



# CGMG News

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## Program

**Tuesday, January 14, 7:00pm**

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF JEWELRY: MANIPULATING METAL

**Presented by: Carmen Sorenson**

Manipulating  
Metal

Milgrain  
Engraving  
Filigree



engraving, granulation, milgrain,  
filligree, cannetille, niello

### *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.

## President's Letter

Happy New Year! What does CERA Gem, Mineral and Glass offer to you?

How many of the things listed below did you participate in? They would not have happened without you. And you don't want to miss this fun, a great opportunity to learn, or share something new.

The Gem, Mineral and Glass Activity had several firsts in 2024. Our first Gem and Mineral show under CERA. Happy vendors, shoppers and the expectation of our second show in 2025. We opened our classes for non-members. Several joined our classes; some joining as members to be able to use our Thursday night open lab and see what's happening there. The Stabilizing Class was popular enough to train 24 or 25 of us. And the Beginning Soldering Class was full with a waiting list. There were demonstrations of lapidary, doublet making, backing thin material, large saw classes, cutting turquoise, and lots more. Judy Dobbs taught Basket Making for faceted stones, Robert Reed offered faceting and not just 101, but 201 and 301. Glass crafters are always busy. Felice Moreno will hold an introductory class to anyone new to glass working. Then watch for stained glass and fused glass workshops like her recently completed Stained Glass Lamp Shade Class. Our lapidary classes, usually led by Jack Reigh, are always a popular beginner class. Watch for some advanced techniques in lapidary in 2025.

## Commissioner's Report

Hello, Fellow GMG Members.

Happy New Year everyone! I am looking forward to spending another active and enjoyable year with all of you.

Last month offered our traditional Holiday party. A special thank you to David Morgan for providing the delicious briskets and to Carmen Sorenson for rounding out the food and for the new gift exchange game. Brenda and I really enjoyed ourselves.

Thank you to all the returning officers and to Sharon Wilson for stepping up as the new VP of Classes and to Carla Lacey for stepping up as our Panther City Expo Chair for the second year. We welcome other club members to step up and help in any capacity you are willing to provide. Some ideas are teaching classes, leading field trips, shop clean up, show

planning and preparation, donations, and shop clean up and repair. The opportunities are endless. I personally get the most enjoyment when I see a lot of us working together.

Sharon Williams has new teachers and lots of new classes planned. I'm sure that I missed some but if you have a special desire for a class, just ask. If we have a teacher and enough interest, we will schedule a class.

If you've been wishing for field trips near by, to Alpine, or a longer one (Northwestern US) they are in the planning stages. Gina Koenig and David Morgan are leading some. Any member can lead a trip and Gina can help organize the trip for you.

And never forget our meetings on the second Tuesdays of the month. Carmen Sorensen selects presenters and programs with an opportunity to learn about a new material, a technique we can all use or purchase some nice material at our two auctions.

Thanks go to all who helped with the 2024 activities. There will be lots of opportunities to learn, have fun, and help again in 2025. Bring your projects to the meetings or Thursday nights to share with club members. Each member has something they can teach or share with the club. Don't hesitate to offer.

Think about what you can teach, demonstrate, speak or suggest a speaker to invite to our meetings. The more active you are, the more you will enjoy your membership and our club will continue to be a vital, friendly, active and educational club.

*CJ*

Let's all participate in 2025!!

C J Wright, President

CERA Gem, Mineral and Glass

Please remember so show support and compassion to those of us that have experienced loss or are coping with serious medical conditions. I don't want to embarrass anyone by singling them out, but there are several of us that need support right now.

All that said, I am excited to have another rewarding year in fellowship with you all!

Happy New Year,

Robert

Robert Reed  
Commissioner  
CERA Gem, Mineral, and Glass Activity



## Summer 2025

# OREGON ROCKHOUND TRIP

### SAVE THE DATE!

**\*June 7 – June 21, 2025**

**\*Note, the start & end dates may fluctuate while we are still in the planning stages – but overall the trip will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Participants will be welcome to arrive or depart at their leisure.**

### Join us for a group rockhounding trip to Bend, Oregon!

Save the date! We hope you can join us for an amazing trip to Oregon this summer! We will base camp in Bend, Oregon. From there we will take multiple trips to local mines and rockhounding sites, all within driving distance to/from our base location.

Some of those sites include:

- Glass Butte: Obsidian
- Hampton Butte: Green, petrified wood, fire agate, jasper
- Bear Creek Rockhounding Area: Petrified wood, jasper, agate, quartz, opal and more
- Polka Dot Agate Mine: Polka Dot Agate
- Richardsons Rock Ranch: Priday plume agate
- And more to come....

It will be up to you if you want to drive or fly to the location, as well as book your own lodging. For those that are driving, we will try to plan a couple of stops on the way there/back, and plan a route if you want to caravan.

Arrival/departure dates are flexible based on your individual preferences.

We will send updates to notify everyone when your guides (David Morgan / Gina Koenig) book our hotel and/or campground.

If you think you will be attending, please email Gina Koenig at [GKrockhunts@gmail.com](mailto:GKrockhunts@gmail.com), so we can keep you in the loop/communications as we make plans!

