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CLUB PURPOSE: To encourage the study of earth sciences, lapidary arts and other related fields, and to enjoy good fellowship with those who share like interests

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Business meeting and program 1st Tuesday 7:30PM
AGMC Board Meeting Last Tuesday 7:00PM



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dale Miller

Presidents message.

Well I have a new computer. Still having problems with my mailing list. The computer expert was unable to transfer the email addresses to my new computer. Only the names transferred not the addresses. So only those who responded to my request for replies will be getting emails from me. As your replies came in I saved them to my husbands computer. The expert was able to transfer that list to my new computer. If you thought 'well she sent this to me so she must not mean me' and did not reply but still want club news please email me.

What I have been up to. On May 27th, the board meeting, I found an invitation to Paul Derr's 90th birthday party. The party was May 17th so we did not get to go. Joyce and Delbert Speed and I visited Paul at the Waterford Retirement Center and took cookies and a card. At the General meeting June 3 everyone signed a card and I delivered it to Paul the next Thursday.

At the board meeting it was decided to have a survey done on our property. Our new neighbors had strung a line two feet into our parking lot as their property boundary. I talked to them and they said there was not going to be a problem. They intend to be good neighbors and I assured them we were going to also be good neighbors. But, the board wanted to reaffirm our boundary lines. So on Thursday, June 5, I met with Mr. Zimmerman at his survey office to see about a new survey of our property. He quoted a price of \$2,000. He is going to see what he can do and get back to me before I OK that expenditure.

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I also talked to the pastor of the Mr. Olive Baptist Church on Sanford St. They have been dealing with Chesapeake on how much they will pay property owners for a signing bonus. They have the amount up to \$26,000 per acre. We have 1.82 acres. We did not receive a notice to attend any of the meetings the church held. We should receive something by Thursday, June 12. I will let you know when I know.

We are still meeting on Thursdays at 7PM to make items for the junior's wheel of chance at the show. We welcome anyone to help and any ideas for things to make.

The June program on Rhodochrosite was very good. It lasted 80 min. but about 25 stayed till 9:30 to see the end.

As I write this, our show is only 10 weeks away. Hope you have set aside time to help. The sign-up sheets are on the table next to the presidents desk.

See you in July.

Dale

NOTICE**NOTICE****NOTICE**

The Executive Board of the Arlington Gem & Mineral Club has recommended to the membership that two new positions be added to the Board. This was announced at the May and June meetings and, with this notice, published in the newspaper. We will vote on the proposal at the July meeting.

The two proposed additions are Membership and Lapidary Chairman.

One person is both president and lapidary chairman. Unless someone volunteers to be lapidary chair we will need to elect a delegate at large. Please talk to anyone you will nominate. They must give their permission before they can be nominated.

Dale Miller

ACTIVE PARTICIPANT VOLUNTEERS

**NOTE: ARE YOU AWARE THAT NO PERSONS ARE PAID IN THIS CLUB ? NOT EVEN INSTRUCTORS ARE PAID FOR THEIR TIME.
VOLUNTEER TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER PARTICIPANT!!**

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Dale Miller
1 st Vice Pres (Operational/Educational Classes)	Emie Stewart
2 nd Vice Pres (Programs)	Harold Hoskison
3 rd Vice Pres (Field Trips)	Irene Stemple/Brian
Bowles	
4 th Vice Pres (Youth Education Programs)	Tamara Wilkins
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Show Publicity	VACANT
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Maintenance	VACANT
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Donations Chairman	Rick Litsinger
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ADS AND ARTICLES

Lapidary related ads and articles from members of AGMC are welcomed. They will be placed on a space available basis, first in first out. Include your name and contact information.

Send ads and articles to Mike and Deborah Hartz

**Deadline date for ads and articles
is the 15th of the month.**

ARLINGTON GEM AND MINERAL CLUB
June 3, 2008 General Meeting Minutes

Dale Miller called the meeting to order.

The minutes for last month are posted on the bulletin board. The treasurer's report will be posted by the end of the meeting tonight.

Dale announced that Harold Hoskison's mom is in the hospital and his wife collapsed in the hospital ER while accompanying Harold's mom. We don't know any more at this time.

