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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

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).

Club Officers for 2011

President: Del Grady
 1st VP: Mark Carter, (972) 680-9223
 Secretary: Lee Elms
 Treasurer: Don Shurtz, (972) 509-2821
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Chips and Chatter Deadline:
The 3rd Thursday of each month

May 2011 Minutes from the Secretary

POGM Secretary: Lee Elms

May 5, 2011

President: The May meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Del Grady. The Pledge to the flag was led by Mark Carter.

Secretary Report: The May minutes were unanimously accepted as presented in the *Chips and Chatter*.

Treasurers' Report: Don Shurtz gave the Treasury report for the months of March and April. We voted and unanimously accepted the report as given.

Sunshine Report: Butch's mother passed away last week and our prayers are with them and their family.

Old Business:

- 1.) Ling Shurtz gave us a report on the Federation Show meeting in Alpine, Texas. She said it was a very good meeting, with a large number of the Arlington Gem Club members attending. Ling donated a necklace she made for the "Relay of Life". The total expenses for the trip were reported and we thank the Shurtzs for representing our club.
- 2.) InterGem: They had a pretty good attendance, and there were about 400 vendors. It was announced that at future InterGem setups, we will need to wear our club ID badges.

New Member/s: We have a new club member we would like to welcome into the club; Charlie Wright from Flower Mound, Texas. Greetings from the membership to you, Charlie.

New Business: No report

Field Trips:

- A. This Saturday is a rock Swap at the Dallas Club parking lot from 8 am till???
- B. The next Saturday is a rock swap at the Arlington Club parking lot. Please see the newsletter for local shows.
- C. We had the donated lapidary equipment on display and also the books for any club member that wanted to buy them at the meeting tonight. What doesn't get bought tonight will be displayed for sale at this Saturdays Rock Swap.

Program Presentation: A video about Jack Halpern, a very remarkable gentleman, and it was titled "Addicted To Beauty". Jack is a collector of many things, not just rocks and minerals. He has a remarkable collection of plants, butterflies, beautiful sea creatures, minerals, and pictures of Marilyn Monroe. One huge downstairs room in his house is wall to wall minerals exhibited like a professional museum. The quality is mind-boggling! He said "Beauty is the antidote to stress". He has a huge greenhouse full of orchids and gardens full of roses. He has an orchid and a rose named after him. He enjoys sharing his beautiful collections with anybody and everybody. He brings them to his house to partake of all of the beauty. He has never had his house burglarized or broken into.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

June 2 Moments in History

1835 - P.T. Barnum and his circus began their first tour of the United States.

1886 - When he exchanged vows with Florence Folsom, Grover Cleveland became the first United States President to marry in the White House

1924 - U.S. Congress conferred citizenship upon all American Indians

President Message

Del Grady: President Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

No information at time of printing.

1st Vice President Message

Mark Carter: 1st Vice President Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

June Meeting: Dallas Author, Paleontologist and all round interesting Man- Chuck Finsley will speak on “What’s been going on With Chuck Finsley?” Don’t miss this truly neat opportunity to hear Chuck.

Editor’s Pen

C & C Editor: Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

When we have great articles in any issue of the *Chips and Chatter*, they are usually submitted by various members and organizations from around the greater Rock Hound clubs. They are most interesting and **I am looking forward to more material to publish from you.** You may submit your article/s by sending them through email me at: anitadresner@rocketmail.com or snail mail to: 3809 Skyline Drive, Rowlett, TX 75088

Refreshment Volunteers for June

Now which month did you say you would sign up for?

Snacks Ling



Beverage/Ice Mark



July Snacks

July Beverage/Ice

Beverage: 2 or 3 (assorted and a diet 2 liter Colas) & a bag of ice. Snacks: Finger Foods like Cookies or Veggie/Fruit tray.

