



Rok Tok

December 2011



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Program

President: Gerald Pennington

**Our Christmas and Holiday Dinner,
along with the Gift Exchange
will be our program
for the
December meeting.**

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 2012

President – Gerald Pennington
1st VP – Bob Wilson
2nd VP – David Pirnie
Secretary – Stephanie Bair
Treasurer – Dick Langran
6th Member - Donna Bowers
Show Chairman – Mollie Cutting
Editor – Anita Dresner
Email: anitadresner@rocketmail.com

Workshop Hours

Open Shop:

Monday & Thursday

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**ROK TOK Articles Deadline
2nd Tuesday after General Meeting**

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Presidents Message

Gerald Pennington: DGMS President

The election was held at the Monthly November meeting. Here are the members that stepped up to serve you and your club for 2012. Please give them a heads up and thank them for volunteering to serve the membership.

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Our annual Dallas Gem and Mineral Society Show was a success due to the tireless effort and leadership of Mollie Cutting and Darrell Harrison. Of course, they could not have done it without all the club members who volunteered their time, the vendors, and the people who came to the Show. Again, thanks to all who volunteered to make our show a success! This year's turnout was a huge 1,645 attendees at the show.



Left: DGMS presented Dr. James Carter an Honorary Membership in DGMS for his years of work with our Club and our Shows.



Right: An Honorary Membership also presented to Bill & Lois Patillo for years of displaying the Rock

Food Table at the DGMS Show.

Toni Goering is gathering information to prepare for another field trip. Is anybody interested in visiting Cephus Hall in Oklahoma to hunt for crystals or fossils? If there are any places you enjoy going to gather specimens or cutting rough, and would like to invite the Club to join in on the fun, please contact Toni. We are all looking forward to a trip in 2 years to Colorado again! (Jim Senseman is a GREAT host!)

Delbert Brown has learned to facet and is now ready to pass on some of his knowledge to those of us who would like to start learning the art of faceting gemstones. Classes will begin in 2012. Please visit with Delbert to find out more information.

It is rumored Bobby Thornton is going to teach another Silversmithing Class after the first of the year. Please contact Bobby to find out more information.

December 13, is the annual Holiday Party. This is held in place of our monthly meeting. Turkey and ham will be provided by the club. Please see page 4 for her contact information and the details regarding the Party.

I have started a Facebook page for DGMS with lots of photos and updates on the Club. Check it out at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dallas-Gem-and-Mineral-Society-Inc/282540891786795>

I hope you will visit the FaceBook site. Feel free to add more information about the Club and share photos of what is happening at the Club.

Charles Williams has volunteered to speak at our monthly meeting in January. This will be the second presentation in a series on Crystallography.

It's Party Time

WHAT: **DGMS** * **CHRISTMAS** and **All December Holidays** * **PARTY**

WHERE: *University of Dallas at Arlington*

Research/Operation Center (ROC), Rm 2.902; 17127 Waterview Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75252 (usual meeting room)

WHEN: **December 13, 2011** (2nd Tuesday of December) **7 pm**

WHY: **For All DGMS Members to Celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and All December Holidays**

GIFT EXCHANGE

A gift of no more than \$10.00, hobby related, and gift wrapped, with no name on it, should be brought if you wish to participate in the fun and exciting gift exchange.

Here below is a general guide line for Pot Luck Dishes. Of course YOU will be wanting to bring that tasty dish of Aunt Mary or cousin Jennifer, not to mention grandmother Dollies best ever desert. What you bring, be it your favorite version of yams, taters, salads you select, will be a tasty variety of winter harvest foods, favors, and the spirit of the seasons.

VEGETABLES

GREEN:Green Beans, Asparagus, Green Peas, etc.

WHITE:Rice, Potatoes, etc.

YELLOW: ...Squash, Pumpkin, Carrots, Sweet Potato/Yams, etc.

SALADS:... Toss Salad, Pasta Salad, Vegetable Salad, Fruit salad, etc.

D'ZERTS: ...Pies, Cake, Cobbler, Cookies, Brownies, Candies (preferably homemade), etc.

