

# THE ROCK RATTLER

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*Amethyst- Birthstone of the month*

## Presidents Message - by Del Glasner

*I'am baaack! And it seems like I've been here before as president and vice president. It's a good feeling to know you can still be able to help others to enjoy a hobby and to teach. My son and both enjoy teaching others. We started out teaching in the Boy Scouts. Thank you Nina for leading our club last year. Looking forward to some great field trips, classes and a new kids program.  
Del Glasner*

## Officers for 2019

President – Del Glasner- email [dglasner2001@yahoo.com](mailto:dglasner2001@yahoo.com) 318-517-7372

Vice President – Lyn Simms

Secretary – Kathy Haney

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Board Member – Tom Stringfellow

Board Member – Laura McWilliams

Board Member – Bill Drotar

## NEXT MEETING:

February meeting room reserved Feb - the 5th - 5:45- 7:45 pm

Location for meeting is [Aulds Branch Library 3950 Wayne Ave, Bossier City](#)

Directions: Hwy 71( Barksdale Blvd) 2.1 miles south of Barksdale West gate, turn left at (Mcdonalds) onto Shady Grove dr. and go down 7 streets to Wayne Ave. and turn left and follow to Library

## Program - Mookaite (if you have some, please bring for show & tell)



## **Last meeting notes:** by Secretary Kathy Haney

October elected president Luther Mathis has resigned for family reasons and we voted in a new President Del Glasner, Vice President Lyn Simms and Board member Bill Drotar. We talked about making the birthstones of each month our monthly theme. We also discussed on how to make the shops deck not so slippery when it gets wet. We need to put some kind of skid proof material on it. We also need to replace three Nova wheels in the shop. Our theme this year for our show is all about crystal's, so some of our members are going to make up some crystal necklaces for our silent auction. Report on our club activities was sent to the SW Federation of clubs. Members were reminded about club dues. Nena volunteered to lead a show announced field trip to collect Quartz crystals possibly one week after the show. John Autry will give the civic center a deposit for our Aug 17-18 show.

**Birthstone** for January of Garnet was noted to have an attraction to rare earth magnets.

**Program** was on the fossil Othoceras followed by door prize drawings.

## **Member Photos**

Larry Maguire- Bees & Cone (looks like sausage)



Other member photos our facebook page (don't know who' who's)



By Roi Kadosh, Dec 2, 2018 Siberia's Rockhound



## Shows

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February 2019

**23-24—JACKSON , MISSISSIPPI:** Annual show; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society ; Mississippi Trade Mart on State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5:30; Adults \$6, students \$3, scouts and leaders in uniform \$2, and free admission for children 5 and under; More than 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more; demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making; exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations; youth activities; hands-on exploration table; displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work; hourly door prizes, and a grand prize drawing ; contact Leslie Lane, 176 Tazan Avenue, Florence, MS 39073-8720, (601) 344-8171; Website: <http://missgems.org>

## INFO

### Rock Tumbler Basics

Are you in the market for a rock tumbler, but not sure what type to buy? A **ROTARY** tumbler has a system of barrels that rotate around a metal cylinder to tumble and polish the rocks inside. It's easy to use and creates smooth, polished stones in 30 to 45 days. Rocks often come out with a rounded shape regardless of what they looked like when they went in. A **VIBRATING** rock tumbler doesn't actually "tumble" the rock. Instead, the cylinder that holds the rocks vibrates - creating friction between the rocks and the grit material. Because the rocks are moving less, they are polished much more quickly than with a rotary tumbler, usually within 7-10 days. A vibrating tumbler polishes, but does not change the shape of your stones. (from Gold Rust Trading Post)

**Send in photos of your craftwork or comments**

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