

Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club

Meetings held every 4th Tuesday @ 3545 Bryan Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110

The Cowtown Cutter



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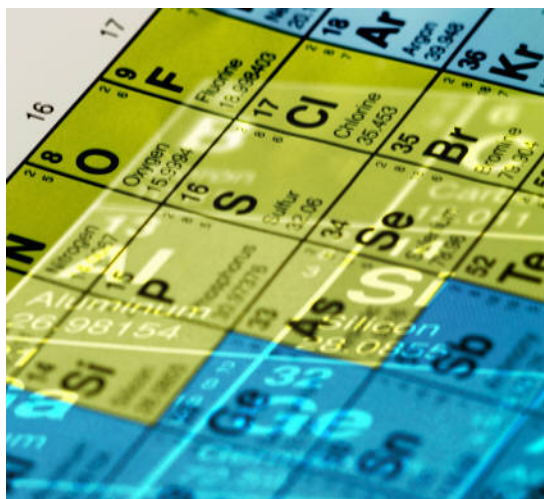
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Special Announcements:

InterGem volunteers needed – January 22 – 25th. Contact fwgmc.editor@gmail.com if you can give a few hours.

January 27th Meeting Program:

Since we missed it in November, we will finish the last portion of the video, "Hunting the Elements". Narrator, David Pogue spins viewers through the world of weird, extreme chemistry: the strongest acids, the deadliest poisons, the universe's most abundant elements, and the rarest of the rare through nature's building blocks and the compelling stories of discovery that revealed its secrets.



Events

January 23-25—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Rose Garden Center; 420 S. Rose Park Dr.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students and children \$1, Scouts in uniform free; dealers, jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, decorator items, geodes, demonstrations, cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, silent auction, kids' spinning wheel, fluorescent mineral display, hourly door prizes, grand prizes; contact Keith Harmon, 9116 US Hwy. 84 West, Rusk, TX 75785, (903) 795-3860; e-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com

Jan 29- Feb 15—TUCSON, AZ: Wholesale and retail show; Eons Expos, 22nd Street Mega-Tent; 600 W. 22nd St.; Daily 9-6; free admission; meet the cast of the TV show "Prospectors", who will be at the show selling their finds; contact Heather Grana, 235 First St., Keyport, NJ 07735; e-mail: Heather@EonsExpos.com; Web site: www.EonsExpos.com

Jan 29-Feb 15—TUCSON, AZ: Annual show; Eons Expos, LLLP, 22nd Street Show Tent; 600 W 22nd Street; Daily 9-6; Admission Free, Children Free; An 18-day show inside a huge 60,000 square foot climate controlled tent. Free parking. 200 booths. A Top Five show in Tucson based on table count. Wholesale and retail. We curate an even mix of fossil, mineral, gemstone, and jewelry dealers.; contact Lowell Carhart, 80 Roslyn Forest Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901, (804) 291-6357; e-mail: LowellCarhart@yahoo.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com

<http://www.visittucson.org/events/gem-show/>

***For more shows at later dates, or outside Texas: www.rockngem.com/showdates

IGEM, January 23-25th: Fort Worth Convention Center. The International Gem and Jewelry Show is a great opportunity to showcase our club to the community. We need volunteers to be at the club table to talk about who we are and what we do. You can also set up to sell your handmade items.
Thursday, Jan 23rd: set up 10-2
Friday, Jan 24th: 12-6
Saturday, Jan 25th: 10-6
Sunday, Jan 26th: 12-5

Email Janice fwgmc.editor@gmail.com if you can volunteer, demo a craft, or want to sell your items any of these days.

Save the Date:

The 2015 SCFMS Federation Show will be held in Austin, TX, this year on October 23-25, and hosted by the Austin Gem and Mineral Society.

So you need to put those dates on your calendar and plan to be there for that show. It is also a combined Federation Show with the American Federation. A combined show with the AFMS and SCFMS happens every seven years. This being the National Federation Show will be a big one. It will be something to LOOK forward to a great show. More information will be available through-out the year.

Via SCFMS Nov/Dec 2014 Newsletter

Petrified wood anyone? There is an opportunity to return to the dairy farm near Calvert to hunt petrified wood. See page 6 for the report on the December trip to the farm. If you are interested in going, contact our field trip chair at felice.moreno@yahoo.com. The date will be selected based on your suggestions.

