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Purpose

The Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas is organized for charitable and educational purposes to promote interest in the various earth sciences, in particular those hobbies dealing with the art of cutting and polishing gemstones, the science of gems, minerals and metal crafts, as well as their related fields.

Monthly Meeting

Monthly Meeting: Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 pm
Garland Women's Activities Building
713 Austin, Garland, TX

Presentation

Club Officers for 2009

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Minutes – March 5, 2009 General Meeting

Donna Mallory, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

President Message

Donnette Wagner, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

1st Vice President

Mark Carter, Programs, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

If there are topics or you know someone that speaks on our hobby,
please let Mark know about them.

Refreshment Duties

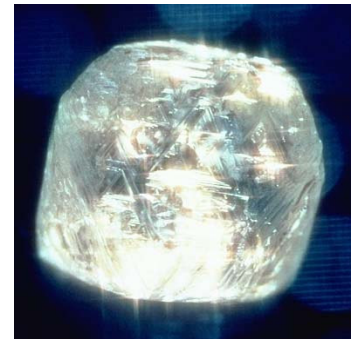
Anita Dresner, Editor, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ice & Drinks</u>	<u>Snacks</u>
<i>April</i>	<i>Ling Shurtz</i>	
<i>May</i>		<i>Anita Dresner</i>

April Birthstone: Diamonds

Diamonds are the hardest substance on earth. They are more brilliant than any other natural gem. Their sparkling fire, durability, and rarity make them the most prized of gems.

(1) The first recorded history of the diamond dates back some 3,000 years to India, where it is likely that diamonds were first valued for their ability to refract light. In those days, the diamond was used in two ways, for decorative purposes and as a talisman to ward off evil or provide protection in battle.



⁽¹⁾<http://www.costellos.com.au/diamonds/glossary.html>

Editor's Corner

Anita Dresner, Editor, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club



Greetings club members,

I have spoken to the following subject before, but this subject just keeps raising its ugly head. I am sorry to report that once again our desire to go on field trips and or the ability to collect the treasures we love to hunt for, are going through the process again as S22 made it through the Senate but the House kicked it back to them. It will be up for voting on again very soon, along with all the pork attached to it. **S22 – otherwise known as the Omnibus Bill** and before that HR524 (I think that is right) are once again in jeopardy. We must work diligently to get the attention of the Senators and even harder to keep our Representatives aware of our plea. Please take time and read the insert I have included on the subject and react, repeatedly and often. This also affects you gun owners. **Call or fax. Let your voice be heard!**

Mail your article or suggestions to Anita Dresner @ 3809 Skyline Dr, Rowlett, TX 75088 or email them to andresner@hotmail.com. Thank you for sharing, especially the youth.

Show Dates

April 11-12 - Abilene, TX: Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society Show; Abilene Civic Center, N. 6th and Pine Street; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$3, ages 6-12 \$1.50, children under 6 free with adult; gems, jewels, slabs, rough, lapidary tools and supplies, demonstrations, fluorescent display, silent auction, wheel of fortune, sand art, door prizes, grand prize drawing; contact Sallie Lightfoot, (325) 692-4642; e-mail: slightfoot@aol.com; Website: www.txol.net/rockclub

April 17-19 - Kenner, LA: Show, "New Orleans Gem, Jewelry, Bead, & Jazz Fest"; Louisiana Gem & Mineral Society; Pontchartrain Center, 4545 Williams Blvd.; Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4; adults \$5, classes in beading, PMC, chain maille, and more; contact Kay Schabilion, (504) 455-6101; e-mail: info@aksshow.com; Website: www.aksshow.com

April 25-26 - Jackson, MS: "Greater Southern Gem, Jewelry, Fossil and Antique Show"; Stan Bennett and Sharon McClanahan; Trade Mart, Jackson Fair Grounds; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; contact Stan Bennett or Sharon McClanahan, (601) 898-0407; e-mail: stan@tompkinsbarron.com

April 25-26 - Waco, TX: Waco Gem & Mineral Club Show; Heart of Texas Fairgrounds, Bosque Ave.; Sat 10-5:30, Sun 10-5; adults \$4, students and children \$1; contact Kay Coleman, 118 County Road 540, Fairfield, TX 75840, (903) 389-8311; e-mail: rkcole8@peoplepc.com

May 16-17 - Lubbock, TX: 51st Annual Show Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society; Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Ln; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; displays, dealers, demonstrations, silent auction, special exhibit "The Rock Food Table"; contact Archie Scott, (806) 894-1584; e-mail: asscott3@windstream.net

June 5-7 - Tulsa, OK: Gem Faire Inc.; Expo Square/Exchange Center 1, 4145 E. 21st Street; Fri 12-7, Sat 10-7, Sun 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Website: www.gemfaire.com

