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**South Central Federation of Mineral Societies**



**American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

## October Program

**Auction** - Bring and donate rocks, food, plants, whatever. Lots of fun and good buys.

**November** - Rick Kupke - Will tell his experiences as a prisoner in the Embassy in Iran.



Rockhound Club News of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club  
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### Natures Wonders!

*by Barbara Duddie, PD, AJP, GIA Graduate*

Going to a gem and jewelry show is a thrill for people of all backgrounds: the rock-hounder, the mineralogist, the geologist, and the jewelry fashion buff.

For those of us who volunteer, it can be a tiring weekend. For those of us in gem/jewelry identification it was a great challenge and a thrill. If you've ever watched the TV program "Antiques Road Show", it had a certain air of that feeling.

The biggest challenge at the Arlington AGMC show was to identify a jewelry tray full of 'white' stones from one of the dealers. The array of gemstones turned out to be a wonderful variety of quartzs, beryls, topazs and some rare gems such as peridot and goshenite. Frances Johnson, Graduate Gemologist was given a run for her money to complete the identification challenge in two days.

It is here at the gem/jewelry shows that the rare inheritance collections come in to be identified. A vintage jewelry and estate set was brought forth for identification which contained a rare 19<sup>th</sup> century men's 18 ct. gold stickpin.

One of our gem club members bought a mystery bag she purchased from one of the dealers. It contained a rare 4-axis star garnet, with very dominant asterism in its deep red-brown color. A true rare find. It was later discovered it also came from an estate sale. Another gem club member brought forth an estate inheritance of gem rough material and multiple bouilles of gem material. It had very rare material seldom seen or no longer produced. Enough material to keep him faceting the rest of his life.

Each year I try to concentrate on some particular field of discipline in the gemmological area. This year it was diamonds and did the diamonds ever show up! A rare 3.69 ct yellow-brown fancy diamond to an E-flawless

¾ ct. diamond showed up for identification, both 2 great finds of nature rarely seen in a lifetime.

No matter how great the variety of gems and jewelry one sees, the greatest thrill of all is to see the excitement in the eyes and voices of the children, the future rockhounds and gemmologist's; Cub scouts came to the show to try and identify their small purchases, a child who glued her one dozen rocks into an orange crate to keep, the young boy who cracks open his first geode and gets to see it magnified on an enlarged screen. All these treasures, made the eyes wide and the voices squeal with excitement whether a genuine stone or a true leaverite!

The greatest thrill of all was the little girl who came over to see her first genuine gemstone on the monitor. Upon discovering it was a genuine ruby, she could hardly contain herself as she asked if she could touch the genuine ruby. Frances Johnson, Graduate Gemmologist, volunteered "Why sure honey," as she stretched forth the 'genuine' ruby ring on her finger. The little girl gasped covering her mouth with one hand and with the other hand reached out her forefinger and magically touched the 'genuine ruby'. With a squeal, she turned abruptly and ran through the crowd trying to find her mommy. Above the hustle and bustle of shoppers you could hear this little voice joyfully screaming, "Mommy, Mommy, I touched a genuine ruby". In a few minutes, once again here came a little girl with her mommy in tow, to find out what in the world her child had gotten into. No words could explain the joy seen on this child's face and the memorable event for a lifetime this created for her as well as myself. It made all the work, all the effort of setting up and tearing down equipment worth while.

It made being a volunteer worth it all, and I recommend it to others.

## Just a Thought from Your President

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

### 2006 Show News

By the time you read this it will have been a month since the show. Overall the show was a great success. We had 31 dealers from around the country and for the most part all were happy with their sales. I was glad to see quite a few new members volunteering to help out. I just want to thank all those who came out to make this show a success. Many thanks goes to Kris Galbraith and Bob Boyd for bringing the show to such a great success. Also many thanks for the donated items for the silent auction which was one of the best we have had in a long time. The dealers really appreciated the dealer dinner and I also want to thank Bobby Wilson and her crew and those who brought food for the dinner.

