

# ROCK-N-ROSE

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**JANUARY 19 - 20, 2019**

**SCFMS CONVENTION**

FREDERICKSBURG

ROCKHOUNDS

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## Presidents Message

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had a great new year! With our annual show and fundraiser right around the corner, I want to remind everyone that we need your help at the show. We anticipate a very busy show this year. If you haven't already signed up, then let me know when you are available and we will get you signed up. My work schedule has kept me on the road a little more than normal, so if I am slow to respond to emails or calls please keep on me until you get a response. We had a really good Christmas Party and everyone had fun and enjoyed the company and refreshments. Thank-you! to everyone who helped make it a success. I would like to ask for volunteers to plan an Open House. If you have any party planning skills, then please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all at the show and the workday. Remember our first meeting of the year will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday(s). Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Fred Mahaffey



## NEW OFFICERS

New officers were elected at the December meeting, and will take office in January. Fred Mahaffey will continue as President, Terry Roberts as Vice-President and Julia Toombs as Secretary. Marcia Graham will become the new Treasurer. The two new elected Board Members will be Keith Harmon and Colleen Hayes. Kinney Polve will still be the Past President Board Member.

# Merry Christmas

## MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society was called to order at 6:45 pm, on December 3, 2018 by Board member Kinney Polve, as President Fred Mahaffey was going to be late. We had two visitors who introduced themselves and told of their interests. Kinney asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Terry Roberts made the motion and Karen Nance seconded. The motion carried.

### Sub-group reports:

- **Gemology:** Richard Armstrong gave out certificates to those who finished the Gem Identification Class. They were Darby Spears, Kinney and Vicky Polve, Sonya Minor, Allen Brown, & Emily Phillips. Another class will be offered after the show. There will be no December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019.

- **Mineralogy:** Charles Creekmur said they will do the same thing as did in November. Attendees will bring unknowns, and he will bring a microscope. The meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>.

- **Lapidary:** Kinney demonstrated etching on metals. There will be no December meeting. Saturday, December 8 is Holiday in the Park at the Tyler Rose Garden Center from 10AM – 6PM.

- **Fossil:** Leader David Russ was not present, but Julia Toombs reported that only two members were present and we looked under a microscope at micro fossils. We don't know if a December meeting is planned.

### Announcements:

- Dues are due by January 1. If you haven't paid by then, you will not receive the newsletter.

- There will be no field trip in January due to the show. There was no report on the Septarian nodule trip in November.

- On his arrival, Fred will have sign-up sheets for the show positions. Get your name on the list if you are going to set up a display case.

- Randy Harmon reminded us about the set-up at the Tyler Library.

- Becky Whisenant – the Dealer's Dinner will be on Friday night after Kid's Day wraps up. She needs help setting up and put your name on the list for bringing food.

There were no Old or New Business. Kinney stressed again the need for articles for the newsletter.

With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned prior to election of officers at which point the business meeting was extended. The nominations were: Fred Mahaffey, president; Terry Roberts, Vice-President; Julia Toombs, Secretary; and Marcia Graham, Treasurer. As there were no further nominations, Becky made a motion to accept them and Sherry Spencer seconded. The motion carried. The Board selected Colleen Hayes and Keith Harmon as the Members-at-Large. Lynn Metcalf made the motion to accept them and Karen Nance seconded. The motion carried.

Terry Roberts then made a motion to adjourn the business meeting and Sherry Reutlinger seconded. The motion carried. Kinney Polve was presented with the Rock Hound of the Year award. The Christmas party followed.

Submitted by  
Julia Toombs, Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 16	17 Fossil Group 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	26	27	28	29
30	<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	<b>January 1 NEW YEARS DAY</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7 Monthly Meeting 6:45 pm	8 Mineral Group Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12 Pre-Show Workday 9:00 am
13	14	15	16	17	18 Gemology Group Meeting 6:30 pm	19
20	21 Fossil Group 6:30 pm	22	23	24 Gem Show Setup	25 Annual Gem Show	26 Annual Gem Show

### Revised ETGMS Field Trip Schedule Summary 2018 - 2019

December	No field trip due to holidays.	
January	No field trip due to annual show.	
Note: Schedules may change due to weather and unforeseen events		

## WANTED FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN

### GEM ID CLASS

On December 1, 2018, the Gemology Group held the second session of the Gem Identification Course. This completes the Gem Identification Theory course. There will be lab sessions scheduled in 2019 to provide graduates of this course with practical training and experience identifying gemstones. Completion of the theory course is required to take the lab sessions.

