) Participants are**  
**encouraged to bring a covered dish for the pot luck lunch.**

Please send change of address notices, or to report errors on the mailing list to: Wing Evans, Treasurer.

If not on the AGMSlist on YAHOO, or receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please send a note to the editors at [StoneChipper@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:StoneChipper@austingemandmineral.org).

*Happy Birthday & Anniversary to all of you who celebrate one or the other  
this month.*

February 24, 2011  
AGMS General Meeting Minutes  
by Marilyn Gilbreath, Secretary

Program: At 7:07 PM Paul Bordovsky introduced the speaker, Kirk Root, Master Gemologist and Appraiser. Kirk discussed a new field of colorful opal known as Welo Ethiopian Opal---a semi to clear crystal with bright flashes of color. Pictured in his handout were such rarities as Welo Harlequin and Honeycomb-patterned cabs.

Meeting: At 7:55 PM, President Robert Morriss opened the meeting by wishing the club a happy 61st birthday and greeting the visitors and new members.

Attendance: 77 members and 4 visitors.

Report of Board Action:

Robert Morriss announced that a member came into the February 1st Board meeting, demanded the return of membership dues, and resigned. Robert said any members who thought the Board's subsequent actions were unjust are welcome to look at the background e-mails.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Brian Wetzig, the former Show Chair, joined Sue Postlethwait, the new Show Chair, in proudly presenting a sizeable check to the club from the show proceeds. Show planners and helpers were thanked for their work that made this possible.

Please contact Sue Postlethwait if you have any new ideas for inexpensive advertising for the show (which would be in addition to the established advertising).

Swap Meet: Robert Morriss announced that the swap meet will be Saturday, April 9th. Set up is in front of the building and in the parking lot and we usually have a pot luck meal.

Classes: Joyce Hrapsky showed members the class interest notebook that is kept on the table in the hospitality room. Sign up for the classes you want to take----beading, cabbing, minerals, and/or wire wrap. Joyce uses the book to coordinate instructors and classes.

Betsy Gager, who teaches a knotting method of beadwork, warned with a smile that she is known to use her scissors on projects if the knots are not up to par.

Vacant Chairs: Robert Morriss said we need help with work around the club and volunteers for chair vacancies. New members---please consider getting involved.

Library: Harriet Strieber recalled that our library started with about 32 books and now has more than 750 plus periodicals. With new library budget funds, Harriet is ordering the new Roadside Geology for Missouri. If you come across a new title to add to the library, put the name down and contact a librarian. She also introduced new co-librarian, Terry Barry. Diann Hill is going to put the library subject/book list in the Files on the YahooList site for members to access.

Library Reminders:

- Please sign out the books and other materials.
  - Library materials can be returned through the book drop at the front of the building (near the mail slot).
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General Meeting, February 24, 2011  
Minutes by Marilyn Gilbreath, Secretary  
'continued'

Newsletter: Diann Hill explained that she is e-mailing the newsletter out in multiple groups, and if someone changes their e-mail address and she does not have the change, it messes up the delivery for that group. She sent out e-mails with a link to The Stone Chipper to remedy the problem this month. You can also request a copy by e-mailing [general@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:general@austingemandmineral.org).

Field Trips:

(1) Oklahoma/Arkansas Spring Trip - James Mercier is planning a 4-day field trip for Wednesday, March 16 – Saturday, March 19 to hunt for trilobites, ammonites, shark teeth, crystals and diamonds.

- Wednesday – Drive to Ada, OK, to collect trilobites, then to Tulsa, OK, to spend the night. (James' sister is working with a person to secure access to an Ada location to collect trilobites. If denied access, the alternative will be to collect ammonites at Lake Texoma.)
- Thursday – Drive to Claremore, OK, to tour the Pelco Products plant (tower manufacturers), then stop to collect on the way to Mount Ida, AR.
- Friday – Mount Ida, AR, collect crystals.
- Saturday – Diamond mine at Murfreesboro, AR.

James previously had planned to make the spring trip to the West Texas/Big Bend area, but the lowest rock hunting fee offered was \$75 per person which he felt was prohibitive for families, so the OK/AR trip was planned as a replacement. However, for those who would still like to hunt around Alpine, TX, Terri Smith is setting up trips for the same March weekend.

