



The Cowtown Cutter

Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club Newsletter

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This newsletter is distributed the third week of each month. Send announcements, articles, & editorial corrections by the second Tuesday of the month to:

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Meeting at 7:30 pm

Potluck/social time starts at 7:00 pm

Special Announcements:

Christmas Party coming soon. Watch your email for the date to be announced after the November meeting.

Meeting Program on November 27th

It's time to play BINGO that is what I have been told

Bring your favorite food we won't let it get cold!

Rock related prizes are must

You will bring an item or two to donate, I trust

It's much appreciated when you share your treasures

And the stories of the acquiring ventures!

BINGO!

Field Trips:

November 17th -- The LMRA & AGMC Club's Joint Field Trip to collect Fossilized Texas Horned Coral

Purpose: To collect fossilized Texas horned coral specimens. This is an excellent field trip for beginners as very little digging or hiking is required. Most of the collecting is along a roadside and though it is not very busy please be sure to keep an eye on your children and pets. Everyone comes home with plenty of coral.

Contact: Bob Boyd, 817-917-4977

Date & Time: 10:00am Saturday, November 17th.

Cost: None

Location to meet: Parking lot at the main entrance to Lake Brownwood State Park, 200 State Highway Park Road 15, Lake Brownwood TX 76801. Actually as you drive in you will see us about a mile prior to the entrance collecting along the side of the road.

Preparations: Participants should supply all rockhounding and essential gear. For this hunt knee pads, a bucket or two, gloves and a rock hammer should suffice. A long screwdriver can be handy for prying fossils out of the ground. The area we'll be collecting in is grassy and hilly, so durable clothing such as jeans and hiking boots are suggested. There is always a possibility of encountering snakes, so be sure to keep children close to the hunt area and it would be best if they wore high top boots of some kind. Insect repellent is also recommended as there is a problem with ticks. Bring a hat

for sun/rain protection and also a raincoat or poncho just in case. Be sure to bring buckets or boxes to carry your treasures home.

Weather: Keep an eye on the weather and if severe weather is called for assume the trip is cancelled.

December 26st – January 2nd Big Bend Needle Peak and/or Walker Ranch

Please contact Steve Shearin to sign up for this trip; send him your name(s) and the club(s) you are a current member of.

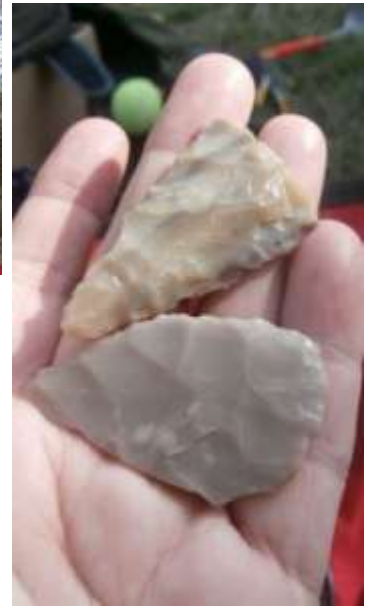
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On this trip we will collect many varieties of Agate (Bouquet, Pom-Pom, Red and Black Plume, others), and Pseudomorphs, Petrified Wood, and possibly Dinosaur Bone, visit excellent rockshops as time allows, and have a fantastic time in stunning surroundings.



Oct. 21st - Annual Picnic

What a contrast in our last two outings! The club picnic on the 21st was hot and sunny. A group of about 25 gathering along the Brazos River outside of Mineral Wells finding arrow heads, petrified wood and a nice lunch. The water was wonderful for wading and cooling off. There was a nice shady spot to relax and enjoy lunch. The club provided hamburgers and hotdogs and everyone brought a side dish and compared the morning's finds. Steve and Hope found the most arrow heads. Martha found a lovely piece of coral and Fran's pumpkin cake was a hit.



Oct. 27th - ASHGROVE QUARRY

Ten club members braved the 39 degree morning to join a group at the Midlothian quarry for a day of hunting. Septarian nodules, sharks teeth, pyrite and other pretties were found. The sunshine was a welcome sight as was the fork lift carrying the port-a-potty down the lane.





November:

- 09 – Martha Phillips
- 11 – Suzanne Macfadzean
- 17 – Farns Teas
- 22 – George Field
- 29 – Raymond Campbell

December:

- 02 - Chad Kersh
- 05 - Cha Smith
- 12 – Lupe Herrera
- 14 – Janice Craddock
- 17 – Bobbi Wilson
- 25 – Carolyn Hussey
- 30 – Kristine Paris
- 30 – Schuyler Bullock
- 31 – Goeff Paris



For those that enjoyed Fran's cake at the picnic, here is the recipe:

Pumpkin Pie Cake

Pumpkin is so popular this year. This recipe is from my 60's cookbook. I modified it because some of the original ingredients are not readily available now. Enjoy, Fran Loyd

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 3/4 cups (1 can) pumpkin pie mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup applesauce
- 3 eggs

Blend cake mix, pumpkin pie mix, water, applesauce and eggs until moistened. Beat as directed on package. Divide batter between two greased and floured 9-inch pie pans or pour into one 13 x 9-inch pan. Bake at 350°F. for 30-35 minutes or until done. Cool completely on wire rack.

Note: If pumpkin pie mix is not available, substitute one can (1 lb.) solid-pack pumpkin, 2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice and 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar. Prepare as directed above, reducing water to 1/4 cup.

Upcoming Event:

ATTENTION FACETORS!



