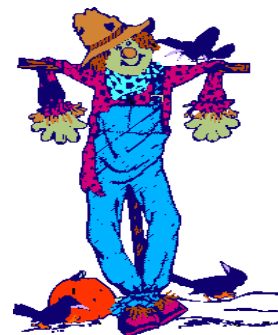




The 664th Meeting of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society will be held on:

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 27, 2011

at the AGMS Clubhouse located at
6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, Texas
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October Program: To be announced.
(watch the AGMSList)

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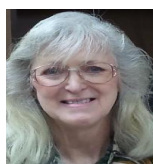
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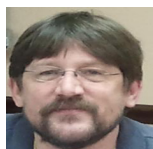
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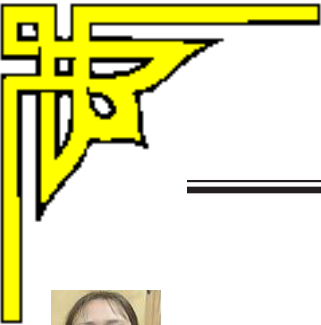
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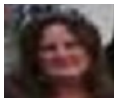
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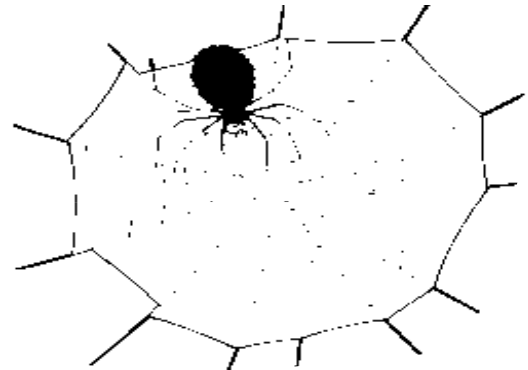


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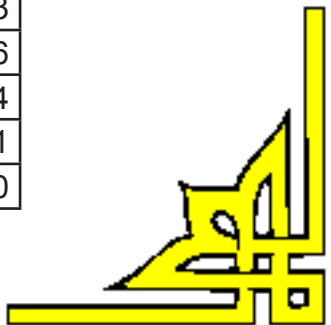
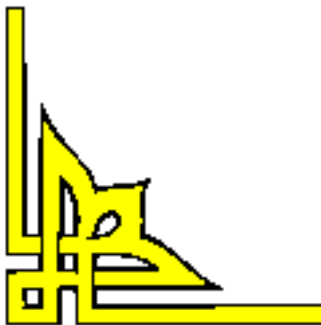
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Presidential Message

Gone Rock Hunting

Susan Postlethwait says: Can you believe it! Our annual show is almost here, October 21st is our opening day! Friday with the kids! Saturday and Sunday with the customers! Thursday move in! It's SHOW TIME!

AND did you realize that this is our 50th show? What an accomplishment for the club!

AND to commemorate this historic event we will be giving out limited edition, 50th Gem Capers show T-shirts! FREE! All you need to do is volunteer 4 hours at the show and poof! You get a FREE t-shirt! To make sure you are not floating in your shirt, just contact me with your size. I will be placing the order October 5th. (my fav number!)

AND new this year we are advertising the show with car magnets! Yep I said car magnets. We will place these magnets on our cars the Monday before the show (October 17th) and become little moving billboards! And we have plenty left! Stop by the show committee meeting to pick up a pair! Don't forget we have show flyers too!

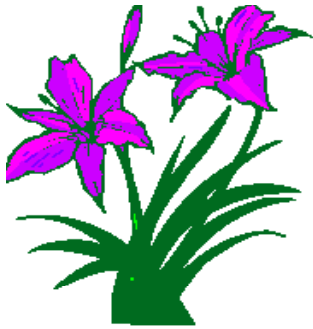
AND do you realize that the last show committee meeting before the show will be October 13th at 7pm? WOW! We will be covering last minute items and planning the after party at the club house! Stop on by!

AND the sign up list is with Brian so if you have not volunteered yet,



CRYSTAL CLEANING TIP
from The Mineralogist, Aug. 1964

Many collectors use hydrochloric acid for cleaning the brown iron stains from quartz crystals. This cleans the crystals, but usually leaves a residue of ferric chloride which requires prolonged washing to remove. Tartaric acid, while slower, will clean as well, and its residue is easily rinsed away. Tartaric acid comes in crystal form. Place a spoonful, or so, of crystals in water and immerse the specimen. If action is very slow, add more crystals. Tartaric acid is stronger than oxalic acid, but milder than hydrochloric acid.



VOLUNTEERS -

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Worthless
but because they are
PRICELESS



Texas Facetors' Guild

We are going to have our Fall meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the Austin Gem and Mineral Society clubhouse, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.. The clubhouse is located at 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX. For more information on the location, with directions, see www.austingemandmineral.org.

