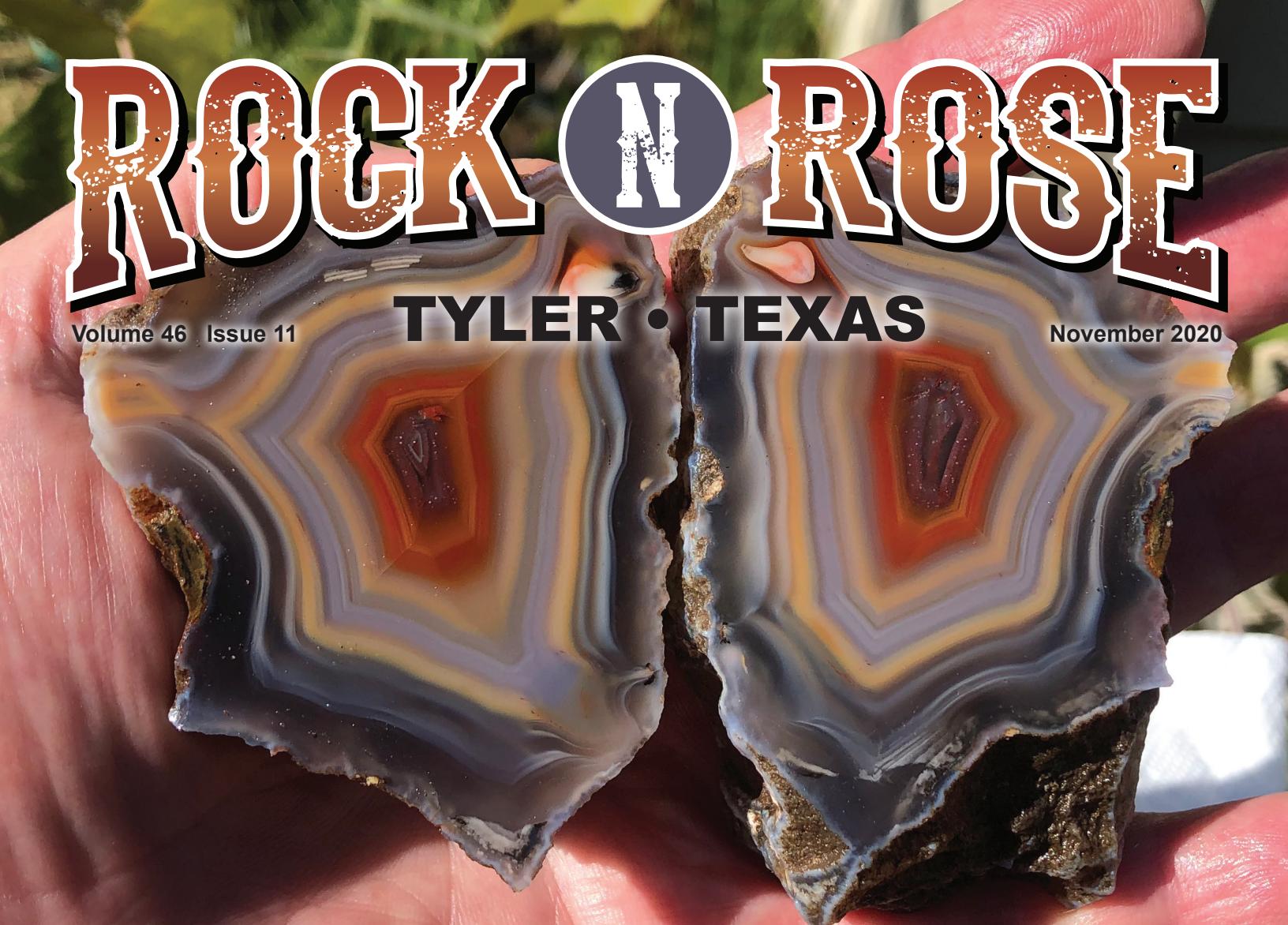


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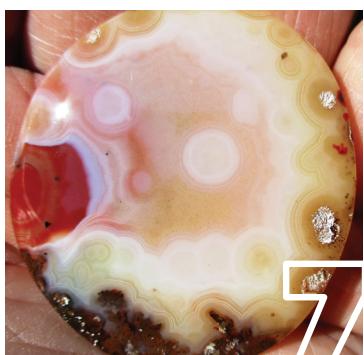
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January 22 - 24, 2021
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society
Texas Rose Garden Center
Tyler, Texas