### 2007 Show News

We now need to look to 2007. This will be our 50th anniversary and we will be hosting the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies annual conference. I have one detail left to finalize before we have total acceptance of the federation conference. A tentative date has been set for September 1 and 2, 2007 for our show. Yes, that is Labor Day weekend but for only two days. Other dates around this date are already taken.

This is a special milestone for AGMC. Fifty years is a long time and the health and stability of a club depends on the participation of its members. The old saying that "80% of the work is done by 20% of the members." I think our percentage rate is a little higher than that, however we truly need the participation of ALL members to truly have a successful club.

### Auction

The October meeting will be as short as possible to make time for our annual AUCTION. This is a time of fun and spirited bidding for rocks, slabs, food, jewelry, food, plants, equipment and anything else that would be of interest to our members and

guests to bid on. Oh, did I mention food like fudge, jams and jellies, cakes and pies. They really stimulate the members in the bidding. One thing I do ask is please bring things that will be of interest to our members. At times in the past the auction has become a dumping spot for junk that was of no interest to the members and we then had to dispose of the unwanted articles. The auction is our second most important fund raiser so bring a friend and lost of money!

### Editor's Breakfast

As club President, I was a delegate representing the AGMC at the SCFMS at the Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society's show in Bossier City. While attending the Editor's breakfast, our club was awarded 5<sup>th</sup> place for our web site. Congratulations to Jeremy Debhros and his web master skills. Also, at the awards banquet that night our club was awarded the Gold award for our history book for 2005. Congratulations to Ruth Cress and her hard work and the members who contributed pictures and information to make our book a success once again. A side note in that our book also won the Silver medal at the American Federation meeting in Nashville that same weekend. Another big congratulations to Ruth Cress.

Unfortunately we did not win anything from the newsletter standpoint. JK and I want to encourage each member to submit something of interest to the newsletter. It does not have to be very long, just something pertaining to the hobby and of interest to the members. There are awards for Adult submitted articles, advanced articles, feature articles like a crossword puzzle, projects, how too's or some information on a field trip. There is Junior's articles, special publications and poetry. Now I know we have several poets and a rockhound songwriter par exultant. So, please. There are two months left. Submit an article. Who knows, you might just come up a winner.

### Some short notes:

1. The nominating committee has been formed with Sam Howeth as committee chair. There are going to be several openings on the executive board. Please give careful consideration about serving on a position if Sam asks you.
2. If you have not received your AGMC badge yet and you have signed the sheet requesting it, please check with me at the October meeting. I need for you to sign the sheet at the front door in order to get your badge made.
3. The help wanted sign is out.

A. I need someone to head up the calling committee so we can let members know of some special event that may come up in the middle of the month.

B. I need someone to be our building manager. Just someone to keep an eye on the over all condition of the building and get repairs done when needed.

C. I need someone to head up our annual Christmas party at the club in December. Date to be decided at the next executive board meeting.

4. We are working to put the club directory on a pass word protected portion of our web page. That way we will not have to print a directory every year for all the members. That way we will only have to print a few directories for those who do not have a computer. The directory can be updated at anytime so that it will be current.

Volunteering is vital to any cubs success. "The time for action is now. It's never to late to do something." Carl Sanburg

Just a thought.

### Help Wanted

Mike and Mumtaz Knuth are retiring as longer our host and hostess. Due to health problems, he feels that it is time to have someone take over the host/hostess duties. He and Mumtaz have done a fantastic job for many years but now it is time to turn over the spatula to someone else. Please contact Rick Litsinger, if you are interested in the position or know someone who is.

