



# CGMG News

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## CERA GEM, MINERAL, & GLASS

# ICE CREAM

*Social*



Bring samples of finds from the Arkansas/Kentucky trip or from your own recent discoveries.

See photos from the Arkansas/Kentucky field trip!

*We*  
*You*  
**bring the ice cream and  
bring toppings and sides**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 7PM**

### **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.



## Commissioner's Report

Hello Everyone,

Glass Sale & Auction June 10th – we need volunteers between noon and 2pm to help move glass to our usual meeting room. Also need volunteers to help folks pay with credit cards at the front desk, and conduct shop tours.

Our next shop clean-up is June 24th from around 9am to 1pm. Please come out and help and have some fun mucking saws and socializing.

Our door to the shop will soon be adorned with a nice official CERA sign – thanks Crissy!

Summer is knocking at the door so as the temps climb keep an eye out for new classes so you can find something fun to do indoors. I know Paul is setting up Beginning Silver-Smithing on our Class Registration web page as I write this. It begins June 27th and is offered in the evening. To save students money all the materials needed will be ordered once we have a firm headcount and that cost will be passed on when the class begins as a “material fee.” Brad and Paul are also working to soon offer Mold Making followed by Lost Wax Casting. Jack is always willing to offer up a Beginning Lapidary class when we have 3 students wanting to take it. And Felice will gladly offer one of many possible Glass Arts classes – chat with her about what you might be interested in learning. Finally, Robert is teaching gemstone faceting 101 where you make a round brilliant stone. The next class for those with that much experience will be an emerald cut. We are very fortunate to have so many skilled instructors willing to volunteer their time and expertise!

For those of you who are new to the club we offer beginner’s courses in lapidary arts, stained glass, gemstone faceting and jewelry making. Classes are announced at meetings, in the newsletter, and online (soon). To sign up for classes you may visit the front desk and sign up –OR- go to [www.cera-fw.org](http://www.cera-fw.org) and click on ACTIVITIES, click on GEM, MINERAL & GLASS, click on REGISTER, and

then find your class and sign up online. When you see the class title be sure to click on it for a full description. Even then there is sometimes a “more info” link below the initial description that may include required tools and other details.

For newer club members – the Fort Worth, Arlington, and Dallas clubs sponsor really big Gem, Mineral & Jewelry shows each year and they are a great place to hand select finished stones, rough material, tools, and much more at prices generally less than retail. The next biggie is Arlington’s show the weekend of June 17-18 at the Grapevine Convention Center.

Just an early reminder - our July meeting is our annual Ice Cream Social so plan to come on out and have some good food and fun with fellow members.

See you June 13th! (and hopefully at the club Glass Sale June 10th)

*Steve*

### FUSED GLASS SALE 90 COE

From the collection of Marion Henderson.(formerly w/TGAA

There will be a **Sale and Auction** in the Gateway Room Saturday June 10th at CERA from 2-6 pm  
Auction at 2:30 of premium items.

Pay with Cash and Credit Card

Lots and lots of fusible sheet glass, jars of frit, some molds, and a few additional items

Most Fused Glass is 10x10 sheets... many full sheets as well.

All 90 COE, almost all Bullseye

Please bring your own boxes.

## May 9, 2023 Minutes

Steve, our Commissioner, called the meeting to order, welcomed all and announced the live auction.

**Secretary:** Jacque wants club members provide information for the membership to her via email.

**Commissioner:** Saw oil was ordered and can be purchased by members for \$20 a gallon.

A vacuum caster has been ordered.

Fort Worth gem show was May 27-28.

Club members MUST badge in at the lobby when entering CERA in order to continue our club.

Classes for non CERA members were discussed, and 1-2 day intro classes. A possible June tailgate sale was mentioned.

**Education:** Brad announced silver smithing, faceting, mold making, lost wax casting classes are planned.

Volunteers are needed to teach new classes. Resources

and assistance are available from members of the club.

Felice and Daniel host informal chain making classes on Thursdays 5-9:00 in the shop.

**Field Trip:** Carmen and David reported on the Arkansas/Kentucky trip.

**Newsletter:** Colleen asked for articles, photos and for sale submissions for the newsletter.

**Glass:** Felice announced a glass sale June 10, 10-2:00 with a live auction at 10:30 in the Gateway Room.

**Shop:** John announced shop cleanup day June 17 at 9:00.

Write any shop repairs, etc. on the white board.

John has made Under Repair and other signs for machines in the shop and is upgrading the lightning.

Saws are now using mineral oil for coolant.

**Grow Committee:** Photos and info for the newsletter are needed, text Carmen with information.

**Program:** Live rock and glass auction raised funds for the club. Twenty-seven members attended.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Colleen*

## Classes

During the next meeting we will be announcing the dates for the Mold Making class, the Faceting Emerald cut class, and the Silversmithing class and the Casting class. The new casting machine is here and we will be offering a refresher training for the new machine. Please come to the meeting or check out the website after the meeting and enroll in the classes. We are going to have a very exciting lineup of classes during the next few months.

*Brad*

**METAL-SMITHING**

INSTRUCTOR: PAUL SMITH

STARTING TUESDAY,  
JUNE 27-AUGUST 2, 6:30-9PM

If you have ever wanted to get your toes wet learning to silversmith, here is your opportunity to experience cutting, filing, soldering, setting, and finishing sterling silver! Many of the techniques taught apply to other metals as well.

Use the QR code below to link directly to the website in order to see details and register.

Home - Gem, Mineral, & Glass  
cera-fw.org

## Design Corner

Here is the stone for the May Design Corner.

Use this stone in a drawing or sketch to come up with a creative way to fabricate a piece - any kind of piece and bring your ideas to the next meeting to share. This should be a fun endeavor and hopefully interesting addition to our meetings.

Don't worry about being an artist - drawing skill doesn't matter! Just sketch the best you can whatever Idea you have will be welcomed!



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<http://cera-fw.org/gem-mineral-glass/home/newsletter>



## GEM & MINERAL SHOW

June 2023

17-18—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$10 - Kids 15 and under are free; contact Rick Allen; Email: rickallen57@sbcglobal.net

### 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.