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DUE

Don Brenholtz requests that members have a look at the new classroom and see what's left to be done and ask what you can do to help finish it. We had a lot of hard working members put a lot of time and sweat into it. Good job guys and gals !!! Thanks Don -- JoAn

FLUORESCENT ROCKS

FLUORESCENT ROCKS SOLD IN CTGMS MEMBERS' AUCTION ACCIDENTALLY INCLUDED IN THE SALE.

THE CLUB NEEDS THESE ROCKS BACK FOR DEMONSTRATIONS.



Don't despair if your rocks fluoresce, you will be reimbursed for the rocks you bought.

You may have found yourself in a dilemmatic situation concerning the

rocks you bought at the club auction. You bought them fair and square and now you are asked to return them for black light inspection. Bob Patterson said that rocks with the properties of fluorescence aren't necessarily rocks of great beauty. So, if you bought a box of ugly rocks they may be the ones to bring back to have checked at the club. If you are uncertain about your rocks being fluorescent, either Don Brenholtz or Bob Patterson will be

glad to check them for you at the club house.

Those of us involved in the auction are certainly not happy that we accidentally sold Fluorescent rocks. We don't know how the rocks got mixed up with others but it happened. This puts the club and us in an embarrassing situation of having to ask for the rocks to be returned. -- Jerry

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New classroom— give us some help
- Fluorescent rocks were sold—we need them back
- Silversmithing
- President's Note
- Mission Statement

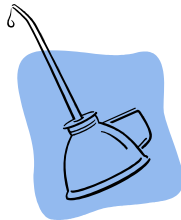
DO YOU NEED NONALLERGENIC SAW OIL?

Don Brenholtz has Texaco Canopus 13 saw oil for sale to club members.

Texaco recommended this oil to Ray Cassell because of an allergic reaction to Almag oil. Almag is no longer sold in the USA. After some research, and not being able to find suitable oil available in 5 gallon cans, Don purchased a 55 gallon drum of Canopus 13. He will sell it to club members at cost... \$ 5.60 per gallon

or 5 gallons for \$28.00... You will have to furnish your own container.

Contact: **Don Brenholtz at 325-5547854**
Email: **rawhide@webtv.net** or see Don at the club house.



Silversmithing

See Jerry Davis to find out what the prerequisites are for getting into a silversmithing class. Be sure you are getting active in the club for a long period of time. Non-active members are not eligible. — Jerry



Learn to cut and polish stones first, then learn to mount the stones in silver. Work by Jerry

REQUEST FROM A ROCKHOUND IN FORT WORTH

My name is Nicole Gaither and I am a member of the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club. I am doing a Silver Award project for Girl Scouts. My plan is to build a geology table on Texas Rocks for kids at the Bob Jones Nature Center, in Southlake. I am attempting to collect a small (about the size of half-dollar) rock from every area of Texas (the

rocks will be labeled and placed on the area they are from on a Geological Map of Texas). I was wondering if you could donate a rock that represents your area or give me a contact of where I might be able to purchase one. I would also like to include information on the Rock Clubs of Texas in my display, so if you could also send me a business

card, I would really appreciate it. If you have any questions, please contact cindy-jo403@aol.com

If you would like to help me out, my address is: 403 Valverde Ct Southlake, TX. 76092 Thanks so much, Nicole Gaither

I have sent a rock from the Davis Elm Creek Ranch as requested. Maybe you will send one that is native to your location. --Jerry

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NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL (PDF FILE) OR PRINTED COPY

I am hoping that I can get the Informer to you by email (PDF file in color). If you can't open the file then you may pick up a printed copy (black and white) at the club house.

I also want you to email me news stories. Please send me photos and stories by email. The whole idea as I see it is, if you want some interesting news for others to read, then send it to me at jde@txol.net

Sorry we no longer send newsletters by US Postal Service. **Copies of the Informer (in black and white) will be available at the club house.** — Jerry



An example of channel work done in advanced silversmithing. Crazy lace agate and silver. Silver and lapidary by Jerry

Denisons visit NASA and the International Gem and Jewelry Show

Glenda, Jonathan, Nicholas, and I went to NASA on Friday, July 15. We stayed about 7 hours. We went on the Blue Tram that went though the old control centers and by several buildings such as food research and development, as well as food preparation. One of the Astronauts hated the food so much he snuck a sandwich aboard one of the flights. The food started improving after that. We sent to several other displays and a presentation by someone who was well versed in the status of the currently scheduled flight. It was put on hold and the Astronauts were to be brought back to the Houston Space Center until late in the month. They talked a lot about the Space Junk orbiting the Earth.

Question: Would the metal on the space junk be “precious” metal if we could get some of it. I saw several specimens from the moon and touched a slabbed piece of moon rock. The chemical make-up of the moon is interesting. They gave several websites that would be of interest to rock hounds. I believe if you went to NASA’s web site, it would refer you to those websites.

On Saturday, I went to the International Gem and Jewelry Show at the Astro Dome Complex. There was so much glitter that after awhile it just all runs together. There were tables and tables of beads of all description, especially pearls. Containers full of all kinds of gems. There was very little rough at the show. I spoke to a member of the Houston Gem and Mineral Society; their dues are much more than ours. He was very proud of their facilities but ours sounded as well appointed and laid out as theirs. We get a great deal with our memberships. One thing they do for new members is offer a half-priced membership if they join at the show. Several of the Houston’s club members had booths at the show to display or sell their work. They do good work—almost as good, but not quite—as our members. — Jon

CELEBRATIONS



I hear by grapevine that July 14 a couple of our club members were wed. Their announcement hasn't been released to me at this time.

Jerry and Lou Jane celebrated their wedding anniversary in Fredericksburg the weekend of July 15th. The Stocktons and the Davises spent a day touring the country side and a couple of days seeing the sights of Night in Old Fredericksburg. We had a great time. The peaches were ripe and peach pie and peach cobbler were a hit. Some of the musical bands got rained out. We saw some big rocks at Enchanted Rock . We dropped by the bat flight at an old railway tunnel but got rained out. The flower seed farm was impressive.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SINCE OUR 2005 SHOW WE HAVE SIGNED UP SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

- MIKE BAKER
- JAMES GRAVES AND SON TRAVIS
- JAMES MABES AND SON JUSTIN
- DANIEL PIERCE AND SON THOMAS
- D.D. (DALE) WRIGHT
- JAMES (JIM) BRAKEBILL
- MARY SWEENEY
- JACK MITCHELL



ILLNESSES IN JULY

- Bill Patrick - surgery
- Sallie Lightfoot—surgery
- Ernie Wright— ill at home
- Gelene Stockton— Dr. visit in San Antonio



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

News flash...According to a phone call I got last night from Richard McKissick, he is resigning as president. He has taken a job as land man for an oil company and will be moving out of town.

HELP !! Anybody want to be president??
Come on, give it a try for the rest of the year—Don

Purpose of this Organization (Mission Statement)

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of rocks and minerals. We offer field trips and provide educational instruction to members in a variety of areas related to the Lapidary Arts and Jewelry making. We also award a scholarship to a student enrolled at a local college in a field closely related to geology. We provide educational displays related to this hobby at shows of a similar interest. — Jerry



Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society



If you have Silver work from a past class that hasn't been completed, please finish it and turn it in so you can be "level" certified and eligible for the next class level. — Jerry

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Articles for Next Month's Newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of this month.

Charlie, Sallie and Ricky studying about buying more rocks at the 2005 Rolling Rock Club meeting.