DGMS WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING;

MEATS, DRESSING, DRINKS, PAPER GOODS, PLASTICWARE

I'm ready to hear what great foods you are going to share with us this year at the DGMS Holiday Dinner. I'm sure you saw or cooked some very interesting and excited dishes last week. I not only "gobbled till I wobbled" with Bill; but, we also jeeped and found some great stones. What more could we want this holiday than FOOD and ROCKS... and FAMILY and FRIENDS. Please let me know what dishes you wish to bring (if we already have ten brussels sprout casseroles, I'll let you know). AND how many of those family and friends are also coming with you. I've heard that we are going to have ham and a smoked turkey prepared by club members. Someone has a new smoker for the turkey. AND yes, you can always make last minute changes... but give me a hint up front please. I'll take your emails in the order received. Nancy Howse at: nhowse@verizon.net

I much prefer email to cell phone (I'm not too good at listening and writing at the same time).

Thanks for waiting until I got back. We found 60 pounds of rocks that we are having sent home... You should have seen the four of us and gear and rocks in one little jeep.

DGMS Membership Dues R. Due

Dick Langran; Treasurer

2012 Dues must be paid ASAP \$30 for a family; \$20 for a single; \$15 for Associate Membership with RokTok, but is a non-voting – no shop privilege membership.

At the Shop

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

We continue to upgrade the equipment in the shop with the addition of a new 12" Loritone slab saw. No cost to the club. We have one of the best shops in the area; so, I urge you to use and enjoy it.

Classes at the Shop

Mollie Cutting at: Mollie_cutting@sbcglobal.net / Jack Sorrow at: jasorrow@tx.rr.com

Any questions or suggestions you may have can be snail mailed to the address below or emailed to Mollie or Jack whose email address are listed here above.

Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374

NOTICE:

Unless otherwise stated: it takes five (5) members to have a class make.

Qualifying Classes

If you are a new member desiring to take the Q Class please contact the shop secretary, Mollie Cutting or 2nd VP of Shop, Jack Sorrow ASAP.

Ready to Schedule Classes

Does anyone need a beginners or advanced wire wrap class? If so please contact Mollie.

Thursday Evening Social Time

Thursday Social Night are from 7 to 8:30 pm. We chat and share things about our hobby, talents and most of all tall tales and loads of fun. Communication and camaraderie build a club stronger. Would you like to be a part of the strengthening of your club? Come on down and share with the rest of us. You may open up avenues other members would like to explore.

DGMS Annual Show Report

Dick Langran: DGMS Treasurer

Cristina:

Congratulations to you and your sons, Cristobal and Manuel, for winning the Grand Prize at our 2011 Dallas Gem and Mineral Show. We hope you will enjoy this treasure for many years and that it will enrich your appreciation of gems and minerals.

Please visit us at the shop or our table at Brookhaven in February.



2011 Grand Prize Winner

Secretary Report

Toni Goeringer: DGMS Secretary

I must apologize to the secretary and club members. The minutes for the October meeting were available at time of editing. However for some strange reason, they were in my "spam" filter. I am sorry for the delay in reporting them. The November minutes along with the December minutes will be included in the January RokTok. With the meeting moved back, it was not possible to get everything in on time for the December RokTok. Editor comment.

Meeting: Called to order at 7:00 pm.

Program Presentation: Charles Williams, presentation on Crystallography

President's Message: No report

1ST VP Report: No report

2ND VP Report: No report

Sunshine Report: Gerald Pennington recovering from foot issues; Delbert Brown recovering from surgery.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer gave the September financial report and it was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Rok Tok Editor's Report: No report.

Show Report: Mollie Cutting covered plans for the upcoming Annual Gem and Mineral Show.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Christmas dinner and gift exchange was announced.

Monthly raffle was held.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm

More Bench Tips

by Brad Smith

DEPTH GAUGE FOR DRILLING:

Sometimes you need to drill a number of holes all to the same depth. One quick and easy way to do this is to wind some tape around the drill bit so that the tape just touches the part surface when the hole is deep enough. You can do this either by measuring from the tip of the drill to the tape or by drilling one hole correctly, leaving the bit in the hole, and wrapping tape around the bit at the surface level.

