



# CGMG News

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**Program February 11, 7pm**

## Turquoise

presentation by Bob Boyd



**All members are asked to bring a sweet treat to share in celebration of Valentine's Day. Invite friends to attend the meeting to enjoy a great program and yummy snacks!**

### *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.

## From Your President

The Progression of a Rockhound over the last half of my life.

Rockhounds talk to themselves! At least I do. And I'm never bored for long.

"What a pretty Rock!" Now you've started your collection.

"I want to see what is inside this rock." You need a rock saw, join a club and/or buy one.

"How do I polish this rock?" Better take a lapidary class.

Meet new rockhounds.

"Look at my pretty first cabochon." Marvel that you made that and share it with others.

"I'll buy slabs, and rocks, and go on a field trip." Collect slabs, rocks, and start the hunt.

"That field trip will be fun." Collect more rocks than you'll ever use, but wait, there's more.

"Now what is inside all these rocks?" Cut and share with your new friends from the field trip.

"Where can I put all these rocks from the field trip?" Your yard collection has begun.

"That's glass? I need to know more about working with glass." Take a class, need a kiln.

"What glass do I want to work with?" Buy a nice selection for projects.

"These windows need a stained glass to cover the window." Make them. Large ones.

"I want this in a pendant." Take a silversmithing class. Start a life-long journey.

"Oh, I can make something like that, and that and this!" Practice, practice, practice."

"How can I store all this jewelry and still find it to wear." Organize your growing collection.

"I need to sell some of this jewelry so I can buy more silver and rocks." Become a Vendor.

"Sure I can make a ring or pendant for you with this cabochon or glass piece." Commissions!

Friends and family show up with a pretty rock to cut and polish:

"Oh, no, this won't be anything, maybe I can steer them to something else." And then you

make them jewelry.

"Can I repair this jewelry for her?" Sometimes. Agree to repair or send to a professional?

"I want to learn to facet a gem." Take a faceting class.

"I need a collection of gem quality material." Start buying some at gem shows.

"Sale of rough gem quality material, I have to go." And now, another collection.

"Can I identify all this material, since I just offered to buy it all." So fun to try.

"I want my own faceting machine." Find a nice gently used one, and away you go.

"Ok, I've cut the patterns I have, now I need to find more." Find some online sources.

"Discover the cleavage plane in some of gems as I cut them." Do you stop or finish it anyway.

"My old Jewelry Artist magazines have faceting patterns." A new binder for all these patterns.

"I don't have emeralds, corundum (ruby, sapphire), peridot..." Upgrade your facet material.

"Certified Gemologist class - I want to do that." Now Certified, love finding new material.

"Identifying material is fun but without expensive equipment you won't always be right."

"Would you help me ID these gems?" Sure, as long as you know that it is as a friend not a professional certification.

"Certified Mineralogist class - Why not? I'll do it." Now you can classify the material even when it is not gem material.

"Maybe I can identify some of the material that I'm not sure about?" A new collection of minerals? And the learning goes on and on.

And the best part! my circle of friends.

Look at how many other rock, glass and metal working friends are part of

Carole Jean (CJ) Wright

President, CERA Gem, Mineral and Glass

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## Field Trips

Brownwood for *Horn Coral* March 29

See the January News letter on the CERA website for complete details.

Oregon for *obsidian, petrified wood and much more*

See the email sent to you on February 2 for details. June

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If you have questions or would like to register for a trip contact Gina Koenig

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## Commissioner's Report

Hello, Fellow Gem, Mineral & Glass Members.

Thank you all for your sympathy and understanding over the last few months while I was attending to my father's illness and passing. I really appreciate the card everyone signed during last month's club meeting. I wish I could have been there. I also want to especially thank my Faceting 101 students for accommodating the week delay in starting the class caused by Dad's funeral. We are off to a good start now. There was so much interest in Faceting 101 (Standard Round Brilliant Cut) that we overbooked and have a waiting list! As soon as this session is complete, I will repeat Faceting 101 for those waiting with space for 2 to 3 more students. Faceting 201 (Emerald Cut) will follow the second Faceting 101 session.

