



The Rock Rattler

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral society is sponsoring the Gem and Mineral show again at the Bossier City Civic Center. Members will start with helping the dealers unload and setup their booths Friday morning. Our own booth will also will need to be set up. Later that evening (6:00pm), members will serve the dealers a catered dinner and homemade desserts. Saturday and Sunday we will open the show to the public, selling tickets and supporting the dealers where needed. Even if you do not care to work at the show, members have free admission to the show, so feel free to come out and enjoy the show. There will be demonstrations thru out the show that you might enjoy. So come out and bring your friends. At our August meeting we will be selling discounted tickets if you would like to buy some for your friends.

Ya'll Come See

**Sincerely,
Del Glasner**

Next Meeting

When: August 7, 2012, Tuesday
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier Parish Library
2600 Beckett
Bossier City, LA 71111
Program: TBA

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Future Field Trips

September 2012

Location: Open for suggestion

Disclaimer: Club and host are not responsible for injuries, items lost or stolen. So be on your toes, be patient and aware of your surroundings

Membership

Individual Membership \$15/Year

Couple Membership \$20/Year

Family Membership \$25/Year

New Member? Yes No Renewal? Yes No

Name _____ (Spouse) _____

Children's Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile)

E-Mail _____ FB _____

Membership Option (Check One): Individual (\$15) _____ Couple (\$20) _____ Family (\$25): _____

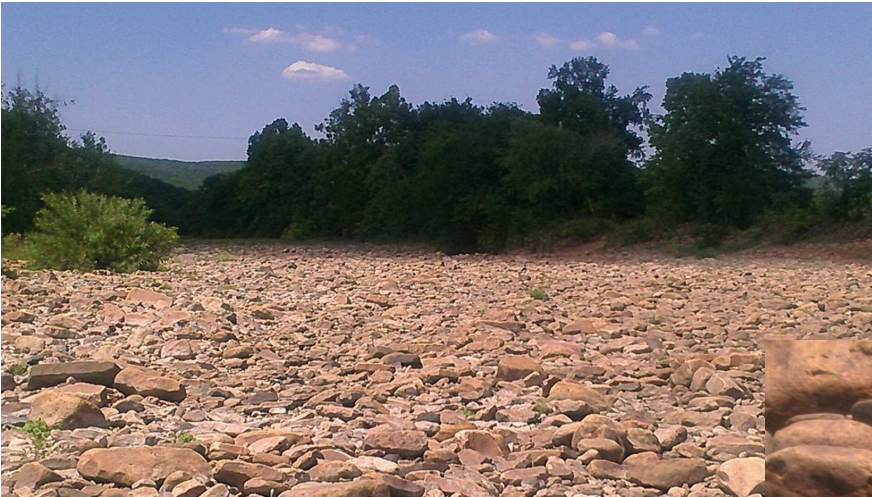
Mail to: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
PO Box 6633
Bossier City, LA 71111

Or Come to a meeting and pay in person at 6:30 on the 1st Tuesday of each month
Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St.
Bossier City, LA 71111

Class Info & Updates

No classes currently scheduled for August; but don't miss our open shop nights on Thursday. A new schedule of classes will be available at the August meeting. This will be the final list that will be available for registration at the show.

PICS



Scouting a place in Arkansas



Fossil found in Arkansas



Fossils found in Nacogdoches

Larry giving his presentation on Agates at our July Meeting



Minutes for July 10, 2012 Meeting

Opening: Del Glasner

Prayer: Al Simms

Old Business:

- Treasurer's Report – John Autry
 - Checking Account and CD is great shape. (Specific amounts withheld from published newsletter)
- Show Report – Charlie Johns
 - Dates – August 18 & 19, 2012 w/setup on August 17th.
 - Several Members & Venders to setup demonstrations.
 - Show setup work day at classroom scheduled for July 29 @ 9am
 - Cards are printed and ready for mailing
- DVD & Video donated to Society
 - Pam White has volunteered to be our new Librarian to catalog and checkout/in our new collection of DVD and videos that were recently donated to our classroom

New Business:

- Classes
 - 1st Saturdays in September and each first Saturday follow regular meeting will be Open Shop days at our classroom for members to come and work on projects with supervision from one of our several instructors, unless a class is scheduled for that Saturday.
- Field Trip
 - September 22, Location to be announced – One day trip

Program:

- Larry Maguire gave a very interesting program on Agates

Upcoming Shows

August, 2012

11-12 – Baton Rouge - Baton Rouge G&MS. Marriot Ballroom. Just off of college Drive

25-26 – Jasper -Show Hours - Saturday 9 to 5 Sunday 10 to 5. The Event Center, 6258 Highway 190, 5 miles West of Jasper. SCFMS & PINE COUNTRY G&M SOC

Announcement

We are now on FACEBOOK.

Search for ArkLaTex Gem & Mineral Society.

AUGUST



If fire appears to leap from the vibrant green surface of the Peridot, this may be because this gem is formed as a result of volcanic activity. Many years ago, natives discovered Peridot crystals in the black sands of Hawaii, explaining their presence as tears shed by Pele, the volcano goddess. Throughout history, August's birthstone has been used as a means to connect with nature. Early Egyptian priests drank a stimulating beverage called Soma from cups made of Peridot, believing this practice to draw them closer to Isis, the goddess of nature.



The name Peridot comes from the Arabic word "faridat," meaning gem. Ancient Egyptians called them the "gem of the sun," because of their dazzling brilliance when seen in the desert sun. It was believed that the Peridot glowed with light even as darkness fell, which is why miners were said to have scouted for these gems during the night, marking their location, and returning in the light of day to retrieve them. Perhaps this legendary mining method is the reason that the Peridot is sometimes called "evening emerald."



Peridot is a mineral named Olivine, which is found in a variety of greens, ranging from light yellowish green to a dark olive. Early mining for this gem was done on Saint John's Island near Egypt around 1500 BC. The green crystal was considered protective against evil and when set in gold, especially helpful against night terrors. It was ground to powder and used as a remedy for asthma and as a cure for thirst brought on by fever. Today, Peridot is mined in

Burma, Norway, Brazil, Australia, Hawaii, the Congo, and in Arizona.

The force of nature is alive within a Peridot, making a gift of this gemstone symbolic of vitality. It signifies strength, both individual and within a relationship, as well as the promise of new growth in years ahead.



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-----Reminder-----

The ArkLaTex Gem & Mineral Society's
Gem & Mineral Show will be
August 18-19, 2012.

Please consider volunteering or donating to this event. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering, please sign up at the next meeting. Del will have a signup sheet available.

The rock shop is open on Thursdays, usually from 5 pm - 8 pm, for all members to work independently on their personal projects.

Please call Del or Tony to make sure one of them will be in attendance.

If you would like to submit material to be included in the monthly newsletter, please email information to Sharron at adslthomas@gmail.com

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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.