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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message to the Club



Jerry Sudderth
PRESIDENT

As we come to the end of another year, we welcome a new board member and treasurer in Jimmy Simpson. We hope to continue making improvements to our club in the future and that everyone is planning on helping out at the big show. For our December meetings, we always have a Christmas party. We have a great time and hope to see you all there.

**HELP
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ETGMS ANNUAL SHOW

JANUARY 27 – 29, 2023

Page 10 has all the details to help out with the annual ETGMS show

GROUP MEETS

LAPIDARY / JEWELRY GROUP

The Monthly Lapidary Meeting is Saturday, October 8th.

MINERAL GROUP

Meets 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

DUES FOR 2023

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

Dues should be paid by **January 1, 2023** to stay on the membership roster, but will be accepted later. Please remember that you can send a check to the PO Box shown on the back of the newsletter.



ETGMS Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The East Texas Gem & Mineral Society met for its regular monthly meeting on November 7, 2022. President Jerry Sudderth asked if there were any visitors or new members present but there were none. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. Easton Simpson made the motion, Colleen Hayes seconded, and the motion carried. Ed Grounds gave the treasury report.

Announcements:

- Jerry announced that dues for 2023 are being accepted.
- Mineral meeting – Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 PM – Zeolites
- Lapidary meeting – Ed said the workshop would be open from 2-6 PM on Saturday, November 12; Marcia Graham will also have a wire-wrapping class that day beginning at 2 PM.
- Field Trip – Naranjo Museum of Natural History in Lufkin, Texas and then to Lake Nacogdoches for horn corals and selenite – 1st or 2nd weekend in December. Someone asked about the N. Sulfur River (Ladonia Fossil Park). Rick monitors its condition. Fred Mahaffey will be taking over as Field Trip Chair with Rick assisting.
- Contributions to: Newsletter – Julia Toombs; Web page – Margaret Kilanski; Facebook – Rick Walker
- October Rockhound of the Month – Jeff Lewis.
He became active as a new member and devoted a Saturday to our Bergfeld Park event.
- Allen Brown donated Oxalic Acid to the club.
- Christmas Party – December 5 – bring a wrapped, rock-related gift worth about \$20; there will be a steal involved.
- Program – Awards, DVD on a Meteor strike in Russia

Elections:

- Jerry asked if there were any nominations or volunteers for president. There were none. Jerry was unanimously reelected.
- Jerry asked if there were any nominations or volunteers for vice-president. There were none.
Terry Roberts was unanimously reelected.
- Jerry asked if there were any nominations or volunteers for treasurer. Collen nominated Jimmy Simpson.
Jimmy accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected.
- Jerry asked if there were any nominations or volunteers for secretary. There were none. Julia was unanimously reelected.
- John Ellwanger made a motion that remaining officers be elected for another year. The only offices left were the three at-large board members. Marcia Graham seconded, and the motion carried. Charles Creekmur, Colleen Hayes, and Rick Walker will remain on the Board.

Awards:

- See the results in a separate article.

After a break for refreshments and raffle ticket purchase, tickets were drawn and the DVD on the meteor strike was shown. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022, at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Toombs, Secretary



NEWSLETTER AWARDS

By Julia Toombs

The South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SCFMS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) held their annual conventions on October 14-16, 2022, in association with the Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana, their 50th anniversary show. Jerry and Shelley Sudderth, Sarah Hawthorne, and I attended.

Sarah and I went to the Editors Breakfast bright and early Saturday morning. It was at this time when the Editor and Author awards were presented for our 2021 newsletters. They were presented by Susan Burch, also a member of our club. We received twelve Regional and seven National awards. Keep in mind these are the top ten out of hundreds of writers!!



I'll start with the SCFMS or Regional awards:

New Editor:

Sarah and I took second place.

Special Publication:

I took first place as Editor for the Welcome Packet given out to new members at the Annual Show and meetings.

Written Features:

Terry Roberts - first for the December 2021 Shop Time on Tiffany Stone

Becky Whisenant - second for her self-written biography.

