



# CGMG News

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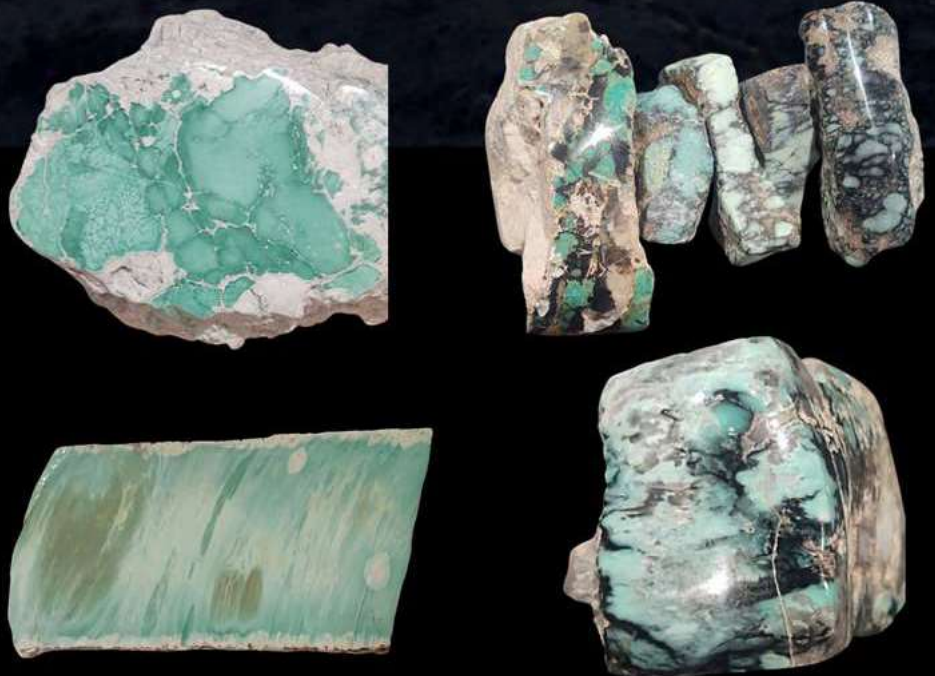
**CERA Gem, Mineral, and Glass Program**

**Tuesday, June 11**

**presented by**

**Bob Boyd**

## Variscite: The Other Turquoise



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 Fellow Gem, Mineral, & Glass Members!

June is upon us! On a personal note, my wife Brenda just completed her 4<sup>th</sup> major abdominal surgery in 13 months. We believe this is the last one, which will allow me to go in for my second knee replacement later this year. I appreciate the prayers and well wishes we have received from all of you.

I would like to thank the club members how have helped distribute vendor agreements for our first CERA GMG Gem & Mineral Show during the Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Show. It looks like we will be able to have several of them at our show on Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. There is another opportunity to secure show vendor at the Arlington Gem & Mineral Show, June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Grapevine Convention Center. If you are able to help talk to vendors and distribute agreements, please reach out to Carla Lacey and/or Carmen Sorenson, our co-chairs. It has been a few decades since our activity has held a true stand-

alone gem & mineral show, and I am looking forward to this new opportunity. I also request all to attend the June club meeting and let our co-chairs know in what capacity you can volunteer with our show.

There has also been interest from 3 Pottery Activity members regarding our Activity. We need to get some lapidary and metalsmithing classes going to recruit these potential new members. I will be offering Faceting 101 as soon as the 301 class is done, likely in August. These people were also not aware of our field trips and were excited about that aspect of our club too. Please assist me in outreach to potential new or renewing Activity members to help our accountability to the Board of Directors.

We have a lot of members and officers doing a lot of good things to keep us on track, growing and successful. Thank you to everyone and keep up the good work.

