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of Deep East Texas

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Membership

Club Membership is open to all who
are interested in the Earth Sciences
and the Lapidary arts.

Dues are \$24 yearly for families,
\$18 for single adults and \$2 for kids.

Meetings

The regular monthly meeting is held
on the third Thursday of every month
at 7 p.m. in the Club Building at 110
N.Zavalla St. in downtown Jasper.

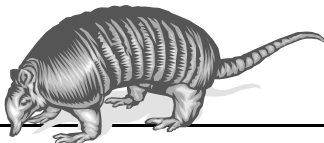
Visitors are invited to attend any of
the regularly scheduled meetings.

Club Purpose

Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society
was formed for the purpose of
encouraging interest and a better
understanding of all phases of the Earth
Sciences and Lapidary Arts and to
promote fellowship and cooperation
among members and with other
groups with like interests.

Member Club

South Central Federation of
Mineralogical Societies
and
American Federation of
Mineralogical Societies



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July. Summer is almost half over if you look at it as a calendar and not because of the heat. Lot of events are about to happen such as the National Federation meeting in Tulsa and the upcoming meeting of the South Central Federation meeting coming up in August in Baton Rouge, La. Several of our members have a significant role in both of these meetings. Speaking of meetings, our own annual show is approaching very soon in August, so keep this in mind as it approaches reminding friends and whomever you talk to about this major event for our club.

I have been on vacation for the past several weeks and we have not had a work day at the club house since early June. I plan to begin a push for several workdays over the coming months to try and make a good showing for our workshop area. Some of the workdays will be things that all of our members can contribute such as painting and cleaning up. These will be scheduled on Saturdays so everyone can contribute. I would still like to have the area completed by early fall and then we can start planning on equipment placement and needs.

See you this coming Thursday for our next meeting.

Bill Talcott

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

102 Zavalla Street, Jasper, Texas

Program: Ann James

"The Many Faces of Crystals"

UP-COMING SHOWS &

AUGUST 9-10 BATON ROUGE, LA
SCFMS SHOW in conjunction with
Baton Rouge Show

AUGUST 16-17 BOSSIER CITY LA
ArkLaTex Gem & Mineral Soc.
Bossier Civic Center
620 Benton Road

AUGUST 23-24 JASPER, TEXAS
Pine Country Gem & Mineral Soc.
The Event Center 6258 Hwy 190W
5 miles west of Jasper

OCTOBER 3-5 AUSTIN, tEXAS
Austin Gem & Mineral Society
Palmer Events Center

OCTOBER 11-12 TEMPLE, TEXAS
Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society
Mayborn Civic & Convention Center
3303 North 3rd Street
Chip Burnette

**ANNIVERSARIES:
NONE????**


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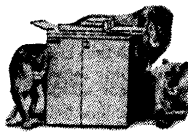
Board Appointees
 Activity - Field Trips . . . Fred Brown, Paul James
 Membership - Publicity . . Jonetta Nash
 Web Page . . . Sonja Richard
 Programs . . Bill Talcott & Others!
 Historian . . . OPEN
 Auction . . . John Nash
 Education . . . Janice Herron
 Chamber of Commerce...Ann James
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 Hostess...Donna Ducote
 Building Chairman...Bill Talcott
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Janice Herron 7/02
Shari Gunter 7/05
Charles Kerr 7/13
Joe Griggs 7/16
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Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society Meeting

Pine Country Gem and Mineral Society Meeting
P. O. Box 2513 – Jasper, Texas –

MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2014



The PCG&MS met on June 19, 2014 at the clubhouse for the regular monthly meeting. There were thirty-seven members and one visitor attending. Welcome visitor Colin Davidson all the way from Australia and new member Gloria Lamkin.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Griggs. The program was presented by Rich Geist on rock tumbling. He gave great information about different grit for tumblers, what to do and not to do for best results and helpful hints that he has tried. Feel free to ask Rich if you have any questions on rock tumbling.

After a short break, the business meeting began with a motion by Ann James and a second by Ruth Howell to accept the minutes as recorded in the bulletin. The motion passed. The Treasurers report was given by Sharon Stalsby with a motion to accept by Ruth Howell and seconded by Ron Ducote, the motion passed.

Committee reports were presented. Paul James/Fred Brown (field trip) reported that a field trip to collect petrified wood was a great success and everyone collected a lot of petrified wood. A big thanks to Keith and Lori for coordinating! Linda Lang (webpage) reported that the newsletter is on the website. Ron Ducote (programs) reported that Ann James will give the program next month. Education activities include Ann James, Bill Talcott, and Michelle Talcott presenting programs at area libraries for the summer reading programs. Ann James (Chamber activities) reported there are not too many activities scheduled until fall. Linda Talcott (hostess) requests that anyone possible please sign up for each meeting to help with snacks. Bill Talcott (building) will have work days in July

and August. Imogene Mitchem has agreed to be the historian. Ann James (Annual Show) all vendor spaces filled and food donation items will be shared at the next meeting. Items for the silent auction and spinning wheel are needed. Advertising is ongoing including the postcards. Registration for the field trip has been sent out.

New business, Gloria Lamkin presented Rich Geist a certificate of appreciation for helping at the Veterans Day celebration in Lufkin.

In old business, everyone had a great time on the field trip with 42 attending. Also the Jasper historical museum has expanded its exhibits.

Winner of the half and half drawing was Rich Geist and Michelle Talcott won the door prize drawing that was provided by Wanda Page.

On a motion by Ruth Howell and seconded by Charles Kerr, the meeting was adjourned.

