



Rok Tok

November 2010



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Program

The November program will be the election of 2011 DGMS Board of Officers. Please be present to cast your vote and welcome the new board for the coming year, 2011.

Want some really interesting programs in 2011? Make your suggestions to our new 1st VP. It will be an added boost to him and hopefully getting the program you desire.

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
- Show Chairman – David Pirnie
- Editor – Anita Dresner
- Email: anitadresner@rocketmail.com

Workshop Hours

- Open Shop:
- Monday & Thursday 6 – 9 PM
- Sat – 8:00 AM - Noon

Monthly Meetings

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

ROK TOK Articles Deadline
2nd Tuesday after General Meeting

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Presidents Message

Spencer J. Pattison, DGMS President

This is election night! Vote for your candidate of choice.

I wish all of you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. This is one of our holidays that make memories with family and friends that last a lifetime. Who among you can't think back to this time of year and bring a flood of childhood memories and carefree times before adult responsibilities set in. Those crisp fall days, snitching apples from the nearest orchard while building your class floats for the High School Homecoming parade and football game. The Upper Class Halloween dances and your extended family seated around a very bountiful Thanksgiving table. We are truly blessed in these United States.

As all of you have seen in the October RokTok, I am not running for re-election. However, I wish to express my sincere thanks for all of your help and assistance in the year I have served. I plan to renew my membership, continue working at the shop, and assist with meeting night setup and the many other needs of the club. I may even volunteer for some as yet unknown project or just stay involved in the monthly operations of our club.

DALLAS GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY Annual Gem and Mineral Show November 2010

NOW is the best time of 2010 to consider volunteering to assist your fellow club members in the setup of our annual DGMS Gem and Mineral Show. We need a crew to load the truck with the display cases and other items Thursday night. Then Friday morning, to unload, assemble the cases and set up our booth area in the arena. You are all welcome to participate and help in whatever capacity your ability allows. If you feel like doing grunt work that's great, but display case setup that takes finesse and imagination is equally important. This is your club having fun and enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow members. I plan to be there and look forward to seeing you.

Birthstone of the Month

DGMS Rok Tok Editor: Anita Dresner



Tanzanite: THE other December Birthstone

It was found in the late 1960's, on a hilly area called Merelani in, Tanzania. It has a colorful legend telling it was Masai cattle herders which first saw about them 30 plus years ago after lightening caused a fire in Tanzania. Found in granite schist with calcite, sulfur, quartz, and green garnet; Tanzanite is noted for having a gorgeous sapphire blue color,

violet, and at times burgundy but will depend upon its crystal orientation. The gorgeous sapphire blue color can cost many thousands of dollars per carat in its larger sizes. It is of the epidote group, and when it is taken from its resting place it is predominately brown in color. Heat treatment brings about the gorgeous coloring, again dependent upon its crystal orientation.

It wasn't until October 2002 that it was added as a birthstone, an additional one for the month of December. It has a chemistry of $\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}_3(\text{SiO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$, on the scale of hardness it is a 6—7, with a perfect cleavage.

<http://thebrazilianconnection.com/tanzaniteinfopage.html>
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October 2010 DGMS Minutes

Christine Gunter, DGMS Secretary

PROGRAM: The program was presented by Mark Egan and he told us about Herkimer diamonds, found in NY state. He told where to find them and showed some fine examples.

PRESIDENT REPORT: In Spencer's absence, Anita Dresner presided over the meeting.

1stVP REPORT: Absent, no report.

2nd VP REPORT: Jack Sorrow reported that the 12" saw is due to arrive next week.

TREASURER REPORT: Absent, no report.

SECRETARY REPORT: The minutes of September were read and the membership voted to accept.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stewart Nolan and family are to be voted into the club. We hope to see them at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

DGMS Show: Show sign up. Show is November 20, need volunteers for set up on Thursday, and members to help out during the show. Please contact Darrell Harrison at bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net about when he needs help or sign the sheet in the shop, or at the next general meeting. You will receive numerous emails reminding you of this as it is our biggest fund-raiser and success of the show is important and it cannot be successful without the assistance of all members.

In September, Darrell offered a very impressive Amethyst geode half as an incentive to work the DGMS show in November. Each volunteer will get a ticket to go into a drawing for this geode. Volunteers are needed to make our show a big success and to pay our shop and club expenses, so we can keep the club running.

