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**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
AT OUR MEETINGS!**



Enid Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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.

July Birthdays

Bobett Larkey

July 10

De Anna Austin

July 11

David Peck

July 23



July Anniversaries

Curtis & Vicki Shimanek ~ July 7

Lewis & Terrie Byfield ~ July 11



Don't forget to bring a lapidary-related item for our **EGMS monthly auction**. These auctions are **cash** only. A few rocks will be 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 is going to be a simple **silent** auction - a great way to get new rocks for your collection!

Enid Gem & Mineral Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of participation and no quorum, the Executive Board meeting was not held June 24th.

EGGS**FIELD****TRIPS**

July 15 is the tentative date for our tour in the cool of the Alabaster Caverns. There will be more information about this trip at our July 6th meeting. In the meantime if you have any questions, please contact our Field Trip Chairman, Tony Clement at 580-520-3558.

Also don't forget the Tulsa club's show on July 8 and 9. It's always a very good show and there is more information on the "Upcoming Events" page.

JUNE PROGRAM

We were unable to have our planned program on the history of famous gemstones at our June meeting. Instead we held an open forum to discuss ideas for club field trips and other things the club might do to increase our fun, our learning and our membership. Tony Clement presided. A lot of really great ideas were discussed.

2017 UPCOMING GEM & MINERAL SHOWS

July 8-9

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society Annual Show

Location:

Tulsa County Fairgrounds-Exchange Center, 4145 E. 21st Street

Hours:

Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5

Admission:

Adults/Seniors \$6, Children free under 12.

Gems, beads, fossils, jewelry, crystals, working exhibits, free kid's zone and demonstrations.

Contact:

Martha Rongey, 612 W. 120th St. S., Jenks, OK 74037, 918*230*1094;
email: m_rongey@sbcglobal.net

July 7-9

Oklahoma City Summer Jewelry & Bead Show (AKS)

Location:

Oklahoma State Fair Park, Expo Hall #3, 3213 Wichita Walk, Oklahoma City

Hours:

Friday & Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4

Admission:

\$5 for entire weekend; join mailing list at aksshows.com for discounts

Jewelry-making classes, fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, beads, beading supplies, buttons, findings, gold, silver, charms, designer cabochons, gemstones, pearls and more.

Website:

www.aksshow.com

Aug. 4-6

Dallas Sumer Bead & Jewelry Show (AKS)

Location:

Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
(Other information same as above for July 7-9 in Oklahoma City.)

Aug. 18-19

Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show

Location:

Tahlequah Community Bldg.; 300 W. First Street, Tahlequah

Hours:

Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5

Admission:

Adults \$3, Children free

Wide range of vendors with rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, crafts featuring the previous. Children's games & activities. Educational displays & booths. Demos, silent auction, snack bar. Contact: Sara Brasel, POB 932, Tahlequah, OK 74465 Email: rockhoundsally@aol.com

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.

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

J A S P E R (Part 2)

6. **Dragon Blood Jasper** (AKA Dragon's Blood Jasper) this amazingly patterned stone has forest green hues of matrix (epidote) dotted with deep red drops of "dragon's blood" (red piedmontite). It's found only in Western Australia. Legend says it is the remains of ancient deceased dragons. This favorite of mine is relatively new on the market with lots of confusion about it. After tons of research, the information above has changed a bit. From The Rock Crystal Shop in Australia, I've learned this stone is a mix of Fuchsite (khaki green) with red iron oxide staining. It's found only in Pilbara, Western Australia, however some sources say it's mined only in South Africa. Regardless, it's an amazing stone but probably not a jasper. Another site states that it's serpentine!

7. **Morrisonite Jasper** - multicolored jasper from the Owyhee River gorge in Malheur County, OR.

8. **Ocean Jasper** - from the remote coasts of Madagascar (also known as Orbicular Jasper). It is reported to be a silicified rhyolite and may contain small, tight, concentric ring formations, translucent banded agate, opaque jasper and vug lines with druzy quartz crystals. It is so much more than "just jasper".



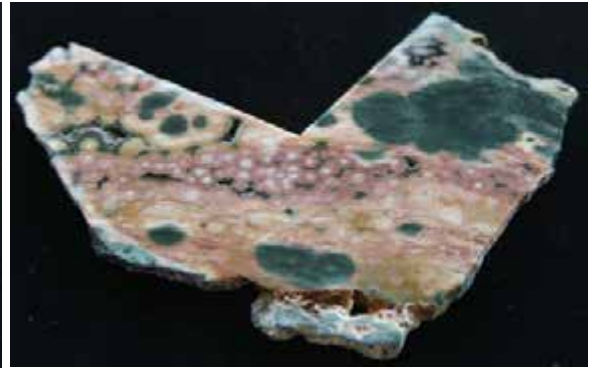
Various colors of Morrisonite Jasper.



