



The Rock Rattler

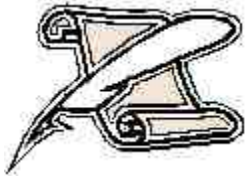
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Greetings Fellow Rockhounds!

Once again it is time for another edition of The Rock Rattler. It is my hope that you are having a wonderful spring. The weather has been nothing short of spectacular and I know that all of the folks that went on the great crystal hunt of 2002 had a great time. The club will, I'm sure, want to hear a report in detail at the meeting on June 3rd.

Okley Davis will be asking for volunteers for the upcoming show in August which is just around the corner. When he calls and asks you, just say yes! As most of you know, the show is our club's major fund raiser for the year. We need everyone to pitch in for one weekend and help. I know we can all count on you.

If you have an email address, please send it to me via the PO Box above or my email: tiger80@mindspring.com. The editorial staff has decided to send the Rattler to all members with email addresses electronically. In addition, due to the postage increases of the past and the certainty of upcoming ones, we are going to do all exchange newsletters via email. (If you have trouble converting this document, let me know and I will work with you to make it possible to do so on your particular computer).

There are numerous advantages to members, exchange editors, and the club to proceed thusly. It will be easier to keep our costs low and to exchange with more clubs. In the past we have been unable to exchange with as many clubs as we would have liked to and also we have been unable to exchange on a monthly basis. With the word processor format we should be able to do so at a reasonable cost. The Rock Rattler is created in color but printed in black and white. If you want a "hard copy" of the newsletter, you will get a much nicer, color version than if it is mailed to you. If you get your Rattler via email, you will receive it faster because you won't have to wait for the printed version to be taken to the printer, picked up, folded, stuffed into envelopes, labeled,

stamped, taken to the post office, mailed, then transported and delivered. You should receive the newsletter 5-6 days ahead of everyone else. Think of what POWER that gives you! ;) In any case, thanks for your understanding of the situation and support of the editorial staff during this change process. Once you get used to the electronic version, you'll never want to go back!

As I write this note, it is Memorial Day weekend. In closing, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to the men and women who served and are serving in the US armed services to protect and preserve this great country of ours and the relatives and friends of loved ones lost in overseas conflict. Truly we owe a debt we can never repay.

Regards,
Ike House, editor

Rockhound Tips



Save old worn grinding wheels. By sawing slices off of them, you can quickly sharpen a rock saw blade. Use only wheels made for grinding rock - do NOT use a wheel that was designed for metal as they are much too hard. Use

100 grit wheels for best results.

From The Petrified Digest 5/02, author unknown

Here is a suggestion to make the wet grinding procedure more comfortable. Place water pipe foam insulation over the edge of the water trough for an easy wrist rest while polishing the stone. Cut to the length needed and slip it over the edge of the pan.

From Chips & Chatter 2/01 via The Rock Prattle 2/02

When sawing rocks or doing other dirty or greasy jobs - our hands get washed a lot. With soap it usually takes

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society meets at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bossier Parish Historical Center, Bossier Parish Central Library, 2206 Beckett St., Bossier City, LA 71111. One month in the spring and fall, the club assembles for dinner at a local restaurant or at a cookout site. Contact any officer or the editors for more information or see the meeting announcement in the current Rock Rattler. Permission is given to reproduce this document all or in part with proper credit given. Articles with no byline are by the editor.

The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit educational organization devoted to promoting interest in the various earth sciences, particularly the art of lapidaries and their related fields. Informational speeches presented at area schools and the presentation of awards and cash prizes at the Public School Earth Science Fair are two of the ways the society achieves its goals. Another contribution to the community is the annual show, held at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, in Bossier City. This "Jewelry, Gem, & Mineral Show" functions as a fund raiser for our group and a venue for the demonstrations of gold and silver casting, jewelry making, bead stringing, faceting, cabochon making, and flintknapping (the art of flaking stone tools such as arrowheads). The monthly meetings (including programs of interest to rockhounds), information from the Rock Rattler, and jewelry making classes through Bossier Parish Community College complete the educational objectives of the club. Membership is \$15 per for an individual, \$25 for families. Subscription to the newsletter only is \$5 annually.



