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Fall, Y'all!*



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The general PURPOSE of this organization shall be to promote interest in various Earth Sciences, and in particular, the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects; to encourage mineral and rock collecting and lapidary workmanship as hobbies; and to conduct meetings, educational programs, field trips and other related activities.

This society is established as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of Oklahoma for educational, social and scientific purposes related to the earth sciences, lapidary and jewelry hobbies.

August 19, 2016

President's Letter:

A big thank you to all of those who participated in the display at the Enid Public Library. We have three glass display cabinets full of fossils and Oklahoma rocks and minerals. If you haven't taken time to stop by and enjoy the display it will be there until August 29 when all those who put items in the display will need to come and pick them up.

September 1 will be our annual potluck picnic. It will be held in the Hoover Building at 6:30. The list of food looks delicious!

September 7 at 1:00 we will be setting up our display booth for the Garfield County Fair in the Coliseum. If you have some specimens you wish to display please let me know. Anyone who can spend some time working the fair booth (Spin and Win and grab bags for sale) and talking to fair visitors about the club and various specimens on display, please call and let me know so a schedule can be worked out.

This is a busy time of year - a great time to make new friends and members for the Enid Gem and Mineral Society.

Mary Walters, President

Here's a couple of photos from the Tulsa Gem Show courtesy of Bill Lyon of the Ada Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club. Thanks, Bill

Malachite Exhibit



Petrified Wood Exhibit



Enid Gem and Mineral Society Minutes

August 4, 2016

The August meeting of the Enid Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Mary Walters at 7:03 PM on August 4, 2016, in the east room of the Hoover Building on the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Enid, OK. There were 12 members present and 3 visitors. Prayer was led by Leon Walters and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Worden.

The program was given by individuals bringing lapidary samples and giving a short talk about them. Thanks to all members for who participated and "good job"!

After the break with refreshments provided by Van and Teresa Rogge, the meeting was called back to order by President Mary Walters. A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Leon Walters and seconded by Van Rogge. The treasurer was absent and no report of the treasury was given. Candy Kent gave a report of nothing new for the Dirt Devils due to the return of school for those members. A picnic is scheduled to take the place of next month's meeting so there will be no program.

Old Business: Sue Ogden is still asking members for pictures and articles to put into the newsletter. Kathy Marney can use articles about club members to put into the scrapbook. We have members with displays set up at the Enid Library through August 29th.

New Business: Hotels and events for the ammonite trip in October to Ladonia, TX, were discussed and more information will be given by Mary Walters to the club when learned. A Nominating Committee for next years officers was appointed by President Mary Walters. The committee is made up of Van or Teresa Rogge, Candy Kent and Steve Ruther.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Submitted by Kathy Marney, Secretary



Sept. 1st ~ 6:30 P.M.

It's here, it's here! The EGMS annual fall INDOOR picnic! That's right! These cute ants are the only ones we should see! Just lots and lots of great food! Hope to see many of you here next week. We'll have a great time visiting and catching up - no program - just fun and fellowship. At this time, our menu includes a casserole, fruit salad, Hidden Valley Ranch garlic crackers, baked beans, a dessert, a main dish casserole, 3-bean salad, sliced ham, soda pop, iced tea and plenty of ice. Feel free to bring whatever your heart desires - we have a good variety - no need to stress. And don't forget, we'll still have time for a bit of Show & Tell / Show & Ask if you have a new find to show off. See ya', Sue

Enid Gem & Mineral Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2016

The business meeting for the Enid Gem and Mineral Society on July 30, 2016, was brought to order by President Mary Walters at 3:08 p.m. at Johnson's Rock Shop in downtown Enid, OK. There were 8 members present. Discussion was based on events for the next 6 months.

August events are the display at the Enid Public Library scheduled for Aug. 1, 2016 and continuing through the 29th; the regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 4, 2016; the trip to the Hutchison, KS salt mine on Aug. 13, 2016; and the Payne County Fair Aug. 22-27, 2016 with the Stillwater club having booths there.

September events will be the club's picnic on Sep. 1, 2016 at the Hoover Building in place of the monthly meeting; Garfield County Fair setup on Wed. Sep. 7, 2016 and breakdown of booths on Sat. Sep. 10 in the evening or Sun. Sep. 11 in the a.m.; Sep 17, 2016 is a possible date to visit the Sam Noble Mineral Museum at the University of Oklahoma.

October events will be the monthly meeting scheduled for Oct. 6, 2016 with Sue Ogden giving the program on ammonites; the middle of Oct. is a scheduled field trip to Ladonia, TX to hunt for ammonites with more discussion about motels and events there in the near future.

November events are the monthly meeting scheduled for Nov. 3, 2016 with nominations for 2017 club officers.

