



Rok Tok

September 2012

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Editor

This month's meeting will be held on September 18th and we will be hearing from fellow members, Donna and Harold Bowers. They will tell us all about their recent trips out East and around the Southwest. We'll also be finalizing plans for the Show and enjoying pizza. It'll basically be a big party!

Our Purpose

The Dallas Gem and Mineral Society is organized to promote: Interest, knowledge, and skill in the lapidary arts and in the art of metalworking, and embodying the use of polished gems and minerals when appropriate. Interest in the collecting and study of rocks and minerals, to increase knowledge of geology and related earth sciences, including the holding of an annual show, cooperation, the sharing of common interests and a better understanding of the activities of the members.

Club Officers for 2012

President - Donna Bowers

1st VP – Open

2nd VP - David Pirnie

Secretary -Stephanie Bair

Treasurer - Dick Langran

6th Member - Open

Show Chairman – Open

Editor – Katy Scroggins

Workshop Hours

Open Shop:

Monday & Thursday

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Monthly Meetings

3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Research and Operations

Center (ROC) Room 2.902

17217 Waterview Pkwy.

Richardson, Tx

ROK TOK Articles Deadline
1st Week of the Month

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President's Message

Donna Bowers, Club President

Our 55th annual show is at the end of this month! Much work has been done already to prepare, but we still need help from as many members as possible on the show weekend. Please sign up to help, even if it's just for a few hours. The funds from this show help keep our shop open throughout the year, so it's important we do a good job of promoting so lots of people come! Make sure to take postcards and distribute them to local schools, libraries, retirement communities, other clubs, boy scout troops, etc. You can write "Free Pass" with your signature to give people free entry to the show. See you there!

Let's make this a fantastic show again this year!

The time to select new club officers is coming soon. Stephanie Bair will stay on as Secretary, but the other board positions are open. Please consider serving your club as President, 1st VP (Programs), 2nd VP (Shop), Treasurer or 6th Board Member.


Editors Pen

Katy Scroggins, DGMS RokTok Editor

55th Annual Show! September 29th & 30th at Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall
Show Hours – Saturday 10 – 6m Sunday 10 – 5

Don't forget – it is not too late to sign up to help!!!!

I would like to send out a special WELCOME from DGMS to our two newest members:

Sean Wright	Maryanne Fender
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In our August 21st DGMS Meeting, Mike Erikson presented an interesting and insightful program regarding meteorites. Mike was glad to share his knowledge of meteorites, since he has been collecting for many years. Mike's slide show presentation and comical side notes made for a very enjoyable learning session. He also brought many samples and even had a few samples for sale as well. Dan Costian also added his expertise with several additional facts regarding meteorites. THANKS to you both.



Like us on Facebook to keep up with announcements, activities, share pictures, chat with fellow rock hounds!

Dallas Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

August 30, 2012

Dear Katy Scroggins:

My name is LaVerne Wheeler. I went to my first gem show when my son (now 56 years old) was in a stroller. (I am not charter member.) I joined Dallas Gem & Mineral Society shortly thereafter.

Over the years I have been show chairman, secretary and did advertising and special exhibits. All of which I enjoyed.

I have retired from my wholesale/retail gem and mineral business. But, I still love making jewelry.

Now, at the ripe old age of (??) I am just pleased to be able to be a member. We did a good job with DGMS -- lots of good shows, etc. to be proud of.

But, we are all getting older. I hope the new younger people will take over. They can do all we did and more. I have no doubt they can do an even better job.

Thank you Katy for accepting the Rok Tok Editor job. I've missed it so much.

Sincerely,

LaVerne *Permission to use OK*

August 2012 DGMS Minutes

Stephanie Bair: DGMS Secretary

Meeting topic

Meteorites! DGMS member, Mike Erickson, shared what he has learned and collected over the years regarding meteorites, meteors and craters. Then Dan Costian shared pictures of his meteorite collection. Lots of interesting stuff! In addition, Mike sold some specimens and donated the proceeds to the club. Thanks, Mike!