Dale's computer crashed and she lost her email list so she requested everyone who wants to be on her list to give her your email info again.

CLASSES: Emie announced a bead stringing class will be taught by Tamara Wilkins June 28th and a wire wrapping class is being offered July 12th from 9-12. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board. The faceting class is on break until September. A new silver smithing class 101 will begin July 11th and will be on Wednesday evenings. It was not filled at meeting time. Frank Krystinick asked the members why it wasn't full because the teaching is so valuable. Students who have taken this class have made thousands of dollars on one piece. He encouraged everyone to consider taking the class.

FIELD TRIPS: Brian Bowles reported no field trips are scheduled for June. Last month the trip to the N. Sulphur River was nice. Several new people went and found some nice fossils.

SHOW: Karen announced that sign-up sheets are on the front table for helping at the August show. There are lots of jobs that aren't hard so everyone can volunteer to do something. We need help with the Dealers Dinner so even bake or buy a cake.

To promote the club and the show we are setting up a booth July 3rd at Lake Arlington off Arkansas Lane from 5:30-10:00 P.M. If you would like to help let her know.

Every Thursday evening we are making handouts for events like this and having a good time doing it. Come join us.

Tonight's program is a film from the South Central Federation library on mining rhodocrosite in Colorado. Next month we will have a guest speaker from Houston talking about corundoms. Please come to hear him.

JUNIORS: Tamara Wilkins reported a full schedule for the juniors. They are making and preparing items for the

Wheel of Chance at their booth at the show. They must have done a good job because the four they left on display disappeared.

SUNSHINE: Marge Harand sent a get-well card to Ray Batson and will send one to the Hoskison family. A card for Paul Derr's 90th birthday is being passed around for everyone to sign. The club didn't receive the invitation to his party until after it was held but several members went to visit him and said he is doing fine.

LIBRARIAN: Donna Thompson is our new Librarian and she announced the purchase of 10 new books purchased by the club in memory of those members who passed away the past few years. These books are ready for checking out for up to 2 weeks for all members.

Frank O'Donley invited everyone to breakfast at Tom's on Cooper and I-30 June 18th at 9 A.M. for just getting together in a relaxed venue.

In new business, the board has recommended 2 additional positions on the board, the Membership Chairman and a second Delegate at Large when needed to make an uneven number. Since the newsletter did not get out before this meeting we will delay the vote until next month. Delbert Speed questioned if we were going through the proper procedure since this is a major change and Dale replied she would double check to be sure we were.

Joyce Speed is selling tickets for the American Federation drawings at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The funds from this go to the endowment fund for scholarships. At least 14 gifts donated by members are in the drawing.

The Speeds are having a giant rock sale in their backyard July 5-19. This is accumulated material collected by the Speeds and probably some from Joyce's parents as much as 50 years in the amassing.

HOSTESS: Deborah Hartz reported that some members have brought food for 3 months and we need to give some help so see her to sign up to help.

The 8 guests were welcomed.

EDITOR: The deadline for the next Hound's Tale newsletter is June 15th Mike Hartz gave an email address for sending articles to.

Sue Poarch won the attendance drawing and chose limestone with fossils rough.

Chris Galbraith won the name tag drawing and chose a petrified palmwood Texas shape cut and polished by Alec Gallia.

The raffle earned \$90 and the winners were:
 Ray Wilkes 2 pieces misc. rough
 Kaylan Kegley quartz crystal
 Don Lawrence (2) Fused glass cab & fused glass
 matched set of cabs donated by glass
 class
 Lyneta Baskerville(2) hematite beads & crimp beads
 Alma Rameriz 4 misc. mineral specimens
 donated by Carl & Nova
 Wells
 William Arnold Marcasite/Pyrite specimen
 Elaine O'Donley (2) quartz crystal points &
 emerald
 rough donated by Hal Hughey
 Deborah Gerrity Geode & Texas shaped
 petrified palmwood donated
 by Alec Gallia and Brian
 Bowles

Submitted by

Pat Ross, Acting secretary



HOSTESS

Deborah Hartz

July providers:

Brian Bowles	Deborah Winnett
Lesley and Ray Wilkes	Alma Ramirez
Barbara Belew	

To the members who have brought foods for
 our enjoyment at the club meetings –
THANK YOU !!!

