



Rok Tok

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Program

1st VP Gerald Pennington

This month David Dobson will be doing a program on making "Spheres".

It should prove to be most interesting to see the results of turning a rock into a beautiful sphere.

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 2011

- President – Bobby Thornton
- 1st VP – Gerald Pennington
- 2nd VP – Jack Sorrow
- Secretaries – Lisa Aguiliar
- Treasurer – Dick Langram
- 6th Member - Donna Bowers
- Show Chairman – David Pirnie
- 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

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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December 2011 DGMS Minutes

Christine Gunter, Out-Going DGMS Secretary

DGMS celebrated the Holidays and Christmas at our December Meeting which was held at Brookhaven Campus at the EMGI building. There were 48 members in attendance enjoying great potluck food and a wonderful time of gift exchanging.

1st VP Up-Coming 2011 Programs

Acting 1st VP, Gerald Pennington DGMS

Our 2011 1st VP is Gerald Pennington. He has some interesting programs lined up for January and February. In January, David Dobson will be doing a program on making spheres. Dr. James Carter will be with us in February.

At the Shop

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

Starting January 6th, the shop is up and running. We have one 12" saw not working now, but will be shortly. The heating system is working fine so come on out and start 2011 by cutting and polishing that special rock. Thank you.

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

Thank you for another year as your editor of the DGMS Rok Tok. It has been fun, challenging and most interesting. I hope you have had a good read and enjoyed at the least, a few of the articles brought to you. Again I remind you to please let me know what you would like to read about or see in your Rok Tok

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 Ln, 75244), 2nd Wed month at 7:30 pm

Birthstone of the Month

Anita Dresner, DGMS Editor

This gemstone was believed by ancient Greeks and Romans to ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, also is said to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. Throughout history, the gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. It has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Amethyst is purple quartz, a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. Historically, the finest amethysts were found in Russia and were featured in much royal European jewelry. Today, while Brazil is the primary source of this gemstone, fine material can be found elsewhere, especially in Zambia.



Quartz variety [Amethyst](#) from South Africa
Eric Hunt

A variety of quartz, Amethyst is violet in color and its chemical formula is SiO₂. The color of amethyst can be due to the presence of manganese. It is able to be altered by heat, was thought by what some authorities thought to be from an organic source. The suggestion of Ferric thiocyanate was thought to be present, it was also said sulfur was found in the mineral. Newer work reveals amethyst's coloring can be from ferric iron impurities and maybe even a mixture of iron and aluminum. It is composed of an irregular superposition of alternate lamellae of right-handed and left-handed quartz, which may be due to mechanical stresses. Amethyst is suitable for use in jewelry due to its hardness of seven on the Mohs scale. There are many locations to find amethyst in the United States. Among these: Amethyst Mountain, Texas; the Mazatzal Mountain region in Gila and Maricopa Counties, Arizona; Yellowstone National Park; Delaware County, Pennsylvania; Haywood County, North Carolina; Deer Hill and Stow, Maine and in the Lake Superior region.

Ref:<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amethyst>

2011 Show Dates

JANUARY 2011:

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

14-16—OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA: Wholesale and retail show; Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society; Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, 3001 General Pershing Blvd., Expo Hall 3; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children under 16 free; beading classes, demonstrations; contact Kay Schabillon, (504) 265-8830; e-mail: info@aksshow.com; Web site: www.aksshow.com

15-16—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: 42nd annual show, “Hill Country Gem & Mineral Show”; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Jeff Smith, 208 Castle Pines Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028, (830) 895-9630; e-mail: jeffbrenda@windstreram.net; Web site: www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011:

27-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show; Eons Expositions LLC; 600 22nd St., northeast corner of I-10 and 22nd St.; 9-7 daily; free admission; minerals, fossils, rough, gems, jewelry, amber, meteorites; contact Lowell Carhart, 7514 Antelope Meadows Circle, Peyton, CO 80831, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: lowellcarhart@yahoo.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com

28-13—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show; ColorWright; ColorWright Warehouse, 1201 N Main Ave; 10-6 daily; free admission; cutting & carving rough, slabs, cabs, gemology equipment, fossils/preparation equip., Covington lapidary equip, new Highland Park slab saws, books, jewelry; contact Rob Kulakofsky, 1201 N. Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705, (520) 792-1439; e-mail: rk3@color-wright.com; Web site: www.rglshow.com

29-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show, “Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show”; Martin Zinn Expositions; The Hotel Tucson City Center (formerly InnSuites), 475 N. Granada; 10-6 daily, final day 10-5; free admission; more than 400 dealers, Artists’ Gallery, four locations, free shuttle; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

29-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show, “Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show”; Martin Zinn Expositions; The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, 1333 N. Oracle Rd.; 10-6 daily, final day 10-5; free admission; more than 400 dealers, four locations, free shuttle; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

29-12—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show, “Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show”; Martin Zinn Expositions; Quality Inn-Benson Hwy., 1025 E. Benson Hwy.; 10-6 daily, final day 10-5; free admission; more than 400 dealers, four locations, free shuttle; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

