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THE 609TH MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **OCTOBER 26TH, 2006, 7:30 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



The program for October will be a presentation by AGMS club member **Ron Guzman** on the **Mineral Mines of Mexico**.

**AGMS Annual Show
Gem Capers 2006
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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 November and December. November or early December is show month and the meeting, if any, is held after show setup on Thursday before the show. 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 2006

Membership dues are:

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

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September Meeting Minutes

There were no meeting minutes provided at press time.

~Editors

Library News



Not only are the library books glad to be back on the shelves, but the librarians also are glad. This means that AGMS members now have access to checking out the numbered books on the new shelves plus the videos.

One can say that the library is half-open for business. The other sections (periodicals, catalogs, etc.) are not organized at this time. It would be appreciated if the members would please wait until this aspect is complete.

To the many members who helped in the whole moving process (both to and fro), thank you for your help. Many hands make lighter work for all, although some of the work was not very light.

Thank you to Gene Healy for the recent gift of a new book, *Beautiful Lightning Ridge* by Len Cram.

~Harriet Strieber, Co-Libraian

Board Minutes Synopsis August 1, 2006

NOTE: These are synopsisized minutes. For full text of board minutes, please contact Linda Northcote, Secretary.

~Editors

For the auction will use a spreadsheet with item number, bidder, and price to keep track of sales.

Waiting for the current work on the clubhouse to be finished before rekeying.

Paint finish changed to matte flat. Bids on painting library. Club member Ron Guzman bid for \$15 an hour with us providing the paint and other materials. Moved and passed to accept Ron Guzman's bid.

Flooring quotes of \$960 and \$259. There is a hump in the floor, not an issue with carpeting. It was moved and passed to empower Susan to accept other bids on the cases.

Harriet reported for herself and Diann Hill that there were no books damaged. The adjuster is out for 2 weeks.

Dee has found some entry mats at Costco. We can have them by next meeting.

Discussion on replacing the front door, versus covering the hinges.

No one will accept the position of clubhouse maintenance. Could we contract it out?

James Mercier says there is probably no need to upgrade the electrical system now. The outside lights need new bulbs. Betsy says that a motion sensor is needed.

The workshop is shut down until we can get the library back in its place.

UT scholarship program has been very unresponsive. Still no data on last year's winners despite repeated queries. They didn't disburse funds—still in their main fund. Long discussion on procedures and contacts. No trouble with ACC except that we can't get the students to come by. Suggested that we research other schools. Moved and passed to apply the \$3000 from last year to this year's students, then drop UT as a recipient for scholarships. Betsy is quitting this job, so we will need another scholarship chairman. Still giving 2 \$500 scholarships to ACC students.

Formula for class charges - funds are divided 3 ways: the teacher, supplies, and the club. Method from Scott Singleton of the Houston club. Houston also has an Education Committee to oversee classes. Their attendees are required to give a \$25 deposit when signing up for a class. We should nix the waiting lists entirely.

~Full Minutes by Linda Northcote, Secretary, Synopsis by Laura Dow

Board Minutes Synopsis September 5, 2006

Treasurer reported income of \$22,387, expenses of \$9,306. Received for library damage \$2,109. Expenses spent to date are \$2,367

The club made \$2,115.50 at the auction.

Craig no longer wants to do the website. Proposed that there be a committee to help with the website. Potential volunteers and formats being explored.

Paint for the meeting room acquired. Ron Guzman repaired some damage around the back exit door. He has started to move stuff from walls to paint.

Tile ordered for library floor. Will call to schedule installation when it is in.

Paul has not heard back from Tedford regarding the A.C. and contacted Ron Patton of Patton Appliances & Air Conditioning to do the bi-yearly maintenance. Need to find out what the cost will be.