CUTTING A BOLT:

When you have to cut a threaded bolt shorter, it's always difficult to get the nut to thread back onto it. And the smaller the bolt, the more difficult this is. The problem is easily solved by screwing a nut onto the bolt before cutting it. So here's how I do it:

Screw a nut onto the bolt, grip the bolt by the piece to be sawed off, saw the bolt to the desired length, taper the end with sandpaper or file, and unscrew the nut from the bolt.

Unscrewing the nut over the freshly cut end of the bolt straightens out any damage to the threads. Gripping the bolt by the piece to be sawed off localizes any crushing damage to the piece you're throwing away.

Ref: More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at: groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/ or facebook.com/BenchTips

Editor's Pen

Anita Dresner; RokTok Editor

I want to thank you for allowing me to be your editor for yet another year. My husband used to introduce me as his “frustrated writer” as I so enjoy writing articles, editing, research and even writing short stories from the depth of my imagination. I must admit I have been less than stellar several times over the past year in regards to editing your newsletter; and I am truly grateful to have another year to make amends for those blunders.

I have learned over the years without a few “blunders along the way, you do not have the opportunity to challenge yourself to be better, get back on track, or in general write something worthy of printing. I’ve come to appreciate what others write and share. It gives you the ability to see things in a different light or another perspective. Rather like when five people read the bible, the same identical book, chapter and verse. When asked what they got from that verse they are most likely to give ten differing thoughts over the same words.

I would love to sit and talk with each of you, interview you regarding our hobby, how you got into it, what keeps you involved in it, and what did you learn about yourself along the way. Better yet, why not jot down this information and email it to me or call me and I will give you my mailing address. It would be most inspiring to have others thoughts and experiences as an article. I would not need to give your name if that is holding you back; or I will give you full credit for the report. Either way, I’m certain there is knowledge and tales to share and be heard that are most mind boggling or have a different view point to pique other club member’s interest.

Decembers Birthstone: “Blue Topaz”

Editor

The name Topaz; thought to be from Indian Sanskrit word tapos, meaning fire, or from an Island named Topazos, in the Red Sea. “Topaz is known as a “stone of true love and success in all endeavors”, promoting individuality and creativity, while providing confidence in trusting ones decisions, releases tension and known as a spiritual rejuvenation gemstone and was given credit for healing and holding death at bay in medieval times. The early lapidaries cite topaz as a stone capable of cooling boiling water, curing eye disease and gall, dispelling night terrors, lessening anger and lechery. Most pure topaz is colorless, but can be found in a broad range of colors: yellow, blue, pink, peach, gold, green, red, and brown, some of the yellow being heat treated to turn pink. As topaz has a hardness of 8, it may scratch your other gems so store them separately. Remember color change in topaz is done through heat, so avoid exposing them to large temperature changes.



References: <http://www.kacha-stones.com/topaz.htm>; <http://www.all-that-gifts.com/se/topaz.html>; <http://www.ellensteiber.com/thestones.htm>;
<http://www.jjkent.com/articles/history-properties-topaz.htm>

January Birthstone: “Garnet”

Editor

The Garnet is found in a wide variety of different colors, from brilliant red to pale pink, even some gold, purple, and shades of brown. Garnets may have gotten their name from the fruit pomegranate, as it has some of the red-purple shade like the garnet does. This deep red stone dates back to the Bronze Age (3000 BC); jewelry being found in remains in Sweden date back to 1100 and 2000 B.C. and in Egypt back to 3100 B.C. In the bible it is thought Noah used it to light his pathway and to light up the Ark, also to have been used in the breastplate of Aaron (Exodus 39). Somewhere around the late 1300 (B.C.) twelve stones symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel were chosen (Exodus 28: 17-21).



Because a garnet only ranges a 6 to 7 for hardness, it can be scratched, nicked, and cracked if it is hit or dropped. Do not clean a garnet with steam, instead try using some warm water with soap and an Ultrasonic brush; this is okay to use on every type but demantoid.

