



# Rok Tok

August 2010



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## Program

"I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and between heat waves you are finding time to collect new material or digging through your old piles. As always, our August program is the Silent Auction in place of our regular meeting. This is a very important program for our club and I hope you all have a chance to donate, attend and bid. Here is looking forward to seeing everyone there."

## 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Scott Frost
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Jack Sorrow
- Secretaries – Christine Gunter & Dawn Clement
- Treasurer – Eric Harris
- 6<sup>th</sup> Member - Donna Bowers
- Show Chairman – David Pirnie
- Editor – Anita Dresner
- Email: [anitadresner@rocketmail.com](mailto:anitadresner@rocketmail.com)

## Workshop Hours

- Open Shop:
- Monday & Thursday
- 4:30 – 9:00 PM
- Saturday
- 8:00AM - Noon

## Monthly Meetings

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM
- 10205 Plano, Dallas, TX
- Next door to DGMS shop

**ROK TOK Articles Deadline**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after General Meeting**

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## **Presidents Message**

Spencer J. Pattison, DGMS President

August???? What is there about August that's inspiring and has a "gotcha" quality to get through the next couple of months. Anticipation; of the coming months and the celebrations that are a part of our fall traditions. State Fairs, Fall Festivals, Craft Shows and FOOTBALL, either high school, college or professional, everybody yells "Go Team".

Another Texas summer is almost in the books and now the remaining months will seem like four has become two and tomorrow is yesterday two days ago. It's time to spoil the grand kids with a new school outfit and how about some new shoes too! Okay, who wants to be a teenager again, everybody or nobody, but only if we can take our current knowledge level back to those years of carefree adolescents. What will those teenagers see in the next ten to twenty years and will our hobby still be viable for them to enjoy? We can channel those young interests into rock hounding by encouraging youth studies and participation at all levels. The inquisitive mind of a child is the single greatest resource any family possesses. To nurture that mind is the responsibility of all of us.

Now, today is a good time to start thinking about the fall election of Club Officers. Anyone that is interested in serving on the election committee should notify the club secretary. Also, candidates for office should notify the club secretary as well. All Club Office positions are up for election to serve a one - (1) year term. Hey, if I can hold office for a year, anybody can do it.

There are rough times and enjoyable times, learning experiences and a lot of ah-ha moments. But, most of all are the club members and their interest in the club and willingness to share their reservoir of knowledge with those still, like me, very much at the bottom of the learning curve. The club is us, you and me, we keep it going or we let it die from lack of participation. There needs to be extensive member participation from all members not just the few that are willing to serve. Because, no one else will, is not a very good reason to serve. Think about it and enjoy the last days of summer.

And lastly, to all of you that have shared your ideas, directions, requests and critiques, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this past year. My experience as President would not have been half as enjoyable and enlightening without your participation and your HELP to me in all things lapidary.

## **Board Meetings**

DGMS Rok Tok Editor

***DGMS BOARD MEETINGS are now at 9:00 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.***

### **Area Clubs**

#### **Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club**

Garland Women's Bldg, 713 Austin, Garland, meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm

#### **Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers**

3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Ft Worth, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm

#### **Dallas Gem & Mineral Society**

10205 Plano Road, off of Plano Road, Dallas, meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

#### **Oak Cliff Gem & Mineral Society**

South Hampton Community Hospital, 2929 S Hampton Rd, Dallas, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at 7 pm

#### **Ft Worth Gem & Mineral Club**

3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft Worth, meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

#### **Dallas Paleo Society**

EMGI (Bldg. H Brookhaven College 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

***Dallas Bead Society, Awaiting announcement of new location***

## June 2010 DGMS Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Pattison.

Our program for the July meeting, "Man Made Rocks", was presented by Charles Williams. He related to us how combinations of oxides fused or stuck together by nature are what we call "rocks". When man started doing the same type thing it was called "glass" or "ceramics."

I am sorry the minutes were incomplete for the month of July.

### At the Shop

Jack Sorrow, 2nd VP DGMS; jasorrow@tx.rr.com

It is always great to report all of the shop equipment is up and running. The A/C is working fine in the shop so don't let the hot weather stop you from coming out and enjoying your shop. We have had some very active days at the shop and are looking forward to having all of you back at the shop as we are eager to hear those saws humming. There is always room for one more to cut and/or polish a rock.

As you see below, there are classes in the planning. All classes are announced to determine interest. After determining the interest, we will communicate only to those who have indicated their interest, as to the dates, the time, etc.; hopefully, this will cut down on some of the confusion.