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prior to attending*



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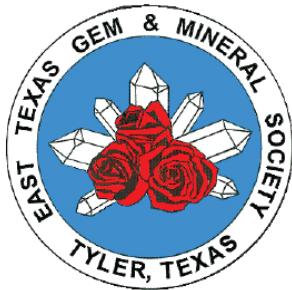
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DUES, DUES, DUES



It's that time of year again!! To keep your membership current, your dues need to be paid by the January meeting. We encourage everyone to pay early so you don't accidentally forget and get dropped from the mailing list. Please make sure you complete the form in its entirety. Adult members are 18+. Please check if the member is an Adult or Junior. The yearly member fee is \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Also, be sure to list your interests, so we can better serve our member's needs.

If you plan to mail in your dues, the club's address is on the last page of this newsletter.

EAST TEXAS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Date Paid _____

Dues Paid _____

Cash _____ Check _____

Name(s) _____

Adult _____ Jr. _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

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December Gift Exchange



For those of you who do not read the minutes, this is the explanation of the change to the White Elephant gift exchange.

COVID could be listed as the main reason for the change. For me, it is the recommendation of two caring members. I have never had the heart to steal from any member. I like to start fresh as there are plenty more things to choose from.

So, this year, unless a junior member is willing to lose it, there will be NO stealing from a kid. On the COVID side, there will be only one steal. This will limit touching. If you are especially concerned, bring gloves.

For the safety of all, you do not need to bring food this year. Hopefully, by December 2021, life will be back to a full normal and we will be able to have a proper party.

I hope you will join us on December 7 at 6:45pm.

ETGMS Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2020

The East Texas Gem & Mineral Society met for its regular monthly meeting on November 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Vice-President Terry Roberts. Twelve members came and there was one new member. He introduced himself and explained the rocks he had for sale outside. Terry asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Jerry Sudderth made the motion, Allison Kitchen seconded, and the motion carried. Marcia Graham gave the report on the treasury. There are door prizes out, but no silent auction item.

Announcements:

1. Newsletter - any articles are sent to Julia Toombs for proof-reading.
2. Website - Margaret said to look for pictures, videos, power-point on diamonds by Richard Armstrong, fluorescent presentation by Charles Creekmur, picture gallery of New Mexico material, and member accomplishments.
3. December 2 is the next meeting with the gift exchange. There are new rules for the White Elephant exchange –rock related, wrapped but not name tagged, no stealing from a junior member unless approved by said member, and only one steal for everyone else. There is no party, per se, as there is still no food.
4. Terry was the only sub-group chair present but there will be no Lapidary meeting until February at the earliest.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

1. November Rockhound of the Month - Jim & Allison Kitchen.
2. Elections - Jerry Sudderth volunteered to be a Board member at-large. He would take Margaret Kilanski's place. Voting will occur in December when there should be more members present.
3. Officers - President, David Russ • Vice-President, Terry Roberts
Secretary, Julia Toombs • Treasurer, Marcia Graham.
The Board members at-large will be Jerry Sudderth and Rick Walker.

