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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.

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society meets at 6:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the:  
Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St. Bossier City, LA 71111

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Rockhounds,

Its almost show time. Be sure to sign up to work at the show and wear your club vest if you have one. Our show is a good place to look for rocks and stay cool doing it. Information on scheduled classes will be available at the show if you or someone you know is interested.

Del Glasner



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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday Aug 2, 2011

Time: 6:00 –8:00 PM

Program: Indian Rocks and Minerals of Louisiana

Speaker: Jeffrey Girard – Regional Archaeologist

Location: Bossier Parish History Center,  
2006 Beckett St.  
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Friday, September 09, 2011 to Sunday, September 11, 2011

### Central Oklahoma Knap-In

Clear Bay Entrance

Lake Thunderbird State Park

Nine miles east of Norman, OK (on Hwy. 9)

Contact: Kathy Furneaux; Park Naturalist

(405) 321-4633 / e-mail: [crowssecret@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crowssecret@sbcglobal.net)

Friday, October 07, 2011 to Sunday, October 09, 2011

### 3rd Annual Texas Hill Country Classic Knap-In

3rd Annual Texas Hill Country Classic Knap-In will be held October 7, 8, 9th 2011 at our site on the Llano River at Llano, Texas. The location is Robinson City Park 2 miles West of downtown Llano on F.M. 152.

The Robinson City Park is located on the banks of the Llano River and the park has a huge pavilion in which to gather. There are camping sites and R.V. hookups available at the park

## Our Up-Coming Show:

Aug. 13 - 14  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
Baton Rouge G&MS  
Fraternal Order of Police

**Aug 20-21—BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA:** Annual show; Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society; Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, students \$1, children under 6 free; door prizes, youth activities, demonstrations, exhibits; contact Charles Johns, 9314 Overlook Dr., Shreveport, LA 71118, (318) 687-4929; e-mail: [cwsejohns@bellsouth.net](mailto:cwsejohns@bellsouth.net); Web site: [www.larockclub.com](http://www.larockclub.com)

Aug. 27 - 28  
JASPER, TX  
Pine Country G&MS  
Events Ctr.

Sep. 03 - 04  
ARLINGTON, TX  
Arlington G&MS  
Arlington Conv. Ctr.

Sep. 03 - 04  
DENISON, TX  
Texoma Rockhounds  
Denison Senior Ctr.

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## Tips

Plastic bottle caps – Re-use Them! Cut up a disposable water bottle and keep the neck and top. Insert a Plain plastic bag (don't need ziplock) through the neck and screw the top to seal. The bottle is made to be air tight, such that water will not leak . The secret lies with the top and screw!

By Sean Kidd– The Backwoodsman Julv/Aug 2011

### Basic BBQ Rub Single Batch

!/4 cup brown sugar

¼ cup paprika

1 tbs spoon black pepper

3 tbs garlic salt

3 tbs onion salt

½ to 1-1/2 tbs celery salt

½ to 1 tbs cayenne pepper

1 tbs thyme

Rub on meat, wrap in saran wrap

let sit for 2 hrs

Wash hands

### Cheaper than Medical Therapy

walk a while on God's green earth  
issues fade away like water in a stream  
listen to the sounds of nature unfold  
and hear the stories never have been  
told

slow your heart and listen for the truth  
all you ever needed to calm yourself is  
all around you

Antony

Wanted ! Items for the show booth

Now is a good time to think about donations for the Society's Silent auction at the Aug 20,21 show. Anything related to the **Hobby** is welcome (minerals, fossils, books, magazines, equipment, tools). If we can sell it -- we make a few dollars for the A.G.M society. It makes sense to start sooner rather than later. We have to clean things, sort and organize. Believe me when I say the people who help with all the work, they really don't want to have to do so much work in Aug (at the last- minute).

THANKS in advance for your help and kind thoughts, and your continued generosity. Please contact Charlie Johns 687-4929 for pick-up or if you can deliver.