Rockhound Tips (continued from previous page)

several soapings, even with Lava soap to get the oil or grease off. Try squeezing some Jergens hand lotion all over your hands to get the oil gone with one application, and your hands should smell like lotion instead of ALMAG!!! This may not work with all brands. The Jergens extra dry lotion was used and it should rinse off with plain water.

Skagit Gems, 1/02 via Maplewood Rock Club NL 2/02

Chipalotta Tip: Don't heat stones in a microwave oven. All stones have a certain amount of fluid in them, and it very well could be dangerous!

Breccia 2/02

The fabric softener *Bounce* wipes up sawdust created during drilling or sandpapering. A used sheet of *Bounce* will collect sawdust like a tack cloth. Leslie Neff, The Agatizer 1/00 via Breccia 2/02



Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society

Minutes of
May 7, 2002 Meeting
Arthur Teague Parkway Pavilion
Bossier City, LA

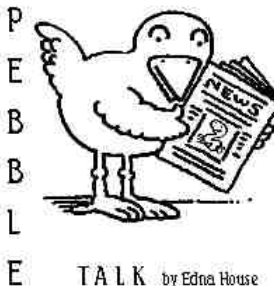
The evening was devoted almost entirely to food, fun and games, visiting, munching on chips, cookies, soda, burgers, potato salad, and a bunch of other goodies.

Okley Davis talked about how things are progressing for our August show.

A bubble gum bubble blowing contest and an egg throw contest were enthusiastically participated in and enjoyed. As usual, the cookout "meeting" was more fun than educational but very enjoyable

See everyone at the next meeting!

Ike House - (acting) Secretary



Greetings from Pebble Talk!

There seems to be a lot of activity among our members this spring. We are certainly enjoying the nice cool temperatures we have been having. Last month, I completely forgot (had a senior moment) to list the May Birthdays and anniversaries. I will take the privilege at this writing.

Birthdays:

May 1 - **Reuben House**

May 5 - **Charles Williamson**

May 9 - **Samuel Touchstone**

May 20 - **George Jacob**

May 25 - **Edna House** (now I remember why I forgot)

May ? - **Carolyn Perry**

We also had two anniversaries.

Laura and **Luther Mathis** celebrated their 43rd on May 21.

Cindi and **Jack Adams**. I know that they had one, because **Cindi** was sporting a new wedding set at our cookout.

Congratulations to everyone!!!

We had a great hamburger cookout. The site was very comfortable and the food and fellowship was good - everyone enjoyed the games. A egg (raw of course) toss, and bubble gum bubble blowing contest. We have plans on

improving the games for October.

I hope that all of you mothers had a great Mother's Day. I surely did at my house, with the grands - food - candy - and gifts.

Leo Perry is making some beautiful tiger head knives for the LSU football season. **Leo's** art work is very beautiful, and realistic.

See you at the meeting.

Edna

Club Calendar

The shop is open on Tuesday nights by appointment. Please call **Joe Beasley** to arrange. Other times may be scheduled as needed.

The Chipalottas, our flint-knapping society, meet at Dixie Monument Company on Highway 80 East in Haughton, LA every Monday and Wednesday. It is hosted by **Leo Perry**. Please contact him or **Wil House** for more information.

June Birthdays

June 7 - **Laura Mathis**

June 10 - **Jean Bauldree**

June 28 - **Roy Adley**

June 30 - **Lee Beasley**

June 30 - **Brandy Hendrix**

Anniversaries

June 5 - **Robin** and **Ike House**

June 12 - **Martha** and **Terry Drace**

June 15 - **Lee** and **Joe Beasley**

HEY! What a great idea!!

As I was looking for ideas for the Rattler in exchange newsletters, I came across an article in the Northside Gem and Hobby News 2/02 from a booklet compiled by the EFMLS. Some great ideas for club programs was the subject:

Antique Jewelry Night - Invite all to bring in their family's antique pieces and show/tell.

