



THE INFORMER

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From the Front Desk— President —Betty Scarborough



Well another month has passed – this year seems to be flying.

We have a couple of people who are having difficulties this year – seems to go in cycles I believe one year is great and the next you can't win for trying. Hopefully it will pass for them shortly and the rest of the year will be a great one.

We have several irons in the fire going - - field trips trying to schedule- classes trying to enroll in- we need more ideas to get them in the mix too.

Everyone is busy getting ready for the summer ahead and trying to prepare for the heat that is surely to follow – seems it comes earlier every year.

I hope everyone will enjoy the summer and if you take a vacation (some are actually lucky enough to be able to leave town-probably wont include me) I hope you safe travels and carefree enjoyment of your destination and a safe return.

I know this is short but there really isn't much to talk about – unless you would like to hear about the antics of baby goats and deer that roam my backyard and keep me going all the time.

Till next month-
Betty

You won't want to miss the July 5th business meeting. Jim Vick is providing hot dogs with chips, sodas and ice cream for refreshments.



My West Texas Ranch Sunset

FIELD TRIP/ SOCIAL

I have made arrangements with John and Ruth Sparks to have a club picnic at their house at Lake Brownwood on June 12th starting around noon. I will be furnishing a meat dish, tea, paper plates, cups, and utensils. Everyone attending needs to bring a favorite side dish. They also need to bring lawn chairs. This event will be more of a picnic. The Sparks' house is on the lake near the state park. I will furnish a map at the June meeting and directions via email later. We are welcome to fish so bring your fishing gear, swim if you want, or just visit. I hope some people will bring some interesting rocks out to share a story or two. If anyone is interested in collecting some horn coral, I will gladly lead them to some roadside places I know in that area for a short field trip. I know everyone's schedule is busy this time of year, but if you are able please come. I would appreciate an email or call to let me know if you will be able to attend so I can have a head count on the amount of supplies we might need. You can reach me by email at randy4497@hotmail.com or by phone at 325-518-5421. I will also have a sign up sheet at the June meeting. I know the weather is getting hot so bring the sunscreen and hats. I understand it is a beautiful place with lots of shade so hopefully this will help with the heat. Look forward to seeing you soon! Call me if you have any questions.

Rock on!!!!

Randy Ward
Field trip Chairman

WIRE WRAPPING CLASSES

The dates for our wire wrapping classes will be June 18th and 19th. The classes will be here at our house at Lake Brownwood. If you need instructions to get here, please let me know. Some of you might want to car pool the trip. If you have changed your mind about taking the classes, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a preference as to which day, please let me know that preference. We would like to meet with you for a very short time after the meeting Monday. Be thinking about what time you would be able to get here. You can always get in touch with me at this e-mail address or at 325-784-6634. Also, if you are planning to attend the open house at our house on June 12th you can look some of our tapes and books.

See ya,
Ruth Sparks

Rose Turner had some metal shelves that were acquired from some of the Eckerkeds stores when they closed several years ago. She offered to donate them to the club if we could use them in our storage container. I went by her house on the way to the rock club a couple of weeks ago to pick them up. My little Toyota pickup sure was squatting on the way to the clubhouse. They are heavy-duty and will work very well.

Thank you very much Rose!!!

By: Gary Hudson

The Shop Report — Foreman - Tim Walker

Work continues on the storage container. Electricity and lights are next on the list. A work day will be scheduled soon to help with burying the power cable and assembling shelves.

As always, what ever you work on at the shop, clean up after yourself. Don't leave it for the next person.

Report anything you think needs repairs. We don't want anyone getting hurt.





Minutes of CTGMS meeting held Monday, July 6, 2010:

May 3, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge was said and prayer by Charles Lightfoot.

Minutes were read, no additions. A memorial has been sent in honor of Dave's mother to Hospice. Financial report was given by Errol, no additions or corrections.

Old Business:
There was none

New Business:

Allan reported Charlie and Illa were under the weather. Ernie and Anita were not doing well.