President's report

The show is next month and everyone's help will be needed. Please sign up to help even if it's only for a few hours. Also, with so many new members, it's hard to remember everyone's names. Suggestion to encourage members to wear their name tags at the meetings by giving each person with a name tag a free raffle ticket. Motion to approve seconded and passed by members in attendance.

1st VP report

Next month's meeting will be a pizza party while we take care of last minute show business (stuffing vendor kits, scheduling volunteers. Donna and Harold Bowers will also talk about their recent trips around the country.

2nd VP report

The shop functioning normally (genie #1 is back up and running). Since the club approved the funds in July, Milton is working on replacing the genie wheels (which are pretty worn out).

Treasurer report

Dick Langran presented the July report. Funds came in from last month's silent auction and vendor contracts for the show. Motion to approve seconded and passed by members in attendance.

Secretary report

We have two new members to welcome! Sean Wright and Maryanne Fender. Motion to accept new members seconded and passed by members in attendance. Welcome!

Sunshine report

None to report.

2012 Show

The show is September 29-30. Volunteers are needed for the show weekend (load truck Thursday, setup on Friday, during the show Saturday and Sunday, and breakdown on Sunday night). Members can sign up at the meeting or the shop or by emailing Stephanie Bair at steph.bair@gmail.com.

Friday potluck for vendors & volunteers – This year, we will do a lunch potluck on Friday. Roberta Langran will coordinate. Please let Roberta know what you can bring.

Members are encouraged to take postcards and distribute them to local schools, libraries, retirement communities, other clubs, Boy Scout troops (there is one near the Shop we need to send some to). You can write "Free Pass" with your signature to give people free entry to the show. We want lots of traffic to help our vendors do well.

Members wanting display cases need to notify David Pirnie or Stephanie Bair.

Events of Interest

55th Annual Show! September 29th & 30th at Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall **Show Hours – Saturday 10 – 6m Sunday 10 – 5**

Pre-Show Activities:

- Distribute postcards to schools, libraries, retirement, communities, other clubs, etc.
- Display cases - Please let David Pirnie or myself know if you would like to have a display case at the Show
- Volunteers are still needed! If you have not made it to the shop or one of the recent meetings to sign up, please let me know when you can help. Even a couple of hours can make a big difference!

Potluck Lunch – Contact Roberta Langran for info on what to bring.

Upcoming Shows

September 2012

22-23—RICHARDSON, TEXAS: Retail show; The Bead Market; Richardson Civic Center; 411 W. Arapaho; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; gemstones, all kinds of beads, pearls, findings, wire, books, tools, beading and jewelry making supplies; contact Rebekah Wills, PO Box 494, Gilmer, TX 75644, (903) 734-3335; e-mail: rebekah@thebeadmarket.net; Web site: www.thebeadmarket.net

29-30—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society; Mesquite Exhibition Hall; 1818 Rodeo Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8; dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, demonstrations, kids' mine, fluorescent display, geode cracking, gold panning; contact Darrell Harrison, 1808 Tisinger, Dallas, TX 75228; e-mail: bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net; Web site: dallasgemandmineral.org

7-9—JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS: Wholesale and retail show; John So; Jacksonville Community Center; 5 Municipal Dr.; Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; beads, fine jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, beading supplies, findings, beading class; contact John So, 13337 South St., Ste. 633, Cerritos, CA 90703, (714) 494-4546; e-mail: egi168@hotmail.com; Web site: www.egishows.com

8-9—SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS: Show and sale; Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society; NWAGMS Clubhouse; Hwy. 43 North; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; tailgate swap, auction, grab bags, assorted activities; contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Ln., Bentonville, AR 72712, (479) 263-1424; e-mail: hulagrub@aol.com; Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org

SunShine and Rain

Katy Scroggins Editor

This is a section of the newsletters that focuses on us members as people and brings up any congratulatory events or successes as well as trials and tribulations in our lives. Please feel free to contact me with any pertinent information pertaining to you or other members that would be appropriate in this section.

