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YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET NEW ROCK SHOP
 OWNER RODNEY PARSLEY
 CERA GEM, MINERAL, AND GLASS
 TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 7PM

Presenting

FINE JASPEERS



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

Hello, CERA Gem, Mineral & Glass Members.

Thank you for the kind and thoughtful card that y'all circulated in the March club meeting to cheer me up as I healed from knee replacement surgery. It meant a lot to me to see how much you care. Please rest assured that I care for all of you too! I really enjoy the time I get to spend with like minded rockhounds and glass crafters!

I expect to be in attendance for the April 9th club meeting and should be good to start Faceting 301, Princess Cut, on 4/17/2024. I am almost done creating the instruction manual for the course but need the extra week to finish.

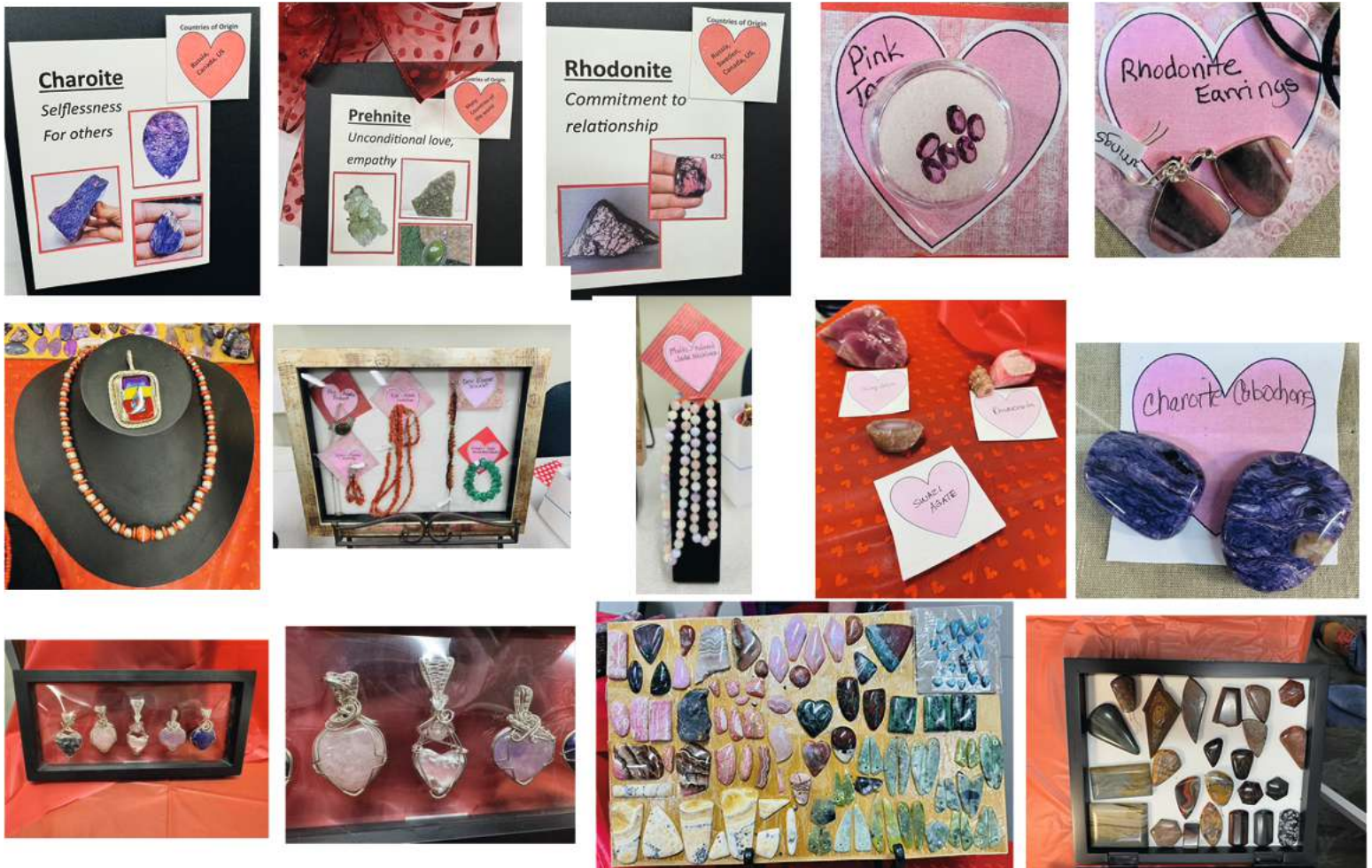
Based on our latest membership report, we are

holding steady at 54 members. Please help me and our officers out by making sure your dues are paid up, and we would appreciate you inviting any potential members or guests to grow our activity.