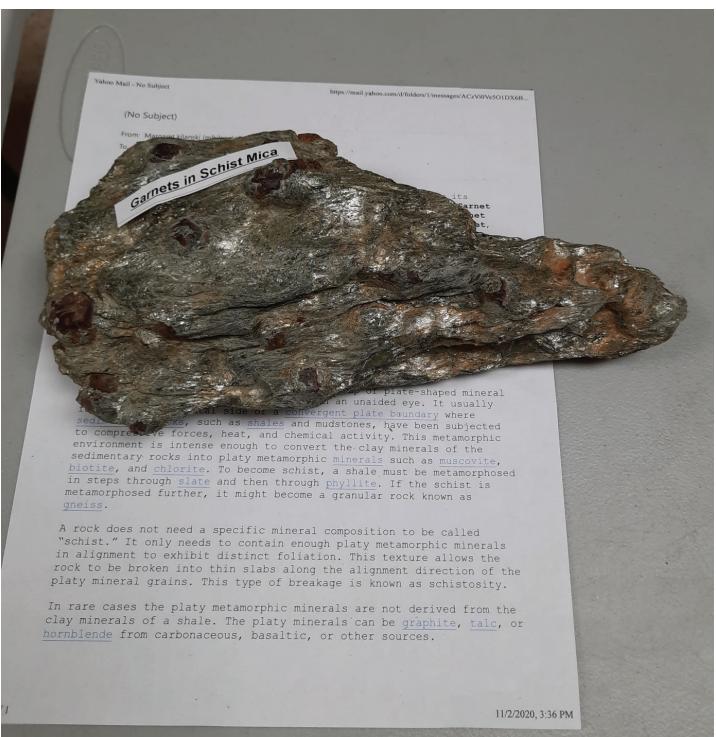
Door prizes were drawn. Terry then asked that people come look at the items and those who brought something would then talk about them.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Please join us on December 7 for the gift exchange at 6:45pm.

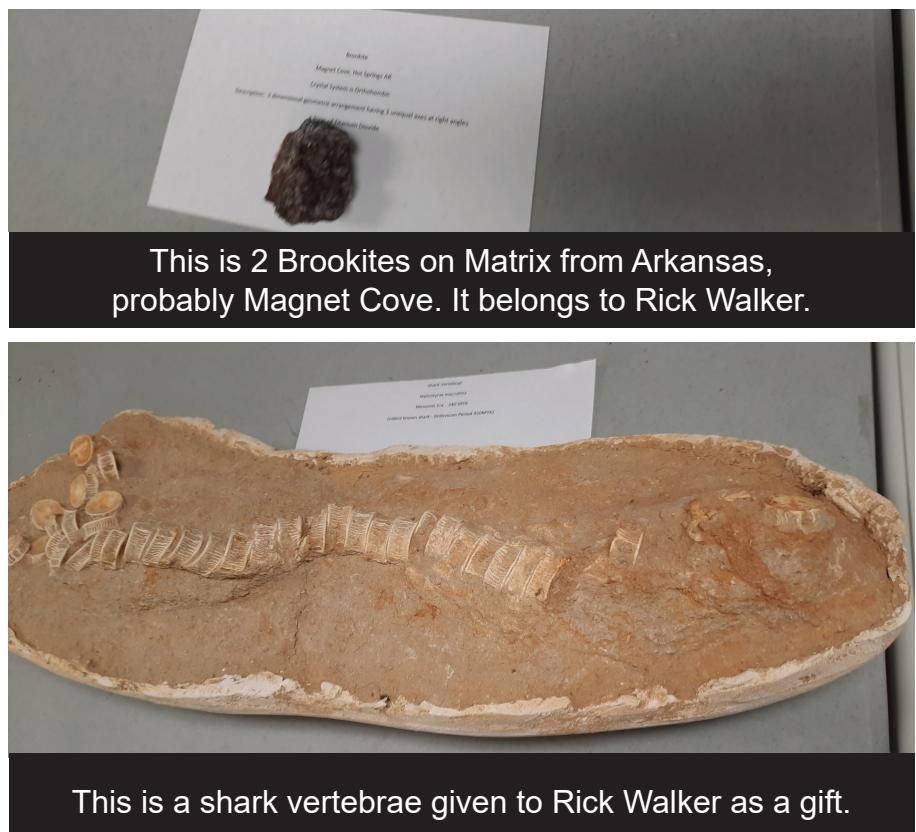
Respectfully submitted by: Julia Toombs, Secretary

ETGMS Meeting Photos

November 2, 2020



This is garnets in shist mica.
It is Margaret Kilanski's.



This is a shark vertebrae given to Rick Walker as a gift.

Nature's Reflection of Life

By Terry Roberts

One of the reasons I enjoy making cabochons (cabs) and wire wrapping them for pendants is that all who wear them love the jewelry as a work of art. On rare occasions, someone may say they are "drawn" to a particular cab and cannot put it down. However, I've recently discovered there is an entirely different attraction to my jewelry; one that is based on what it symbolizes to them.

