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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- October—Live Auction
- November—Charles Finley
- December— Bob Boyd



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

WHAT A SHOW!

Lois and I want to thank you for hosting the South Central Federation of Mineralogical Associations Show and Meetings. Without someone to host the function, it would be a task to have a gathering of this sort. We do hope that you had a good show because we were there, under your invitation and did enjoy the show.

We had so many people tell us that they enjoyed the Food Table. Seems as if there were a great number of people at the show who had never seen our exhibit. This tells us that your advertisement is hitting a greater number of new people, who enjoy the Gem Show.

It also shows Lois and I that there are others, out there, who have rocks that look like food and share their find with us, as we added SALMON STEAK to our collection, thanks to Frank O'Donley, who gave us a rock and Rick sliced two slices for us. Had I have known Frank had put the remainder on the Silent Auction, I would have purchased it. The salmon made a wonderful addition to our table.

The club's clubhouse is a wonderful

place to hold meetings and meals. The meals were great and we do appreciate having an opportunity to participate in all the functions that the Club provided.

Thank you again for having us be a part of your 2007 Gem Show. We had a ball.

Bill and Lois Pattillo

******* LIVE AUCTION*******

This months meeting is our annual Live Auction. Please remember to bring something to auction off. The proceeds from our auction go toward paying our taxes.

So Bid It Up!!

Club Notes
by Dale Miller, member

October Program
Our annual Live Auction

November Program
Charles Finley

December Program
Bob Boyd—Florescence

Just a Thought from your President for June

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

My fellow Rockhounds,

Another show has come and gone. However, this was not just another show. It was not only our 50th annual show, but we hosted the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies conference with its editor's breakfast, awards banquet, and annual meeting as well as the annual meeting of the Rolling Rock Club as well.

At the Rolling Rock meeting Joyce Speed stepped down as President and Dale Miller put on the mantle of the Presidency. My congratulations to Dale.

I have gotten many comments from dealers and the dealer dinner headed up by Robin Litsinger. She did a great job in getting club members to bring food for the pot luck dinner. She said that she had a lot of help from club members not only for the dealer dinner but for the editors breakfast the next morning.

Joyce Speed did a great job in putting together the SCFMS part of the show as well. She organized the editors breakfast, the afternoon conference and the evening awards banquet. My thanks to Joyce and her staff and their hard work to make the SCFMS portion of the show a success.

Of course there would not be a show

if it were not for our show chairwoman Karen Cessna in putting together the show and dealer chairman Rick Kupke in getting the dealers for the show. Club member volunteers headed up and manned the ticket and raffle tables, club booth, demonstrations, display cases, Juniors corner and silent auction. Once again volunteers are who make things happen at AGMC.

October is the start of our membership renewal drive. Now is the time to renew your membership for 2008. Renewal is \$30.00 but if you wait and renew after the January meeting it will go to \$35.00. So beat the rush and renew now.

October is also the International Gem and Jewelry Show. If you haven't been to one of these shows, you are in for a treat. Pick up your free entry ticket at the club. We are limited to only 300 tickets so please take only what you need. One ticket will admit two people.

October is also when we will celebrate our 50th birthday. Nancy Leary is heading up the party and will be looking for volunteers to help with the party.

Speaking of volunteers, Sam Howeth is heading up the nomination committee for 2008. There are quite a few spots open so please consider accepting one of the following positions: President, secretary, treasurer, class chairperson, program chairperson, juniors chairperson. These are elected positions and also serve on the Board of Directors for the club. These are important positions so please give it some consideration. Once again I want to give my most hearty thanks and a well done to those club volunteers who made our 50th show a success.

"Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. Ralph Waldo Emerson.
So, VOLUNTEER!