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<https://www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org/>

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CERA Gem, Mineral and Glass Club

<https://cera-fw.org/gem-mineral-glass/>

# BROWNWOOD, TX HORN CORAL

*Hey all you Rockhounds – let’s go search for some gorgeous, golden fossilized horn coral! This is an easy day trip to Brownwood, Texas and our guides will be Pam and David Nolan!*

ITINERARY	DATE(S)	LOCATION(S)	OBJECTIVE(S)
1.	March 29, 2025	Brownwood, Texas	Search for fossilized horn coral
2.	March 29, 2025	Mary’s Café, Strawn TX	Group lunch/dinner outing

INVITATION OPEN TO	
✓	Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club Members
✓	CERA Lockheed Cowtown Gem, Mineral & Glass Club Members
✓	Club member family members
✓	Club member children (no age limit)
TBD	Club members from other Gem and Mineral Clubs (& their family members) (space permitting)

FIELD TRIP CAPACITY
10-15 Vehicles Max

REGISTRATION INFO	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:	March 8, 2025
REGISTRATION CONTACT:	Gina Koenig / email: <a href="mailto:gkrockhunts@gmail.com">gkrockhunts@gmail.com</a> / mobile: 817-480-0569

ITINERARY #1	
Brownwood Texas Horn Coral	
MEETUP DATE/TIME:	Saturday, March 29, 2025 / Meetup Time 9:00 a.m.
MEETUP LOCATION:	Just before entrance to Lake Brownwood State Park, 200 State Hwy Park Rd 15, Lake Brownwood, TX 76801
SITE INFO/DETAILS:	We will be roadside hunting. The coral is collected from the surface. No digging is required. This hunt will not take more than 1-2 hours. This spot is only a few steps from the car. This hunt is very easy.
WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:	Participants should supply all rockhounding and essential gear. Durable clothing such as jeans and hiking boots are suggested. There is always a possibility of encountering snakes, so be sure to keep children close to the hunt area and it would be best if they wore high top boots of some kind. Insect repellent is also recommended. Bring a hat for sun/rain protection and also a raincoat or poncho just in case. Be sure to bring buckets or boxes to carry your treasures home. Be sure to bring plenty of water.
WEBSITE LINKS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-brownwood">https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-brownwood</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.thefossilforum.com/gallery/image/4311-pennsylvanianbrownwood-horn-coral/">https://www.thefossilforum.com/gallery/image/4311-pennsylvanianbrownwood-horn-coral/</a></li> </ul>
SITE OWNER INFO:	This is public land.

**AMERICAN  
FEDERATION OF  
MINERALOGICAL  
SOCIETIES**

KEEPS CLUBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER AND  
DISPERSES INFORMATION OF  
INTEREST TO ROCKHOUDS

**7 FEDERATIONS  
IN THE U.S.A.**

PROVIDE LIABILITY  
INSURANCE AT A REDUCED RATE

SUPPORT CLUBS WITH  
EDUCATION AND  
INFORMATION

**INDIVIDUAL  
MEMBER**

CHAIR A COMMITTEE  
TEACH A CLASS  
LEAD A FIELD TRIP  
BRING REFRESHMENTS  
WORK AT THE SHOW

**DISTRICT**

BRING TOGETHER CLUBS  
THAT ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY  
CLOSE TO EACH OTHER

**EACH CLUB**

PROVIDE A LOCATION  
COORDINATE CLASSES  
HOST SPEAKERS  
HAVE A SHOW



**California Federation**  
California, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona



**Eastern Federation**  
Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland,  
Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New  
Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,  
Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia.



**Midwest Federation**  
Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota,  
Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, South  
Dakota and Wisconsin



**Northwest Federation**  
Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and  
Washington



**Rock Mountain Federation**  
Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota,  
Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South  
Dakota, Utah and Wyoming



**South Central Federation**  
Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas



**Southeast Federation**  
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North  
Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

is composed of seven regional organizations of rock, gem, mineral, fossil and lapidary societies. Each region operates independently and in cooperation with the other regions to maintain a solid foundation for the hobby. The AFMS encourages the rockhounding community to follow safe practices and ethics and helps to preserve the hobby for generations to come

## Glass Activity

As usual the last fusing class was a lot of fun and the results were amazing. There are a couple of glass classes coming up soon, the petal bowl class and leaded glass. The petal bowl class will be a good intro to using the molds if you are not familiar with using them. I really enjoyed leaded glass as opposed to copper foiling which I lacked the patience for, so there are a lot of options in January and we will repeat the classes periodically. If you are not interested in taking a glass class but you would like to know how to cut glass, please contact me. Intro to glass studio is free, I teach it one on one and it is only a couple of hours. *Felice*





*May your year  
be filled with gems!  
(minerals, fossils,  
and glass art, too)*

## Web and Email Addresses

GMG main page

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

Registration page

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

Newsletter

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

Link to Facebook

<HTTPS://www.facebook.com/CERAFortworth>

## Classes

Currently four classes are posted. Faceting 101, taught by Robert Reed will start on the 15th of January and run eight weeks. Doublet and Triplet class taught by David Dudich is coming up on the 11th. More detailed information will go out to those on the mailing list soon. Paige Pauley will teach a three day Beginner Lapidary

class starting on the 21st. The Glass Dept. will have a Saturday workshop titled Petal Bowl which incorporates fusing and slumping. Taught by Felice Moreno the last Saturday of the month. There are more classes in the works for January and February. I will keep you posted.

*Sharon*

## Gem & Mineral Shows

January 2025

**18-19—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS:** Annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park, Hwy. 16 South; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free for all; Website: fredericksburgrockhounds.org

**24-26—TYLER, TEXAS:** Annual show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Drive; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults and under 16 years - \$8, 16 to 5 yr old and students - \$3, Under 5 years - free; Website: etgms.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.