

THE STONE CHIPPER

THE 632ND MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **JANUARY 22ND, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



The January program will be a presentation by club member **Alan Cherepon** entitled, “**The Tucson Show – The Greatest Show of the Greatest Show, 2008 American Mineral Treasures.**”

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGMS is to promote interest and education in the various Earth Sciences and other related subjects.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the fourth Thursday of every month except October which is show set up day. There will be a meeting on the **THIRD** Thursday in November. December is the Invocation of Officers meeting held on a date and at a place determined by the officers. Board meetings are called as needed. All members are welcome to attend. Society Officers are listed on the back page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.

DUES FOR 2009

Membership dues are:

\$15.00 annually for an adult \$20.00 annually for a couple \$4.00 annually for juniors

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President's Message



Hello folks. Here's a welcome note.

I was told that I am to write a newsletter article every month. The way I figure, if I can talk to you guys every month at the meetings, then maybe I can do this letter. I would first like to *thank* the Past Board and its returning membership to this New Year. I sincerely hope that *all* had a wonderful holiday with family and friends and that we may all prosper throughout the year.

By the time you receive this welcome, the new Board will have met on the 6th of January. I want to remind the membership that this is your Board and hope you will not be a stranger to our meetings. We cannot fix what we do not know about and communication will be a key factor here in how things get fixed. I do not claim to have or know all the answers to whatever may come our way, but this Board is and will be committed to doing its best to your society, for however long it takes to do right by your club.

While we may have some ongoing business from the past years, i.e., the roof, we are working on things. To that end, we have lots of goodies to do, like field trips, classes, and enjoying our hobby and maybe even the profession for some, to the fullest! I know that I do, or I would not have been a past Board member or Trustee or even volunteered all the hours and years that I have invested in this group. I know that some of you even saw my children crawl all over those show floors and watched them play "fort" under those same show tables! So let's have fun, rock and roll with a little polish and add some real facets to your life! After all you never know what you will turn up!

~Josie Middleton, Ole(A)GMS President

Library News



There is no library report this month.

November 2008 Meeting Minutes



Program: There was no program for this meeting because the club had a great deal of business to conduct and because there were many awards to be presented.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Alan Cherepon, President.

Minutes: Diann Hill moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Elizabeth Day seconded the motion and it passed.

Budget: Copies of the proposed budget for 2009 were handed out. Dee Fly moved that the 2009 budget be approved as proposed. Charlotte Morriss seconded the motion and it passed. The 2009 budget is appended as a part of these Minutes.

Election of Officers: Susan Postlethwait presented the officers nominated by the Nominating Committee: Josie Middleton, President, Jackie Fisher, First Vice-President, Kathleen Howard, Second Vice-President, Pauline Denson, Treasurer, Linda Northcote, Secretary, and Tom Bowers, Joyce Hrapsky and Louis Lee, board members. There were no nominations from the floor. Charlotte Morriss moved that the officers and board members be approved as presented. Dee Fly seconded the motion and it passed.

Induction Banquet: Alan Cherepon said the induction banquet and Christmas party will be December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the club house. Pauline Denson is ordering and bringing the food, David Wenger and Les Postlethwait will set up tables and chairs and clean the floor, and Fran Ellis will provide greenery. Dee Fly said that David and Les could use more help. There will be no tear down, as the Fossil Group will be using the room for their party the next week.

Pauline Denson said that the tickets and the record of who had purchased tickets at the show had been misplaced, but that she would accept payment and reservations and keep a list after the meeting. Tickets and reservations can be accepted up to December 8th. The cost is \$10 a person. All members are invited to attend. Bring a "pot-luck" dessert,

and also a gift, marked if gender-specific, if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Name Tags: Diann Hill has the nametags that were ordered. See her after the meeting to pick yours up or to get on a new list to be ordered.

An Austinite living in Afganistan has polished stones and some lapis and other material to sell. He will be at the clubhouse on December 16th at 7:00 p.m. if anyone is interested.

Margaret Good said that she has copies of her new book of poems for sale at \$4.00. She also has copies of her birthstone book of poems for \$6.00.

Awards for South Central Federation and American Federation: Paul Good announced and presented awards won at the Breakfast with the Editors.

Small Bulletins: David & Laura Dow were inducted into the AFMS Editors Hall of Fame.