I need your input as to what you would like to see happening in order to keep you up-to-date on what is taking place at the shop. Please let Mollie or I know what you would like to see offered as this is your shop and I am here to keep things moving along.

### Classes

Mollie Cutting DGMS Shop Sec.; mollie\_cutting@sbcglobal.net

We are trying to put together a class and need at least 5 people for it. Anyone interested in a Qualifying Class, (particularly new members) please contact Mollie Cutting or Jack Sorrow at ASAP.

We also want to offer a Wire Wrapped Ring Class which would be taught by Monika Brown. As soon as we get 5 people interested in this, we will schedule the class.

If there is an interest in a Beginners Wire Wrap Class, please let me know, as we can quickly put one together. As usual, all the above classes are to be paid in advance, and it's on a first come first serve basis.

We had two Viking Weave Chain Making and one Mail Chain Making classes, taught by Beth Spinks. What a phenomenal teacher. Thanks Beth, DGMS really appreciates you stepping up to teaching these classes.

## 1st VP Up-Coming 2010 Programs

1st VP, Scott Frost, DGMS

\* **September:** I am in need of ideas for our monthly programs. If you have any thoughts about program topics, or better yet, any contacts for me to check out, I would appreciate your help. I presently need ideas for our September and October meetings.

## Silent Auction Coming in August

Editor, DGMS Rok Tok

Time is of the essence! Needed immediately! Your donations! If you are considering contributing to the "Rock Pile", "Slab Pile", or even fossils, for our Silent Auction, this meeting is our Silent Auction. DGMS is counting on your generosity yet again this year. All will have a grand time. Thanks' for helping build DGMS funds.



## 1st Saturday Shop News

Mollie Cutting: DGMS Shop Secretary



**Don't forget to order your Famous Mollie Burritos.**  
**Remember, these mouth watering tasty vittles**  
**are made to order so get your order in early!**

### Editor's Pen

DGMS Editor

Fun, Fun, Fun at going on here, at DGMS. This month we have the club Silent Auction, then the Semi-Annual Rock Swap and Garage Sale, followed by the Intergem Show, and most importantly our Annual DGMS Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show, in November.

Very soon we will be having election of officers. There will be a committee named and they will be asking each of you to consider serving as an officer for 2011. The pay (\$0) is great for your tax filing as it will not raise your income level, and the perks are great as well. You will have the opportunity to meet new people and work with them. You will have a good time and your club members will appreciate you immensely! Please consider serving your club, we need you!

### Field Trip of the Month

DGMS Field Trip Coordinator: Lori Simons

August 28, 8:00 — 4:00

Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery

Ft. Worth, Texas

~~We will meet at the club house on Saturday morning at 8:00 am and carpool to Ft Worth to visit the Meteorite Museum. Everyone can go, so email me and tell me if you are interested. [Lori.Ltr@gmail.com](mailto:Lori.Ltr@gmail.com)~~

### Reflections of Yester Year

DGMS Editor

But that it was this easy these days..... RT editor: A new resident in Caledonia County, Va., checked in at the general store to inquire about credit. "You plan to stay in these parts long?" asked the storekeeper. "Reckon so .... I bought a cemetery lot last week," he replied. He got the credit....

*Ref: Gene Brown in Danbury, Conn.; Rock and Minerals Magazine, June 1973*

Do you recall these days?.... RT Ed: Chicken every Sunday was once a sign of affluence: today it means that you can't afford anything else.

*Ref: Gene Kalamazoo Geo. & Min. Society. Rock and Minerals Magazine, June '73*

Now this is bad. Bad to the rock core..... RT Editor: Have you heard the definition of a rock hound? It seems this elderly rockhound was digging for agate in an old corn field with one of the younger generation when a funeral procession was seen passing on the next hill. The young rockhound noticed the old man stand at attention, hat in hand over heart, and asked why. The old one replied: "It's the least I can do. I've been married to that woman for 40 years."

*Ref: Via Rome Georgia Mineral Society; Rock and Minerals Magazine, June 1973*

Pearls from fresh water were used in the middle Ages as medicine for heart palpitation, depression, and to clear the blood. Sir Frances Bacon, the famous 17<sup>th</sup> century philosopher, believed pearls could lengthen life.

*Ref: Pearls as Medicine; Rock and Minerals Magazine, June 1973*

## Birthstone of the Month

DGMS Rok Tok Editor: Anita Dresner



**Olivine Chrysolite**

Chrysolite and sardonyx are Leo the Lion (July 23 - Aug 22 ) birthstones, and is the 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary stone.

