

THE

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ARLINGTON GEM AND MINERAL CLUB
MEMBER OF



SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF
MINERAL SOCIETIES



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MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

CLUB PURPOSE: To encourage the study of earth sciences, lapidary arts and other related fields, and to enjoy good fellowship with those who share like interests

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Elaine O'Donley

The NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING will be an important one. The Nominating Committee will formally present the recommendations for the 2011 Board Positions, and any nominations from the floor will be accepted at this time. Members will be asked to vote on amendments made to the By-Laws and Constitution, regarding Membership.

We will try to keep the BUSINESS PORTION OF AGMC MEETINGS SHORT. You can do your part by notifying me BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING, if you need a place on the Agenda. We have options if something does not get mentioned. The President has the E-MAIL DIRECTORY at his/her disposal. All it takes is a simple request to send info out. MEMBERS WHO HAVE SNAIL-MAIL WILL RECEIVE THE SAME INFO ALONG WITH THEIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. If necessary, the issue can be placed on the Agenda for the following month as well.

'SHOW AND TELL' will be presented at this meeting. We look forward to seeing the beautiful jewelry pieces many have made.

TEACHER AND SUPERVISOR APPRECIATION WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MONTH.

The Program for the evening will be a presentation by Mr. Chuck Finley, Director of the Natural History Museum.

It's that time of the year, again to start thinking about the Annual Christmas Party. We will need a host or hostess for this event and Assistants as well.

Program for November: Presentation by MR. CHUCK FINLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

My Husband and I will be off to Young Harris, Georgia's William Holland School of Lapidary Arts by the time you receive this newsletter. He is to Scrimshaw as I am to Fused Glass, unless someone cancels out of the Chasing and Repousse Class at the last minute.

Business meeting and program 1st Tuesday 7:30PM
AGMC Board Meeting Last Tuesday 7:00PM

UP COMING SHOWS

Deborah Hartz

NOVEMBER (6-7), AMARILLO, TX, Golden Spread G&MS, Amarillo Civic Center Exhibition Hall

NOVEMBER 6-7, MIDLAND, TX, Midland G&MS, Midland Center

NOVEMBER 12-14, HUMBLE, TX, Houston G&MS, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkway

NOVEMBER 20-21, MESQUITE, TX, Dallas G&MS, Resistol Arena

DECEMBER 4-5, ROUND ROCK, TX Paleontological Soc. of Austin, Old Settlers Park next to Dell Diamond

DECEMBER 11-12, SCFMS, DeRIDDER, LA, DeRidder G&MS, Richard Borchard Regional Fairgrounds

YOU CAN WIN.....IN 2010

From SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES, INC., SCFMS NEWSLETTER 02 JULY - AUGUST, 2010

The DeRIDDER AND FOSSIL CLUB OF SOUTHWEST LA and EAST TEXAS and THE SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION MINERAL SOCIETIES invites you to:

A Worldclass Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Min. Show awaits you at the Exhibit Hall, located at the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds, Hwy 171 North, DeRidder, LA.

Quartz crystal clusters, Moraccan fossils, amethyst geodes and ammonites are featured from around the world.

For the really serious collector, fine and varied selection of Old and New World lithic artifacts will be available. Displays give you an array of jewelry, gems and rocks that would rival King Solomon's mine.

\$2.00 Donation - Children under 12 Admitted free
DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2010

Saturday (the 11th): 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday (the 12th): 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DOOR PRIZES - SPECIAL DRAWING SUNDAY AT
3 p.m.

SCIENTIFIC FUN, FLOURESCENT ROCKS
FOOD CONCESSION
AIR CONDITIONED BUILDING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ELECTED OFFICERS (Voting Positions)

President	Elaine O'Donley
Secretary	Tom McCormick
Treasurer - Finance	Stephen Bennett
1 st Vice Pres (Operational/Educational Classes)	Emie Stewart
2 nd Vice Pres (Programs)	Steven Williams
3 rd Vice Pres (Field Trips)	Sue Poarch
4 th Vice Pres (Youth Education Programs)	Alma Ramirez
Delegate at Large (Omnibusperson)	Ray Wilkes

APPONTED POSITIONS (Voting Positions)

Past President (Delegate at Large)	Dale Miller
Newsletter (The Hound's Tale) Editor	Mike Hartz
Show Chairperson	Harold Hoskison
Lapidary Department Chairperson	Don Lawrence
Membership Chairperson	Karen Cessna

APPONTED POSITIONS (Non-Voting Positions)