David & Laura Dow — *The Stone Chipper* 1st Place SCFMS - 4th Place AFMS

Junior Article:

Leighton Cave — 1st Place SCFMS & 1st Place AFMS

Features:

Jennifer Clayton-Guzman 1st Place SCFMS

J. W. Downs 2nd Place SCFMS

Paul W. Good 5th Place SCFMS

Josie Middleton 9th Place SCFMS

Advanced Articles:

J. W. Downs 7th place SCFMS

Special Publication:

Lynn Young, Show Guide, 1st Place SCFMS

Margaret Good 3rd Place SCFMS - 7th Place AFMS

Website:

Diann Hill 3rd Place SCFMS

Competitive Awards - Displays SCFMS

Alan Cherepon Class UV-3, second level award

Grant Gibson, Class BS-1, first level, SCF trophy 6

Susan Postlethwait, Class EGS-2 first level, SCF trophy 27

Gibson & Postlethwait automatically qualified for AFMS Competition

AFMS Competition:

Stretch & Lynn Young Class BU-4X, first level, & trophy 3

Grant Gibson Class BS-1, first level, & trophy 6

Susan Postlethwait, Class EGS-2, first level, & trophy 12

Stretch & Lynn Young Class EIC-1, first level, & trophy 30
Ronald Carman- entered under Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Class BF-3, first level, & trophy 12.

Alan Cherepon took special exhibits of fluorescent minerals and Paul and Margaret Good took four displays. There will be more awards at our banquet. Next year the SCFMS show will be at Temple on October 10th-11th.

Show Committee: Susan Postlethwait said the show went really well. She thanked all volunteers, some of whom worked all day all four days. She said the gate receipts were only down about 5%, which was good since this was the first show since we changed the dates.

She said Brian Wetzig will be appointed the new Show Chair by the incoming president.

Library: Harriett Streiber thanked Diann Hill for her work as co-librarian for the past three years. Harriett said that another member will be needed to help with circulation and to learn what the library has to offer. This would be a part-time volunteer job working with the other librarians.

Field Trips: Alan Cherepon reported on the field trip to the Knife River Quarry November 1st. He said Eric Nielson, who manages the quarry, and his wife and a co-worker had joined the club tonight. Mr. Nielson had also donated \$122 back to the club from the funds donated by the members at the field trip.

Alan said that the club had another field trip on November 15th led by Frank Roberts, to the Badu Pegmatite to collect radioactive material and fluorite.

James Mercier said that the Big Bend Thanksgiving trip is on. He has a list of those who want to go. There will be the usual Thanksgiving meal. Those who want to caravan should meet at the closed Albertson's at the Y in Oak Hill. Anyone who wants to go that is not on the list should contact him.

Sunshine: Dee Fly said that Linda Northcote had major surgery last Thursday. A group of club members went to help her clean house, and she is arranging for people to bring one meal a day. Linda has a shower chair and a walker, and they are looking into getting her on Meals on Wheels. Linda will have to start chemotherapy in a couple of weeks.

Lynn Young said that Linda needs help to get to numerous doctor appointments, as she cannot drive now. Lynn said that she has taken her to some appointments, but there will be times when she cannot do it. Dee said that anyone who is available to drive Linda to the doctor or the store or do laundry can call her at work.

Membership: Brian Wetzig announced that 58 members and 4 guests were present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

~Pauline Denson, Secretary 2008

Sunshine
Committee



Linda Northcote is currently undergoing chemotherapy. We wish her the very best results and hope for her speedy recovery.

Please send sunshine news to Diann Hill.

A.G.M.S. Calendar

Jan 15 - Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Jan 20 - Paleo Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 22 - AGMS Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Feb 03 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Refreshments

There is no report for refreshments.

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January Program Preview

By Alan Cherepon, Presenter

The Tucson Show – The Greatest Show of the Greatest Show, 2008 American Mineral Treasures

I have only attended two Tucson Shows: 1996, Fluorescent Minerals/Calcite, and 2008, American Mineral Treasures. Fortunately, these have been considered by many to be the two best shows ever. I spent from the Friday prior to the main show up through the Sunday of the closing date of the show and immersed myself into the mineral world by going to the Arizona Mining Museum in Phoenix, the University of Arizona Flandrau Museum, joined the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, attended their last meeting prior to the show, attended the Main Show, the book-signing, the Awards Banquet, and some of the satellite shows around Tucson, as well as Peter Megaw's annual dealer dinner at his house (viewing his incredible collection of Mexican minerals and books). My slide show and program will attempt to show you what you have missed (a once in a lifetime gathering of American minerals), and what else is there for the mineral enthusiast.

Local Show Announcements

January 17-18

Fredericksburg, TX
Fredericksburg Rockhounds
www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org

January 24-25

Tyler, TX
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society
Keith Harmon, (903) 581-4068

February 21-22

Pasadena, TX
Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society
www.hawkwindnovels.com/page2.html

February 21-22

Plainview, TX
Hi Plains Gem & Mineral Society
jmmatlock@suddenlink.net

~www.rockngem.com

Board Minutes Synopsis November 11, 2008

NOTE: These are synopsised minutes. For full text of board minutes, please contact the club secretary.