Insurance information came out at SCFMS convention. The General Liability for three clubs was rolled into the Federation's policy. That needs to be paid separately by each club. The additional annual premium will be \$676. The \$3 per member from dues covers liability on field trips and meeting in different locations. The GL policy would cover third party damages, such as, slip and falls in parking lot or in the kitchen. We need to contact the insurance agency and see if we can pay \$447 through the federation.

Dee will get the insurance information and see about getting a quote through the insurance agency where she works.

Stretch Young contacted Paul and advised that he would like to take over as Scholarship Chair from Betsy Gager. Paul asked if we want to look at U.T. again. It was voted on to look at other schools.

Dealers have been selected and voted on for the show. Layout has been revised. Exquisite Stones will be asked to attend.

Date for next year's Swap Meet was set for April 14, 2007.

Budget discussions. A \$25 registration fee will be charged for classes, paid to teacher. Teacher takes their portion and give the remainder to the treasurer. Also suggested that all the money be given to the treasurer for disbursements for expenses and teachers. The 2007 budget was approved.

Slate of new officers and board members: **President – Alan Cherepon, Secretary – Pauline Densen, Treasurer - Bob Greenway, New Board Members – Chip Burnette, Diann Hill, Richard Dorsey, Paul Bordovsky - to take over Bob Greenway's last year.**

[Editors' note: A nomination was made from the floor at the September meeting for one of the new board members to be James Lopez.]

~Full Minutes by Dee Fly, 2nd Vice President, Synopsis by Laura Dow



Field Trips

Thanksgiving Field Trip

The 4th annual AGMS Big Bend Rock Collecting and Thanksgiving Day Cookout Field Trip to Brewster County this year will be to Bustamante, Mexico. (Hey, it's still outside!!) For the Brewster County leg, we're looking at making that a spring trip. This way, the places that are closed to us now because of deer hunting will be open and accessible, including Needle Peak and some other areas. Plus, we may get to see the pretty flowers blooming in the desert.

Bustamante is west of Laredo, but to avoid that troubled town we will cross at the Camino Columbia Bridge, well above Laredo. The information that you will need to take a vehicle and yourself into Mexico and back is posted on our website.

Bustamante should provide us mineral collecting, fossil collecting, and even some agate collecting. I am waiting to hear from Alan and Gordon, who have been there, for a detailed

list of what we can collect and where. That list will be posted on our website. Meanwhile, Jennifer Guzman has reserved the Real De Minas Viejas Ranch for us. Those who are planning to go should contact Jennifer to arrange tent camping or to reserve a cabin there. There is also a hotel in Bustamante. Also, in order to complete our planning, please email me if you are planning to go on this trip, or have any questions. We need to have a confirmed count for reservations the night of the October meeting. Looking to another good trip!

~El Gran Presidente Pasado, James Mercier

September Field Trip Report-TXI Quarry

TXI allowed AGMS members to look in a big area of their quarry at Midlothian, Texas. As a result, a large number of specimens were found. Among the finds were lots of pretty calcite crystals lining septarian-like concretions, numerous shark teeth and a number of marcasite clusters.

So, thanks to TXI for letting us collect on their property. Hopefully, they will continue to allow clubs to do so, since every year good sites are being closed because of liability risks and environmentalist activity.

~Clifford Strieber, Field Trip Committee



2006 Egg Carton Competition

READY, SET, GO!

OK juniors, now it is time to get ready for the competition! - egg carton that is.

Remember, AGMS is sponsoring an "Egg Carton Collection" competition for our junior members. All entries will be displayed at our very own Gem Capers Gem and Mineral Show! Winners will receive ribbons and much more!

The basic ground rules are simple: 1. Each display will have 12 specimens in an egg carton; 2. Parents and others may help, but the work should be the juniors own as much as possible. Five to seven -year-olds will probably need more

help, while 11-year-olds and up should need very little help; 3. The junior's name should **NOT** be on the egg carton.

At the October meeting I will proudly display my very own egg carton collection. I know that I learn much better from looking at things so this might help you figure out what to do. I will also have entry forms and copies of the rules.

