

# The Rockytier

Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society

## Monthly Meetings

### General Meeting:

Tuesday February 4, 2020. 7 pm at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street, Lubbock, Texas.

### Board Meeting:

Tuesday February 11, 2020. Meeting starts at 7 pm at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Everyone is welcome at either meeting!

Wow! 2019 is fading fast into a distant memory and January 2020 has already flown by in a blur.

We had a great 2019 and I am confident 2020 will be an even better year.

As we look towards the future we have 3 big goals for 2020.

Find a home for the club. Tim McIntire has graciously let us use his workshop for the club. But having a place to call home, would help us with the second goal of continuing to grow the club membership. So keep your eyes peeled for any possible properties around Lubbock.

Our other big goal is to make this year's show bigger and better than previous years. All of the club members stepping up, volunteering to work and everything Walt Beneze has done getting us a variety of vendors and advertising the show, makes it harder every year to top the year before. But we want to shoot for that again this year. Let's have the best show ever and make the other clubs in the region jealous.

Let's make 2020 our best year yet.

Michael Zink  
LGMS President



### Happy Birthday

Michele Johnson	3rd
Teresa Burns	27th
Scott Baxley	27th

### Happy Anniversary

None for this Month

## Upcoming Shows

### February

15 - 16 Georgetown, Texas  
22 - 23 Pasadena, Texas  
22 - 23 Plainview, Texas

### March

7 - 8 Big Spring, Texas  
7 - 8 Robstown, Texas  
12 - 15 Deming, NM  
14 - 15 San Antonio, Texas  
20 - 22 Albuquerque, NM

### April

11 - 12 Abilene, Texas

### May

23 - 24 Fort Worth, Texas  
**30 - 31 Lubbock, Texas**

## General Meeting Notes

January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Michael Zink with the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had the following announcements and discussion.

\*The Red Zone wants \$75 per hour for the room that we have been using for the board meeting, so we are looking for another place to meet. So far we have come up with 3 choices; J&M BBQ on 34th, Picoso's on Milwaukee, or Bighams on 82nd. The board will meet at the church for the January meeting and vote on a place at that time.

\*The new signs for the presentation areas (for the show) have not been made yet, we need them ordered by March.

\*We need more presentations to fill our lecture schedule during the show, if you know someone or would like to give one yourself, please see Michael or Valerie. The show will be on May 30 & 31, 2020.

\*Valerie is working on 3 or 4 possibilities for field trips for this year.

\*The metal drive has raised over \$90 so far, please keep bringing recyclables.

A break was called so we could vote on the JALAF, get rock raffle tickets and socialize.

Mark Vining started the show and tell by telling us why he likes crystals. He showed some that he brought and said the 'organized geometric pattern of atoms' is what attracts him to them. Teresa and Scott brought a nice sulfur crystal, Daniel brought scolecite, Mica brought topaz and amethyst, Mark brought chrysocolla, and Robbie and Ann brought a bunch of crystals of various types. Our guest & past member Jim Harris brought an artifact to show.

Mark Vining was the JALAF master for the evening.

Jewelry category:

Diane McIntire won the popular and master vote for a wire wrapped pendant in the beginner category, and Mica McGuire won the popular and master in the in the experienced category with a pendant that she made with a soldered "bezel".

Specimen:

Bruce Cammack won both popular and master with his crystals that he found in south Texas.

We had 26 members and four guests; Susan Price, Jim Harris, Vernon Kaufman and Allyson Hoffman.

The rock raffle made \$22, with Ann Pruske, Michael Zink, Molly Broun, Robbie Robinson, Lisa Smith and Vernon Kaufman all being winners.

Mica McGuire gave a presentation about making the type of bezel that she had on her winning pendant and gave a demonstration on how to make one.

In the February meeting Daniel will be talking about rocks that have been painted on, and Charlie Cockrell will talk about spinel. The JALAF will be "pink".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm by Michael Zink.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary

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*If you are not making it to the monthly meeting, you are missing a lot. Here is hoping to see our attendance come way up this year. Come on back y'all!*

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## Board Meeting Notes

January 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice President Mica McGuire.

There was no board meeting last month, so there were no meeting notes to read.

Tim McIntire gave the Treasurers report. He then presented the annual scholarship fund report from Texas Tech. Tim noted that we had not contributed anything in 2018 or 2019 and that he had run a report in QuickBooks showing deposits from the rock raffle of \$791.00 in those 2 years. He will write a check to the scholarship fund in that amount this week.

