

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, TX

Chips and Chatter

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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, March 5, at 7:30 pm
Garland Women's Activities Building
713 Austin, Garland, TX

Presentation

The March program speaker will be Jim Houran speaking on ARKANSAS DIAMOND MINE.

Club Officers for 2009

President:	Donnette Wagner
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Minutes – February 5, 2009 General Meeting

Donna Mallory, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

I am sorry, I did not receive the February minutes to report.

1st Vice President

Mark Carter, Programs, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

Jim Houran will present the March program. He will be speaking on ARKANSAS DIAMOND MINE. It will be a good presentation with several Diamonds found there recently and from over the years. It would be a great program to invite other clubs members and guests to attend.

If there are other topics or you know someone that speaks on our hobby, 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>March</i>		<i>Mark Carter</i>
<i>April</i>		

March Birthstone: Aquamarine



The major sources of Aquamarine are South America, Africa and China. It is of the beryl family, a crystal, sea foam green/blue in color. Depending on your reference source, it is the gemstone for the 16th and 19th wedding anniversaries as well as the birthstone for the month of March. Its name means “Sea Water”. If you believe in the healing powers of crystals, it is said to be used for easing depression, helps in the relief of arthritis and aids in bringing about new friendships.

Editor's Corner

Anita Dresner, Editor, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club



Greetings club members,

I love to read, do you? There is nothing like a great novel, a good love story – and there are all kind of love stories: Love of Mother Nature, Love of Families, and Love of the various eras that came before us. Love of suspense, science, and the world at large. Without the reading materials, there are many of us that would be left out of the loop and never have the opportunity to know about people, places and things that do or might interest us, pique our interest in something, or give us unexpected opportunities.

I know you know to writing a novel, an autobiography, or any material for that matter takes a Love of Writing. My husband often introduced me as “a frustrated writer”. I found an outlet that lets me somewhat overcome that frustration, and have enjoyed it. There are two members faithful to submit articles for the C & C. Won't you join them to help me to produce a better, well-rounded newsletter for you to read that will intrigue you, pique your interest and be entertaining?

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.

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

Treasurer's Note

Don Shurtz, POGMC Treasurer

Membership Renewal

Our club's fiscal year runs from November 1 to October 31. Thus, membership renewal for 2009 was due at the beginning of November 2008 with membership running through October 2009.

If you received a letter from POGMC in the last 2 weeks, then according to the treasurer's records you have not renewed your membership for the current year; your dues are now 4 months past due. Please renew your membership now.

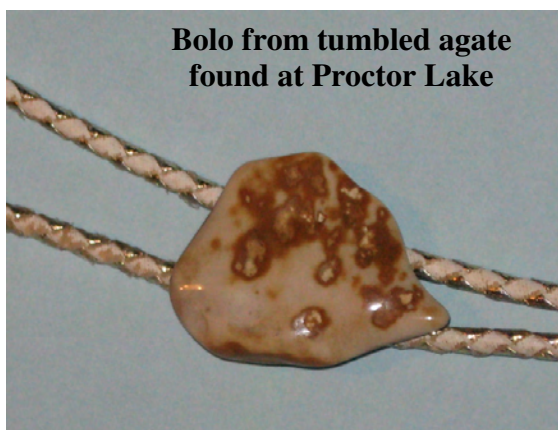
This will be the last *Chips and Chatter* that you receive, until we receive your membership renewal. The letter sent to you included a postage paid, addressed envelope, to make renewal easy. Alternatively, you may renew your membership at the March meeting. Also, if you believe that the treasurer's records are in error, please advise me as soon as possible.

Question of the Month – What is Proctor Lake?

Don Schurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

Proctor Lake is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lake near Comanche, TX. The primary purposes of the lake are for flood control and to provide water to Comanche, Erath, and Hamilton counties. The lake is not associated with the Comanche Peak nuclear power-generating station; that facility is located about 45 miles east of Proctor Lake.

Why would a rockhound be interested in Proctor Lake? One reason is that one of the most important dinosaur finds in Texas was located near Proctor Lake. A college student named Rusty Branch found the site in 1985. The site yielded a few adult skeletons a large number of juvenile skeletons. Because of the large number of juvenile skeletons, it is speculated that the adult dinosaurs were tending all the juveniles and were caught in drought conditions. The dinosaurs were named the Proctor ornithopods or the Proctor Lake ornithopods (name varies from reference to reference).



