



Each one teach one



### Presidential Message

Hello, Rockhounds,

It's Show time! This is really crunch time, and we need all members to pitch in whenever and wherever they can to make this a huge success. If you haven't signed up to work at least a few hours at the show, please email Brian Wetzig with times you can be available. This also gets you into the show free.

The Nominations Committee is working to find officers and directors for next year. Getting involved on the Board is a good way to make new friends in the club and learn how things work. Most jobs are not really that hard or time-consuming. So contact Marilyn Gilbreath, Carolyn Perkins, Richard Dorsey, or James Mercier to see where you can serve.

Pauline

### GEM CAPERS

This year's theme:  
Famous Jewel Heists



October 18, 19 & 20, 2013  
Fri & Sat 9 am – 6 pm; Sun 10 am – 5pm

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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 at 7:00 p.m. 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 second page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information

#### Dues for 2013

Annual membership dues are:

Adult-\$30.00      Couple-\$40.00      Junior--\$4.00

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## General Meeting Minutes September 26, 2013

Speaker: Dr. Ernie Lundelius

Visitors: 2

Members: 55

Door Prizes: 8

Minutes: No changes, accepted as printed

Treasury: (update reported)

Charlotte informed us that if we do not keep a large balance in checking we would be paying a \$8 monthly service charge which would be more than we can earn on the savings account. Charlotte is also working improving designation of accounts in the budget.

**Committee Reports**

Nominating Committee: Marilyn introduced the nominating committee which is Marilyn, Carolyn, Richard and James. 3 officers

(President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Secretary) and 2 directors are up for election. Nominees must be tenured members. Tenured = must be member for 2 years and in good standing.

Show Committee: Susan commented on new things happening at the show. 1) Like us on face book to receive free specimen to help promote our e presence, 2) there are 7 raffle prizes that we will be selling. Tickets at \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Members can purchase tickets. And lastly 3) a new contest "Guess how many" which will be a glass filled with Herkimer diamonds. The prize is a book on diamonds and a Herkimer specimen. Susan also asked for more volunteers and that members be real aggressive and place flyers everywhere.

Cab Contest: Laird was asking the membership to turn in their cabs for the contest.

Library: Laird informed us that he will start pulling books that will match the topic of the speaker at each meeting. This means that before and after the meeting he will have a wonderful selection to support and allow you to learn more on the topic. Great idea! Laird also mentioned that Harriet will be sending Diann an updated list of books for our website.

Photo Contest: Jackie announced the winners for photo contest. The winners were.....

1<sup>st</sup> = Alan C with a photo of sulphur  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Roger W with a photo of beryl  
Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> = Sherman W & Paul B with photos of quartz and tourmaline, respectively.

SCFMS & AFMS Show: Josie and Ron went to both the SCFMS show in Louisiana and the AFMS in Florida. And the big news was that Dennis G won a citrine necklace, bracelet & earrings!

Field Trips: Chip reminded everyone that there is a trip to Arkansas at Thanksgiving, Big Bend trips with Terri and most importantly the Temple Gem and Mineral show the week before our show, Oct 11 & 12. It is a good show, lots of fun.

BoD: The Board presented the 2014 budget for the membership to review. Charlotte made a motion to accept and Glen seconded. Motion passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen: She went and looked at the gemstones that were for sale via our list. She said that they were very nice. He had rubies, garnets & tanzanite. Contact Kathleen if you are interested.

Mindy: Just wanted everyone to know it was Sherman's' birthday!

SHOW & TELL -- Josie showed off her treasures from La. and Fl..

*Susan Postlethwait*



*:Dr. Ernie Lundelius, UT Professor Emeritus in Vertebrate Paleontology, spoke on cave fossils at the September General Meeting.*

## Board Meeting Synopsis September 9, 2013

The AGMS Board of Directors held a regular meeting on September 9, 2013.

Nine board members and seven club members were present. A complete set of minutes is available upon request.

### **Old Business:**

Door replacement – Tabled

Nominations Committee – Marilyn Gilbreath will serve as chair. Other members are Richard Dorsey, James Mercier and Carolyn Perkins.

### **New Business:**

InterGem show update – Friday was slow and Sunday was the best day. Several former members said they would come to a meeting and rejoin. Someone needs to be in charge for future shows and planning needs to be done six weeks in advance, i.e., list of items to take and set-up instructions. A motion passed that the President shall appoint a chairman to handle the duties of general publicity for the AGMS organization which would include organizing a booth at the InterGem show.

Age limit for junior members' use of workshop equipment – A requirement for using the equipment is to first take a class. The topic was tabled.

Naming of scholarships – The scholarships have previously been named for the Sayers. Cases and the gem mine are being named after Andrea Miller.

Library items – Binding of the *Mineralogical Record* will be done again this year. The subscription will be continued.

Budget for 2014 – 2013 items were reviewed and 2014 line items set.

*Joyce Hrapsky, 2013 Secretary*

## General Meeting Presentation-- October 24th

Alan Cherepon has announced that he will be discussing Mineral and Gem Postage Stamps at the October General Meeting, barring a last-minute change of speaker. He requests that members bring whatever gem/mineral stamps they might have, particularly ones from other countries.

## **CONGRATULATIONS** **Photo Contest Winners!!**

Club members were challenged in selecting the winners from among a stunning array of gem/mineral photos at the September 26 General Meeting. Alan Cherepon was awarded First Place for his photo of sulphur. Second Place went to Roger Waguespack's study of beryl. Paul Bordovsky and Sherman Waters shared Third Place, featuring tourmaline and quartz, respectively.