June 26-28 - Grapevine, TX: AKS Gem Shows; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Str; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4; adults \$5; classes in beading, PMC, chain maille, and more; contact Kay Schabilion, (504) 455-6101; e-mail: info@aksshow.com; Website: www.aksshow.com

November 13-15 - Houston Gem & Mineral Society presents 56th Annual HGMS Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5 Humble Civic Center 8233 Will Clayton Parkway Humble, TX 5 miles east of Bush International Airport 1 mile east of Hwy. 59

Just a Thought

C&C Editor

“Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile,
but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy”

Thich Nhat Hanh



Feature Article – Science Fair

Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Don Shurtz, POGMC

Continuing in a multi-year tradition, the Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas again sponsored a Special Award and Honorable Mention Special Awards at the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair. In a break from tradition, instead of awarding a rock tumbler “kit” this year’s winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate for purchase of items of their choice from Nature’s Gallery. This year the POGMC Special Awards for the best projects in Earth Science were judged by members Delbert Grady, Carolyn Grady, Mary Falcone, Cheryl Hoffman, and Don Shurtz. Like last year, we found this year’s winner to be a team project, “The Effects of Rhizofiltration on Local Creek Areas” by students Bailey Brunson and Ross Gillum. Bailey and Ross will split the gift certificate, and both will be invited to join our club for one year as honorary members. We also hope they will be able to bring their project to one of our meetings so all the club members can appreciate the fine work that they accomplished.



Ross Gillum and Bailey Brunson

We also presented four Honorable Mention Special Awards all to single student projects. Those awards went to Donovan Smither, Michael Varghese, Megna Murali, and Trevor Hornung. Their projects dealt with correlation between volcanic eruptions and earthquake strength, electroplating, reducing the lead content of water, and beach erosion respectively. The Honorable Mention award winners will also be invited to join our club for one year as honorary members.

We would like to congratulate all of the Pleasant Oaks Special Award winners.

Sunshine Report


C&C Editor

Birthdays: Leanda Elms and Jerrye Parker

Happy Birthday Rock Hounds!



April 2009

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:30 pm Pleasant Oaks Club Mtg	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Good Friday 10	11
Easter Sunday 12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Metroplex Gem and Mineral and Related Clubs

Arlington Gem & Mineral Club

1408 Gibbons, Arlington, meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

Garland Women's Bldg., 713 Austin, Garland, meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm

Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers

3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Fort Worth, meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Dallas Paleontological Society

Dallas Museum of Natural History, Fair Park, meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Dallas Gem & Mineral Society

Ridgewood Rec. Center, 6818 Fisher Road, Dallas, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Dallas Bead Society

Walnut Hill Rec Center, NW corner Walnut Hill & Midway, Dallas, meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm

Oak Cliff Gem & Mineral Society

Renaissance Hospital, 2929 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, TX, meets the 4th Tuesday each month at 7 pm

Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club

3545 Bryan Avenue, Fort Worth, TX, meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

[S22 Omnibus Federal Lands Bill](#)

Here is a site where you insert your zip code to locate your Representatives; US representative; Texas Representative; and Texas Senator and their contact info. There is no reason not to know who represents you in D.C. You may need to copy and paste these links below.

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/mnuAddress.aspx>
<http://www.opencongress.org/person/representatives>

Another site of the S22 and with definitions.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/F?c111:2:./temp/~c1114BU6Mn:e573476:>

Another link regarding S22 having Gun bill and Land rights Bill S 22. This link will show the pi as to the percentage of votes which were cast “aye and nay” by your senators.

<http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-s22/show>
<http://worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=89733>

PS: The paragraph on page 2, in **RED** with asterisk before and after it, has a contact phone number and the basic message you want him/her to hear.

Land Rights Network
American Land Rights Association
PO Box 400 - Battle Ground, WA 98604
Phone: 360-687-3087 - Fax: 360-687-2973
E-mail: alra@pacifier.com
Web Address: <http://www.landrights.org>
Legislative Office: 507 Seward Square SE - Washington, DC 20003

S22 Omnibus Lands House Vote coming up again soon. Call Now!

PS:(It has not been voted on by the Senate since being shot down earlier this month (March) as best as I can verify at this date. 3/23/09amd) -----You must deluge your Congressman, Senator, and Representatives with opposition to S22. Call, fax, e-mail and visit your Congressman.