This is very exciting event for us at the Austin Gem and Mineral Society. Please be patient. And as always, I am very open to suggestions and help. Juniors, GOOD LUCK and I need your suggestions too!

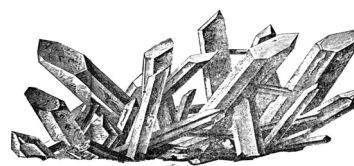
~Respectfully Submitted, Susan Postlethwait, Show Chair

What is It?

By Josie Middleton
AGMS Club Member

Did you guess last month that it was Baryte, or most commonly known as Barite? It's one of the most common minerals used on many household materials. Can you name off the four uses for this material? I had better start you off on the next one.

1. The colour range of this material; brown, blue, yellow, clear, red, brandy, and green.
2. Material is known to scratch quartz.
3. Has perfect cleavage in one direction.
4. Forms in highly acidic forms of granitic rock.
5. Its hardness on the Mohs scale is 8.
6. In ancient times this mineral was used to supposedly make the wearer invisible.
7. Found in the North and South Americas, Russia, Japan; an opaque variety is found in Sweden and Norway.
8. Chemical composition is a hydroxylate of aluminum, silicon, and fluorine, not necessarily in that order.
9. Known to occur with cassiterite, bixbyite, and tourmaline.





Show Talk

The 2006 Gem Capers Gem and Mineral Show is almost here. At the September meeting I made a plea for volunteers. I started with the usual spiel, the one that reminds everyone that **this is the BIG ONE. The BIG fund raiser**. It enables us to have the clubhouse, the meetings and the speakers. The equipment and the classes. The library. And we all enjoy the library. Just think back on how hard these past two months have been not able to check out any books! And the field trips (insurance you know). And my favorite, friends. Friends that share a common bond. So, sign up.

At the **October meeting**, we will once again have the **sign up sheets** for the show. Don't miss out on your favorite event at the show, sign up early.

This is very exciting event for all of us at the Austin Gem and Mineral Society. Please remember, the show is like a family reunion. Tried and true dealers to catch up with and new dealers to meet. Demonstrators to visit with. And the kids. They make you remember what it was like to see things for the first time. To watch them with their fledgling interests in dinosaurs, meteorites, minerals, and fossils. Well it is energizing! See ya'll at the show!

~Respectfully Submitted, Susan Postlethwait, 2006 Show Chair

Show Minutes Synopsis August 17, 2006

Treasurer Bob Folsom reported that he got \$5735.33 in from 12 dealers and there is now a balance of \$23,254.70 in the show account.

The 2 dealers selected for the 6-table positions are Southwest Gem and Stretch Young. Chose Eagle Lapidary for an 8-table booth. Asked all other potential dealers in the list to resubmit applications for next year because several were very old. Since we can't get another 8-table dealer, to consider another 6-table one to fill that space. Voted for Xquizit, Bitterroot, Custom, and Geodite, in that order.

Dee Purkeypile asked for more space for demonstrations inside the main area. Postponed discussion. Free to put up as many banners and signs as we want, as long as they not attached to the walls. The problem is to get people out into the halls to look at the demonstrations. Last year included petrified wood, fossil cleaning, UT, Karen Richards' huge rocks, and we want to add gold panning. There are no lapidary demonstrations at all! Adolph Krchnak has volunteered to demonstrate cab cutting. It was suggested we include bead stringing.

It was moved and seconded to charge \$0.50 for jewelry making, and the motion passed.

Betsy Gager is giving up chairmanship of the Wheel of Fortune, so we need a new person for that. The prizes are inventoried and ready to go. We need to hit people up that are going to Tucson to look for stuff for next year.

Wing got the hexagonal model done, so we have 3 now, including cubic and orthorhombic.