## Moments from the 49th Annual AGMC Show

### AGMC 2006 Show Competition

#### Silversmithing

Master Class:	First place	Rick Litsinger
Novice Class:	First Place	Elaine O'Donley
	Second Place	Rick Kupke
	Third Place	Fendol Chiles
	Honorable Mention	Tray Bradford
	Honorable Mention	Rick Kupke

#### Cabochon

Novice Class:	First Place	Barbara Duddie
	Second Place	Tray Bradford
	Third Place	Rick Kupke

#### Chainmaking

First Place	Rick Litsinger
Second Place	Darcy Sety

#### Faceting

No Entries

*Congratulations  
to all  
our winners!*



Top: Arlie, our mascot, prominently displayed at our demo booth.

Left: KLUV helped us kick off the 49th annual AGMC show on the morning of September 2nd.

## Local... and Not So Local Events

### Huge Rock Auction

Petrified Wood, Rocks Minerals and Equipment

Saturday October 14, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

Behind the Dodrill Rock Museum  
123 S Cleveland  
Cushing OK 74023  
(across from the Post Office)

**Petrified Wood:** 75 to 100 round slabs from 4 inches to 20 inches in diameter – 1500 lbs, small wood slabs – 500 lbs, Saddle Mountain wood slabs – 500 lbs, misc. wood pieces – 1500 lbs, Blue Forest wood – 180 lbs.

**Lapidary Rocks:** Dugway geodes – 700 lbs, Apache Creek agates – 750 lbs, Dryhead – 75 lbs, Tee Pee Canyon – 100 lbs, Thunder Eggs – 60 lbs, Obsidian – 60 lbs, Coral – 30 lbs, Dolemite – 60 lbs, misc. amounts of Mexican Coconuts, banded Onyx, Mexican Lace, Brazilians, Sowbelly, Druzy Quartz, Yellow Cat, Utah Jasper, Chert etc. – over 1000 lbs!!

**Minerals:** Selenite, Galena, Pyrite, Dubois Barite, Barite Roses, Amethyst, Vanadinite, Fluorite, Quartz Crystals, Calcite, Hemimorphite, Sulfur, Copper and Copper Minerals, Peacock and Citrine – over 1000 lbs!!

**Equipment:** Drum Sander, 12 inch Polisher, 8 inch HP Grinder, Bull Wheel, Over Arm Polisher, 24 inch Slab Saw complete and 36 inch Slab Saw complete similar to Highland Park's.

**Note:** Many of the sites where these specimens were collected are now closed. All weights and amounts are best estimates. The material is the life time collection of Zona Fast and the late Bob Fast. The auction is being organized by the Stillwater Mineral & Gem Society. It is expected to be about 500 lots.

**Terms:** Cash or check with proper ID. For tax purposes, business cards are preferred.

For additional information, contact Stillwater Mineral & Gem Society at (405)372-8635 or the Dodrill Museum at (918)225-0662.



### Show Announcement

2006 Gem and Mineral Show - Sponsored by The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society.

October 28 & 29, 2006  
Tulsa State Fairgrounds  
21st and Yale, Tulsa Oklahoma  
Exchange Center Building

Admission: Adults: \$5  
Children 12 & under: Free  
Scouts in uniform: Free

- 20+ National Dealers
- 50+ Special Exhibits
- + Competitive Exhibits
- + Non-Competitive Exhibits
- Kids Activity Area - Fun and Educational
- Grab Bags
- Wheel of Fortune

- Hourly Door Prizes (These are not your average door prizes!)
- Silent Auction (No leaverites here!)
- Concessions
- Programs include live speakers and informative presentations.

This is by far the best local show you could hope to attend this year. If you attended the RMFMS or AFMS shows, you are in for a real treat at the Tulsa Show. By far the best local area show in the Midwest this year.



### Rock Auction. November 4

*Dale Miller, Program chair, AGMC  
Supreme V. P. Rollin' Rock Club*

There will be a rock and equipment auction November 4, 2006 at 633 N. W, Lorna St., Burlison, TX 76028. This is the home of Terry and Irene Keck.