~Editors

Treasurer's Report: Two thousand dollars in scholarship funds expended carried over from the previous year.

Proposed Budget: Budget approved at the last meeting is out of balance, as expenses for the installation banquet were not included, although the cost of the tickets were included in income. Workshop Equipment expense was decreased to \$500 and Induction Banquet in the amount of \$500 was added to the budget.

Door replacement: Job put off until after the show.

Tile: work will be done when the door is finished.

Commode: The commode in one of the bathrooms is now held in place by shims, and support needs to be provided under it. Alan Cherepon offered to fix it.

Nominating Committee: The slate of officers and board members to be presented at the November general meeting includes: Josie Middleton, President, Jackie Fisher, 1st Vice-President, Kathleen Howard, 2nd Vice-President, Linda Northcote, Secretary, Pauline Denson, Treasurer, and Joyce Hrapsky, Tom Bowers, and Louis Lee as new board members. JoAnn Wiersema has agreed to act as temporary secretary until Linda Northcote is well enough to take up the job.

Show: Profit on the show is not yet available, but we had a great show. Susan asked that the President appoint Brian Wetzig as Show Chair for next year.

Field Trips: Alan Cherepon reported that there had been a field trip two weeks ago, and that another is scheduled Saturday, depending upon the weather. Some of the material to be collected is radioactive. Paul Bordovsky will post a web site with information on precautions to take when collecting radioactive material. The Thanksgiving trip to west Texas is on and details will be posted on the list-server.

Banquet: Fran Ellis will provide greenery, Les Postlethwait and David Wenger will set up tables, and Pauline Denson will order and deliver the food.

Scholarships: Stretch Young stated that the recipients had been chosen and two showed up at the show. He has the names of all the recipients and he will start putting together packets about the club for each to encourage them to participate. He will ask ACC if they will require four hours of volunteer work for their recipients. He will let the Board see the packets before sending them out.

Programs: November program will be a round table on ideas to improve the club and reporting on the show.

School Programs: One Oak Hill Elementary student had talked his parents into joining AGMS.

Sunshine: Linda Northcote will need some help with meals and people to check up on her after her surgery, since she has no family here. Dee Fly will organize this.

Termite Control: Paul Bordovsky asked if we had agreed to the follow-up termite contract for last year, as we had received a bill for the service. The board had decided this was not needed. Paul will advise the company and Bob Greenway.

~Pauline Denson, Secretary 2008

Board Minutes Synopsis December 2, 2008

Treasurer's Report: Bob Greenway asked that anyone accepting dues from a new member request an email address if the person has one. Bob's employer is donating a laptop to the club, but it needs a hard drive. There is money in the budget for this.

Door replacement: Gef Fisher may be able to get two metal doors. This would be a better way to fix the door if he can get them.

Tile: work will be done when the door is finished.

Commode: Alan Cherepon said he will fix the toilet after Christmas.

Draft Policy on Education: Approved. Will become part of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The SOP needs to be brought up to date and the changes need to be brought up in a general meeting. A committee will be appointed by the new president to do this.

Show: Show Committee meeting on December 18th to begin work on next year's show. Lynn Young needs to get things done early if she is to handle advertising and the Show Guide again. Susan requested that the Board ask the membership about hosting the American Federation and South Central Federation shows in seven years.

Field Trips: Paul Bordovsky arranged a field trip to his Dad's ranch for Saturday, December 6th. We still need a field trip chair.

Workshop: Gef Fisher said that he just bought some belts and supplies for the workshop so that he could fix up some things.

Banquet: Pauline Denson is picking up the food. Les Postlethwait and David Wenger will set up tables and chairs and Fran Ellis is bringing decorations and greenery. The Paleo Group is having their Christmas party on Saturday and asked that we leave up at least eight tables and chairs and the decorations.

Course Syllabus: Robert Morriss presented a syllabus for a beginning cabbage class for Board approval. The syllabus and Robert's teaching of the class was approved.

Library: A librarian is still needed.

Membership: Membership chair is supposed to provide name tags for members and speakers and have people sign in at general meetings, and this has not been happening. Incoming president should appoint a new membership chair.

Programs: Kathleen Howard said that she has spoken to members of Austin Geological Society, and that four have agreed to present programs in the first four months of the New Year.

Alan Cherepon said that he is attending a meeting of the UT Undergraduate Geological Society to tell them about our club.