Chrysolite means "golden stone" in Greek. Chrysolite is a golden yellow variety of Peridot. Chrysolite; is a yellow-green gemstone and is akin to a golden yellow Peridot; may be sparkling pale green color, and at times can be found in hues of lime, yellowish, olive, or medium dark green.

Chrysolite; [Mg,Fe] 2SiO<sub>4</sub> Magnesium iron silicate, with a hardness of 6.5 – 7, may be referred to as a Peridot or maybe precious olivine; having transparent green olivine of gem-quality, olivine is found in igneous and metamorphic rocks and used as a gemstone.



**Chrysolite**

It may have conchoidal fractures and a vitreous luster, as gem-quality olivine is composed of a lot of the earth's mantle.

As with all gems, it needs to be protected from marring, sharp blows, and drastic temperature changes. Ask a gemologist how to properly clean it but never clean it in a home ultrasonic cleaner.

**Peridot**



Chrysolite was worn by ancient Romans; as an amulet to protect the wearer from melancholy, when set in gold it helped prevent nightmares. It would be enhanced by the hairs of a donkey passed through a hole that was made in it. People of ancient times valued this stone and in the Middle Ages it was worn to gain future insight and divine inspiration. It is worn for health improvement, to increase physical vitality. It helps liver & adrenal function, and thought to protect lungs and sinuses from illness and wrists from injury. When worn around the wrist or neck when retiring for the night, it was believed to promote restful sleep.

Chrysolite and Peridot are found in Australia, Brazil, China, Egypt, Burma, Pakistan, Norway, and (Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, and New Mexico). A good deal of the today's Peridot comes from Arizona. In 1994, an exciting new deposit of Peridot was discovered in Pakistan, and these stones are among the finest ever seen.

As a side note of interest: For anyone that is curious about **Chrysolite** being mentioned in the bible here below are some 10 occurrences you can check out. I find it interesting how many stones of today, as well as those we believe were mis-named, are mentioned this far back in history. Song of Songs 5:14, Revelation 21:20, Exodus 28:17&20, Exodus 28:20, Exodus 39:10 &13, Ezekiel 1:16, Ezekiel 10:9, Ezekiel 28:13 & Daniel 10:6.

Ref: <http://www.all-that-gifts.com/se/peridot.html>

“Peridot is a symbol of fame, dignity, and protection”

Ref: <http://www.answers.com/topic/chrysolite>

Ref: <http://bibletab.com/c/chrysolite.htm>



**Chrysolite**

## Show Dates

### AUGUST 2010

**13-15 Pass Christian, MS:** Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society Show; West Harrison County Community Center (Espy Center), 4470 Espy Ave; Fri 12-7, Sat 9-6 & Sun 10-5; adults \$3, children 12 & under free; door prizes, grand prize raffle, bring your rock and stump the expert Sunday; contact Tomsey Westermeyer, 9270 Serenity Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571, (228) 586-5279 or (229) 326-2390; Website: tomsey@cableone.net

**20-21 Tahlequah, OK:** Tahlequah R&MS Show; Tahlequah Community Bldg, 1<sup>st</sup> Street & College Avenue; Fri & Sat 9-6; free admit; vendors, rocks, minerals, child's activities, fluorescent display, snack bar, museum participation; contact Don Alberty, PO Box 932, Tahlequah, OK 74465, (918) 207-9733; email: moody\_tuner@yahoo.com

**21-22 Bossier City, LA:** Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society Show; Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road; Sat 10-6 & Sun 10-5; adults \$4, students \$1, children 5 & under; Scouts in uniform free; door prizes, youth activities, exhibits, live demonstrations; contact Charlie Johns, 9314 Overlook Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118, (318) 687-4929; email: cwsejohns@bellsouth.net; Website: www.larockclub.com

**28-29 Jasper, TX:** Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Show; The Event Center, 6258 Hwy 190W, 5 miles west of Jasper; Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5; adults \$2, students & children free; silent auction, Spinning Wheel, door prizes, grand prize raffle, rock food table, lapidary demonstrations, educational exhibits; contact Jonetta Nash, Rte 2 Box 248, Jasper, TX 75951, (409) 384-3974; e-mail: jonetta.nash@yahoo.com

**28-29 Mountain Home, AR:** Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club Show; Senior Center in Cooper Park, 1101 Spring Street; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; free admission; door prizes, mineral, gem displays, children's events, minerals, fossils, handmade jewelry, demons, silent auction, touch and feel area; contact Edward Hakesley, 821-1 Alexis Circle, Mountain Home, AR 72653, (870) 424-0956; email: edscamp3@yahoo.com; Website: www.ozarkearthscience.org