Rick Litsinger
President, AGMC



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September Class Schedule

By Pat Vaughan

Cab Class

2nd Saturday, October 12, 1-4 PM

Instructor: Dale Miller

Chainmaking OPEN

2nd Saturday, October 12, 9 AM - Noon

Instructor: Mary Owren

Faberge Eggs

Saturday, October 20, 10 AM - Noon

Instructor: Pam Coleman

Faceting

Wednesdays, 7-9 PM

Instructor: Frank Krystinik/Mike Knuth

Glass Fusing & Enameling

CLOSED

Sunday, October 14, Noon - 4 PM

Saturday, October 27, 9 AM - 1 PM

Instructor: Becky Downey

Silversmithing

Instructors: Sam Howeth/Rick Litsinger

Level 103 CLOSED

Mondays 7-10 PM

Level 202 OPEN

Wednesdays, 7-10 PM

Open to those that have completed 201

Level 301 OPEN

Fridays 7-10 PM

Open to those that have completed 202

Silversmithing Lab OPEN

3rd Saturday, September 15, 8 AM - Noon

Wax Carving Lab

Thursdays 7-9 PM

OCTOBER 2007

AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Silversmithing 103 FULL 7 - 10 pm	2 **Regular Meeting** 7:30 PM	3 Faceting Open 7-9 pm ~ Silversmithing 202 Open 7 - 10 pm	4 ** Lab Open ~ Wax Carving Lab Open 7pm - 9pm	5 Silversmithing 301 Open 7 - 10 pm	6 ** Lab Open 9am-Noon ~ **Chainmaking Open 9 am - noon
7	8 Silversmithing 103 FULL 7 - 10 pm	9	10 Faceting Open 7-9 pm ~ Silversmithing 202 Open 7 - 10 pm	11 ** Lab Open ~ Wax Carving Lab Open 7pm - 9pm	12 Silversmithing 301 Open 7 - 10 pm	13 ** Lab Open 9am-Noon ~ **Chainmaking Open 9 am - noon ~ Cabbing class Open 1 p - 4p
14 Glass Fusing & Enameling FULL Noon - 4p	15 Silversmithing 103 FULL 7 - 10 pm	16 Free Tuesday 7-9p for Members	17 Faceting Open 7-9 pm ~ Silversmithing 202 Open 7 - 10 pm	18 ** Lab Open ~ Wax Carving Lab Open 7pm - 9pm	19 Silversmithing 301 Open 7 - 10 pm **DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER	20 Silversmithing Lab Open 8a - Noon ~ ** Lab Open 9am-Noon ~ Faberge Eggs Open 10 a - Noon
21	22 Silversmithing 103 FULL 7 - 10 pm	23	24 Faceting Open 7-9 pm ~ Silversmithing 202 Open 7 - 10 pm	25 ** Lab Open ~ Wax Carving Lab Open 7pm - 9pm	26 Silversmithing 301 Open 7 - 10 pm	27 ** Lab Open 9am-Noon ~ Glass Fusing & Enameling FULL 9am - 1pm FALL FESTIVAL & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
28	29 Silversmithing 103 FULL 7 - 10 pm	30	31 Faceting Open 7-9 pm ~ Silversmithing 202 Open 7 - 10 pm			



CONGRATULATIONS

Here the list from our club.

Category	Place	Name	Award for
Small Bulletins	5	JK Hudson	The Hounds Tale
Features	4	Barbara Duddie	Natures Wonders!
Features	8	Sue Dale Miller	November Prg: Rick Kupke
Features	Hon. Mention	JK Hudson	Interview: Sam Howeth
Adult Articles	5	David Abbot	Fossil of the Month, Gryphen
Adult Articles	Hon. Mention	Carrell Chadwell Lloyd	Dwelling Opinions: Argentium
Adv. Articles	8	Sam Howeth	Nuggets of Gold: Lessons in Silver: Rotary Devices
Websites	3	Jeremy Duhbros	www.tses.org

And a special Congratulations goes to Ruth Cress for winning the Gold Award for the History of the

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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Arlington Gem & Mineral Club
 P.O. Box 986
 Arlington, TX 76004

For any questions regarding layout, please contact Paula Truitt at: editor@agemclub.com.
 For any questions regarding appropriate content, please contact Rick Litsinger at: Rockdoctor76016@aol.com.

Worth the Trip: Texas Metal Arts Festival

Red-hot and Hammered: that's the theme of the fourth annual Texas Metal Arts Festival on the banks of the Guadalupe River in historic Gruene, Texas (pronounced "green"). This high-quality, juried festival featured thirty Texas artisans who work in metal, and included everything from fine jewelry to bronze castings to metal sculpture. Each artist gave a demonstration of their work during the two-day festival. It was fascinating to watch the ironsmith take a 10-inch railroad spike, heat it in the charcoal brazier, and then gently twist it into a beautiful work of art. Jewelry artists demonstrated fabrication techniques, lost wax casting, and stamping/forming. Each artist I visited with seemed to enjoy talking about their work, and was very generous in answering questions.

Gruene itself is a wonderful little "town," actually part of New Braunfels. There are several excellent restaurants and unique shops all located in the scenic town square under the live oak trees. Of course, Texas' longest running dance hall is also located on the square, and features live music on Friday and Saturday nights.

The festival is held each year in September, and you can find more information on their website: www.texasmetalarts.com. If you can't wait until next September to visit, the fifteenth annual Texas Clay Festival will be held there on October 27-28 and will feature over fifty artists who work in clay (see www.texasclayfestival.com for more info). Or, you could visit Gruene Market Days, held the third weekend of each month, and peruse arts and crafts made by the vendors themselves (see www.gruenemarketdays.com for more info). An extensive rock shop is located in New Braunfels and is well worth a side trip. Rocks, Etc. is family-owned and operated, and offers an extensive collection of rough material, slabs, fossils and artifacts, and finished products. See their website at www.texasrockshop.com, but hurry out because they will be closing their retail store at the end of this year.