Brag Night - Encourage multiple members' participation after the field trip season.

Ugly Rock Show - Members bring the ugliest or strangest rock possible. Each person tells about his or her entry including where from, etc. Members vote to determine the winner(s).

Safety First by George Browne, SCFMS Safety Chair via The Oak Cliff Rockhouser 2/02

Periodically, it is a good idea to have a "safety checkup". This is where you check all of your equipment, tools, and other gear to make sure they are ready to be used if needed. In your shop, check your fire extinguisher. How long has it been since it was charged? Check your first aid kit. Is it full and ready? Remember to check the belts and shields on all of your power equipment. Check your dust removal equipment, clean or change your filters if needed. If you use gas tanks, check the valves, hoses, and regulators. In other words, go through your shop and think safety.

The same applies to your field trip gear. Check your first aid kit, your hard hat, knee pads, safety glasses, steel toe shoes, gloves, and tools. Repair or replace any tools that are unsafe.

How about that stuff you load in your vehicle just in case like a water jug, blanket, radio, flashlight, tow straps, and emergency food. Remember the three "Rs". Replenish, Replace, Repair

I'm sure you can think of a lot of stuff that I didn't mention. The important thing is to check everything while you are thinking safety. Do a safety checkup. Be prepared to be safe! It will make your hobby a lot more fun.

A Huge Pile of Rock by Carolyn Weinberger, Editor AFMS Newsletter, from AFMS NL 6/02

In mid-April Steve attended the Rocky Mountain Convention hosted by the Enid (Oklahoma) Rock & Mineral Club. This club had not held a show since 1988, but chose to dive in head first and host the Federation. The show had a good selection of dealers and lots and lots of fantastic displays with at least 20 in competition! Each day featured a few lectures or slide programs plus a couple of field trips to collect hourglass selenite crystals in the great Salt Basin about an hour from Enid. We had a grand time.

Visiting Federation conventions other than my own Eastern has been a wonderful experience for us. We've come away with a new appreciation for the hard work and effort put forth by rockhounds throughout the country and we've learned a great many things in the process, too. We're having fun and looking forward to the upcoming conventions still ahead of us.

One of the things which impressed me the most about our Enid adventure was the rock pile. Now this was no ordinary rock pile mind you. Standing 4 feet high, 10 feet long and 6 feet wide or so, this rock pile was heaping full of a wide variety of rocks - and it was reserved for the kids who came to the show. In it I saw quartz crystals, small geodes, jasper, agate, barite roses and more. Stock for the rock pile came from "extras" donated by the local club members.

For \$1 a child could fill a white bread bag or newspaper delivery bag with rock from the pile. School children came in droves on Friday afternoon and happily lugged those filled bags to the busses at the end of their stay. Some kids were so excited that they dumped their trove out on the table where we had the Dare Devil on display just to show me what they had found. A quick look with a loupe revealed many hidden secrets. All promised to look closer at home with a magnifying glass and share with their parents and siblings.

By Friday evening the rock pile was reduced by about 50%. By Sunday evening it was almost depleted. Many of the Friday kids came back with their parents on Saturday or Sunday.

Want to get kids involved in our hobby? Get a rock pile for your show and then sit back and watch the fun.

Advice for the Rockhound Lovelorn

1. Look gneiss.
2. Never look like an old jade or an old fossil: the variscite of both are distressing.
3. Be mannerly and perlite.
4. To eat pyrite, use your fork and don't let your appetite for stuff that comes in quartz show, lest she think it's a cinnabar served you anything stronger than code.
5. Don't try to be tuff or as hard as flint.
6. Never carry a blackjack or a carbon, lest sooner or later dry bones marcasite where you fell.
7. If you must be a wulfenite, go find yourself an Amber and don't gypsum poor fellow out of his precious Opal.
8. Schist remember this - swim on your own merits or zinc.

Follow these rules and you can soon take your pick and win a lot of praise, but don't take too much for granite, anyway, not jet.

