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Tuesday
7pm

March 12
Gateway
Room

**AND HERE'S THE
REST OF THE
STORY...**

**"HOW TO CARVE
FIRE AGATE"**

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.

Commissioner's Report

Fellow CERA Gem, Mineral, & Glass Members,
Please note that I am not able to attend the next regular activity meeting on March 12th, 2024. That is exactly one week after my right knee replacement, and I will still be housebound following doctor's orders. I know you all are in good hands with our newly elected and returning officers! I also regret that Faceting 301 will be delayed until after the April meeting based on my recovery time.

Several things have happened since the last meeting:

1. David Morgan and Don Carpenter organized a shop clean-up day on Saturday, February 17th. Thank you to the Stepping Stone class for allowing us to overlap with their class that day. All the saws were mucked out, an inventory of sanding belts was assessed, and general cleanup was done. Thank you to those that volunteered!

2. As a result of shop cleanup several things were identified to be purchased. Already in the shop is a fire blanket in the metal melting torch area, 2 jewelers' saw frames and blades in the tools drawer and a new magnetic tumbler in the dopping and pickling area to improve our metalsmithing finishing capabilities. Still needed are sanding belts for the Covington cabbing units.

3. Our new President, CJ Wright, called our first GMG Executive Committee meeting on February 20th. Most of the officers were present, and we made

plans for the year. A lot of good ideas came out of the meeting that will be announced later.

4. As your Commissioner, I attended the CERA Annual Commissioner's Dinner on February 24th! I spoke directly with the CERA Board of Directors President for over 10 minutes one-on-one and also spoke with five (5) of the other Board members. We are on the way to building a positive relationship with the board. When we are ready to present our plans for the year, I have been invited to go before the board to share our ideas. This is our opportunity to have transparent and open communications with the Board to ensure mutual benefit, and I look forward to representing you!

5. Several officers and I attended the Fleming lapidary estate sale in Burleson, TX on Friday March 1st. Good quality obsidian, agate, along with some tiger eye and jade were purchased to use in teaching our lapidary classes. Thank you to CJ Wright and Carmen Sorenson for their effort to select the right material!

There is plenty of other activity going on, and I appreciate all of you and your willingness to volunteer and participate to make our Activity so vibrant and growing. We are up from 51 members in January to 54 members in February. I call on everyone to invite guests at any time to help us grow.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time!

Best Regards, *Robert*

CERA GMG Commissioner

Glass Activity

We just got done with another beginning fusing class. This is a fun one day laid back class. If you are interested in taking the class, I am always willing to schedule another class.

I am also looking for a beginning copper foil instructor. We currently have several people interested. The introductory class is usually just a sun catcher so if that is something you have experience with and are willing to teach a class, please let me know. Likewise if there is another glass related class you would be interested in teaching, let Brad or I know.

Felice

Classes

The Beginning lapidary class begins in a few weeks and our first silversmithing class will be offered soon. We plan to offer silversmithing in shorter classes with focus on different silversmithing activities. We are almost ready to offer the etching class. Also, watch for the summer camp to be posted so you can sing the children up for some really fun activities.

Brad

Summer Camp is Coming!



February 13 Minutes

28 present

Commissioner Robert Reed gaveled the meeting to order at 7:05 and welcomed new attendees, Violet, Ben, Veronica and Mike.

Commissioners Report: CERA accountant position is still open, books are kept by a third party

Our club budget will be based on our actual performance in 2023 with the same goals.

Election of Officers:

President CJ Wright

Commissioner Robert Reed

Programs Carmen Sorenson

Education Brad Sigley

Secretary Carla Lacey

Field Trips Gina Koenig

The remaining slate of officers remains the same

Thanks to the nominating committee, Carmen, David and Bobby.

Gina Keonig asked for assistants to help with field trip research and planning. Jan Graham moved and CJ seconded that proposal and David Morgan and Charles Graham volunteered to assist.

Classes: The club needs to offer at least two classes per month. Several classes were announced. Two general lap classes are ongoing and a third is scheduled. *Faceting* 301 (princess cut) has been delayed until after Robert's knee surgery on March 5. *Stepping Stones* is Saturday February 17 and 24. *Beginning Fusing* March 3. *Copper Foil Method* class will occur when an instructor is found. Members suggested metal working workshops such as piercing, bracelet forming, Kuem Boo, casting, and overlay. Mig Welder class needs an instructor. Gina can teach electro forming in April and CJ stabilizing when a pressure pot is found.

Group texts and chat circles were suggested for getting information out to club members.

Shop Clean-up Day is Saturday 2/17 at 1:00 Please come help!

New Business and show chairman as need for the Show in October.

Program : Valentine Party featuring information and lore of pink and red stones and jewelry and lots of sweet treats.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen

A little help please:

During the last 2 month's meetings I spoke with several people about upcoming program opportunities. If you talked with me, please check in before or after the meeting to firm up dates. Other programs need to know which months are available.

Thanks, Carmen

FOR SALE

Sterling silver for sale at spot price. Mostly scrap intended for casting, but some can be used after a good cleaning.



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Answers to last month's Popular Spots in TX:
Enchanted Rock *Big Bend Area
*Davis Mountains State Park *Rio Grande *Palo Duro Canyon *Odessa Meteor Crater *Caddo Lake



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May your
pockets be
heavy and
your heart
be light,

May good luck
pursue you
each morning
and night.

Our Stained Glass Stepping Stone class was well received! Six students took the course: Kevin & Cindy Guiles, Margaret Shuping, Kelly Vaughan, Glenda Bradley, and Janet Yockey. Their stepping stones are pictured below, in the order of the artist listed above. Due to expressed interest we will have a stained glass suncatcher class soon. Thanks! Tina

Gem and Mineral Shows

March 2024

17-18—GEORGETOWN, TEXAS: Annual show; Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society; San Gabriel Park Community Center, 445 East Morrow St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4;

16-17—ABILENE, TEXAS: Annual show; Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society; Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 SE 11th St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4 www.abilenerockhounds.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.