Library Chairperson	Susan Hale
Historian Chairperson	Beth Spinks
Building Chairperson	Mike Armstrong
Show Dealers Chairperson	Harold Hoskison
Show Publicity	Karen Cessna
Grounds Chairperson	VACANT
Grounds assistant	VACANT
Hospitality Chairperson	VACANT
Welcome Chairperson	Veronica Murday
International Gem and Jewelry Chairperson	Joyce Speed
Telephone calling Chairperson	Elaine Berry
Jewelry Department Chairperson	Emie Stewart
Library Exhibits Coordinator (METROPLEX)	Alma Ramirez
Educational Outreach - School Curriculum	Steve and Mary Hilliard
Sunshine	Marge Harrant
Webmaster	Jeremy Dubhros
Graphic Designer	Darcy Sety
Donations Chairman	Dale Miller
Long Range Planning	Elaine O'Donley

THE HOUND'S TALE

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ADS AND ARTICLES

Lapidary related ads and articles from members of AGMC are welcomed. They will be placed on a space available basis, first in first out. Include your name and contact information.

Send ads and articles to Mike and Deborah Hartz at our web site <http://www.agemclub.org>, click on "CONTACTS" (upper right), then, on the next page click on "Hound's Tale Editor" (bottom center)

**Deadline date for ads and articles
is the 15th of the month.**



ARLINGTON GEM
AND
MINERAL CLUB
General Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Elaine O'Donley at 7:30 pm.

Elaine asked the Intergem volunteers to stand up for appreciation.

Ray Wilkes thanked all who helped them out with their flooding problems.

Ann reported some information on Dennis Peter's condition. He is not doing well.

Secretary's Report: Tom McCormick
The minutes from last month are posted in the Hound's Tale and on the board.
At the next meeting a motion will be presented to ratify the amendments into the Constitution and By-Laws of AGMC. It is being published in these minutes as required in the By-Laws. The following are the proposed amendments:

Show Special Membership. A member joining at the annual show will receive membership for the remainder of that year plus the following year at the full membership rate.

Pro-rated Membership. Membership dues will be pro-rated at a \$6.00 reduction per quarter.

The committee of Executive Board members has completed the review of the 2009 financials and found no anomalies or unusual occurrences.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bennett
The monthly bank balance figures were presented.
The show produced income above our costs.

Classes: Emie Stewart:
Emie reported on the current classes and workshops. The listings of classes and workshops are on the board and in the monthly Hound's Tale and the calendar on the club web site.
Emie thanked everyone who entered the competition and also those who judged at our show competition. Next month will be the annual appreciation night.

Programs: Steve Williams
The November speaker will be Chuck Finley, Director of Natural History Museum.

Field Trips: Sue Poarch
She presented the glass pieces to those who participated in the field trip to Vetro.

Later in October will be the trip the The Arkstone. The date is October 23, 2010, 9:00 to noon. You must email Sue to get the directions
November is the trip to Mineral Wells
No trips in December.

Juniors – Alma Ramirez
Next Saturday will be doing sanding and polishing amber.
A very nice poster for the juniors was prepared and is on the bulletin board.
November will be Mineral Wells with the regular trip.
December will be making Christmas gifts.
We have about 14 junior members.
This month Alma has set up a Eules Library display and also an Arlington Library display.

Delegate at Large – Ray Wilkes
Nothing to report.
Sunshine Report: Marge Harrand
A get well card was sent to Dennis Peters who is seriously ill.
A sympathy care was sent to Carl Wells
A get well card was sent to Bobbi Wilson
A Thinking of You card was sent to the Wilkes family.

Newsletter – Mike Hartz (agmceditor@yahoo.com or the link on the AGMC Web Page)
Please keep the articles coming.
Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month.
Not Present.

Show Report: Harold Hoskison
Jack Spinks is taking over as show chairman for next year.
Joyce Speed will be the Dealer Chair and will be assisted by Dale Miller.
Ron York will also be participating.

Hospitality – Deborah Hartz
Alfreda Houston and Nancy Leary will be working off and on, anyone is free to assist.
Donna Mallory is refreshing the drinks. She has a list posted to write down your preferences.
Membership: Karen Cessna
With new members we now have 292 members + 6 new members tonight.
Tonight's new members:
Karen Hicks Darryl Hicks R.W. Shelton
Billy Harris Faye Harris Paulette Starlin
Lesvia "Libby" Cole

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JOIN NOW!!!
THE **FIRST TUESDAY** CAB AND LUNCH
BUNCH CLUB MEETS AT THE CLUB HOUSE
9:00 AM 12:00 PM FIRST TUESDAY EACH
MONTH THEN ON TO LUNCH!!!
CONTACT PERSON FRANK O'DONLEY

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Visitors:

Billy Harris Velma White
Bob Shelton Valerie & Sean Stoicherz
Darryl & Karen Hicks (new members)
Libby Cole (new member)

Past President: Dale Miller

Dale said that she received some negative feedback that some members did not get acknowledgement of their donations in the newsletter. Unfortunately Dale was not notified of the donations by whoever accepted them. All Donations should go to Dale (or the next Past President) or she does not know about them.