Our Show Co-Chairs, Carmen Sorenson and Carla Lacy, CJ and I will be meeting this the CERA Manager of Friday 4/5/2024, and should have some news to report at the April meeting. Also, I need to connect with the new CERA Accountant to see what our Financials look like. I will try to do that prior to the meeting also.

I am so glad to be getting back into the swing of things with our Activity and look forward to seeing you all in person on April 9th during our monthly meeting.

Best Regards, **Robert**
CERA GMG Commissioner



Highlights from the CGMGClub Valentine salute to stones that signify Love.

March 12 Minutes

Our new President, Carole Jean Wright, called the meeting to order. She asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes as written in the newsletter. Motion approved with no corrections.

She then announced that Robert Reed, Commissioner, had knee surgery and would be rehabilitating for a month at least. A card was passed around to wish him a speedy recovery. A new member, Judy Dobbs, and two guests, Jax and Jaden Aragon, were welcomed.

She informed us that Mr. Jamie Boatman is the new accountant for CERA and we should begin getting the financial info – the budget remains the same as 2023 but that year we had a large glass donation. Reimbursements of expenses over \$300.00 must be approved by the Board of CERA. Thanks to those donating items for the door prize.

We have been asked to keep the gate locked at all times. The guards found the gate open recently when there was nobody in our shop or pottery's shop. Pottery will be having an event the weekend of April 6 featuring Raku; this will involve the shared courtyard so be aware and cordial. Please be sure to turn off all gas tanks when finished even if empty. Argon is now full.

Brad, VP of Classes, announced many classes in the works and referred to the class schedule online for the existing ones. Faceting 301 class is postponed until Robert gets on his feet. Instructors were solicited.

Felice, VP of GlassCrafters, announced upcoming

classes in the works. Watch for announcements and class schedules.

Daniel and David, Co-Chairs for Shop Status, discussed needs in that area. Clean up went well. Write any replenishments or equipment problems you observe on the white board in the shop.

Gina, VP of Field Trips, announced that the trip to the Meteorite Museum was on hold as no response from the museum. She then listed numerous trips in the planning stage including Alpine April 18-21. She will be communicating as she firms details.

Colleen, Newsletter Editor, asked for article contributions and pictures of club related interests.

Carla and Carmen, Co-Chairs for the Fall Show, said they were awaiting an assigned date and instructions on this year's parameters.

Carmen, VP of Programs, had planned on showing part 2 of the film on How to Carve Fire Agate, but technology failed us. She opened a discussion regarding the verbiage used by lapidarists and the teaching of those terms to newcomers and those not familiar. The discussion was lengthy and informative. Classes and programs are to be enacted so members can understand the many techniques and results. This will be positive for growing classes.

The Show and Tell items this month centered on Green minerals, rocks and glass jewelry. Many examples were available for viewing.

Carla

I Didn't Know That!

by Shirley Leeson, AFMS Historian

In searching through the AFMS history I came across the Banquet Talk by outgoing AFMS President Bernice L Rexin. It was published in the AFMS Education-Information Newsletter, Sept/Oct 1967. It's something I didn't know and thought you might find it as interesting as I did...

"During the early nineteen hundreds the United States government sent geological survey teams out to map the West. Ranchers were impressed by their enthusiasm and gave them a name to fit their eagerness, "ROCKHOUNDS." With this name they also gave them their respect.

You have inherited this name and it has caught the public's fancy because it is lively and expressive of all facets of our hobby from digging up dinosaur bones to cutting gems. You also have the public's respect because you have made this name a distinguished one by your many worthwhile activities, such as promoting earth science education, giving scholarships, and developing your lapidary skills to the extent that your best is now being shown in museums.

This is your informal name, we are properly known as amateur earth scientists and lapidaries. Both names are needed for there are times when the use of the informal is more effective than the formal, and vice versa.

Because the Rockhounds have made the American Federation an organization to be proud of, I (Roger Burford) have been proud of the privilege of serving as your president."

amfed.org

Terlingua Rock Hunt • Alpine Gem & Mineral Show Larremore Ranch Rock Hunt

Thursday-Sunday, April 18-21, 2024 Terlingua Rockhounding Club outing to rock hunt public property

Located about 84 miles south of Alpine

Alpine Gem & Mineral Show Alpine Civic Center 801 W. Holland Ave. Alpine, TX 79843

Facebook: Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club

Larremore Ranch Rockhounding Guided Rock Hunt. Meetup in Alpine Private Ranch is located 38 miles south.

