

# CGMG News

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## CERA GEM, MINERAL, & GLASS PROGRAM

7PM, TUESDAY, MAY 14



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 Gem, Mineral & Glass Members,

>I look forward to seeing all of you in the next regular meeting on 5/14/2024. We have classes, field trips and an interesting program on chase and repousse' this month.

>Our Show Co-Chairs, Carmen Sorenson and Carla Lacey have done a great job coordinating a date for our First CERA Gem, Mineral, & Glass Rock Show. The show will be Labor Day Weekend and open to both club members. Please attend the meeting for more information on this show and the traditional CERA Arts Festival that occurs on the first weekend in October.

> Please check this newsletter for a special message from the CERA Manager regarding facility safety.

Please remember to close and lock the doors and gates. There is a public jogging trail behind the facility, and people can enter the facility from the front parking lot.

>Also, the 20" Barranka Slab Saw #2 has two large chunks missing from the cutting rim. That saw is not safe to use and is out of service until a new blade is purchased. We need to make sure and report these kinds of issues immediately. We are not trying to blame or punish anyone, but we do need to make sure we understand what happened so we can mitigate the risk or condition to keep it from happening again.

Robert Reed  
CERA GMG Commissioner

Robert

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## President's Letter

Welcome to our CERA Gem, Mineral, and Glass friends!

Warm, beautiful sunny days, and lots of color is returning to our world. The opportunities to engage in gem, mineral and glass activities are everywhere. New classes, gem and mineral shows and with warmer weather field trips to explore and find new hunting areas. There are so many opportunities it becomes hard to choose how to spend your free time.

On field trips you meet new friends and spend time with old friends who share in your passion. It is a good time to learn about new places to collect rocks, find or see already collected fossils, meteorites, or to see where glass is made.

And don't forget our meetings. It's a good time to visit and show off your new treasures. Participate in the "Stump the Experts" or our "Design Challenge" and "Show and Tell". Our programs explore new materials, a new skill, or interesting places to go and things to see. And the business meetings tell you a lot about what is coming to our Gem, Mineral and Glass Activities calendar. You might miss something exciting if you aren't present at the meetings.

In classes, you learn skills to make beautiful glass pieces, cut and shape rocks into gems, make your own jewelry to wear and show off to your friends. Want a specific class? Ask the club members if there is someone who can teach it.

Check out our classes at [CERA-fw.org](http://CERA-fw.org), go to Activities, Gem, Mineral and Glass, Register. You can

see what classes are posted. Then register on-line. Join in the fun. And after your class is over, there is a group meeting on Thursday nights. You can come hang around the shop, practice your new skill, and see what others are doing. You might see something which leads to a new class and more skills. Or maybe you have a skill to share and teach us all something new. It is fun and a good way to get to know each other better.

There is a lot going on in our club. You'll only know if you join us.

You become a friend when you befriend someone else.

Be someone else's friend today.

Carole Jean (CJ) Wright  
President

CJ

## CJ's Shop Tip

Make your own flux!

Prip's Flux and Firescale Preventer

2 parts TSP (Trisodium Phosphate)

2 parts Borax

3 parts Boric Acid

3 parts water (if you have a lot of iron in your water use distilled)

Mix and boil until all ingredients are dissolved.

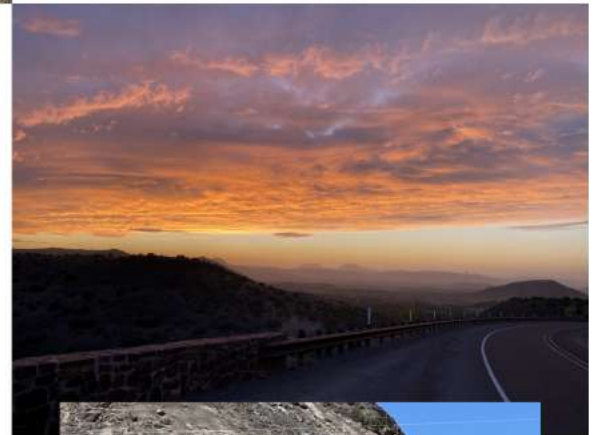
Store in airtight container. The particles may start to crystallize; the flux is still good.

This is a good high temperature flux. It does not burn away under high temperatures like some of the more common fluxes do. Use the same way you use other flux. I usually paint on with a brush or dip the entire piece if you are soldering large areas.



