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PROGRAM
Tuesday,
September
12th



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.

The MOHS the Merrier

by Marilyn Russell, from *Strata Data*, February 2023
via *MWF Newsletter*.

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
But I'm a fan of geology,
So Kilmer's missed the mark for me.
Who can resist the gorgeous gems:
Diamonds and rubies in diadems,
Topaz and amethyst in the stores,
Birthstones with prices my husband adores.
On Superior's shore the labradorite's flashing;
Lapis Lazuli's blue tone is smashing.
Get out the black light! It's fluorite's time
To bring out hidden colors sublime.
Quartz's wannabe cousin calcite,
Long lost past of Amber is in sight,
Talc is every baby butt's delight.
Thus, the Mohs Scale is mine to recite!

AFGMS June Newsletter



Commissioner's Report

Hello everyone!

Labor Day weekend is upon us which means our annual show is coming up. This year it's October 14th and 15th with Vendors setting up beginning Friday the 13st [eeks] 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, and more. Please let me or our Show Chair, Paul Smith gldslngr@yahoo.com know if you are interested in helping the club out. Please spread the word on social media! Details you can SHARE are on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CowtownGMG>

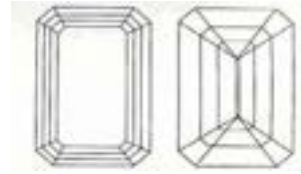
Please be sure to renew your membership when due - those funds help the club a lot.

I look forward to seeing you September 12th!

Cheers,

Steve

Class Photos Faceting 201



Glass Activity

We have sold all of Marion's glass, a big thanks to everyone who has helped with that effort. There are still molds available for sale. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing any of them. I am planning on putting the little kiln I had listed for sale in the Fall Auction, this will sell without reserve to the highest bidder, so make sure to attend if you are interested in a bargain. Since I have been bringing fusible glass to the

August 8, 2023 Minutes

Cowtown GMAG Club

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 Tanner Singleton and Ashley Smith with each giving brief interests.

He reminded us to clock in at the front desk and those who still owe dues to pay at front desk also.

He then thanked Paige Pauley who donated a brand-new Little Smith torch, Paul for an ultrasonic cleaner to the club, Paul and Daniel for setting up the new casting machine, and the group of Carmen, CJ, Pam and Jacque for creating three classes for Summer Camp for Kids, and a big thanks to Crissy (CERA facility manager) for all her assistance and support to us.

Robert took over the meeting, reminding folks to sign in and buy raffle tickets. He stated the back tables have silent auction items, the design corner drawing, and pieces for the raffle. It was recommended that a printout of the design corner stone be available to members and Colleen offered to print copies for those interested.

It was also discussed what time the silent auction would close for the evening.

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. Steve and the nomination of Paul will be coordinators for the show and stated Crissy (CERA staff) is helping with a banner, signage, and postcards.

monthly silent auction, I am going to bring some stained glass to the next meeting to see if there is any interest. In the future, I will try to alternate between the two. We have a ton of molds that have been donated recently that I have not had time to inventory. If you would like to help with that or if you just want to use some of the new molds let me know and I can help you find what you are looking for.

Felice



The president apologized for the short notice of cancellation of the board meeting and organized one for Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. in the shop.

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

Gina, VP Field Trips explored several ideas such as an inside Dallas trip to museum and shops, Llano possibly late Sept. and Oct in NM and AZ. She also thanked Bri for helping with field trips.

Colleen, Newsletter Editor noted 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 noted fusing is an upcoming class and to contact her for any additional instructional interest.

John, Shop Status Chair stated the pm was done on the 20" saw, #3 IS noisy but doesn't seem to be inoperable, the 24" will be back up soon and to make sure the chain is on to stop the saws. He also recommended that users stay in the saw room when operating so that any issues be addressed by user immediately, also to muck out a saw after using.

Club Grow Chair, Carmen had no report.

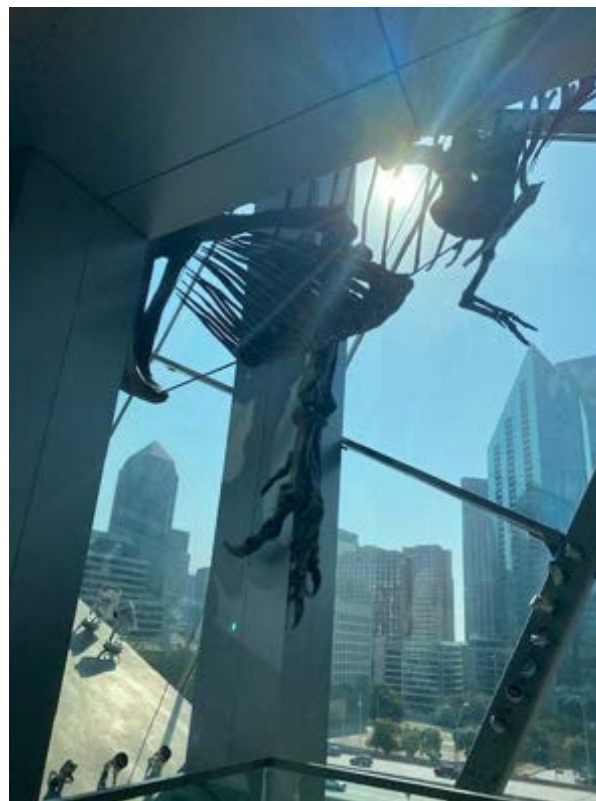
There was no unfinished or new business, and the meeting went on with Carmen introducing Paige Pauley with an informative program on tips to improve sales at your booth during a show.

The raffle and door prizes were awarded, and meeting adjourned by the President, Robert.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary *Jacque*

Field Trips

The Perot Museum was incredible. The fossils from here in our home State are unbelievable! A special thanks goes out to our escort, Don Schurtz from the Pleasant Oaks Rock Gem & Mineral Club who volunteers at the museum. Don provided us with so many interesting facts and points of interest. Thank you Don!



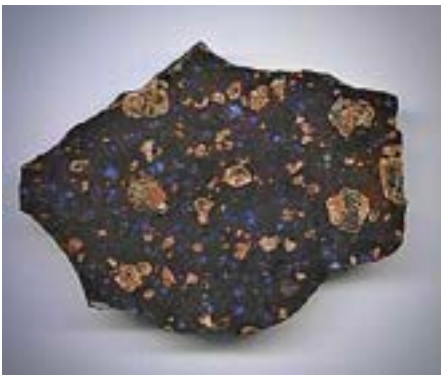


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Our next field trip will be September 22-24 in Llano TX. We will look for Llanite at-the only place in the world to get it! I am working on some other activities while there. More to come so please check your emails and contact me if you are interested.

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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!



approx 20x32 mm

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



Gem and Mineral Shows

September 2023

23-24—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Age 13 and up \$5, Age 6 - 12 \$3, 5 and under Free; contact Walt Beneze; Email: walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org; Website: www.lubbockgemandmineral.org

October 2023

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; , Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Kids Activities; contact Ruth Rolston, (254) 718-2559; Email: Irolston@hotmail.com

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.