(2) Uranium Mine in Karnes County Trip - Alan Cherepon is in the talking stage of arranging this trip. He said to look for an e-mail with more details in 2 to 4 weeks.

Announcements:

Deming Rock Show: Sue Postlethwait reminded members of the Deming, NM, show March 10-13 and the three field trips they offer. Although not an approved AGMS field trip, several members plan to go. Contact Sue for details if interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM. Show and Tell as well as AGMS' 61st birthday cake and ice cream followed the adjournment.



Fossil Collector Via The Rockhounder, June 2010

One way to become a fossil collector in Maryland is to take a bag of marbles to the beach at the Chesapeake Bay. Each time you pick up a fossil, drop a marble on the beach, so the waves will cover the marble with sand. Keep doing this until all the marbles are hidden in the beach sand. When you've lost all your marbles, you've become a fossil collector!

Question - Do they make enough marbles for Texas beaches?

Synopsis - AGMS Board Meeting Minutes  
by Marilyn Gilbreath, Secretary

The AGMS Board met on March 1, 2011, to conduct club business. Below is a listing of the highlights of this meeting; a complete set of minutes is available upon request.

Attendees: Four officers, six board members and seven club members.

Minutes: The February 1st regular Board minutes were accepted with two changes; the Emergency Board meeting minutes of February 17th were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Wing Evans brought a spreadsheet of the February income and expenses.

#### New Business

Renting the AGMS Building: Sue Postlethwait appeared before the Board to ask for approval for the Bluebonnet Needlepoint Guild to use the building June 11th and 12th in exchange for work on three Gem Capers show banners, and, in addition, April 16th for \$75.00. A motion passed unanimously that the dates June 11-12 and April 16, 2011, be set aside for the Bluebonnet Needlepoint Guild to use the building.

Disposal of Old Tables: Sue Postlethwait proposed getting rid of the 7-8 particleboard tables stored in the show shed. The tables are old, heavy, and falling apart but the Georgetown club is willing to take them. The Paleo group will give us new plastic tables. A motion passed that we dispose of the tables to Georgetown as Susan suggests.

Possible Land Purchase for Field Trip Site: Robert Morriss introduced member Lloyd Lamere, a Texas realtor, who sent him an e-mail about tax foreclosure sales/auctions in six counties in the Big Bend area. Lloyd said parcels of land, some as small as 5-10 acres, are available for minimal prices per acre and that in an auction held today, 33 parcels averaged \$65.00 an acre. Lloyd explained that many foreclosures have a redemption clause giving the former owners the right to buy back the property in 1-2 years, but they would have to pay 25% interest.

After discussion, consensus was that a committee be formed to look into it. Robert Morriss volunteered to head the committee and said that he can probably do preliminary work with Lloyd Lamere before going to the Alpine show in April. Louis Lee is a possible third for the committee.

Newsletters: As another means to draw kids in, Diann Hill proposes to start The Chippette, an e-mail only newsletter for juniors containing puzzles, things to color, etc. She has consulted with Jackie Fisher, the Junior Chair. A motion was unanimously approved that we start The Chippette, an electronic newsletter for the juniors.

Diann explained that postage costs limit the size of The Stone Chipper. By the time she includes all the minutes, there is little or no room for many of the types of things that add interest to a newsletter. It is her goal by the end of the year to have the newsletter read exclusively online.

#### Old Business

Library Fund Commitment and Credit Card Use: Diann Hill said that the librarians want to withdraw the request for a paid card for the librarians until Andrea Miller returns.

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## Synopsis - AGMS Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Scholarship Update: Stretch Young plans to call SCORE for advice.

Hospitality: Robert Morriss said that Tonya Barry “may” commit to be the chair.

Discussion and Possible Action on Reimbursement for Instructors: At the February meeting, Craig Brandt said he is willing to teach if he can break even on travel expenses. Discussions of whether to offer trip/mileage reimbursement ended with no decision; the issue will be revisited.

