

The Rockytier

L u b b o c k G e m a n d M i n e r a l S o c i e t y

Monthly Meetings

General Meeting:

Tuesday September 1, 2020. 7 pm at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Board Meeting:

Tuesday September 8, 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

October

SCFMS show at Temple, Texas has been cancelled.

November

6 - 8 Houston, Texas

7 - 8 Amarillo, Texas

7 - 8 Midland, Texas

Be sure to confirm before going!

Message from the President

Whew. We survived another annual show. Not the 60th-anniversary show we originally planned, but still a great show. Attendance was lower than normal, but all of the vendors commented they did well. They are all looking forward to being vendors at our 2021 show.

Let me take a moment to extend a sincerely heartfelt thank you to Walt Beneze for all of the long hours and hard work he put into this years' show. He always does a great job, but this year required him to go above and beyond just to make the show happen. Also thank you to all of the club members that were able to help with the show. We missed those of you that were unable to attend. Hopefully, the world will be in a different place next year, and we will all be together again and have a great 61st show.

So with the show behind us, we can focus on the future. November elections for our 2021 officers will be here in the blink of an eye. If you are interested in being a member of the board, let Walt or I know, so we can put together the election ballot. The successful future of our club depends on members stepping up to leadership roles.

The struggle with T. Rowe Price continues. Tim McIntire and I are working through the issues. As soon as they are resolved, we will be moving the club money to somewhere more accessible. So when we find a property we can access the money to use as needed.

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At our 2020 show and sale: Social distancing was not a problem since we had fewer than usual dealers and set them up with plenty of space around each one.





There was a wide variety of merchandise, and things were priced to move! If you did not find something to buy, you weren't looking closely.



Whimsical painted rocks

Club members showed their creative nature by painting a rock for one of our meetings, just for fun.



Then there are the exceptionally talented folks that add a painting to a rock that has a natural scene in it.

Sometimes you find rocks that resemble food. The LGMS rock food table is starting to come together.





Some displays were more informative or educational, with things like man-made materials for instance. The top display is filled with the creativity of man's desire to emulate nature in stone.



Collections come in all types, some are a common type of stone rather than the same stone. The middle display is a well-defined example of something common to many different types of stone that all are formed in the same way.



This display of fossils had some left as they were found, and some were given a 'window' so the specimen was mostly in a natural state, but was polished on one end. Some fossils were cut and polished for jewelry.

SCFMS 2020 Convention

The Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show has been cancelled.

The annual meeting for the SCFMS Convention will be held Via zoom.



www.scfms.net

AFMS 2020 Convention

The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society's Annual Show has been cancelled.

The annual meeting for the AHMS will be virtual.



www.amfed.org

Congratulations to:

Lisa Miller, winner of our pre-show door prize!

Mandi Salazar, adult grand prize winner!

Emily Burton, children's grand prize winner!

Presidents message continued

Which leads me to my next topic. The club needs a home. I am urging everyone to be on the lookout for either land or a building that we can obtain for the club. Hit up your millionaire relatives for donations. If you think you know someone that would donate land or a building to us, have conversations with them, and let us know the outcome. We have limited funds, so to buy something we will need it to be inexpensive, most likely a fixer-upper. It needs to have enough space for our existing shed and all of the display cases, supplies, and equipment that are stored in the shed and MEW. (My dream property would have a building large enough where we could start a museum, have a small store, a clubhouse/meeting room, and a workshop area. Sadly, my dream is out of our price range.) Having a property that we can call home will help us grow the club. Because the club does not have income, the property needs to be something donated or that we can pay for outright.

Once we have a physical address, we could start applying for grants. All the ones we have explored require that the organization have a physical address to even start the process. So the sooner we can find a place to call home, the sooner we can take the next steps to grow.

In preparation for moving the club buildings, as soon as the temperature breaks, I want to have a clean-up day for the shed and MEW. If we can organize what we have and streamline, that will make the move easier. If we are able to downsize into just the shed, we can take the MEW trailer to a metal recycler and add a little more money to our coffers.

I am excited about the clubs' future and hope you are as well. I look forward to what lies ahead for us. See you in September.

