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January Program

Carl Wells - He has been traveling and rockhounding again. Come here about his and Nova's trip.

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



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

Doing Dirt

by Sam Howeth, member

On a chilly December day they came from the South, slowly moving down the back roads in the late morning hours to avoid traffic. Upon arrival, a quick survey was made to determine the proper course of action. Each piece of the heavy equipment was carefully unloaded and positioned for assembly. After a final check, the ignition key was turned and with a puff of smoke the powerful diesel engine came alive... It was Bill Wilson, with his accomplice, Bobbie, all prepared to do dirt at AGMC... and they did!

There were four dump truck loads of soil donated for filling and leveling low places around the facility. The piles were first loosened for easy loading. Each scoop was carefully positioned to fill in where needed. And some locations needed a lot of buckets of dirt to become level. All stopped for a quick relaxing lunch that Bobbie had

graciously prepared. (The diesel need refueling as well.)

It was time now to change the attachments and level out the bumpy scoops into a smooth finished surface. Bobbie directed the leveling effort with all the grace of a choir director moving her hands to and fro. After moving and leveling two dump truck loads of soil, the most of the day had been used. So with that everything was reloaded for a return trip South.

A very special thanks to these two exceptional members of AGMC. Using their time, supplies, equipment and labor to do a task needing to be done but...

Why special? And why exceptional? They were not asked to do this task! They saw the need and asked if they could volunteer to do it and they did. Next time you see them, let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

2007 Shop Supervisors

by Sue Dale Miller, member

Here is the 2007 list of shop supervisors. There are still two open Saturdays that need volunteers.

Saturdays 9AM - 12 PM

- 1st Dale Miller
- 2nd open
- 3rd Gary Copple
- 4th David Abbott
- 5th open

Thursdays 7 - 9PM

- 1st Jeremy Dubhros (*Jeremy works till 7 so will open shop at 7:20*)
- 2nd Larry Ryan
- 3rd Harold Hoskison
- 4th Frank O'Donley
- 5th Larry Ryan
- 3rd Tuesday 7PM to 9PM
Bob Boyd

Just a Thought from Your President

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

A new year is upon us and a grand one it will be. This is a milestone for the Arlington Gem And Mineral Club. It is our 50th Anniversary year. I hope 2007 will be as a successful year as 2006 was.

I want to thank the club membership for their confidence in me and electing me to be your President in 2007. This will make my sixth time as president of this fine organization. I will do my best to uphold this office.

I want to welcome Sue Lynes as our new treasurer, Karen Cessna as our new show chairman, and Harold Hoskison as delegate at large to fill the past president position to the executive board. I want to thank Lori Anderson, Kris Galbraith, and Darcy Sety for their service on the executive board. I also want to thank the rest of the returning board for their service in 2006 and look forward to working with the returning and new board members for 2007.

Karen Cessna has secured the convention center for our 2007 show. This will be our 50th Anniversary show. Our GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. We will also host the South Central Federation conference as well. Joyce Speed will be handling that part of the show. With Karen and Joyce teaming up for this joint venture, our 50th Anniversary should be quite a show.

When I became your President for the 2006 term, I had five goals for the club:

1. How to increase membership.
2. How to increase attendance.
3. How to reduce expenses.
4. How to bring in more income.
5. How to bring previous members back to the club.

We have been able to increase membership by the club representing itself at the International Gem and Jewelry Show in Dallas. We always have a huge number of people at our booth because we have members demonstrating what we do at the club. Our annual show also attracts new members as well as our web site. The Hilliards do school presentations, Veronica Murday with her library cases, current members bringing friends in and word of mouth all help in bringing in new members. If you have any ideas please let me know.

Our attendance has also increased because of the high quality of programs that Dale Miller has brought to the monthly meetings. I have changed the format of the monthly meeting to bring the program up earlier so those who have to leave early will not miss the program. I have also tried to streamline the business meeting part by having most of the routine business be handled by the executive board and just have the committee chairpersons give a report at the monthly meeting.