You may remember Terry as the man who cooked the sausages each year at the parking lot sale in Arlington.

Viewing starts at 9 AM and the auction starts at 10 AM.

The auctioneer will be Rick Litsinger, president of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club.

There are two attachments that gives a basic list of the equipment and rocks.\*

This will be a good opportunity to obtain cutting material and equipment.

## Programs

*by Sue Dale Miller, Program Director*

Our September program was a slide presentation on safety on field trips borrowed from the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies. This program was submitted in 2003 in the American Federation of Mineralogical Society program competition and won first place. It was created by Mary Miss and narrated by George Brown. It stared a variety of 'rockhounds' and 'pebble pups'.

This program lasted only 14 minuets but was filled with useful information. It was enjoyed by all who were at the meeting.

The October program is our annual auction. This is a good opportunity to buy equipment, rocks, finished jewelry and lots of other goodies. Please bring your donations to the club before 7 PM

Tuesday October 3. This is a fun night and an important fund raiser for the club. Everyone come.

Our November program will be Rick Kupke. Don't miss this one. His bio will be featured in the November newsletter.

December we will have Doug Wallace. Doug was a dealer at the show. He owns a gold in quartz mine and will bring samples.

January will be Carl Downy. More about his program later.

Don't forget the auction at Terry Kecks November 4.\*

*\*Editor's Note: There are 2 excel spreadsheets for this auction. They will be available on the website for download to anyone interested.*

## October Class Schedule

by Pat Vaughan

### Chainmaking\* OPEN

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 10 AM-1 PM  
Instructor: Mary Owren

### Faceting\* OPEN

Starting date TBA, Wednesdays 7-9 PM  
Instructor: Frank Krystinik/Mike Knuth

### Glass Fusing & Enameling\* OPEN

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays from 1-4 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 9 AM-1 PM  
Instructor: Becky Downey

### Low-Tech Copper Etching, OPEN

Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 – 4 PM  
Instructor: Karen Rhodes

### Silversmithing

Instructors: Sam Howeth/Rick Litsinger

Silversmithing Lab Open  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 8 AM – Noon

101B FULL  
Wednesdays 7-10 PM

### 103 OPEN

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

### 202 OPEN

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

### Wax Casting/Carving OPEN

Thursdays 7-9 PM.  
(open to all levels of expertise)  
Instructor: Karen Rhodes/Dale Miller

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

\*\* This class is required before a member can use the saws and grinding equipment.

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.

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

# October 2006

## AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>103 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	3 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM	4 Faceting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM  Silversmithing 101B <b>FULL</b> 7-10 PM	5 ****Lab Open  Wax Carving & Casting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM	6 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>202 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	7 ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon  Juniors 9 AM-Noon  Low-Tech Copper Etching <b>OPEN</b> 1 – 4 PM
8 Glass Fusing & Enameling 1-4 PM	9 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>103 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	10	11 Faceting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM  Silversmithing 101B <b>FULL</b> 7-10 PM	12 ****Lab Open  Wax Carving & Casting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM	13 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>202 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	14 ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon  **Chainmaking 10 AM-1 PM
15	16 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>103 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	17 Free Tuesday 7-9 PM for members	18 Faceting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM  Silversmithing 101B <b>FULL</b> 7-10 PM	19 ****Lab Open  Wax Carving & Casting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM  ***DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER	20 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>202 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	21 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>Lab Open</b> 8 AM – Noon  ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon
22	23 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>103 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	24	25 Faceting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM  Silversmithing 101B <b>FULL</b> 7-10 PM	26 ****Lab Open  Wax Carving & Casting <b>OPEN</b> 7-9 PM	27 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>202 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	28 ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon  Glass Fusing & Enameling 9 AM-1 PM
29	30 <b>Silversmithing</b> <b>103 OPEN</b> 7-10 PM	31 Board Meeting 7 PM				

**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

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Business Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 PM  
 Board Meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

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