Field

Trip



to the



Big Bend



Alpine Gem Show

## April 9 Minutes

Our President, Carole Jean Wright, called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Robert Reed was welcomed back. He thanked all for well wishes. He reported that there was still no budget information as the new CERA accountant has been acclimating to her position. An account has been established with Kingsley North and more suppliers will be set up for direct purchases. He will check if members get a discount with suppliers. The meeting between Crissy Carter and the officers of GMG. This meeting was very positive and we received pledges of support. The GMG show was discussed and we will not be sharing it with Pottery. Dates and fees were discussed using the Trinity Ballroom. We met Gabby, who books all venues for CERA, and we expressed parking lot concerns and asked her to explore which days would not conflict with large sports events.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the March meeting were approved with no corrections.

CJ then welcomed all and called on the officers for reports.

Brad, VP of Classes, announced the Faceting 301 class dates. Discussion ensued as to the communication regarding the notification of the class dates and reminders. Crissy should be able to help us on better communication. Lapidary basic classes need to be started soon and dates are coming. Upcoming classes are Beginning Fusing and Lapidary Stabilization. Faceting 101 was requested. Ways to move more people through the lapidary classes was discussed.

Gina Koenig, VP of Field Trips, discussed the Alpine trip coming the next week and the Larrimore dig as well as Terlingua outing. Reminders on the Hatch NM dig May 4 & 5. The Hill Country mine tour/bat watching trip was discussed with questions about what activities were attractive for Sunday of that weekend.

Colleen, Newsletter Editor, asked that we submit pictures and articles of interest. Reminded us of the free advertising through the newsletter should we have items for sale.

Felice, VP of Glass Crafting, announced the Fusion Glass intro class and urged anyone with interest to attend as is the foundation of many classes which are more advanced.

Daniel, Shop Co-Chair, discussed the shop status. Only 2 of the 3 20" saws can run at one time without tripping the breaker. Each of those saws should have a separate electrical outlet. Water is again leaking from beneath the saw room sink. Basic safety signage and equipment was brought up and will need further action.

Carmen and Carla, Co-Chairs for the fall show. All aspects are being explored and announcements are forthcoming.

CJ then announced our program for the month; Rodney Parsley presented a wonderfully informative program on jaspers. He brought many splendid examples of various fine jaspers which were offered for sale to those interested. We all left better informed.

*Carla*

## Warning: Be Vigilant

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 we had a couple of young men come into our CERA facility from the Trinity Entrance, use our restroom, steal some sodas out of the fridge in the lobby, then leave. I believe it was around the same time Jazz Band was wrapping up. I want to reiterate again how important it is that we are mindful to keep all side doors and that back gate closed and locked when possible. I understand last night we had to have the Trinity door unlocked for jazz band, so I'm not saying we did anything wrong, but when something like this happens, it's just a good time to remind ourselves to be cautious and careful.

We are lucky that all these men took were some sodas. I know I always refer back to the time a random man took our golf cart out for a joy ride, but that was a wake up call as well. I would hate to think what could potentially happen: if someone comes in to take our cash from the front desk, break into one of the studios in the back when someone could be in there alone, etc. It's scary.

Please remind your members to always close the gates behind them if they park in the back. Please do not prop open doors to the facility. I want everyone to be mindful of the fact that anyone can walk in off the trails. I want everyone here to be safe.

Thank you.

*Crissy Carter*

CERA Recreation Center Manager

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## Classes

Faceting III has started. It will be ongoing for the next 2 months based on our past performance. We have all started cutting the princess cut stones. Robert has agreed to teach Faceting I when this class is completed if possible so watch for the class and it will probably be announced at the July meeting if not sooner. The students of Faceting I will cut a round brilliant stone from Quartz or Glass usually. We are planning another glass fusing class as soon as we can set the date. It will be announced at the May meeting. For the fusing class we will learn how to fuse pieces of glass together and learn some of the basics. Finally, we are planning a stabilization class as soon as we can set the dates and the price. It will be a two day class and probably a Saturday and Sunday. The instructors will teach us how to make soft stones like turquoise solid enough to cut instead of crumbling. This is the first time we have had this class. This is a great skill to have.

*Brad*

## Glass Activity

Since some of you have taken the intro stained glass class, I wanted to mention that it is possible to use fused glass in your stained glass projects. You can add texture and create color combinations that you can't find when looking at traditional glass pieces. The main issue to be aware of is the height of the glass. The glass you use for stained glass is typically 3-4mm. Normal fusing glass is 3mm or you can get thin glass that is 2mm. If you are using 3mm you can use stringers, frit or dots to decorate your glass and with 2mm glass you can combine two layers for additional combinations. I have found that using clear dots and stringers can be used to create wonderful textures.

*Felice*



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## Gem and Mineral Shows

**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](http://fortworthgemandmineralclub.org)

**June 2024**

**15-16—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:** Annual show; AGMC - **Arlington** Gem and Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; General Admission \$10 Kids 12 and under Free (Pay Saturday come back Sunday for Free); Rolling Rock Club Meeting Sunday morning at 9; contact: [www.agmc57.org](http://www.agmc57.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.