Walt Beneze presented a new club flyer for suggestions/edits. Mark Smith found a picture of the old club flyer and shared the info to compare them. There was a discussion about making postcards to advertise the show. Not to mail out, but to hand out at events and other shows.

Mica talked about the opportunity of having a booth at the clay guild building at First Friday art trail and asked for suggestions for a date to do it. Mark motioned May 8th, with Jenifer Phillips seconding. Motion passed.

Tim reminded us that we need to audit the books for 2019, and Mica asked for volunteers. Walt, Yvonne Hoffman, and Diane McIntire will meet 1/18/2020 at 2 pm to do the audit.

Dave Swartz brought up the rent that we pay to the church may need to be increased to cover the utilities that we would be using for meeting 2 nights per month rather than 1. The discussion also included whether or not to find a restaurant meeting room instead of using the church. It was noted that either way, we should increase what we are paying, since \$200 a year probably does not cover the cost as it is. Tim motioned to table the discussion until next month so we could look into it more. Yvonne seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary



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### Workshop information

Our club workshop is temporarily located at 2259 34th Street in a building owned by one of our club members. It is available on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 2 pm to 5 pm by appointment. Space is limited, and **we do have a \$5 equipment use fee, so please bring that with you each time as well.**

Equipment use is limited to club-owned equipment only, do not use any of the equipment owned by the McIntires.

We have 3 genies and 2 trim saws set up along with 1 polishing pad and a 14" slab saw. The 24" saw will be set up soon.

Until you have been signed off to use the equipment on your own, showing proper use and safety practices, our shop steward or another member that is qualified will assist you and offer guidance.

The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 20th of the month prior. Send to: [walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org](mailto:walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org)

#### SCFMS 2020 Convention

The 2020 annual SCFMS Convention and show will be held on October 10 & 11, 2020 in conjunction with the 51st gem and mineral show of the Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society at the Mayborn Civic and Convention Center in Temple, Texas.



[www.scfms.net](http://www.scfms.net)

#### AFMS 2020 Convention

The 2020 annual AFMS Convention and show will be held on October 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2020 in conjunction with the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society's annual show in Knoxville, TN



[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

David Gentry. November 9, 1947 – December 29, 2019

Past member and friend to anyone with an ear, Dave had health issues that kept him from making it to meetings for the last few years. A dedicated member of the LGMS for years, he will be missed.

Dave was an Eagle Scout that stayed with the program as a Scoutmaster and was influential to many young men. He had a passion for books, jewelry making, and camping.

He is survived by his wife Janet Gentry, and daughter Vicki Jo Gentry.



Photo: Vicky Gentry

#### Please like and share our Facebook Page

Do you have a Facebook account? If you have not already liked our Page, please help the club with free publicity by Liking and Following us.

One great way we have found to promote our show is with our "events" on Facebook. Go to the events tab on our Facebook page and when you check the "interested" or "going" button, your friends can see that and easily find information about the event. Even better, share the event on your news feed and we will reach exponentially more people.

As I write this we have reached 7,654 people with 373 responses (people who said they were interested or going). That's great, but if every club member would share the event, I am sure we could reach well over 10,000 people and get a lot more responses!

One more thing that is going to help us promote the show is an article written by a great friend of the club, Helen Serras-Herman, that will be published in the South-Central EZ-GUIDE Gem Show Directory by Xpo Press. They will be distributing 13,000 guides in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana with our listing and her story about the LGMS and other Lubbock attractions. Be sure to check it out when it becomes available.

FB; @LubbockGemAndMineral

## Display cases needed

One of the ways we can enjoy our hobby and attract new members is to display what we collect and the work that we do. We will have that opportunity in February at the Hi-Plains Gem & Mineral show in Plainview. Please bring your display packed up in a box to the monthly meeting so we can include it. Make it informative by placing labels about the stone or the work you have done. You can go look at the photo albums on our website for more examples of past displays and to get inspiration.

Photo: Deanna Licon



*We will also be displaying at the Mahon library during the month of April, please be thinking of what you can do to help out!*

Rock art covered in January's Texas Monthly magazine;

One of the topics that will be covered by Daniel Bontempo at the February monthly meeting is the aesthetics of painted rocks. While these Pictographs are a little different than what Daniel will be talking about, the article is an interesting one.

