



**I N F O R M E R**  
NEWSLETTER OF CTGMS

NOTICE: I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO THE INFORMER [ctgms50@clearwire.net](mailto:ctgms50@clearwire.net)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT	1
LARRAMORE RANCH TRIP	2
CHRISTMAS	
MEEITING MINUTES	3
SHOP REPORT	4
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION	5
EDITOR'S NOTES	6
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES	
UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS	7
OFFICERS AND CHAIR PERSONS	8

**From the Front Desk— President —Bob Patterson**



We had a good meeting January 5, beginning a New Year with a lot of members attending. I will have to admit that the meeting was a little draggy due to my inexperience.

You are perfectly welcome to volunteer to take the job which I will gladly surrender. Thinking along that line, why don't any of the Ladies volunteer for the president's job?

I have been talking to several of the members and have identified several problem areas. After talking to Errol Rutledge I discovered that we do have casualty insurance on our clubhouse and contents. I had forgotten that we acquired this insurance the last time I was president. If a accident occurred and our clubhouse was damaged or destroyed it would be a severe blow to our group.

Also, I am sure that, due the collective wisdom of groups, there may be other things that you would like to change to improve our club. If you have any suggestions, write it down and

hand it to Beverly or me. I'm going to try to remember to put a suggestion box in the club so the suggestions can be anonymous

I am going to be absent for the February meeting and Carlos will have the duty. Helen and I and the Steeles will be in Quartzsite, and Tucson, AZ, living the good life, collecting rocks and looking at rocks and minerals. If any one has a request for a purchase call me. We see a lot of wonderful things, some of which are very inexpensive.

One other important point, Sally needs volunteers to take the responsibility for several functions at the show. If you don't want the responsibility there are still lots of ways that you can help out. A lot satisfaction can be had from a successful rock show so lets all be thinking about this

Bob Patterson

**DUES NOTICE**  
ITS TIME TO  
PAY YOUR DUES  
DON'T GET LEFT  
OUT



VIEW FROM NEEDLE PEAK



## MINUTE BY MINUTE BY BEV

### MINUTES OF CTGMS MEETING OF MONDAY, JAN 5 , 2009



President Bob Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. 24 members were in attendance. After the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance, the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The financial report was not read because of the Treasurer's absence.

Old Business: We'd like to remind club members that dues for 2009 are due. Fees are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 15 years. Gary will be updating the membership list. If you need to update your address, email or telephone information Gary has left a list for updates at the clubhouse.

Jim Owens brought a box load (there's a lot of it!) of costume jewelry to the clubhouse. It's spread out on the table and members are welcome to take their pick of it. Some of the members may make Christmas ornaments out of it.

New Business:

Bob mentioned that when Zach was Treasurer he met with a budget committee to write an annual budget to be approved by the members. We will ask Errol to do the same this year.

Bob has been looking for sources for training materials, videos and DVDs, for short programs for club use. Don said that the South Central Federation has a list we can look into. He will check a copy of their catalog as their website isn't always up to date.

Joyce Talley asked if anyone was in charge of setting up a club display at the downtown library this year. She believes Betty Scarborough signed us up for 2009. The display will be set up for a full month. Last year Carlos and Joyce took things for display and they were present during Art Walk to talk to visitors to the library. Our display was set up just prior to the gem show last year. We'll ask Betty for more information.

Don reported that the Larramore Ranch near Alpine was holding a special rock hunt on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the January newsletter. Part of the ranch is being sold and the new owners will probably not allow rock hunting in the future. A few club members are planning to go to the Ranch hunt.

Bob suggested that we have a committee to look over the general needs of the clubhouse, such as new chairs, checking fire extinguishers, replacing fluorescent lights, etc. He also suggested we build an entrance to the back road. The County would have to approve and install it but the club would have to pay for it.

(CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

### Committee Reports:

Show chair: Sallie has sent out all the magazine advertising and she will be signing people up for the various committees. She'll need everyone to participate. Please contact Sallie to volunteer.

Dealer Chair: Judy reported that five dealers have signed up. The deadline was January 5<sup>th</sup> so she'll be calling more dealers soon.

This year the gem show is April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the second weekend in April. It is also Easter weekend. Charlie Lightfoot asks that if anyone knows of any cases that need repair to please let him know.

