



Rok Tok

April 2010



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Program

Turquoise!

Mickey Kaehr will share with us history of mining, use, popularity & myths surrounding Turquoise. Including: grading, fascinating facts, techniques, and so much more. Mickey was GM of the world's largest turquoise mining operation.

Our Purpose

The Dallas Gem and Mineral Society is organized to promote: Interest, knowledge, and skill in the lapidary arts and in the art of metalworking, and embodying the use of polished gems and minerals when appropriate. Interest in the collecting and study of rocks and minerals, to increase knowledge of geology and related earth sciences, including the holding of an annual show, cooperation, the sharing of common interests and a better understanding of the activities of the members.

Club Officers for 2010

President – Spencer Pattison

1st VP – Scott Frost

2nd VP – Jack Sorrow

Secretaries – Christine Gunter & Dawn Clement

Treasurer – Eric Harris

6th Member - Donna Bowers

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Workshop Hours

Open Shop:

Monday – 4:30 – 9:00 PM

Thursday – 4:30 – 9:00 PM

Saturday – 8:00 AM - Noon

Monthly Meetings

3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

10205 Plano, Dallas, TX

Next door to DGMS shop

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March 2010 DGMS Minutes

Christine Gunter, DGMS Secretary

DGMS President Spencer Pattison called the meeting to order.

Our program for March was presented by Shelley Kaeher, author of Gemstone Journeys. She gave a presentation of the various spiritual and medicinal aspects of minerals such as Flourite, citrine, amethyst, aventurine, rose quartz, and several others. It was a very interesting program followed by a question and answer period at the end of the presentation.

Pot Luck Adjournment.

Due to Spring Break, there were not enough officers present for a quorum. This gave the membership ample time to have open discussion on several topics. Without a quorum we could not vote in new members. However, we held a straw vote to let those desiring membership know we would be accepting them at the next meeting. Few of those present desiring new membership were Betty Sievert and Beverly Gaus.

The InterGem show was discussed noting we had one more meeting before InterGem.

We also discussed the audit. Darryl said all finances and records checked out and are available for review.

There was no Treasury report as Eric was not present.

Scott was not present so there was no discussion on upcoming speakers, but it was mentioned Shelly Kaeher's father is scheduled to present our program for April. Details to follow.

Sec. Report. Christine read the minutes of the previous meeting and badges were discussed. Dawn Clements is Secretary in charge of badges and will continue to work on processing them as needed.

Margaret Laughlin reported on Abbot's shop. The Abbots mini program in February was a presentation regarding their shop at Ridgemar Mall in Ft. Worth, a place for artisans to sell their wares. Margaret said she had been there, had gotten a small booth/showcase area and that it seemed like a good thing and we are all hopeful that it is successful. Members are encouraged to go check it out and get a space if they are interested.

The Sunshine report stated Bill Henderson was back home after surgery and was doing well. Our thoughts and prayers are with him in his recovery period as we look forward to seeing him back at the shop soon as possible.

Raffle held, meeting adjourned.

Up-Coming 2010 Programs

1st VP, Scott Frost, DGMS

May, 2010; Field Trips

Jim Senseman will be addressing the subject of Field trips. Some of the topics will be: making the plans, packing the gear, and avoiding the pitfalls. Hopefully, there will be additional speakers from within the club addressing the subject of "Collecting Trips, Tips, and Techniques".

June, 2010; Faceting

Diane Eames, a gemologist from Mason, TX will discuss gemstone faceting and include some basic elements of identification and a look at, among other gems, Mason area Topaz.

Editor's Tablet

Editor: DGMS-Rok Tok

Please keep articles and photos coming in to share one with another. I cannot tell you how great it is to bring lotza reading material to you; because, it is really much more fun than having to print an almost empty newsletter. Remember, any pictures you share need to be jpg or gif file. Thank you for the articles to those that have shared with us. Deadline for articles is by the 2nd Tuesday after the club meeting; in order to get it into the following months Rok Tok.

Presidents Message

Spencer J. Pattison, DGMS President 2010

This is my third President's message and this starts the search for something clever or humorous to put on paper that catches the eye and grabs the senses. Well, let me tell you about my Nanny, "Alma Dahlquist"! My grandma was a Swedish emigrant, at age 22, to the United States in 1911. She and two sisters made the trip to Minnesota; where, like most newcomers, they married and raised families of which I am a part. Now you ask, what the hay does this have to do with DGMS, rocks or anything? I give you these three axioms from my parental education and experiences: NEVER lose your sense of curiosity, wonder and reverence. ALWAYS learn something new every day. BE truthful in all actions, either verbal or physical. These lessons have served me well in my life and continue to do so.

