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HAPPY LABOR DAY!



Happy Fall everyone! 9-22



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welcome
at our meetings ☐

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is a member of the Oklahoma State Council of Mineralogical Societies (OSCMS) and the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS); is an affiliate of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

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.



Jill Goodpasture	08-02	Kathy Marney	08-22
Lewis Byfield	09-05	Vicki Shimanek	09-05
Candy Kent	09-07	Mary Walters	09-12
April Flores	09-21	Jamon McTye	09-27
Jaylen McTye	09-27	Martha Lovrin	09-28
Leon Walters	09-28		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - May you have many more!

Leon & Mary Walters 08-06-61

John & Jeanne Haacke 09-08-74



AFMS & RMFMS REVIEW

Neither AFMS nor RMFMS prints a newsletter in July.

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.amfed.org

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.rmfmts.org

For the RMFMS Newsletter and Clubs:

As of July 18, 2017, the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies President is Liz Thomas, formerly the RMFMS Vice President. Liz is stepping up as part of her duties due to the resignation of Beth Simmons as President. Please put a note in your Membership Book and on your computer mail list. The Email address for Liz is:

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If you have any questions or comments please contact any member of the RMFMS Executive Committee. Their names and email addresses are in the RMFMS Membership Directory, and also in the RMFMS Newsletter, to be found at this website, www.rmfmts.org.

Due to accidental deletion, the May general meeting minutes were not printed. They are below:

Enid Gem & Mineral Society Minutes

The May meeting of the Enid Gem & Mineral Society was held **May 2, 2017**, at the Senior Activity Center in Enid, OK. The meeting was called to order by President John Haacke at 7:07 p.m. There were seventeen members present and nine visitors. Prayer was led by Leon Walters and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Haacke.

The program was given by William Kent and Steve Ruther on hammered copper cuff bracelets. William demonstrated how to make a folded copper bracelet and Steve demonstrated how to make a copper tubing bracelet. The techniques were very interesting and a few, present at the meeting, even enjoyed making their own bracelets during the demonstrations. Thank you for the great program, William and Steve!

After a short break, the meeting was called back to order by President John Haacke. A motion was made by Tony Clement to approve last month's minutes. Sue Ogden seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes. Tony Clement gave the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue Ogden talked about the rock swap and the vendors scheduled for May 13, 2017. John Haacke asked club members for more help on First Fridays. Tony Clement thanked everyone that have purchased items from the silent auctions.

NEW BUSINESS:

President John Haacke asked if all members present had received their letters or emails concerning the proposed change of wording being made to the meeting bylaws. Leon Walters made a motion to approve the proposal. Tony Clement seconded the motion. Members voted in favor and the proposal was passed by the club. President John Haacke said that a committee has been formed to look over the constitution and bylaws of the club to see if any need updating. He said that the committee will discuss this before the next business meeting. Leon Walters suggested that a spokesperson from the club should talk to the City of Enid about the sidewalk vendor rulings for First Fridays. Tony Clement made a motion to table that suggestion until the next business meeting. De Anna Austin seconded the motion and the club voted in favor to have it tabled. President John Haacke reminded club members of the next Executive Board meeting scheduled for May 20, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Johnson's Rock Shop in downtown Enid, OK. All members are welcome to attend.

The Silent Auction was closed by Tony Clements and the money collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Marney, Secretary



Earth is 92.96 million
miles from the Sun.



Dear Fellow Rockhounds:

Wow! Where has the summer gone? I can't believe that it is already September. I would like to encourage everyone in the club to be more active in club functions, ie. write an article, take and submit photos for the newsletter, share your favorite part of our hobby with others, become an officer in the club. Don't forget that the upcoming meeting is our annual indoors picnic. Please bring something good to eat. 6:30 PM at the Senior Social Center. Please keep John and Faye Worden in your thoughts and prayers as John is facing his battle with cancer.



See ya' on the 5th,

President John Haacke

Enid Gem & Mineral Society Minutes

The June meeting of the Enid Gem & Mineral Society was held **June 6, 2017**, at the Senior Activity Center in Enid, OK. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President De Anna Austin at 7:15 p.m. Prayer was led by Leon Walters led the club in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fifteen members present and two visitors.

Tony Clement asked members for feedback about what activities they would like to see the club participate in during programs at our regular monthly meetings and for other suggestions to strengthen the club. Many good suggestions were voiced. Some of the suggestions included more 'hands on' programs, dividing into small groups for the 'hands on' activities, rotating the activities of the small groups each month, having overnight field trips and making the public aware of the club's existence. Most members agreed that they enjoyed the silent auctions at our monthly meetings and that it is helping to increase the club's income.

After a short break, the meeting was called back to order by Treasurer Tony Clement. Tony gave the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no First Friday in June due to Johnson's Rock Shop being closed. Volunteers are still needed to help in future First Fridays. There was an Executive Board Meeting held on May 20, 2017, at Johnson's Rock Shop, with discussion on proposed updates to the club's Constitution and Bylaws. Each member will be receiving a mailed out copy of the proposals soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tony Clement discussed the club's upcoming field trip to Hardtner, KS, scheduled for June 17, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Marney, Secretary

Enid Gem & Mineral Society Minutes

The August meeting of the Enid Gem & Mineral Society was held on **August 1, 2017**, at the Senior Activity Center in Enid, OK. The meeting was called to order by President John Haacke at 7:21 p.m. There were thirteen members present.

