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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETGMS Meeting

November is the month that we elect new officers or reelect the current ones. Please attend so that your voice can be heard or if you would like to throw your hat in the ring for a position.

2023 DUES INCREASE

Dues for 2023 have been increased

- \$15/year for an individual
- \$25/year for a family.

You can begin paying them in October.
Please remember that you can send a check to the PO Box shown on the back of the newsletter.

GROUP MEETS

LAPIDARY / JEWELRY GROUP

The Monthly Lapidary Meeting is Saturday, October 8th.

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.



Volunteers are needed for our booth at the Arts and Crafts Fair at Bergfeld Park, October 15 & 16. Set-up of the booth will begin about 11 AM on Friday, the 14th. Contact Rick Walker if you would like to help with this.

The booth is open Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. Our booths are often manned by Board members, but this year two will be away on other Club-related business.

We will be selling handmade jewelry and painted rocks, signing up new members, showing fossils, have cut and polished rocks and critters out, and the Wheel of Fortune will be set up for the kids. Please contact Rick Walker at rjwalkeretgms@gmail.com if you can help us out.

A Message to the Club



Jerry Sudderth

PRESIDENT

I'm sorry if you missed our fall auction. We had a good turnout and sold some really nice pieces. The next auction will be April, 2023. Now it is time to plan to help at the big show in January. We need all of you to come out and help, if only for a few hours one of the days. You can sign up at a meeting or email Rick Walker to get on the list. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

ETGMS Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 3, 2022

The East Texas Gem & Mineral Society met for its regular monthly meeting on October 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM. President Jerry Sudderth asked if there were any new members or visitors but there were none. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Charles Creekmur made the motion, Terry Roberts seconded, and the motion carried. Jerry asked Ed Grounds to give the treasury report. Jerry reminded everyone about the renewal of dues being accepted now and the increase for 2023.

Announcements:

- Mineral – October 11 at 6:30 PM. Program – Zeolites
- Lapidary – work shop will open at 1:30, \$5/session; training – get with Ed.
- Karen Nance – beading class is Tuesday, October 11 at 9-11 AM.
Email her for information – kb.designs.co@gmail.com and to let her know your interests.
Registration is free and she supplies the kits for \$5. Two bracelets will be made.
- Newsletter – Deadline for articles this month is Thursday, October 6.
- Program – annual Fall live auction
- September Rockhound of the Month is Shelley Sudderth.

Old Business:

- Sign up to help out at the show in January
- Dealer dinner will be fully catered.
PLEASE feel free to bring desserts. They are enjoyed throughout the weekend.
- Bergfeld Park – To help out at the booth October 15 & 16,
contact Rick Walker at rjwalkeretgms@gmail.com.
- Fluorescent boxes are ready to be shown.

With no further business to discuss, Jerry asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Terry made the motion, Easton Simpson seconded, and the motion carried. There is no drawing of door prizes when we have the auction. After a break for refreshments and another viewing of the items, the auction began.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022 at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Julia Toombs, Secretary



Shop Time

By: Terry Roberts

I recently bought some agate and jasper slabs and rough material from Larry Maguire who lives in northern Louisiana. Larry has collected in some famous and very productive sites with a friend of his who owns claims in northern Nevada and southern Oregon, as well as Idaho and other states out west. He told me that it was time to “downsize” since he has too much material in his shop and he is getting on in years.

He had lots of good agates and jaspers laid out for people to look over and purchase that day. I bought several slabs of beautiful material from him that I had never seen before

and some rough material as well. I have cabbed some of the material and the results are shown below.

The first photo shows two cabs that I made from the only slab of Red Falcon Jasper that I bought. This jasper is found in the Dead Camel Mountains near Fallon, Nevada. The name for the location alone is worth the price of admission. I’ve since found out that the name for the mountains arose from a comment from someone that they had seen a dead camel there. It seems that the Army had imported camels to see if they would make good pack animals in the desert counties in Arizona and Nevada, but were forced to release the animals when Government funding ran out.

This jasper takes a nice polish and shows some nice “scenes” on both cabs. I have since wire wrapped the cab on the right side of the photo and sent it to my daughter to give to one of her friends who has just undergone some difficult kidney surgery.