From The Template 5/69 via The Tumbler 2/02

Door Prizes

The following generous members have agreed to provide door prizes for the club meetings in the months indicated:

June **Cindi Adams**
July **Lee Beasley**
August



Program for June meeting, May reviewed:



Last month we had a great meeting, well actually mostly just a cookout. Lots and lots of fun we had. See the minutes and Pebble Talk for more particulars.

This month we will resume our regular meeting at the Historical Center. I'm sure we will have show updates / discussion and **Luther Mathis**, our vice president, promises to have a special specimen show and tell that will be something you won't want to miss.

Hope to see you there!

Make Your Plans!

June 1-2 Arlington, TX
Arlington Gem & Mineral Society

June 21-23 Carlsbad, NM
Roadrunner Gem and Mineral Society

August 17-18 Bossier City, LA
Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
Bossier City Civic Center

September 6-8 Jasper, TX
Pine County Gem and Mineral Society

September 21-22 Richardson, TX
Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas

September 27-28 Houston, TX
Houston Gem and Mineral Society

October 5-6 Denison, TX
Texoma Rockhounds

October 5-6 Baton Rouge, LA
Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society

October 12-13 Austin, TX
Texas Faceter's Guild

October 12-13 Temple, TX
Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society

October 25-27 Glen Rose, TX
Austin Paleontological Society

October 26-27 Tulsa, OK
Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society
Contact Peggy Stewart, 918-445-6274

Refreshments



June - **Cindi Adams**
July - **Lee Beasley**
September - **Edna House**
November - **Roanna Shaw**
August - **Hendrixes**
October - cookout
December - party

Application for membership in the Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society

Name(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone # (home) _____ (work) _____ e-mail _____
Birthday(s) and Anniversary _____
May we send you the Rock Rattler via email only? _____ Lapidary interests _____

Signature _____
-Individual _____ (\$15/year) -Family _____ (\$25/year) -Subscription only _____ (\$5/year) #adults _____ #children _____

Mail to: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society, PO Box 6633, Bossier City, LA 71111.
For more information contact club member **Joe Beasley** at 318-949-0552

Travels and Visits by Steve Weinberger, AFMS President, from AFMS NL 6/02

The regional federation conventions have been unusually spaced this year. On my second day in office (November 2), I attended the Southeast meetings in Mississippi. In February we went to Texas for the South Central show and meetings, then on to Tucson for more meetings and of course the show(s).

In April we were able to attend the Rocky Mountain (Oklahoma) and Eastern (New Jersey) conventions on successive weekends. In July the California and Northwest Conventions are scheduled with only two days separating some of the events. October concludes the circuit with the Midwest show in Illinois.

What is interesting to see is that no matter what part of the country we live in, our interests are basically the same. Our differences seem to stem from the priorities which individual officers and committee people have. So far, I have seen a concerted effort by regional federations to serve their clubs and their members. The difference in emphasis are in areas such as the junior programs, insurance needs, bulletin editors' contests, field trips, competitive exhibits, safety programs, recognition of members, conservation and legislation, public relations, and websites.

Currently, the AFMS has 28 functioning committees, most of which have regional federation chairmen to help in both the operation of the AFMS oversight and to administer the programs locally. This means that there are over 150 people involved in the working of these committees. It's no wonder then that there is such diversity throughout the country. After I have met with each of the regional federations, I will put together a package which includes those ideas which seem to be the most effective for the most number of people. If other federations can utilize these ideas without having to reinvent the wheel, I'm hoping that we can all benefit from the inspirational work which has already been done.

Since this is the June issue, we have a two month break because the Newsletter is not published in July and August. I want to wish everyone a great summer. Be careful on field trips, in the shop, and on vacation.

The combined NFMS/AFMS show is July 16-21 in Port Townsend, WA. If you want to go, visit the AFMS website for more (much more) information. If you go, please take lots of notes and let us know "the scoop."

The 2003 South Central Federation Show will be held February 22,23, 2003 in Pasadena, TX and hosted by the Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society in conjunction with their show. Make plans to attend now. Should be a great time for all!