December will be the election of officers with installation and our Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Marney, Secretary

September Birthdays



Lewis Byfield	-- Sept. 5	Curtis Shimanek	-- Sept. 5
Candy Kent	-- Sept. 7	Mary Walters	-- Sept. 12
Bryan Baker	-- Sept. 13	April Flores	-- Sept. 21
Sewell Whistler	-- Sept. 26	Leon Walters	-- Sept. 28
Martha Lovrin	-- Sept. 28		

September Anniversaries



John & Jeanne Haacke

September 8



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FIELD

TRIPS

EGMS scheduled field trips will be the second Saturday after the Enid Gem & Mineral Society meeting (first Thursday of each month). Those wishing to attend will meet at the Conoco Travel Center No. 11 at 1005 E. Owen K. Garriott Road (corner of 10th and Garriott) in Enid, OK at 8:00 AM unless otherwise specified.

Departure time/destination are subject to change or rescheduling if certain conditions arise:

1. Weather (field trip will be moved to the following Saturday if at all possible).
2. Joint field trips with other clubs.
3. Lack of interest in that particular destination.
4. Field trip chairman unavailable (a designated knowledgeable chairperson replacement OR maps of the location may be provided as required).
5. Departure location changes.

It is always best to check ahead in case there have been any necessary changes.

Scheduled Field Trips for 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>What we'll be doing or digging up</u>	<u>Destination</u>
January 10	Bill & Janet's Nature Museum	Hardtner, Kansas
February 13	Potluck, Lapidary Demo and Practice	Johnson's Rock Shop, Enid
March 12	Club Work Day ---- postponed	
March 19	Fossils	Hardtner, KS
April 16	Stillwater & OSCMS Spring Swap	Stillwater, OK
April 23	Wichita Gem Show/RMFMS Show	Wichita, KS
May 14	EGMS Rock Swap	Meadowlake Park, Enid
June 11	Isinglass	near Gloss Mountains State Park
June 25	OMGS Annual Picnic & Swap	Garden Center, OKC
July 9-10	Tulsa Show	Tulsa Fairgrounds
Aug. 13	Salt Mines (Tulsa & Stillwater Clubs too)	Hutchison, KS
Sept. 8-10	Garfield County Fair	Enid, OK
October 15	Ammonite fossils	Ladonia, TX
Nov. 12	TBA - suggestions welcome!	
Nov. 18-19	EGMS Treasure Showcase - CANCELLED	
December 10	no field trip, club Christmas Dinner	

If you have any questions or suggestions for a field trip, please call our Field Trip Chairperson, Leon Walters at 580-484-1111. Be sure to check the "Upcoming Shows" list for other clubs' shows and lapidary related-type shows. We try to support other rock clubs by attending their shows whenever possible. For EGMS field trips, you'll be contacted by phone if we have to make a last minute change.



2016 UPCOMING GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

- Sep. 10-11 Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society Tailgate Swap**
 Location: Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society Clubhouse; Hwy 43 No. and Lawliss Rd., Siloam Springs, AR
 Hours: Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10 - 4. FREE Admission
 Gem wash, grab bags, and auction at 1 pm on Saturday
 Contact: Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, 479*721*1579; email: hulagrub~aol.com
 Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org
- Sep. 23-25 18th Annual Fall Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society Show**
 Location: Joplin Museum, 504 Schifferdecker Ave. (located at the intersection of 7th street and Schifferdecker Ave.), Joplin, MO
 Hours: Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-3
 Admission: FREE
 Contact: Chris Wiseman; e-mail: jmc-cwiseman~sbcglobal.net
- Oct. 15-16 Topeka Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show**
 Location: Agricultural Hall, Kansas Expocentre, 17th & Topeka Boulevard; Topeka, KS
 Hours: Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5
 Admission: Adults \$5, Students ages 13-17 \$1, Children under 13 free
 Diamond Jubilee (60th) celebration featuring 6.20 carat Stockton Diamond found at Crater of Diamonds, AR, in early 1980's. Seminars daily. Gem, mineral and fossil specimens. Jewelry dealers. Lapidary demonstrations, wire wrapping, children's activities including pebble pile and grab bags.
 Contact: Donna Stockton, 1934 SW 30th St., Topeka, KS 66611-1934, 913*645*7677, e-mail: Rock2plate~aol.com
 Web site: www.topekagemandmineral.org
- Oct. 29-30 Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society Annual Show**
 Location: Modern Living Building, 3001 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, OK
 Hours: Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-6
 Admission: Adults \$6, children under 12 free with adult.
 On-going demonstrations of wire waving, stone cabochon making, rock tumbling, wire wrapping, beading, engraving, sphere making and more.
 Contact: Teresa Gabrish, P.O. Box 54973, Oklahoma City, OK 73154, e-mail: tgabrish~gmail.com
 Web site: www.OMGS.org

Listing updated monthly. For details or for shows in other states, please check this site:
<http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

EGMS 2016 Host/Hostesses List

October ~ ~ Terrie Byfield

November ~ ~ Mary Walters

December ~ ~ Christmas Dinner

Loss of Collecting Opportunities

One of the concerns of many in our hobby is the loss of collecting areas. Sometimes, government regulations which may be unwise, confusing, or unevenly enforced are a real problem. This has certainly been pointed out by Mike Nelson in his articles in the RMFMS Newsletters as well as in several articles in the AFMS Newsletters. and was brought out in discussions at the PLAC meeting at the RMFMS Convention in Wichita. However, many times, we ourselves are our own worst enemies in regards to the loss of collecting opportunities.