Bruce East thanked the club for remembering them and sending a card.

Ruth announced that she and John were going to attempt to teach a wire wrapping class at their house at Lake Brownwood and had a sign up sheet on the table for anyone interested.

Alan noted that the Alamo Rock shop was shutting down and had some good bargains still. According to Gary the final day was to be May 25.

Field Trips:

Suggestions were:

Ruth and John Sparks house at Lake Brownwood, very close to the State Park

Don Brenholtz's house again and hoping for warmer weather.

A new property that Walt, Tony and Randy were going to investigate on Sunday.

Randy stated his business travels had taken him to the panhandle and he visited Lake McClellan and brought some rocks back home so they were available to view after the meeting.

Gary brought the buffalo he started working on at the show – he finished it and it was also on the table for anyone to see what it looked like.

Suggestion of opening the shop one Saturday each month for working – to take the place of the meeting night. Carlos volunteered to take the first weekend – was proposed the first Saturday of the month would be easier to remember since it would be after the business meeting and could be reminded. The exception would be this month (May) since it would be Mother's Day weekend. Tim said he could do it the second weekend in May. A sign up sheet was placed on the table for interested parties.

Gary announced that a few of the club members had had a very busy week –

Gary, Bob and Helen Patterson and Calvin had gone to the Boy Scout Jamboree held at Hord's Creek to pass out fossils for them and help identify their recent acquisition of some specimens.

A middle school held a field trip to the club house. Gary, Carlos and Don hosted them. Showed them how some of the machines worked and handed out a few samples of polished rocks and a small geode they sawed for them to take back to school.

Helen mentioned that this past weekend Charlie and Sallie Lightfoot, Tony and Judy Steele and herself and Bob had reciprocated with the Lubbock club and took a few cases for display at their show. They enjoyed themselves.

Carlos introduced Maria and thanked her for pitching in so much to help at the show.

Errol went over the annual show report to further explain the expenses to the club.

No guests were present.

New members present: (sorry about the spelling)

Gail Gidrey

Bob Heyland

Rose Turner

Nadia West (her grand-daughter and the rock hound)

Tim announced that all new members should read the shop rules. The polisher requires water to operate properly. If you have any questions please ask--don't guess.

Gary stated there was very little about the show in the Informer as he was working on a special edition devoted just to the show and asked that anyone

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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@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.

Well it's been a real rush the past month. Busy, busy. I am struggling with getting the Newsletter out this month, but I am going to make it.

One thing I forgot to put in the show issue is that I used photos from some other folks. Bob Patterson, JoAn Wilks, and Betty Scarborough and I probably forgot some others. I did get some nice comments on the issue and for those I thank you.

I hope all of you enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend. I always pause to give thanks to all our Veterans. It is because of them that we enjoy the freedom we have. As has been said before "The only ones that have died for us is the Veterans for our freedom and Jesus Christ for our soul"

I sure have appreciated the rain we have had over the past months. It sure made for an abundance of beautiful flowers this year. Now it is time for the heat to be turned up. Summer has arrived to the delight of the kids. They are out of school and running about. Keep a sharp eye out for them as you go from place to place.

I went to the ranch last weekend and it sure was hot. The worst part was the mosquitoes! I the 20+ years I have been going to the Sanderson area, I haven't been bothered with mosquitoes. Well that has changed, they were terrible. I thought I would leave them at home but that didn't happen.