Ref: http://www.jewelrystore.com/2_garnet/garnet_history.htm; <http://lapidarywow.info/garnets>
<http://www.americangemsociety.org/january-birthstone>

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Visit our website: www.dallasgemandmineral.org

2012 Show Dates

JANUARY 2012

1-31 QUARTZSITE, AZ: Desert Gardens RV Park Wholesale & Retail Show; 1055 Kuehn Street; I-10 Exit 17; Sun 9-6 daily; FREE; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1055 Kuehn Street, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; email: dggemshow@ureach.com; Website: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

6-15 QUARTZSITE, AZ: Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc Annual Show; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W Kuehn Street; Fri 9-5 daily; FREE; rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, silver/gold smithing, faceting, precious metals, lapidary tools, equipment, supplies; contact Kym Scott, PO Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; email: tysonwells@tds.net; Website: www.tysonwells.com

27-29 TYLER, TX: East Texas Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show; Rose Garden Center; 420 Rose Park Drive; Fri 9-5; adults \$3, students \$1, Scouts in uniform FREE; Grand Prize drawings, silent auction, Wheel of Fortune, show cases, 11 dealers, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, minerals, geodes, lapidary demonstrations Rock Food Table; contact Keith Harmon, 8316 Oxford Drive, Tyler, TX 75703, (903) 581-4068; email: keithharmon19@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 2012

1-29 QUARTZSITE, AZ: Desert Gardens RV Park Wholesale & Retail Show; 1064 Kuehn Street; I-10 Exit 17; Wed 9-6 daily; FREE; 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

18-19 GEORGETOWN, TX: Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show; Community Center; San Gaberial Park; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$2, students \$1, children (under 6) free; Rollin' Rock Club meeting Sun.; contact Wanda Reynolds, 2100 Magazine Street, Austin, TX 78727, (512) 461-0084; email: dragon.reynolds@hotmail.com; Website: www.wcgm.org

25-26 JACKSON, MS: Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show; Trade Mart; High Street; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$5, students \$3; contact Janie Hand, (601) 706-4629; email: rockNGranny49@aol.com; Website: Missgem.org

25-26, PASADENA, TX: The Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society 36th Annual Feb 25 & 26; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, TX: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 Donations: Adults \$5, 6th to 12th grades \$1, under 12 free, students, boy & girl scouts in uniform free. FREE parking. Ten RV parking spots utilities \$10 night. More info on club's website at www.clgms.org; or Co-chair Ben Duggar, CLGMS Show Publicity Committee sailduggar@verizon.net

MARCH 2012

3-4 ROBSTOWN, TX: Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society 50th Annual Show; Richard Borchard Regional Fairgrounds; 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd, US 77 & Hwy 44; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$5 (2-day pass), children (12 and under) free, Scouts in uniform free; kids' wheel, silent auction, beads, findings, jewelry, minerals, fossils, meteorites, displays, Rock Food Table, hourly door prizes, grand prize; contact Jerrold Simpson, PO Box 7786, Corpus Christi, TX 78467-7786, (361) 877-3073; email: jsimpson1@stx.rr.com; Website: www.gcgms.org

8-11 DEMING, NM: Deming Gem & Mineral Society 47th Annual Show & Sale; SWNM Fairgrounds; Raymond Reed Blvd; Thur thru Sun 9-5; FREE; more than 100 dealers, displays, geode cutting, gold panning, spinning wheel, silent and live auctions, door prizes, raffle, guided field trip; contact Maurice Crawford, 713 W Spruce PMB 726, Deming, NM 88031, (575) 546-0056; email: mauryjudy@yahoo.com; Website: dgms.bravehost.com

10 BATON ROUGE, LA: Baton Rouge Rec. Comm Show; Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center; 10503 N Oak Hills Pkwy; Sat 9-4; adults \$5, children \$4; activities, displays, rocks, gemstones, minerals, fossils, hiking trails, gemstone ID card, pyrite "gold" mine, exhibits, dealers, rough and polished mineral specimens, fossils, stone crafts, rock climbing wall, flint-knapping demonstration, geode-cutting station; contact Claire Coco, (225) 413-5355; email: ccoco@brec.org; Website: www.brec.org/swamp