Elections:

At the November we elect new officers: The following list are those that have volunteered to step up to fill the officers, for your consideration.

President: Bobby Thornton, Mike Benner; 1ST VP: Gerald Pennington; 2nd VP: Jack Sorrow; Treasurer: Dale Langram; Secretary: Lisa Aguilari

By-Laws Amendment: A discussion of making an amendment to the By-Laws to change the wording from the City of Dallas to read Dallas County, for a location to hold the club meetings. We need to find a new location to accommodate our needs. The City of Dallas meeting sites are becoming too expensive. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to change the reading of the By-laws Article 1; Section 1:03; to "The principal meeting place shall be located in the Metropolitan area of Dallas County, Texas"

UPCOMING EVENTS: December is Christmas Pot Luck and Party. \$10 hobby related gift for the gift exchange, delicious food and fun.

Raffle was held. Meeting adjourned.

1st VP Up-Coming 2010 Programs

Acting 1st VP, Gerald Pennington DGMS

Due to Scott Frost busy schedule with his new job, the unopposed volunteer for 1st VP 2011 was voted in by the Board of Officers to serve out the remainder of the 1st VP position. Thank you Gerald for your willingness to do this for your club, your willingness is greatly appreciated by your club.

November: No Program. Business Year End Meeting, Annual Show Preparation and Election of Officers

December: Christmas Party

Classes

Mollie Cutting, DGMS Shop Secretary; mollie_cutting@sbcglobal.net

Monika Brown has offered to teach a ring making class. We have three students, but need two more to make a class. As soon as we get 5 people interested in this class, we will get it scheduled, and notify you of the date.

At the Shop

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

All the saws and equipment at this time are up and running and we await the arrival of our new 12" saw. Come on over and see us sometime.

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!



Editors Pen

Anita Dresner, DGMS Editor

Uncle Sam has often said in the past; **"We Need You!"**. Please come to the meeting Tuesday November 16 to vote in your officers and see who is stepping up to **To Serve YOUR club.**

Area Clubs

Arlington G&M Club, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club, Garland Women's Bldg., 713 Austin, Garland, meets the 1st Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers, 3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Fort Worth, meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, 10205 Plano Rd, off of Plano Rd, Dallas, TX, meets the 3rd Tue. of each month at 7 pm
Dallas Bead Society, meets 3rd Thur. each month at 7:30 pm Address pending
Oak Cliff Gem & Min Soc, **South Hampton Community Hospital**, 2929 S. Hampton Rd, Dls, TX, 4th Tue. each month at 7 pm
Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club, 3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft Worth, TX, meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
Dallas Paleontological Society, EMGI (Bldg. H, Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244), 2nd Wed. ea. month at 7:30 pm

Election Notes

DGMS Editor: Anita Dresner

Election for DGMS Board Members will be Tuesdady, November 16.
Remember to come to the meeting to vote and then greet your new officers!

A Members Suggestion

DGMS Member: Darrell Harrison

As we begin to wind down another year, an important question arises. That question is; what do I want, what do I expect from my club and what can or will I do to make it what I and every member wants and expects. As ideas arise, be they what types of classes, field trips, and changes etc. you would like to see in 2011, you as a member should feel free to drop suggestions in the shop mailbox or mail them to the shop. Feel free to send suggestions anonymously or openly to the shop at DGMS, 10205 Plano Rd Suite 105 Dallas TX or to the PO Box at DGMS PO Box 742033 Dallas Tx 742033-2033. You can make a difference and suggestions and ideas are important in allowing the club and its officers to respond to your wishes as members. The boards meetings are always open to members and email address for the new Board members are posted in your RokTok starting with the December Newsletter and throughout the year. Get up, get involved in your club and make it what you want it to be.

