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Presented by Jacque Brock

PROGRAM
Tuesday,
September
12th

*back by popular
demand*



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.

Glass Activity

I have a few fused glass books that I am donating to the shop. They are mostly by Boyce Lundstrom. Boyce along with two of his friends are the founders of the Bullseye glass company. He is considered a pioneer in glass fusing. I have his introductory book that is

considered to be the glass fusing bible, a book about making molds, and one about glass bottles. I have not had time to read them but I am hoping someone else will find them informative. I would encourage you to check them out next time you are in the shop. We have an extensive collection of stained glass books and stained glass patterns that are available for use.

Felice



Commissioner's Report

Hello everyone! BOO! Yup, Halloween is coming up, and so is our big annual show!

Artisans by the Trinity (formerly Rockfest) is October 14-15. Vendors start setting up beginning Friday the 13th 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, 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/CowtownGMC>

I look forward to seeing you at the club meeting October 10th and at the show.

Steve

September 12, 2023 Minutes

Our President Robert called the meeting to order asking for the Secretary's report with no corrections noted by members. She also reminded everyone with changes to their info to update the sign in sheet so they can be contacted.

Commissioner Steve then welcomed visitors Aaron Melian who told us of his hobby interest.

He spoke about Arlington Gem and Mineral club's hosting local clubs with a great potluck provided. Each attending club talked about their club and enthusiastically responded to coordination with all clubs on happenings.

Steve also reported on the CERA Board of Directors' approval of monies for shop improvement funds.

Robert took over the meeting, reminding folks to sign in, buy raffle tickets and look at the silent auction items offered on the back table as well as the Stump the Expert items and Design Corner material on the other table at the side of the room.

He noted memberships need to be paid at the front desk if overdue.

We were also reminded our annual show is coming up in October and we will need volunteers to help with vendors, signs, and club booth personnel.

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

Gina, VP Field Trips talked about the field trip to Dallas and how much fun it was and what great shopping we had

that day. She noted the details of the upcoming trip to Llano and pending trips in future coming.

Colleen, Newsletter Editor the deadline for any info for the newsletter is the Monday the week before our meeting. Reminding us that hobby-related sales are available to be put in the newsletter with a wide audience and is free for members if we would like to sell material or equipment.

Felice, VP GlassCrafters mentioned we still have molds for sale and watch for upcoming glass classes.

John, Shop Status Chair was absent, but it was noted by Steve that he has been working on lighting upgrades and maintenance has been done on the saws. Slab saw #3 is noisy but doesn't affect its operation. He also warned the 36" saw is wearing out so be cautious when operating it. It is important to not leave the saw room when saws are running.

Club Grow Chair, Carmen had no report.

Paul, our Club Show Chair reported that things are coming together. The Gateway room was sold out and the ballroom has 4 slots left. We need volunteers to help with the club table, set up, signs for the tours, shop tours, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the entrance table and times are very customizable to volunteers' schedules.

There was no unfinished or new business.

Due to technical issues, as the facility staff was unable to support the operation of equipment, the program on Idar Oberstein was not able to be shown.

The silent auction was closed, and the raffle and door prizes were awarded.

Jacque

Field Trips

Fieldtrip: **North Fork of the Sulphur River**

October 14th

Meeting Location: “The New” Ladonia Fossil Park, Ladonia, Tx. It is located at F.M. 2290 just north of Ladonia. The parking lot is on the north side of the bridge. There were signs the last time I was out.

Time: 10 am

This is a classic fossil hunting location that is going to be flooded by a new lake in the near future. This is also “Fossil Day” at the park, so there will be lots of other folks and activities going on. Here is a link for their info: [Ladonia, Texas, Fossil Park \(cocladonia.org\)](http://cocladonia.org)

The nice thing about going on this day is they will have food and restrooms available. You can also bring your own lunch if you wish. Make sure to bring plenty of drinks and a backpack to carry them in. Once you leave your car, it can be a long walk back to it.

