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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, 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.

## Monthly Meeting

Our September meeting will be at the Garland Women's Activities Building, Thursday, 3 September at 7:30 PM. Del Grady will give a presentation and show a video on jewelry making.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

## Club Officers for 2015

President:	Ling Shurtz
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2nd VP, Field Trips:	Open
Secretary:	Lee Elms
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## President's Message

Ling Shurtz, POGMC President

It is time to start the process of new officers for 2016. At the next meeting we will establish the Nominating Committee who will select a slate of officers for 2016. They will report during the October meeting. Del Grady will be giving a presentation and show a video on jewelry making. See you at the meeting.

## Minutes of the August 2015 Meeting

The August 6th, 2015 club meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by President Ling Shurtz.

The Pledge to the flag was led by Don Shurtz.

Sunshine report: Ling is recovering nicely from her shoulder surgery. Butch said that Patti is having stomach problems.

Minutes: We discussed the minutes of the June meeting that were printed in the July Chips and Chatter. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Lee Elms and the motion was seconded by Butch Mitchell. The motion passed.

Treasurers' Report: Del Grady gave the Treasurers' Report. A motion to accept the Treasurers' report was made by Butch, and the motion was seconded by Hat. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Ling has sent in the contract for the Inter-Gem Show for this coming October.

There are shows coming up this month over in Bossier City and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Our July meeting was held at Spring Creek BBQ and everyone had a good time there.

After our refreshment break, Warner Ragan gave the presentation for the night. He displayed boxes, boxes, and more boxes of mineral specimens from Afghanistan. He explained what each mineral was and where it was found in Afghanistan. Here is a list of the specimens he brought for us admire:

Tourmaline	Pink Sapphire	Emeralds	Axinite	Lapis Lazuli
Garnets	Topaz	Epidot	Kunzite	Brookite
Aquamarine	Jade from Myanmar	Window Quartz	Quartz	
Quartz with Chlorite	Ruby that was carved into a lizard			

We had the raffle and then the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Elms, Secretary

## More About Birthstones

Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas

Birthstones come from lists. Who makes the list? Just about anyone. The trick is to get your list recognized. The list by the American Gem Society is the most widely recognized list in the United States. George Frederick Kunz was a highly regarded Gemologist in the late 1800s, and was also a vice president of Tiffany and Co. Mr. Kunz made up a list of American Birthstones (birthstones from locations in America). His list never caught on, but here it is:

January	Garnet, Rhodolite	Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, North Carolina
February	Amethyst	North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia
April	Sapphire	Montana, Idaho
May	Green Tourmaline	Lake Superior
June	Moss-agate	California, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona
July	Turquoise	New Mexico, California, Arizona
August	Golden Beryl	California, Connecticut, North Carolina
September	Kunzite	California
October	Aquamarine	North Carolina, Maine, California
November	Topaz	Utah, California, Maine
December	Rubellite	Montana

## Show Calendar - Upcoming Show Dates

Oct 3 – 4, Jacksonville, AR, Central Arkansas GM&GS, Jacksonville Community Center, [thom61847@yahoo.com](mailto:thom61847@yahoo.com)  
Oct 9 – 11, Mount Ida, AR Montgomery Cnty. Fairgrounds, [director@mtidachamber.com](mailto:director@mtidachamber.com), [www.mtidachamber.com](http://www.mtidachamber.com)  
Oct 10 – 11, Temple, TX, Tri-City G&MS, Mayborn Civic Cntr., [burnette@aceweb.com](mailto:burnette@aceweb.com)  
**Oct 23 – 25, Austin G&MS show, SCFMS Convention, and AFMS Convention,**  
[Showchairman@austingemandmineral.org](mailto:Showchairman@austingemandmineral.org), [www.gemcapers.com](http://www.gemcapers.com)  
Oct 25 – 26, Glen Rose, TX, Paleo Society of Austin, Somervell Expo Cntr  
Oct 31 – Nov 1, Oklahoma City, OK, Oklahoma M&GS, OK State Fair Park, [halffull101-rockngem@yahoo.com](mailto:halffull101-rockngem@yahoo.com)

Nov 7 – 8, Amarillo, TX, Golden Spread G&MS, Amarillo Civic Cntr, [finfran@midplains.coop](mailto:finfran@midplains.coop)  
Nov 7 – 8, Midland, TX, Midland G&MS, Midland Cntr  
Nov 14 – 15, Round Rock TX, Paleo Society of Austin, Old Settlers Park  
**Nov 21 – 22, Mesquite, TX, Dallas G&MS, Mesquite Rodeo Cntr Exhibit Hall,** [bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net),  
[www.dallagemandmineral.org](http://www.dallagemandmineral.org)

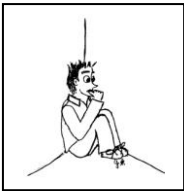
Dec 4 – 6, El Paso, TX, El Paso M&GS, El Maida Auditorium, [gemcenter@aol.com](mailto:gemcenter@aol.com)

Ref:

July-August 2015 SCFMS Newsletter

Rock & Gem Show Calendar, <http://www.rockngem.com/show-dates-display/?ShowState=ALL>

## Austin Gem and Mineral Society / AMFS & SCFMS Show and Conventions



This year the AFMS and SCFMS shows and conventions will be held in conjunction with the Austin, TX Gem and Mineral Society Show – Gem Capers.2015. The show starts Friday, 23 October and runs through Sunday, 25 October. Friday and Saturday the show will be from 9:00 AM to 6:00 pm and on Sunday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In addition to the AFMS and SCFMS conventions, there will be meetings of the ALAA (American Land Access Association) and S.C.R.I.B.E (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors). The AFMS Convention and Delegates meeting is on Thursday at 9:00 AM followed by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Meeting. The Judges & Clerks Meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday. The S.C.R.I.B.E meeting will also be on Friday starting at 11:00 AM. Saturday morning starting at 8:00 AM is the SCFMS / AMFS Editors Breakfast. The SCFMS Convention and Delegates meeting is Saturday at 1:00 PM followed by the ALAA meeting. Sunday at a time to be determined will be a Field Trip to Emerald Ridge. Even if you don't need to attend the convention or meeting, it will still be a great show and since it is so close you should plan to attend. One word of caution – Hotel and Motel rooms and RV spaces are at a premium due to the Formula One race. You should reserve now and probably look for a place within comfortable driving distance of Austin rather than Austin itself.