## **Club Member Wins AFMS** **Endowment Drawing**

The AFMS holds an Endowment Fund drawing every year at its annual convention. Prizes are donated from clubs all around the country and a chance to win one can be purchased for \$5. This year our own **Dennis Gans** won a beautiful citrine necklace, bracelet and earring set. The set is valued at \$250 and made a very nice birthday present for his wife

## Purple Glimpse

“recalling my first Walker Ranch rock hunt”

Head down, scanning ground--  
Level to steep, bare to brushy  
Shape-seeking rounded biscuits  
of volcano spew filled with  
impossible molten ferns

Down a draw a bee challenges,  
bumps urgently at my hat brim.  
Respecting, I reverse course.  
A call goes out, a snake uncovered;  
dispatched with sharpened tools.

Biscuit found--my first of size!  
Glint of labradorite adds to trove--  
Jasper--deep blue, red, green  
together in one molding.  
What other unfound treasures lie?

A parting scan of a modest wash  
carved by rainfall rarities,  
bank-embedded, cantilevered,  
a glimpse of purple beckons me  
to release if from this place.

Digging bank and digging bank--  
it went further than supposed--  
the hitherto unseen stone  
revealed its purple self  
and traveled home with me.

--Marilyn Gilbreath  
4/14/2013

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## Hunts & Events



**Oct 12-13--** Temple, Tri-City G&MS show, Mayborn Civic Ctr., 33313 N. 3rd St.

**Oct 18-20--** Austin G&MS show, Palmer Events Ctr., 900 Barton Springs Rd. Fri. & Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm  
[www.GemCapers.com](http://www.GemCapers.com)

**Oct 7-15--** Walker Ranch Rockhunt also includes trips to Needle Peak and the Richie Ranch. Contact person, Teri Smith, [agatehunter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:agatehunter@sbcglobal.net)

**Oct 13-19--** National Fossil Day, Oct. 16 (events all week long) Dallas Paleontological Society and Ladonia Fossil Park <http://cityofladonia.com/Fossil%20Park/Fossil.html>

**Nov 8-10--** Houston Gem & Mineral Society Show, Humble Events Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.

Interested in Thanksgiving crystal hunt in Arkansas? Contact Chip Burnette.

# Library News

As Laird Fowler is the new head librarian of AGMS, a warm welcome and a thank you are in order. Roger Waguespack and Terry Berry will continue assisting with periodicals and circulation respectively, and are to be recognized for their contributions.

As a member of the library committee, Diann Hill is stepping down. Thanks, Diann, for your library help and support over the years. Along with about 15 other members, she was one of the first to help "rescue" the library area from the water-soaked carpeting a number of years ago. This group removed all of the library's contents (including the shelving) and returned all items after the new flooring was installed--quite a task and certainly a team effort that continues to be appreciated.

Our library is a "resource center" today with thanks to the numerous donors and the assistance of library volunteers. To say the least, it has been more than a privilege to have served as librarian. Yes, after 25 years, I also am "retiring" knowing that the library will be in good hands. Keep on reading!

*Harriet Strieber*

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**The AGMS Memorial Book Program** was resumed in 1991. When a current or former member has passed away, a book is selected and respectfully added to the library in memory of that person. In some instances, a family member or a friend will contribute toward or give a memorial book.

The most recent memorial books are:

Gene Shier--# 596 Q Apatite--The Great Pretender

TommiePotts--#750 Texas> Big Bend

Andrea Miller--# 596 P Amethyst

Jack Guthrie--# 757 Agates Inside and Out

Alex Hill--# 754 JR If You Find a Rock

(Memorial books are designated by the AGMS seal placed on the spine of each book. Inside the front cover, a name plate has been added. Also, the library catalog book list indicates a memorial book with a bold **M**, therefore, easier to locate. A list of these special books also may be found in a folder on the reference shelf.)

## Show Committee Meeting September 19, 2013

The Show Committee meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes for August were presented for review and then submitted with no corrections.

**Treasurer:** Brian provided information about the August account balance.

This meeting was about making sure we are ready or about ready for our annual show.

### A COUPLE OF NEW THINGS THIS YEAR: RAFFLE ITEMS

There will be several items AGMS will raffle off for a \$1.00 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

### CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE FROM THE AUCTION.

The club will now keep 75% of the proceeds from the auction instead of 25%.

The auction is a good activity to volunteer to work or to assist in relieving the people working there.

Fluorescent Tunnel: Sounds like they will have a really nice display to show off.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

*Dee Fly*



## AGMSList

If you are currently not a member of the AGMSList and would like to be, please email Diann Hill at [general@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:general@austingemandmineral.org). It's the best way to keep up with the latest AGMS happenings.

## THANK YOU!

Each month Jim and JoAnn Wiersema & Cora Caffey of Horizon Environmental Services print, fold and seal the *Stone Chipper* for mailing to those club members who do not have computer access and for non-members interested in finding out more about the club. This is a real cost savings for AGMS and we appreciate their generosity.

## Refreshments!



Please contact Katheen Howard ([clitzbomb@att.net](mailto:clitzbomb@att.net)) if you have refreshment questions or have signed up and find you will not be able to attend that meeting.

If you have trouble remembering when it is your time to bring something and would prefer not to bother, Kathleen is happy to accept cash donations as well.

## Stone Chipper Ads

The *Stone Chipper* can now accept non-political AGMS Board-approved paid advertising. If you are interested in placing an ad or have questions about the process, please contact *Stone Chipper* editor Carolyn Perkins at [stonechipper@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:stonechipper@austingemandmineral.org).

You can choose from a variety of sizes for your print-ready ad:

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There is no extra charge for full color, but mail out copies will be black and white only.

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