There was no scheduled program for the meeting. In the place of a program, several members brought plenty of 'show and tell'. Thanks to Jill Goodpasture, Steve Ruther, John Haacke, Sue Ogden and De Anna Austin.

OLD BUSINESS:

President John Haacke mentioned several items discussed at the Executive Board Meeting that was held on July 29, 2017. These items included: the new cabinet to be purchased by the club, the printing of the club's newsletter, First Friday help, the display this year at the Enid Public Library and the possible changes to the newly approved revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

President John Haacke appointed the Nominating Committee for officers in the year 2018. Steve Ruther, Candy Kent and Leon Walters were appointed to the committee. President John Haacke asked the members present if they were interested in, and willing to help with, the Garfield County Fair. It was decided that Sue Ogden would set up and be in charge of the 'rock food table' for the club this year. It was further decided that the club would have no booth at the fair this year. There was no Treasurer's report.

Steve Ruther made a motion to have the meeting adjourned. Candy Kent seconded the motion. The members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Marney, Secretary



Don't forget to bring a lapidary-related item for our **EGMS monthly auction**. These auctions are for **cash** only. There will be a few rocks brought from the club's stash but we hope members will bring rocks too. Please limit this to 5 pieces maximum. If a member brings a rock to auction, half of the proceeds go to the club's operating expense fund and half go to the member. Members may also **donate** rocks so that **all** of the money goes to the club. A minimum bid may be set for any piece. This will be a **silent** auction - a great way to get new rocks for your collection!

NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY

is celebrated this year on October 11th and is a very important part of Earth Science Week. The National Park Service says that NFD "is an annual celebration held to highlight the scientific and educational value of paleontology and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations". For more information, check out their website at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/fossilday/index.htm> - lots of great stuff there!

EGMS FIELD TRIPS

EGMS scheduled field trips will usually be the second Saturday after the Enid Gem & Mineral Society meeting (first Tuesday 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. For west-bound trips, please meet in the middle area of the K-Mart parking lot at Garriott & Oakwood, north of the TFCU ATM.



At this time we do not have any field trips planned for the fall although we will be entering our "Rocks That Look Like Food" in the Garfield County Fair, September 7-10. Be sure to head on out to the Fairgrounds to take a look!

If you have any suggestions for a field trip for this fall, please call our Field Trip Chairman, Tony Clement at 580-520-3558.

Don't forget the "Upcoming Shows" listing for other clubs' shows and lapidary-related events. We like to show our support for other clubs by attending their shows when we can.

2017 UPCOMING GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

Sep. 2-4 **Jim & Ruth William's Labor Day Weekend Rock Collection Sale**

Sale is at a farm SW of Stillwater. Contact me if you need directions. Most material will be priced by approximate pound weight. Rocks and wood from western states. Cash or checks only; NO CCs. GPS address: 9605 S. Meridian Rd, Coyle, OK 73027. Phone 405*466*2643.

Sep. 2-4 **Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society 34th Annual Show**

Location: Grant Cty Veterans' Memorial Conf. Ctr ; 3031 Hwy 180 E, Silver City, NM
 Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4 Free Admission
 Vendors, Wheel of Fortune, Silent Auction, daily field trips, educational displays. NMSU Zuhl Collection of Petrified Wood. NM Institute of Mining & Technology display
 Contact: Jeannine Weiner, POB 1555, Silver City, NM 88062, 575*654*4424; email: jweiner2011~hotmail.com; Web site: www.rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com

Sep. 8-17 **Denver Showcase** - - 10 days, 12 shows, over 900 vendors/exhibitors!!

Denver Fine Mineral Show; Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show; Denver Gem & Mineral Show (aka "The Main Show"); Denver Mineral Show; Denver Coliseum Show (DCS); Denver Expo Gem Show; Jewelry, Gem & Mineral (JG&M) Expo; Colorado Independent Warehouse Show; Miners Co-op Mineral Show; International Gem & Jewelry Show; 2 Bead Renaissance Shows.

Sep. 9-10 Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society Annual Fall Swap

Location: Hwy 43 North and Lawlis Road, Siloam Springs
 Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission
 Contact: Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, 479*721*1579; email: hulagrub~aol.com; Website: www.nwarockhounds.org

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Sep. 22-24 **19th Annual Rock-A-Thon Gem & Mineral Show**

Location: Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum; 504 S. Shifferdecker Ave., Joplin, MO

Hours: Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-3

Free Admission

Door Prizes. Hosted at the Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum in Schifferdecker Park.

Contact: Chris Wiseman, 417*623*1180; email: jmc-cwiseman~sbcglobal.net

Oct. 28-29 **Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society 2017 Show "Rocks Your World!"**

Location: Modern Living Building, Oklahoma State Fair Park, Oklahoma City

Hours: Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5

Admission: Adults \$6, Kids under 12 Free

Artisan jewelry, tools, gemstones, fossils, rough rock, crystals, exhibits, demos, education, children's area.

