

# The Rockytier



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## Monthly Meetings

### General Meeting:

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

### Board Meeting:

Tuesday August 11, 2020. 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm meeting starts at The Red Zone Café, 3602 Slide Road, Lubbock Texas.

Everyone is welcome at either meeting!

## Upcoming Shows

### August

1 - 2 Lubbock, Texas

21 - 22 Tahlequah, OK

### September

10 - 11 Temple, Texas

### November

7 - 8 Amarillo, Texas

7 - 8 Midland, Texas

Be sure to confirm before going!

## Message from the President

Dear club members,

My message is written weeks before our next meeting, in order to make it into the newsletter. So it's July 17th as I write this note. Our show will be only days away when you read this.

I am really happy and excited that we are going to have our show this year. It was touch and go if the show would happen.

We had to make modifications to fit civic center guidelines, but our club members are resilient and have rolled with the punches. We couldn't set up our store this year, so we will have those items in the silent auction. We also acquired finished jewelry pieces for the auction, to add more variety. Our hope is the silent auction will break previous revenue records.

Our club show chair, Walt Beneze, has done a phenomenal job of retaining as much show tradition as possible. He has managed to keep as many visitor options as possible, only losing presentations and the store. The floor plan has been altered to accommodate social distancing, but it is going to be a great show.

Looking ahead, we have our August meeting 2 days after the show. August is the Ice Cream Social, but let's simplify this year. Let's bring individually wrapped ice creams, and bring a few extras in case we have new club members attending. We will not have the virtual Zoom meeting.

Looking further ahead we really need to focus on getting property. We have less than a year to find property and move our shed and MEW trailer, so keep your eyes peeled. If you know of anyone

that has money to spare, or land to donate, please befriend them and make them a friend of the club.

Still looking ahead, I am like most people, anxious for this year to be over. Thinking to next year, we will have a change in officers. If you haven't held office, please consider doing so. If you have held office, your contributions are valued and please consider running for office again.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, either at the show or a future meeting.

Michael Zink

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## General Meeting Notes

July 9, 2020

Michael Zink called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

There were 11 members, and 1 guest present, with 4 members on zoom.

Sabrina read the minutes of the last meeting.

Walt read and explained the proposed change to our By-Laws, and asked if there were and questions. There were no questions, so Sabrina made the motion to approve the draft as written, Mark seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Walt talked about the show. We are eliminating most of the display cases so there is less to set up and to provide more distance between dealers. We will still have the fluorescent tent, and the store will be limited and combined with the silent auction. Masks will be mandatory, and we will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray at every club table. We still need members to volunteer, please sign up on the website.

Rock and Gem Magazine will be running our ads on their Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a week starting on the 11th.

Trends and Friends will be at the civic center on set up day to interview us for their show to run on Friday evening.

If you have something to lend for the rock food table, please let Valerie know. If you plan on eating with us at the setup dinner, let Walt know asap, club members can pay (\$10) at the dinner.

Michael said that the proposed new genie workstations for the club workshop have been designed, but not built yet. Brian offered some 2x4's that he will donate.

Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary

## Board Meeting Notes

July 14, 2020

Michael Zink called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

There were 9 members present.

Sabrina read the minutes of the last meeting.

Tim gave the financial report. He outlined the procedures for handling the money at the show since he and Diane will not be there.

Michael stated that he and Valerie were going to take the lead on lunches for the dealers and volunteers since Lynn would not be there this year. We will prepare boxed lunches with a sandwich, chips, a cookie, applesauce, and individual condiments ahead of time.

Walt talked about the show. We will have a Rollin Rock Club meeting at 9 am as usual. Show hours will be Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-5. Our Facebook advertising is generating a lot of views, hopefully that will translate to good attendance. We still need members to volunteer, please sign up on the website.

Michael talked about the jewelry that he proposed we buy from an old member to use at the silent auction. After some discussion, Sabrina made the motion to buy the whole lot, Mark seconded, motion passed.

Michael said that the proposed new genie workstations for the club workshop will have to be put on hold until after the show, further discussion was tabled.

Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary



The show before  
dealer set up 2019  
Photo: W. Beneze

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

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The LGMS is a 501c(3) Educational Organization and can provide you with a tax write off for your donation! Like all non-profits, we rely on the generosity of people that contribute time and money to help promote our cause.

If you don't have time for meetings, but would like to contribute, we accept monetary donations, rock and mineral collections, tools and equipment, and even your collected "yard rock".

We also have an Endowment fund at Texas Tech that provides for a scholarship to students in the field of geology and earth sciences; Donations can be designated to that fund.

