

# Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, TX

## Chips and Chatter



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*The Pleasant Oaks annual Christmas Dinner and Tree Gift Exchange is the focus of our meeting this month of December. All Articles promised this month, which are most interesting, will be published in January.*

*Thank you for your dedication to the Chips and Chatter and to the Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club.*

### Meeting, etc.

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for past months issue of the  
Chips and Chatter

### 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

POGM meet the First Thursday each month at 7:30 pm at the Garland Women's Activities Building, 713 Austin, Garland, TX, (Northeast corner of Austin & Glenbrook).

### Presentation

### Club Officers for 2010

President: Del Grady  
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**Chips and Chatter Deadline:**  
**The 3rd Thursday of each month**

# **PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB** **Annual Christmas Dinner and Party**

**Christmas Pot Luck December 2, 2010 7:00 pm**  
**Garland Women's Activities Building 713 Austin, Garland, TX**  
**Gift Exchange (not to exceed \$15.00)**

Rather than our regular business meeting and presentation, the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be our annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner. The festivities will start at 7:00 PM – note: an half hour earlier than normal!

The dinner will be Pot Luck. The club will be providing two meat dishes – baked ham and barbeque brisket. Each club member, family, or group, should bring a dish to share. Vegetables, salads, breads, snacks, drinks (not alcoholic) or deserts are logical choices. Ice and cups will be provided by the club.

After the dinner there will be a gift exchange. Each individual attending the meeting should bring a hobby related gift not valued more than \$15.00 for a gift exchange. Wanda Fitzgerald will be hosting the gifting – with lots of gift stealing or swapping guaranteed. Be prepared for a ton of fun!

See you on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 for the dinner and party.

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays**  
**To One and All.**

**May your New Year 2011 be Happy, with Health,**  
**Prosperity above desires, and Friends in abundance.**

## Area Clubs

Arlington G&M Club, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX  
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club, Garland Women's Bldg., 713 Austin, Garland, meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm  
Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers, 3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Fort Worth, meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm  
Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, 10205 Plano Rd, off of Plano Rd, Dallas, TX, meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. of each month at 7 pm  
Dallas Bead Society meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. each month at 7:30 pm Address pending  
Oak Cliff Gem & Min Soc, **South Hampton Community Hospital**, 2929 S. Hampton Rd, Dls, TX, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue. each month at 7 pm  
Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club, 3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft Worth, TX, meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm  
Dallas Paleontological Society, EMGI (Bldg. H, Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. ea. month at 7:30 pm

# *November 4, 2010 Minutes from the Secretary*

POGM Secretary: Lee Elms

The November 4th 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by President Del Grady. The Pledge to the flag was led by Hat.

**Secretary Report:** We discussed the minutes in the October Chips and Chatter that the article on Metamorphic Rocks was by Anita Dresner and not Don Shurtz. We accepted the correction to the minutes and it was unanimously approved by all attending.

**Treasurers' Report:** Don Shurtz gave the Treasurers' Report. Our opening balance was \$14,384.12 and our ending balance was \$14,373.42. The report was unanimously approved by all attending.

**Old Business** 2011 dues are now due. Get out your checkbooks and renew.

\*Tyler trip to the Harmons. Apparently Del Grady was the only one to make that trip and he said there were some pretty good pieces to be found.

**New Business:** The Science Fair is February 26th at Fair Park. We will need volunteers for judging. This year we will give out gift certificates to Natures' Gallery to the winners.

\*The December 2nd meeting will be our Christmas Party. We will start at 7pm and please bring a side dish or dessert, or both, and the club is providing the meat. We will again have the gift exchange, the value limited to \$15, and hobby related.

\*Field Trips: A. Nov. 13th at TXI.

B. Nov. 21st the Dallas Society Show at Mesquite

C. Dec. 4th & 5th Fossil Mania at Round Rock

D. Jan. all thru the month, Alpine, Tx. Flame Agate Hunt

\*The show in DeRidder, Louisiana will be an important one because that is where Diane Brownlee will be honored for her work. It will be held on Dec. 11th.

After we had our break and enjoyed all the refreshments everybody brought we were ready for our program.

**Our Sunshine report.** Cindy is still not walking well. We hope her a speedy recovery.

**Program:** Our speaker was Bill Henderson and he showed us the beautiful images you get with the macro photography of crystals. Bill had pictures of his set-up in his garage, and all the modifications he made to these surgical stereoptical microscopes and adapting cameras to them. I guess you would call it "McGuiverism". But it was so amazing to see a crystal that he would put under the microscope and with the lighting around it, you could see way inside the crystal at all the structures and inclusions that were inside of it that you would miss with the naked eye. It was a very enjoyable presentation.

**Raffle:** After the presentation we had our raffle. We have been getting a lot of good raffle pieces donated to the club and thank you all for your donations. We sure enjoy it when we win.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. October 7, 2010

## *Editor's Pen*

C&C Editor, Anita Dresner

We will have some great articles and trip information coming up in the January Chips and Chatter. These were submitted by Don Shurtz and Lee Elms. They are most interesting and I am looking forward to publishing them. I also am looking forward to having other articles submitted by you, to publish in the following months to put in the Chips and Chatter. After all, it is your newsletter. You may submit your article/s by sending them through email me at: [anitadresner@rocketmail.com](mailto:anitadresner@rocketmail.com) or snail mail to: 3809 Skyline Drive, Rowlett, TX 75088

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

5<sup>th</sup> Place AFMS 2007 small bulletins  
1<sup>st</sup> place SCFMS 2006 small bulletins  
9<sup>th</sup> place AFMS 2006 small bulletins  
3<sup>rd</sup> place SCMS 2005 small bulletins  
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1<sup>st</sup> place SCFMS 2004 small bulletins  
HM AFMS 2004 small bulletins  
2<sup>nd</sup> place SCFMS 2003 small bulletins

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