You and I and all members of our great club are, for good or bad, the face that the public sees when they attend any of our functions. The adults will look, see and forget most of what passed before their eyes because of other priorities and everyday obligations. However, the kids, if we can stimulate their senses, will remember many of the things we presented to them. That's where the 3 items above come to the forefront. Display a sense of curiosity and reverence in what you are demonstrating. By teaching someone else a skill you have acquired and mastered, you will learn something from your student and about yourself. And above all, be truthful and sincere in what you present and the guidelines you use in your demonstration.

The above is the clever part. The humorous part follows as Ole, Sven and Lena jokes; Ole asks Sven why he keeps saying "Oufda" after making a mistake or doing something stupid. Sven looks at Ole, scratches his cheek, and says "Ya shure it beats 'ittin' me eed ahll dosse times." Baasidez, Lena, she vants mae to emproffe on my Ingleesh.

DGMS Traveling Display

Submitted by: Mollie Cutting: DGMS Shop Secretary

If you read this article last month, you are aware of our traveling display. DGMS were asked to keep our display for a while longer at the Bachman Lake Library. They are having a grand opening ceremony in April and want our display in place for that event. According to Becky, the Library staff feels our display is very professional and they are proud to have it in place for the ceremony. Kudos to Ben Hong and Becky Kolb for helping set this up March 2, 2010, at the Bachman Lake Branch Library located at: 9480 Webb Chapel Road Dallas, TX 75220 - (214) 670-6376. It looks beautiful and if any of you get a chance, please try to go by and look at it. It is best to call ahead to check on their open hours.

Many, many, thanks to Ben Hong for sharing his fabulous and most impressive array of rocks and minerals which look gorgeous on display.

Also, we would like to offer our many thanks to Becky for securing the location. She is working on a different library for next month. We had a young student approach us today and tell us the display had helped him with his studies and in completing a paper he was writing; this makes all the work worthwhile.



Ben Hong's collection graciously loaned to DGMS for Traveling Display March 2010 and was asked to leave it during Bachman Lake Library rededication ceremony in April 2010. What an honor being asked to use it and an even greater honor having Ben loan it to DGMS for the Traveling Display.

Thank you, Ben!



The display shows Wire Wrapped Cabochons, Crystals, various Fossils, Geodes, and Pyrite, to name a few item in the collection. In the picture to the left, the headline to the pages reads "No Stone Unturned" Rockhounds scour the state for the good stuff".

InterGem Coming April 23 -25

Editor, DGMS Rok Tok

If you want an opportunity at the DGMS booth at the InterGem Show, be sure to sign up to contribute your efforts for Wednesday and Thursday work days. Also, remember you must have attended at least 3 general club meetings to qualify for a spot at the club booth. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting and you may speak to Fred Hodges to learn what the work duties consist of.

At the Shop

Jack Sorrow, 2nd VP DGMS

The shop is humming full speed ahead; and all is well as, we continue our efforts in keeping the equipment available.

Classes

Mollie Cutting: DGMS Shop Secretary

Rick Ramsey has offered to teach a Qualifying Class starting on April 14 and going for 6 weeks. The cost of the class is \$30 (which needs to be prepaid). The shop provides all the supplies.

Watch for more children's classes in the near future for we know there are many more of our young members that would have a great time in wire wrapping class. The children are such fun to work with.

SunShine Report

Mollie Cutting: DGMS Shop Secretary

Bill Henderson, DGMS member and roving micro photographer is back home from the hospital and doing much better. He underwent knee replacement and had some complications; thankfully, he is now at home. Please keep Bill and the family in your prayers, for a swift and healthy recovery.

Vickie Thornton's (Bobby Thornton's wife) father has been hospitalized and in very serious condition for the last few weeks. We ask you to hold this family up in prayer.

Silent Auction Coming in August

Editor, DGMS Rok Tok

If you are considering contributing to the "Rock Pile" or "Slab Pile", it's time to start rooting in your pile collections.

We need slabs, rocks, and even fossils. We are counting on your generosity yet again this year so all will have a grand time. If you donate the rocks, someone will donate the time to cut it into slabs in the name of the Silent Auction. Check with the board as to where to drop off your donation. Thank you for helping DGMS build our funds.

1st Saturday Shop News

Mollie Cutting: DGMS Shop Secretary

Please do not forget to order your Famous Mollie Burritos. Remember, they are made to order so you must give Mollie your order to be assured of getting your share of these mouth watering tasty vittles.

