

ROCK-N-ROSE



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Upcoming Events

AUGUST 1-2
LUBBOCK G&MS
LUBBOCK MEM. CIV. CTR
LUBBOCK, TX

AUGUST 8-9
BATON ROUGE G&MS
LAMAR-DIXON EXPO
GONZALES, TX

AUGUST 29-30
FORT WORTH G\$MS
WILL ROGERS MEM. CTR.
FORT WORTH, TX

**Check for cancellations
prior to attending.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month finds us at a critical point in the management of our club. The old adage that a competent person will be given and accept tasks to the point that he or she will become overburdened shows to be true once again. We as a group must step forward to recognize how easy it is to let others carry the burdens of an organization such as ours. There are those, such as Kinney Polve, who have done that to the point that they awaken to the realization that they are acting to the detriment of their personal lives. Kinney has been a great asset to this club, we are really recognizing that even more at this time. Thank you, Kinney, for being such a devoted leader of our club. So, the call is out. We all have talents, abilities and some time, somewhere, to fill in the gap we now see in our club. No one person can fill the shoes we now find empty, but WE as a group can. By now you may have received a request to consider any part of our club activities that you can assist in doing. Please do so.

I will be guiding our field trip to the Brazos River on Saturday, July 18th. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

David

David Russ

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As you may already know, this is the last issue I will be publishing as editor. I appreciate all the encouragement I have receive from our members over the past couple of years. I also want to thank all the members that submitted items to be published during my time as editor. With that said, the newsletter will still be in good hands. Sarah Hawthorne will be taking over the position as Newsletter Editor. I would like to encourage all of you to help Sarah in the same way you have helped me. Please send those submissions in by the 10th of the month.

WE NEED YOU!!!!

From the ETGMS Board of Directors

On June 28th, Kinney Polve, your Newsletter editor, among other roles, sent the Board of Directors a letter of resignation from all positions held in ETGMS. Over the years he has volunteered for more duties than one man should be

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handling, and he will be greatly missed. His dedication and perseverance for the good of ETGMS is very much appreciated. We would not be where we are today without his commitment. He will stay a member of ETGMS and will continue to teach silversmithing classes at his workshop. Kinney will publish the July newsletter and after that we will need to find a new editor.

Various Board members are taking over many of his duties, but we need your help so that we do not become overburdened with leadership positions and can't enjoy our first love of seeing a pretty rock, gem, or mineral and picking it up. This is where you, the club member, come in. We need you to step up and volunteer to do what you can: If you are retired and bored but enjoy ETGMS; if you have a talent for organizing; if you are computer savvy. If you are any of these or more, you need to talk to a Board member about helping with a task you know or even one you might not have any experience with, but are willing to learn. Living is learning daily.

The Club has been close to folding up a few times in its history, but someone has always stepped up to keep it going. It has come back strong each time. The Board and you can keep it alive and well. We have a clubhouse for the first time in our history. None of us wants to lose it. But it takes many people to keep it moving in the right direction.

A survey will be emailed out in a few days and we ask you to respond. We need to know what the members want in types of meetings - Zoom, Video, Facebook live feeds, etc., in case this virus event has us not meeting face-to-face for an even longer time. The Board cancelled April to July meetings out of an abundance of caution for our members and their loved ones. At this point we cannot even say if there will be an annual show. Please respond so that we know what you want to see the club do differently, as well as keep doing, while we navigate this unprecedented occurrence in all our lives. Remember, the club exists not only as an organization for like-minded people to gather to socialize, but also to help its members learn more about the earth sciences and teach others, as well.

Due to the number of active virus cases in Smith County, all ETGMS activities are CANCELLED for August - including all meetings and the rock swap.

Now for some good news:

The ETGMS Board of Directors are thrilled to announce that Sarah Hawthorne has stepped up to being our new ROCK-N-ROSE Editor. We're excited about the new format and hope you will enjoy Sarah's creation. Starting with the August Newsletter Julia Toombs and Sarah will make up the newsletter creation team. Julia will continue to proof read articles just as she has for quite a while now and Sarah will format and email the newsletter. Julia will tell us more about Sarah in the August Newsletter.

The actual completion of the newsletter will be a four-step process:

1. Members will send their completed articles including any pictures to Julia at jltoombs@suddenlink.net. Please save your articles in a Microsoft Word format. All articles and pictures will need to be to Julia by the 10th of the month - to make that current month's edition.
2. Julia will proof read articles (same as she does now) and forward them to Sarah.
3. Sarah will create the newsletter and email it out to the membership.
4. Margaret Kilanski will mail newsletters to those members who have requested a printed copy.

Please contact Julia if you have any questions about the newsletter process.

The BOD wants to thank all members who took the time to complete the survey. If you haven't done it yet, please do so soon, we really need to hear from you. Contact Margaret Kilanski - mlkilanski@yahoo.com if you have not received your survey invitation or if you have any questions about the survey. We'll have a recap of the survey results in the September newsletter.

Take Care and be safe! ETGMS Board of Directors

Lapidary/Jewelry Group – Meets on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm, except December and January. Terry Roberts leads this group. Contact Terry to have your name added to the email. terry.roberts45@yahoo.com

Mineral Group – Meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Charles Creekmur heads up the group. Contact Charles to have your name added to the email. - calcite65@gmail.com

Fossil Group – Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. David Russ heads up the group. Contact David to have your name added to the email. dbruss50@gmail.com

Gemology Group Meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The group is led by Richard Armstrong. Contact Richard to have your name added to the email. keltfire@msn.com

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THE EAST TEXAS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

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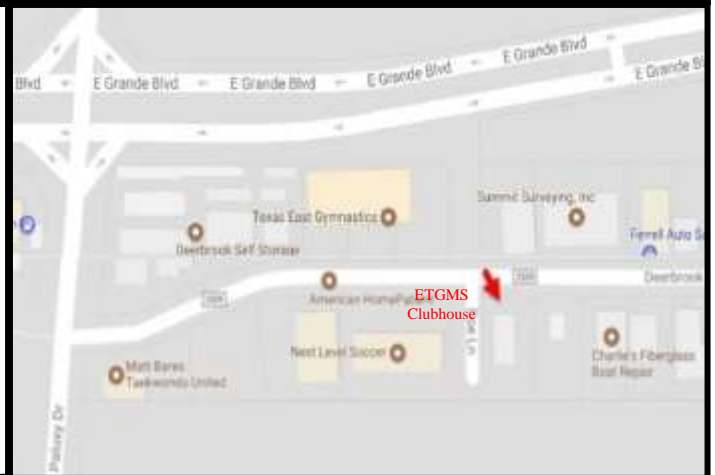
ANNUAL DUES:

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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