All of us members appreciate your generosity.
 It makes for a great start to the meeting time if
 we can snack and visit. You have helped to
 make it happen. For those of who you who
 have not yet brought, you too can take part.
 See me. I have a place for you. I'll be glad to
 put you down in the book.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Marge Harrand

Get-well card sent to Ray Batson and will send one to the
 Hoskison's family

GIANT ROCK SALE –July 5-13

9am till dark
 Delbert & Joyce Speed's Home

Check club for details

EDITOR'S CORNER

Mike Hartz

We still need articles for the Hounds Tale.
 Please email articles to Mike Hartz. If you
 took pictures these are welcome too.

Our club show is quickly approaching and
 we still need volunteers to work the show.
 Remember, the annual show is one of the
 main ways that we earn money for the club to
 buy much needed supplies and equipment.
 Your help is needed. Sign up at the next
 meeting or before if you are at the club. The
 sign up sheets are at the front of the room on
 the table next to the president's desk. We all
 need to pull together to make this show a
 good one. Both for our dealers and our club.

WACO FIELD TRIP

Julia Hartz (Junior)

My first field trip was to the Mayburn Museum
 in Waco. We saw a bunch of rocks, Dino
 Fossils, airplane history, a tea set, and lots of
 collections. They also have a gift shop, lots of
 fish and sea urchins, snakes, a bird in a cage
 and bugs. A train went around on a track.
 COOL. There is a place for kids to play.

We went to the pit and found lots of fossils.
 We didn't find any sharks teeth. Everyone else
 found some, but not my family. I got hot and
 thirsty and tired so we left earlier than the
 others. It was really fun.

Editors note..May I suggest the Mayburn
 Museum for a day trip for families. Go early
 and plan to stay late. There is a lot to see and a
 place afterwards for the kids to play.

WORTH THE READ.

By Emie Stewart

101 Bench Tips for Jewelers, by Alan Revere, is a treasure trove of helpful tips and advice for those who enjoy making jewelry. Revere, a master goldsmith and founder of the prestigious Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts in San Francisco, compiles his monthly columns for *MJSA Journal* into an easy to use reference that should never be far from hand. His tips range from those for soldering to filing, sawing, making and maintaining tools, rivets, hammering, using a rolling mill, layout, stone setting, buffing, polishing, and much more. Now that the AGMC library has a copy of this book, feel free to check it out. It is worth the read.

Another recent addition to the library is the beautiful picture book entitled Within the Stone by Bill Atkinson. Atkinson has chosen seventy-two of his detailed macro photos of stones, and commissioned literary works to accompany them. The photos reveal the stones as you may have never seen them before. The Rock Descriptions section at the back of the book contains detailed mineralogical information about each stone, including where it was found. Truly an inspiring combination of art and science, and also worth the read.

JUDGES SEMINAR - A RECAP

Josie Middleton, SCFMS Participant

From the AFMS Newsletter, June 2008

I was the representative from the South Central Federation at the just concluded AFMS Judges Seminar held in conjunction with the EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres. What fun we had!

There were fourteen of us in the class plus teacher extraordinaire, Jay Bowman. The class was informal in nature, but we sure covered a lot of territory.

Some of the things we learned were just how many versions of the AFMS Rules book there are...and that some people have not updated their copy to reflect the latest version which causes lots of problems.

- We heard all the horror stories from the past ten years of National Shows and then talked about what to do should any of these situations crop up again.
- We learned that competition has raised the standard of exhibitions even in non-competitive exhibits.
- We talked about what we can do to increase the number of competitive (and non-competitive) displays at our shows.

We learned and met new friends, both in our class and during non-class time. All of us will take what we learned back to our clubs and federations and share the hobby with members back home.

Thanks a lot to Jay Bowman (our teach) and Dee Holland (our sponsor) for all their hard work and support thru AFMS and the Eastern Federation to make all of this possible and for all of us to obtain a way for growth and friendship through Wildacres.

Arlington Gem and Mineral Club 51st Annual Show

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August 31, 2008 10AM 5PM

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July 2008

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August 2008

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