We will begin with some good BBQ and some social time. An informal meeting will follow, and then some play time on faceting machines.

B. Diane Eames, GG
Gems of the Hill Country
Lapidaries & Jewelers
Mason, TX 76856
texas-topaz.com

Show Committee Meeting
August 18, 2011

Minutes: Minutes for July were presented for review, and then submitted without corrections.

Treasurer: Brian presented the beginning and ending balance for the month.

Advertising: Stretch brought information to Pauline for advertising in the two local papers. Susan needs to order the car magnets.

Display Competition: Ed presented the traveling competition judges information to the board and they agreed with the judges being here for the show in 2013 as they would not change to year 2015. Robert is going to send them an invitation. Diann created an email address for Ed to receive competition applications. The competition application and rules are on the web site. Diann will send out an email to advise the other clubs that receive the Stone Chipper.

Dealers: Bandera International will be at our show. Aquarius hasn't sent in the 2nd payment yet.

Floor Plans: Robert presented a floor plan and it was discussed.

Grand Prize Forms: Charlotte asked if she needed to make more tickets. Susan will find out and let her know.

School letters: They will not go out until September 1 and the web site updates will not be available until then.

Show Pin: Susan received the design and sent it off but has not received a quote on the 2 sizes.

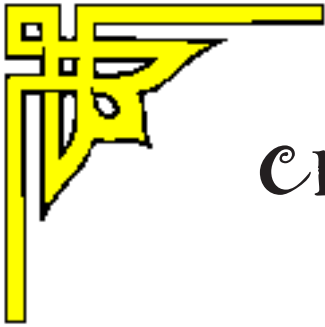
Show Bulletin: Diann brought a sample of what she has for the bulletin. It was discussed and a few changes were suggested.

Silicon Labs: Brian advised he will make up tickets for Silicon Lab employees and we will provide wrist bands for the children.

Wheel of Fortune: Mac is working on pins. Robert and Charlotte made pet rocks with the help of their granddaughters. Susan advised they will each get a show pin and a few tickets for the gem mine.

Work Day: A lot of work was completed in the show shed. New shelves were made for the fluorescent cases. The trailers were cleaned.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, the motion passed,
meeting adjourned at 9:25



Chipper Chatter

The following members celebrate *birthdays* in October and November:



Lou Pulliam 10/6
Tony Pulliam 10/25
Ewing Evans 11/24

Josie Middleton
Fran Ellis 11/7
Chip Burnette 11/25

10/16 Angela Alba-DiRico 10/17
Robert Morris 11/7

Sarah Blake 10/19
Mac Ellis 11/18

Let us help you celebrate your birthday by listing it in *The Stone Chipper*. Please e-mail the editor at stonechipper@austingemandmineral.org, with your birth month and day so it can be added to the list.



SLAB SAW VICE TIP -

From Lapidary Journal, Dec. 1953, and another lapidary magazine of the era.

When the wood boards, attached to the jaws of your slab saw vice, need replacing, replace them with second growth hickory, instead of hard maple. The second growth hickory is much tougher than the hard maple wood. it will grip the stone, just as tight, and will last much longer.



A Special Thanks

The Austin Gem and Mineral Society would like to thank Jim and JoAnn Wiersema @ Horizon Environmental Services, for their continued support of the club by printing *The Stone Chipper* each month.





AGMS Board Meeting Synopsis
October 4, 2011

The AGMS Board met on October 4, 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, three board members and one club member.

Minutes: The September minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Wing Evans reported September cash flows, the August ending bank balance which included an amount in savings, and the money market balance. Wing said the budget is on track and the October show will bring additional dues from new members.

Old Business

Bylaws Revisions: Tabled.

New Business

Use of AGMS Building: Wing Evans said that the Texas Faceters' Guild meets once a year and would like to use the clubhouse on October 29th, November 5th, or November 12th. In return, the Guild allows us to use their set of replicas of old diamonds. A motion passed unanimously that we allow the Texas Faceters' Guild to use the clubhouse one day.

Marilyn Gilbreath,
Secretary



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

Wing Evans, Treasurer, e-mail treasurer@austingemandmineral.org.

If you're not on the AGMSList on YAHOO, or receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please send a note to the editor at

StoneChipper@austingemandmineral.org.



General Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2011

Frank Roberts of KLRU presented a program on the Badu Hill Pegmatites.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Robert Morriss. The minutes were accepted as printed in the Stone Chipper.

Photo Contest: Jackie Fisher announced that the photo contest was in progress, and that each member should vote for three photos, as there were to be three awards.

Gem Capers: Susan Postlethwait announced that the entries in the cabbing contest were due tonight.