I want to give some examples of situations of which I am aware. Over the years I have heard a number of rockhounds from area clubs, including my own, brag about bringing back a thousand pounds of material when, in fact, they might only use five or ten pounds the rest of their life. After a while those collecting sites become exhausted and there is little or nothing left for future generations of rockhounds to collect and enjoy. And, there are many collecting areas in Oklahoma where you used to break fossils or crystals with every step where now you have to get down on your hands and knees to find anything. Please, take what you need, but leave something for the next person to have the experience of finding.

Now, in the Tulsa area, we frequently have fossil collecting sites uncovered in preparation for the building of a housing addition, shopping area, new highway, etc. In such a case, you and members of your club might as well collect all you can since the site will soon be covered up and lost. Extra material can always be used for grab bags, games for kids at your rock shows, presentations to school or scout groups, etc. Weyerhaeuser has large tracts of forest land in McCurtain County in Southeastern Oklahoma which contain an abundance of quartz crystals. They permitted groups of rockhounds to use their network of logging roads and collect those crystals. However, when they were logging or replanting, they would close off access to those particular areas. Unfortunately there was one rockhound who considered the area his personal collecting area and would ignore such closings – bypassing gates or perhaps, I am told, even cutting locks. His actions caused Weyerhaeuser to completely close their property to collecting. Fortunately, as time has passed, they are again allowing collecting.

Another case was the Dolese quarry at Richards Spur in Southwestern Oklahoma which has abundant Permian Age amphibian and reptile fossils. Rockhound groups could schedule collecting trips on Sundays when the quarry was not in operation and successful collecting was always assured. Their one rule was that specimens were not to be taken out for commercial purposes. Unfortunately, a couple of weeks after one group of rockhounds collected there, the specimens began appearing for sale on Ebay. This action has caused the site to be closed to rockhound groups although university and museum groups can still

arrange to collect. Our Public Lands Access Representative for Oklahoma, Bill Lyon, is working to try to get rockhound groups allowed back in but has so far been unsuccessful.

After the Rocky Mountain Federation Show & Convention in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1989 one of the field trip collecting sites was on private property for fossil ginkgo leaves and other plant fossils. An exceptional site, but, just a short time after that, someone or group got on the property at night and took out a large amount of material and left a couple of huge holes in the ground. This action caused the farmer to close the site, put a large fence around it and post it. I checked with Russ Olinger, our RMFMS North Dakota State Director, to find out the current status. He tells me that the site is still closed and it was never found out who was responsible.

Those are just a few examples of how we are sometimes our own worst enemies when it comes to loss of collecting opportunities and, unfortunately, it sometimes takes only one person to ruin things for the rest of us. The AFMS has a 'Code of Ethics' which tells us how to respect both private and public property on which we are permitted to collect; you will always find this 'Code' printed in the AFMS Newsletters. Please read it, share it with other members of your club, and follow it. Let's not do anything to cause the loss of collecting opportunities. I would like to see the AFMS Code of Ethics reprinted in every club bulletin, and discussed at a club meeting, as least once a year.

— Richard Jeager, President, RMFMS

NOTE: We've had a lot of recent discussion about changes in collecting areas, where we're no longer allowed and why so I have reprinted Richard's interesting article from this month's RMFMS newsletter for everyone to see. Thanks for your hard work, Richard!

Editor's Note: In place of "Bits and Pieces" this month I've just got a short note. I haven't heard much from anyone. I know Van and Teresa are busy these days with their jobs and sadly will miss the picnic. Leon and I are "looking forward" to some heart procedures: his is the 12th, mine has yet to be scheduled. Old age is such fun! William, Anna, Callie and Alex are back at school and staying busy. We'll be setting up a schedule at the picnic for our booth at the county fair this year. We do need volunteers for this. The "rocks that look like food" table has been entered in the Table Settings Division. At our last meeting, Skyelar Coffey brought some gorgeous pieces of petrified wood. She spent several weeks this summer in Australia hunting fossils and accidentally found an area of petrified wood. Several great specimens made the airplane ride home with her and she brought some for our program. Kathy and Kenny Marney are staying busy with summer company and grandkids! Sounds like fun! De Anna Austin has been learning to facet with Steve Ruther teaching her at the Rock Shop. I've been re-learning to cab and really enjoying it! Mary Walters is still busy setting up their shop downtown and sorting rocks.



Skyelar Coffey & Petrified Wood

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2016</h1>						
				1 EGMS 6:30 PM PICNIC	2  V-J Day	3 FLOWERS Aster Morning Glory
4 World Chocolate Day 	5 Labor Day 	6 13 National Peanut Day 	7 (GCF Set-Up 1:00 PM)	8 GARFIELD	9 COUNTY	10 Field Trip to Fair FAIR
11 Patriot Day (Tear-down) G C FAIR	12	13 National Peanut Day 	14	15	16 Collect Rocks Day kidsloverocks.com 	17
18	19	20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22 First Day of Fall 	23	24 OMGS Club
25	26 Johnny Applesed Day 	27	28	29 VFW Day 	30 	