Possible Revisions of Bylaws: Robert Morriss noticed some differences between the Bylaws and how the club handles some actions and thinks we should change the Bylaws to agree with how it is actually done. Robert would like a 2-3 person committee to go through the Bylaws to see if changes are needed. Some specific concerns:

- Article III, Section 8 - How officers are elected. (The Bylaws say by directors elect the officers. In practice, the Nominating Committee recruits for specific offices, gets the candidates' consent and presents the slate to the membership for a vote to elect. A call is also made at the election meeting for additional nominees.)
- Article V, Section 4 - Powers and Duties of the Nominating Committee. (No mention of recruiting for specific offices, only maintaining a pool of qualified potential Board members.)
- Article V, Section 5 – “Standing committees of the Corporation shall be chaired by a director”. (Robert gave the Show Committee as an example that this is not in practice.)

Jeff “Stretch” Young, Paul Bordovsky and Terry Barry agreed to be the committee to review the Bylaws.

Board Meeting adjourned.



Received via email:

It is with much sorrow that I report the passing of Trey Woodward, third-generation agate expert and owner, with his wife Jan, of the famous Woodward Ranch south of Alpine.

There are lots of rockhounds out there who began their hobby with Trey and Jan on the Woodward Ranch. Very few of us get the chance to make a difference in the lives of total strangers, many of them kids interested in rockhunting as a hobby.

There will not be a formal funeral. According to Trey's wishes, his ashes will be scattered on the ranch. Eventually, there will also be a tribute to Trey posted on the Woodward Ranch website, [www.woodwardranch.net](http://www.woodwardranch.net).

You can reach Jan Woodward at HC 65, Box 40, Alpine, TX 79830.

Regards,  
Teri Smith

## Texas Faceters' Guild Seminar

Saturday & Sunday, March 26-27, 2011 9am to 5pm

In conjunction with Texas Topaz Day, March 26  
The Wildlife Ranch Lodge College @ Live oak, Mason, Texas

This year we focus on hands on learning with the best of the best. Bring your faceting machine, camera, and computer. Bring your faceting challenges.

- \*Faceting for Competition by Wing Evans
- \*Faceting for Jewelry by B. Diane Eames, GG
- \*GemCad by Robert Strickland
- \* Fantasy Cutting by Dalan Hargrave
- \*Gem Photography by Brad Hodges

The cost is \$75.00 for non-members, \$40 for those that join Texas Faceters' Guild at the seminar, and free for current members, (which means anybody that paid dues 2009 or later). Limited to 30 faceters. RSVP is mandatory. Checks payable to Texas Faceters' Guild. Send with your info. to Texas Faceters' Guild, c/o Hollis Thompson, 2713 Vinwood Cove, Round Rock, TX 78664.

The seminar will be held at The Wildlife Ranch Lodge, a block off the Mason courthouse square. We have it for the entire weekend. Reserve space at the lodge at Gems of the Hill Country, 325-347-0475, or [gemologist@texas-topaz.com](mailto:gemologist@texas-topaz.com). There are a couple of motels in town, and many B&B's. See [www.masontxcoc.com](http://www.masontxcoc.com), or [www.masontexaslodging.com](http://www.masontexaslodging.com).

For more information, contact B. Diane Eames, GG, 325-347-4316, [gemologist@texas-topaz.com](mailto:gemologist@texas-topaz.com).



Show Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2011  
Dee Fly, Show secretary



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes were submitted with corrections.

Susan presented the bank balance. She also advised that Bob Greenway is going to be the Cashier Chair but not the Show Money chair. We have not yet approved a check for the club. The amount of the check was discussed. Diann made the motion, Pauline seconded, motion passed.

Josie will meet with KXAN on Monday. She has various quotes from KEYE. She will try to see about live interviews. Other ideas for advertising – Real Estate car magnets for car doors or bumper. Place it on the vehicles Monday before the show weekend and it saying “Gem & Minerals show this weekend at Palmer Event Center” and “GemCapers.org”.

Competition cases were discussed and application will need to be changed when doing competition for our show when not hosting Federation.