Today Dale picked up a huge donation from a daughter of a very long term member. She has a card up at the front table to sign for appreciation. There is also a thank you card for Sandra Hurley. Dale also brought get well cards for Dennis Peters and Liz.

Lapidary: Don Lawrence

Upcoming Saturday shop will be open 7:00 – noon.

Building Manager: Mike Armstrong

Not Present.

Old Business:

A Genie cabbing machine has been donated that can replace the missing Pixie. We don't have to buy a Pixie now.

New Business:

In order to keep the monthly meetings from taking too long please submit new items for the agenda to the President before the meetings.

At the next meeting the Nominating Committee will present the recommendations for nominations for elections for 2011 AGMC positions.

Drawings/Raffle:

There was not a drawing tonight because of the auction

Announcements:

The Texas Faceting Guild seminar has been cancelled.

The LMRA Rock Hounds are having a sale next weekend.

Keith Harmon is having a rock sale on October 30.

The Arlie Awards for the best show cases were announced:

1st Place Alec Gallia
2nd Place Alec Gallia
3rd Place Emie Stewart

Program:

Tonight's program is the auction.

The Business Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Submitted by:

Tom McCormick

Secretary AGMC

CLASS REPORT

Emie Stewart

Instructor & Supervisor Appreciation: At the November meeting, we will recognize and honor our instructors and shop supervisors for the past year. Please plan to attend so we can thank you for your dedication.

November Show & Tell: At the November meeting, we will also have member show and tell, so please bring something you have made in one of the classes or workshops to share with the rest of us.

New Cabbing Class: Ray Wilkes will teach an additional beginning cabbing class on the 1st Saturday of each month, from 1 – 4 PM. Sign up sheet will be posted the month before the class.

New Beginning Silversmithing Class: Signups for the Wednesday night beginning silversmithing class will be at 7:00 p.m. at the November 2 meeting. The class will start on December 1, and will be taught by Andy Weinzapfel and Susan Hale.

Planning for 2011: I am beginning to plan workshops for 2011, so if you are interested in teaching something, please let me know. If you have a topic you would like to see taught, please let me know that also and I'll try to find someone who can teach it.

Thank You: Many thanks to those folks who continually step up and offer to teach. While other clubs are dying on the vine, AGMC continues to experience robust growth, due primarily to active members just like you. Thank you for the generous gift of your time and talent.

No Shows: If you sign up for a class and are unable to attend, you must let the instructor know before the class date so that they can offer your slot to someone on the waiting list. Failure to do so may cause you to be listed as a "no show." Club policy is that no-shows will be wait-listed for future classes at the instructor's discretion

November 2010

AGMC CALANDER OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SHOP OPEN 9AM-noon FELLOWSHIP 7:00PM BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:30 PM	2 INTERMEDIATE SILVER SMITHING 7-10PM Glass Fusing Beginners Noon-4PM Faceting 4-6 PM & 7-9PM	3 SHOP OPEN 7:30 - 9:30PM WAX CARVING & CASTING 7 - 10PM	4 ADVANCED SILVER SMITHING 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	5 SHOP OPEN 9am-noon GLASS FUSING BEGINNERS NOON-4PM CAB CLASS 1-4PM
7	8 BEGINNING SILVER SMITHING 7-10 PM	9 SHOP OPEN 9AM-noon CAB CLASS 7-10 PM	10 INTERMEDIATE SILVER SMITHING 7-10PM Glass Fusing Beginners Noon-4PM Faceting 4-6 PM & 7-9PM	11 SHOP OPEN 7-9PM CHAIN MAKING & WIRE JEWELRY 7-9PM WAX CARVING & CASTING 7 - 10PM	12 ADVANCED SILVER SMITHING 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	13 SHOP OPEN 7am-noon JUNIORS 9 AM-NOON
14 ADVANCED CLASS SLUMPING & OTHER TECHNIQUES 1-5PM	15 BEGINNING SILVER SMITHING 7-10 PM	16 FREE WORK SHOP 7PM-9PM	17 INTERMEDIATE SILVER SMITHING 7-10PM Glass Fusing Beginners Noon- 4PM Faceting 4-6 PM & 7-9PM	18 SHOP OPEN 7-9PM WAX CARVING & CASTING 7 - 10PM	19 ADVANCED SILVER SMITHING 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	20 SHOP OPEN 9am-noon GLASS FUSING BEGINNERS NOON-4PM SILVERSMITHING LAB 9AM - NOON
21	22 BEGINNING SILVER SMITHING 7-10 PM	23	24 INTERMEDIATE SILVER SMITHING 7-10PM Glass Fusing Beginners Noon 4PM Faceting 4-6 PM & 7-9PM	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26 ADVANCED SILVER SMITHING 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	27 SHOP OPEN 7am-noon
28	29 BEGINNING SILVER SMITHING 7-10 PM	30 BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM				
<u>THE DEADLINE FOR THE HOUNDS TALE IS THE 15TH</u>						