Those successfully completing the Gem Identification Theory Course included: Darby Sears, Kinney Polve, Vicky Polve, Karen Nance, Sonya Meinert, Allen S. Brown and Emily Phillips  
Richard D. Armstrong, CM, ASG, GG, GP, AJP



**GEMOLOGY GROUP**

I want to thank those who came out in the cold last night to our meeting. There were only four of us, but we did have a good time. We kept it informal but was fun. For those who weren't there, we missed you. It takes all of us to make this group a success.

We will not have a meeting in December, as it would be too close to Christmas, so our next meeting will be January 17th. That will be an important meeting as we are planning two things for the show. We want to offer gem identification to those attending the show. From our previous discussions, I think we will offer it on Saturday and Sunday and will be set up near the front entrance next to ticket sales. It will fall primarily on Cecil, Lynn and myself to do this, but I would encourage our gem ID students to help out. We have also talked about setting up a display in one of the cases on gem identification. We will need to get going on that soon. Unfortunately, I have been busy, so I have not started on it yet.

I am also considering a display at the show of my own, featuring the Beryl family with examples of mineral specimens and gems of all the varieties of Beryl. I know a man (a client actually) who has a 5300-carat Aquamarine crystal that I may see if he can loan it for the display.

I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable holiday season. I hope Santa brings you the gems of your dreams.

Richard D. Armstrong, CM, ASG, GG, GP, AJP

**LIBRARY DISPLAY**

The club will be setting up the displays at the Tyler Library on January 2, 2019. We will meet at the library at 10:00 am. If you are not familiar with the display and how it works, members bring club related item (minerals, fossils, items they have made, etc.) for the displays, and they will be on display until January 31<sup>st</sup> when we take them down. The display cases are locked, so your items are safe. The display coincides with our annual show to help generate interest. Randy Harmon heads up this project, so if you want more information please contact him at (903) 539-0975.

Kinney Polve

**PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP**

The Pre-Show Workshop is scheduled for January 12, 2019. We usually get started about 9:00 am and finish up around 4:30 pm or so. This is when we make rock critters and display items to raise money at our annual show. It is a fun time for all ages. Bring any material that you may want to donate to make items or for the silent auction to the clubhouse. We will be loading the club trailer with all the show stuff, so we will also need help with that. We need participation by all our members, if we are going to have a productive day. I will be cooking up a pot of vegetable beef soup for lunch.

Kinney Polve

**ANNUAL SHOW**

We still need members to sign-up to help with our upcoming show, and we still have some display cases that need to be filled. Please don't wait until the last minute to volunteer, it makes it harder on the volunteers that coordinate things. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting.

Kinney Polve

**ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR**

I want to thank everyone for the honor of Rockhound of the Year, I was truly surprised. Being we just started recognizing our members that work hard to promote the club and keep things running smoothly, I think it's very important that you send in your nominations for Rockhound of the Month. At the end of the year, we will choose our Rockhound of the Year from all of those that made Rockhound of the Month. Only a few sent in nominations for December, and I think I know why. I had a hard time nominating any one member, because there was more than one member that deserved the nomination. I also know that these hard workers deserve to be recognized, and that won't happen unless they're nominated.

Kinney Polve



*Photo by Vicky Polve.*

January is the time to renew your membership. You must be a paid member to attend club activities, such as, Field Trips, Lapidary, Mineral, Gemology, Fossil group meeting, and classes. Renew your membership today!

**East Texas Gem & Mineral Society**

*Member Registration Form*

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_

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Special Interest in Hobby \_\_\_\_\_