Scholarship Chair: Jo An says she has no applicants yet but students just started back to school. She should be hearing more next month.

Tim Walker said we are now out of oil. He's in the process of buying another barrel, which will cost between \$600 and \$700. He'll use our tax number to save the tax and he will get a check from Errol. Members will be able to buy oil by the gallon.

Tim replaced the oil container under the two big saws as the old one was leaking. The blue grinding machine might need a new water pump, which he can buy at Lowe's.

Illnesses and deaths: Jay Abernathy did get heart and lung transplants recently in Virginia. He will have to remain on dialysis.

### Awards and Certificates:

Tim Walker has been chosen as our Rockhound of the Year for 2008. The award will be made at our dealer dinner in April.

Linda Holloway, Joyce Talley and Grace Hoy will provide refreshments for the meeting in February.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Beverly Vargo

## The Shop Report — Foreman - Tim Walker

The club has purchased the following items for member purchase:

60-90 carbide grit	\$10.00 for 5# bag
Ceramic pellets	\$17.50 for 5# bag
Saw Oil	\$13.00 per gallon

Good to have oil in the shop again! The price will be higher than last year because of oil prices. Two new water pumps have been installed. Some of the other equipment still needs work. I will do this as I have time and begin to feel better. At this time, I have my kitchen torn apart and need to get this finished before spending too much time doing other things. All new members need to read the rules which are posted in the shop. Tim



### CTGMS Scholarship Program

The CTGMS scholarship program is more than seven years old. I do not know what year it began. Anyone know? I have been on the scholarship committee for six years now, five as committee chair. Joyce Talley, Sally Lightfoot and I have formed the committee for these last six years. Annually, the committee selects a qualified university student to receive the scholarship. The scholarship is funded by the Gem and Mineral Show, which is held the second week-end in April of each year. At the show, we have a showcase presenting the scholarship recipient. This annual scholarship assists deserving students help pay for their school expenses. The award is paid directly to the student. Not only is the scholarship a charitable act; but also it is part of the process in consideration for the club's exempt status with Texas Sales Tax requirements. Applications are available on request either email or US Mail, or call me and I will get you one. For any other information on our scholarship program just call me or see me at the business meetings. The deadline for this years application is February 28, 2009.

If you would like to be on this committee, let me know. We can always use help with a lot of little things that we do. We present the scholarship award on Friday evening at the Gem & Mineral Show dealer dinner and the preparation for that event requires extra work, so let me know if you would like to help me there. We also encourage our club members to seek applicants from any qualifying students they might know.

Submitted by:

JoAn Wilkes

### CTGMS Scholarship Applicant Qualifications:

#### Scholarship Award Requirements/Requests

1. Student Applicants must be enrolled at Abilene Christian University, Hardin Simmons University or McMurry University.
2. Student must be a full-time student studying geology or the earth sciences or jewelry arts as required for his/her degree plan.
3. Student must complete CTGMS Scholarship Application.
4. Student must attach documentation from his/her University with a most recent semester GPA.
5. Student must include their photograph with application.
6. Student must attach letter of recommendation from major study professor.
7. Student applicants and his/her professors will be notified of selected scholar.
8. Student recipient of scholarship will receive the scholarship check Friday evening, April 10, 2009 at the annual Gem & Mineral Show, Abilene Civic Center, 1000 N. 6<sup>th</sup>, Abilene, Texas.
9. CTGMS would appreciate future contact with Student recipient. (not required, but appreciated)

### Larremore Ranch Field Trip

Thank you to all who attended the Larremore Ranch Field Trip! We had a wonderful time and I learned a lot about leading BIG field trips. We had 30 people on the first day, and about 25 on the second day, when we ended up going to Ritchie Ranch instead of back to the Larremore. If any one has comments on how the field trips were run, both good and bad, feel free to email me at [agatehunter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:agatehunter@sbcglobal.net). I'm tough, so I can take it! In a week or two I will post a calendar of field trips for the spring season, and I have another NEW SITE to offer!

