



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Another successful show is in the books. Time to think about next year's show...just kidding. Thank you to Del, the show chairman, and all of the volunteers for a great show. There is no way a show of this caliber can be hosted without your dedication and giving of your time. It amazes me how each year we add things and improve upon things that bring such smiles to those that pay to come to our show. This year was an exceptional year for children. I saw more children at our show than in previous years and they were all having a great time. As usual the kids corner hosted by Sue and Frankie was a tremendous success. They really care about the kids and that they have a great time. Keep an eye on our website and facebook page for pictures of the show coming soon. I can't imagine a better a group to be associated with doing what we love. Our next hurdle is a Christmas party which Del is working on finding a location. Info to be provided in later months. Hope to see you at this month's meeting. *Tony*

Next Meeting

When:	September 5, 2016
Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City,
Program:	1. Top 10 Most Expensive Gem Stones in the World 2. Labradorite

Minutes of Meeting

August 2, 2016

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

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Still looking for land to move our building
 - Thinking about putting culvert in
- Finance Committee report
 - No updates
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by Frankie Autry in the absence of John, treasurer
- Classes
 - List will be available at show
- Field Trips
 - No field trip to oklahoma
- Other Business
 - No update
- 2016 Show
 - Del's update
 - Cab Contest—there will be 2 types of entries, one for set cabochons and ones that are not
 - Volunteer sign up was available to start taking names
 - Dinner for vendors will be changed to Bodacious BBQ
 - Gold Prospectors will have table set up for kids to pan for gold
 - Members requested info on vests to be emailed to everyone
 - Request for signs to direct people to speakers
 - Gave layout of vendors
 - Yard signs are available for pickup
 - Spot on radio on station in Desoto parish
 - Fun guide will have info about show
 - Request was made for donations for silent auction
 - Gary Stringer and Wil House has confirmed as one speaker
 - Class schedule will be available at show
- Presentation given by Lyn Simms about classes at William Holland
- 29 members attended meeting

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.

Sep 10	Texas for either petrified wood or sepreterian nodules and pyrite
Oct 8	Mufreesboro, AR Crater of Diamonds State Park
Nov	Open
Dec	Open

2016 Class Schedule

Date	Class	Instructor
Aug 27 & 28, 2016	Cabbing	Del Glasner
Sep 17 & 18, 2016	Earring Class	Suzan Chapman
Oct 1 & 2, 2016	Beginng Silversmithing	Tom Stringfellow
Oct 29 & 30, 2016	Lost Wax Casting	Del Glasner
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

September

10-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4; Admission \$75/\$100; Annual Amateur Quartz Crystal Digging Contest. Keep all you find, meet other miners; maybe even win a prize!; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870)-867-2723; e-mail: director@mountidachamber.com; Web site: www.mountidachamer.com

10-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest. ; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Hwy 270 West, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870)-867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

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.

If anyone is interested in bringing door prizes or refreshments on any of the open times, please let Sharron know.

	Refreshments	Door Prizes
Sep	Gwynne Lowe	Don Gednetz
Oct	Marjorie Thomas	Nina Hustus
Nov	open	open
Dec	Christmas dinner	Auction

2016 Show

Adult Grand Prize Winner

Nadine Charity



Children's Grand Prize Winner

Caroline Guy

3 months old



Results for Our Cabachon Competition:

MOUNTED CABACHONS

First Place - Larry Maguire
Second Place - Don Gednetz
Third Place - Lauren Brown

UNMOUNTED CABACHONS

First Place - Lyn Simms
Second Place - Heather Cregut
Third Place - Lauren Brown

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

We will have another Cabachon Contest in 2017!!

Scavenger Hunt Winner



2016 Board Members

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