Another reason a rock hound may be interested in Proctor Lake is that pebble size pieces of fossilized wood and agate can be found along some of the beaches. Proctor Lake was one of the first rock hound sites that I visited after rejoining the hobby some 25 years ago. The lake is relatively close, located about 120 miles southwest of Dallas. If you are interested in visiting the lake, pick up US 377 on the southwest corner of Ft. Worth and follow it through Granbury, Stephenville, and Dublin for about 85 miles. Then go north on CR 2861 to the Forest Service park entrance. The last time I visited the site there was a small day use fee. The petrified wood and agate that I found was along the rocky beaches on the south side of the lake and west of the spillway.

Ref:

Lone Star Dinosaurs, Proctor Lake, http://www.lonestardinosaurs.org/photo_album/proctor.html

Proctor Lake home page, <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor/>

Ornithopods jconway.jpg, http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ornithopods_jconway.jpg

Sunshine Report

C&C Editor

Birthdays: Robert Waller & Ling Shurtz **Happy Birthday Rockhounds!**
Anniversaries: John & Cindy Ragan, Don & Ling Shurtz **Happy Anniversary!**

Feature Article – It's the Tucson, AZ Rock Show Time

Submitted by David Dobson : *It's the Tucson, AZ Rock Show Time of Year* – By David Dobson



It was that time of year again when the Tucson rock show takes place. This show starts about the last day in January and runs for two weeks until mid-February. Now that gas prices are down (not low enough, but down), we were able to save enough for gas money to make our annual New Year Rock Show trip.

The Show takes place at different hotels throughout the city. The hotel may cater to gems, minerals, fossils, beads, and or other, but this is not the rule. Everything is sold here, but mostly rock related. To the left and right are pictures of one of the hotels, showing how it looks. The vendors rent a room at the hotel to display their items for sale. Many rooms are gutted



of furniture to make room for their inventory. Others just place their inventory on the bed, table, and or TV. Customers may walk from room to room to shop and look. I would venture to say that if there is a rock that you want, you will find it here at one of the hotels.



Daniel and Amy next to a Dinosaur fossil, I ask Daniel what it was and he told me a Parasauralophus. The vendor corrected him and states that it was a Sauralophus. I am not sure but I think Daniel was more exact!




April, Daniel and Amy next to a life size T-Rex Skull replica.

The last photo shows just how big the Saguaro cactuses actually get in Tucson. WOW VERY BIG!!



Hope you enjoyed the pictures. Tucson Show magazines will be available at the next POGMC meeting.

March 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 7:30 pm Pleasant Oaks Club Mtg	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Metroplex Gem and Mineral and Related Clubs

Arlington Gem & Mineral Club

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

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

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

Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers

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

Dallas Paleontological Society

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

Dallas Gem & Mineral Society

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

Dallas Bead Society

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

Oak Cliff Gem & Mineral Society

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

Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club

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

Show Dates

Mar 7-8 - Big Spring, TX: Big Spring Prospectors Club 40th Annual Show; Howard County Fair Barn; Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5; dealers, demonstrators; contact Jerald Wilson, 707 Tulane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 263-4662

Mar 21-22 - The Southwest Gem and Mineral Society 40th Fiesta of Gems Show; San Antonio, TX; Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd.; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4; \$4 Adults, \$3 Seniors & Military, \$2 Students; Parking free, Website www.swgemandmineral.org

WESTERN MASS. MINERAL * JEWELRY & FOSSIL SHOW 2009, Mar 28, 10am-5pm, Mar 29, 10am-4pm. Holyoke, Massachusetts. Holiday Inn at Ingleside (Exit 15 off I-91) 245 Whiting Farms Road \$4 Admission ~ Children under 12 free w/adult. Minerals, Gemstones, Jewelry, Crystals, Fossils, Lapidary, and Mineral Arts from Around the World Free Exhibits, Ample Secure Free Parking, On Site Food Sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club, A Mass. non-profit educational organization. www.cvmineralclub.org

April 4-5 - Siloam Springs, AR: Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society; Siloam Springs Community Center, 110 N. Mt. Olive Street; Sat & Sun 9-5; contact Thomas Morrow, (479) 936-0394; e-mail: info@nwarockhounds.org

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

A rock hound is a person who collects rocks. Not only do they collect them, they can identify different rocks by studying their colors, textures, patterns, and hardness. Field guides and other books about rocks and minerals line their bookshelves. They own rock hammers, goggles, work gloves, and magnifying glasses. They have sturdy rock tumbling equipment to polish their finds, and some sort of container in which to display their rocks. It may be an old egg carton, or it may be a wooden display case with many different compartments. Every rock hound knows that rocks rule!



http://powayusd.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/teachers/hmarks/rocks_rock1.htm

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March 5, 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)

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