Rick Walker - third for "Trip to Hillsboro, Texas"

I took fourth for "Tyler Gem & Mineral Show".

Margaret Kilanski - fifth for "July 4th at Lindsey Park"

Kerry Cartier - eighth for "Tell the Rock's Story"

Original Adult Articles:

Terry Roberts - first for "Rock Hunting on the Kokernot 06 Ranch - A Rockhound's Dream"

Colleen Hayes - second for "Trilobite Hunting"

Charles Creekmur - fifth for "Minerals of New Mexico"

Adult Poetry:

Barbara Braun - second for "The River"



Next are the AFMS or National awards:

New Editors:

I entered the April 2021 edition of the Rock-n-Rose. Sarah and I took fifth place.

Adult Articles:

Terry - third for "Rock Hunting on the Kokernot 06 Ranch - A Rockhound's Dream"

Colleen Hayes - Honorable Mention for "Trilobite Hunting"

Written Features:

Terry - second for December's "Tiffany Stone"

Becky Whisenant - fifth for her biography

Adult Poetry:

Barbara Braun - fifth for "The River"

Special Publications - Title & Author:

The Welcome Packet and I received a fourth-place win.

Most of these winners have told me that they write to spread their knowledge to other rockhounds, not for the awards given. But if you have something to share, you might win an award too. Please send articles, puzzles, drawings, or anything to rocknrosenewsletter@gmail.com.





CLUB REPRESENTATION

Julia Toombs

Members, a vest with a patch and/or a pin is a good thing to have on when you are representing the Club at any show or Club-sponsored events such as the booths at Bergfeld Park. We have all of these available for a nominal price. I put a large patch on the back and a small one on the front so I am identifiable from both sides. I also bought the pin.

Please consider making these purchases. Contact Ed Grounds, Treasurer.

ETGMS Merchandise

Vests: S,M,L,XL.....	\$15.00
Vests: 2X, 3X.....	\$17.00
T-shirts Adults.....	\$20.00
T-shirts Youth.....	\$15.00
Large Emblem.....	\$12.00
Small Emblem.....	\$3.00
Club Pin.....	\$3.00

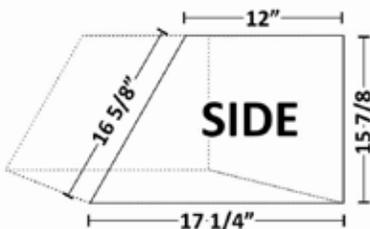


DISPLAY CASES AT JANUARY SHOW

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



Shop Time

By: Terry Roberts

I put together an assortment of cabs and polished nodule halves for the newsletter. The first two photos show a Carnelian agate nodule that I collected on the Kokernot 06 Ranch last October. I ground off the white coating on the outside of the nodule halves to show more of the red color (first photo.) The second photo shows the interior features of the nodule



which includes a cavity lined with druzy quartz.

The third photo shows a nice, gem-quality Sodalite that was given to me a few years ago. It turned out beautifully and even shows a reflection of me which I was hoping to avoid. It should make a beautiful wire-wrapped pendant.



The fourth photo shows an interesting and colorful Mexican crazy Lace agate cut from a slab a friend sent me a while back. I do not know what the black material on the upper left side is, but it took a decent polish and adds an interesting feature to the cab.



The fifth photo shows a petrified palm wood cab that was part of a collection of petrified palm wood preforms and polished cabs sent to our club by Glen Robbins (Vice President of the Bentsen Palm Resort rock club.) He said that the club goes on private ranches near Rio Grande City and Roma on Fridays to collect the petrified wood. He was hoping that we could trade material with him for their club. I sent him a box of assorted

slabs from various areas and some rocks I collected on the Kokernot 06 Ranch. I hope he enjoys them. I have since shared the material he sent with members of our Lapidary Group.



