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Mascot of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club is an affiliate of



South Central Federation of Mineral Societies



American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

February Program

Texas Jewelers Supply will talk about the services they offer our club members.

April - Show and Tell. Now you can not say this is not enough time to prepare an item to show and tell about.



Just a Thought from Your President

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

2006 was indeed a great year for AGMC and 2007 looks to be just as great if not better. This is due to the hard work of our club members' volunteering to pitch in to do the job.

The 2007 50th anniversary show preparations are well underway. Karen Cessna is starting early seeking out those volunteers who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and work. Another member has stepped up to fill a very important part in our show. I asked Rick Kupke to take over as dealer chairman. Bob Boyd, who filled this position for the last two years, has volunteered to modify the dealer contract to reflect the 2007 changes and mail out the contracts to dealers to participate in our show. The rest will be up to Rick. He will receive the signed contracts, all fees, arrange the show dealer layout, and arrange time slots for the dealers to arrive to unload and set up their booths. The show is seven months away which may seem like a long time but it really is not. A lot has to be done in those seven months and can only be accomplished by those club members willing to volunteer.

Remember, not only is this our 50th anniversary show but the South Central Federation conference and the annual Rolling Rock meeting as well. Joyce Speed will handle all the Federation meeting, editors' breakfast and awards banquet and Dale Miller will handle the Rolling Rock meeting.

Speaking of volunteers, Dale Miller and thirteen other club members did a much needed winter cleaning at the club. The biggest task was taking out the slab saws, draining them of oil and sludge and pressure washing them several times to get all the goop out. They needed to be very clean so we can try a new water based lubricating fluid instead of oil to cut slabs. We will try one or two saws to see how it works before committing the new lubricant to all but the largest saws.

Also, the storage area was cleaned out, the saw room cleaned up and the kitchen area cleaned and reorganized. Equipment no longer needed or in service was donated or sold.

I want to thank Oral Ryan for making the "Feed the kitty" cover for the yellow box.

My thanks to all those who volunteer to clean, mow, instruct our classes and in general, support The Arlington Gem and Mineral Club. It is those volunteers that make AGMC one of the best clubs in America!

"You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do."

—Henry Ford

Just a Thought.

February Class Schedule

by Pat Vaughan

Beginning Wire Working Workshop
 Saturday, February 3, 10 AM-4 PM
 Instructor: Cathy Mason

Cab Class OPEN
 1st Saturday, 1-4 PM
 Instructor: Dale Miller

Chainmaking* OPEN
 2nd Saturday from 9 AM-Noon
 Instructor: Mary Owren

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

Glass Fusing & Enameling OPEN
 2nd Sunday, 1:00 – 4 PM
 4th Saturday, 9 AM-1 PM
 Instructor: Becky Downey

Silversmithing
 Instructors: Sam Howeth/Rick Litsinger

Silversmithing Lab Open
 3rd Saturdays from 8 AM – Noon

Level 102 **FULL**
 Wednesday, 7-10 PM
 Open to those that have completed 103

Level 201 **OPEN**
 Mondays 7-10 PM
 Open to those that have completed 103

Level 301 **OPEN**
 Fridays 7-10 PM
 Open to those that have completed 201

* 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. check class board for sign-up sheets.

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

Lapidary in the News

Diamond star thrills astronomers

by Dr David Whitehouse
 BBC News Online science editor

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3492919.stm?Awesome>

February Area Shows

by Grady Shults

17-18, Plainview, TX. Hi-Plains Gem & Min. Soc. Call 806-293-3476.

24-25, Pasadena, TX. Clear Lake Gem & Min. Soc. Call 281-481-1591.

AGMC Hound's Tale Advertising Rates

Size	Dimensions	Members		Non-members	
		6 months	1 month	6 months	1 month
Full page	9.5" x 7.75"	\$120	\$25	\$240	\$50
Half page (v)	9.5" x 3.75"	\$72	\$15	\$144	\$30
Half page (h)	4.625" x 7.75"	\$72	\$15	\$144	\$30
Qtr page (v)	4.625" x 3.75"	\$48	\$10	\$96	\$20
Qtr page (h)	2.375" x 7.75"	\$48	\$10	\$96	\$20
Biz Card (v)	2" x 3.5"	\$30	\$6.25	\$60	\$12.50
Biz Card (h)	3.5" x 2"	\$30	\$6.25	\$60	\$12.50

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

February 2007

AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				****Lab Open	Silversmithing 301 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon Juniors 9 AM-Noon Cab Class OPEN 1-4 PM Beg. Wire Working OPEN 10 AM-4 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	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 301 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon **Chainmaking OPEN 10 AM-1 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Glass Fusing & Enameling OPEN 1-4 PM	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM		Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	****Lab Open ***DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER	Silversmithing 301 OPEN 7-10 PM	Silversmithing Lab Open 8 AM – Noon ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	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 301 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon & Enameling OPEN 9 AM-1 PM
25	26	27	28			
	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	Board Meeting 7 PM	Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 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

Activities take place at:
Arlington Gem and Mineral Club
1408 Gibbins Road, Arlington, TX 76011
Phone 817-277-2286

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Arlington, TX 76004

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<http://www.tses.org>

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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