By the way, see below and to the left for the beautiful Grand Prize. You don't have to be present to win, but you do have to attend to get a ticket for the drawing.

AFMS & SCFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION – GEM CAPERS 2015  
54th Annual Gemstones, Mineral & Fossil Show Featuring PEGMATITES  
from July-August SCFMS Newsletter

The grand prize (see left) will be given away on Sunday October 25, 2015, at the AFMS/SCFMS Convention and Show. Ticket comes free with show entry. The winner does not need to be present to win.

This Show will be held in our own South Central Federation city of Austin, TX. Plan now to attend. It will be a show to remember and you won't want to miss this one. See you there.

# September Birthstone, Sapphire



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## 2015 SINGLE CABOCHON CONTEST

Hosted by the Austin Gem & Mineral Society

The Austin Gem & Minerals Society is proud to announce the hosting of a single cabochon competition. The competition will commence during the AFMS Show held in Austin, Texas; October 23-25, 2015. The required material must come from one of the South Central Federation states: Arkansas, Louisiana or Texas. Entry deadline is by NOON, October 23, 2015. Entry forms will be available at the show. Contact person is Laird Fowler: [lairdf@earthlink.net](mailto:lairdf@earthlink.net) (512-971-8224). An entry form can be emailed to you prior to the show.

Overall guidelines for fabrication and judging will be defined in the updated American Federation of Mineralogical Federation's Rules: Section 9.0; DIVISION C – LAPIDARY; Rule 9.1

**Cabochons:** A cabochon shall be lapidary material of a size that could be worn for jewelry, cut free hand without having been tumbled. Cabochons fall in two categories:

(1) **Traditional:** Traditional cabochons must have domed tops and must have at least one plane of symmetry. A plane of symmetry exists when a straight line passed through the middle of a cabochon gives two equal halves in size and shape. Some examples of traditional cabochons are: heart, cross, star, square, rectangle, diamond, teardrop, pear, circle, oval, and kite.

(2) **Modern and Creative:** Modern and Creative cabochons may have either domed or flat tops and have any shape that exhibits both the skill and creativity of the lapidary. They are not restricted to having a plane of symmetry. (Category sometimes known as Free-Form)

The reverse side of any cabochon modern, traditional, or creative, may have a bevel or chamfer. A bevel or chamfer is not mandatory.

## OUT-OF-CLASS materials for THE 2015 Cab Contest are:

- (a) Mineral specimens
- (b) Materials embedded in plastics
- (c) Tumbled material
- (d) Material **not** from one of the South Central Federation States: AR, LA and/or TX

While Rule 9.2 considers the following OUT-OF-CLASS, the 2015 Cab Contest will allow the following: Any lapidary entry that has more than fifty percent of the specimens composed of petrified wood.

We look forward to your entry in this competition.

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### Did You Know?

from Fossick Gossip 12/13, via Rockhounder 5/2015 and Sept 2015 The Backbender's Gazette

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).

She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft, and I'll show you A-flat minor.

Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

The man who fell into an upholstery factory is now fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted. 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

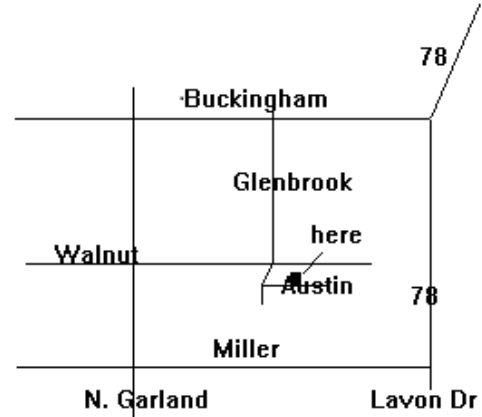
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB of Dallas



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

Membership  
Single Adult: \$16.00,  
Junior: \$5.00, Family: \$27.50  
(Plus badge fee for new members)



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To:

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Out October meeting will at the Garland Women's Activities Building on Thursday, October 1st at 7:30 PM

**Visit an Area Club**

- Arlington Gem & Mineral Club, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Cowtown G, M, & Glass Club, meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Corp. Emp. Rec. Association (CERA) 3300 Bryant Irvin Rd. Fort Worth
- Dallas Bead Society, The Point at CC Young, 4847 W. Lawther Dr., Dallas, TX meets 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 am
- Dallas Gem & Mineral Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, American Legion, 10205 Plano Rd, Dallas (next to their shop)
- Dallas Paleontological Society, 2nd Wed. of each month at 7:30 pm, Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute, 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244
- Ft. Worth Gem & Mineral Club, meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 3545 Bryan Ave, Ft Worth,
- Oak Cliff Gem & Min Soc., 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3839 W. Keist Blvd, Dallas,
- Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club meets the 1st Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm, Garland Women's Activities Bldg., 713 Austin,