31-6—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale show; Arizona Global Gem & Jewelry; The Hotel Arizona, 181 W. Broadway; Mon. 10-6, Tue. 10-6, Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; contact Ron Swanson, (520) 396-4469; e-mail: ron@aggjs.com; Web site: www.aggjs.com

(2011 Show dates continued)

FEBRUARY 2011:

10-13—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church St.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$10, seniors and active military \$2 off Fri. admission, children under 14 free with adult; contact TGMS, P.O. Box 42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-5773; e-mail: tgms@tgms.org; Web site: www.tgms.org

19-20—MESA, ARIZONA: Show, "2011: Rocks From Heaven"; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Skyline High School, 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children under 12 free; vendors, jewelry, gemstones, cabochons, rocks, minerals, fossils, beads, findings, lapidary equipment, lapidary supplies, silent auction, gem tree making, wheel of rocks, grand raffle; contact Wally Frlich, 463 N. Valley Dr., Apache Junction, AZ 85120; (480) 982-7760; e-mail: wfrlich@hotmail.com; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com

26-27—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: 52nd show; Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society; Trade Mart Bldg., State Fairgrounds, 1207 Mississippi St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students and children \$3; more than 24 dealers, gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewelry, rough, lapidary tools, special Mississippi Museum of Natural Science exhibit, club exhibits, demonstrations, junior demonstrations; contact Keith Peacock, 114 Quail Ridge Rd., Braxton, MS 39044; e-mail: kpcoc@aol.com; Web site: www.missgems.org

Regarding Our Land Management

Dick Pankey, President, ALAA: AFMS Newsletter

Our Partner in Saving Our Public Lands

by Dick Pankey, President, ALAA

The Blue Ribbon Coalition just issued an 8 page "Insider Report". The main thrust of the BRC is to affect legislation and regulations that effect off highway vehicle use, but most of the legislation and regulations that affect off highway use and access also affects access and use by rockhounds and the general public that use our public lands for recreation. The "Insider Report" listed the pending and proposed bills that would create more wilderness land and national monuments that greatly restricts our use and collecting rights. The BRC is concerned there will be a "lame duck" Congressional session and that these bills will be rolled into another all-or-nothing omnibus bill rather than each bill being considered on its own merits. Their call to action is for all concerned citizen to contact their senators and representatives to oppose this ill-conceived legislative tactic.

The current administration is pushing two public lands initiatives: "The Treasured Landscape Initiative" and "The America's Great Outdoors Initiative". The "Treasured Landscape Initiative" includes plans for new Wilderness areas, expansion of National Parks and the addition of 14 National Monuments across nine states affecting over 35 million acres. A leaked document proposes the abandonment of the BLM public lands management principles of Multiple Use and Sustained Yield. The new agency's new management guidance will be about "ecosystem-service value of BLM land" and makes no reference to recreation or multiple use.

The "America's Great Outdoors Initiative" has three components: outreach, coordination and reports. Outreach is primarily about pushing a legislative agenda. It has already been used to push several Wilderness bills. The second goal directs EPA, CEQ and the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to "identify existing resources and align policies and programs to achieve goals." The U.S. Forest Service is beginning the process of revising how the agency prepares Forest Plans known as Planning Rules. These rules will guide management plans for 155 national forests and 20 grasslands. We are still waiting for the draft proposal.

The way to affect the future use of our public lands is to become informed and to get involved. Write letters and e-mails to your elected representatives; attend meetings and becoming involved in the legislative and regulatory process. Would you like to be more informed about these issues and become more involved? Please contact me for details and more information. The Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) has a great and informative website <www.sharetrails.org>. This site is easy to read and easy to use and navigate. The BRC magazine is available on line as are the Alerts and the Insider Reports. You can sign up to receive all Alerts directly to your e-mail in box. The main thrust of the BRC is for Off Highway Vehicle users, but what affects them also directly affects us rockhounds and all people who recreate and use our public lands. And while you are at it be sure to check out the American Lands Access Association web site – <www.amlands.org>. You'll find an enrollment form there plus updated information about various legislative proposals. Become a member! Be an involved member!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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MARCH 2011

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Don't forget, mark your calendars, 1st Saturday rock swap meet at the shop 8:AM until 1:PM



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

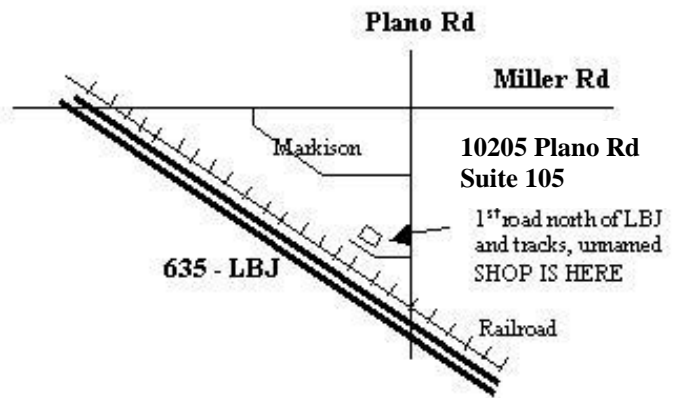
Member of

South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

Affiliated with

American Federation of Mineral Societies

Club Shop Map



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