Michael Zink

We want to thank everyone that came out and supported the club at our show and had a good time finding deals on gems and minerals. We had great dealers that were there to serve and make a living doing it. If you want to contact any of them for more great deals, check the dealer links page on our website.

"The Searchlight,"

Large red rhodochrosite from Sweet Home Mine, Alma, Colorado



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Rhodochrosite is a manganese carbonate mineral that is pink with white banding in the most common form and is a bright red crystal in the rarest. Rhodochrosite makes an attractive cabochon for use in jewelry but it is a relatively soft stone, so it is best to use in earrings and pendants rather than rings, where they can be damaged by contact with hard surfaces. If you have rhodochrosite in any form, bring it to the September meeting for the JALAF, or just for show and tell.



The JALAF for September is Rhodochrosite



The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 20th of the month prior. Send to:
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dmineral.org

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

General Meeting Notes

August 4, 2020

August was our annual ice cream social, so we did not have a formal meeting. Everyone brought individually wrapped ice cream to swap, and we probably all ate one too many. We discussed the show and shared thoughts on what we felt went right, and what we could have done better. We had one member rejoin after taking a couple of years off to chase other hobbies. Overall, we just had a good evening of fellowship with club members.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary

Club Trivia

The first meeting was held on November 4, 1958, with 42 people present. It was voted to make all who signed the roster a charter member. On February 3, 1959, it was moved that the charter would be closed after the April meeting.

From The Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society Bulletin, October 1965

Board Meeting Notes

August 11, 2020

Michael Zink called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 8 members present and 2 guests.

Tim gave the financial report. He said the paperwork for T. Rowe price had been taken care of. He paid for and received the new tags for the trailer and will put them on asap.

Walt talked about the show. We had 341 people thru the door, which is about 75% less than normal. Most of the dealers were satisfied, some said there were no lookers, only buyers. Overall it was a successful show.

The SCFMS show in Temple has been canceled, the annual meeting will be held on October 10th via zoom.

Brian Owen talked about the Garden and Arts Fall Festival that will be on September 12th and suggested the club might get a booth. Sabrina made a motion to apply for a booth, Walt seconded, motion passed. Walt volunteered to fill out the paperwork for the club.

Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.



Sabrina Krieger, Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

LGMS Annual Show - September 25 & 26, 2021

50th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival

The Lubbock Garden and Arts Center will be hosting this free event that is open to the public on Saturday September 12, 2020 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The LGMS is pleased to be part of the festival this year. If you have questions about the club, or about rocks and minerals, come out and join us for a conversation.

Arts and crafts, food vendors, a kids area, and live entertainment will all be available. Masks are required for those in attendance including participating vendors, volunteers, patrons, etc.



What is a Rockhound? by Cecilia Duluk

He is a special breed, a hunter, collector, and craftsman. He loves Nature's hills, but is always trying to bring them home! He appreciates natural beauty, but is never satisfied until he has polished it! He is a safety-minded citizen, but is willing to scale a mile-high cliff for that special specimen.

A rockhound has the natural swapping instincts of a pack-rat, the agility of a mountain goat, the generosity of a philanthropist, the immunity to rain of a duck and the perseverance and patience of a Job (especially when that crystal is impossible embedded in that vug!)

A rockhound has a house whose rooms are overflowing with rocks over every size and shape, filling display cases, tables, chairs, drawers, kitchen, sink, and basement. The big ones crowd his porch, backyard, garage. You can always recognize his car by its sagging axle and its thick coating of dust!

A rockhound is generally considered an ODD-BALL by non-rockhounds, a nuisance by farmers and quarry superintendents, an UNLIMITED SUPPLIER by jewelry loving wives and a BOON COMPANION by other rockhounds!

What is a rockhound? he is a POLITICIAN with a mineral club ambassadorship, a VISION-ARY with a diamond saw, a PIONEER in a station wagon, a WORLD EXPLORER in his own back yard! But most of all, the ROCKHOUND is a person who searches for, finds, and cherishes forever those bits of chemical beauty called Rocks and Minerals, which afford him a glimpse of INFINITY ON A SHELF!

Via the Rockwood Rockhound News, via the Rockpile, via Arrowhead News

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.

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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