

# The Rockytier



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## Monthly Meetings

### General Meeting:

Tuesday November 3, 2020. 7 pm at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street, Lubbock, Texas.

### Board Meeting:

Tuesday November 10, 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

### November

7th, Midland outdoor market.

10 am till 4 pm. Free entry

Geodes cut on site. Wire wrapped, silversmithed, and chain maille

jewelry. Fossils and Minerals, something for everyone!

602 S Main Street

Midland, TX

## Message from the President

Hello Everyone. We covered quite a few topics at the board meeting last night that I want to share with you.

First, our November meeting includes voting for our 2021 board. We value each and every member of the club, and want everyone to have input and the opportunity to cast a vote. Please make every effort to be there for this meeting.

I am excited about moving into the Past President role on the board. I look forward to helping the new president transition and supporting them as they move the club forward. If you are up for the rewards and challenges of being a board member, please contact Walt Beneze prior to the next general meeting.

December is our club's Christmas Holiday Party. We will be doing the traditional potluck. Dave has graciously volunteered to bring the turkey, and I will bring the ham. We will put a list on the club website closer to the party, for sign-up for other food items.

We are shaking things up by having a different game this year. If you are able to attend, please bring an unwrapped gift (value \$10 - \$15, preferably rock, gem, or mineral-related). Feel free to bring an extra gift in case we have guests so that they can play too. There will be a grand prize also for the game. The party will start at 6 PM, earlier than our typical meeting. I encourage you to come earlier and help decorate and set up.

In closing, I know that the rest of the year will fly by. So let me just say now Happy Halloween, to all of our veterans - thank you for your service as we celebrate Veteran's Day, Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Festivus, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. If I missed your celebration, I apologize and it was unintentional.

Hoping to see you soon.  
Michael Zink, President

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## Dinosaur's in the Valley

October 2020 saw my family on a trip to the fossil-rich central Texas area of Glen Rose, Texas. We rented a VRBO (Vacation Rental by Owner) house on the Brazos River, where we hoped to find some fossils, or maybe some petrified wood. We spent some time each day exploring the shoreline of the river and in the shallow water near the shore looking for collectible material. While we did not find anything that we wanted to bring home in the week-long adventure, it was a nice place to relax and unwind by the gently flowing waters of the river.



We visited Dinosaur Valley State Park, where dinosaur tracks were clearly visible in many places of the Paluxy river bed. Theropod and Sauropod dinosaurs roamed the area in the distant past, and the footprints were mixed together in parts of the valley. Clear evidence that several species of dinosaur existed at the same time and in the same stomping grounds.

The Theropod is believed to be the *Acrocanthosaurus* (a carnivorous dinosaur, slightly smaller than the *Tyrannosaurus*), and they left a very distinct three-toed pattern footprint. There is a site that provides evidence of Theropod in pursuit of young Sauropod, perhaps looking for a meal?

Sauropod is believed to be *Sauroposeidon Proteles*, which left large elephant-like tracks and is believed to be one of the largest animals to ever roam the earth. These dinosaurs are believed to have existed during the end of the early cretaceous period. Collecting is not allowed in the park, but the educational experience alone is worth the visit.

While this trip was a total flop for collecting rocks, minerals, and fossils, this rockhounds memory will stand out as a trip for learning about dinosaurs in Texas. Something that I had very little knowledge about before this week; go check out Glen Rose, Texas; you will be glad you did.

Story and photo by Walt Beneze

## Help bring joy this season

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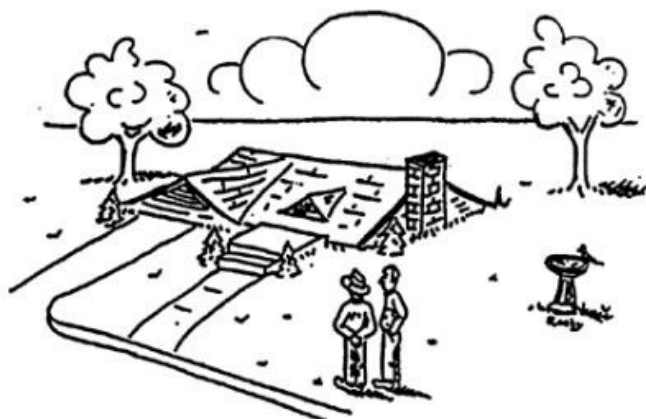


The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 20th of the month prior. Send to: [walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org](mailto:walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org)

### More from the suburban rockhound

Rockhounding takes all sorts of equipment. It doesn't seem so at first, but as time goes on you find yourself buying this or that to help you collect. Now, one of the things that almost every collector has is a 5-gallon bucket (I have 5 or 6). The free ones tend to be white while the colored ones required some cash. These buckets serve us rock hounds well. Besides carrying rocks and tools, they can also serve as a good seat, or even as a cooler for some beverages after a long day. The problem with the five-gallon bucket is that they tend to take up space and roll around in the back end of your vehicle. Also, the spouse or girlfriend thinks they don't really look that sharp. My wife sort of feels that way when we go to the mall or someplace she wants to shop. Well, I found a solution that solves a myriad of problems and garners me a few "points" in the deal. I went out and bought a few of those cloth recycling bags. You know, like the ones Wal-Mart and King Soopers so proudly display. I just put them in the back of the vehicle and use them when I go rockhounding. Now they don't do all the same things my 5-gallon bucket did, but they are lighter, don't roll down hills, the soft handles don't hurt as much, and they don't hold as much so I don't hurt my back. On top of all that my wife thinks that I have become environmentally conscious, because I always have the bags in the back of the vehicle when she/we go shopping. Ah, peace in the family and rocks in the garage. What more could a Suburban Rockhound want?

