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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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,

I would like to welcome all the new members that joined at the show.

I know they are excited about the new up coming classes that are in store. I'am Looking forward to the next field trip a soon as it cools off a little. Our new field trip chairman Antony is working on the details. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Del Glasner



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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday Sept 6,2011

**Time:** 6:30 –8:00 PM

**Location:** Bossier Parish History Center,  
2006 Beckett St.  
Bossier City, LA 71111

**Program:** Antony is going to layout proposed field trips.  
After show report

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## Notes of the General Meeting Aug 2, 2011

Program was Caddo Indian tools by Archaeologist Jeffrey Girard who described some of his finds in the display area of the Historical Center.



## Winners of the Show Grand Prizes

Adult- Nancy Murray Of Plain Dealing



Junior- Jacob Schavemaker (Dad Shown) Soort



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## Please Welcome New Members

Spoon, Ray & Kathy

Festervand, Deborah & Roger

White, Jeanette

McCullin, Yvette

Smith, Linda M.

Snider, Brenda

Hall, Robert

Maranto, Marie

Fortenberry, Susan

Passaniti, Bonnie Jacoue

Kimbrough, Matthew

Young, Pat & Pete

Easley, Clayton

Touchstone, Lura

Mauldin, George & Linda

King Sha

Busch, Marlys

Lowe, David

DeFatta, Allison

Hustus, Nina

Baxley, Travis Mr & Mrs

McDonald John W. Jr & Jean

Cregut, Heather

Scott, Rachel

Perry, Leo, Carolyn

## Up-Coming Shows:

Sept 24 – 9:00am – 5:00pm  
8316 Oxford Drive, Tyler, Tx 903-581-4068  
Keith & charlotte Harmon's Backyard Rock and Equipment Sale  
35 Tons of rocks, used rock saws, tumblers, laps and other equipment

Oct 28-30 fri 8am to 6 pm, sat 9am-6 pm, sun 9am – 2 pm  
Fossilmania (Fossil relater show) Somervell county expo center hwy 67 in Glen Rose Tx – Free  
Near

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Show Photos





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## Ozonkerite

naturally occurring odoriferous mineral wax. Can be soft or hard as Gypsum. Has a higher melting point than petroleum wax. Source Soldier summit, Utah.

Finally Phil is caught working at the workshop – “What do you mean I’m making too much noise”



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