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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,

I would like to welcome the new members that joined.

We now have (2) new flat lap machines at our classroom. Come by on most Thur evenings 5:30-8:00pm And see the new equipment or work on a project of yours. Someone will be there to give help or give instruction. Call me at 517-7372 if you would like to confirm the classroom will be open.

Del Glasner



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Next Meeting: Tuesday Oct 4,2011

Time: 6:30 –8:00 PM

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

Program: Kentucky Agates

Please Welcome New Members

Rhorda & Robert Gregorski

Marjorie & Jerry Thomas

Teresa & Mike Crawford

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Show Rock



Stone Pillows



Authors new
Book

LOUISIANA OPAL

THE ONE THAT DARES TO BE DIFFERENT

THE STORY & FACTS



By:
Ben F. Stevens

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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 8 Llano, Tx Knap-in

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

Nov 12-13 Houston Show
Nov 19-20 Dallas show
Dec 10-11 De Ridder Show

The red stone--Cinnabar:

Generally cinnabar occurs as a vein-filling [mineral](#) associated with recent [volcanic activity](#) and alkaline [hot springs](#). Cinnabar is deposited by [epithermal](#) ascending [aqueous](#) solutions (those near surface and not too hot) far removed from their igneous source.

It is associated with native mercury, [stibnite](#), [realgar](#), [pyrite](#), [marcasite](#), [opal](#), [quartz](#), [chalcedony](#), [dolomite](#), [calcite](#) and [barite](#).^[2]

Cinnabar is found in all localities that yield mercury, notably [Puerto Princesa \(Philippines\)](#); [Almadén \(Spain\)](#); [New Almaden \(California\)](#); [Hastings Mine](#) and [St. John's Mine, Vallejo, California](#);^[8] [Idrija \(Slovenia\)](#); [New Idria \(California\)](#); [Giza, Egypt](#); [Landsberg](#), near [Obermoschel](#) in the [Palatinate](#); [Ripa](#), at the foot of the [Apuan Alps](#) and in the [Mount Amiata \(Tuscany\)](#); the mountain Avala (Serbia); [Huancavelica \(Peru\)](#); [Murfreeseboro, Arkansas](#); [Terlingua \(Texas\)](#); and the province of [Guizhou](#) in [China](#), where fine crystals have been obtained. It was also mined near [Red Devil, Alaska](#) on the middle [Kuskokwim River](#). Red Devil was named after the Red Devil cinnabar mine, a primary source of mercury.

Cinnabar is still being deposited at the present day from the hot waters of [Sulphur Bank Mine](#) in California and [Steamboat Springs, Nevada](#).

- [From Wikipedia](#)
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Minutes of Meeting, September 5, 2011

Opening: Del Glasner

Pledge of Allegiance: Antony Thomas

Prayer: Al Simms

Old Business: Show Report – John Autry

Extremely good show. Excellent income.

Classes -Wire wrapping – Larry Maguire

Class conducted with two students. Both students wanting additional classes. Next class scheduled for October 15, 2011.

New Business: Equipment - Bill Hart made motion that additional equipment be purchased for the classroom. The equipment includes two flat laps, additional flat lap discs, replacement blades for 10" slab saw & oil to change the oil in the large slap saw.

Field Trips: September 24 – Tyler Yard Sale (lv 6:30am from BC Library)

October 8 – Murphysboro Diamond Mine – dig for agates, etc.

October 28-30 – Fossilmania, Southwest of Ft. Worth

November 11-13 – Houston Gem Show

December 10-11 – DeRider Gem Show

January 14-15, 2012 – Alano River

February 11, 2012 – Simpson/Toledo Bend for Palmwood (14 yrs and older)

March 11, 2012 – Lagrange, TX (Petrified wood)

April 14, 2012 – Ron Cole Mine (Lv @ 4am)

May 5-6, 2012 – Georgetown, TX

June 16, 2012 – VanBuren, AR (Lv @ 4am)

Class Schedule: Cabbing – September 10 – (Bill Hart's Studio)

Beginning Silver – October 15, 2011

PMC/Metal Clays (2 day class) TBA

Program: Petrified Wood Video – Del Glasner

Respectfully submitted: Al Simms

Members Attending Meeting

Del Glasner (President), Tom Stringfellow (Board member), Geraldine Z., Antony Thomas

Bill Stevenson, Phillip Sanders, Al Simms (Secretary) Lyn Simms (Board Member) Pam White

Marjorie Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Gwyne Lowe, David Lowe, Dwain Spillman (Board Member)

Nancy Spillman, Rhonda Gregorski, ?? Crawford, John Autry (Treasurer), Sue Autry, Kathy Spoon

Ray Spoon, Larry Maguire, Rita Curran, Charlie Johns (Show Chairman)

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Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Calendar

Oct 8 Field Trip – Muffresboro, Ar

Oct 15 Basic Metalsmith Class

Nov 1 General Meeting – Officer nominations/Elections

Nov 12 ChainMail Class

Dec 6 General Meeting / Supper

Dec 10 Stone Setting Class

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