Sunshine: Linda Northcote is doing well. Barbara Evans has had foot surgery and is recovering well. Richard Dorsey has had mouth surgery and Marilyn Bowers has had ankle surgery.

Website: Diann Hill said that she had received a call from Scott from the Houston club regarding web site competition, and that our web site is not eligible because competing web sites cannot be professionally designed or maintained. She will ask for further clarification.

Cases: The case for awards that is now in the faceting room needs to be put up on the back wall. Dee Fly cleaned the Texas flag that was given to AGMS by a governor and she will try to frame it and the governor's proclamation so that they can also be hung on the wall.

Suggestion: Alan suggested that we do a mineral calendar to sell at the show. We could have a contest for members to submit pictures of minerals for the calendar.

~Pauline Denson, Secretary 2008



Dues Are Due Again???

By Margaret Good
AGMS Club Member

Yes, that time of year has come again
It comes around each year.
Only read the rest to find how much
It takes to give you cheer.
It is still fifteen dollars for one
But takes twenty for two.
Juniors are less, they are just four
To enjoy what they can do.
Lest you forget and let time pass on
Pay those due next meeting,
'Cause if you don't, your name's deleted
You alone yourself you're cheating.



Gem Capers 2008 Show Committee Minutes

November 6, 2008

Attendance: We had 1,484 students on Friday, probably around 15 on Saturday, 201 chaperones and 144 teachers. Attendance other than schools was 2,452, down from 3,349 in 2007, which was our biggest year and from 2,789 in 2006. The money was lower on activities than on gate receipts.

Fees: Paid full amount for security this year, which also decreased our profit. No price increases from the facility for next year, and we will be in the smaller hall, on the same weekend as this year. Silicon Labs paid for the kids and chaperones.

Ideas and Suggestions:

- Let the quest go on all weekend as lots of people wanted to do it.
- Dealers did not like the club activities and exhibits in the middle of the hall.
- Dealers who took the longest to pack up and leave should be assigned places at the back of the hall.
- A way to get more volunteers is to have each chairperson be responsible for getting volunteers for their activity, with all reporting back to Brian.
- Likes the feast after everything is put up and done.
- Can we have competitive exhibits next year?
- A good way to get volunteers is with a calling tree, which was done long ago, to ask people to do a specific job.
- That we have amateur cases to be judged also.
- Votes were counted on naming the miner mascot. The miner will be named Rocky.
- That the Wheel have two boards, one for girls and one for boys, as some of the children were very unhappy with some kinds of prizes. Most of the boards would be the same, but the boy's board would not have earrings and necklaces and the girl's would not have bolo ties and arrowheads. Bob

Folsom said he would make a second board, and that he had already taken the dimensions.

-The finished stones on the rough were very popular, and Robert wants to do the whole touch table that way next year, perhaps with smaller specimens.

-He said that when they were providing answers for kids for the quest there were too many kids at one time. It was suggested to move the free coupon stuff to a different location and for checking answers, to give the teacher the specimens with answer sheet and let the checking happen back in class.

-Ewing Evans handled approximately 400 jewelry assemblies Friday. Next year he must have at least five people to assemble, with 3 feet per person. He will bring a drill to enlarge holes on bell caps.

-Mac Ellis' grandson worked all day Sunday in the Gem Mine. We need a way to get more kids to help.

-Stretch Young said he has a packet of information for the scholarship kids, and that next year they will help with the show.

-Everything seemed to go well except for one side of the show, where there wasn't much traffic. People seemed to be buying.

-People in the club booth need to know where to direct the kids.

-There needs to be a pre-show meeting for volunteers to let them know where everything is.

-There was a problem with some of the quest sheets, as the darker colors blocked the print, and that we need better directions.

-Several dealers were happy we did not bring in more dealers for the bigger hall, and they also liked the earlier date for the show.

-A lot of people brought in smaller items for the silent auction, and that this seemed to bring in more money. Mac would like to have power next year. Susan said he will have power and a P.A. system next year.

-The numbers on the web site started bouncing around on October 8th, and that the average number of hits per day during October was 4,185, with a total of 129,781 for the month. The usual average for a month is 45,000.

-The web banners were paying off. Lynn figured out how to make our own banners and will put one on our web site also. She wants to get everything done very early next year. She wants to do the *Show Guide* again, and would like the theme picked very early and articles in the *Chipper* early.

-We make all entry fees 3-day passes. We only made \$120 on 3-day passes, and this would bring people back to spend more at the dealers.

-Brian Wetzig said he would like to have more juniors helping. He also would like to have all squares filled before the show.