We will be hunting in a riverbed. Wear water shoes or boots. Plan to get muddy. I usually bring a garden digger (3 prong), a small shovel and screen, and of course my trusty rock hammer. Most fossils can be found on the ground or by screening. Occasionally you may need to dig on out of the bank. If you come: Please wear your AGMC badge and promote the club. I will have my Safety Vest (yellow and orange) on, so make sure you swing by and say hello! If you decide to come, please take a moment to fill out the form below so that I will know to look for you. It will also give me a way to quickly pass out information if things change.

<https://forms.gle/Zg2aUYFAQLzqWihbA> Michael Koenig AGMC Fieldtrip Coordinator



Members from the Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth and CERA gem and mineral clubs attended the Field Trip to **Llano, Texas** September 22, 23 and 24. All in all we had about 15 people so it was a great turnout!

Although we were hoping for a cooler weekend, it turned out to be no-joke hot. But nevertheless we really enjoyed our weekend running around Llano and Mason.

On Friday, a few of us met up at Noon near (creepy named) Baby Head Cemetery where there is the only known outcropping of Llanite. We chiseled and hammered and chiseled and hammered and spent about an hour or more breaking off some reasonably sized pieces to take home. The pieces were full of beautiful blue quartz crystals!

Saturday, we met up with Greg Zimmerman, owner of Enchanted Rocks and Jewelry, and Frank Powell, President of the Fredericksburg Gem and Mineral Club. Frank took us to the Railroad Museum and showed us the mining history display that he helped to build! Then from there we followed Frank to Mason and met up near the Dos Rios RV Park at the junction of the Llano River and the James River Junction. There are mounds of rocks to pick through and we found chert, agate, magnetite and quartz. From there, Frank took us to view a very large (largest in North America apparently!) Stromatolite within a cliff overlooking the Llano river. Here is an explanation of what Stromatolite is...[Stromatolites: The Earth's oldest living lifeforms](#)

The next place Frank took us was to a remote county road between Mason and Llano where we found blue quartz! The blue quartz was not vivid blue but a bluish grayish that Frank said is great

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for tumbling. From there, we went back to Enchanted Rocks and Jewelry and shopped the store.

We had a great trip and really appreciate Frank and Greg to accommodate our group and show us around this amazing area of Texas! If you ever make your way out to Llano, please be sure to visit Greg at Enchanted Rocks and Jewelry!

Also, be sure to visit the Fredericksburg Rockhounds Annual Hill Country Gem & Mineral Show always the third weekend in January at the Lady Bird Johnson Park, Hwy 16 South, Fredericksburg. [Fredericksburg Rockhounds](#)



Llano, Texas



Design Corner

Here is the September stone.

Use this stone in a 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.

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!



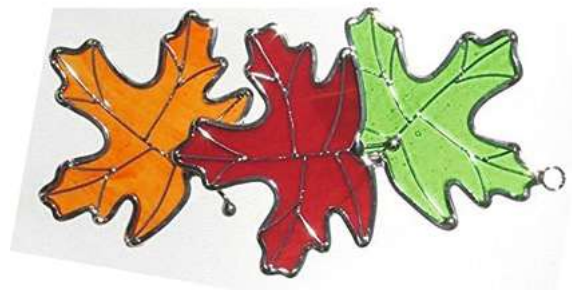
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Gem and Mineral Shows

October 2023

14-15—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Artisans by the Trinity; CERA, 3300 Bryant Irvin Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free admission and parking; This annual event includes the sale of gems, minerals, fossils, handmade fine jewelry, stained and fused glass art, and a wide variety of pottery. All jewelry, pottery, and art pieces are made by club members of CERA and/or local artists; contact Steve Shearin, (817) 733-5368; Email: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com; Website: www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG/

14-15—TEMPLE, TEXAS: Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society; Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd Street; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5, Sun. Select Start Time-Select End Time; Adults \$5/Juniors \$3/ Children 12 and Under Free; contact Ruth Rolston, (254) 718-2559; Email: rolston@hot.rr.com

20-22—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem and Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Kids 12 and under free, Ages 13-19 \$2, Adults \$8, Military and Seniors (60+) \$7; Minerals of India; 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.