



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

This will be our last meeting for this year at the library, so I hope to see all of you there. It will also be election night, so come and vote. As you know our next meeting is our Christmas Party. I would encourage you to bring 1 or 2 items for our auction. This will raise money for our club.

Sorry I missed last meeting. See ya'll Tuesday night.

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	November 1, 2016
Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City,
Program:	

Minutes of Meeting

October 4, 2016

Opening:

Tom Stringfellow

Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Stringfellow

Prayer:

Lyn Simms

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - No update
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by Frankie Autry in the absence of John, treasurer
- Classes
 - Complete list is in the newsletter
 - Suzan Chapman gave update on chainmaille class. Had good attendance
- Field Trips
 - No formal field trip. Suggested that anyone wanting to go to crater of diamonds, Oct 8 would be a good weekend.
- Other Business
 - No update
- 2016 Show
 - No update
- Nominations for 2017
 - President
 - Antony Thomas
 - Tom Stringfellow
 - Vice President
 - Marjorie Thomas
 - Michael Clark
 - Secretary
 - Sharron Thomas
 - Treasurer
 - John Autry
 - Board Members
 - Lyn Simms
 - Nina Hustus
 - Tom Stringfellow
 - Andrea Sattler
- Presentation given by Lyn Simms about classes at William Holland

Field Trips for 2016

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.

Nov and Dec are open for suggestions

November Class

WIRE WRAP CLASS; Saturday Nov. 12, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

We will start with pendants. Basic methods will be stressed! Hopefully there will be time to do at least two pendants and one bracelet. All stones and supplies included. IF you have a special stone/cab you want to wire wrap, please bring it and have fun. \$30.00. Instructor: Tom Stringfellow

2016 Class Schedule

Date	Class	Instructor
Nov 12, 2016	Wire Wrapping	Tom Stringfellow
Jan 14 & 15, 2017	Chainmaille'	Suzan Chapman
Feb 18 & 19, 2017	Intro to Metal Clays	Tom Stringfellow
April 15 & 16, 2017	Chasing & Repousse	Tom Stringfellow

- If you need additional information regarding a class or have suggestions on a class, contact Tom Stringfellow TomString@aol.com phone: 903-839-6744).
- If interested in taking a class contact Tom Stringfellow for signup instructions.
- Shop Location 581 Rex Beard Road, Haughton, LA
- You must be a paid member of the Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society

Upcoming Show Dates

October

21-23—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society, Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children ages 13-18 \$2 / 12 and under free; Gem & mineral show vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits like the touch table of rocks and fossils and member collections. Demos in faceting, cabbing, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay. Fri "Youth Education Day" w/field trips. For \$1 each Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune, Jewelry Making, or Illumination Station. Hourly door prizes Sat and Sun. Grand Prize Sun Fluorite specimen from Bingham, NM.; contact Chip Burnette, 6719 Burnet Ln, Austin, TX 78757, (512)-458-9546; e-mail: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Web site: www.gemcapers.com

November

19-20—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive, (I-635 & Military Parkway); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, Seniors \$8, Students \$8, Children \$3; 59th Annual Dallas Gem & Mineral Show. There will be be fluorescent displays, silent auctions, door prizes and much more.; contact Diana Case, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374, (214)-349-2022; Web site: dallasgemandmineral.org

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

Thank you Marjorie Thomas for bringing refreshments and Nina Hustus for bringing door prizes.

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