17-18 LIVE OAK (SAN ANTONIO), TX: San Antonio Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show; Live Oak Civic Center; 8101 Pat Booker Road; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4; adults \$5, seniors and military \$3, students (with ID) \$2, children (5-12) \$1, under 5 free; 25 dealers, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones, crystals, club exhibits, silent auction, children's games, hourly door prizes; contact Robert Bowie; email: krbotx@gvtc.com; Website: swgemandmineral.org

March 2011:

29-1 ADA, OK: Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club Annual Show; Pontotoc County Agri-Plex; Main Bldg #1, NE corner of ST Rte 99 (US 377) & Richardson Bypass (State Rte 1 & 3); Fri 8-5; Sat 9-5; Sun 10-4; FREE; demos, fluorescent rock display, minerals, fossils, lapidary, jewelry, silent auctions, raffle, kids' Fossil Dig, Petting Zoo, fluorescent demo; contact Ed Vermillion, PO Box 782, Purcell, OK 73080, (405) 527-6431; email: okied42@windstream.net; Website: www.freewebs.com/agmfc

April 2012:

14-15 SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS: Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show; Siloam Springs Community Bldg; 100 N Mt Olive Street; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$4, students and children \$2; dealers, rough, finished and faceted stones, fossils, jewelry, educational exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, children's area; contact DeLane Cox, 8152 Spanker Ridge Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479) 254-0894; email: delanec3@earthlink.net; Website: www.nwarockhounds.org

28-29 LUBBOCK, TX: LGMS; Lubbock Civic Center Annual Show; 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat & Sun 10-5; adults \$4, seniors \$3, students (6-12) \$2, children (under 6) and Scouts in uniform free; contact Archie Scott, 2709 Belvedere Road, Levelland, TX 79336, (806) 894-1584; email: sarchie32@yahoo.com; Website: www.lubbockgemandmineral.org

DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	2	3 8 am - 1:00 pm Open Shop
4	5 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	6	7	8 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	9	10 8 am - 1:00 pm Open Shop
11	12 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	13 7 pm DGMS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY	14	15 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	16	17 8 am - 1:00 pm Open Shop
18	19 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	20	21	22 Shop Closed	23	24 Shop Closed
25	26 Shop Closed	27	28	29 6:00-9:00 pm Open Shop	30	31

JANUARY 2012

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Dallas Gem and Mineral Society
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TO:

Area Clubs

Arlington G&M Club, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX
Pleasant Oaks G&M 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 G&M Society, 10205 Plano Rd, off of Plano Rd, Dallas, TX, meets the 3rd Tue. of each month at 7 pm
Oak Cliff G&M Soc, South Hampton Community Hospital, 2929 S. Hampton Rd, Dls, TX, 4th Tue ea month 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 Paleo Society, EMGI (Bldg H, Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Ln, 75244), 2nd Wed month at 7:30 pm

Monthly Meetings

3rd Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM
University of Texas @ Dallas
Research & Operations Center (ROC) Room 2.902
17127 Waterview Pkwy. Dallas, TX 75252

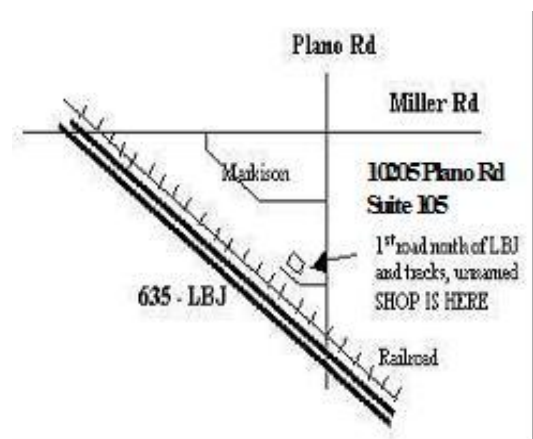
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Club Shop Map



For members of DGMS only, the Rok Tok will gladly announce your rock showings at art shows, museums, or libraries, etc.,