On our last visit to see our daughter and her husband in Utah, she introduced me to a lovely young lady and her mother who has been a friend for several years. The young lady who was just starting college has several serious health issues and has had one major operation that left a large scar on her chest. She will have to have another operation soon to relocate one of her kidneys before Christmas.

My daughter asked me to make a pendant for both the mother and daughter, which I quickly agreed to do. The mother found a beautiful Chrysocolla in quartz (gem silica) cab I had recently completed, but her daughter took longer while studying each of the several hundred cabs I had brought with us. When she came across a beautiful Mexican bouquet agate I had made several years ago, she immediately picked it up and asked me to wire wrap it for her.

I remembered making the cab and thought no one would choose it for a pendant because while it had colorful bouquet patterns in clear quartz, it also had a large cavity near the center that had a smooth, undulating floor without any druzy quartz crystals that people love to see. I asked her

why she wanted this particular cab since it had what some would call a flaw in it. She replied that it symbolized the scar and pain that now marked her chest and that this symbolic art would show the world that she was still beautiful even with a large scar on her body.

I was humbled by her emotional explanation and felt that I had to share this story with others in the lapidary field in the hope it would encourage them to continue producing lovely works of art for others to enjoy and wear.

The pendants I made for the mother and her daughter are shown below in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.



Shop Time

By: Terry Roberts



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

I was rummaging through a bucket of Walker Ranch agates recently and came across a large biscuit (agate nodule) and decided to cut it to see what was hiding inside. I only made one cut parallel to the long axis to get two halves. When I took a look at the interior of each half, I had to drop my other projects and get started on turning them into cabs. I've attached photos of the two cabs that I thought everyone would like to see. Figure 1 shows the top (dome) of the largest cab which measures 49mm by 44mm. Figure 2 shows the bottom of the cab.

Figure 3 shows the top (dome) of the second cab which measures 45mm by 40mm. Figure 4 shows the bottom of the cab. I have never seen this type of pattern, color combination, or internal features before in one biscuit.

I should mention that I had to do a considerable amount of grinding to remove the rough surface layer and then the plain white agate material on top of each cab to reach the more interesting colors and patterns that lay closer to the bottom of each cab. I was not able to reach the bands that can be seen on the bottom of each cab, but you can't have everything you want. However, this still shows that a little extra work can be worth all the effort to make a beautiful cab.



FIGURE 3

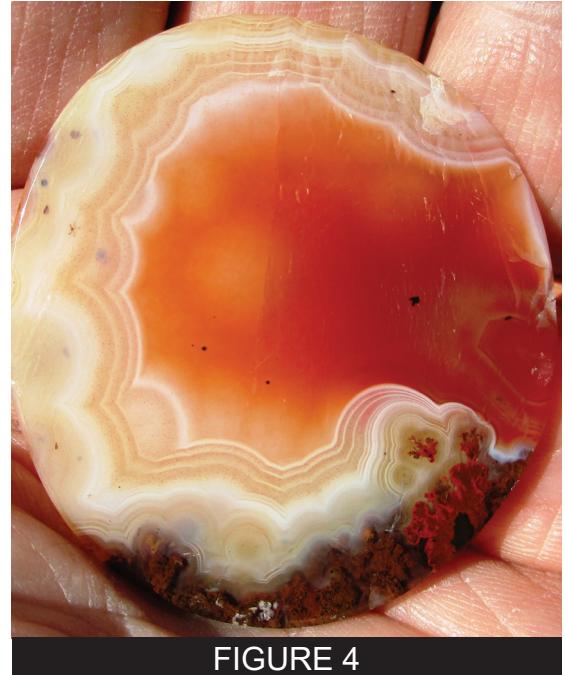


FIGURE 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Tyler, Texas

- Christmas Party, Clubhouse

JANUARY 22 - 24, 2021

- East Texas Gem & Mineral Show

Check ETGMS.Org or with a Board Member for any scheduling changes

GROUP MEETS

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.

