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March Meeting

March 12, 2019

6:45 Social Time 7:00 Meeting:

Program

Hunt for the Illusive

Blue Forest Petrified Wood

How to find and collect Blue Forest Petrified Wood near
Kemmerer, Wyoming.

Presented By: Bob Boyd

Cowtown Gem, Mineral & Glass Program
Tuesday, March 12, 2019



BENCH TIPS

Protecting Finished Surfaces

I figure that any accidental scratch I make on a piece means about 15 minutes of extra sanding and polishing. So after finishing major surfaces I typically cover them with some masking tape to avoid any scratches when doing final work like cleanups and setting of stones. The blue masking tape used by painters works particularly well because it doesn't leave a sticky residue.



Make a Texture Hammer

An inexpensive hammer can be easily turned into a great texturing tool by grinding a pattern of narrow lines into its face.

The tool I like to use to grind the pattern is a thin separating disc in a Foredom or Dremel. Be sure to hold the hammer and separating disc steady as you carve, and wear those safety glasses to protect your eyes.

For the pattern to work well, a major part of the face needs to be ground away leaving only small areas of high points. That way the high points will have enough force to emboss the pattern into your sheet metal.

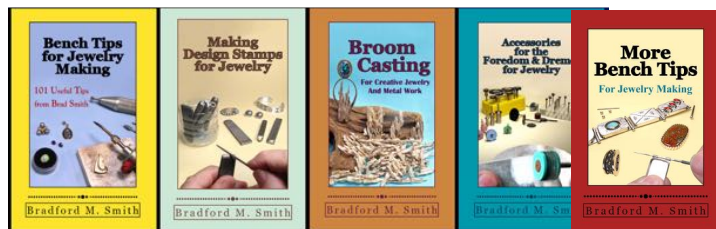
My preference is to use small ball peen or cross peen hammers. They are quite inexpensive from tool dealers at swap meets and rock & mineral shows. There is no reason to buy an expensive hammer to experiment with creating your own textures.

And BTW, if you don't like the first pattern you create, simply file or grind it off and try again.

This is just one of the many tips in the new book, "More Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" See a sample chapter at <https://amzn.to/2KCygh4>



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Classes

CGMG Club is planning to have the following classes:

March 10, Sunday 2-3:30 pm, \$20, Intro to the Glass Studio (This class is the prerequisite to all other glass classes)

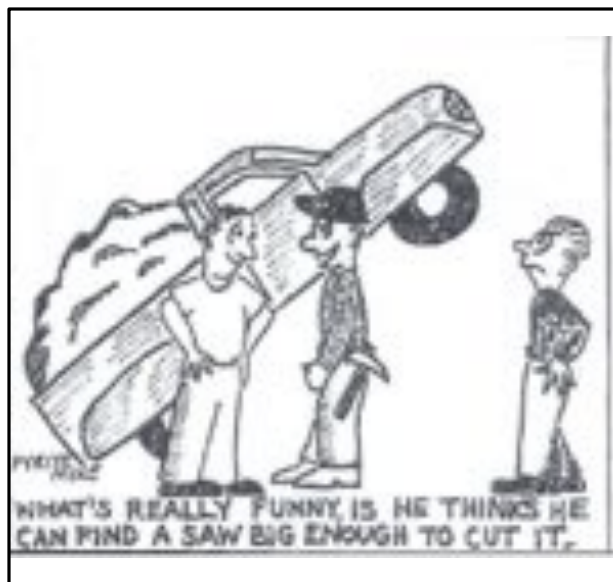
March 12 & 19, Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 pm, \$35, Beginning Stained Glass - Foil Method

March 24, Sunday 2-5:30 pm, Open Shop (no instruction available)

April 14, Sunday 2-3:30 pm, \$20, Intro to the Glass Studio (This class is the prerequisite to all other glass classes)

April 28, Sunday 2-5:30 pm, Open Shop (no instruction available).

Brad



The Purpose of the Cowtown Gem Mineral & Glass Activity is to promote a spirit of fellowship among members and to promote popular interest and education in certain arts and the various earth sciences, in particular, those facets dealing with the arts of lapidaries, metals, glass, and jewelry and the sciences of minerals, paleontology, geology, and archeology.

Stencils and Gue for Fused Glass

There is a glass tattoo stencil system and tattoo gue for fused glass that is easy to use and available through Wardell Products. The desired



1/8" stencil is simply placed on the piece of fusible glass to be stenciled, then the stencil cavity is filled with a 50/50 mixture of tattoo gue and powdered frit of your choice. The stencil spaces can be filled with multiple

colors in a single session while maintaining clean lines between the design elements of the stencil. The glass artist then levels and smooths the tattoo gue with a palette knife, adds any additional decorative components, such as stringers, coarse frit, etc. The stencil is then lifted straight up off the piece to reveal the creation.