Diann advised that Caveny Creations will not be back for the next show. We have 3 dealers paid in full and 2 have paid ½ the fee. The contracts are not due back until May 1.



## February Show Committee Meeting Minutes Continued

We are doing a combination American Federation Mineral Society (AFMS) and Mineral Society South Central (SCFM) show. Need to put together a committee, meet to discuss quarterly and bring information back to the show committee.

Additional items:

1. Set-up staging areas for after the show to place specific items for reloading in the trailers.
2. Have people designated for specific set-ups and take downs at the show. That way things get back to the correct container and people are not running over each other.
3. Dee requested that an agenda be sent out before the meeting. It helps when trying to get most every thing down in writing.
4. Need to get all the display cases back from DeRidder and Fredericksburg. The Show Display Case chair needs to be the contact person for requesting use of a display case. Also maybe see about placing labels on the cases advising "Display cases provided by AGMS" and our logo.
5. Need to do something with our old 6' wooden tables. Motion to donate to Georgetown since that is the kind of table they use and several of theirs were broken. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, the motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



### ***AFMS Code of Ethics***

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind :fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material: matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rock hound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rock hounds everywhere.

### Local/Neighboring States Show Announcements

**March 25-27**—ADA, OKLAHOMA: Show, "A Festival of Gems, Minerals & Fossils 2011"; Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club; Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, Main Bldg. #1, NE corner of state Rte. 99/U.S. 377 and the Richardson Bypass/S. Hwy. 1/3E; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; demonstrations, displays, fluorescent rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary, jewelry, silent auctions, raffle Sun., kids' fossil dig and petting zoo, dealers; contact Ed Vermillion, P.O. Box 782, Purcell, OK 73080, (405) 527-6431; e-mail: okieed42@windstream.net; Web site: [www.freewebs.com/agmfc/index.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/agmfc/index.htm)

**March 25-27**—SAVANNAH, GEORGIA: Wholesale and retail show; AKS Gem Shows; Alee Temple, 100 Eisenberg Dr.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; weekend admission \$5; beading classes and demonstrations; contact Kay Schabillon, 5000 W Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA 70006; e-mail: [info@aksshow.com](mailto:info@aksshow.com); Web site: [www.aksshow.com](http://www.aksshow.com)

**April 2-3**—SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS: Spring show; Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society; Community Bldg., Mt. Olive Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children free; contact Charlotte Leininger, (479) 721-3882; e-mail: [TheSwankyStone@aol.com](mailto:TheSwankyStone@aol.com); Web site: [www.nwarockhounds.org](http://www.nwarockhounds.org)

**April 9**—LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: Annual swap; Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society; Sat. 9-5; Burns Park, Elder Johnson Pavilion, I-40 exit 150 (Military Dr.) north, take the first road to the west; free admission; rocks, minerals, fossils; contact Mike Austen, (501) 868-4553; e-mail: [steelpony@aol.com](mailto:steelpony@aol.com)

**April 9-10**—ABILENE, TEXAS: Show and sale; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children \$1.50; geode cracking, fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, lapidary demonstrations, findings, beads, tools, supplies, rough; contact Betty Scarborough, 422 CR 606, Tuscola, TX 79562, (325) 668-2374; e-mail: [waltswife1029@yahoo.com](mailto:waltswife1029@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.txol.net/rockclub](http://www.txol.net/rockclub)

**Apr 15-17**—ALPINE, TX: Show, "Alpine Agate Festival"; Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club; Alpine Civic Center, Hwy. 90W and 13th St. N; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-5; free admission; South Central Federation convention; contact Mary Brogan, P.O. Box 1111, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 386-2340; e-mail: [marybrogan@rocketmail.com](mailto:marybrogan@rocketmail.com); Web site: [www.cdgmcc.org](http://www.cdgmcc.org)

**Apr 16-17**—WACO, TX: Annual show; Waco Gem & Mineral Club; Texas State Technical College, Industrial Tech. Bldg., Crest Dr., off I-35, north of Waco; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$5 (both days); contact Karen Wood, 2315 Colcord, Waco, TX 76707, (254) 755-7274; e-mail: [kwood@hot.rr.com](mailto:kwood@hot.rr.com); Web site: [www.wacogemandmineral.org](http://www.wacogemandmineral.org)