Regards,  
Teri Smith



**Editor's Notes:**

++++  
 If you have a story or a news item please email it to me at [ctgms50@clearwire.net](mailto:ctgms50@clearwire.net)

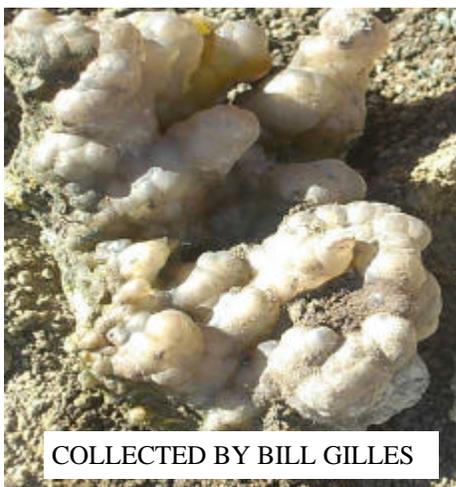
Send it in email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Remember to get it to me by the 20th of the month.

Many thanks to Bob and Helen Patterson for having the newsletter printed each month.

Notice the new email address. I think I have everything set up the way I want it so it is easier to work on the news letter.

I am in the process of getting our membership list up to date. So don't be distressed if I have something wrong or left out. Get it to me by email or write it down and hand it to me. My memory is getting very forgetful. Too many irons in the fire. Wait....if you play with fire you're are going to get burned!

I'm looking foreword to taking a little vacation time over the next couple of months. Maybe take a couple of short trips.



COLLECTED BY BILL GILLES



If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please email it to me or write it down and hand it to me. I don't want to leave anyone out.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

Melissa Fletcher	February 1
Russell McDonald	February 5
Bill Rister	February 10
Jarred Rutledge	February 18
Wayne Witter	February 27
Zack Stockton	February 28
Beverly Vargo	February 28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill & Kathy Gilles	February 26
---------------------	-------------

**GET WELL SOON!**



- Ernie Wright**
- Bobbie Owens, recovering from shoulder surgery**
- Charlie Harrison, back problems**
- Judy Abernathy's son, Jay, Heart/lung transplant, on dialysis**
- Lou David's granddaughter, Sierra**
- Bill Gilles, radiation therapy**

# Upcoming Shows

**Jan 31 through Feb--14--TUCSON, ARIZONA:** Show, "Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; The InnSuites Hotel, 475 N. Granada, and The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, 1333 N. Oracle Rd., and Quality Inn, 1025 E. Benson Highway, and Ramada Ltd., 665 N. Freeway; 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers from all over the world, free shuttle bus to other shows, Artists' Gallery at the InnSuites Hotel; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665, fax (505) 867-0073; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

**Feb 7-8--ROBSTOWN (CORPUS CHRISTI), TEXAS:** 47th annual show; Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Club; Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, U.S. 77 and Rte. 44; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children under 12 free; minerals, fossils, jewelry, kids' wheel, silent auction, door prizes, dealers and demonstrations; contact Jerrold Simpson, (361) 851-8788

**Feb 21-22--PASADENA, TEXAS:** Show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$1, children free; contact Al Pennington, (281) 481-1591; e-mail: clgms2009@hotmail.com; Web site: www.hawkwindnovels.com/page2.html

**Feb 21-22, 2009—PLAINVIEW, TX:** 47th annual show; Hi Plains Gem & Mineral Society; Ollie Liner Center, south I-27; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, students \$1; dealers, demonstrators, door prizes, silent auction, kids' wheel; contact Mildred Matlock, 701 Zephyr, Plainview, TX 79072, (806) 293-3476, (806) 293-3476; e-mail: jmmatlock@suddenlink.net

**Mar 7-8--BIG SPRING, TEXAS:** 40th annual show; Big Spring Prospectors Club; Howard County Fair Barn; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; dealers, demonstrators; contact Jerald Wilson, 707 Tulane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 263-4662

