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President's Message

I hope everyone had a great New Year! First, I would like to say thank you for your support and dedication to the club and its activities. Without you, there would be no club and no activities. The different sub-groups are starting to take off. I would like to ask each group to put together a nice poster board highlighting your group, so we can showcase and promote your group at the Gem and Jewelry Show. With our annual show and fundraiser right around the corner, this is a great opportunity to showcase the club activities. I want to remind everyone that we need your help at the show. We anticipate a very busy show this year. There are events going on at Harvey Hall the same weekend, which should help pull in extra visitors to our 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. I would like suggestions for a date(s) for an Open House. The swap meet went so well last time, I thought we would plan an open house and swap meet together; possibly in March. If you have any party planning skills, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you at the show. It's a new year with new possibilities.

Fred Mahaffey



The membership year begins in January. If you haven't renewed your membership by the end of January, your name will be dropped from the membership list. You'll find a membership application on page 5.

Don't forget that the SCFMS Convention is going on January 19th - 20st. It could be a nice weekend trip for a Rockhound Getaway.

MEETING MINUTES

The first meeting of 2019 was called to order at 7 pm on January 7, 2019. President Fred Mahaffey asked if there were any guests or visitors, but there were none. He asked for a motion to approve the December minutes as they appeared in the Newsletter. Penny Hawkins made the motion, Kinney Polve seconded, and the motion carried. New Treasurer Marcia Graham then gave the Treasury report.

Announcements:

- Fred let everyone know that the Show Chairman is Keith Harmon; the Newsletter Editor is Kinney Polve; and the Historian is Julia Toombs. Fred said we may be in need of a Webmaster.
- Lapidary Sub-group – Terry Roberts said there is no meeting this month. Instead, it will be the annual pre-show workshop for the creation of critters and silent auction items. The time is 9:00 am – 4:00 pm this Saturday, January 12th and lunch will be provided. We will also be loading the trailer for the show.
- Mineral Sub-group – Charles Creekmur wasn't present, but there will not be a meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12th (2nd Tuesday) at 6:30.
- Gemology Sub-group – This meeting on January 17th (3rd Thursday) will be at Richard Armstrong's house. He sent out an e-mail. They will be doing things in preparation for the group's participation in the show, their exhibit, and the gem identification to be offered Saturday and Sunday to the public.
- Fossil Sub-group – There has been a low turnout the last 3 months. We will meet on January 21st (3rd Monday) at 6:30 pm. The club now has two microscopes. We looked at micro-fossils from various places, and looked at maps to determine which formation is were. Dave was at Lake Texoma last weekend and found some clams he hasn't seen before. He found a formation to search for a particular Echinoid that he has been looking for. He will try to put together some field trips. Most are a 3-4-hour drive. Usually only surface collection is allowed.
- Field Trip – There won't be one besides the show. PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME! Don't just come and say "Where do you need me?" We must plan ahead. Our empty chairs will be full in February.

- Kinney requested that if anyone had any old barn wood, rustic looking, that they should please bring it on Saturday. Vicky is working on a project. But no rotten wood.
- School Day – Karen Nance has taken over for Carolyn Davis on Friday. She needs six to eight people willing to help. Gene Goar and Jack Shull will handle fossils and each student will receive a gift (fossilized shark tooth and shell). Please let him know how many kids are coming. He requested space between the fossil and gold panning areas. Once Carolyn and Karen have a list from TISD on which schools are coming, that information will be passed along.

Old Business:

- A field trip Chairperson is still needed.

New Business:

- Newsletter – Kinney said that in February there will be a poetry contest.
- The South Central Federation of Mineral Societies will have a convention the weekend of the January 19th in Fredericksburg. Go if you would like to see how the Federation works.
- Fred asked about possible locations for field trips. Colleen Hayes reminded everyone of Graves Mountain in Georgia April 26 – 28. Fred mentioned Oklahoma Selenite, thirty miles from the Kansas border.
- A Scholarship Chairperson is needed.

With no more business to discuss, Fred asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Terry made the motion, Colleen seconded, and the motion carried. After the drawing of door prize tickets and refreshments, the program was a tutorial for the first-time displayers at the show.