Saturday January 12th from 8am to 4pm, possibly later. The second annual Facetor's Swap Meet will be held at the Arlington G&M Clubhouse at 1408 Gibbons in Arlington.

This event is exclusively for facetors and those who like to purchase or possibly swap for their fantastic creations. Faceting rough, finished stones, equipment, and findings should be available.

Jack Spinks (who just did a wonderful job organizing the AGMC Show) is chairing this event as well. If you are interested in being a vendor or just need more details you can contact him at 214-335-9452.



John Rose
Rhiannon Mayne
Ira Medcalf

In Memory, Norman R. Stemple (1933 - 2012)



Norman Rinehart Stemple, 79, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, at his home after losing his fight with cancer. Funeral: 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3621 Tulsa Way, Fort Worth. Interment:

Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home. Memorials: Should friends desire, memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church. Norman was born March 7, 1933, in Lock Haven, Pa. After graduation from high school in Salem, Va., he received his bachelor's degree in physics from Roanoke College, his M.S. in physics from Penn State and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from TCU. His professional career included nine years with IBM Research, eight years with TCU and 17 years with Alcon Labs. Following retirement in 1992 he and his wife enjoyed visiting their children, grandchildren and friends, and touring distant lands. They visited 30 countries and all seven continents. An important goal in his retirement years was to be involved in community service. He volunteered at Tarrant Area Food Bank for 18 years, Guardianship Services for 16 years and several years as a computer instructor at Senior Net and The Bridge School. During the off-golf season he was a part-time tax preparer at H&R Block. And also was an active choir member at Trinity Lutheran Church for several years. Survivors: His wife of 55 years, Irene; brother, Eugene of Willcox, Ariz.; children, Trisha Dianne of Fort Worth, Ed

Stemple and wife, Jan, of Redmond, Wash., Joanne Cuadra and husband, Gabe, of Friendswood, Donny Stemple and wife, Ann, of Benbrook, and Linda Carroll and husband, Craig, of Liberty Hill; and grandchildren, Luke and Matthew Stemple, Gabriel and Ben Cuadra, Sarah, Christine and Zachary Stemple, and Ashlyn, Bryson and Dawson Carroll.

Membership Dues:

Can you believe that it's already November? Another year is ending and that means it is again time to pay your annual club membership dues. Individual membership is \$15 or \$20 for a family membership.

If you have not paid your dues, please take the time to drop in the mail a check or money order made payable to FWGMC along with the membership form to P.O. Box 123975, Fort Worth, TX 76121. You can also bring the money to the next meeting and pay it to Fran Loyd, our club treasurer.

If you have not completed one of the 'NEW' membership form that we started using a couple of months ago, please make sure to do that along with your payment.

You can obtain the form by clicking www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org/FWGMC%20Membership%20Form.pdf or you can ask for one at the next meeting.

It's important that we have updated information so that we can keep you up to date on field trip dates and times meeting information, and so forth. So, if you have any changes in information such as your home address, cell phone

number, home number, or email, please fill out a new membership application.

If you have any questions about this notice, please feel free to contact Susan. She will be more than happy to help. We hope that all who are reading this continue to remain members of the Fort Worth Gem and Mineral club and can participate in upcoming events like great field trips, the show, future meetings, and more!

President's Notes:

This month we will be meeting after Thanksgiving. I hope you all have a safe holiday. October was a very active month for rockhounds. The fieldtrips, picnic, trade day in Dallas, fossilmania . . .so much to do, so little time. And the weather was great too. I'd like to hear and see what you folks have gotten recently that is new in your collection.

I would like to thank Steve, Mary, & Susan for all their recent efforts to cleanup the clubhouse. They have been cleaning and moving out nonworking equipment. The next time you have some free time, check with Susan or Steve to see how you can help clean up the back rooms and work on other things needed around the clubhouse. Also, some Thursday evenings the cab room is open for cutting and rock polishing. Check with the shop foreman, Janice, before coming to make sure the shop will be open. The big saws are currently not operable, but will be ready soon.

Just another reminder: Take a look at your calendar. At our November meeting we will decide what day we want to do a Christmas party.

Minutes from Oct 23rd:

The Meeting was called to order by President Martha Phillips at 7:31 pm.

Old Business: Building foundation repair. Steve Hilliard announced two estimates were received. First one for 10,000.00 plus and second one for 5,000.00 plus. Second guy will return to check further.

Sunshine: Irene's husband, Norm, is very ill.

Field Trips: Ash Grove in Midlothian, October 27th 7:30-2:00pm. Also on October 27th, a trip to Mason, TX for topaz and smokey quartz.

Show: 1/2 of the down payment was made for annual show. We need to think about a theme and a raffle item.

Slate of officers were presented for voting.

President - Mary Hilliard
1st VP Field Trips- Schuyler Bullock
2nd VP Programs-Martha Phillips
Treasurer- Fran Loyd for 1 more year.
Secretary- Hope Porter
All were voted in office unanimously.

Minutes: Judy made motion to approve minutes as published in the Newsletter, Dora seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Given

Drawing: Red ticket- Judy Shaw
White ticket- Matt Phillips

Program: Club Auction

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm

Committee Positions:

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The Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Club was founded in 1950. It is also a member of the [American Federation of Mineralogical Societies](#) and the [South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies](#).

PURPOSE: The purpose of this club is to promote the study of geology, mineralogy, and the lapidary arts. We also strive to stimulate the interest in the searching, and collecting, of minerals and fossils.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the purpose described above.

ANNUAL DUES: \$15.00 per person; \$20.00 per family.

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