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**A FIELD TRIP REPORT**

By Charles Creekmur

During the second week of November my son, Chris, and I stopped in Dallas to pick up my old college dorm-mate, Dr. James Carter of UT Dallas as we drove out to Socorro, New Mexico for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium. The Friday before the lectures on Saturday and Sunday, the early arrivals took an all-day field trip to the Chupadera Copper Mine for malachite, fluorite and barite. On Thursday, Ray DeMark, owner of the Blanchard Mine claims in Bingham, met a small group to collect Linarite at the Sunshine #3 in the Oscura Mountains. Featured speaker at the symposium this year was Dr. Peter McGaw giving a History of the Mines and Minerals of Santa Eulalia Chihuahua, Mexico. Other presentations included; "Electric Opal, Mexico's Daylight-luminescent Hyalite Opal", "Collecting Geode Minerals in the Midwest", "Mineral Collecting in Indonesia", "New Discoveries at Copper Hill, Taos Co. NM", "Minerals of the Torpedo-Bennett Fault Zone, Organ Mtns, NM", "Capillitas Mine Argentina Rhodochrosite", "Arizona Pseudomorphs", Arizona's Love Affair with Minerals", "Micromineraloging in the 79 Mine", "Color Stability in Minerals", and "Mineralogy Through the Ages". After two days of lectures and a half-day to spend in the new Mineral Museum of the NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources on the campus of the NM Institute of Mining & Technology, we left Monday morning for the long drive home to arrive exhausted but looking forward to next year.

**Rockhound Humor**

Question: If I have ten rocks, and you take five of them, what do you get?  
Answer: A black eye and a broken hand.

You might be a rockhound if you get excited when you get coal for Christmas.

Send me your "You might be a rockhound jokes," or any other club-related humor to a little laughter to the newsletter each month. I'm sure if you give it a shot, you can come up with some that are far better than mine.

Kinney Polve

## A Look into the Past

By Julia Toombs



I took on the position of Historian, because I am an organized person and some of the past history items needed that. With the purchase of some supplies, the task took about a week.

For those of you interested in history, you might find this article interesting. I am not a “writer”, but I will do my best each month to give you an idea of what our predecessors did for the Club. This article covers 1957 – 1967.

Last month, I passed on to Kinney the organizational information for him to print in the Newsletter. As I have been reading the minutes from the beginning, only about one field trip a year was held, though couples went on personal excursions as in conjunction with a vacation. There were always samples and a door prize at the meetings.

In January 1957, they applied for membership in the Texas Federation of Mineral Societies. In March, they were approved and all members received cards at the April meeting. In May, our own Charles Creekmur suggested a field trip to Magna Cove, 20 – 30 miles from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Charles’ name first appeared as an attendee at this meeting.

In April 1958, the subject of incorporation was brought up and members were interested enough to hire a lawyer and proceed. Due to incorporation requirements, the constitution and by-laws needed some changes. A few were: Name – East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Inc; Duration of Society – 50 years; Charter Members – those who sign the Constitution and By-Laws and have paid fees by January 15, 1957. The Charter was filed in the office of the Secretary of State on August 4, 1958.

In January 1959, an emblem design was presented and accepted. In August, a suggestion was made to publish a club bulletin to cover activities and mail to members and other clubs. In September, a suggestion was made to publish a newsletter.

In April 1961, a decision was made to keep up the Newsletter. (There is nothing that says when it actually started.) In May, the Club was cleared by the Federal Government to be tax exempt. A permanent type ID badge was suggested. November 6 was the fifth anniversary of the Club. In December, they were informed that they were not tax-free on account of not having a special course of study by accredited teachers. “Taxes are retroactive back to 1958 which takes practically everything in our treasury.” (I don’t know the tax owed.)

In January 1962, by a vote of 17-7, incorporation was upheld. Small rock auctions would be held monthly to go toward the tax owed. The years 1963 – 1965 have no real minutes, only lists of attendees.

In December 1965, Charles Creekmur was elected President and his wife Carolyn, Secretary. Minutes began again. In April, our Club participated in the Azalea Trail on the first and second Sundays. Displays were set-up. A Rock Swap was held at Tyler State Park in October.

In January 1967, Charles was elected President again. The question of Club owned facilities was brought up. Newsletter publication would resume. In July, the dues of the Texas Federation were reduced to 50 cents. The idea of having a Club show on a small basis was again brought up and the responsibility was given to Charles.

When Charles returned to the area in 1965, after being gone for several years, he breathed new life into a Club that was close to disbanding. The following entry is a description of the year:

“Dec. 1967 – In review the year 1967 was highlighted by the outstanding work done by our President in an attempt to pep up the Club, get more member participation, more field trips, etc. But as usual the member response was just as pathetic as ever, with a mere few doing all the work, planning, programming, etc. The President even wound up issuing the bulletin himself and this has long memories(?) when Bill DiMarco and Adele were officers and they had to edit and publish the bulletin also. Well with election of new officers, maybe things will change, but I doubt it. A cheer and a vote of thanks to “Wilkie” for a job well done.”