Attendees at the Meeting: Lonnie and Sharon Stalsby, Paul and Ann James, Michelle and Carter Talcott, Ron and Donna Ducote, Joe Griggs, Maxine Wagner, Charles and Sharon Kerr, Julia McCormick, Ron Carpenter, Mike and Linda Lang, Rich Geist, Keith Stephens, Wayne and Olivia Marsh, Jay and Bobbie McDonald, Robbie Smith, Jody Dorman, Roger and Wanda Page, Shari Gunter, Imogene Mitcham, Tom and Ramona Howell, Ruth Howell, Lori Horne, Robert Yarborough, A. Weissbolm, Gloria Lamkin, Ron Bradley, and Reagan Ratliff.

Submitted by Michelle Talcott, Secretary

Members Happenings

By Michelle Talcott

On June 14 there was a field trip to collect petrified wood. There were over 40 people who attended and collected as much petrified wood as they could carry. To see some pictures of the day, check out the Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society Facebook page. Thank you Keith and Lori for planning and coordinating!

The Talcott's took out on a vacation to Colorado. Bill and Linda traveled to Lake City, Colorado. Along the way they visited several rock shops and saw a lot of beautiful scenery. Michelle and Carter visited Palo Duro Canyon, Mt. Capulin, Royal Gorge, and the cool and interesting mining district of Victor, Colorado. Carter got to experience tent camping for the first time. The first night we unexpectedly got caught in a thunderstorm that produced 50-70 mph winds. Although we had several tent poles bent, our tent stayed standing. Carter thought we would not survive the storm and it took some coaxing to get him to stay in the tent the next night. We eventually all met up in Lake City, Colorado where we did some fishing and rockhounding for rhodonite, amethyst, agate, and any other rocks we saw along the way. As always we got to see antelope, deer, elk, and moose. The cool weather was a welcome break from the heat of Texas and the family time was priceless.

Paul and Ann and John and Jonetta attended the AFMS Annual Meeting in Tulsa. John and Ann were busy with their official duties as Board Members and Paul and Jonetta were their back-up. Tulsa is a nice city and the Fairgrounds where the Show was held was great. It was good to visit with some of our dealers while we were there. The displays were one of the most impressive parts of the show and especially a big petrified stump collected in Jasper County, "a Blue Ribbon" winner. We stopped at a Rock Shop in Gilmer, Texas on the way up and decided it would be a great place for a club field trip.

KEITH HARMON'S

BACKYARD ROCK AND

EQUIPMENT SALE

September 6, 2014

9116 US HWY 84 SOUTH

RUSK, TEXAS 75785

9 AM UNTIL 5 PM.

40 PLUS TONS OF ROCK

NEW MATERIAL ADDED

DID YOU KNOW

Gemstone Legend, History, and Lore

by Mike Jackson

Roman Emperor Nero is said to have watched gladiator combat through a pair of glasses with emerald lenses. Due to the calming effect emerald was said to have, he thought that it would keep him from getting to excited watching all of the bloodshed in the arena.

Ancient Christians believed that the Holy Grail was cut from an emerald that had fallen from Satan's helmet.

It was believed also that emerald originated in Hell and due to that was said to be quite effective at dispatching evil.

The 12th century Catholic church decided to choose sapphire as the supreme emblem representing the light of God. Bishops and Cardinals were advised to wear sapphire on their right hand as a token of the power of Heaven.

A NOTE FROM ZEB RIKE

Jun 27 at 7:19 PM

I had laproscopic surgery late yesterday morning and was home by middle of the afternoon. I was driving by late this morning.

One of the incisions had to be enlarged because the gallbladder was larger than expected and had more stones than usual. I am pain free for first time in six months to a year.

Pass word along to everyone that I am doing well.

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Have a happy day

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MORE ON CABBING

—By Carl Childers

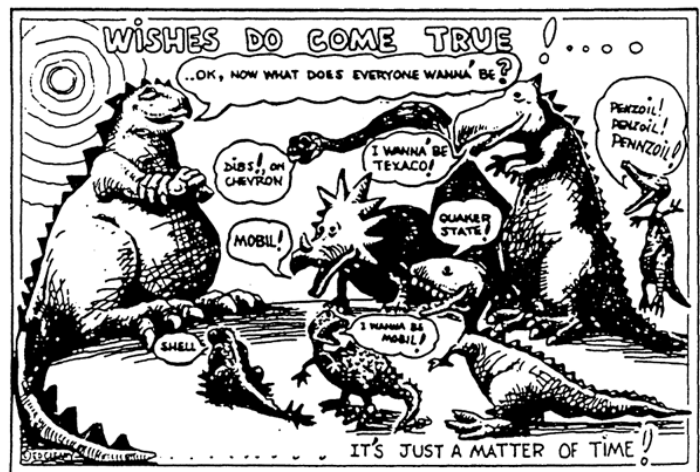
as an addendum to his program on Sept. 7

My method of cabbng has evolved over many years and one difference in my method over most was discovered using an old Graves faceting machine (slow speed). I was unable to enjoy removing lumps and bumps with the expandable drum. I began experimenting with a flat lap with sponge rubber and resin pad charged with 270 diamond at a very slow rpm — I now use 50 to 300 rpm depending on material.

For grinding I use a 6” sintered 270 grit diamond wheel at motor speed. With the 270 grit pad I am able to smooth the surface entirely without lumps, bumps and scratches at the low speeds, keeping the cab in motion at all times. Sanding for steps 600 through 14000 is also at slow speed, usually.

Polishing with 14000 diamond, depending on the material, is not always satisfactory — so I use a variety of oxide polishes with vinegar, colodial silica, and a variety of oxides in colodial suspension. Pelon®, felt, leather or velvet carry the polishes, depending on the material.

—From Rockytier, Oct 2004 via The Shin Skinner News May 2006 via SCRIBE CD



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