SCFMS ORGANIZATIONS SHOW DATES FOR 2015

Mary Trammell, SCFMS Show Coordinator
Via SCFMS NEWSLETTER JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 2015

January 17-18, 2015; Fredericksburg, TX; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Lady Bird Johnson Park
 January 23-26, 2015; Tyler TX; East Texas G&MS; Rose Garden Ctr.
 February 14-15, 2015; Georgetown, TX; Williamson Co. G&MS; San Gabriel Park
 February 28-March 01, 2015; Plainview, TX; Hi-Plains G&MS; Ollie Liner Ctr.
 March 07-08, 2015; Big Spring, TX; Big Spring Prospectors Club; Howard Co. Fair Barn
 March 07-08, 2015; Robstown, TX; Gulf coast G&MS; Regional Fairgrounds
 March 07-08, 2015; Pasadena, TX; Clear Lake G&MS; Pasadena Convention Ctr.
 March 14-15, 2015; San Antonio; Southwest G&MS; Event Ctr. 8111 Meadow Leaf Drive
 April 11-12, 2015; Abilene, TX; Central Texas G&MS; Abilene Civic Ctr.; North 6th & Pine
 April 17-19, 2015; Alpine, TX; Chihuahua G&MS; Alpine Civic Ctr.
 May 02-03, 2015; Waco, TX; Waco G&MS; Extraco Events Ctr.
 May 02-03, 2015; Lubbock, TX; Lubbock G&MS; Lubbock Civic Ctr.
 May 16-17, 2015; DeRidder, LA DeRidder G&MS; Beaugard Parish Fairgrounds; 506 West Dr.
 May 23-24, 2015; Fort Worth, TX; Fort Worth G&MS; Will Rogers Mem. Ctr.
 June 13-14, 2015; Grapevine, TX; Arlington G&MS; Grapevine Convention Ctr.
 July 04-05, 2015; Fort Worth, TX; Cowtown G&MGlassSoc; Brookaven College
 August 08-09, 2015; Baton Rouge, LA Baton Rouge, LA G&MS; Fraternal Order of Police
 August 15-16, 2015; Bossier City, LA Ark-LA-Tex G&MS; Bossier City Civic Ctr.
 August 22-23, 2015; Jasper, TX; Pine Country G&MS; Events Center
 September 25-27, 2015; Humble, TX; Houston G&MS; Humble Civic Center
 October 10-11, 2015; Temple, TX; Tri-City G&MS; Mayborn Civic Ctr.
 October 10-11, 2015; Fort Worth, TX; Cowtown GM&GlassSoc; CERA
 October 23-25, 2015; AFMS-SCFMS; Austin, TX; Austin G&MS; Palmer Events Ctr.

October 25-26, 2015; Glen Rose, TX; Paleo. Soc. Of Austin; Somervell Expo Ctr.; Hwy 67
 November 07-08, 2015; Amarillo, TX; Golden Spread G&MS; Amarillo Civic Ctr.; Exhibition Hall; November 07-08, 2015; Midland, TX; Midland G&MS; Midland Ctr.
 November 21-22, 2015; Mesquite, TX; Dallas G&MS; Restiol Ctr. Exhibit Hall;
 November 29-30, 2015; Round Rock, TX; Paleo Soc. Of Austin; Old Settlers Park; Hwy 79 E



January:

01-Krishna Karki
 05-Aparna Karki
 07-Makara Wilks
 24-Estella Flather
 24-Bob Payne
 28- Don Loyd
 30-Lori Woodbury

February:

09-Carl Silvey
 13-Fran Loyd
 13-Steve Miller
 16-Alice Massengate
 23-Michael Hartz
 23-Judy Shaw
 28-Irene Stemple

Smile for a While



DAFFY NITIONS

Agate - The door in a fence
Cabochon - A small French taxi
Faceting - A complex way to ruin a good jewel
Facet - Australians' answer to a water tap
Field Trip - When you fall down outside
Findings - Stuff you find!
Flint knapping - Sleepy stone
Fossils - People or social security
Garnet - Something you catch a long fish In

Via StrataGems, 6/13; via Golden Spike News, via SCFMS Newsletter, Jan-Feb 2015

President's Note *from Carl:*

Greetings Rockhounds!

Here we go into 2015, I will be president for the next 2 years. I want to first thank Mary for all of her hard work as president the last 2 years, we will miss her at the podium for sure.