Submitted by
Julia Toombs, Secretary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 13	14	15	16	17 Gemology Group 6:30 pm	18	19 SCFMS Convention & Show
20 SCFMS Convention & Show	21 Fossil Group 6:30 pm	22	23	24 Gem Show Setup 9:00 am	25 Annual Gem Show 9 am – 5 pm	26 Annual Gem Show 10 am – 6 pm
27 Annual Gem Show 10 am – 5 pm	28	29	30	31	February 1	2
3	4 Monthly Meeting 6:45 pm	5	6	7	8	9 Lapidary/Jewelry Group 2:00 pm
10	11	12 Mineral Group Meeting 6:30 pm	13	14 	15	16
17	18 Fossil Group 6:30 pm	19	20	21 Gemology Group 6:30 pm	22	23

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The Eternal Rock Shop

By Marcia Graham

My grandpa was often out in his shop,
But I was too busy playing to stop.
I could've learned so much from him,
About cutting and polishing rocks, to begin.

His knowledge of rocks and stones to set,
And now looking back with some regret.
I realize the treasure in him I had.
I must admit makes me rather sad.

But I hope someday to be by his side,
In a rock shop in heaven with him as my guide.
Now there is a thought that eases my pain,
I'll have forever his knowledge to gain.

MINERALOGY

Saturday, December 15th, three members of the mineral study group met in Overton at Charles Creekmur's Rock House to view the collection and in general discuss and learn. We opted to forgo the January meeting and take it up again in February.
Charles Creekmur

GEMOLOGY GROUP

The Gemology Group meeting for January will be at my house, 20470 Bluegrass Circle, Flint, TX 75762. That is in the original Running Meadows subdivision just off of 346, six-tenths of a mile past the Flint Baptist Church on the left going toward Teaseleville.

This is an important meeting, as it is only one week before the club's annual show. I hope to have everything ready, so we can do a mockup of the exhibit on gem identification. It has to fit in the display case. We will also finalize details on the gem identification service we plan to provide. I think just Saturday and Sunday, because Friday is primarily the day for the school kids. We will try to work in some time to see my lab, and maybe look at pearl grading with the Pearl Master Comparison Set I recently received.

I understand some may be doing other things with the show, because it is a very busy time. If you can come do so, if you are otherwise busy we will understand. Parking at my house is primarily on the street, as my travel trailer and truck take up most of the driveway. Neighbors shouldn't complain, as I have to put up with their guests when they have events. Snacks are welcome.

Hope to see you here on the 17th, at 6:30 pm If anyone can volunteer to help me clean the house and get things ready that Thursday afternoon, I would appreciate it. It is a lot of work for me to do on my own. If you have any questions call me at (903) 360-5680

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

Pebble Puppy

Margaret Kilanski

I'm a self-proclaimed Pebble Puppy. What's a Pebble Puppy you ask? Well it's someone who loves rocks (any shape, size, color, and composition). Well you get the idea. It's also someone who really doesn't know a lot about any particular one, and doesn't want to stop long enough to learn more so she can earn her Rock Hound badge. All in all, I'm ok with it. My pebble puppy self has had many adventures – digging for fluorite, Apache tears, thunder-eggs, sapphires, quartz, jasper and more; also scouring rock shows - garage sales – beaches -roadways. On occasion I've been known to ask, can I have a rock or two from neighbors and friends' yards? Some of my most treasured ones have come my way from family and friends.

Over the years I've gotten more particular about the treasures I bring home; okay in truth my husband Neil asked me to “do something” with them. That got me to thinking about why did I bring these particular ones home? I understand some things about the geological and mineralogical aspects. My curiosity was peaked when I read a short story about Native American Rock Mythology. Many tribes have Rock Gods and Spirits: Flint & Stone Coats & Stone-Roll (Iroquois), Inyan (Sioux), Stone-clad (Cherokee), Nokumi (Mi'kmaq). Hopi and Pueblo tribes have Stone Clans. There are so many fascinating legends such as Nukumi and Fire: (Mi'kmaq) about how an ancient rock became the first grandmother, Splinter Foot Girl: (Arapaho) a legend telling how rocks became inanimate and Buffalo and Eagle Wing: (Blackfoot) is a legend about the origin of rocks and there are many more. In some writings, Saint Germain is given credit for bringing together the alchemy that created crystals.