-----Background

Dear Land Rights Ally:

You can help stop the Omnibus Federal Lands Bill (S22). You now must again focus on your senator and Congressman. It's critical that you call, write, fax and e-mail too. You don't have time to use US Mail. Send your letters by fax or e-mail. Time is urgent. The Omnibus Federal Lands bill is one of the largest land grabs in history. Just one bill in the 150 bill package, the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), covers 26 million acres and will lock you out of BLM multiple-use, energy lands, national monuments and Wild and Scenic Rivers. Grazing, mining, forestry and many other uses will be greatly affected. S22 will add dozens of new National Heritage Areas and Wilderness Areas that will eventually be a land use control network strangling hundreds of thousands of local people and rural America.

-----You can see a map of the National Landscape Conservation System at www.landrights.org

In the Senate, Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) bought votes by putting every bill he could find in the package to buy off opposing Senators. In other words, he looked for a bill that each Senator wanted and put it in the bill. That way few Senators would oppose him even though this bill is likely to cost hundreds of millions of dollars and do great damage in their individual state.

An example is Senator Lisa Murkowski in Alaska. S22 puts a road through a Wilderness area that she wants. So she is ignoring the National Landscape Conservation System, also in the bill, that will do great harm to the people of Alaska. Senator Murkowski voted yes on S22.... The danger from an omnibus bill is that they package all the lands, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers and any other bills of that type they can find into one bill. It's likely your Congressman has

something in the bill....The strategy is by giving every Congressman something they want in the bill, they won't oppose the bill when it comes up for vote. They won't look at all the other bad stuff.You need to insist that your Congressman ask for a vote on each individual bill. Let your Congressman know you will hold him or her accountable.

A major problem is S22 is over 1,000 pages long including over 150 separate bills. Likely not a single Congressman has read the entire bill. There are bills included your Congressman would likely oppose if they came up as a single bill. (read the included gun control bill within it) Each bill should be considered on its own merits and not as a fruit salad.

*****When you call your Congressman (every Congressman can be called at 202-225-3121) you must urge him/her not only oppose the various land grab portions of the bill, but you need to make a big deal about your Congressman voting for an omnibus bill where he has never read the entire bill.*****

Here are just a few reasons why you should oppose S22.

1. S22 puts into law the 26,000,000 acre Babbitt National Landscape Conservation System locking up energy and access to Federal lands. It locks you out. S22 puts National Park type land use controls over every BLM National Monuments, Wild and Scenic River and lots of other areas.
2. S22 takes about 8.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 300 million barrels of oil out of production in Wyoming, according to the Bureau of Land Management. The energy resources walled off by this bill would equal our domestic natural gas production for 15 years.
3. S22 would spend \$3.5 million to celebrate the 450th birthday of St. Augustine Florida in 2015.
4. S22 spends \$5 million on botanical gardens in Hawaii and Florida.-----These are only the tip of the iceberg. It goes on and on and on. There are over 150 different bills in S22. So the total cost will be in the billions of dollars. The regulatory and land use limitation implications of this bill are enormous. (and so is the financial straits this country is in at this time. amd)

-- Action Items --

-----1. Please join other landowners, users of Federal lands, and rural Americans to defeat the Omnibus Federal Lands Bill - S22.

-----2. **Please send a letter by fax or e-mail to your Congressman opposing the Omnibus Federal Lands Bill - S22. You do not have time to use regular mail.**

-----3. You may call any Congressman at (202) 225-3121. Ask for the staff person who handles Federal lands issues and in particular the Omnibus Federal Lands Bill. Ask for their fax number and e-mail address.

S22, the Omnibus Federal Lands Bill affects everyone and is the largest land grab in the last 30 years. ALRA is sending letters, faxes and e-mails to hundreds of thousands of people. It must be an all out effort. This is an incredible land grab.

Chuck Cushman
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ccushman@pacifier.com

-----As of this date, March 19, 2009 here is how Your Senator Voted on S 22 - Omnibus Federal Land Grab – Stay on top of them so they will be with us on the upcoming vote! -----Here is the vote broken down by State. Grouped by Home State

Texas: Cornyn (R-TX), Noy Hutchison (R-TX), Noy

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To:

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1st place SCFMS 2006 small bulletins
9th place AFMS 2006 small bulletins
3rd place SCMS 2005 small bulletins
3rd place, AFMS 2005 small bulletins
1st place SCFMS 2004 small bulletins
HM AFMS 2004 small bulletins
2nd place SCFMS 2003 small bulletins

April 2, 2009 7:30 PM, Garland Women's Activities Building

PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB OF DALLAS MEETINGS

First Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM
Garland Women's Activities Building
713 Austin, Garland, TX
(Northeast corner of Austin & Glenbrook)

MEMBERSHIP

Single Adult: \$16.50,
Junior: \$5.00; Family: \$27.50
(plus badge fee for new members)

Affiliated with

American Federation of Mineral Societies

Member of

South Central Federation of Mineral Societies