We have a building fund that will help us acquire a permanent place to hold meetings, house our workshop, and establish a museum of rocks and minerals. If you have a building or land that could help us reach this goal, please contact us today

### 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



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## In Defense of Rocks

by W. C. McDaniel Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

The use of the phrase "Dumb as a Rock" appears to be on the increase, especially by politicians, and it is time to stand up for rocks. I love and adore rocks, collect them, play with them, hoard and board them, display them, sell them, and put them to work. But I have never met a dumb rock. Met a few that were hard and somewhat ugly and of little use, some that made my back ache and a few that tried to remove my big toe. But through it all, they were rocks, not dumb rocks. The origin and use of the term are somewhat hazy, and an online search will give you multiple answers and opinions. So, stand up for rocks, collect them, appreciate them and keep on rocking. Addendum. Rocks are a perfect companion and activity for social distancing.

From the 4/20, MAGS Rockhound News, via AFMS Newsletter 5/20



Amber pendant w/scorpion Photo: [www.pexels.com](http://www.pexels.com)



## Dealers who will be at our 2020 show

**CC Enterprises:** Fine Gemstones, appraisals. Charles Cockrell, Gemologist. 806-786-6895

**R.A.D. Designs:** estate silver and gold jewelry, a very large selection of pendants, rings, and earrings. Amarillo, Texas. 806-679-3505

**CVC Silver:** Creating one of a kind Jewelry on site

**Eddies Rocks and Relics:** Quality fossils and minerals. Facebook: @eddirocksandrelies

**Barry Mercer Minerals:** Mineral specimens

**Stone Crystals:** Geodes cracked while you watch, discover the beauty inside each one.

**Studio GL:** contemporary one of a kind jewelry influenced by the ethnic Native American designs and Western geometric patterns. [www.studiogl.com](http://www.studiogl.com)

**Tex's Rock Shop:** rough rock, slabs, cabochons and finished jewelry. FaceBook: @texsrockshop

**Amber Way Jewelry:** Natural Baltic Amber jewelry set in sterling silver, amber specimens with insects and inclusions, amber beads, rough unpolished amber. See us on Facebook

**The Rock Ninja:** gems, minerals and crystals. [www.therockninja.com](http://www.therockninja.com)

**Texas Magpie:** Gemstone beads and mineral specimens, Instagram: @texas\_magpie  
Facebook: @txmagpie

**Earthworks:** Slabs, cabs and rough rock, Jewelry and things to help you make jewelry

**Texas Roc Box:** Custom tie dyes, wire wrapped jewelry, geodes, crystal, fossils, and custom macramé. Facebook: @texasrocbox [retrorockchick@att.net](mailto:retrorockchick@att.net) 817-692-2285 Evelyn Tyssen & Bob Turner

**Boxed Rocks:** Boxed mineral specimens

**Angels Rocks and Fossils:** Facebook: @angelsrocksandfossils99  
[www.rocksandfossils1940.com](http://www.rocksandfossils1940.com)

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*August is our Ice  
Cream social,  
There will not be  
a formal meeting,  
instead we will  
bring individually  
wrapped ice  
creams and a few  
stories to swap!*

*I'm sure we will  
discuss the show,  
and if you buy  
anything that you  
would like to  
show off, bring it  
too.*

## And He Called It Picasso Stone By Mark Nelson

Picasso Stone (ranging from 5.5 to 6.5 on the Mohs scale), sometimes called Picasso Jasper or Picasso Marble is a type of limestone that has metamorphosed to a highly silicated stone which in many can be the hardness of a Jasper. David Penney saw -in its angular streaks, patches and markings the brush strokes of the artist Pablo Picasso. It is unusual that this precious stone is named for an artist's technique rather than what it is or who found it.



Picasso Stone began as did many marble varieties. Millions of years ago the Gulf of Mexico was an enormous inland sea, extending across Utah into Montana and east through Kansas. Millions of tiny creatures living in this sea shed their shells. Eventually these shells become compressed by the pressures of sediment and the calcium in their shells cemented into a solid layer of limestone. The heat of the tectonic plate movement and volcanic activity transformed the lime-stone into marble -in this case a beautiful and unique marble criss-crossed with a matrix of geometric black and tan lines. This unique geological story only occurred in one place on Earth, the Southeast corner of Utah near the town of Beaver. It is in this singular location that David Penney found this boldly patterned gemstone.

For more information see <http://www.mindat.org/article.php/2098/Picasso+Marble>

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This doesn't even mention a rock hounds needs. I don't know about those numbers, lol.

A pre-show door prize donated by Daniel Bontempo. To enter the drawing, go to our Facebook Contest tab [here](#). The winner will be selected randomly on July 31st at 5 pm.



Pink Amy Amethyst, Photo: Daniel Bontempo

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. Exchange editors are free to copy anything of interest from The Rockytier provided credit is given to the author of the article and The Rockytier. Any content in this newsletter not attributed to someone else is from the editor.

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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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