Metaphysics has introduced the concept of stone energy. This is a belief where a stone/crystal property resonate with humans in a particular way. Smoky Quartz can help with relaxation, Rhodonite can help with forgiveness, Porphyrite can help with circumspection and so on. There have been many times when I picked up a stone, smiled and knew it was meant to come home with me. I don't know about how stones, rocks, crystals etc. came to be, but I'm grateful they are here for us to enjoy. I'm new to ETGMS and I want to thank you all for such a warm welcome. I'm looking forward to many exciting adventures together.

If you haven't renewed your membership, this will be your last issue or the Rock-N-Rose. You also 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 _____

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Email _____ Newsletter via email Y ____ N ____

Special Interest in Hobby _____

Home Phone _____ Work/cell phone _____

LAPIDARY SHOP UPDATE

Another goal was reached this past month for the lapidary workshop. Thanks to Terry Roberts spearheading our fundraising efforts for a new cabbing machine. Money raised from the two craft shows and a donation from Gene Goar made it a reality. Terry Roberts and I met at the clubhouse on Saturday, December 22nd to assemble the new machine. Terry realigned the wheels to improve the balance. There was one piece missing, so as soon as it arrives, we will have it ready to use.



Above – Kinney Polve and Terry Roberts setting things up. Photo is courtesy of Vicky Polve.



With the addition of the new machine to the lapidary shop, we can justify opening the shop for our members. We will try to schedule regular shop days at the clubhouse and in the newsletter. In order to use the equipment in the lapidary shop, you must have completed the ETGMS Orientation and the Cabochon Making Class. That means both areas need to be punched on your membership card.

Kinney Polve

Bell Elementary School Program

By Kinney Polve

It's always a special treat getting the opportunity to speak to a bunch of youngsters about rocks. I had such an occasion on December 13th, when Michele Stokes from Bell Elementary School contacted me about presenting a program. They had recently completed a study of geology and rocks, and they had requested more information on tumbling and polishing rocks. That's where I came in. I gave a short program describing different methods for tumbling and polishing rocks and presented examples of some of the amazing materials that are found. As expected, there were many questions that I had to address when I completed the program.



Photos are by Vicky Polve.



A Look into the Past

By Julia Toombs



This month's journey into the past will take a look at participation in the Azalea Trail in March and April and the Tyler Fair in September. As I only have minutes, some years are more descriptive than others. This article covers 1965 – 1975.

April 1965 was the Club's first participation in the Azalea Trail. In April 1966, five couples and three singles set up a rock display on the first Sunday. On the second Sunday, four couples and one single set up. The Trail wasn't mentioned in 1967.

The only minutes for 1968 were an overview of the year. This included the April Trail and September Fair. This Trail was described as "the best ever, and with the innovation of the money tree, a good sum of money was received and much public interest created." The Tyler Fair was September 21 – 28 and they asked the Club to display some of their mineral specimens and lapidary work. This was the first exhibit

at the Fair. According to the minutes, "the display was constantly viewed by fairgoers."

At the Trail in 1969, the Club displayed their mineral specimens on the Tyler Courthouse Plaza along with the Tyler Art Club on March 20 and April 6. They had the money tree and a dealer present to draw in the public. "There were very nice prizes given along with the chances on the money tree. They took in \$161.83." The Club had a display case at the Tyler Fair in September.

The Trail display of 1970 was held on the Plaza with the Art Club again. "Charles Creekmur had a table of specimens for display and sale. Bill Glasgow had a table of Mexican coconuts (Geodes) and other minerals for sale. The junior members operated the money tree. The Club had a 'choose your coconut and have it cracked open for 75 cents'. It was a success and all, but a few, coconuts sold out of 150 pounds." The Club made \$226.89 in sales and commissions. This was the best Azalea project the Club had had so far. The 1970 Tyler Fair had Club members displaying in Club-owned cases.

The Trail of 1971 was more of the same description of previous years. Geodes sold for \$1 and were cracked open for 75 cents. I have no book of Minutes for 1972, 1973, or 1974. In January 1975, discussion of the Azalea Trail began. Fifty pounds of geodes would be ordered.

