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Pres message: Hope everyone is ready for Fall???? I know I am. Don't forget October meeting is Officers nominees night, so have your nominations ready. I personally would like to just be a board member for a little while. Del is trying to arrange our October and November meetings to be at his church like in the past because the library will not be available till next year due to construction of some kind. We will send out an email as soon as we know for sure. Nina has gotten us a new location for our Christmas party...whoo whoo. Details are coming. Hope to see you at our meeting. Tony

Minutes for the September meeting:

Meeting was opened by president, Antony Thomas. He led members in prayer and pledge. A number of items were discussed about our last show in August 2017. Members working during the show should wear the vests identifying them as members of the club. Sharron will email all members info on where to purchase a vest. Suggestions were made to have more advertising. President suggested that we have one person pursue any advertising ideas and come up with a plan for the show committee and board to look over. It was suggested that we contact schools, private and public, immediately when the school year starts to give them info about the show. We could give teachers scavenger hunt form for them to incorporate into their lesson plans. A request for more vendors was made by Antony. A suggestion was made to have flyers made up earlier so we can give to vendors at other shows that are attended prior to our show. Antony inquired as to what type of faceting machine the club owns. Tom Stringfellow and Del Glasner stated that the club owned 2 but not sure of the brands. Antony requested that we research possibly purchasing a brand that he worked with at the show. Tom Stringfellow brought up issues at the shop. There is a small leak under the dual sinks and the large saw in the saw shop still needs a cover. Information was given to the club regarding an opportunity for the club to purchase items such as rough stone and machines from a deceased member. Someone with knowledge of machines and rough stones will contact the family member to evaluate what is left. Del gave information on upcoming field trip to North Sulfur River and what can be searched for in the area.

Submitted by Sharron Thomas, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 5

**New location because of Historical Center Closing.
is at the :**

Benton Branch Library Meeting Room

**115 Courthouse Drive (behind Bossier Parish courthouse)
Benton, LA 71006**

Directions: Benton Rd (hwy 3) north of I-220 to Brookshires, turn right at redlight to parking lot on left, go to driveway behind courthouse and turn right and down to library.

Gathering 5:30pm Board meeting 6:00pm Meeting starts 6:30pm

Refreshments by :

Marjorie Thomas

Door Prizes by :

Lynn Simms

PROGRAM

Show and Tell will be from our Field trip to North Sulfur river

Time for club officers nominations for 2018

Shows and Events

SEPTEMBER 30,-OCT 7 2017

The 42nd annual Red River Revel Arts Festival will be held on Sep 30 - Oct 7, 2017. It'll be filled with Art, Music, Food, and Fun. The Arts Festival celebrates the arts with more than 120 juried artists from across the country displaying and selling their creations; food booths; morning and afternoon arts education programs; exhibits; lectures; and performing arts programs on three outdoor stages. Hours: Thu-Sat 11am-10pm, Sun-Wed 11am-9pm
Festival Plaza, Shreveport, La

Saturday OCTOBER 7, 2017

KEITH & Toni Harmon's

Huge Rock & Equipment Sale (Over 50 Tons of rough rock, new added too)(.50 and up per pound)

9116 US HWY 84 West

Rusk Texas 75785

9am- ???

Contact Keith Harmon
1-903-316-2967

Sorry I'am going to miss this one, maybe next year:

OCT 14-15—HONOLULU, HAWAII: Annual show; Rock and Mineral Society of Hawaii, Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, Waikiki; Leahi Room, Upper Lobby, 2335 Kalakaua Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Unique educational displays of Minerals, Fossils and Fluorescent Minerals as well as items for sale exclusively by our members, such as: Agate Geodes, Amethyst, Fossils, Faceted Gemstones, Fine Jewelry, Herkimer Diamonds, Jade, Meteorites, Lapidary Minerals, Opals, Ruby, Quartz crystals, Sapphire, Topaz, Tourmaline, and many other beautiful stones. ; contact Markus Faigle, PO Box 62223, Honolulu, HI 96822; e-mail: hui.pohaku@gmail.com; Web site: <http://hawaiimineralsociety.pohakugalore.net/mineral-show-hawaii/>

Oct 7 The 2nd annual Bloody Mary Fest will be held on October 7, 2017. The Bloody Mary is a classic drink that is celebrated at this event. The local bars and restaurants will come to the Downtown RiverMarket to see who can mix it, shake it, and dress it the best. The RiverMarket will have live music. There will be unique shopping starting at 10 am where you can find jellies and jams, handmade jewelry, clothing, specialty wood work, fresh grown tomatoes and food trucks. Hours: 10am-4pm

Oct 12-14 **Zwolle Tamale Fiesta 42nd**

Zwolle Festival Grounds 1100 South Main

Fossil Show close to Dinosaur Valley state park

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/dinosaur-valley>

OCT 27-29—GLEN ROSE, TEXAS: Show and sale; Dallas Paleontological Society, Dallas, TX; 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd; Fri. 8-6; Free Admission; Fossil show and sale; door prize drawings; children's activities; lecture presentations.; contact Mark Randall, 2200 Uecker Drive, Apt 10208, Lewisville, TX 75067, (469)-371-5309; e-mail: markrandall00@sbcglobal.net; Web site: DALLASPALEO.ORG

Nov 3 & 4

The 6th annual Louisiana Native American Art Fest will be held on November 3 - 4, 2017. There will be lots of vendors with wood products, regalia, arts, knives, gourds, turtle shells and turtle jewelry, homemade jams and jellies, pepper and other handmade items. There will also be foods of all kinds from cracklings, Indian tacos, Indian fry bread, hot tamales (pork and chicken) and much more.

North Toledo Bend State Park
2907 N Toledo Park Rd
Zwolle, LA 71486

South Central Federation of Mineral Society's Annual Show hosted by The Houston Gem and Mineral Society

NOV 10-12—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Parkway; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$8, Children under 10 free; SCFMS Show with activities and exhibits; contact Stephen Blyskal, 20403 Coleridge Ln, Richmond, TX 77407, (832)-264-1278; e-mail: steve.blyskal@gmail.com; Web site: hgms.org

DEC 9-10—LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; DeRidder Gem and Mineral Society, West LA. Forestry Assoc. Bldg.; 276 H. M. Stevens Blvd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$2, Children 12 and under free; Hands on demonstrations, knapping, faceting and cabbing. Hourly door prizes and Grand prize on Sun. at 4 PM.; contact Adam Valin, (337)-585-3693; e-mail: deridder.rockngem@gmail.com; Web site: rockngemswla.com

DEC 18-19—MESQUITE , TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society, Dallas Texas; 1800 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$8, Children \$3; There will be fluorescent displays, kid's mine and wheel of fortune, lapidary equipment and jewelry supplies, wire wrapping, stone polishing, knapping demonstrations, and you'll get to open your own geodes. ; contact Diana Case, 7522 CAMPBELL #113-196, DALLAS, TX 75248, (469)-688-4057; e-mail: case53d@yahoo.com; Web site: <http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org/>

[Member Photos](#)



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Websites to look at:

Fairs and Festivals

<https://festivalnet.com/state/louisiana/fairs-festivals>

<https://www.fairsandfestivals.net/states>

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