Till next month,,,,,,Gary



BIRTHDAYS

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| Weldon Gillispie | June | 6 |
| Amalia Mullen | June | 6 |
| Tim Walker | June | 7 |
| Kathy Gilles | June | 8 |
| Judy G. Abernathy | June | 10 |
| Roger Taylor | June | 12 |
| Randy Ward | June | 13 |
| Betty Scarborough | June | 17 |
| Floyd Gee | June | 22 |
| Marlene Bilberry | June | 25 |
| JoAn Wilks | June | 25 |
| Joyce Talley | June | 26 |
| Lynne Beddoe | June | 30 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Tammie Dollinson | June 8 | |
| Bob & Helen Patterson | June 12 | 56 yrs. |
| Richard Hill | June 21 | |
| Bill & Harryette Patrick | June 30 | |
| Charles & Sallie Lightfoot | June 30 | 49 yrs |
| Floyd & Nell Gee | June 17 | 54 yrs. |

GET WELL SOON!



Cards sent to Charles & Illa Roberts. They are doing much better.

Upcoming Shows

JUNE

1-13--ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 300 San Pedro NE; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

1-13--HOUSTON, TEXAS: Show; International Gem & Jewelry Show Inc.; Reliant Center at Reliant Park, 1 Reliant Park; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$8; open to the public, professional jewelers, artists; contact International Gem & Jewelry Show Inc., 120 Derwood Circle, Rockville, MD 20850, (301) 294-1640; e-mail: info@intergem.net; Web site: www.InterGem.com

July

24-25--FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA: Show, "Flagstaff Jewelry, Gem, and Mineral Show"; Val Latham, Sharon Szymanski; Radisson Woodlands Hotel Flagstaff; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; contacts Sharon Szymanski, (480) 671-6191, or Val Latham, (602) 466-3060

30-1--PRESCOTT, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Prescott Gem & Mineral Club; Prescott Gem & Mineral Club; Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Activity Center, 3700 Willow Creek Rd., Bldg 84; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, children under 12 free; hand-crafted jewelry, rough rock, slabs, cabochons, beads, fossils, crystals, equipment, raffle; contact Maggi Lieber, 4855 E. Diamond Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301, (520) 831-0017; e-mail: maggiscratch@msn.com; Web site: www.prescottgemmineral.org

NEWS LETTERS FROM OTHER CLUBS ON THEIR WEBSITE

FREDRICKSBURG, TX <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org>
 ARLINGTON, TX www.agemclub.com
 DALLAS, TX www.dallasgemandmineral.org
 MIDLAND, TX www.mgms-tx.com

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who had additional pictures or wanted to contribute a small article about the time they had at the show, it would be welcomed.

Refreshments for the next meeting:

Charlie and Sallie
 Grace Hoy
 Betty Scarborough

Meeting adjourned: 7:55

Secretary, Grace Hoy



Bellerophon fossil found on my ranch near Dryden, Texas....Gary

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| Show | Sallie Lightfoot |
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| Classes | Charlie Lightfoot |
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| Programs | |
| Shop | Tim Walker |
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| Show Demonstrations | Jerry Davis |
| Silversmithing Classes | Jerry Davis |
| News letter Editor | Gary Hudson |
| Web Master..... | Jerry Davis |

GEMSTONE OF THE MONTH PEARLS

Pearl is the Modern June birthstone. It is also the birthstone for the Star Signs of Gemini and Cancer. See other June birthstones: Traditional, Contemporary, Mystical, Ancient, Zodiac and Star signs. Fresh water pearls are given on the 1st wedding anniversary. Pearls are also given on the 3rd, 12th and 30th anniversaries.

There are many types of pearls including: natural pearls; cultured pearls (which are made when a human intentionally inserts foreign tissue into a living oyster); Biwa pearls which are freshwater pearls from Lake Biwa in Japan; baroque pearls which are (irregularly-shaped; freshwater pearls; blister pearls are those pearls that are grown attached to the inside of the shell; black pearls which vary from gray to black; seed pearls; and Mabe pearls which are cultivated blister pearls.

The host secretes a lustrous substance, called nacre, to cover the bit of sand or other irritant that finds its way inside the mollusk. Layers of nacre build up around the intruding article to protect it's soft interior. This process may take as long as eight years to create a pearl.

Ultrasonic cleaners are great for cleaning some jewelry but is not recommended for pearls.



JUNE FLOWER

ROSE



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