The January 1975 program was presented by Dr Susann Heidrich, member and Professor. She presented a display of creative artwork using rocks, polished and natural, giving many ideas for projects at the February workshop. Each member was asked to bring rocks, newspapers and pliers. Dr Heidrich would bring various other supplies for purchase. The public was invited via a newspaper article or ad and about 50 attended, several of whom were children. One dealer was invited to the Trail, but declined. Another dealer was invited, attended and gave the Club the required 10%. As there weren't enough jewelry or good geodes left for a second display, the second Sunday wasn't attended.

In July 1975, a member said they needed to be planning for the next Trail. He asked for more tumbling stones since the Club Supply had been used up. Also brought up were a mineral exhibit at Broadway Square Mall and perhaps a sale at the Garden Center during the Rose Festival. There is no mention of the Tyler Fair (or East Texas State Fair?) being a place of display. One member did enter her rock collection in the hobby division and won a blue ribbon.

Correction: In the December article, I made an error in a location of a field trip because of handwriting. Magna Cove should have been Magnet Cove in Arkansas.

PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP



We had very good attendance for the pre-show workday on Saturday. Everyone went right to work getting all the supplies ready to make critters and other items for the show. Some of the volunteers started loading the trailer with show supplies. Everyone seemed to find the right job to fit their skills and abilities. All in all, things seemed to go pretty smoothly. Thanks to all of you that made time to volunteer. That's what it takes to have a successful show!



MEMBERS HAPPENINGS

Here are some of the projects I completed last month. Kinney Polve



Life Cycle

By Kinney Polve

Since I was just a little lad, and could barely walk,
I was always outside, and always had a rock.
Rocks in my pockets, rocks in my hand.
I would find them in the dirt, and sometimes in the sand.

As the years passed by, and I a little older,
I would write down the locations, and keep them in a folder.
I had collected many rocks. I had more than a few.
I had rocks from Texas, and other places, too.

Always in anticipation, of my next great find,
I really had no favorites, I collected every kind.
I collected some that sparkled, and some with funny holes.
I collected some bright colored ones, and some like little bowls.

As I became much older, my rock pile really grew.
I had so many rocks, I didn't know what to do.
I could give some away, but with which one do I part?
I was attached to all of them, so it wasn't in my heart.

Now that I'm much older, and my body is slowing down.
I look at all the treasures, that over many years I have found,
And of all the many memories, I have made along the way.
All the many adventures, before my hair turned gray.

It now is time to pass them on, to rockhounds like myself.
They can take them to their houses, and put them on their shelf.
It will add to their collections, along with many more.
Because like other rockhounds, it's something in our core.

I want to thank our members that contributed items for this month's newsletter. Our newsletter is always better when more of you contribute. For the February newsletter, as announced at the last meeting, we will be having a poetry contest. Our members will vote on which one they like the best. Last time we did this, there were some really great poems submitted. I look forward to seeing those submitted this year. Kinney Polve

Another reminder that the annual show is almost here. Set-up January 24th, school day & show January 25th, and show days January 26th – 27th. We're grateful for the members that put their names on the sign-up sheets, but there are still a few open slots. The sign-up sheets insure that we have the minimum personnel needed. For those of you that didn't sign up, your help is still needed. Show up if you have some spare time, and we'll put you to work.

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Contact Information:

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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

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

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

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

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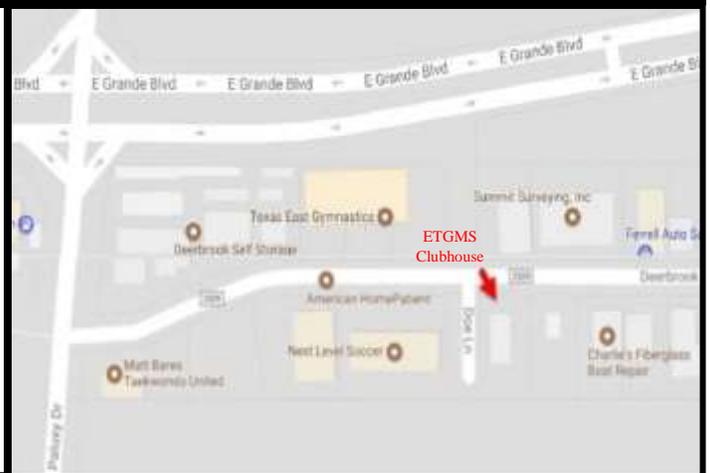
ANNUAL DUES:

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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