### SEPTEMBER 2010

**4-5 Arlington, TX:** "Texas Treasures"; Arlington G&M Club 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show; Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$6, Srs & children \$3; Kids' Korner, Rock Food Table, gem identification, silent auction, Grand Prize, hourly door prize, vendors, jewelry, beads, gems, minerals, fossils; contact Karen Cessna, 2213 Hackberry Drive, Arlington, TX 76013, (817) 860-5232; email: cessnak@ont.com; Website: www.agemclub.org

**11 Tulsa, OK:** "Indian Nations Artifact & Fossil Show" Bill Breckinridge & Harvey Shell; Oral Roberts University, Mabee Center, 81<sup>st</sup> & Lewis Avenue; Sat 8-5; adults \$3, child 12 & under free; contact Harvey Shell or Bill Breckinridge, (918) 284-8216; email: billbreckinridge2003@yahoo.com

**11-12 Siloam Springs, AR:** Northwest Arkansas G&M Society Annual Fall Sweep; Hwy 43N; Sat 9-5 & Sun 10-5; free admission; auction, kids' gem wash, silent auctions, grab bags; contact Dave Leininger, (479) 787-5619; email: hulagrub@aol.com; Website: www.nwarockhounds.org

**17-19 Enid, OK:** Enid G&M Society Show; Oak Wood Mall, 4125 Owen K Garriot (Hwy 412); Fri-Sat 10-6 & Sun 12-5; contact Billy E Wood, (580) 234-5344

**18-19 Stafford, TX:** Wholesale & Retail Show; Bead Jamboree; Stafford Convention Center, 10505 Cash Road; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; free admission; contact Robert Khork, 914 164<sup>th</sup> Street #449, Mill Creek, WA 98012, (206) 769-3987; email: info@beadjamboree.com; Website: www.beadjamboree.com

**28-3 Idabel, OK:** McCurtain Gem & Mineral Club Show & Sale; Museum of the Red River, 812 SE Lincoln Road, Hwy 70 S Bypass; Tue-Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4; free admission; contact Doris Perkins, 405 SE Ave G, Idabel, OK 74745, (580) 286-3133; email: rperkins8236@sbcglobal.net

### OCTOBER 2010

**2-3 Jacksonville, AR:** Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society Show; Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Drive; Sat. 9-5; free admission; more than 100 tables/20 dealers, demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, kids' dig, mineral identification; contact Pat Kissire, 4900 Sparks Road, Little Rock, AR 72210, (501) 821-2346; email: pkissire@sbcglobal.net; Website: www.centralarrockhound.org

**7-9 Mount Ida, AR:** "Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival" Show; Mount Ida Area C of C; Montgomery Cty Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road; Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4; free admission; dealers, minerals, jewelry, quartz crystals, kids' crystal digging contest; contact Maureen Walther, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; email: director@mtidachamber.com; Website: www.mtidachamber.com

**7-9 Mount Ida, AR:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual World's Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area C of C; Montgomery Cty Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road; Thu-Sat 9-3; adults \$80 (\$95 late registration); meet other miners, keep all you find, maybe even win a prize; contact Maureen Walther, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; email: director@mountidachamber.com; Website: www.mountidachamber.com

# AUGUST 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	3	4	5 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	6	 <b>BURRITO SATURDAY</b> 7 8 am - Noon Open Shop
8	9 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	10	11	12 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	13	14 8 am - Noon Open Shop
15	16 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	 17 <b>7 pm Annual Silent Auction</b>	18	19 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	20	21 8 am - Noon Open Shop
22	23 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	24	25	26 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	27	<b>9:30 am DGMS Board Meeting</b> 28 8 am - Noon Open Shop
29	30 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	31				

# SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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5	6 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	7	8	9 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	10	11 8 am - Noon Open Shop
12	13 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	14	15	16 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	17	18 8 am - Noon Open Shop
19	20 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	 21 <b>7 pm DGMS Meeting</b>	22	23 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	24	<b>9:30 am DGMS Board Meeting</b> 25 8 am - Noon Open Shop
26	27 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop	28	29	30 4:30-9:00 pm Open Shop		



**Dallas Gem and Mineral Society**  
**PO Box 742033**  
**Dallas, TX 75374-2033**

**TO:**

**Meeting Date and Location**

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

**Member of**

South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

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**Club Shop Map**

