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CERA Gem, Mineral Glass Club

October 11,, 2022

Guest Speaker:
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PROGRAM

CONTEMPO ART GLASS GALLERY

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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,

Commissioner's Report

Hello everyone!

Rockfest combined with Pottery in the Park is NOW "Artisans by the Trinity" and is this weekend! just around the corner! Our annual event is coming up October 8th and 9th with Vendors setting up beginning Friday the 7th at 1pm. Based on past experience we need volunteers to be available to help vendors unload Friday and get loaded Sunday, put bandit signs up Saturday morning along Bryant Irvin, sit at the club booth and hand out club information, conduct shop tours, and more. Please come out for fun, shopping, and to support the club. Please spread the word on social media! Details you can SHARE are on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG/>

I look forward to seeing you this weekend and at the club meeting October 11th.

Steve



Artisans by the Trinity

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Sponsored by the Gem, Mineral,
and Glass Club as well as the
Pottery Club

3300 Bryant Irvin
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FREE PARKING

Hand made gifts by
local artisans
Learn to make a metal
keepsake box

Glaze and fire Raku pottery
Make and take your own
wire-wrapped stone
pendant necklace

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 10-5
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 10-4**



*Come to the 'show
and bring your friends.*

Thank You !!

Felice, Margaret, John, Carmen, Robert,
CJ, Jack and Colleen

for helping with the Shop Clean-up Day.

Grinder/polisher machines, sinks and counters were cleaned
and items returned to their proper places. Saws were
mucked, towels washed, ac filter changed.
Felice and Margaret cleaned the glass area.



Is this your ring? It was found in the Glass Area. Talk to Colleen at the October meeting. or colleenreigh@att.net

BENCH TIPS

WINDING JUMP RINGS

If you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.

To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get near the end of the wire. If the end passes under your thumb, it can cause a nasty scratch or cut.



TOUCHING UP A BEZEL

Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Moh's scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your agates or Jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be real careful of using pumice near the softer stones like Turquoise, Amber, Howelite, etc.

If you're unsure about the hardness of your wheels, test them on a piece of glass. Glass is about 5 ½ on the Mohs scale, softer than quartz. So if the wheel doesn't harm glass, it's safe for use on the Quartzes and harder stones.

My preference is the one inch diameter ones such as those shown at riogrande.com/Product/AdvantEdge-Pumice-Wheels-Medium/332722?pos

If you enjoy these tips on jewelry making, see many more in the sample chapters from these two books:

> Bench Tips 1 - <http://amzn.to/1Z6h/Q06>

> Bench Tips 2 - <http://amzn.to/2KCygh4>

More Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems Can be Found in My Metal Arts Books

Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith



Glass Activity

I wanted to thank Margaret and Colleen for helping me during our shop cleanup day. Margaret helped me sort and put away about a ton of glass that had been hanging out on the glass table and Colleen helped find containers to put it in. The glass side of the shop looks fantastic so thank you to anyone else that helped clean and organize.

Due to a crazy work schedule, I have not picked a weekend for the Christmas ornament class, so keep an eye on the class list. As always, if you are interested in taking Intro to Fusing, Stained Glass Copper foil, Stained Glass Lead, or any of the more specialty classes, please send me an email felice (felicemoreno@yahoo.com). Margaret has volunteered to be my test student for the stringer bowl, so that might become an official class in the near future.

Felice



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Classes

Check the CERA website cera-fw.org for the class list and information.

GEM & MINERAL AND BEAD SHOWS

October 2022

8-9—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual Show, Artisans by the Trinity; Cowtown Gem Mineral and Glass Club, CERA 1300 Bryant Irvin Road, Forth Worth, TX

21-23—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society (AGMS); Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Children ages 12 and under free, Ages 13-18 \$2, Adults \$8, Military ID and Seniors (60+) \$7; 30+ vendors of jewelry, beads, gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils & spheres. Exhibits of touch table of rocks and fossils, fluorescent minerals, and collections. Demos in faceting, cabbing, and wire wrapping. Theme Fluorescents. \$1 each Gem Mine, Jewelry making, Wheel of Fortune. Grand prize; contact Laird Fowler, (512) 458-9546; Email: showchairman@austingemandmineral.org; Website: www.agms-tx.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.