She reminded the club that this year's show is the club's 50th show, and is October 21 through 23, moving in will be on October 20. Volunteers for move-in should arrive around 1:00 p.m. that day. Brian Wetzig has made 50th pins to be given away to show workers after a drawing at the Officer Induction Banquet. This year volunteers who work at least four hours at the show will get a free Austin Gem & Mineral Society volunteer T-shirt. See Susan after the meeting to give her shirt sizes.

Susan also said that this year club members may check out magnetic signs advertising the show. These should be placed on your vehicle during the week of the show and to advertise while driving around the area.

Library: Harriett Strieber said that the library is being rearranged to make better use of space. She said that Roger Waguespack is now the media librarian, some more work days are needed, and volunteers are always welcome.

Elections: Robert Morriss said that at the next Board of Directors meeting the Board would be approving nominations for the Board and officers. He said volunteers are needed, especially newer members who have not been active in the day-to-day running of the club.

There were fifty-one members and five visitors present .

The meeting was adjourned.



Show Committee Meeting
September 15, 2011

Minutes: Minutes for August were presented for review, and then submitted with corrections.

Treasurer: Brian provided information of the beginning and approximate ending balances.

Auction: Chip will send out an email to club members asking for donations. Chip will pickup some reject canvas bags in Belton for very little cost, and maybe sell them for \$1.00 to people so they can put their purchases in especially at the auction table.

Advertising: Pauline obtained the prices for both the Austin American-Statesman at \$495.00 a wk for ¼ page and the Chronicle at \$299.00 a wk for 1/8 page. We will do one week for both. Susan brought in the car magnets for show and will sign them out at the meeting. Susan worked out the yard signs and will be ordering them.

Club Booth: Fran suggested giving the people only one part of the ticket and then they won't be confused on what to do with it. Susan will get a current list of members. It has been suggested that members pay at the meeting instead of the show but that doesn't always work.

Display Competition: Susan found a few inexpensive awards that look really cheap. After the show we need to work on what we can make.

Dealers: Diann advised Susan that she was resigning as dealer chair, demonstration chair and show bulletin chair. Stretch & Lynn will take over as dealer co-chairs.

Dealer Signs: Need new signs for the new dealers. Robert advised they will be working on them.

Floor Plans: Robert presented floor plan with chairs across the middle and chairs on the other side of the gem mine. The chairs will not be put out until late Friday or early Saturday morning.

Grand Prize Forms: There are plenty for this years' show.

Move-in: There was some discussion on the move-in. Susan is to make a map of the lay-out of the trailers to place on the inside of the trailers.

School letters: Susan advised the school letters were sent out. Only four schools have registered so far.

Show Pin: Susan advised they are ordered and paid.

Show Bulletin: Susan advised that Silicon Labs has agreed to print the show bulletin and junior guide in color.

Show Committee Meeting
September 15, 2011
continued



Show Money: Brian advised he will keep the money separate on all of the different sections of the show.

Show Shirts: Susan brought in samples of the show shirts. She had t-shirts of wasabi green (light green) and polo shirts (will be black) that the show committee members will purchase to wear.

Silicon Labs: Brian has completed their tickets.

Wheel of Fortune: Charlotte has made a container to transport the pet rocks. Key chains are being made.

It was determined that we will need one more meeting before the show. Scheduled meeting will be October 13th, second Thursday of the month.

After adjournment, Dee had brought in bags of pyrite that needed labels added to them, and some of the postcards to place labels on.



“Where did you find that tool?”

Pin Vises, wire twister, small vise, small anvil, steel block, the prong wrapping pliers, etc., were found at:

<http://www.jewelrystore.com> and

http://www.jewelrystore.com/jewelry_making_supply_tools/bench_pins.html

Other items (beads, boxes, displays, tools, findings, magnifiers, watch batteries, Swarovski and more) at:

www.jewelrystore.com

Many other items can be found at :

<http://www.riogrande.com>

<http://www.firemountaingems.com>

<http://www.thunderbirdsupply.com>

<http://www.beadbee.com>

<http://www.magpiegemstones.com>

<http://www.wiresculpture.com>

From Snoopy Gems, July 2011; Patt Gilly, Editor



Upcoming Shows

November 4-6—BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA: “Rock-A-Rama”; Braggin Rock Club; High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Ln.; free admission; gems, rough, slabs, minerals, crystals, jewelry, equipment; contact Don, (623) 374-0202, or Braggin Rock Club, PO Box 308, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