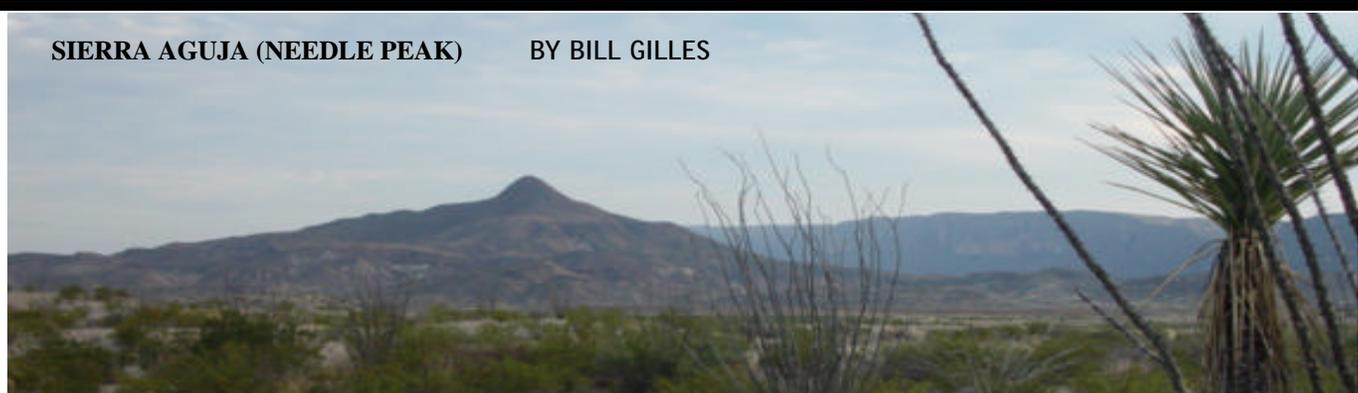
**Mar 21-22—SAN ANTONIO, TX:** 48th Fiesta of Gems show; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society; Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road; Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm; admission is \$4 Adults, \$3 seniors and military, \$2 students; www.swgemandmineral.org

**Mar 12-15--DEMING, NEW MEXICO:** 44th annual show, "Rockhound Roundup"; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; displays, demonstrations, jewelry, rocks, drawings, raffle, field trips, silent auction, live auction; contact Bud Daily, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031, (575) 267-4399

**Mar 20-22--ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO:** 41st annual show, "Treasures of the Earth Show"; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; School Arts/Flower Bldgs., New Mexico State Fair Grounds (EXPO-NM); Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$1 (Fri.) and \$3 (Sat. and Sun.), kids under 13 free; more than 35 dealers, mineral displays, demonstrations, door prizes, kids' booth, silent auctions; contact Paul Hlava, (505) 255-5478; e-mail: hpf5@qwest.net

**SIERRA AGUJA (NEEDLE PEAK)**

BY BILL GILLES



PO Box 7343  
Abilene, TX 79608-7343

Editor: Gary Hudson  
Email: ctgms50@clearwire.net  
Snail-Mail: 1002 Mac St.  
Tuscola, TX 79562

**We are on the web:  
[www.txol.net/rockclub](http://www.txol.net/rockclub)**



President .....	Bob Patterson	325 698-8648
Past President .....	Gary Hudson	325 554-7804
Vice President .....	Carlos Talley	325 692-0063
Secretary .....	Beverly Vargo	325 690-0750
Treasurer .....	Errol Rutledge	325 672-7505
Corresp Sec .....	Joyce Talley	325 692-0063
Editor .....	Gary Hudson	325 554-7804

**Committees/Chairpersons**

Show .....	Sallie Lightfoot
Field Trips .....	Tony & Judy Steele
Classes .....	Charlie Lightfoot
Nominating .....	James Grant
Programs .....	Dave Vargo
Shop .....	Tim Walker
Club House and Grounds.....	Charlie Lightfoot
Dealers for show .....	Tony & Judy Steele
Budget .....	Errol Rutledge
Scholarship .....	JoAn Wilks
Show Demonstrations .....	Jerry Davis
Silversmithing Classes .....	Jerry Davis

**GEMSTONE OF THE MONTH**



**AMETHYST**

The Greek word "amethystos" may be translated as "not drunken". Amethyst was considered to be a strong antidote against drunkenness, which is why wine goblets were often carved from it. In greek mythology, Dionysus, the god of intoxication, was pursuing a maiden named Amethystos, who refused his affections. Amethystos prayed to the gods to remain chaste, which the goddess Artemis granted and transformed her into a white stone. Humbled by Amethystos' desire to remain chaste, Dionysus poured wine over the stone as an offering, dyeing the crystals purple.

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



**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of rocks, minerals and fossils. We offer field trips and provide educational opportunities and 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



**FEBRUARY FLOWER  
IRIS**

<http://www.birth-flower.com>