**April 23-24**—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Show and sale, "Greater Southern Event"; Mobile Rock & Mineral Society, Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Nature's Society of Majestic Arts; Trademart Bldg., Mississippi Fairgrounds; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; dealers, gemstones, minerals, fossils, beads, crystals, rare coins, rough and cut stones, finished jewelry, tools, lapidary supplies, stone carvings, loose precious stones, pearls, gem and gold mining, knapping, faceting, opals, jewelry repairs, demonstrators; contact Sharon McClanhan or Stan Bennett, (601) 898-0407; e-mail: [stan@tompkinsdesigngrp.com](mailto:stan@tompkinsdesigngrp.com)

For more shows outside Texas, visit: [www.rockngem.com/showdates](http://www.rockngem.com/showdates)

Help is still needed for the following volunteer positions:

Building   Hospitality   By-Laws   Historian   Membership



Workers wanted - AGMS is looking for a few good volunteers. Whether you are new to the club or an old-timer don't be shy. Your club needs you. Please see President Robert Morriss and volunteer to take over one of the vacant chairs listed above. You'll be glad you did. Benefits include long-lasting friendships, hours of rock talk, great stories and free food. Remember your club is only as good as you make it. Volunteer today.

One of March's Birthstones-Bloodstone from Snoopy Gems March 2011

Gemstone: Bloodstone helps one become more knowledgeable in the ways of the world.

Stone's names: Bloodstone, Heliotrope.

Bloodstone Description: Bloodstone is dark-green variety of the silica mineral chalcedony that has nodules of bright-red jasper distributed throughout its mass. Polished sections therefore show red spots on a dark-green background. Its physical properties are those of quartz.

Bloodstone Healing ability: In ancient times, bloodstone was thought to be able to stop hemorrhages with the merest touch. Bloodstone relieves stomach and bowel pain. It strengthens blood purifying organs and improves blood circulation. Bloodstone has a positive influence on the bladder.

Bloodstone the name's origin: Bloodstone is a stone with red spots which resemble drops of blood, so it is received its name due to this similarity. Heliotrope derives its name from Greek words meaning sun and turning.

Bloodstone Care and Treatment: Protect bloodstone from scratches, sharp blows, harsh chemicals and extreme temperatures. The polish will be removed if you get this type of stone wet. Bloodstone

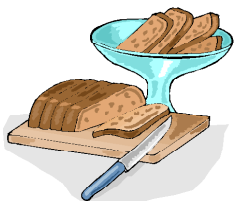
Color: Bloodstone is a green stone with red spots. It also occurs in shades of dark green with red, brown and multicolored spots. The iron minerals cause the deep red and brown colors.

Bloodstone from the stone history: In the Middle Ages, bloodstone was attributed special powers as the spots were thought to be the blood of Jesus Christ. It was used in sculptures representing flagellation and martyrdom.

Bloodstone Shopping guide: Bloodstone is an inexpensive stone. It is often used for pendants and bead necklaces.

Bloodstone Mystical power: Bloodstone is used to help one become more knowledgeable in the ways of the world. Bloodstone is also believed to be a very magical stone.

Deposits: Bloodstone is found in Australia, Brazil, China, India, Kathiawar Peninsula and the USA (Wyoming). For more information be sure to see: <http://gemstone-diamond-jewelry.blogspot.com>



### Refreshments

Refreshments are served after each meeting of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society. Society members take turns bringing their favorite snack to share with the rest of the club. Currently, our hospitality chair seat is vacant. Please bring a snack or finger food to the March meeting.

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Austin Gem and Mineral Society's  
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## GEM CAPERS 2011

### Dates

Friday, October 21 (9am-5pm), 2011  
Saturday, October 22 (10am-6pm) 2011  
Sunday, October 23 (10am-5pm), 2011

### Location

Palmer Events Center  
900 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas

### Admission

Adults: \$5;  
Seniors: \$4;  
Ages 13 – 18: \$1  
Ages 12 & under: \$.50;



**2015 will be our Federation Show make plans now to attend.**