~Full Minutes by Linda Northcote, Secretary, Synopsis by Laura Dow

Show Cases

As you all know our show in December will be upon us before we know it. **If anyone needs a case** for the show please email me as soon as possible. Give me your name, email address, phone number and the number of cases you need for the show. I will be keeping the list for the cases. I'm putting out a **call for help for the show in December**. We need some dedicated volunteers to help set up the cases, take them down after the show and back to the club and put them into the storage shed. We really need your help folks! Thanks.

~Richard Dorsey

Show Set Up - Yowza!

Hi All. I want to put out my own personal plea for volunteers to help with the show set up. Since this happens on a work day, it's hard for many folks to come so volunteers are few and far between - but it's when they are especially needed! If you can arrange to be there, please try.

~Editors



SCFMS Silent Auction

Donations are needed for the Silent Auction to be held on Saturday and Sunday during the December show. Please bring your donations to the October club meeting on Thursday, October 26th. If you are unable to do so, contact Mac Ellis or bring the items to the show on Friday or Saturday morning. We have very little material to start off the auction so your help is really needed. [Editors' note: see the SCFMS news for the "take" at the annual convention. Let's see if we can beat that at Gem Capers!]

~Mac Ellis, Silent Auction Coordinator

Sunshine Committee



Club member **Jack Zelensky** had total hip replacement surgery on September 19th. There were complications due to a cracked femur so they had to do follow-up surgery on September 26th. He underwent rehab at St. David's for about a week, and was finally sent home on October 6th. Jack still has several weeks of outpatient rehab to deal with.

We all hope that Jack has a speedy recovery and can soon resume his activities with field trips and the show!

A.G.M.S. Calendar

Wednesdays - Workshop ~~Open~~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 *Closed due to water leak repairs
 Oct 17 - Fossil SIG Meeting
 Oct 19 - Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Oct 21 - Texas Faceters' Guild Meeting
 Oct 25 - Clubhouse Clean Up (volunteers needed)
 Oct 26 - Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Nov 07 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Thanksgiving Weekend - Field Trip to Mexico

Local Show Announcements

Oct 14-15

Temple, TX

Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society

Oct 20-22

Victoria, TX

Victoria Gem & Mineral Society

Oct 27-29

Fossilmania, Glen Rose, TX

Austin & Dallas Paleontological Societies

Oct 28-29

Tulsa, OK

Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society

Nov 3-5

Fossil Fest, Round Rock, TX

Central Texas Paleontological Society

~From www.lapidaryjournal.com calendar and mailouts

Tulsa Rock Show

This is reputedly the best local show you could hope to attend this year. It will be held at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds from **October 28-29**. Admission is \$5 for adults, all others are free. There will be over 20 dealers, 50 special exhibits, competitive exhibits, a kid's activity area, wheel of fortune, hourly door prizes, silent auction, and programs with live speakers.

Central Texas Paleontological Society Show

The Central Texas Paleontological Society (CTPS) is sponsoring its 15th annual fossil show - Fossil Fest 2006 - on **November 3-5** at Old Settler's Park, off Highway 79 east of IH 35 in Round Rock, Texas. Show times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Students and teachers get special attention on Friday. See the website at www.texaspaleo.com/ctps/fest.html for more information.

~submitted by Craig Brandt

The Need to Bead

By Betsy Gager
AGMS Club Member

Do you have a "Need to Bead?" This need can come upon you for a variety of reasons. One reason is that you inherit Great Aunt Bertha's old string of pearls and they come to you in a little bag because the cord broke. You take them to a jeweler who quotes an amazing cost per inch to restring them and you decide to leave them in that little bag for awhile longer.

Another reason is that you looked in some Hi-end Ladies' Fashion catalog and you spied a nifty looking string of beads, strung with pot-metal findings, that was hideously expensive. You decided then and there that you could make that and use better findings in the process.

Still another reason is that you "must match at all times" and you need a beaded bracelet to match your necklace and your earrings and, of course, your ring.