Any visit to the Texas hill country is a nice escape from the Metroplex, but this one was especially worth the trip.

By Emie Stewart

FOR SALE

- Oxy-butane Mini Torch - in wood carrying box. Bottles, torch, hose ready for use. \$175.
- Foredom Electric Drill - shaft, chuck, and foot controller. \$100
- If interested, please call Hal Hughey @ 972 641- 4035

2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR

The **AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY** in conjunction with the **SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES** is proud to invite you and your federation members to our **2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR** to be held in Austin, Texas on March 8th and 9th. Ron Carman will be our master of ceremonies and will also be the main speaker. Directions to The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY clubhouse can be found at <http://www.austingemandmineral.org/>.

Topics to be covered at the **2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR** will include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing a display for exhibiting
- AFMS Uniform Rules regarding exhibiting
- How exhibits are judged
- What makes a good display

I have attached the flyer and registration form for your convenience. Exact schedule will be posted at The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY website later this year. <http://www.austingemandmineral.org/>

There will be a \$15 fee to cover the costs of refreshments and printing. All participants will receive a complete and current copy of the Uniform Rules. Certificates will be handed out Sunday afternoon.

During check in on Saturday and before Sunday activities begin, The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY will provide coffee, doughnuts and fruit.

Lunch on both Saturday and Sunday will be an informal affair. The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY will provide a lunch for a small donation. Lunch will most likely be salad, sandwich, chips and fruit. For those attendees that have special diets we request that you bring your lunch. We can provide refrigeration. There are several restaurants nearby if you choose to dine out.

The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY will have coffee, tea and water available all day for participants. Any questions that you or your federation may have can be addressed to agms2004@austin.rr.com. Please be sure to title email **2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR** so we can be sure to answer you promptly. You can also call 512 458 9546 and leave a message. The Austin Gem and Mineral Society looks forward to hosting this event and making many new friends!

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Stewart-Postlethwait 2007 Board of Directors

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WHO: EVERY MEMBER of American Federation of Mineral Societies
WHEN: March 8 & 9, 2008 Saturday & Sunday
WHERE: Austin, Texas 6719 Burnet Lane 78757
TIME: Begin Promptly at 8:30am
COST: \$15 Covers refreshments and printing costs

For additional information, copies of this announcement and application forms,
 contact the Austin Gem & Mineral Society at:
 Web site: www.austingemandmineral.org
 Telephone: (512) 458-9546

EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR APPLICATION
 March 8 & 9, 2008 in Austin, Texas

Name _____
(As you want it to appear on your certificate)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number: _____ E Mail _____

I am interested in (circle one): Exhibiting Learning to Judge

Primary Area of Interest: MINERALS FOSSILS JEWELRY LAPIDARY _____
 OTHER _____

Please submit one application per person with fees attached. Multiple applications may be mailed together.
 Mail applications to: AGMS, Attn of Exhibitors & Judges Seminar, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX 78757

THIS FORM MAY BE COPIED



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Tentative schedule for the **2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR**:

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

7:30 ⇨ 8:30 am	Check-in. Coffee, doughnuts, fruit will be provided.
8:30 ⇨ 8:45	Welcome and Orientation
9:00 ⇨ 9:45	Begin discussion of Uniform Rules. General rules that apply to all displays
10:00 ⇨ 11:30	Discussion of the various divisions of exhibits
11:30 ⇨ 1:00	LUNCH Provided by AGMS for small donation
1:00 ⇨ 4:15	Divide into groups and discuss the rules that apply to individual groups Minerals Lapidary Fossils Petrified Wood Etc
4:30 ⇨ 5:00	Debrief as a group. Briefly summarize what we have discussed
5:15	DINNER Can go as a group, can order in, can do own thing Dinner is NOT covered by the seminar fee or AGMS.

Sunday, March 9th, 2008

7:30 ⇨ 8:30 am	Morning Social Hour. Coffee, doughnuts, fruit will be provided.
8:30 ⇨ 11:30	Practice judging cases in the various divisions
11:30 ⇨ 1:00	LUNCH Provided by AGMS for small donation
1:00 ⇨ 2:45	Finish evaluating cases Review evaluations as a group
2:45 ⇨ 4:00	Gather for final review session Present certificates of attendance Answer any last minute questions
4:00	Seminar Over – Everyone goes home

This schedule is not fixed and is subject to change.

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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webmaster@agemclub.com

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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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