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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit educational organization devoted to promoting interest in the various earth sciences, particularly the art of lapidaries and their related fields. Informational speeches presented at area schools and the presentation of awards and cash prizes at the Public School Earth Science Fair are two of the ways the society achieves its goals. Another contribution to the community is the annual show, held at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd, in Bossier City. This "Jewelry, Gem, & Mineral Show" functions as a fund raiser for our group and a venue for the demonstrations of gold and silver casting, jewelry making, bead stringing, faceting, cabochon making, and flint knapping (the art of flaking stone tools such as arrowheads). The monthly meetings included programs of interest to rock hounds, information from the Rock Rattler, and jewelry making classes complete the educational objectives of the club.

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society meets at 6:30 on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the:
Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St. Bossier City, LA 71111

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Rockhounds,

Membership dues for 2011 are due now. They are \$15 per individual or \$20 per couple or \$25 for the whole family!! This gets you the monthly newsletter (via email), class room access, and some of the best people to be around in the world!! . Dues help us pay for insurance. ** We hope you will want to stay with the group, and still be our friends and still enjoy the fellowship we have!!!!

Del Glasner

Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb 1, 2011

Members,

Please join us for a meeting of the Arklatex Gem and Mineral club on Tues Feb 1st.

at the Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St., Bossier City.

We will start gathering 6:00pm to 6:30pm to look at the show and tell and eat a few snacks with the meeting starting at 7:00pm with a retreat before 9:00pm.

We are pleased to announce that Tom Caughlin, State Director for the GPAA (Gold Prospectors Assn.) will introduce us to gold prospecting.

SHOP TIPS Tip: When sawing, try rubbing the underside of your metal with your beeswax or other lubricant. It saves you the time of reapplying it to your saw blade, as the blade picks up a little bit of lubricant with every upward motion. (Applying it to the top side of your metal would work as well for lubricating the blade, but would wipe off any marks you'd made to guide your progress.) Hazel Wheaton Editor, *Art Jewelry*

Up Coming Shows:

March 12—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: 2nd show, "Rockin' at the Swamp"; Baton Rouge Recreation Commission; Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center, 10503 N. Oak Hills Pkwy.; Sat. 9-4; adults \$5, children \$4; activities, displays, rocks, gemstones, minerals, fossils, vendors, exhibits, rough and polished mineral specimens, fossils, geode-busting station; contact Claire Coco, 10503 N. Oak Hills Pkwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 757-8905; e-mail: ccoco@brec.org

March 19-20—LIVE OAK (SAN ANTONIO), TEXAS: 50th annual show, "Fiesta of Gems"; San Antonio Gem & Mineral Society; Live Oak Civic Center, 8108 Pat Booker Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$3, students \$2, children 50 cents; 25 dealers; minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones, crystals, club exhibits, silent auction, games, hourly door prizes, silent auction; contact Robert Bowie, 1324 Kings Point Dr., Canyon Lake, TX 78133; e-mail: krbotx@gvtc.com; Web site: www.swgemandmineral.org

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; Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org

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