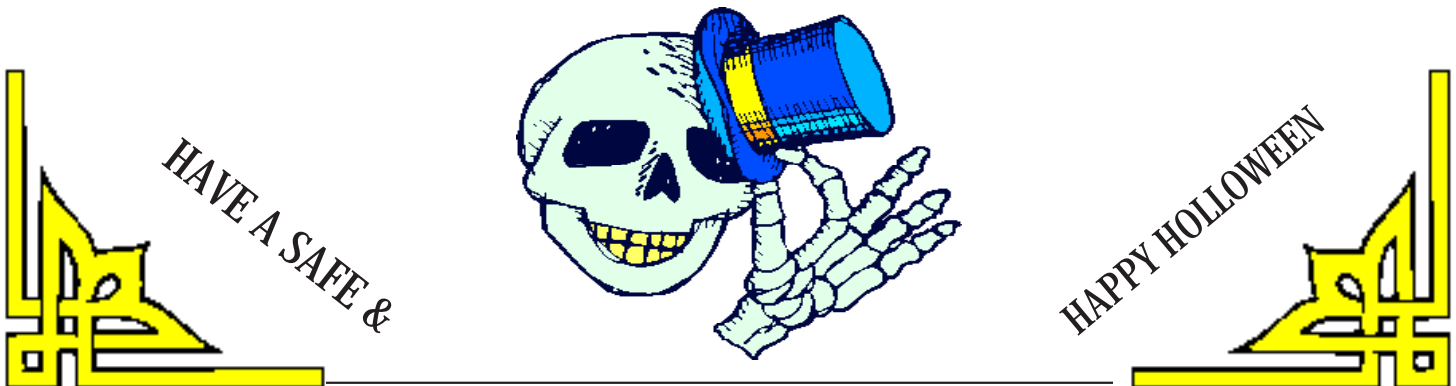
November 5-6—AMARILLO, TEXAS: Golden Spread Gem & Mineral Society; Amarillo Civic Center-Regency Room, 401 S. Buchanan St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children under 12 free; prehistoric, outer space, down under, precious, unusual, cheaps, artifacts, valuables, jewelry, Indian jewelry, beads, displays; contact Wanda Finley, 9170 FM 1151 Claude, TX 79019, (806) 944-5464; e-mail: finfran@midplains.coop

November 5-6—MIDLAND, TEXAS: Midland Gem & Mineral Society; Midland Center, 105 N. Main St., corner of Wall and Main; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, students (6-18) \$1, children (5 and under) free; dealers, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, kids' corner, geode cutting, fluorescent mineral room; contact Tom Wurster, PO Box 5043, Midland, TX 79704, (432) 682-6258 or (432) 230-2566; e-mail: show@midlandgemandmineral.org; Web site: www.midlandgemandmineral.org

November 11-13—HUMBLE, TEXAS: 58th annual show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, seniors and students \$6, children under 12 free; displays, working exhibits, fluorescent mineral exhibit, Rock Food Table, swap area, more than 40 dealers, minerals, fossils, jewelry, slabs, rough, spheres, meteorites, beads, petrified wood slabs; contact Theresa Peek, Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: www.hgms.org

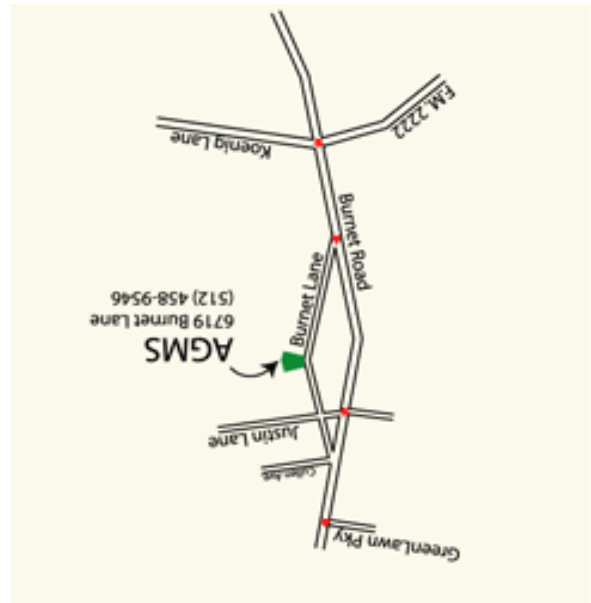
November 25-27—MOBILE, ALABAMA: Mobile Rock & Gem Society; Greater Gulf State Fair-grounds, Cody Rd. and Ziegler Blvd.; Fri. 2-7, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Jerry Shirey, 2911 Pretty Branch Dr. W, Mobile, AL 36618, (251) 786-4777; e-mail: rockhoundjs@aol.com

November 26-27—WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: 11th annual show, “WOWW Gem Fair”; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society; Wickenburg community Center, 160 N. Valentine St.; free admission; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; more than 40 dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, door prizes, grab bags, spinning wheels, raffle; contact Beth, (480) 540-2318 or (928) 684-0380



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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 meetings are open to anyone. Society officers are listed on the front page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.



\$15.00 annually for an adult

DUES FOR 2011

Membership dues are:

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