Articles of Interest

Editor

Please help me fill in this heading by offering up topics, articles, or other information you might like to read or learn about. Be it light or deep research, either way I am willing to help you help me build this column. Here's information I found <http://www.americangemsociety.org/september-birthstone> regarding this month's birthstone:

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Sapphire, the September birthstone, has been popular since the Middle Ages and, according to folklore, will protect your loved ones from envy and harm. Medieval clergy wore sapphires to symbolize heaven, while commoners thought

the gem attracted heavenly blessings. Blue sapphires range from very light to very dark greenish or violetish blue, as well as various shades of pure blue. The most prized colors are a medium to medium dark blue or slightly violetish blue. Sapphire is a variety of the gem species corundum and occurs in all colors of the rainbow. Pink, purple, green, orange, or yellow corundum are known by their color (pink sapphire, green sapphire). Ruby is the red variety of corundum.

http://www.galleries.com/September_Birthstone

Sapphire

One of the four Precious Gems, the (traditionally) blue [gemstone Sapphire](#) (a variety of the mineral corundum) is the [Birthstone](#) for [July](#). It is also the modern [Zodiac stone](#) for the constellation of Taurus, the gemstone for the 5th, 45th, and 65th [Anniversaries](#), the [Day Stone](#) for Thursday, the [Season Stone](#) for Autumn, and is mentioned in the [Bible](#).

Sapphires come in nearly every color of the rainbow, excluding shades of red (then called Ruby). Sometimes pink rubies are called "pink sapphires", which is not quite a misnomer although corundum in shades of red is usually called ruby. However, blue is the most common, and generally the most desired. Sapphires may also have needle-like inclusions giving them a 4 or 6-rayed star. Low-grade sapphires are opaque, often cut as cabochons (as are star sapphires), and may be tumbled or cut as beads. These can still be quite lovely.

Lapis

The [gemstone Lapis Lazuli](#) (a massive form of the mineral Lazurite) is a [birthstone](#) for September. It is an alternate Zodiac Stone for the constellation of Sagittarius. It is the gemstone given on the 9th anniversary.

Lapis Lazuli is the massive form of the deep-blue mineral **Lazurite**, generally in combination with the some white calcite (for contrast) and pyrite specs (for sparkle). It is highly appealing.

Happy Birthday for **September!!!**

Members Forum

Editor

Let this be your area to send in jokes, comments to improve the club or suggestions for group get together, etc.
Look for some neat things to be offered up in the future for your interest.

At the Shop

David Pirnie 2nd VP DGMS at: ddpirnie@verizon.net

SHOP & EQUIPMENT:

Shop equipment is running OK and Milton and I are still working on replacing the Genie wheels.

Hope to see you at the shop!

Classes at the Shop

David Pirnie 2nd VP DGMS at: ddpirnie@verizon.net

We have several people interested in taking the Shop Qualifying class.

Due to the flurry of activity going on this month to get ready for the Show, we'll have the next qualifying class beginning October 3rd. Contact Steph Bair if you are interested.

Our **qualifying class** will teach you how to use the equipment at the shop and make a cabochon. Please let Steph know if you are interested. We need a couple more signed up before we can start the class. The class is 4-sessions on Wednesday nights 6-9. \$30 class fee, including materials.

Any questions or suggestions you may have regarding classes, please contact David at the email address above or mail them to the address below.

Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374

Thursday Evening Social Time

Thursday Social Night's are from 7 to 8:30 pm. We chat and share things about our hobby, talents and most of all tall tales and loads of fun. Communication and camaraderie build a club stronger. Would you like to be a part of the strengthening of your club? Come on down and share with the rest of us. You may open up avenues other members would like to explore.

Geology Basics

What Are Meteorites? Rocks which were once part of planets or large asteroids.

Meteorite Identification: Step one in identifying a possible meteorite is the magnet test.

Stony Iron Meteorites: Are divided into two groups: pallasites and mesosiderites.



Vesta Meteorites: About 5% of the meteorites found on Earth are from the asteroid Vesta.

<http://geology.com/meteorites>

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