



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

2016 is in the books!!! In 2017 I would like to challenge each and every one of you to sign up for classes, go on field trips and share your ideas that can make 2017 the best year ever. After years of planning a lot of things had to fall in place for us to have a classroom, workshop and saw shop. With that said the shop will be open this year Saturday's 11-6 thanks to Tom and I will be opening the classroom on Thursday's 530-830. We hope in the future to find a location to move our shop to where we can expand and grow some more. Your field trip coordinator, Del, needs input from everyone of where you would like to travel. If you have any ideas for programs please notify our new Vice President Marjorie. If anyone would like to take over newsletter editor, please let me know. Hope to see you at the Christmas Party. Info is listed in newsletter.

Tony

Next Meeting

When: December 6, 2016
Christmas party 6:00 pm
Where: Hope Community Church
3247 Bert Kouns
Shreveport, LA

Christmas Dinner, Auction and door prize exchange

Minutes of Meeting

November 1, 2016

Opening: Antony Thomas
Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas
Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - No update
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John Autry
- Classes
 - Complete list is in the newsletter
- Field Trips
 - No field trips at this time. Will resume in 2017
- Other Business
 - Christmas Party
 - Members should bring wrapped gift for door prize
- 2016 Show
 - No update
- 2017 Board
 - President
 - Antony Thomas
 - Vice President
 - Marjorie Thomas
 - Secretary
 - Sharron Thomas
 - Treasurer
 - John Autry
 - Board Members
 - Nina Hustus
 - Tom Stringfellow
 - Andrea Sattler
- Presentation given by Del on Clovis points
- 35 members present

Upcoming Show Dates

JANUARY

27-29—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem and Mineral Society, Rose Garden Center; 420 Rose Park Dr; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$3, Students \$1; Grand Prize drawing for both Adults and Students, Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune, Show Cases. We have Outstanding Dealers offering Gemstones, Jewelry, Fossils, Minerals, Geodes, and lapidary arts demonstrations. The Nationally Recognized Rock Food Table will be on Display the entire show.; contact Keith Harmon, TX, (903)-316-2967; e-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com; Web site: etgms.com

FEBRUARY

25-26—JACKSON , MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society , Mississippi Fairgrounds ; Trade Mart Building ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Students \$3; Gems, minerals, fossils, beads and jewelry. Educational display, free demonstration, jewelry and cabochon making, wire wrapping , Flynt Knapping, kids activities, Grand prize raffle and hourly door prizes ; contact Leslie Lane, (601)-344-8171; e-mail: rock2lanes@gmail.com; Web site: <http://missgem.org>

25-26—PASADENA, TEXAS: Annual show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society, Pasadena Convention Center; 7902 Fairmont Parkway; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults/Seniors \$7, Students \$3, Children: free; Come see and learn about rare fossils, rocks, and exquisite gems! Watch demonstrations of lapidary – the art of cutting, polishing, and engraving precious stones. Enjoy shopping with over 30 vendors who will be offering a variety including books, tools, mineral and fossil specimens, jewelry, and so much more! Kids can rock-out in our hands-on, interactive area where children of all ages can learn about geology, fossils, dinosaurs, and more! Explore, shop, and learn at the Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show! ; contact Sara Chelette, Houston, TX; e-mail: temp3@mflan.com; Web site: www.clgms.org

MARCH

11-12—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society, San Antonio Event Center; 8111 Meadow Leaf Dr. ; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children \$1; Fiesta of Gems-56th Annual Show: Minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, silent auction, demonstrations, gold panning, lapidary instruction, fun for the entire family. ; contact ROBERT BOWIE, TX, (830)-387-1766; e-mail: krbotx@gvvc.com; Web site: swgemandmineral.org

APRIL

8-9—ABILENE, TEXAS: Annual show; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Abilene Civic Center; 1100 N. 6th St.; Sat. 10-6; Adults/Seniors \$3, Children \$1.50, under 6 and Scouts & Military Free; Exhibits, wheel of fortune, dealers, fossils, rare minerals, cut and uncut gems, fluorescent display, lapidary supplies and rough, jewelry making equipment, beads, Crack your own Geode, Silent Auction, door prizes, grand prize drawing; proceeds benefit scholarship program. ; contact Kay H McDaniel, P. O. Box 7343, Abilene, TX 79608, (325)-668-8558; e-mail: kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net; Web site: <http://www.new.calichetimes.com>

14-16—ALPINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club, Alpine Civic Center; 803 W. Holland Ave. (W. Hwy. 90); Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; contact Paul Graybeal, Marfa, TX, (432)-739-4526; e-mail: paulgraybeal@moonlightgemstones.com; Web site: moonlightgemstones.com

MAY

6-7—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Annual show; Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center; 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children free; 59th Annual show; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center; Vendors with Jewelry, Loose Stones, Rough, Cabs, Slabs, Geodes, Beads, Gemstones, Mineral Specimens, Crystals, Fossils, Spheres, and Lapidary Tools. Hourly door prizes. Drawings for two grand prizes, one for Kids, and one for Adults. Numerous free exhibits and demos and big rocks you can touch! Our kid's area will have games and grab bags, and we will feature displays by our youth. We will have presentations about geology by experts in the field on both days! ; contact Walter Beneze, PO Box 6371, Lubbock, TX 79493; e-mail: walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org; Web site: www.lubbockgemandmineral.org

Field Trips for 2017

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator that you will be attending. If you are unable to attend a field trip but would like something brought back just ask. Arrangements can be made.

Pending schedule for 2017

Thank you Tom for bringing your chocolate velvet coffee and hot tea.

Thank you Andrea Sattler for bringing refreshments



To All Members

Our Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction

December 6, 2016 @ 6 pm

At

Hope Community Church

3247 Bert Kouns

Shreveport, LA

Attendee's are asked to bring

- Pot luck dish of your choice
- 1 Wrapped Door prize item per person
- Christmas spirit

2016 Board Members

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