Contact: www.omgs-minerals.org or on facebook.

For more details: <http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

EGMS Picnic - Sep. 5 - 6.30 pm

Our menu (so far) includes BBQ Mini-smokies, two casseroles, fruit salad, a cheese plate, brownies, a brownie bowl and drinks for all. Please bring a dish to share! For our new members, we always have a great time at our picnics and lots of food. Be sure to bring a big appetite! Plates and plastic wear will be furnished by the club. This is an evening of fun and food - no program - no business meeting! Come and play with us!



Many thanks to John Haacke for his informational program about Boulder Opal and for letting us see his wonderful specimens! He had some beautiful stones at our August 1st meeting. Thanks also to De Anna Austin for bring her gorgeous faceted stones. She has been taking classes at the Rock Shop from Steve Ruther and it certainly looks like she's doing well. Jill Goodpasture brought some rocks picked up right here in Oklahoma on a scuba dive. Thanks, Jill, that's not something very many rockhounds get to do! It was definitely a very interesting and informative "non"program! Thanks to everyone who brought rocks to show. Thanks also to those who have been bringing stones for our silent auction - we all appreciate everything that's been brought for sale!

2017 Summer Vacation Rock Shops

William Kent

On my recent vacation to several of the Southwest's National Parks I went to many different rock shops. While in Albuquerque my Mom and I went to Mama's Minerals which was recommended by Steve Ruther. About half of the building was beads and other small stone trinkets but there was a large area that was all mineral specimens. They had everything from pyrite suns the size of dinner plates to a five gallon bucket full of Madagascar Ammonites about the size of a silver dollar. The rough stone selection was mostly large pieces of gold bearing lapis lazuli and small turquoise nuggets. The lapis was a little over priced but everything else was reasonable.

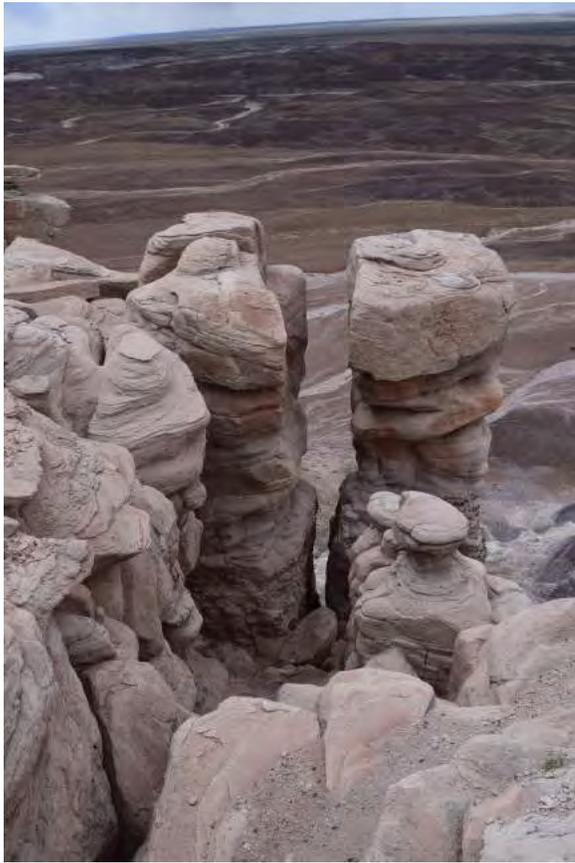
After visiting Petrified Forest National Park my family and I stopped by Jim Gary's Petrified Wood Co. This was the largest rock shop I have ever seen. The rock yard was covered in petrified wood and other local rocks and was about three quarters of a football field. They also had another rock yard about the same size full of giant petrified logs for their own use. In the main rock yard there was a giant pile of thunder eggs/geodes. This is where I got a lot of low priced rainbow petrified wood.

While visiting Zion Canyon National park I went to two rock shops. The first was Zion Rock & Gem. They had every color of slag glass you could ever want but it was also expensive. Their main attraction was the bright colored calcite crystal stones which each weighed about two pounds. Later I went to Silver Bear Enterprises which mostly had small mineral specimens but their turquoise selection was amazing. All of the turquoise I bought there was solid and had little matrix.

On our way to Moab we stopped by Orderville Mine Rock Shop. This is where I got my lapis lazuli. The building is where the smaller rocks are but outside is a wide range of well priced rough rocks. This is one of the smaller rock shops I visited but still has a lot to offer.

The last rock shop I visited was Moab Rock Shop. This rock shop's focus was on local rocks and mining history. They had amazing specimens like three pound blocks of parrot wing chrysocolla and a whole dinosaur leg bone that was agatized but everything was extremely overpriced. I did not buy anything there nor did anyone else that was in the store when I was. This was most likely the owner's collection and he prices everything high so they don't sell.





If you're interested in exact locations, check with William at our September 5th picnic or via email. I'm quite sure he'll be happy to tell you all about these wonderful photos he took on his vacation.