The last photo shows two cabs that I made from a slab of Wendover Plume agate from the Silver Island Mountains located a couple of miles west of the Bonneville Salt Flats where they do the land speed record trials. The cab is composed of clear and white agate with red flames running across it. I have no idea what the green material is composed of in the cabs. Because the red material does not look like plumes, I prefer to call it Wendover Flame Agate. It is getting harder to find good examples of this agate due to the heavy collecting that is taking place at this location and the increasing difficulty in extracting the material from the hard rock surrounding the veins.



BERGFELD PARK FALL FESTIVAL

By Colleen Hayes



Once again, the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society was represented by a booth at the Rose Festival Arts and Crafts Show at Bergfeld Park on October 15, 2022. Members of the club were on hand to share information about our club and pass out flyers for our upcoming show.

Rick Walker had a Megalodon tooth to show the kids and Easton Simpson brought a few specimens to display. Richard and Barbara Braun offered their painted rocks for sale. Terry Roberts and Ed Grounds supplied polished stones and wire wrapped items for sale. We had items to give out for a small donation and the ever-popular Wheel of Fortune for the kids to spin and win a prize - rocks, fossils, and everyone's favorite little critters. The booth was a busy place.

All proceeds received go toward the club's many projects.

Pictures:

1. Terry manning the booth
2. Rick showing off the Megalodon tooth
3. Easton working hard
4. The Wheel of Fortune

See you at the next booth at Bergfeld Park in the Spring of 2023.





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HELP WANTED



ETGMS 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** – Thurs.
- **Display Case Set-up** – Thurs.
- **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!!!

BEADING CLASS

By Colleen Hayes

Karen Nance, once again, volunteered to teach a beading class on utilizing memory wire to create bracelets. We had five other club members in attendance. Joining me were Gayle Halberstadt, Sonya Meinert, Marcia Graham, Margaret Kilanski, and her mom. Karen supplied all the class supplies for a nominal fee. We each had a chance to pick our colors and created some fantastic bracelets.

As they say, a good time was had by all!

PICTURES

1. Margaret Kilanski and Claudene Gilmore.
2. Sonya Meinert, Gayle Halberstadt, Marcia Graham
3. Karen Nance, standing
4. Beautiful creations



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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SCFMS and AFMS NEWS



SCFMS NEWS

By Julia Toombs

Have you ever wondered about other clubs within the state of Texas or neighbors Arkansas and Louisiana, also part of the South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SCFMS)?

When at the SCFMS Convention in October, I asked if there was a list of all the clubs and was informed how to get to it. I pulled up the SCFMS website having had no idea there were so many. There are 37 in eight districts. I thought about listing them here, but it is easier for the reader to find it on www.scfms.net. On the left of the home page, you will find a menu. Click on "Find Member Clubs" and all will be displayed. ETGMS is within District 1 – North Texas.

The purpose of SCFMS:

- To promote popular interest and education in the various earth sciences, in particular those hobbies dealing with the lapidaries, and the science of minerals and fossils, as well as their associated fields.
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions or other groups engaging in increasing knowledge in the earth sciences.
- To cooperate and become members of similar federations in the United States and elsewhere.
- To assist in the formation of earth science societies in localities where public interest justifies their formation.

The Federation dates to 1943 and you will find its history and past newsletters here.

AFMS

President's Message

Margaret Kolaczyk

OCTOBER 2022

Hi Everyone,

This is my last article as AFMS President. I wish to say a great big THANK YOU to all the AFMS Committee Chairs, AFMS Executive Committee, Regional Directors, Donna Moore, and Pat LaRue. It is their support that made the job so much easier to handle. One could not ask for a better team to have your back.

I have been able to attend some of the rock and gem shows. It is great to see friends and get a chance to catch up on how they are doing. Since I have moved and started a new job, it has not been easy to get to all the regional shows.

Starting November 1, 2022, there will be a new Executive Committee. Please take time to say thank you for stepping up. All officers, committee chairs, committee members, and directors starting at the society/club level, to the regional level and then the national level are volunteers. These individuals are going the extra mile for the societies/clubs. My time as president for AFMS is coming to an end but the memories will stay with me forever. Thank you for letting me be your president.

Respectfully submitted.



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