INFO/ACTIVITIES:

- Terlingua Rockhounding: This is going to be a club group outing to rock hunt some of the riverbed washes in Terlingua. You can find artifacts, amethyst, agate, jasper, chert, and more. On the way back we can visit Many Stones Rock Shop, located in Study Butte, Texas on Texas Highway 118 near Terlingua, Texas, and have dinner at Taqueria El Milagro.
 - Meetup Date/Time: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 8am
 - Meetup Location: TBD
 - What to bring: Bucket, walking sticks, small digging tools, hats, sunblock, lots of water, good walking/hiking shoes, snacks, backpacks
- Alpine Gem & Mineral Show: Free entry! Event takes place Friday-Sunday, April 19-21 from 9am-4pm.
 - Meetup Date/Time: Friday, April 19, 2024, 9am at front door to community center/indoor show area.
- Larremore Ranch Rock Hunt: This is a guided all-day trip to a private ranch owned by The Larremore family. We can find varieties of agate, jasper, chert, petrified wood, and more! The fee for this trip is \$60 per person which includes all you can fit in a 5-gallon bucket. The owners will work with those who have special requests/larger finds.
 - Meetup Date/Time: Saturday, April 20, 2024, 8am
 - Meetup Location: Little Caesar's Pizza, Alpine TX
 - What to bring: Rockhounds need to bring Rock-picks, collecting bucket, walking stick, good boots, and/or shoes, collecting bag, work gloves, digging tools, first aid kit, sunscreen, food and extra water and a full tank of gas. There are no bathrooms, so bring TP and a trash bag.
 - Cost/How to Pay: Bring cash or check to pay the tour guide upon meetup.
 - NOTE: Trucks or vehicles with a little higher clearance is recommended, but we can try to pair up if needed.

OTHER INFO:

- Who Can Attend: Adults, family members and children are welcome but must be a member of the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club, or the CERA Rock Gem and Glass Club. Pets can come but will not be allowed to join the Larremore Rock Hunt Trip on Saturday.
- Getting There: Alpine, TX is about a 7 hour Drive from Fort Worth.
- Accommodations: Book your own lodging or campground soon – this will be a busy weekend with the Alpine Gem and Mineral Show.
- Dinner Outings: We will coordinate a group dinner in Terlingua and/or Alpine – more details TBD.

SIGN UP INFORMATION:

- Contact Info: Gina Koenig, VP of Field Trips for CERA Rock Gem and Glass Club and the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club
 - Email: Sf_savematches@yahoo.com Call, Text, Voicemail: 817-480-0569
 - Deadline to Sign Up: Monday, April 1, 2023
 - Please provide the following information for each person that will be attending:
 - First Name & Last Name, Email Address, Cell Phone, Age, Name of rock, gem club the attendee is a member of, Dates/events you plan to attend with the group

Prospect New Mexico Field Trip



Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5, 2024
Las Cruces Area of New Mexico



Come join us for a private dig hosted by Ken Sholar.
This will be a no-fee dig for all minerals and materials collected.

Saturday, May 4, 2024:

Ken owns property around Las Cruces and has an opportunity for rockhounds to dig material exposed by a bobcat he will have onsite. Some of the material includes barite and pink quartz in columns with barite inclusions as shown in the photos.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Ken has a very special group trip planned to a site that has had very limited access with some special geodes. Ken has asked that photos not be taken, and not to share the location.

Ken will also have loads of material onsite and available for members to purchase such as various agate, jasper and more. He owns rights to a mine that produces a type of jasper with gorgeous sunset colors as shown in the photo on 2nd page of this flyer. He said he also has some Zacateca purple quartz with silver spots from a hard to get mine in Mexico!

If you are interested in attending, reply to Gina Koenig VP Field Trips Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club, CERA Rock, Gem Mineral and Glass Club sf_savematches@yahoo.com 817 480-0569 fill out the form (First Name Last Name Email Cell Phone) for all members of group who will be attending. **You and your family/group are required to be members of either Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club or CERA Gem Mineral and Glass Club in order to sign up to attend.**

Classes

We have several new classes that will be posted on the website soon. Watch for them on the website during the next week. One new class/seminar will be stabilizing fragile stones like turquoise and other stones that need to be stabilized before cutting them. This will be the first time we have this class since I have been a member of the club. The faceting class start date is now April 17th. Robert needs a little more time to prepare for the class.

Brad



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Gem and Mineral Shows

April 2024

6-7—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; Southwest Gem & Mineral Society; Morris Center @ Joe Freeman Coliseum, 475 AT&T Parkway Gate E; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4: SWGMS.ORG

May 2024

25-26—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W Lancaster; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4: fortworthgemandmineralclub.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.