Show Dates

NOVEMBER 2010

12-14 HUMBLE, TX: HGMS 57th Annual Show; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy; Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-6; adults \$7, seniors & students \$6, child under 12 free; displays, working exhibits, demos, fluorescent mineral exhibit, swap area, 40 + dealers, minerals, fossils, jewelry, spheres, meteorites; contact Rick Rexroad, HGMS Clubhouse, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; email: rlrexroad@sbcglobal.net; Website: www.hgms.org

20 & 21 MESQUITE, TX: Dallas Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show: Parade of Gems; Resistol Arena Exhibition Hall, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, TX, (I635 @ Military Pkwy, Exit 4) displays, demonstrations, Rock Food Table, fossil, rocks, gems, jewelry, geodes, jewelry making, glow in dark rocks, grand prize, hourly door prizes, Kids Games. Sat 10-6 & Sun 10-5. Adults \$8; Children 4-12 \$3; under 4 free, family of 4/\$20. Show Chairman, Darrell Harrison, bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net, asst Anita Dresner, anitadresner@rocketmail.com & Mollie Cutting, mollie_cutting@sbcglobal.net; website www.dallasgemandmineral.org

27-28 WICKENBURG, AZ: "Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Show"; Wickenburg GMS; Community Center, 160 N Valentine Street; Sat & Sun 9-5; free admit; 40 + vendors, gems, minerals, jewelry, door prizes, grab bags, spinning wheel, raffle; contact Beth Myerson, PO Box 20375, Wickenburg, AZ 85358, (928) 684-0380; myerbd@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2010

3-5 EL PASO, TX: El Paso MGS; El Maida Auditorium, 6331 Alabama; Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$3, seniors \$2, under 12 free; gems, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, tools, books, geode cutting, silent auction, demos; contact Jeannette Carrillo, 4100 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, TX 79905, (877) 533-7153; gemcenter@aol.com

JANUARY 2011:

1-31 QUARTZSITE, AZ: "Desert Gardens International Gem & Mineral Show"; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1064 Kuehn Street (I-10 Exit 17, south side); 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1064 Kuehn Street, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; email: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Website: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

15-16 FREDERICKSBURG, TX: 42nd Annual Show, "Hill Country Gem & Mineral Show"; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; free admit; contact Jeff Smith, 208 Castle Pines Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028, (830) 895-9630; email: jeffbrenda@windstreram.net; Website: www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011:

28-13 TUCSON, AZ: ColorWright; ColorWright Warehouse, 1201 N Main Avenue; 10-6 daily; free admission; cutting and carving rough, slabs, cabochons, gemology equipment, fossils, fossil preparation equipment, Covington lapidary equipment, new Highland Park slab saws, books, jewelry; contact Rob Kulakofsky, 1201 N Main Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705, (520) 792-1439; email: rk3@color-wright.com; Website: www.rglshow.com

AFMS NEWS

http://www.amfed.org/afms_news.htm

The following is an excerpt in part, from the AFMS Newsletter. It is of great concern to each rockhound, nature lover and recreational enthusiast to take notice of what Dick Pankey relates herein. Mr. Dick Pankey is the President of American Lands Access Association. Following is the excerpt from his attendance of the Listening Session for the AGOI.

Listening Session for the America's Great Outdoors Initiative: July 6,

On July 6, 2010 he attended a Listening Session for America's Great Outdoors Initiative held at UC Davis in Davis, CA. He breaks down what he wants to let us know and be alert to, starting with what he sees as said, that we should be concerned about.

The stated reasons for the "Initiative" are to:

- Reconnect Americans, especially children, to the out of doors.
- Build upon State, local, private, and tribal priorities for the conservation
- Use science-based management practices to restore and protect our lands and waters for future generations.

As I understand him; He feels there may be need of New focus in addressing Reason 1. As for Reasons 2 and 3, there are procedures, laws and regulation in place to address them. This "Initiative" is just another way extremist are trying to use to keep people off our public lands and control our use and activities.

We all must get and be and stay involved in the process and participate; as this "Initiative" could affect the use of all public and private lands in the United States. This affects everyone in every state. Watch for the Listening Session for the America's Great Outdoors Initiative: find one in your area and attend it. Take the time and go to these websites for more information: There are remarks by The President at America's Great Outdoors Conference www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-americas-great-outdoors-conference and the BRC web site - www.sharetrails.org/

Here is the statement he gave at the Listening Session for the America's Great Outdoors Initiative held at UC Davis. He states he wants to keep it simple, stating whom he is and to go on record that the Americans Lands Access Assoc. was there and whom they represent, and what they want. The purpose of making this statement at this meeting was to document his presence at the "process". Following is his statement:

"I am Richard Pankey, President of the American Lands Access Association. The purpose of the American Lands Access Association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. We represent the over 52,000 members of 640 societies of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the many, many millions of unaffiliated rockhounds.