From Pick & Pack April 2010



***I Knew Ole Rocky Was Getting  
Too Many Rocks In His Basement!***

by Rocky West in the T-Town Rockhound 7/61

You might be a rockhound if...

\*You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions.

\*You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.

\*You gave rocks, tumblers, or rock tools for Christmas.

\*The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books; and the books that are there are about rocks.

\*You are thinking about giving out rocks for Halloween.

\*The club you belong to uses rocks for center-pieces for the annual Christmas dinner.

\*You purchase things like drywall compound just to have another nice bucket to carry rocks in

This list was written by members of the gem editors email swap group. Contributors included Mel Albright, Richard Busch, Betty Commean, Dan Imel, Bob Keller, & Paul Kline.





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The Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society is a member of the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies, one of seven Regional Organizations that make up the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The South Central Federation of Mineral Societies has about 40 clubs with 3800 members in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

The American Federation has about 700 clubs and more than 50,000 members in the United States.

## Annual BBQ

Rather than meeting at the Carillon party house this year, we gathered at Duran park. The park is on the west side of Lubbock behind Costco and is has a pavilion with a charcoal grill and picnic tables. Hamburgers and hotdogs were provided by the club, and side dishes, chips, and desserts were brought by club members. Only a handful of members made their way out, which was expected, so we did not have a rock swap or auction, just good conversations with friends.



## November JALAF; Dark Blue's





This large 3lb Lapis Lazuli stone was brought from Afghanistan and sold at a VFW fundraiser. I was able to get a good deal, and help fund a great organization. Lapis is mined in Afghanistan, Russia, Chile, and can be found in limited quantities in Pakistan, Italy, Mongolia the US and Canada. Lapis takes an excellent polish and can be made into jewelry,

carvings, boxes, mosaics, ornaments, small statues, and vases. During the Renaissance, lapis was ground and processed to make the pigment ultramarine for use in frescoes and oil painting. Its usage as a pigment in oil paint largely ended during the early 19th century, when a chemically identical synthetic variety became available.

Photo by Walt Beneze, information from Wikipedia



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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.

## General Meeting Notes

October 6, 2020

Michael Zink called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. There were 8 members and 4 guests present.

There was some discussion about property and the possibility of joining with other clubs to form an umbrella organization to buy a shared space. Michael will keep looking into it, but we need to find a financial advisor to help with understanding where we need to go from here.

Brian Owen talked about the research he has started in finding grants for the club. He has had some success in talking to the Community Foundation of West Texas about learning the process. He will keep looking into it.

The presentation was a video about gems and crystals.

Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary

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### *Club Trivia*

*On January 6, 1959, the following names for the club were suggested for a vote:*

*South Plains Gem and Mineral Society  
Llano Estacado Gem and Mineral Society  
Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society  
Yellow House Canyon Gem and Mineral Society  
Hub of the Plains Gem and Mineral Society*

*Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society won an overwhelming number of votes with 36 out of 52 cast.*

## LGMS Constitution

### Article V

Section 5. A quorum for regular and special Society meetings shall consist of a simple majority of the total voting membership present provided that either the President, Vice President or most recent Past President shall be present. No absentee or proxy votes shall be recognized at any Society meeting. One must be present at the meeting to vote.

## Board Meeting Notes

October 13, 2020

Michael Zink called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 8 board members and 1 regular member with 2 guests present.

Sabrina read the minutes of the last board meeting. Tim motioned to accept as read, Mica seconded, motion passed.

Tim read the financial report.

There was some discussion about our Christmas dinner. Dave volunteered to bring the turkey and Michael will bring a ham. Watch for the signup list on the website or in your email, members should bring side dishes and desserts.

We are going to play Rock Bingo this year at the party; Members should bring an unwrapped \$10 - \$15 item (preferably rock related). We will start at 6 pm.

There was discussion about changing the day, or the weekend that the shop is open, tabled for this meeting.

There was a discussion about grant writing, this will be an ongoing process.

There was a discussion about the old MEW trailer. It is in bad shape and has not been used as intended for some time. Buying a replacement that can be used for storage and transporting our show cases was suggested. Mica made a motion that we get rid of the MEW trailer, seconded by Dave, motion passed. Sabrina made a motion to buy a suitable replacement for the MEW, seconded by Dave, motion passed.

Nominations for 2021 Officers are as follows:

President - Valerie Zink

Vice President - Mica McGuire

Secretary - Sabrina Krieger

Treasurer - Walter Beneze

1st Year Director - Mark Vining

1st Year Director - Lisa Smith

Yvonne Hoffman and Jenny Philips will rotate into their 2nd Year Director positions.

Any member can be nominated from the floor if they have agreed to run, otherwise, the nomination will be void.

Sabrina motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Sabrina Krieger, Secretary





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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