New Rules Proposed By BLM; Wilderness Areas (43 CFR 92.67.1)

These new rules would prohibit surface collecting of rocks and minerals on BLM Land areas without a permit from the BLM Land Manager. We suggest that each rockhound write a short letter to the address listed below and state that you do not want your rights infringed upon by a rule that is unjustifiable and prohibits you from the pursuit of your educational and recreational hobby by the requirement of a permit!

Encourage each member of your club to write a "Personal Letter" expressing their views and resentment to the new BLM rules which may require a rockhound to obtain a permit to pursue the rock and mineral collecting hobby. We will have other information, envelopes and paper available at each of the Federation Shows for the interested public and other rockhounds. Please look for our ALAA Conservation/Legislation table.

Letters may be addressed to:

**Bureau of Land Management
Administrative Record, 401 LS
1849 C Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20240**

Dear Sir/Madam;

Diamonds – The Incomparable Gems

Part I

by Betty M. Jones



Photo by Glynis Bazzani

The story of diamonds is one of mystery and intrigue and linked to images of wealth, beautiful women and high society.

India, home of many precious gems, is known to have discovered diamonds about 8000 B.C. in alluvial deposits near Golconda, and although the volcanic source was never found, there were enough stones found in the river beds and nearby flats to produce most of the world's diamonds until the 1700's. Not only this, but these river gravels produced some of the world's best and most famous diamonds around which a lore and mystique has arisen which adds to their fame e.g. the blue Heart and the blue Hope diamonds, the Dari-i-nur, and the famous Koh-inoor, now in England's Queen Mother's crown.

If diamonds really held the powers attributed to them, there would be no need of doctors! They have been said to cure insanity and impotence; protect against plague, pestilence and poisons; give good health and healthy finances and, most of all, bring good luck. I do not think that the natives of Sierra Leone, where a diamond war is presently waged, would agree with the latter.

In 1725, Brazil discovered diamonds in Minas Gerais, near the modern town of Diamantina, and most of the world's diamonds came from here until the huge deposits in South Africa became the principal source.

Most of the great gem deposits have been found by accident and South African diamonds are no exception. In 1866 a child was seen playing with a shiny stone by a salesman visiting the farm of DeBeer, an Afrikaans farmer, near Hopetown, a small town in the Cape Province near the Orange Mines. The stone was taken eventually to Dr. Atherstone, a mineralogist in Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape Province. He recognized it as a diamond. It weighed 21 ½ carats and sold for £500. A year later, a native shepherd picked up an 83 ½ carat stone on the banks of the Vaal River, and thus attention was drawn to diamonds in South Africa. The diamond rush began and soon, 10,000 men were digging along the Orange and Vaal rivers.

At first, the diamonds were found loose, but as the miners dug deeper, they found them embedded in a soft yellow rock (called "yellow ground"), and at about 60 feet, this changed to harder blue ground. The diamonds now were being found in the rock in which they were formed, a volcanic rock, in the diamond pipe, that had pushed up from deep in the earth. This blue rock is called kimberlite, the name taken from the most famous of the diamond pipes, the Kimberley, which gave its name to the town of Kimberley.

In 1943, on my way up to Buloways, S. Rhodesia, (now Zimbabwe) with my husband, we spent most of a day in Kimberley, waiting for the down train to pass through so that our train could leave! It was a very hot, dry day in a flat and uninteresting landscape and there was nothing to do, so we walked to the "Big Hole", which is where the original diamonds were mined, at first by individual miners. Later the sides of the diggings began to collapse owing to the number of miners all digging down, and the depth of the diggings. Cecil Rhodes took over many small claims and formed DeBeers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., and big business came in. In 1914, when operations at the Kimberley pipe ceased, the Hole had reached 3,500 feet deep and 25,000,000 tons of rock had been excavated. 14,504,566 carats of diamonds (3 tons) had been recovered.



Peter and I stood on the edge of this enormous hole with its greenish lake at the bottom and marveled at the labor that men had undertaken in the hopes of making a fortune.