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GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS



THE EAST TEXAS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

The 25th Annual **Gemstone and Jewelry Show**

**JANUARY
22, 23, and 24, 2021**

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The Rock Food Table • <http://rockfoodtable.com>

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SCFMS AND AFMS CONTEST RESULTS

The Board of Directors would like to congratulate the following winners:

MARGARET KILANSKI

Took 1ST Place in the 2020 SCFMS Website contest
and 2nd place in the 2020 AFMS Website contest.

The November issue of the AFMS Newsletter lists the following winners
in the 2020 Bulletin contest:

KINNEY POLVE

4th place – Small Bulletins, January

MATTHEW LASTER

10th place – Junior Articles, Under 12 – My Mini Museum

MARcia GRAHAM

Honorable Mention – Written Features, December 2019 – It Takes a Village

TERRY ROBERTS

Honorable Mention – Shop Time, December 2019

CHARLES CREEKMUR

2nd place – Adult Poetry, February – Ode to an Aggie Geologist

MARcia GRAHAM

3rd place – Adult Poetry, February – Lapidary Love

KINNEY POLVE

4th place – Adult Poetry, January – Life Cycle

KINNEY POLVE

Special Publication, December 2019 – Making Legs for Rock Critters

Well done!!! Keep up the great work!!!

THE NARANJO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

in Lufkin, TX will host an opening event for a new Texas Artifacts Exhibit on
Saturday, November 21, 2020 • 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The new exhibit will display a variety of artifacts from everyday life during the early days of Texas. Some of the most unique pieces of the exhibit are on loan from the Sam Houston State Natural History Collections.

Along with viewing the new exhibit, visitors are also invited to bring artifacts, fossils or other items to be identified by Dr. Neal Naranjo and Mr. Morris Weeks. Dr. Naranjo specializes in identifying fossils, bones and rocks and Mr. Weeks of Beaumont, TX is an expert in identifying Native American arrowheads and artifacts.

"This will be a fun day for visitors to experience the new exhibit, learn more about artifacts in their own collections and meet other history enthusiasts."

- Veronica Amoe, Naranjo Museum Manager.

Artifact identification is free with standard museum admission and visitors bringing items to be identified are asked to RSVP by emailing veronica@naranjomuseum.org



Naranjo Museum of Natural History 5104 South 1st St. Lufkin, TX 75901 1pm-5pm

The new Texas Artifacts Exhibits features a variety of artifacts from East Texas and beyond. Each artifact includes an origin story and further demonstrates that glimpses of Texas History can be found all around!

Featuring:
Artifact identification with local experts:
Morris Weeks and Dr. Neal Naranjo

Visitors may bring fossils, artifacts and other items to be identified.

For more information visit:
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Please send in a Microsoft Word format that can be edited.

The 10th of the month is the deadline.
Board minutes are not printed in the newsletter. If you would like to see a copy, contact a member of the Board.

THE EAST TEXAS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

The 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

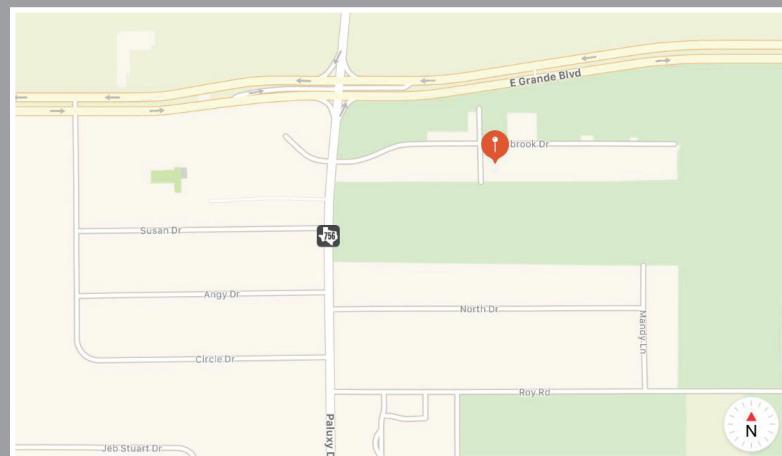
Single: \$10.00 • Family: \$20.00

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

Check us out on the web • WWW.ETGMS.ORG



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