Various colors



of ocean



jaspers!

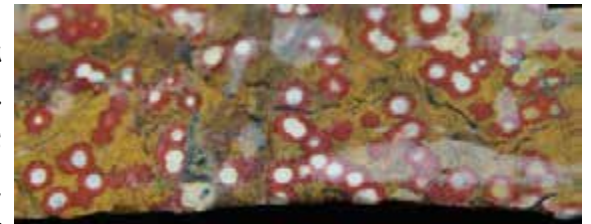
9. **Owyhee Jasper** - from Owyhee Canyon in eastern Oregon. This stone is becoming rare as the area where it was mined was turned into a park and no mechanized removal equipment is allowed. This jasper has a stunning desert landscape in gold tones. Some stones have a very rare blue coloring.



Lovely slab of Pilbara jasper.

10. **Pilbara Jasper** from the Pilbara region of Western Australia (also sometimes called Picasso Jasper) is a beautiful abstract with streaks of crimson, gold, black and chocolate.

11. **Poppy Jasper** from Morgan Hill (AKA Morgan Hill Jasper) is a famous but increasingly rare orbicular jasper that resembles



Poppy or Morgan Hill jasper.

"poppy flowers". It is an astonishingly beautiful red, yellow, orange, gray and black stone from California. Another "poppy jasper" is called Guadalupe and also comes from northern CA close to the San Andreas fault system. From samples I've seen, Morgan Hill generally has a black background while Guadalupe has a yellow background; both with the red orbicular patterns and absolutely stunning.

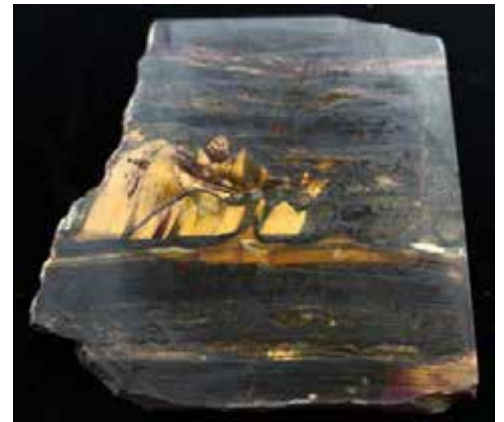
FINAL NOTE: If you'd like to research jasper further, here are more names to check out. Some of these are really very beautiful. **Brown Orbicular Jasper**; Cave Creek Jasper - reddish stone found near Cave Creek, Maricopa County, AZ; Cherry Creek Jasper; Dalmation Jasper (not truly jasper); Egyptian Jasper; **Gary Green Jasper** (sometimes called Swamp Bog); Jaspelite; Kabamba Jasper; Kinradite; **Kona Dolomite Jasper**; Lavender Jasper; Leopardskin Jasper; very limited **Marra Mamba Tigereye Jasper** from Australia, Moss Jasper (there is also moss agate that's more translucent); Noreena Jasper, Opalite Jasper (AKA Tiffany Stone) that some sources say is not a jasper); Picasso Jasper AKA Picasso Marble (from Utah and is dolomite marble); **Palm Root jasper**; Picture Jasper; Polychrome Jasper; **Rain Forest Jasper**; Red Jasper (also see Cave Creek Jasper); Royal Sahara Jasper; Sonora Jasper (may be Sonora Sunset which is Chrysocolla Cuprite from Sonora, Mexico); Stone Canyon Jasper; Wild Horse Picture Jasper (also from Owyhee Mountains); Willow Creek Jasper; and Zebra Jasper (AKA Black Zebra Jasper). And to intrigue you even more, a few photos of some special jaspers!



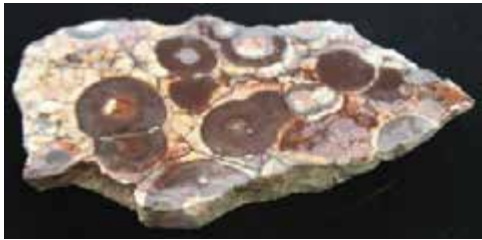
Rainforest jasper



Gary Green jasper



Marra Mambe Tigereye jasper



Brown orbicular jasper



Kona Dolomite from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



Palm Root



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Congratulations to our new bride! Tuesday, July 27th, 2017 our Skyelar Coffey married her true love Troy Cox from Darby, AU! It was a wonderful wedding! Skyelar and Troy are stateside still, on their honeymoon, and hopefully we'll see them again before they leave for Australia.

Best wishes to the happy couple!!!!