Glass tattoo stencils at this site range in size from 4"x 6" to 11" x 11", and are available individually or in kits. There are currently 65 stencil designs including tropical fish, cats, dogs, birds, flowers, holiday themes, and several whimsical designs. The glass tattoo gue comes in a powder form so you can mix up just the amount you need. Several starter kits are available. These include three stencil designs based on a theme, one packet of glass tattoo gue, one spreader knife, one set of suction cup tabs and three glass tattoo dispenser bottles.



For more information, you can watch a video at www.WardellPublications.com or to order/look at stencils and gue you can go to the website at <https://www.wardellpublications.com/product-category-stencils>

Happy glass crafting *Tina Moore*, VP: Glass

GlassCrafters News

Hello glass friends!

We just finished a beveled glass/stained glass class this last week and are headed into the March classes. Beginning Stained Glass, Foil Method, will include a refresher for those interested or a beginning piece for those who are novices. I will include how to make a frame from zinc came for your piece. I am very excited to offer Painting on Glass. The instructor is Elise Plaskonos who is great at teaching art! Painting can be done on fusible or regular glass, depending on the product you wish to create. ALL GLASS AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

We'll have a Big Kiln class in April so if you have had Beginning Fusing come on out and make a fused, slumped project. The sky's the limit on what you can do. We have plenty of molds to choose from. For this class, bring your favorite fusible glass for a project.

Remember that the Introduction to Glass Shop is every second Sunday from 2-3:30 pm, and Open Shop (with free pizza!, drinks \$0.75 at the club) is the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-5:30 pm.

Hope to see you there!! *Tina*

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Field Trip

Field Trip to Mason, Texas - and Llano, Texas

Purpose: Topaz, Fluorite, Serpentine Hunting Trip - Mason and Llano, TX.

March 22, 23, 24, 2019 - **RSVP to CJ Wright at CERA.fieldtrips@gmail.com** Topaz is not plentiful, but we can look for tourmaline, strawberry quartz, artifacts and more on these hunts.

Country Collectibles in Mason has rough and faceted Topaz at \$100 to \$125 per carat. This is a great place to visit and see the Topaz.

March 22,

Lindsay Ranch - lindsayranch.net - cost to hunt \$15.00 per day Call 325-347-4052 for information on camping Manor House stay on 22 & 23 (at Least one cabin must be rented to hunt on the ranch.). CJ has secured the last cabin for six. There are several campsites available - no hookups - dry camping only. Meet at Mason County Courthouse at 9:00 or if you come later, follow the directions below to the ranch. Other accommodations are available in Mason or Llano. Make your own reservations. US 87, 4 miles North from Mason courthouse. At 4 miles see sign on left and sign for Comanche Creek facility lodging. There are 1000 acres and 4-wheelers are allowed at the Lindsay Ranch only. Topaz tourmaline, petrified wood, arrowheads, hand axes and other artifacts. Topaz is like finding a needle in a haystack, but it is there, you may have to dig and screen to find it.

March 23

Bar M Ranch - \$15.00 per day mhahn@barmranchservices.com, 325-265-4223, cell 830-203-1611. You can rent 1/4" screens and small shovels for \$6.00 per day. Or you can hunt at Lindsay Ranch again for \$15.00 a day.

March 24

Emerald Ridge & Serpentine Quarry with Frank Roberts - cost \$40.00 for each location - He indicated maybe less if we have a large group. Lindsay Ranch - you can hunt again for \$15.00 a day

Preparations: Wear long sleeves and long pants, hat, and gloves. Watch for snakes, bring sunscreen, water and your food for the day, screens (1/4") for Topaz hunting, shovels, and containers for your finds. Hammer and chisel for topaz in seams, and if you want to venture out on your own for llanite near Baby Head cemetery, you need hammer, chisel, pry-bars and lots of muscle.



Commissioner's Report

Hello Everyone,

The threshold of Spring is here so now is a great time to clean out some of your bins and bring goodies to sell at the April club auction!

A new program is in place now - if any of our club members refers someone to rent a conference room at CERA and they mention us when making the reservation our club gets 10 percent of the rental fee! Perfect for weddings and other events!

Please continue to bring in your goodies for Show & Tell as well as Stump the Experts. These have been fun.

Our 2019 Monthly Challenges are listed below, but ... help me! If you have any ideas for future monthly challenges please email them to me!

Challenge List for 2019

March - Fabricated Jewelry piece using Metal-Smithing techniques (e.g. not a casting) • *April*

- none, club Auction • *May* - Stained glass item under 8" x 10" made by you • *June* - Finished jewelry piece incorporating material collected on a field trip • *July* - Facets - stone you have faceted, any material • *August* - Jewelry - Fused or Slumped Glass worked into jewelry • *September* - Mineral Specimens - purchased or found • *October* - DOUBLE DOWN, 2 Contests this month: You can enter both!

1. Jewelry - Any item, made by you in 2019

2. Glass - Any item, made by you in 2019

November - none, club Auction • *December* - none, Christmas/Holiday Dinner & Awards

Play safe, clean as you go, report supply shortages or broken equipment by writing it down on the white board in the shop, and have fun!

Cheers, **Steve**

February 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Cowtown Gem, Mineral, and Glass Club

General

The meeting was called to order by President Tina Owen at 7:20 PM. Visitor, Shannon Snowden, was welcomed.

