



# Rok Tok

June 2009



## Program

No program this month.

## 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 metal working, embodying the use of polished gems and minerals when appropriate. Interest in the collection 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.

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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

## Club Officers for 2009

President – Anita Dresner

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Vacant

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Jack Sorrow

Secretary – Mollie Cutting

Treasurer – Kay Nicholson

Editor – Board of Editors

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## Monthly Meetings

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Ridgewood

Recreation Center

6818 Fisher, Dallas, TX

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## May 19th, 2009 DGMS Minutes

Mollie Cutting, DGMS Secretary

**Presentation:** Ben Hong was our featured speaker. Ben started collecting old bottles over 40 years ago. He has collected antique bottles from the farthest South you can get (Chile and Argentina) to Australia on the other end. He has been in many other places in between. They would go in to old military dumps in New Mexico, New American theater, Trinity River and Ascension Island in Australia.

Ben has an array of bottles some of which he shared with us. His first bottle was in Dakota Territory where Custard had his last stand, a blue one from Chicago, a green one from San Francisco. A white coca cola glass bottle from Mexico (Ben stated that this one is very scarce). He said that purple glass bottles get their violet hue from the magnesium in the glass. Ben had us all mesmerized with all his different bottles. There were some that had been used for medicine, ink bottles, beer bottles, and one that was shaped as a sausage (of course it is called a sausage bottle) that was used for mineral water.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Ben's presentation, and would love to have another one sometime in the near future. Ben as you can tell has been in so many parts of the world from Chile to Australia with many other places in-between, like Antigua and Ascension Island.

**President's Report:** Anita called meeting back to order at 8:00 pm. We had two visitors that wanted to become members. They are: Harvey Thompson and Toni Goerneson. Kay Nicholson moved and Buddy Ferguson seconded the motion to accept these new members.

We have four months to look for someone to fill the 1st VP position. Bobby Thornton resigned and Jack Sorrow stepped up and took charge of running the shop until we can elect new officers.

Margaret needs time away from the hostess position; so, it has been decided that we will cover the food table with plastic covering; and you are responsible for your own serving dishes and utensils. We are still looking for someone who is willing to take on the hostess position.

We have raffle tickets for the AFMS priced at \$5 each or 5/\$20. If you wish to buy some, see anyone of the Board members.

**Sunshine Report:** Don McCauley's father-in-law had triple by-pass today. Carole Varney has been having a difficult time with health issues. We wish a speedy recovery to both.

**1st VP Report:** This position remains open, so no report was available.

**2ND VP Report:** Jack Sorrow sent a report via Mollie Cutting: All of the shop equipment is running as of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Recent work performed is as follows: Saw #13 motor burned out, it was too small and it was replaced with the proper motor. Anyone use to using it should be able to see the improvement. Saw #3 replaced the complete vise and vise carriage assembly. We plan on rebuilding the vise and vise carriage assembly on Saw #2 very soon. Jack wanted to recognize Don McCauley who has been putting a lot of effort in the shop, let him know that he is very much appreciated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kay shared the totals available in our bank account and we remain in very good standing.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the secretary's report as printed on the *Rok Tok* was made by Kay Nicholson and seconded by Bill Siith.

**Show Chairman:** Darrell Harrison said that contracts for the show are starting to come in. He also asked that we all start thinking of the kind of job we would want to do during the show. David and Darrell will both need someone to work with them and step in to take over the Show Chairman and Dealer Chairman position for next year. If you are interested please contact Darrell.

**Old Business:** Colorado Trip: Jim Senseman will be heading to Colorado next week and wanted to give info to those who are going to go on the rock hounding trip. He gave us his Colorado number, in case someone might want to call him directly (719) 873-5361. Jim also said that David Dudich will be in charge of the local arrangements. The days are from July 31-Aug 7. Jim's house is in South Fork and he is welcoming anyone that would like to set up a tent or like. He also shared that there will be all kinds of soft things for those that cannot go do the heavy rock hounding.

**New Business:** No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

## **President Message**

Anita Dresner, DGMS President

Last seen assisting the Editor (see below).

## **Show Dates**

June 26-28-Grapevine, TX: AKS Gem Shows: Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main St; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4; adults \$5; classes in beading, PMC, chain maille, and more; contact Kay Schabilion, (504) 455-6101; e-mail: info@aksshow.com; Web site: [www.askshow.com](http://www.askshow.com)

Nov 13-15-Houston, TX: Houston Gem & Mineral Society Presents 56th Annual HGMS Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5 Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas, 5 miles east of Bush International Airport, 1 mile east of Hwy 59.

## **Editor's Tablet**

Editors at Large

Seems the head Editor was last seen digging for a HUGE rock or a HUGE tale not sure which it was; you will have to stay tune for July's issue to find out.

## **June Birthstone: Pearl**

Submitted by the Editor



When an irritant such as a small parasite lodges in the flesh of an oyster, mussel, or clam a protective substance called "nacre" is produced. Over time, layer upon layer of nacre coats the irritant giving birth to a lustrous pearl. Pearls are rare, so man helps, by placing a piece of irritant inside a mollusk to help the production of nacre. This is called a cultured pearl, a gem of unsurpassed beauty and elegance. The Greek thought pearls were hardened tears of joy the goddess of love shook from her eyes as she was born from the sea. Arabian legend says pearls formed when oysters, lured to the near surface of the ocean by the beautiful moon, swallowed moonlit dewdrops.

## **Metroplex Gem & Mineral and Related Clubs**

Arlington G&M Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at 1408 Gibbins, Arlington.

Pleasant Oaks G&M Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Garland Women's Bldg, 713 Austin, Garland.

Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at 3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Ft Worth.

Dallas Paleontological Society, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at Dallas Museum of Natural History, Fair Park, Dallas.

Dallas G&M Society, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Ridgewood Recreation Ctr, 6818 Fisher Rd, Dallas.

Dallas Bead Society, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Walnut Hill Recreation Ctr, NW corner Walnut Hill & Midway, Dallas.

Oak Cliff G&M Society, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Renaissance Hospital, 2929 S Hampton Rd, Dallas.

# JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>MONTHLY ROCK SWAP</b> 8 am – Noon Open Shop
7	8 <b>6 pm DGMS Board Meeting</b> 4:30–9:00 pm Open Shop	9	10	11 4:30–9:00 pm Open Shop	12	13 8 am – Noon Open Shop
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# JULY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 4:30–9:00 pm Open Shop	3	4 <b>HOLIDAY – Independence Day</b>  Shop Closed
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**Dallas Gem and Mineral Society**  
**PO Box 742033**  
**Dallas, TX 75374-2033**

**TO:**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Date and Location**

Third Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM  
Ridgewood Recreation Center  
6818 Fisher  
Dallas, TX

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South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

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American Federation of Mineral Societies

**Club Shop Map**