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 1st Thur. 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 Gem & Mineral Society, 10205 Plano Rd, off of Plano Rd, Dallas, TX, meets the 3rd Tue. of each month at 7 pm
Dallas Bead Society meets 3rd Thur. each month at 7:30 pm Address pending
Oak Cliff Gem & Min Soc., South Hampton Community Hospital, 2929 S. Hampton Rd, Dls, TX, 4th Tue. each month at 7 pm
Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club, 3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft Worth, TX, meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
Dallas Paleontological Society, EMGI (Bldg. H, Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244), 2nd Wed. ea. month at 7:30 pm

Motavative Quotations

To all graduating from High School or from a University, here are words to ponder from two very astute men.

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

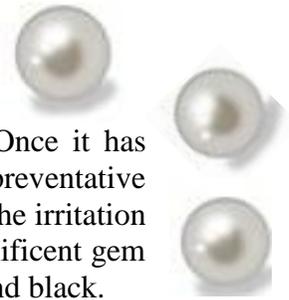
-Bill Cosby

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome. -Booker T. Washington

June Birthstone of the Month: Pearls

C & C Editor: Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

Whether it is referred to as a humble beginning or a rough start, the pearl is an incubated piece of something, maybe a tiny fish or parasite looking for a home. Once it has entered the oyster; or maybe a mussel, or clam it is perfectly formed during a preventative process, using many layers of nacre over many years, in order for the oyster to sooth the irritation the unwanted piece creates. Thus, the oyster, in trying to heal its self produces a magnificent gem stone called the Pearl. It has a color range from white, as the most common, to pink, and black.



While natural pearls are quite rare, they have been found by divers in Panama, the Persian Gulf and Japanese waters, Australia, and even California; with most pearls being found in waters along the coast of Japan and Australia.

Pearls have been a passion and even an obsession of people throughout the ages. They have been ground up and used in cosmetics and as a medicine to treat heart and stomach conditions. Some cultures swear by pearls as an aphrodisiac. These gems have adorned crowns, clothing, and temples, and were said to be a favorite of Cleopatra.

Ref: <http://www.about-birthstones.com/junebirthstone.html>

A Rockhounters Article of Interest

Lee Elms: Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

Hello. I had such a great time on my trip to the South Dakota. I want to share some of the moments with you.

I got back yesterday, Wednesday the 17th of May, from my vacation to Custer, South Dakota; and I would like to go back there quite soon. My sister and I take a vacation every year. This year we decided to see Mount Rushmore and The Crazy Horse Monument

I drove up and the trip wasn't a bad drive at all. We spent the 1st night in Grand Isle, Nebraska ((look up location in comparison to distance to Custer)) We then got into the car and headed on towards our destination, arriving in Custer, South Dakota about 2pm that afternoon. I forgot that we would lose an hour due to Mountain Time.

Anyway, Custer is a great central location to stay and then go see the sights of southwest South Dakota. They are still in the process of carving out the statue of Crazy Horse; but still, this was one of the to see spots of the trip. I brought back a chunk of granite which came from the mountain where they are blasting for the "in-process sculpting" of Crazy Horse.

I also visited the Mammoth Falls Dinosaur Dig and was really impressed. I took lots of photos. South Dakota has a large amount of interesting rocks and minerals to observe. The Fairburn Agates are quite beautiful. I found some of those around our cabin. I also found a pyrite nodule and a rock that I can't identify, but it is native to South Dakota. We spent a wonderful week up in Dakota. I will bring some of my new finds to the next club meeting.

I wanted to go to the three or four of the caverns up there, but my sisters' knees were acting up and she couldn't do a lot of walking. We had to pass on the caves this trip. I really hope to make another trip up there in the near future while I am still capable of a lot of hiking and climbing and descending steps and stairs, maybe then I can take in the caverns.

Article of Interest: What is a Wadi?

Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas

You never know where you are going to run across a strange geographical term. The Jean Auel “Earth’s Children” series is awash with geographical terms. “Aviation Week and Space Technology” has a lot of geographical terms, particularly when they are featuring articles on the Martian rovers. Last month’s term (senile) came from a crossword puzzle. So does this month’s term. Who would have thought you would find so many terms. In this same crossword puzzle, there was “lode” (as in the mother load gold strike), minerals, and ores. This was just a random occurrence as the crossword puzzles do not have a theme.

