

Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club

Fort Worth, Texas



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Special Announcements:

Holiday Christmas Party – 3rd Tuesday
in December, the 20th @ 7pm.

No Meeting in December.

The Holiday party will be held the THIRD Tuesday, that is December 20th at 7pm. Bring a wrapped hobby related gift or a pretty rock/fossil (~\$10).

We will decorate the tree, Thursday, December 15th at 6pm. Bring a light holiday snack and a beverage of your choice and join the fun! If you would like to donate a holiday tablecloth, I think we could use a few new ones.

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Upcoming Events

Jan 13 – 15, Dallas, TX: International Gem and Jewelry Show, Market Hall.

<http://www.intergem.com/>

Jan 21-22, Fredericksburg, TX:

Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Lady Bird Johnson Park in the Pioneer Pavilion

Jan 27-29, Tyler, TX: East Texas Gem and Mineral Society, Rose Garden Center; 420

Rose Park Dr.

Jan 27–Feb 12, Tucson, AZ: The annual “Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Showcase.”. Over 40 venues all over town.

Jan-Feb Quartzite, AZ: numerous shows see

<http://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzite.html>

Jan 20 –Feb 13, Tucson, AZ: numerous gem and mineral shows, see

<http://www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html>



December:

09-Don Pelikan
11-Mitch Fenner
12-Summer George
14-Janice Craddock
22-Cindy Eckhardt
27-Steve Hilliard
30-Schuyler Bullock

January:

04-Chris Barnes
16-Jim Wwitholter
19-Frank Arellano
23-Lonnie Barnes
24-Estella Flather
24-David Nolen
28-Don Loyd

President's Note *from Carl*

Fellow rockhounds, it has been a great two years as president. My goal was to increase the membership and we have had some success getting new members but have struggled at keeping them as active members. It has been fun and I appreciate your support you have given me. I look forward to next year and hope that I can help in any way that I can. We must continue to look for new members in the future and look for opportunities to keep them active with us.

Thanks again for all your help and will see you all at our December meeting.

Carl M. Silvey, President

Minutes from Oct 25th:

In the absence of the president and the first vice-president, meeting called to order by President-elect Pam Nolen at 7:30 p. m.

Welcome to visitors Don Rawls, Sam Jaso, and Ed Bates.

Minutes approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer's report made.

Field trip: Plans for a petrified wood dig in Calvert on December, 10 at 10:00.

White ticket won by Don.

Program was Thanksgiving dinner and sharing of rock stories.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Hale, Secretary

South Central Federation Mineral Society Competition for 2016 Publications important dates:

*Deadline for the 2017 Editor and Author Contest (for bulletins, web pages, and newsletters published in 2016) is JANUARY 6, 2017.

*Contest overview, guidelines/rules, and helpful tips are available online at http://www.scfms.net/editor_author_contest.htm. A list of links for score sheets is available within our guidelines.

*You must submit a digital copy of each bulletin or article and filled out score sheet with your entry. They may be submitted on one disk or thumb drive.

THE ARROWHEAD

By Mary Owens

Via SCFMS Newsletter, Nov-Dec 2016

What a unique use for rock
An arrowhead has become.
Many stone can be carved,
Few, an arrowhead comes from.

Usually, one's made from flint,
For flint is so very hard.
It makes an arrowhead last
Many centuries unmarred.

Arrowheads used for hunting
Can come in many sizes.
Their strange alluring appeal
Always hypnotizes.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND IF:

- You prefer barite roses to real ones.
- Your dream holiday destination is Coober Pedy or Far North Queensland.
- Your garage is so full of rocks that the car won't fit in.
- You collect Interesting specimens, including the brown unknown ones, just in case they might turn out to be something special.
- You've ever sorted through a mullock heap.
- You've ever dumpster dived at a marble warehouse.
- You color co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pendants.
- The sign on the side of the road says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.
- You like to examine the rocks in your driveway.
- You treasure ancient, fossilized animal dung.
- You spend hours searching the ground while everyone else around you gets bored.

A find from a marble warehouse, via SCFMS Newsletter, Nov-Dec 2016



The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club was founded in 1950. It is 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.

MEETINGS: Every 4th Tuesday @ 3545 Bryan Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110
3545 Bryan Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110. **Visitors Welcome**

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the purpose described above. \$15.00 per person, per year. \$20.00 per family, per year.

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