The Executive committee is meeting in advance of this month's club meeting and will have some plans to report for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to more and new classes, field trips, Expo planning and interesting programs. To date, the CERA Board of Directors have not asked me to go before them to account for our performance, but I plan to present them with a proposal for this year's Expo as soon as it is ready. I also plan to

### JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

President CJ Wright called the meeting to order with 24 in attendance and 3 guests. Robert Reed's loss of his father was announced and a card was circulated offering condolences. The new blade and diamond replacement wheels have been received. Let's start the Show and Tell segment of the meeting again by participants bringing projects and rough to show.

Carla Lacey, Secretary, confirmed that December minutes were not taken as the meeting was our Christmas Party. The party was very nice and the food was super.

Sharon Williams, VP of Classes, reported that the Lead Glass class still has 2 openings but all other classes are full. David D is teaching a class on Doublets and Triplets in March. Materials will be supplied. Gina discussed an Electroform Class and explained the technique.

Gina Koenig, VP of Field Trips, wants to have a trip to Brownwood in March to look for horn coral followed by a trip to Mary's in Strawn for chicken fried steak. There is a trip to Oregon in the planning for the second week in June. Bend, Oregon will be the base with trips to nearby mines. May have a spontaneous trip to Cherokee to visit

get with the CERA accountant regarding Profit & Loss statements to help us meet Board expectations.

As always, this club remains vibrant by all the many things we bring forward and share. Please continue to volunteer and participate. It is always my pleasure to spend time with you all!

Best Regards, Robert Reed  
Commissioner  
CERA Gem, Mineral, and Glass Activity



*I keep telling myself, "Kim, you don't need any more rocks."  
Luckily my name is not Kim.*

the rock shop and maybe one to Alvarado to Rodney Parsley's shop.

Colleen Reigh asked for articles and photos for the monthly newsletter.

Felice Moreno, VP of Glass, announced that there were a couple of spots left in leaded glass class. Next month there may be a Petal Bowl class.

Daniel Carpenter, Co chair of Shop, reported that the Fire extinguisher had been moved in the shop – please make yourself aware of new location and new signage. Also, take the time to familiarize yourself with its workings.

Carmen Sorensen, VP of Programs, asked for prayers for Tina and David Owens as Tina has had a cancer diagnosed. Also, prayers for the Charles Graham family after their tragic loss of a brother and his wife. Carmen presented the monthly program which was exploring the different ways jewelers manipulate metals in the creation of their art. This interesting and informative topic was discussed.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Lacey



## Glass Activity

Kelly and Janice did an incredible job organizing the bevels that we use for stained glass. They found all sorts of interesting stuff in that lower cabinet.

Deb and Kelly have volunteered to organize the fusible glass. If you have any interest in help in you can contact them of me and I will pass your information along.

Thanks,  
Felice

## Classes

February classes thus far: In glass, Janice Bowen will be teaching a one-day class on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> entitled 'Mini Leaded Panel Sun Catcher'. In this one-day class you will create a sun catcher with material provided by the glass department. An ideal class for anyone eager to dive into the world of stained-glass art. In silversmithing Paul Smith is going to teach a non-jewelry class. The class will include wax carving, casting and soldering. I do not have a title just yet, but it is tentatively set for February 24<sup>th</sup> and will run 8 weeks. So excited to have Paul

teaching again! More information coming as this class comes together.

In Lapidary, Paige Pauley will teach a three consecutive day 'Basic Lapidary' class starting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The class is full, but if you are wanting to take her class get on the 'wait list' and I will work on getting another class set up.

As always, feel free to reach out about a class you would like to take or a class you would like to teach.

Sharon

## 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>



## 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.