Area Clubs

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club, Garland Women's Bldg, 713 Austin, Garland, meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers, 3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Fort Worth, meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, 10205 Plano Road, off of Plano Road, Dallas, TX, meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm
Dallas Bead Society, Walnut Hill Rec Ctr, NW corner Walnut Hill & Midway, Dallas, meets 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 pm
Oak Cliff Gem & Mineral Society, Renaissance Hospital, 2929 S Hampton Road, Dallas, TX, meets 4th Tuesday each month at 7 pm
Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club, 3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft Worth, TX, meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
Dallas Paleontological Society, EMGI (Bldg. H, Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244), meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Birthstone of the Month

DGMS Rok Tok Editor: Anita Dresner

Emerald; the May Birthstone

A fine emerald can be more expensive than a high quality diamond of the same carat weight.



Prized since ancient times, emeralds are of the beryl family of minerals. The green color happens depending upon the presence and amount of minerals, chromium or vanadium. Their color can range from a grassy green to yellowish or bluish green, with the finest color being that of jello green in color. They have a hardness of 7.5 to 8 on the Mohs scale. They almost always have inclusions and are rarely flawless; true emerald lovers want to see the inclusions as proof the gem is real and not a grown fake. They are measured in carat weight, are very expensive when they have the very best of color and include a few inclusions, and these are quite rare.

Since most all emeralds have cracks, they are treated with oils or clear epoxy; usually with a hint of green tint filling surface cracks. This is reportedly one reason you should avoid cleaning emeralds with ultra-sonic devices. Quality emeralds are found in India, South Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, and Zimbabwe, and recently in North. Colombian emeralds with rich grass-green color, often with a hint of blue, are among the world's most beautiful.

Emeralds are often worn to promote healing and enhance love and contentment. They are thought to enhance clairvoyance of those who wear them. Emeralds were believed, in ancient times to improve low IQ and poor eyesight, and were worn to strengthen memory and greater eloquence. Mummies were found buried with emeralds and have embellished thrones of some of the oldest dynasties. In ancient times emeralds were considered to be a cure of many diseases and were greatly sought after, creating a profitable trade between Egypt and locations far away as India. The Egyptians held a control on the emerald world supply up to the Sixteenth Century, C. E. Because of Cleopatra's fascination with the emerald, ancient mines in Egypt now are referred to as Cleopatra's Mines, mines where emeralds of breathtaking beauty were discovered.

Unlike diamonds and rubies, no abundance of emeralds exists and is probably the reason why these mystical pagan green gems are more expensive than any other jewel. Carat for carat, they are the most expensive gems in the world. Why such a high price? A large part of the reason is because emeralds are rare gems.

Ref:

Emerald Facts and Folklore By Carly Wickell, About.com Guide:

<http://jewelry.about.com/cs/emeralds/a/emeraldjewelry.htm>

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Semi-Annual Rock Swap

Jack Sorrow, 2nd VP DGMS

Mollie Cutting: DGMS Shop Secretary

What: Dallas Gem and Mineral Society Semi-Annual Spring Rock Swap

When: SATURDAY, May 1, 2010

Time: 8:00 am until?????

Where: 10205 Plano Road at our club house @ 635 & Plano Road

We will have signs at the corner of Plano Road and Plano Road (**our street is also Plano Road, heading north from IH-635, it is the 1st street on your left**). Food and drinks provided for a donation of \$5.00. Many dealers; including but not limited to: rocks, fossils, slabs, minerals and gem stones, etc. Please tell all your friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances about the swap.

If you would like to set up at the swap please contact Mollie Cutting at: mollie_cutting@sbcglobal.net.

Show Dates

APRIL 2010:

24-25 - JACKSON, MS: Mobile Rock & Mineral Society Show & Sale; The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Nature's Society of Majestic Arts; Mississippi Fairgrounds, Trademark Bldg; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; gems, minerals, fossils, beads, crystals, rough and cut stones, finished jewelry, tools and lapidary supplies, fossils, minerals, stone vases and carvings, loose precious stones, mobile gem mining, gold mining, pearls, knapping, faceting, jewelry repairs; contact Sharon McClanahan or Stan Bennett, (601) 898-0407; email: stan@tompkinsbarron.com

24-25 - WACO, TX: Waco Gem & Mineral Club 50th Annual Show; TSTC Industrial Trade Center; Sat 10-5:30, Sun 10-5; Adults \$5 (both days), Students \$1; contact Kay Coleman, 118 County Road 540, Fairfield, TX 75840, (903) 389-8311