There are lots more reasons to bead. I'm sure that you can come up with some that I haven't even thought of- but at any rate- here we go!



Rhodochrosite bead strand by Betsy Gager. Photo by Kerry Gager.

You start by assembling all your materials and tools. These include beads (usually strung on temporary string), the bead cord which comes with a flexible needle attached, some needle-nosed pliers, sewing machine needles or small awl, your findings (bead tips, jump rings, and clasps), and a bead board. You can find bead boards at most hobby shops. These have inch markings printed on them so you can lay out your beads to fit the desired length for your neck. Also you can adjust your pattern for the design of the necklace. I prefer to use 14k findings, but you can use 14k gold filled. Silver will

require cleaning over time and the cleaning can sometimes affect the cord by stretching or staining it.

All bead cord should be pre-stretched. Nylon cord is by far the worst since it continues to stretch over time, so I usually use silk. I have found that the best way for me is to tie each end to one of my husband's shoes and hang the pair of shoes over the top of a door overnight. My husband is not especially fond of this practice.



Example of some beading supplies. Photo by Laura Dow.

While your cord is stretching, there is plenty of time for you to lay out your beads in whatever pattern you desire on your bead board. Additionally, you might go ahead and string up your beads on practice cord to hold up to your neck to see if you have the correct length for whatever outfit or occasion you have in mind. It is far easier to make changes now rather than later.

Basically, I prefer for my necklaces to have a small knot between each bead. Almost all pearl necklaces are knotted between each bead for two reasons. One is the reason that you've heard of and that is if the strand breaks then you won't lose all your pearls. There is also the factor of wear and tear. If you have two pearls rubbing directly against each other at the location of the drilled hole, eventually some chipping and wear to the nacre of the pearl will occur. I also personally believe that a knotted strand of beads lies more gracefully against the bony contours of the neck and shoulders.

To make a knot between each bead or pearl, you must make the knot as close to the hole in the bead as possible. You can use something called a tri-cord knoter or you can simply place the end of a sewing machine needle or small awl into the bead hole and tie the cord around it. You want to make sure that this knot is close and tight before stringing on the next bead. Remember that some stretching will occur over time so do get your knot close and tight.

When you begin to bead your strand, you tie a knot at the opposite end of the cord from the needle and string on a bead tip so that the first knot rests in the cup of the bead tip and the hook end of the bead tip is away from the strand. This hook on the bead tip will eventually connect with a jump ring and a clasp. You then proceed to string your beads, knotting after each one, to the end of your desired length and ending with another bead tip. I always put a drop of super glue on the knot at each end to hold the knot securely. After the glue dries and sets up, then clip the ends of the bead cord as close as possible to the knot, close over the bead cup, and attach your findings and clasp.

These basic instructions will at least get you started. Remember that when getting dressed, pearls and beads in general should be the last things you put on and the first things that you take off. Neither the pearls nor the beads nor the bead cord do well with hair spray or perfume. Enjoy!!!.



First Knot Inside Bead Tip.
Photo by Laura Dow.

Betsy recommends *Pearl and Bead Stringing with Henrietta* by Henrietta Virchick as a good book for beginner beaders.

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~The Editors



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SHOP TIPS



Be careful! It is not advisable to dip jewelry with mother-of-pearl or abalone shell in liquid silver cleaner without first testing it on a spare chip or piece. It may take the luster off the mother-of-pearls and abalone.

~By Art Fielder to *The Petrified Lob, St. Monica*; via
Boulder Buster Press, via The Rockytier, 12/03

Add four tablespoons of salt to three cups of boiling water. Keep adding salt until no more will dissolve, then cool. Unmounted amber will float in this solution, imitators won't.

~Author unknown, from *The Pegmatite, 4/00*, via
Quarry Quips, 12/03

Llano's First Annual Knappers Rendezvous and Gem Show October 20-22, 2006

The show is being held in conjunction with Llano's Sesquicentennial Heritage Day Celebration on Saturday, which will include a craft show on the square and a chuck wagon cook off at Badu Park. Period clothing is encouraged all weekend.