There are several places to see Prehistoric Pictographs In Texas;

The White Shaman Mural, Northwest of Del Rio

Seminole Canyon State Park, in Val Verde County

Hueco Tanks State Park, in El Paso County

"As part of the ambitious Alexandria Project, West Texas archaeologists are documenting several hundred pictographs in just four years." to read more of the article, see

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/travel/preserve-rock-art-lower-pecos-canyonlands>



This knife, or 7-inch spear point was Knapped by world-renowned Vyril Keeter, a Cherokee Indian from Oklahoma.

This was one of four possible winners to the \$5 raffle that helps fund the Motley County Historical Commission. Vyril generously donated his work for the cause, and I won this beautiful piece.

Thank you Vyril and the Motley County Historical Commission! Bonus for me, W. Beneze.



## February JALAF is "Pink"

A number of gem varieties occur in shades of pink, including ruby, sapphire, and spinel. Other semi-precious gemstones like rhodochrosite, rhodonite, and rose quartz are good examples and make beautiful jewelry. What do you have to enter in the competition this month?

Photos W. Beneze



Rhodochrosite slab



Rhodonite Rough



Rhodonite Cab

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*Charlie Cockrell will be talking about his favorite stone - Spinel at the February meeting.*

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## What can you contribute to the club?

There are so many ways to get involved, let's explore some of them. The first thing is, of course, come to the monthly meeting. Buy rock raffle tickets, compete in the JALAF, bring something for show and tell.

Do you have a tip or trick for lapidary work? A unique way to clean minerals? Do you write poetry? This newsletter needs content; I'm sure some of you have original articles or poems that we can publish. I've found that the newsletters that appeal most to me are those that print member's writings.

Do you have a desire to write a blog? On our website, you will find Rockhound Memories, you could contribute a story to that blog, or you could develop your blog. Anything related to our hobby or our club would be appropriate.

These are just a few ways to help make the club better. What will you do?

## West Texas Knapp-in 2020

The Knapp-in was held on Friday, January 25th and Saturday the 26th in Roaring Springs, Texas. Roaring Springs is about an hour and a half North East of Lubbock in Motley County.

The Motley County Historical Commission sponsored the event and served lunch, only asking for a donation. Roaring Springs was originally an Indian campground and some of the locals talked about finding arrowheads nearby.

Knappers were demonstrating and displaying their work, and a couple of folks had some to sell like this nice opalized arrowhead. I was fascinated as I watched Vyril Keeter, an expert Knapper make a knife out of a large chunk of obsidian.



From the first hammer blow



until the finished piece, it took Vyril less than an hour to complete. Vyril is an expert Knapper from Oklahoma who works at the Smithsonian 6 months of the year.



As a lapidary, I was dismayed at the amount of waste produced, but that is part of the process. Vyril was kind enough to give me some of the shards to grind and polish, maybe I will be able to make a piece of jewelry or two.

This was a fun and informative event and it is usually held the last weekend of January each year. If this interests you, make plans to go next year, you will have a great time.

The LGMS meets at 3007 33rd Street, Lubbock Texas on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Membership is open to all interested parties. Visitors are always welcome! Annual dues are \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Students 16 years and older, \$5 for Students up to age 15, or a Family Membership for \$40.

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The Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization recognized under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as an educational entity. Donations in any form are tax deductible.

The purpose of this society shall be:

- ☐ To bring about a closer association of those persons interested in the earth sciences and lapidary arts.
- ☐ To increase, document and disseminate knowledge about geological materials including rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, historic and modern cultural lithic artifacts.
- ☐ To encourage the study, collecting and display of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, artifacts, and the performance of lapidary and jewelry arts.
- ☐ To provide guidance, education and information; share ideas and techniques; and assist in the development and refinement of skills through the combined resources, knowledge and experience of the Society's Members.

Elected Officers & Directors who are voting members of the Board of Directors:

President	Michael Zink
Past President	Walter Beneze
Vice President	Mica McGuire
Secretary	Sabrina Krieger
Treasurer	Timothy McIntire
Director (first year)	Yvonne Hoffman
Director (first year)	Jennifer Philips
Director (second year)	Mark Smith
Director (second year)	Lisa Smith

Appointed voting Board Members:

Membership Chair	vacant
Club Workshop Chair	Dave Swartz
Show Chair	Walter Beneze
Newsletter Editor	Walter Beneze
Field Trip Chair	vacant

A Membership Directory w/contact info is on the website. You must be logged in to see it.

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