30-2 - HOUSTON, TX: "Houston Fine Mineral Show" 2nd Annual Show; Fine Mineral Show; Embassy Suites Hotel, near The Galleria; Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; more than 50 dealers; contact Dave Waisman, PO Box 8543, Spokane, WA 99203; Website: www.finemineralshow.com

MAY 2010:

1-2 - LUBBOCK, TX: Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society Show; Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; Adults \$4, Students (6-12) \$2, Children under 6 Free with adult; door prizes, children's "Spinning Wheel", demonstrations, sphere making, wire wrapping, silent auction, club displays, dealers, beads, jewelry, minerals, carvings, rough and polished rocks; contact Archie Scott, 2709 Belvedere Road, Levelland, TX 79336, (806) 894-1584; email: archie.scott73@yahoo.com; Website: <http://lgmstx.org>

14-16 - ENID, OK: Enid Gem & Mineral Society Annual Swap; Oakwood Mall, 4125 W Owen K Garriott Road; silent auction, kids' area, lapidary work, rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry; Fri & Sat 10-8, Sun 12-5; contact Stan Nowak, (580) 484-2785; email: snowak48@yahoo.com

29-30 - FT WORTH, TX: "Fabulous Fossils" 59th Annual Show; Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club; Will Rogers Memorial Center, Amon G Carter Exhibit Bldg, 3401 W Lancaster; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children under 12 Free; 30 dealers, kids' games, hourly door prizes, grand prize, silent auction, exhibits; contact Steve Hilliard, PO Box 418, Decatur, TX 76234; (817) 925-5760; email: fwgmc@embarqmail.com; contact Stan Nowak, (580) 484-2785; email: snowak48@yahoo.com. Website: www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org. 10-8, Sun 12-5;

JUNE 2010:

4-6 - TULSA, OK: "Gem Faire Show"; Gem Faire Inc.; Expo Square/Central Park Hall, 4145 E 21st Street; Fri 12-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Website: www.gemfaire.com

5 - MURFREESBORO, AR: "Crater Gem & Mineral Show"; Crater of Diamonds State Park; 209 State Park Road; Sat 8-4; Free admission; gems, minerals, jewelry, diamond search area adults \$7, children \$4; contact Margi Jenks, 209 State Park Road, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, (870) 285-3116; e-mail: margaret.jenks@arkansas.gov; Website: www.craterofdiamondsstatepark.com

11-13 - ALBUQUERQUE, NM: "Gem Faire Show"; Gem Faire Inc; NM State Fairgrounds, 300 San Pedro NE; Fri 12-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Website: www.gemfaire.com

July 2010:




1-4 - SISTERS, OR: "Sister's Round-up of Gems Show"; Oregon Gem Shows; Sister's Elementary School, 611 E Cascade, off Hwy 20; Thu, Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4; Free admission; contact Jean Miller, PO Box 136, Molalla, OR 97038, (503) 829-2680; e-mail: shadow92337@molalla.net; Website: www.ogmshows.com

2-4 - FARMINGTON, NM: San Juan County Gem & Mineral Club Show; Farmington Civic Center, 200 W Arlington Street; Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free admission; door prizes, rocks, gems, minerals, Farmington Freedom Days; contact Mickie Calvert, PO Box 1482, Farmington, NM 87499, (505) 632-8288; e-mail: mickie2@earthlink.net

17-18 - TULSA, OK: "Treasures of the Earth Show"; Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society; Central Park Hall, Expo Square, Tulsa Cty Fairgrounds, 21st & Yale; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Children under 12 and Scouts in uniform Free; special Scout & children's areas, club & special displays, silent auction, door prizes, classes, lectures, lapidary demonstrations; Wayne Mouser, 1514 S Carson Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74119, (918) 582-8700; e-mail: okyrocks@peoplepc.com; or Finis Riggs, (918) 587-4400; e-mail: Lriggs@cox.net; Website: www.ttownrockhound.org

24-25 - FLAGSTAFF, AZ: "Flagstaff Jewelry, Gem, and Mineral Show"; Val Latham, Sharon Szymanski; Radisson Woodlands Hotel Flagstaff; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; contacts Sharon Szymanski, (480) 671-6191, or Val Latham, (602) 466-3060

MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					SEMI-ANNUAL ROCK SWAP Saturday, May 1 st 	 BURRITO SATURDAY 1 8 am – Noon Open Shop
2	3 4:30–9:00 pm Open Shop	4	5	6 4:30–9:00 pm Open Shop	7	9:30 am DGMS Board Meeting 8 8 am – Noon Open Shop
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JUNE 2010

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TO:

Meeting Date and Location

Third Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM
10205 Plano Road
American Legion Building
Dallas, TX

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Club Shop Map