I believe the above paragraph was written by Adele DiMarco. I say this by comparing handwriting from year to year. In December 1965, officers were elected and stated for 1966, though the Secretary never signed her name. In December 1966, there was no mention of officers being elected. In 1967, there was no mention of officers ever, including the Secretary’s entries. On June 1, 1968, Adele made an entry that she and Bill were heading to parts west. It is the same handwriting for 1967 minutes, such as they are.

**FUNDRAISING**

Our dedicated volunteers set up at the Holiday in the Garden Bazaar on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Attendance seemed a little low for the craft show. It was probably due to the rainy weather. Even with the low attendance, they did raise enough money to put us within \$200.00 of the cost of a new cabbing machine. Gene Goar offered to donate the extra \$200.00, so we could go ahead and get the machine. Photo by Vicky Polve.

Kinney Polve



**Christmas Party**

For those of you that weren't able to make it to the December meeting, you missed a lot of fun at the gift exchange. There were some really nice gifts, along with some teasers and gift thieves. Nobody's gift was safe. Photos by Vicky Polve.

Kinney Polve



**MEMBERS HAPPENINGS**

At the right, Marcia Graham spoke with Santa, and made sure he had enough coal for all the rockhounds on his list. Kinney Polve



**CLASSES**

Time was made available to schedule classes last week, and some of our member took advantage of it. Margaret Kilanski completed Basic and Advanced Silversmithing and Cabochon Making. Heather Hawkins completed Basic Beginners Silversmithing.

Kinney Polve



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**Lapidary/Jewelry Group** – Meets on the second Saturday of each month, except December and January. The meeting time is 2:00 pm. This group's meeting is all about lapidary (anything to do with cutting and polishing rocks) and jewelry making. Terry Roberts leads this group. To have your name added to the email list contact Terry Roberts - [terry.roberts45@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.roberts45@yahoo.com)

**Mineral Group** – Meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. This group is all about minerals, how to identify them, geology and the locations they can be found. Topics are decided on by the group leader and the members. Charles Creekmur heads up the group. If you are interested in learning more about minerals, get your name on the email list for this group by contacting Charles Creekmur - [calcite65@gmail.com](mailto:calcite65@gmail.com)

**Fossil Group** – Meets every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. If fossils are your thing, or you just want to learn a little more about fossils, this would be the group for you. Topics about fossils, locations where they can be found, and geological time periods are all discussed in this group. David Russ heads up the group, and if you would like to have your name added to the email list, contact David Russ - [dbruss50@gmail.com](mailto:dbruss50@gmail.com)

**Gemology Group** Meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. This group is all about gemstone and the identification of gemstones. Topics are decided on by the group leaders and members. The group is led by Richard Armstrong. If you are interested in gemstones, identification, where their found, or any other related topic, this is the group for you. To have your name added to the email list, contact Richard Armstrong - [keltfire@msn.com](mailto:keltfire@msn.com)

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### THE EAST TEXAS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

**Purpose of the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society: Is to promote; the study of Geology, fossils and the Lapidary Arts. The public is always invited to attend regular monthly club meetings.**

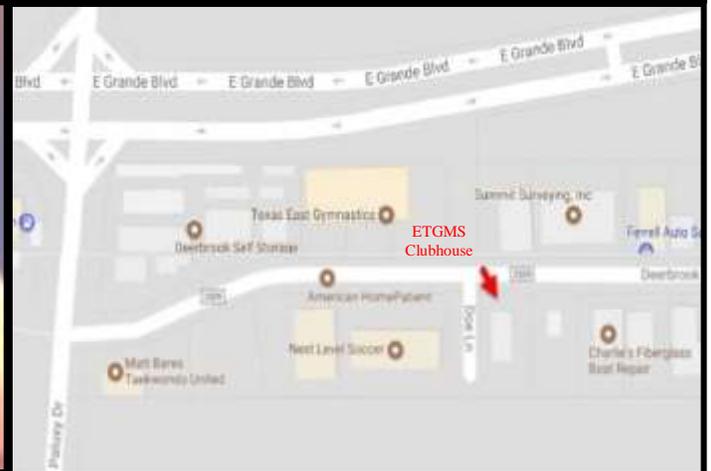
#### ANNUAL DUES:

Single: \$10.00 - Family: \$20.00

#### MONTHLY MEETING:

**WHEN:** First Monday of the month unless it's a holiday, then the second Monday, at 6:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** ETGMS Clubhouse, 2015 Deerbrook Drive, Tyler, Texas



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