There will be live music, rocks and minerals, flint knapping, gold panning, and metal detecting. The event will be held at Robinson Park on the banks of the Llano River three miles west of Llano on Highway 152. Flint knappers from around the state will be demonstrating their craftsmanship. Rock and gem dealers will have a great selection of minerals for you to choose from. You can even learn to pan for gold or participate in the Great State of Texas Gold Panning Championship.

Show hours are Friday; 12pm-dark, Saturday; 10am-dark and Sunday; 10am-5pm. For information visit the website at www.enchantedrocksandjewelry.com.

ROCK SALE!

The Alamo Rock shop will be moving in November and is currently selling all of its rough rock for 75 % off.

~Gene Healy

FOSSILMANIA October 27-29, 2006

The show will be held at the Somervell County Expo Center on Highway 67 in Glen Rose, Texas. Admission is free! The hours are Friday 8 to 6, Saturday 9 to 6, and Sunday 9 to 2. There are free educational programs on Saturday, fossil identification, free fossils for children, and hourly door prize drawings on Saturday. There will be a talk by Charles Finsley on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and a fossil auction on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss the returning "mini-museum" from Dinosaur World in San Antonio.



S.C.F.M.S. News

SCFMS Endowment Fund

Silent Auction at the SCF Convention and Show at
Bossier City, LA
By Ed Ries, SCFMS Chair

Thanks for the donations that were received from **Mac & Fran Ellis**, Paul Broussard, **Paul & Margaret Good**, Ed Ries, Keith & Charlotte Harmon, **James Mercier**, Bud & Mary Trammel, Dick & Mary-Ruth Rathjen, Bill & Lois Patillo, Larry Wood, Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society and those that were forgotten. Several clubs sent material by one of the above individuals.

Many thanks to those who volunteered to help sort, label and place items on tables, collect money and any other work required to keep the auction running. Those volunteers were: Ersel & Cristy Holder, Lisa Reddick, Okley Davis, Larry Woo, George Jacob, Gary & Cheri Stewart, Red Fluitt, Ed Ries, and Joyce Kiker.

The income for the SCF Endowment fund from these items was \$1,198.50 and for the Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society, \$399.50. The proceeds from the auction have been placed in the permanent fund of the SCF Endowment Fund from which only interest can be used to help support SCF projects. Thanks for your continued support of your Federation Endowment Fund.

~Excerpted from S.C.F.M.S. Newsletter, 9-10/2006

A.F.M.S. News



Earth Science Week Resources for Kids

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Activities Chair

With October upon us, I'd like to draw your attention to Earth Science Week. This annual event has been sponsored by the American Geological Institute (AGI) (along with numerous others), since October 1998 to promote a better public understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences and, in the process, to encourage stewardship of our one-and-only planet.

This year, **Earth Science Week is October 8-14** and has a theme of "Be a Citizen Scientist." The goal is to encourage everyone, not just academics and Ph.D. researchers, to take part in the earth sciences. The AGI Earth Science Week web site (www.earthsciweek.org) provides ideas for how all of us can become scientifically literate citizens, helping to advance the field in ways great and small.

Of special interest to our junior members and the adults who mentor them, this web site has tabs "For Teachers" and "For Students." The Teachers tab takes you to more than 60 activities divided by grade level (grades K-4, 5-8, and 9-12) and all based on National Science Education Standards. The Students tab helps kids find Earth Science Week events near their communities, provides information on careers and what earth scientists do, gives guidance on entering Earth Science Week contests, provides an opportunity to earn an Earth Science Week Activity Patch, and more.

~Excerpted from A.F.M.S. Newsletter, 10/2006

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also eat a lot of fat, but suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. Conclusion: Eat & drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

~From The Rockytierr 8/04

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