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December Program

Doug Wallace - He mines gold in quartz from a mine in California. He will talk about this mine and many other aspects of the gem and mineral hobby.

January - Carl Wells - Rockhounding trips



Rockhound Club News of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club
 1408 Gibbins Road, Arlington, Texas 76011

December Update

by Sue Dale Miller, member

WOW! If you missed the November meeting you really missed something. Rick Kupke has a gift for telling his story. The standing ovation was well earned.

The December program will be given by Doug Wallace. Doug is one of the dealers at our show. He mines and sells gold in quartz.

At the December meeting there will be sign-up sheets for our Christmas Party. The party will be December 9, 2006. Come to the December meeting to sign up for a dish. Bobbi Wilson is organizing the party.

At the Christmas party you can bring a gift for a man or woman. No more than \$10 value. Wrapped and labeled man or woman.

If you bring a gift you will get a number and each gift will be given a number. If you bring one gift for husband and wife you will receive one gift. If you bring two gifts you will each receive a gift. The gift may be anything from gem & mineral to jelly or cookies.

The first party of 2007 will be held at the club building on January 1, 2007. Check the newsletter for the time. We bring our leftovers and games. If you have leftover turkey make salad or goulash or whatever. Have some green bean casserole, bring it. Cookies - even better.

Bring your favorite game and find someone to play. We all have fun.

Judging Class at Wildacres 2007

If you know of anyone who would like to attend Wildacres and take the Uniform Rules Class, please let me know as soon as possible so I can contact Dee Holland and he will make the arrangements. The American Federation will pick up the tab for the attendee and it is a very worthy session. Please let me know if you know someone who would be interested in attending. Thanks.

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The dates are APRIL 20 - 26, 2007. The AFMS picks up the cost of the rules attendee. IF the spouse attends, the cost is \$330 and she/he must take one of the classes offered. The cost of transportation to and from Wildacres is not included in the AFMS package. This is the only date offered, and while I know it's early, it doesn't conflict with any of the regional shows. You'll have plenty of time to reflect before the big show in Roswell, NM June 5 - 10.

I need your choices so I have time to process everything. My final date for hearing from you with a candidate is January 10th, no later. Once I have your candidate I will send him/her their applications to be sent in. And I have to coordinate with the AFMS Treasurer.

Contact me as soon as possible at: beauholland@salmoninternet.com and shirleyleeson@msn.com

Note: Everyone, I have attended this class and it is well worth the effort it takes to get to North Carolina. The mountains are beautiful, the class is both fun and instructive. If you have any questions please call me or see me at the club. Dale Miller

Just a Thought from Your President

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

My fellow Rockhounds,

I hope all of our AGMC members and family's have had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so many things to be thankful for but most of all we must keep our service men and women in our thoughts and prayers. If it was not for them past and present and those who have given the supreme sacrifice, our Thanksgiving could be much different if not at all.

I just got back from a business vacation to Norfolk, Va., and had a great time. On our return we stopped in Franklin, N C, for a little ruby mining. Most of the mines were closed but the Chamber of Commerce found a mine that was still open and we went to find our "fortune". All in all we found some neat stuff but the highlight of it all was that I found a 990.5 carat sapphire.

Just as a reminder the Christmas party will be December 9, 2006, starting at 6 PM. Bobby Wilson will be in charge and there is a sign up sheet for what you will be bring-

ing food wise. There will be a present exchange. It is a bring one receive one. Man for a man and lady for a lady.

Also we will have the annual New Year's Day party starting at 5 PM January 1, 2007. Bring left overs from your New Year's Day party's and any games that you like to play.

The nomination committee has made its selection for next year. The only spot not filled as of this writing is the Junior's position. If you like working with kids, please contact Sam Howeth. This is a very important position. The junior's are our future rockhounds.

We had a most excellent program presented by Rick Kupke. Many thanks to Rick and his service to this country. December will be Doug Wallace and he will talk about his gold mines that he and a partner have in California. He will be bringing some examples of the material found at their mines.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in December.



December Area Shows

Grady Shults

1 – 3 in Austin, TX. Austin Gem & Mineral Society. Call 512-458-9546.

1 – 3 in El Paso, TX. El Paso Mineral & Gem Society. Call 877-533-7153.

2 – 3 in Los Alamos, NM. Los Alamos Geological Society. Call 505-661-3716.

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For any questions regarding appropriate content, please contact Rick Litsinger at: Rockdoctor76016@aol.com.

December Class Schedule

by Pat Vaughan

Cab Class **OPEN**

1st Saturday, 1-4 PM
Instructor: Dale Miller

Chainmaking* **OPEN**

2nd Saturday from 10 AM-1 PM
Instructor: Mary Owren

Faceting* **OPEN**

Wednesdays 7-9 PM
Instructor: Frank Krystinik/Mike Knuth

Silversmithing

Instructors: Sam Howeth/Rick Litsinger

Silversmithing Lab Open
3rd Saturdays from 8 AM – Noon

Level 102 **OPEN**

Wednesday, 7-10 PM
Open to those that have completed 103

Level 202 **OPEN**

Fridays 7-10 PM
Open to those that have completed 201

Level 103 **OPEN**

Mondays 7-10 PM
Open to those that have completed 102

Please Note: There will be no glass fusing classes during December.

* These classes are open to novice as well as experienced members.

If you have any suggestions for classes or would like to teach a class pertaining to our hobby please contact Pat Vaughan 1st VP in charge of classes.

Always check class board for sign-up sheets.

OPEN classes currently have space available. Check with the instructor.

Note: All classes are \$3.00 per class hour.

Houston Rock Swap

Members of the Houston Gem & Mineral Society and the Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society will be hosting a swap and tailgate event at the parking lot of HG&MS, on Sunday, December 10, 2006, between 9 AM and 4 PM.

Regardless of your club membership, you are welcome to come and set up a tailgate, or just come by for a visit. There will plenty of rocks and other items to look over and our bathroom will be available. I will have plenty of bottled water, but other drinks and food is up to you. There are a lot of good restaurants in that general area.

If anyone would like to go, e-mail me. Maybe we can carpool.

Rick Ramsey
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Call Dale Miller at 817-346-0197
or cell 817-229-0336.
Or see her at the club.

December 2006

AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon Juniors 9 AM-Noon Cab Class OPEN 1-4 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	Regular Meeting 7:30 PM	Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	****Lab Open	Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon **Chainmaking OPEN 10 AM-1 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	Free Tuesday 7-9 PM for members	Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	****Lab Open	Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<p>Merry Christmas from AGMC</p> 	Board Meeting 7 PM	Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	****Lab Open	Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon
31		New Year's Eve				

Club Mission:

The objectives of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club shall be to educate the public in the study of the earth sciences, lapidary arts, designer jewelry and all related fields.

Yearly Enrollment recommended donation:

Initial Adult Enrollment	\$35.00 (includes \$5.00 badge)
Adult Renewals	\$30.00 per calendar year
Junior Members	\$3.50 per calendar year

Activities take place at:
Arlington Gem and Mineral Club
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Business Meeting on 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM
Board Meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

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