



# CGMG News

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November 14

7:00 Program

# Auction

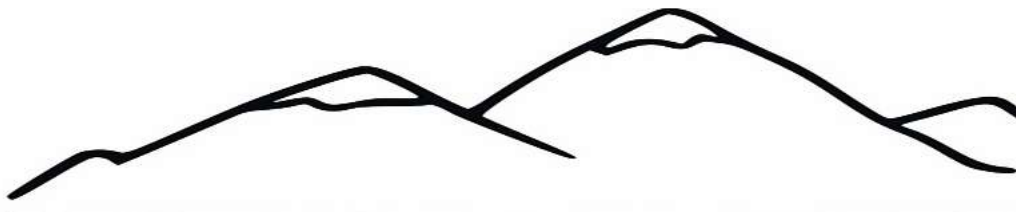
**Plan to bring hobby related items to sell in the auction. Items may include raw materials, tools, or completed projects!**

**Our November auction covers expenses toward our Christmas Party so please be generous. There are two ways to participate: items sold at a 50/50 split and items sold with all proceeds going to the club.**

### **The Purpose of the CERA 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.

# Field Trip



Hello. Here is an opportunity for a field trip to Alpine! The more that sign up, the less expensive it is for the fee! I hope some of us will join The Arlington Club on this outing. If you haven't been on the Kokernot o6 Ranch, it is a great experience and the variety of items you can find with little effort is amazing!

*Sign up here!*

<https://forms.gle/3CkQboyrc64bicVw9>

***Please indicate interest no later than 5 Nov so we can insure reservation***



## Commissioner's Report

Hello everyone!

This month's meeting is our annual auction! I know the club has a great collection of donated material to auction off. Do you have some rocks, slabs, cabs, glass, equipment, finished art or supplies you would like to sell? The November meeting is our live auction and the proceeds pay for our Christmas party. If you have anything you would like to sell you can set up and split the proceeds 50-50 with the club or if so inclined you can donate 100% to the club. We hope to have some great offerings this time around. The live auctions are always a lot of fun so bring your wallet or purse and do a little shopping for

yourself and friends!

NOTE - to accommodate a CERA request our November meeting is in the Overlook meeting room on the second floor. If bringing heavy stuff there is an elevator.

I am happy to report the October Show went quite well and our vendors were happy with the amount of traffic we had. A super thanks to all who came out to help - it really made a difference and we have several new members as a result! Remember next month is our Christmas dinner! It will be held at CERA in the Trinity Ballroom.

*Steve*

## Glass Activity

I am tentatively planning on having a beginning fusing class on December 2nd. This will be a three hour class where you will learn the basics of fusing and how to operate the kilns. All materials will be provided and students will make 3 or 4 cabochons

using the full fuse and tack fuse techniques. Come to the November meeting and keep an eye on the website for the official posting. If you would like to take the class and have not taken Intro to glass studio please contact me so I can set up a time for that class. We will try to schedule the Intro to stained glass - copper foiling early next year if there is enough interest.

*Felice*

# October 10, 2023 Minutes

Steve opened meeting and welcomed all.

Our President, Robert then asked for the Secretary's report with no corrections noted by members. She also reminded everyone with changes to their info to inform us so that our membership records would be current.

Steve then welcomed our guests Imelda and Zane and reminded all to renew memberships if overdue.

He then asked members to consider helping with shop tours, food run and help for vendors as well with posting signs. He noted a grilled cheese and ice cream food trucks will be on site.

Robert took over the meeting, remind all to sign in, buy raffle tickets and look at the silent auction items offered on the back table as well as the Stump

## Classes

We had a very successful year for our training classes. We were able to offer many classes that had not been offered for years. Thanks to all of our instructors. The satisfaction of helping others learn a new method or refresh themselves with an old skill that has gotten a little rusty is what keeps us teaching. Our club is unique because we have rock hounding, stone cutting, jewelry making, and glass crafting all in one club. Some members even combine jewelry making, stones, and glass crafting together to make very unique creations.

We were able to provide the following classes this year:

Intro To Glass Studio - The beginning glass crafting class

Faceting 201 - Learning to cut an emerald cut stone

How to Use the New Casting Machine - An intro to the new casting machine that was recently purchased

Mold Making - Learning to make molds for wax injection to make waxes for casting

MetalSmithing 1 - Learning to work with metal

Big Saws Class - Learning to use the saws

Leaded Glass- Learning to work with glass and use the leaded method

the Expert items and Design Corner material on the other table at the side of the room.

He spoke of loosing his mother as well as Gina who had lost her mother also recently.

Brad, VP Classes talked about the classes in process and to watch for upcoming classes and will be adding more.

Gina, VP Field Trips was absent with no report.

Colleen, Newsletter Editor asked for any cartoons, articles and the availability of free advertising for members selling anything related to our club activities.

Felice, VP GlassCrafters was also absent with no report.

*Jacque*

Tufa & Cuttlebone Casting Workshop - Creating molds with Tufa and cuttlebones

Beginning Faceting 101 - Faceting a round stone

Keum Boo Workshop -

Orion 150 Welding Workshop - How to use the Tig welder

General Lapidary - Beginning lapidary class to cut cabochons

Lost Wax Casting - Using waxes to cast in metal

Several of the classes were taught more than once this year. Watch for our new classes starting in January or later to be announced soon. The Faceting 301 class will be offered next year and a more advanced cut will be performed. Possibly a princess cut or another more difficult cut will be taught. Other new classes are in work that have not been taught in years if ever at all. And remember to take our classes membership in our club is not required, however there is a membership discount. Also you need to be a member to work in the workshop with out an instructor.

The Lost Wax Casting and the Faceting 201 classes are still in progress.

Once again thanks to all of our instructors.

*Brad*

# Design Corner

Here is the September stone.

Use this stone in a sketch to 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.

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

This stone is approx 12x20 mm the challenge is to add it to one or more other stones and make a piece of jewelry. ID also in your design.



approximately  
12 x 20 mm

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Check the website

[cera-fw.org](http://cera-fw.org)

for class information.

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## Gem and Mineral Shows

November 2023

**10-12—HUMBLE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Houston Gem and Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, 10805 Brooklet; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$10 adults, seniors children 10 and under free; Dino Dig Youth Section Swap Area; contact Scott Singleton, (281) 530-0942; Email: [show@hgms.org](mailto:show@hgms.org); Website: [hgms.org](http://hgms.org)

**18-19—MESQUITE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Dallas Gem and Mineral Society; Dallas TX, 1700 Rodeo Drive, Convention Center; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults - \$8, Kids to 12 - \$4, Family of 4 - \$20, Teachers-Vets-Srs w/ID - \$5, Scouts in uniform - Free; Grand Prizes - Silent Auction - Raffles - Wheel of fortune - Kids Area - Fluorescent display. Vendors from around the world, jewelry, Slabs, Rough, Beads. Demonstrations of Wire Wrapping - Stone Polishing - Knapping - Faceting; contact Diana Case, (214) 349-2022; Email: [dgmscontracts@yahoo.com](mailto:dgmscontracts@yahoo.com); Website: [www.dallasgemandmineral.org](http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org)

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## 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.