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From the Front Desk— President —Betty Scarborough



Well the first meeting of the year took place – for most of you we missed you. We had a small very friendly crowd, Since most of the members didn't show up it was a very short meeting. We did have a silent auction with lots of rocks and sold most of them. We still have a few more so will be holding another auction shortly. Anyone who has anything they would like to donate to any of our auctions so we can raise more money for the club. Please let us know. Contact Gary or myself. As with most things these days costs are up and we try to cover them without raising prices for the members.

We have one suggestion for a class and we are working on getting an instructor for it. If anyone has any other suggestions we would welcome them. This is especially true for all of our new members – please don't hesitate to ask anyone about what you are interested in learning. We appreciate every member and try to meet the needs of as many as we can.

Unfortunately I won't be at the February meeting as I will be in Fort Worth with Maria as she will be having her surgery and needs someone with her. Linda should be there and I trust things will go smoothly for her.

Some of you will also notice we have more supplies for polishing and a cleaner clubroom. Gary has worked really hard to keep the supplies in stock for the convenience of our members – he is also helpful along with Tim in helping members correct some mistakes that may occur in the pursuit of a high polish.

DUES NOTICE

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN

DO IT TODAY

As for the clubroom Joyce (lucky for us) got tired of all the trash all over the place so the room was cleaned slightly so as to be more presentable and organized. We still need to vacuum the carpet of the dirt that has been tracked in. We took down the tree also. I guess all the old magazines need to be arranged so if someone actually wants to look at one they can with little effort. Any volunteers??

I have submitted the show information to the "Texas Country Reporter." It will be on their website but am not sure about the calendar scroll at the end of the show. I also submitted it to "Rock and Gem" not sure if it was in time (they require 4 months) but it was submitted so we will see.

Hope everyone has a good month and I will see you all at the March meeting.

Betty

CTGMS officers whose photos do not show up elsewhere in this issue



Vice President
Linda Hollowell



Treasurer
Errol Rutledge

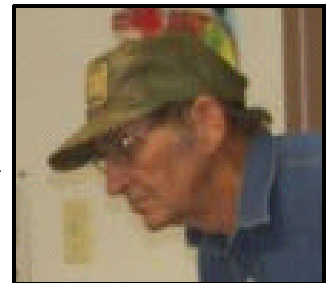
I just had a call asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people of the world.

I told them to kiss my rear!!!!

Anybody who fits into my clothes ain't starving.

The Shop Report — Foreman - Tim Walker

New members are once again reminded to read the shop rules. Badges need to be worn when working in the shop. It is getting close to the time to plan for the show and get exhibits ready and cut slabs to work on for the show. If you have rocks that need to be cut into slabs, Tim will be glad to help you cut them or cut them. Thanks to those of you who are cleaning up after using the equipment and others be reminded to do so. Tim.





Minutes of CTGMS meeting held Monday, January 4, 2010

President Betty Scarborough called the meeting to order. Approximately 29 members were in attendance. After the pledge of allegiance and prayer, the secretary read the minutes of the November 2, 2009, meeting. The treasurer presented the financial report. Both were accepted.

Old Business:

The Certificate for Rockhound of the Year 2008 was received. It was awarded to Tim Walker at the Christmas party. Congratulations, Tim!

New Business:

It is time to make any corrections on the member telephone list.

New members, Lupe Villanueva and Lillian Simms introduced themselves as guests; but they were actually new members. Welcome, Lupe and Lillian!

A Christmas card was received from William Cooper—a new member who moved out of the area.

Two chairpersons were in attendance. Judy Steele said about Dealers for the Show that seven dealers have already paid, and two others have confirmed but have not yet paid.

Tim Walker, Shop, said nothing has changed and everything is working. He reminded everyone that the equipment in the Club is for Club members only. If someone brings a guest who works on the equipment, Club insurance does not cover the guest.

Carlos Talley was back in attendance after having been in the hospital. Judy East hurt her hip but is back. Lou Jane Davis is doing well with therapy. Ernie Wright is under the weather and sent love to members. Sharon Sanchez has said that Larry is to have surgery on his

shoulder. The Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Talley, will send a card. Larry has been a dealer at the Show for a long time.

Ricky Alaniz brought a display of mussel shells which he had transformed into a clock and other artistic items. These were beautiful and most interesting.

Jerry Davis has entered the Club website into the Federation contest.

There was a silent auction after the meeting for rocks, slabs, and grab bags. Items were donated by Bill Myers.

Dues are due now.

Ricky Alaniz, Lupe Villanueva, and Grace Hoy will provide refreshments for the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Grace Hoy

NEW MEMBERS

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society would like to welcome our new members:

Mark and Jack Phelan

Charles A. Roberts

Lillian Sims & Guadalupe Villanueva

Lisa Mayfield

Helen Pfeiffer

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Editor's Notes:

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If you have a story or a news item please email it to me at ctgms50@gmail.com

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.



BIRTHDAYS

Bill Rister	February 10
JJ Vasquez	February 14
Jarred Rutledge	February 18
Zack Stockton	February 28
Beverly Vargo	February 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Kathy Gilles	February 26
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GET WELL SOON!