By the end of the 19th century, prospectors were able to recognize diamond pipes by some surface features. A man named Percival White Tracey, who had worked a claim at Kimberley, found diamonds in a stream near Johannesburg, and followed it to its source. Twenty four miles east of Pretoria, he came to a diamond pipe. He finally persuaded the farmer to sell the land for £55,000, and with the aid of Thomas Cullinan, a building contractor, raised the money and formed the famous Premier Diamond Co., Ltd. which became one of the largest diamond mines in the world and produced the largest diamond ever found - the

Cullinan. This was purchased by the Transvaal government for £150,000 and presented to King Edward VII. It was cut into nine large stones and ninety-six smaller ones. The largest is mounted in the British Royal Sceptre and may be seen in the Tower of London with the Crown Jewels.

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Diamonds (continued from page 7)

Diamonds were next discovered in German South West Africa (eventually to become Namibia) lying on the surface of this arid desert region, and were "mined" by a line of natives, shoulder to shoulder on their knees, picking them up with their hands.

Then, diamonds were found in 1927 in Namagualand (Northern Cape) at the mouth of the Orange River in the sands of ancient beaches. Prospectors from the mines found that there were diamonds in marine gravel and terraces north of the river, too, and huge sand-moving operations began in order to reach the gravels with the diamonds below 30-60 feet of sand. Even after the gravel has been taken to the diamond recovery plant, the bedrock is swept clean and every crevice and hole is explored in the underlying schist. This unique operation produces 100,000 carats a month. As 80% of the stones are gem quality, this mine is by far the world's largest producer of gem diamonds.

It is the accepted theory that these diamonds originated in the diamond pipes of Kimberley, and were carried down the Orange River to the Atlantic Ocean and swept up onto the beaches by ocean currents. In 1962, operations began to explore the ocean floor and recover the diamonds by dredging. This operation has become another major source of diamonds on the coast of South West Africa.

New finds continue as prospectors learn from their experiences in South Africa, e.g., you will probably find a new diamond mine near an old one, as the conditions that made one volcanic eruption may well have caused others nearby. When DeBeers discovered one diamond location in Botswana (Bechuanaland), they soon found another nearby.

In Russia, diamonds had been found in 1829 in the Ural Mountains, but these were of no commercial value. However, a few years ago, Russia became the second largest diamond producer when alluvial deposits were found in eastern Siberia at Yatutsk, and later in numerous diamond pipes. About one quarter of this production is of gem quality.

In the U.S.A., occasional stones have turned up in the dunes on the southern shore of Lake Michigan and in stream gravels in North Carolina and Virginia during gold panning; Some also in California. The only mining specifically for diamonds in the U.S.A. was at Murfreesboro, Arkansas, where J. W. Huddleston found diamonds in rock resembling blue ground. Over 10,000 stones were recovered, some of fine quality, but the cost of production was too high to compete with costs in Africa. This is now a tourist site where one can go "fossick" for diamonds.

More recently, diamonds were discovered in the tundra region of Canada, and these seem to be of fine quality. More than 90% of new diamonds come from only a few countries:

- Australia - 42 million carats per year
- Zaire - 21.9 million carats per year
- Russia - 12.5 million carats per year
- South Africa - 10.2 million carats per year

However, if you place them in order of their value, we find: Russian diamonds make about \$2 billion per year, Botswana follows, the South Africa, Australia and Zaire (old Northern Rhodesia).

More diamonds are mined today than ever before due to the success of recent prospecting and mining methods and machinery. For instance, between 1986 and 1990, the Australian mines at Argyll, North West Australia, produced 8% of the diamonds ever mined in history. More than 80% of rough diamonds are industrial or near gems. Even with such production, fine gem diamonds are still very rare.

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From The Shin-Skinner News, 4/02 via The Rockcollector 5/02

The Creation Story as told by a dog.

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth (especially the horse) to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.

From Gravel Gazette 9/01 via Strata Gem 2/02