The second photo also shows two cabs that I made from the single slab of Blue Mountain Picture Jasper that I bought from Larry. It came from a claim located in the Blue Mountains on the Nevada-Oregon border. The area is just north of McDermitt, Nevada, but is located in Oregon. I arranged the two cabs to show their position in the slab when I cut them out. This jasper took a mirror polish as you can tell from the reflections. Larry told me that this is a porcelain jasper, which is why it polishes just like agates. He also told me that this was “old stock” material since the jaspers currently coming out of the site rarely have a blue band in the rough. My wife definitely loves these cabs the most.

After seeing how these cabs turned out, I wish I had asked Larry if he had more of these slabs in his shop, but I didn’t think about it at the time. You know what they say about hindsight. I still have some cutting to do since all the rest of the material I bought was rocks rather than slabs. Maybe I’ll get lucky again.





OCTOBER AUCTION

By Julia Toombs

October is always a special East Texas Gem & Mineral club meeting! This year was no exception as it was time for the annual club auction. We had 73 wonderful items up for sale and many members in attendance. Rick Walker was our auctioneer and Jerry Sudderth was our spotter/runner. Bidding was fierce on many items. Only a couple did not sell and will be offered at a later event.

I was hoping to pick up some wonderful fossils and was excited to have the winning bid on an unknown fossil, a great echinoid, and a lovely thunder egg. The echinoid is three inches in diameter and one and one-half inches thick.

This is a great fundraiser for our club. We wish to thank everyone who donated specimens, came and bid, or just came to watch the fun of bidding!!

Enjoy all of the pictures!!



You Might Be A Rockhound If...

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by Lynn Metcalf, GG GIA

We have all heard the 'Redneck anthology'. Witty one-liners that describe allegedly 'oh, so true' things about some folks of our acquaintance.

Let's take that idea a step beyond into the domain of the true ROCKHOUND. Presenting...

You Might Be a Rockhound If...

(Folks may have seen some of these, but guaranteed not all of them)

You Might Be a Rockhound If...

You name your dog Igneous...

You name your cat Pegmatitic...

Your bumper sticker says, "All my Friends are Sedimentary..."

You honestly believe Diamonds are a (choose word here, uh-huh. How about let's go Rockhound's?) Best Friend...

You know what Leaverite is...

You believe minerals should be minerals, not makeup...

You stop at 'Watch Out for Falling Rock' signs and you wait over an hour for one to fall...

You think glaciers did the world a solid...

You don't think it was the San Andreas' fault...

Your sneeze sounds a lot like 'Schist'...

You say, 'May the Quartz be with you...'

You think 'The Dark Crystal' is the ultimate love story...

You say, 'Believe in the Power of the Quartz'...

You think fine crystal is not something you sip wine from...

You hear someone say 'either or' and you ask, 'What mine did that come from?'...

You know the name of the diamond that was stolen in the movie 'The Pink Panther'...

Someone says you are an old fossil, and you take it as a compliment...

You get excited over the lump of coal in your Christmas stocking...

You can name the gem they were searching for in the 'Jewel of the Nile'...

You can name, from memory, the 12 Zodiac Birthstones and their secondary gems...

You have watched 'Romancing the Stone' more than 12 times...

You know the difference between stone polishing bands and The Stone Temple Pilots...

You think that the Matrix refers to opal, not a movie...

Someone tells you to stick your head in a hole and you get excited...

You think getting stoned is a terrible waste of raw materials...

Anyone in your ancestry was named Opal, Ruby or Jasper you might be from a family of rockhounds.

You believe 'Shangri-la' is Quartzite, Arizona...

Your 'Field of Dreams' is the Crater of Diamonds...

If you know more Rockhound one-liners, share them! We can all use a good laugh nowadays.

HELP WANTED



ETGM ANNUAL SHOW JANUARY 27 – 29, 2023

By Julia Toombs

Your Board has already begun planning for the show next year. If you are a member who does not come to the meetings on a regular basis but wants to help at this big endeavor, you can still get your name on a Volunteer sheet. Below is a list of the areas in which you can help. Most shifts are two hours. You can sign up for as many as you like and in as many areas as you want.