So what is a “wadi”? Is it a variation of Do-Wa-Didi-Didi-Dum-Didi-Do (actually, Do-Wah-Diddy-Diddy-Dumm-Didi-Do) by Manfred Mann, some our younger members probably won’t know who he was. According to my favorite printed dictionary, a “wadi” is “the bed or valley of a stream in regions of southwestern Asia and northern Africa that is usually dry except during the rainy season and that often forms an oasis”, or “a shallow, usually sharply defined depression in a desert region”. And here I thought it was going to be some Australian term!

Now to me, a “wadi” sounds a lot like a gully or a shallow canyon. However, there is a difference. The “wadi” only has water intermittently – during the rainy season or following a thunderstorm. The water rushes down from a higher elevation and comes basically to a screeching halt as it encounters the dry, arid sands. The water is quickly absorbed causing the sediment to be dropped. The sediment is generally various types of rocks and sand. The rocks tend to be sharp and randomly shaped while the rocks of a river bed tend to be smoothed out over time. The rocks in the “wadi” do not get the slow erosion of the river – instead they are washed down and bang into previously deposited rocks, and then they bake in the sun for a year before the next episode.



Wadi in Neveg, Israel

A “wadi” may sometimes form an oasis. My guess is that the water rushing down the “wadi” encounters the dry sands and is rapidly absorbed. All the water tends to be absorbed in the same general area rather than being held in the channel and slowly absorbed over the length of the stream. The absorbed water is stored underground and may eventually breach the surface forming a pool or wet areas.

A “wadi”, like a gully or even the streams beds here in Dallas, is susceptible to flash flooding. The waters coming down from the high elevations are frequently from torrential rains over a large drainage area. All that water gets dumped in a very short period of time into the “wadi” channel forming a flash flood.

Ref:
Picture from Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wadi>.
ST Lyrics, <http://www.stlyrics.com/lyrics/mygirl/dowahdiddydiddy.htm>
Wadi, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wadi>.
Wolf, Henry Bosley, Editor in Chief, Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, copyright 2979 by G. & C. Merriam Co., Springfield

Question of Interest: What/Where is it?

Editor, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas

Located approximately seventy-five miles from Rowlett, Texas, I hear there is a historic filling station. It was built of petrified wood. Can you tell me where it might be located? It would be a neat day trip just to view it.

2011 Shows

3-5 TULSA, OK: Gem Faire Inc Show; Expo Square/Central Park Hall, 4145 E 21st Street; Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; \$7 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; email: info@gemfaire.com; Website: www.gemfaire.com

July

19-20 TAHLEQUAH, OK: Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society Show; Tahlequah Community Bldg, 300 W 1st Street; Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5; free admission; rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, demonstrations, auction, children's activities, educational displays; contact Sara Brasel, (918) 458-0801; email: crosstimbersrd@earthlink.net

20-21 LIVE OAK, TX: The Bead Market Wholesale & Retail Show; Live Oak Civic Center; 8101 Pat Booker Road; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; glass, gemstones, pearls, lampwork, PMC, vintage beads and buttons, jewelry, books, tools, silver, findings; contact Rebekah Wills, (903) 240-7198; email: rebekah@thebeadmarket.net; Website: www.thebeadmarket.net

27-28 MOUNTAIN HOME, AR: Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club Show; Senior Center in Cooper Park, 1101 Spring Street; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; free admission; door prizes, mineral and gem displays, interactive children's events, minerals, fossils, handmade jewelry, demonstrations; contact Edward Hakesley, 821-1 Alexis Circle, Mountain Home, AR 72653, (870) 424-0956; email: edscamp3@yahoo.com; Website: www.ozarkearthscience.org

August

19-20 TAHLEQUAH, OK: Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society show; Tahlequah Community Bldg, 300 W 1st Street; Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5; free admission; rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, demonstrations, auction, children's activities, educational displays; contact Sara Brasel, (918) 458-0801; email: crosstimbersrd@earthlink.net