Reducing expenses is an area that can always be worked on. However, I think the executive board has done a great job of overseeing the expenditures for the past year. We just have to be ever vigilant of our expenses. As you well know our biggest expense is the property taxes which our annual show (also one of our largest expenses but offset by its income) pays from its profit.

We have increased our income quite a bit over previous years. Income from our show, classes, membership, and gifts, etc., are our life blood and we must be good stewards of it.

The last goal is probably the hardest—bringing back members who have left for one reason or another. Changed interests, family demands on limited time, a move to another city, or having passed on to the great rock garden, are just a few reasons that we have lost members to this great organization. However, if a previous member or a current member has a concern with how the club is run, lack of classes, facilities, or any other problem is keeping a previous or current member away, then let's talk about it. Let's see what can be done to make this next 50 years even better than the past 50. Please. Let's talk and not walk.

"People may doubt what you say but they will believe what you do."

—author unknown

Just a Thought.

2007 programs

The December program will be presented by one of the dealers at our annual show. Doug Wallace has been involved in rocks and minerals for many years.

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. Everyone come and support your club December 5 at 7 PM.

Upcoming programs:

January - Carl Wells has been traveling and rockhounding again. Come here about his and Novas trip.

February - Texas Jewelers Supply will talk about the services they offer our club members. Thank you Sam for helping find this program.

March - Mr. Schaefer from Schaefer Art Bronze Casting. It has been several years since Mr. Schaefer has given a program. I still remember it as one of the best we have had at the club.

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

May - OPEN - If you have a suggestion call Dale at 817-346-0197.

June - Dr. Richards from SMU will present a program on Geothermal energy.

July - OPEN - Will you give a program?

August - Show meeting

September - OPEN - Do you have knowledge you can share with the club?

October - Auction

November - OPEN - Been on a trip? Share with your fellow club members.

December - OPEN - Seen a program at another club? Get the name and tell.

January Area Shows

Grady Shults

1, Ada, OK. Ada Gem & Min. & Fossil Soc. Call 580-657-3439.

20-21, Fredericksburg, TX. Fredericksburg Rockhounds. Call 830-990-9823.

27-28, Tyler, TX. East Texas Gem & Min. Soc. Call 903-581-4068.

January Class Schedule

by Pat Vaughan

Cab Class **OPEN**

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

Chainmaking* **OPEN**

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

Coil Gizmo **OPEN**

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1-3 PM
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 **OPEN**

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 202 **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.s check class board for sign-up sheets.

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

Rough and Slabs to Sell

Chrysoprase slabs and rough
Turquoise

Topaz rough

Biggs Jasper slabs

including 5 pre-forms of Biggs Blue
(3 @ 70mm x 45mm)

(2 @ 62mm x 38mm)

Bolder Opal

As well as many other cabbing grade rough.

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

AGMC Hound's Tale Advertising Rates

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		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
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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.

January 2007

AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM	3 Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	4 ****Lab Open	5 Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	6 ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon Juniors 9 AM-Noon Cab Class OPEN 1-4 PM
7	8 Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	9	10 Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	11 ****Lab Open	12 Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	13 ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon **Chainmaking OPEN 10 AM-1 PM Coil Gizmo OPEN 1-3 PM
14 Glass Fusing & Enameling OPEN 1-4 PM	15 Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	16 Free Tuesday 7-9 PM for members	17 Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	18 ****Lab Open ***DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER	19 Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	20 Silversmithing Lab Open 8 AM – Noon ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon
21	22 Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	23	24 Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM	25 ****Lab Open	26 Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM	27 ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon & Enameling OPEN 9 AM-1 PM
28	29 Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	30 Board Meeting 7 PM	31 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:
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 1408 Gibbins Road, Arlington, TX 76011
 Phone 817-277-2286

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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.

The Hound's Tale

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