We advocate for access to public lands; to keep them open and to reopen unnecessarily closed lands. We promote the principles and policies of Multiple-Use for BLM and FS managed land. We believe that conservation and recreation are compatible and desirable. We need to get past the prejudice that "use is abuse". We believe and advocate that except for special cultural and environmental considerations that all public lands, both Federal and State should be available and useable by our citizens."

The BLM has been hitting us at every opportunity, now this. We, as rockhounds, must get involved before we are not allowed field trips to "closed land, or pick up rocks on road side cuts", or just enjoy those exotic hills and land. If there is not enough action on our part, contacting our representatives and senators, asking them to vote down any BLM bills to close lands to the everyday hobbyist, there may not be public lands to venture onto. Once lands are closed, were will we go for a field trip? Please check these websites; get serious, get involved!

Picking up a pretty rock? Or are you an avid rockhound desiring to continue your hobby?



The Dallas Gem & Mineral Society

PROUDLY PRESENTS

The 53rd Annual

DALLAS GEM & MINERAL SHOW



November 20 & 21, 2010

Hours: Sat 10-6 pm / Sun 10-5 pm

THEME: PARADE OF GEMS & MINERALS



- Rocks & Rare Specimens
- Handmade Jewelry
- Fossils & Dinosaurs
- Amber
- Arrowheads
- Jewelry making Supplies
- Dinner Feast of Rocks
- Polished & Faceted Gems
- Beads & Findings
- Gemstone Carvings
- Spheres, Artwork
- Geodes & Agates
- Lapidary Equipment
- Books



Scout Leaders & Scouts in Uniform FREE

Admission: Adults \$8.00
 Kids (4-12) \$3.00
 Kids Under 4 FREE
 Family of 4 or more \$20

Resistol Arena Exhibition Hall
 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, TX
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Show/Dealer Contacts: Darrell Harrison: Bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net; David Pirnie: dpirnie@yahoo.com
www.dallasdemandmineralshow.com; www.dallasdemandmineral.org

Non-profit Organization and Educational Fund

In time to sign

A fantastic 2010 DGMS Annual Show is ready, you should see.

There are sign-up sheets for labor and with it all the camaraderie.

This is a request of each member, not just gems of hints.

Floor plans, dealer names, rocks and minerals are on the blue prints.

Cases to assemble, electrical cords to run, Wheel of Fortune and Kids Mine to build; they'll soon be here. Gotta hurry to get my name signed on the line.

Ps: An amethyst geode hot diggit, don't forget about your raffle ticket

NOVEMBER 2010

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

DECEMBER 2010

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5	6 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	7	8	9 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	10	9:30 am DGMS Board Meeting 11 8 am – Noon Open Shop
12	13 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	 14 7 pm DGMS Christmas Party	15	16 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	17	18 8 am – Noon Open Shop
19	20 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	21	22	23 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	24	 25 Merry Christmas
26	27 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	28	29	30 6:00–9:00 pm Open Shop	31	



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

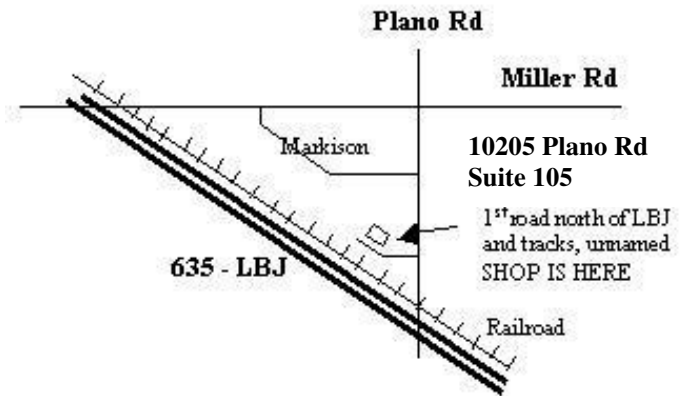
Member of

South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

Affiliated with

American Federation of Mineral Societies

Club Shop Map



Rok Tok Reminder: For members of DGMS, The RokTok will gladly announce your rock sales, showings at art shows, museums, or libraries, etc., for free. Articles, information, or solicitations from non-members requires a fee to have it in the Rok Tok