20-21 BOSSIER CITY, LA: Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society; Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$4, students \$1, under 6 free; door prizes, youth activities, demonstrations, exhibits; contact Charles Johns, 9314 Overlook Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118, (318) 687-4929; email: cwsejohns@bellsouth.net; Website: www.larockclub.com

27-28 MOUNTAIN HOME, AR: Ozark Earth Science GMFC Show; Sr Center Cooper Park, 1101 Spring Steet; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; \$0. Admit, door prizes, gem/mineral/ fossils, displays, child's area, handmade jewelry, demos; contact Ed Hakesley, 821-1 Alexis Circle, Mountain Home, AR 72653, (870) 424-0956; email: edscamp3@yahoo.com; Website: www.ozarkearthscience.org

September

3-4 ARLINGTON, TX: Arlington Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show; Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$6, seniors and children \$3, Scouts in uniform free; silent auctions, Gem ID, Kids' Korner, door prizes, gem, lapidary and jewelry displays and demonstrations, Rock Food Table; contact Jack Spinks, 209 Overlook Drive, Midlothian, TX 76065, (214) 335-9452; email: jlspinks@sbcglobal.net; Website: www.agemclub.org

6-18 ENID, OK: Enid Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show & Sale; Oak Wood Mall, 4125 W Owen K Garriot Road (Hwy 412W); Fri & Sat 10-9, Sun 12-6; free admission; rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, beads, fossils, rock food table, junior activities, grab bags, demonstration, door prizes; contact Billy Wood, (580) 234-5344 or (580) 402-5568; email: baronladislaus@att.net

10-11 SILOAM SPRINGS, AR: Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society Fall Swap; clubhouse parking area, Hwy 43N; Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5; admission free; gem wash, auction Saturday; contact David Leininger, (479) 263-1424; email: hulagrub@aol.com; Website: www.nwarockhounds.org

24-25 RICHARDSON, TX: The Bead Market; Richardson Civic Center Wholesale & Retail Show, 411 W Arapaho; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; free admission; gemstones, glass beads, lampwork, vintage beads and buttons, Swarovski Elements, crystals, pearls, bone beads, jewelry, books, tools; contact Rebekah Wills, (903) 240-7198; email: rebekah@thebeadmarket.net; Website: www.thebeadmarket.net

October

1-2 JACKSONVILLE, AR: Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society 39th Annual Show; Jacksonville Civic Center, 5 Municipal Drive; Sat & Sun 9-5; free admission; more than 20 dealers, demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, Kids' Dig, geode cracking, Rock Spin, mineral identification, grand prize; contact Lenora Murray, 218 Old Hwy 11S, Hazen, AR 72064, (870) 255-3679; email: lenoramur@aol.com; Website: www.centralarrockhound.org

8-9 FT WORTH, TX: LMRA Stone Steppers Annual Show; Lockheed Martin Recreation Association, 3400 Bryant Irvin Road; Sat & Sun 9-6; free admission; rocks, gems, minerals, flinters, prospecting equipment, GPAA, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, children's activities; contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Drive, Saginaw, TX 76131, (817) 733-5368; email: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com

8-9 TEMPLE, TX: Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society Annual show; Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N 3rd Street; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$3; silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, grand prize, demonstrations, dealers, rough, slabs, cabs, faceted gems, equipment, finished jewelry; contact Chip Burnette, 2630 Polk St., Killeen, TX 76543, (254) 630-3573; email: burnette@aceweb.com

13-16 FRANKLIN, NC: South East Gems & More Annual Show; Whistle Stop Mall Parking Lot, 1281 Georgia Road (Hwy 441N); Thu-Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4; free admission; dealers, silver and goldsmithing, rough, slabs, fossils, minerals, metaphysical, findings, gemstones, custom jewelry and repairs; contact Mark or Patricia Smith, 751 Hutto Pond Road, Aiken, SC 29805, (706) 490-4550; email: segems@ymail.com

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Garland Women's Activities Building 713 Austin, Garland, TX

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First Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM
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MEMBERSHIP

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

Program Presentation

Author and Paleontologist Chuck Finsley will be speaking to us this evening. Be sure to mark your calendar as you will not want to miss his talk.

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