Betty Scarborough's granddaughter, Maria is having surgery in Fort Worth

Lou Jane Davis coming along well with therapy for her shoulder

Larry Sanchez, one of our longtime dealers, suffered a shoulder injury

Ernie Wright still not doing well, at home

As I write this it is raining outside. This one is good enough here to add much needed water to the area stock tanks. It may get rough when the cold temperatures get here tonight.

In case you haven't notice, I included photos of the officers for the benefit of our newer members.

Just a reminder it is time to pay your dues. Adults \$15, Juniors (under 16) \$10
The new member list will be published for the March meeting. Don't get left off!

It is time to start gearing up for the show in April. Everyone needs to get their projects ready. We need door prizes for adults and children. I always look forward to visiting with our friends.

We will be asking for volunteers to work on our new storage building. Shelves and a door need to be installed so all the show materials can be stored in there after the show.

Until next month, Gary



Correspondence Secretary Joyce Talley sent get well notes to:

- Larry Sanchez
- Lou Jane Davis
- Ernie Wright

Upcoming Shows

Jan 1-Feb 28--QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show, "Desert Gardens International Gem & Mineral Show"; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1064 Kuehn Rd., south side of I-10, along frontage road; 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry; contact Sharon or Sandy, Desert Gardens RV Park, 1055 Kuhen St., P.O. Box 2818, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

Feb 5-8--TUCSON, ARIZONA: 9th annual show, "Westward Look Show 2010"; FineMineralShow; Westward Look Resort, 245 E. Ina Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-5; more than 25 of the world's top dealers, "Collector Day" Sat., featuring Will Larson's private collection, Sun. evening cocktail hour, mineral art gallery, and artist panel, including Eberhard Equit, Hildegard Konighofer, Susan Robinson and Wendell Wilson; contact Dave Waisman, P.O. Box 8543, Spokane, WA 99203; Web site: www.finemineralshow.com or www.westwardminerals.com

Feb 20--PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Annual show, "Family Fun Day at the Museum"; Maricopa Lapidary Society; 1502 W Washington St.; Sat. 10-4; free admission; dealers, demonstrations, kids' activities, gold panning, metal detecting; contact Laurette Kennedy, (602) 771-1611 or (602) 738-2552; e-mail: lkennedy11@aol.com

Feb 20-21--PLAINVIEW, TEXAS: 48th 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, grand prizes, silent auction, kids' wheel; contact Mildred Matlock, 701 Zephyr, Plainview, TX 79072, (806) 293-3476; e-mail: jmmatlock@suddenlink.net

Mar. 6-7--BIG SPRING, TEXAS: 41st 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 or (432) 263-3340

Mar 11-14--DEMING, NEW MEXICO: 45th annual show, "Rockhound Roundup Gem & Mineral Show"; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; SWNM Fairgrounds, Raymond Reed Blvd.; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; more than 100 dealers, demonstrations, displays, field trips, jewelry, rocks, drawings, cash raffle, silent auction Fri., live auction Sat.; contact Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88030, (575) 543-8916; e-mail: theDGMS@gmail.com; Web site: dgms.bravehost.com



April 10-11— ABILENE, TX Central Texas Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show. Abilene Civic Center. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$3, Children \$1.50 Demonstrations, displays, jewelry, rocks, drawings, cash raffle, silent auction, geodes, wheel of fortune. www.txol.net/rockclub

For other shows around the United States, go to www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp

←The rainbow is from my ranch southwest of Dryden, TX in March 2008. I am looking for spring again!

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Silversmithing Classes	Jerry Davis
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GEMSTONE OF THE MONTH AMETHYST

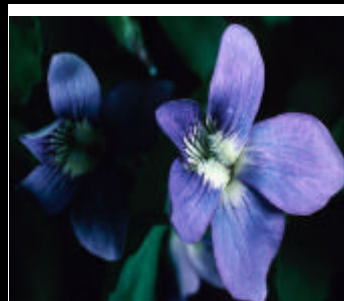


turies and can be traced back to the Minoan period in Greece (c. 2500 B.C.). During the 15th century the French fleur-de-lis brooch could only be worn by the Royal family on ceremonial occasions.
<http://www.bernardine.com/birthstone/garnet.htm>

According to legend, amethyst originated when Bacchus, the God of Wine, grew angry at mortals. He vowed the next mortal that crossed his path would be eaten by tigers. At that time, a beautiful young maiden named Amethyst was on her way to worship the Goddess Diana. Diana, knowing of Bacchus' vow, turned Amethyst into a pillar of colorless quartz to protect her from the tigers. Bacchus, witnessing the miracle, repented and poured wine over Amethyst, staining her purple.

This legend and the connection to Bacchus led to the belief that drinking wine from a cup made of amethyst would prevent drunkenness, and later, that wearing amethyst would also prevent the wearer from becoming drunk or being poisoned. Amethyst is also considered as an aid to the brave because it was believed to protect soldiers in battle.

Other legends say that amethyst can control evil thoughts, help hunters in the capture of animals and can make the owner shrewd in business matters. Amethyst is a variety of quartz which occurs in transparent light to dark purple. The darker more intense colors are more valuable than the lighter smoky or lavender color. Dark rich, royal colors of amethyst have been treasured by kings and queens for cen-



**FEBRUARY FLOWER
VIOLET, PRIMROSE**

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