-Paul Bordovsky said the tent worked beautifully for the fluorescent exhibit, and that having separate cases by each person who wanted to exhibit worked well. He said the club's light and his own light may need new filters or bulbs.

-We try to have a projector or large TV to show pictures of field trips, etc. at the show.

-That we give a 50% discount on dues for volunteering for four hours, after doubling club dues. The Board would have to approve this.

-Dealers said they had one of their best years.

-If UT has a home game next year during the show that we have street teams passing out flyers at tailgate parties.

-Susan reported on the percentages listed by the people who checked how they learned about the show: "word of mouth, 25.14%, repeat customer, 23.44%, postcard, 13.30%, street banner, 10.99%, internet, 10.93%, newspaper, 7.35%, school, 4.07%, TV, 3.70%, flyer, 3.40%, and magazine, .97%.

-Susan asked if we might host the South Central and American Federation shows in seven years. Susan will present this request to the Board.

~Dee Fly, Show Secretary 2008

December 18, 2008

Dealers: Approved motion that all dealers from 2008 return for the 2009 show.

Theme: The introduction of Rocky and a theme about the history of mining will be 2009's show theme.

Tables: Karen Richard's husband will be buying back 6' plastic tables and would sell them to us for \$7 to \$10 a piece. We would need to purchase at least 34.

Next Meeting: January 15th, 2009

~Dee Fly, Show Secretary 2008

"Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well."

~Josh Billings

Club Display Cases

I just want to remind any of you who might be interested that there is again space available for individual displays. I like to leave them in the cabinets for two or three months to give everyone a chance to see them. Please e-mail me to set up a time that is convenient for us both for access to the case. Also I would like to thank David Pierce for our most recent display of his petrified wood collection. Those of you who saw it will remember how lovely it was. Looking forward to hearing from some of you.

~Betsy Gager, Mineral Display Cases

Oak Hill Elementary



Susan Postlethwait
and Wing Evans
teaching at Oak Hill
Elementary School

Photo by Ivy
Hjornevik

Eight weeks before Gem Capers 2008, three of us began attending school again! Susan, Ivy, and Wing went to Oak Hill Elementary School to teach something about rocks to Cynthia Thomas's 4th grade science classes.

We told them about the three basic types of rock: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Each of our weekly sessions was devoted to a different subject. We explained how to differentiate rock vs. mineral. There were hundreds of pounds of exquisite specimens passed around the class to help the students understand the geology. The State Rock of Texas, The State Gemstone of Texas, and the State Gemstone cut were each carefully explained.

We started by demonstrating how to tumble polish rocks, showing them the tumbler, the rough rocks, and the grit. The first week we ran the tumbler for a few minutes so the students could see the action. Then each subsequent week, the cleaned, partially tumbled rocks were brought in so the class could see and understand the progress. At our last meeting, when the rocks were fully polished, they each made a piece of jewelry from the rock they had selected.

After a few weeks the class was divided into eight groups of five students each. There were eight poster subjects for the groups to work on: Volcanoes, Hydrologic Cycle, Metamorphic Rock, Igneous Rock, Sedimentary Rock, Rock Cycle, etc. One young lady was very insistent that she be working on the volcano poster. The reason became clear the next week when she showed us snapshots of her and her family at one of the erupting Hawaiian volcanoes from the previous summer's vacation.

The five students on each poster had to discuss, evaluate, and cooperatively decide which of the many items they could place on their poster. When completed, each of these posters was replete with data, pictures, explanatory text, and vivid colors. It was amazing to realize how much I was learning while coaching those eight teams. These posters were presented at Gem Capers 2008 for the public to see.

The group that did the volcano poster also composed a song. After much cajoling and persuasion, they sang it at our show. The attending crowd of customers was very quiet during that performance.

Each of these students sent us a thank you letter. This was a great bunch of kids. Being with them was very fulfilling.

~Wing Evans, School Programs

Mineral Storage Tip

When storing gem materials outdoors, be careful. Many colorful pink and purple minerals are faded by intense sunlight. These include rose quartz, amethyst, lepidolite, and fluorite. Fossil specimens may be destroyed outdoors by wetting, freezing, and thawing. Many fossil specimens are clay based, although there are some specimens that are in sandstone sediment. Common opal, if left in the elements, will craze, crack, and fall apart.

~From Strata Gem 4/07, via Rock Chips 7/07, Midland Gem & Mineral Society Newsletter 9/07

Due to the large volume of minutes that needed to be included in this newsletter, I was unable to print several submissions. My apologies to the senders - I'll get them in soon!

~The Editors

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January 2009

Editor Awards

2003-1st AFMS New Editors, 1st SCFMS

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2006-6th AFMS, 2nd SCFMS

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