AGMC November Class Schedule

Cab Class

1st Saturday, Nov. 6, 1 – 4 PM
Instructor: Ray Wilkes

2nd Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 – 10 PM
Instructor: Stephen Bennett

4th Saturday, Nov. 27, 1 – 4 PM
Cancelled for Thanksgiving
Instructor: Barbara Maloney

Wax Carving & Casting--
CLOSED
Thursdays, 7 – 10 PM
Instructor: Emie Stewart

Wire Wrapping: Beginner
Cancelled until further notice
3rd Tuesdays, 7 – 9 PM
Instructor: Leslye Wilkes

Chainmaking & Wire Jewelry
OPEN *New date and Time for*
Nov. ONLY
2nd Thursday, Nov. 11, 7 – 9 PM
Instructor: Beth Spinks

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Faceting
Wednesdays, 7 – 9 PM
Instructor: Mike Knuth/Elaine
O'Donley

Wednesdays, 4 – 6 PM
Instructor: Elaine O'Donley

Glass Fusing: Beginning
Wednesdays, Noon – 4 PM
Instructor: Karen Cessna

Glass Fusing: Beginners
1st Saturday, Nov. 6, Noon - 4 PM
3rd Saturday, Nov. 20, Noon – 4
PM
Instructor: Lois McCormick

Advanced Glass: Slumping &
Other Techniques
2nd Sunday, Nov. 14, 1- 5 PM
4th Saturday, Nov. 27, 1 – 5 PM
Cancelled for Thanksgiving
Instructor: Sue Poarch

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Silversmithing
Beginning Silversmithing
CLOSED
Mondays, 7 - 10 PM
Instructor: Alma Ramirez

Beginning Silversmithing
Wednesdays, 7 – 10 PM, starting
December 1
Instructor: Andy Weinzapfel and
Susan Hale

Advanced Silversmithing
CLOSED
Fridays, 7 – 10 PM
Instructor: Emie Stewart

Silversmithing Lab
3rd Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 – noon
Instructor: Rotating

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December 2010

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AGMC Tentative December Class

Schedule

Cab Class:

1st Saturday, Dec. 4, 1 – 4 PM

Instructor: Ray Wilkes

Cab Class:

2nd Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 – 10 PM

Instructor: Stephen Bennett

Cab Class:

4th Saturday, Dec. 25, 1 – 4 PM

Cancelled for Christmas

Instructor: Barbara Maloney

Wax Carving & Casting CLOSED

Thursdays, 7 – 10 PM

Instructor: Emie Stewart

Advanced Glass: Slumping & Other Techniques

2nd Sunday, Dec. 12, 1- 5 PM

4th Saturday, Dec. 25, 1 – 5 PM

Cancelled for Christmas

Instructor: Sue Poarch

Wire Wrapping: Beginner

CLOSED—Cancelled until

further notice

3rd Tuesdays, 7 – 9 PM

Instructor: Leslye Wilkes

Chain making & Wire Jewelry OPEN

3rd Thursday, Dec. 16, 7 – 9 PM

Instructor: Beth Spinks

Faceting

Wednesdays, 7 – 9 PM

Instructor: Mike Knuth/Elaine O'Donley

Wednesdays, 4 – 6 PM

Instructor: Elaine O'Donley

Glass Fusing: Beginners

1st Saturday, Dec. 4, Noon - 4 PM

3rd Saturday, Dec. 18, Noon – 4 PM

Instructor: Lois McCormick

Glass Fusing: Beginning

Wednesdays, Noon – 4 PM

Instructor: Karen Cessna

Silversmithing

Beginning Silversmithing

CLOSED

Mondays, 7 – 10 PM

Instructor: Alma Ramirez

Beginning Silversmithing

CLOSED

Wednesdays, 7 – 10 PM

Instructor: Andy Weinzapfel and Susan Hale

Advanced Silversmithing

CLOSED

Fridays, 7 – 10 PM

Instructor: Emie Stewart

Silversmithing Lab

3rd Saturday, Dec. 18 **Cancelled**

for Dec.

Instructor: Rotating