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2022 in Review, and on to the Future

Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas

There were a few changes in 2022, right? We held our last meeting at the Garland Activities Building in downtown Garland in December 2021. No one from the city of Garland or the Garland Activities building bothered to notify us that the Activities Building was going to be converted into Library office spaces; the lack of communication led us to believe that something “strange” was happening. Our only indication of a problem was that we did not receive a bill for our 2023 meeting rental and we could not get in touch with anyone at the Activities Building phone number. We held our January meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ, but half the members went to Spring Creek BBQ in Garland and half to Richardson. So that was a lost opportunity to discuss where to meet. Our February meeting was scheduled to be held in the Training Room of the Dallas Gem and Mineral Societies’ building on Plano Rd. near I-635. However, the weather was bad and we canceled the meeting. For March and April, we met at the Bradfield Recreation Center in Garland, but not in downtown Garland. It was going to get us away from the 4th of July and the Christmas on the Square activities which caused issues for our July and December meetings for years. We found the Bradfield Recreation Center to be a good place for our meetings and we have continued to meet there. We will continue our tradition of Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson for the July meeting. December could be an issue. Our December meeting was on track this last month. Then, two days before the scheduled meeting, the Recreation Center called and told us that we would need to reschedule; the Recreation Center would be closed on December 1st, our scheduled meeting date. It turned out that all the employees were required to attend the “Christmas in the Square” activity, our old nemesis. After a bit of quick planning, we met on the second Thursday and ended up having a good time. Rather than the more traditional potluck dinner, we had potluck snacks. I thought that turned out very well.

2022 also brought us a new Club President, Joe Vulk. It also brought us a full slate of officers without anyone holding down two positions. It has been a long long time since we have had a full slate of officers without any duplication. About half the club members are also club officers, but then we are a small club. Joe has been doing a great job trying to find more efficient ways to conduct the meeting in the short time we have the meeting room available. We may have snacks first, or snacks concurrent with the raffle. We need to start growing the club. We are likely losing INTERGEM (IGEM) as a place to show off our club. We need to find other venues to showcase our talents and attract new members. Please pass any ideas on to Joe or any other club officer.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2022

President:	Joe Vulk
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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

JANUARY 2023 MEETING

Our next meeting will be on January 5 starting at 7:15 at the Bradfield Recreation Center. Julie and Warner will be demonstrating Wire Wrapping

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PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB of DALLAS



Meetings

First Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held at the Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, Garland, TX

Membership

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

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, particularly 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. Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas is a not-for-profit organization

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Upcoming January Shows:

- 1 January – 28 February, Quartzite, AZ – many shows, Quartzite, AZ, xpopress.com/showcase/profile/5/Quartzite-showcase-swapmeet
- 21-22 January, Fredericksburg, TX, Fredericksburg Rockhounds, Pioneer Pavilion, website Fredericksburgrockhounds.org
- 28-29 January, Tyler, TX, East Texas G&MS, Tyler Rose Garden Center, website: etgms.org
- 28 January–12 February. Tucson, AZ. Many shows late January through mid-February.