Best Regards,

*Robert*

CERA Gem, Mineral, & Glass Commissioner

## President's Letter

There is a lot going on behind the scenes this month. We hope you will choose some of them to participate with us. Our show chairs are prepping for the 1st CERA Annual Gem and Mineral Show and Sale on Labor Day 2024. Vendor applications are available and postcards are in the process. Expect T-shirts for members to wear at the show. We want visitors to know who are members. You are our best advertisers! Tell your friends about the show. There are several new classes posted now: Beginning Fusing - Learning the techniques to fuse beautiful dichroic glass into cabs for pendants and learning to program the small kilns yourself. Taught by our own V-P of Glass, Felice Moreno. New Wire Wrap classes - Learning how to wrap wire to enclose cabochons or your fused glass pieces into wire frames or cages and then make beautiful bails for them. Taught by Pam Nolen who is well-known around the Texas show circuit. Our Commissioner, Robert Reed is completing the third in a series of faceting semi-precious stones. I hope you have completed your stones



will show them off at our next meeting. Watch for a new series of faceting classes to start in the next month or two. Pending dates for future classes — Stabilizing porous material like turquoise, chrysocolla, and other soft stones. Beginning lapidary - cutting, shaping and polishing your own stones Cutting Special stones and special shapes - Tiger Eye, opal, etc. Basic soldering and jewelry making classes later in the summer. Want a class ask if we have someone who can teach it.? We'll try to get one started if there is enough interest. And remember that as a member you have access to the shop during the hours that CERA is open which is almost every day except for a few holidays. Thursday evenings there are generally members present who can show you what they are working on, help with equipment or you can bring a project to work on with other people who like pretty rocks and glass. It's your club. Help us make it a lively, friendly, helping club.

*CJ Wright*



## May 14 Minutes

Our President, CJ Wright, Called the meeting to order

Commissioner Robert Reed addressed the concerns expressed by the CERA office regarding securing the back gate. The lock should be in place at all times unless you are actively moving items in and out of the shop and someone is in strict attendance. Also, the Trinity Ballroom doors were left unlocked by persons unknown and persons gained entry causing mischief and minor theft. Security should be foremost on all of our minds not only for our wellbeing but for the safety of the employees.

Robert and CJ discussed the membership count: 54 in April and 51 in May though there are several persons who haven't yet renewed or are in process of becoming members. Discussed membership committee possibility as we need to contact members at time of renewal. Looking for Membership Chair.

Robert stated that the Profit and Loss statement was not yet available. Also, we must be diligent about reporting any problems with the saws of any equipment. Reminder not to start the saw with the blade in contact with the rock, check the auto off chain, and double check the stability of the rock in the saw before starting it. Also, those using the cabbng equipment need to check that the water is off after use.

Carmen and Carla, Co-Chairs for the upcoming show, discussed the date, 8/31 and 9/1/24 as

well as the need for volunteers for the Silent Auction, Membership Table and general assistance. We will be selling nachos and such and were pleased that Judy Dobbs volunteered. Please be thinking about whether or not you want a booth and if you can volunteer! Also, the Silent Auction is a favorite fund raiser so donations will be cheerfully accepted!

Brad, Class Chairman, stated that there will be a Wire Wrapping Class, 6/8 and a Fancy Bale Class 6/22. Faceting 3 will resume and then there will be another Faceting 101 class in a couple of months. Glass will offer a beginning Fusing Class in June. Stabilizing Class will occur in June and will be a 2 day class – Saturday and Sunday- and limited to 10 students. It will come with a free piece of Turquoise thanks to Doug Smith.

Gina, Field Trip Chairman, was not in attendance and the recent trips to Alpine and Hatch NM were discussed. A good time was had by all.

Colleen, Newsletter coordinator, asks for pics and articles please.

Carmen, Program Chair, gave a wonderful presentation on Repousse and Chasing. Much was learned and much discussed. Bob Boyd will be giving the June presentation on variscite.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carla Lacey*

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## American Federation of Gem & Mineral Societies Purpose

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.



## REQUEST FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Our show will include a silent auction helping to raise funds for CERA Gem, Mineral, and Glass Club. Start looking for materials to donate such as: gems and minerals, rough, slabs, finished projects, jewelry, or basically anything you would want to buy! Bring donations to the next club meeting.

### Web and Email Addresses

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

See Commissioner's Report on Page 1 for show information.

### Tip of the Month: Silversmithing

Pull your tiny saw blades from the top of the pack, not the bottom as the wire catches on the saw teeth. Use your finger to feel the teeth to determine the top.



CJ

### Classes

We just posted 3 new classes. Glass Fusion, Wire Wrapping, and Wire Wrapped Bails were posted. Please sign up online or at the front counter of the gym. Faceting III is still ongoing and expected to be complete in July. After a short break, Robert has agreed to teach a Faceting I class. MoldMaking, several Silversmithing, and the Stabilizing class will be scheduled in the future. Brad

## Gem and Mineral Show

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.