Our set-up day at the Tyler Rose Garden Center is Thursday, January 26.

- **Show Set-up**
- **Display Case Set-up**
- **Student Day** – Fri.
- **Dealer Dinner** – 6 PM Fri.
- **Rock Food Table** – Fri., Sat., and Sun.
- **Front Desk** – Fri., Sat., and Sun.
- **Door Ticket Checker** – Fri., Sat., and Sun.
- **Fluorescent Room** – Fri., Sat., and Sun.
- **Games** – Fri., Sat., and Sun.
- **Silent Auction** – Sat. and Sun.

Show Set-up – This will include loading trucks and trailers at the clubhouse. Most items will be on pallets for easy loading, but there are always single items that are better off in vehicles. Once at the Center, you will help get everything into place including assembling the Display Cases.

Display Case set-up – This is for the members who want to fill a case with their treasures. There are 16 small cases and one big case. They must be filled by 9 PM Thursday, January 26.

Student Day – We need help guiding students among the vendors. There is also a stop at the Games. You have the aid of a mapped path.

Dealer Dinner – We need help setting up the area and getting the food put out. The meal will be fully catered this year but extra desserts are welcomed and should be there by 5 with serving utensils. Leftovers often feed the workers and vendors over the weekend.

Rock Food Table – This involves standing/sitting with the tables and answering questions (to the best of your ability) from the attendees. (Many items on plates are glued down. We request that you keep arms from reaching across to pick things up.)

Front Desk – You will take entrance fees, hand out raffle tickets, hand out forms to be filled in for the mailing list, etc. A ticket Friday gets them in Saturday and Sunday, too.

Door Ticket Checker – This entails checking and stamping each hand that enters, so they can get back in should they leave the building.

Fluorescent Room – You will be the attendant who explains fluorescence and operates the lights.

Games – You will take money and refill the prize boards with critters, etc.

Silent Auction - You will put out items on the tables with their bidding sheets. When each 30-minute round is up, the items are wrapped and bagged for transport. You hand cash or credit card to the person behind the drawer.

Show Breakdown – There is not a sheet for this. If you are working an area up to 5pm on Sunday, we request that you stay and help get everything put away so the pallets can be reloaded. Rick Walker is set-up and break-down extraordinaire. If you are not working that day but want to help, please contact Rick.

If you want to help with our biggest fund raiser of the year but cannot get to a Volunteer sheet, please contact Rick Walker at rjwalkeretgms@gmail.com.

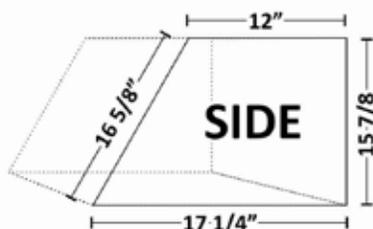
WE NEED YOU!!!

DISPLAY CASES AT JANUARY SHOW

By Julia Toombs

Below are the measurements for the display cases we use at our annual show. This is a great way to introduce others to geology and the cases have always represented all aspects of the hobby. It's fun too.

DISPLAY CASE LINERS



LYNN METCALF HAS LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:

- Gemstone slant cabber w/ multiple pads
- Diamond Jem 5-wheel (like a Pixie), w/ interchangeable 5th wheel for leather or other pads
- Gemstone Trim Saw with 2 diamond 6" blades. One is for thin cuts on softer materials. The other is for heavier, denser materials (brand new).
- 10" diamond Black Blade rock saw blade
- The big wheel cabber has multiple new belts

Lynn has a few vials of powders and diamond drill bits for small work. There are miscellaneous smaller items and some raw rock material. Contact her at lcmetcalf@hotmail.com

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Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm • Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm

ADMISSION:

Adults: **\$5.00**

Children and Students: **\$1.00**

- Colorful Fluorescent Mineral Display
- Silent Auction on Saturday & Sunday
- Hourly Prizes
- Grand Prize Drawing
- Lapidary Demonstrations
- Wheel of Fortune Game for the Children
- Equipment and Supplies
- Cut and Uncut Stones
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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: \$15.00

Family: \$25.00

Check us out on the web

WWW.ETGMS.ORG

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



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