Announcements by Commissioner Steve Shearin

Paul Smith received the Volunteer of the Year award from the CERA Board of Commissioners at their annual dinner. Also, Terri Smith has buckets of product to sell. Everyone should have received an email about it.

Classes

Brad presented the report for Carmen. Trying to get all classes on the website. Check now or what is coming up soon. He knows there is a glass class coming very soon. The hope is to get a complete list of classes and get them loaded on the site. Need an interest to do that. Brad stated he needs access to edit the website. Someone will be assigned to that action.

Field Trips

LaDonna presented in the absence of C.J.

- 3/30 Martin Marietta trip is still on
- Working on a topaz hunt to Mason County
- Working on a gallery tour – details next month

Newsletter

Colleen reminded everyone that she needs articles and photos to publish; want ads are free for members.

Glass Crafters

Tina Moore reported:

- There will be an open workshop for glass crafters on Feb. 24 from 2:00-5:30 and Tina will have pizza available for the attendees.
- She would be willing to teach the

Intro Class every month, if needed.

- Reminded everyone that by going to the CERA Ways to Play site, we can access the CGMAG classes.
 - She hopes to set up a painting on glass class some time in March.
- Reminder: Intro to Glass is a prerequisite.

Sunshine News

Tina Moore reported there was nothing.

Shop Maintenance

Robert Reed called for a shop maintenance day. It was scheduled for Feb. 23 at 9:00 a.m. We needed participants. The question was posed as to whether this could be set up like a class online. Paul Smith said he would check into it. A lot of the newer big saws need some sort of maintenance.

Challenge

There were three entries:

1. Heart shape stone submitted by Pam Nolen.
2. Half circle stone submitted by Pam Nolen.
3. Dichromic glass piece with copper wire submitted by Janice C.

The winner by popular vote was the heart shape stone submitted by Pam.

The experts vote resulted in a tie between the heart (Pam) and the glass (Janice).

Door Prize Drawing (using the attendees signup list)

Twenty-six people signed the attendance roster.

Pam Nolen was the winner of the door prize.

A raffle of donated prizes was held.

Program

Organized by Carmen and entitled "Fun Time." There were "learn and make" work stations set up for attendees to choose a technique to either learn or polish up on. Finished projects were kept by the club to use for future auctions.

Meeting adjourned.

Big Saw Experts: contact one of these folk if you need to use the 24" or the 36" hydraulic saw:

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GEM & MINERAL AND BEAD SHOWS

April 2019

13 - 14—ABILENE, TEXAS; annual show, Abilene Convention Center; N. 6th & Pine; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, and children (6-12) \$2, under 6 & Scouts and Military in uniform free; Grand Prize. Sponsored by Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Find us on Facebook and at <http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html> or kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net

19-21—ALPINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club; Alpine Civic Center, 901 West Holland Avenue; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free; regional geology presentation, and activities for children; contact Judith Brueske, PO Box 195, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 244-9503; Email: ocoent895@gmail.com

26-28—CONROE, TEXAS: Annual show; RMGM Promotions; Lone Star Convention & Expo Center, 9055 Airport Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; New Show! Wholesale and retail sales, demonstrations and classes, and activities for children; contact Sandra Gonzales; Website: <https://www.rmgmpromotions.com/>

May 2019

4-5—WACO, TEXAS: Annual show; Waco Gem And Mineral Club; Extraco Events Center (General Exhibits Building), 4601 Bosque Blvd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 for anyone over the age of 10, and \$1 for children 10 and under; 59th annual show, vendors offering precious stones, geodes, crystals, fossils, rare minerals, jewelry, plus demonstrations and displays, and activities for children; contact Alison Redding, (254) 707-1341; Email: Alison.redding@ctxwifi.net; Website: <https://www.wacogemandmineral.org>

25-26—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors, students, and military personnel \$4, and free admission for children 16 and under; dealers with gems, minerals, fossils, beads, fine jewelry, and crystals, auctions, and activities for children; contact Janice Craddock; Email: fwgmc.info@gmail.com; Website: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

AREA CLUBS

Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club, 3545 Bryan Ave, Fort Worth, TX; forth Tuesday of the month at 7:30.

Arlington Gem & Mineral Club, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX; first Tuesday of the month at 7:30.

Dallas Gem & Mineral Society,

American Legion Hall, Suite 105, 10205 Plano Road, Dallas, TX; third Tuesday of month at 7:00.

Dallas Paleontological Society, Brook-haven Geotechnology Institute, 3939 Valley View Lane; second Wednesday of the month at 7:30.

Oak Cliff Gem & Mineral Society, South Hampton Community Hospital,

2929 Hampton Rd, Dallas, TX; forth Tuesday of month . at 7:00.

Dallas Bead Society, The Point at CC Young, 4847 W. Lather Dr., Dallas, TX; first Saturday of month at 10:00.

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club, Garland Women's Activities Bldg, 713 Austin, Garland, TX; first Tuesday of month at 7:30.