

# Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club

Fort Worth, Texas

## *The Cowtown Cutter*



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### Special Announcements:

New Lapidary classes starting. Contact Janice if you are interested. [Fwgmc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:Fwgmc.editor@gmail.com)

### Meeting – June 27<sup>th</sup> Program

Art Sahlstein, fossil enthusiast and discoverer of the Arlington Archosaur Site will give a presentation about the site and talk about the dinosaur trackways discovered in Springtown and other locations.



Potluck starts @ 7pm; Meeting/Program @7:30pm

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## *Upcoming Events*



### **FIELD TRIP, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sherman TX, North Sulphur River for Fossils and more**

July 29th, 9:00 to noon; Fees: none  
Will be collecting in the river, wear water shoes and expect to get wet.

More information to come.

RSVP for more information:  
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Lead by Felice Moreno/CJ Wright



#### **June:**

01-Harold Bonham  
15-Melanie Monroe

#### **July:**

02-Joyce Griffith  
07-CJ wright  
09-Mary Hilliard]  
17-Cheryl Mitchell  
28-Felice Moreno

## *President Pam*

Cool, Green and Shady

The show is over. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and made it a success. Now summer stretches out before us and it looks like it is going to be a long and hot summer. So what to do? A few suggestions needed? How about a class at the shop in the air conditioning? Plenty of classes being organized and scheduled. Not a class room person? How about a field trip somewhere cool and green and shady? A trip to Post Oak Creek is coming up at the end of July. This is always one of my favorites. Playing in the creek and looking for sharks teeth and whatever else catches my interest. Always cool and like another world away. I am not sure who has more fun, the kids or the adults. I think it just brings out the kid in all of us. So have a happy summer and happy rockhounding. Hope to see you in a class or on a field trip.

Peace, love and rocks

Pam

### **Video from the show**

Here is the link to Brian O'Malley's video taken at the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead and Jewelry Show and Sale. Great advertisement for next year!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWRDUeoUoHQ&sns=fb>

## *David's Shop News*

We have been busy at the shop on Thursdays. Since the show is over for the year, the saws are once again open for business. Recently we cut one of the biggest rocks we have ever cut on the large saw. There has been plenty of cabbing going on and a bit of cleaning and rearranging as well. The silversmithing room is almost ready for classes. We still could use some additional supplies. Please check the board at the next meeting to see if you might have any of the items collecting dust at your house and give them a new home.



## *Classes*

### **Sawing and Piercing Class Held on Sat, June 17<sup>th</sup> By Carole Jean Wright**

Wow! Amazing Metalworking Class! Everyone helping each other as we learned some new skills and practiced others.

Twelve of us spent about six hours in a fun day of cutting sheet metal. Once cut and flattened,



we pierced it with drill bits and sawed with tiny saws blades. It was fun to see everyone start with a paper pattern and finish with a beautiful design cut into metal. Some will be earrings or pendants and others will be components to be soldered to another piece of metal, possibly with stones in bezels in our Silversmithing Class. Linda Marlin went home and made a suncatcher from one of her pieces. Watch for more examples of our work to show up at the next meeting show and tell.



There were a lot of metalsmithing skills in practice on Saturday. Cutting, piercing, sawing, filing, sanding, polishing, handling saw frames and saw blades and general metalworking skills. We used a lot of different hand tools, a drill press, sanding wheels, and buffing and polishing wheels. All of these are useful skills and tools in any metal working you might do.





Thanks to the all the club members who joined us and to those with experience who helped the ones who were learning a new skill.

## **BRING YOUR FINISHED PROJECTS TO THE MEETING FOR SHOW AND TELL!**

Watch for the coming Silversmithing Class to be held as soon as we can find the right dates to start the class.

Submitted by CJ Wright

### *Minutes from May*

**Welcome** to Linda and Harold Bonham and Michael Fox.

**Thank** you to various people for items donated for our show's silent auction and other goodies.

**Minutes** as published in the newsletter: Moved to approve by Jim, seconded by Mary; approved.

**Treasury:** report made

**Shop** report: David reports that saws are now free after preparing items for the show. LaDonna Stroud donated a sphere making machine.

**Field trips:** Neal Teague sent out a list of places that travelers on the New Mexico excursion would visit. On June 1<sup>st</sup> they will start at White City Restaurant by Carlsbad Caverns and go to Bingham and other points. June 2<sup>nd</sup> to find agates near Hot Springs area & sulfur beds. June 3<sup>rd</sup>-Siver City for possible fire agates. Thence to Alpine, Arizona. Possible finds = quartz, copper mine, pumice, Apache tears.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> Arlington Gem & Mineral Club went to Broken Bow, Ok. There was another trip to Mason for topaz. In July Felice will lead a trip to Post Oak Creek in Sherman.

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**T-shirts** for sale for \$12 & \$15.

**Old business:** Last month we discussed Facebook groups. Decided to have Jacque, Janice and Dora manage the group. After Mary moved to close the private group and David seconded, it was decided to close that private group.

Janice moved that we move/resolve the credit card matter. After some discussion, it was decided to table this until after the show.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of July there will be a torch safety class which is required if one is going to take silversmithing.

**Show** talk and preparation: Show coordinator at WRMC is Nancy.

People with trucks and cars to help with transporting to the coliseum are David with a truck, Jackie with truck and dolly, Janice with SUV. Friday need to be at the coliseum to set up about 09:00. Signs can go out around 6:00 p. m. Sunday at 09:00 is the Rolling Rock Club meeting. Need donuts and coffee. Steve reports that we have 25 dealers. One dealer who was coming cannot do so, and there is a dealer who can take his place who has the same number of tables. Steve asked if we might issue a refund. Dora moved, David seconded that we issue the dealer a refund. Passed. 6 dealers are new and we have one from Australia. Dallas Paleo will also be represented.

We need to be sure to pack the black tablecloths. Saturday – need to be there at 09:00 or earlier. We have security detail for nights.

**Meeting** adjourned 8:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora M. Hale, secretary

# Show Report

Door Prize  
Winners

**We LOVE our  
Vendors**





It was a great show! Thanks to the generosity of our vendors, we were able to give door prizes every 30 minutes. Pictured on the previous page are some of the winners with the vendors.

We have a great group of members who volunteered their time all weekend to make the show a success. We appreciate the time you give to the club, including those that didn't make it into the pictures. BIG thanks to Show Chair, Mary Hilliard, and Vendor Chair, Steve Hilliard.



**WE**  **Our**  
**VOLUNTEERS**

**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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