I don't anticipate much change in the club routine but I do have some goals that I would like to achieve this year. #1 - I want to make the club meetings fun and I have some ideas to increase participation at the meetings. #2 - I would like to see increased participation at our weekly open shop night. Come out and socialize, work on your own project or do some work around the club house. #3 - I would like to grow the membership, currently we have about 55 members and we can discuss ways to increase our membership at the January meeting. #4 - We have some great field trips given the abundance of fossils in the immediate area. Let's put on our thinking caps and see what other things members would like to do. I look forward to a fun year, some great activities, and active meeting.

We need a co-chair to assist Irene with the programs, if you are interested please contact me or Janice.

As a reminder, potluck supper starts at 7:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30. If you are bringing food for the potluck please be sure to have it here at or before 7:00 pm so everyone gets a chance at your fine entrée!

My contact information: 940.206.5580 and txrootbeer@yahoo.com. Please feel free to contact me at either phone or email.

Carl Silvey



Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mary Hilliard at 7:40 pm.

Note: There was no November meeting due to everyone being out of town for the holidays.

Minutes: Carl Silvey motioned we accept minutes of the October meeting as published in the November newsletter. Seconded by Schuyler. Approved

No treasurer report given.

Field trip - Felice report on the trip to Cameron, TX for petrified wood. A farm being sold has offered rock hounds a change to hunt petrified wood. Last chance for wood before sale. Meet at the DQ in Calvert at 10am on the 20th

The nominated committee of candidates was announced.

President: Carl Silvey
1st VP of field trips: Felice Moreno
2nd VP of Program: Irene Stemple (Irene has asked for someone to co-chair the position with her)
Secretary: Dora Hale
Treasurer: Schuyler Bullock
No nominations made from the floor. Motion made by Dora by acclamation, Kathy 2nd; Approved.

Discussion held on show, price of Will Rogers increased by \$1250. Show chair recommended not passing along this cost to vendors since we increase \$80 last year for electricity. Parking is also going up to \$10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm to continue the Christmas party.

Submitted by Janice Craddock

Shop News *from Janice:*

We will have Thursday open shop nights as long as the temperature is above 50 degrees. You must call me if you plan to be there. If no one calls, there is no guarantee that I will be there. Come out to socialize, work on things around the shop, or to work on your own project.

We will plan a date for a work night or day at the meeting. No special skills required. Everyone come out and lend a hand to work in the shop.

New Shop safety and cab class started Thursday, January 15th.

Email fwgmc.editor@gmail.com for phone number.



Just for Fun:

Check out this website

Via Fredericksburg Rockhounds News, Dec 2014 www.myjewelrybox.com/articles

The articles include Jewelry Crafts for Kids, Understanding Mineral hardness, The Ancient History of Amber, Ring of Fire and Volcano Facts, Legendary Treasure locations, How to Become a Jewelry Designer, How to Clean & Store Jewelry and a large variety of other topics



Annual Dues

It's that time of year. Annual dues are due in January. Fill out the membership form with your updated information and bring to a meeting or mail with check to Schuyler Bullock, Treasurer, 657 Deer Valley Rd, Weatherford, TX 76085. Here is the membership form: <http://www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org/FW/GMC%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

Christmas Party Pictures:

We had a small group gather for the Christmas party this year. It was a great time of food, fun, and socializing.



Field Trip Report

On a chilly Saturday morning, a small group of determined rockhounds met at the Dairy Queen in Calvert, Texas to venture out to Sandy Creek Farm to collect petrified wood.

It was a short drive out to the 169 acre farm where they produce and sell beef, milk, yogurts, and cheeses. We decided to commune with nature and start looking for wood around the pond area. This meant that we had to make our way through the muddy horse pen and into the cow and pig field.



The pigs followed us around until they discovered we didn't have food in the buckets.



Otherwise, they left us to the rocks. Janice was the first to find a larger piece which ended up next to her cactus!

Janice

After we each had our choice selections from the pig field, we made our way back through the mud and each started our pile to take home and explored other areas around the farm. Through the mud and around the horses, we managed to each find some good pieces. It was a fun day had by all!



↑ Some of the pieces gathered.

← Some of the smaller pieces polished.



Officers & Committee Positions:

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The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club was founded in 1950. It is also a member of the [American Federation of Mineralogical Societies](#) and the [South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies](#).

PURPOSE: The purpose of this club is to promote the study of geology, mineralogy, and the lapidary arts. We also strive to stimulate the interest in the searching, and collecting, of minerals and fossils.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the purpose described above.

DUES: \$15.00 per person, per year. \$20.00 per family, per year.

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