



# THE ROCK RATTLER



**2006-2007 Club Officers**

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949-9765

**Vice-pres. Charlie Johns**  
687-4929

**Secretary Gail George**

**Treasurer John Autry**  
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- Joe Beasley (1)
- John Quade (2)
- Ike House (3)

Plus all Club Officers

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The Ark-La-tex Gem and Mineral Society meets at 6:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Bossier Parish History Center, 2006 Beckett St Bossier City, La. 71111

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings -

What a great meeting we had in September. In addition to the new members signed up at our annual show, we gained some new members at the September meeting as well. We are very happy to have these new folks, and I would like to welcome each of you. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you personally, and I encourage each old member to do the same, so that our new members will feel comfortable in our club. We hope that our club will be just what you are looking for. Our club is made up of volunteer members, and we encourage each member, new or old, to use his/her talents to fulfill our purpose, which is to educate.

Some upcoming projects are our October hamburger cookout, and our Christmas party/auction. The cookout is headed up by Cristy Holder. Please phone her and offer to bring food, or to help her in some way. Her phone number is 949-6574. Items are needed for the December meeting, at which we have our auction. While it is nice if everything is "rock" related, if you have something that you think would go well at the auction, bring it along. Please go through your "surplus" store, and bring it to the October, November or December meeting. Items brought to the Oct. and Nov. meetings will be stored in the club storeroom until the December meeting.

We hope to have some interesting programs at our meetings. We would like you to volunteer to make a 15 minute presentation of some aspect of your lapidary interest. Our Vice-President is the contact person, so phone Charlie Johns at 687-4929 so he can schedule your program.

Several have asked about club vests, and I would like to see an order placed for them soon. Before we can order, we need your size, and payment or deposit. Joe Beasley is the contact person, contact him at 949-0552. We will have a vest at the October meeting for your inspection.

Our Board of Directors will be working on some guidelines, to be in print, for our club to follow. This should help all of us to have some idea of how to proceed when asked to be involved in some aspect of a club activity.

Each member has something to contribute to the club, and I am asking for volunteers to be responsible for the following committees:

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| Field trips              | Membership               |
| Education                | Hospitality/Arrangements |
| Junior member Activities | Annual show              |
| Publicity                |                          |

Thank you all in advance Edna House

**!!!! FOSSILMANIA IS COMING !!!!**

The Dallas and Austin Paleontological Societies have a combined fossil show at Glen Rose on the last full weekend in October. This year it will be on Oct. 27, 28, and 29. They expect to have fossil dealers from all over the country. Admission is free.

**SOMERVELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER  
HIGHWAY 67 IN GLEN ROSE, TEXAS**

## Love on the Rocks

By Ike House

My love for thee's both deep and wide!  
Proclaim I loud with shameless pride.

Thine eyes are round and large and bright.  
Shimm'ring green as malachite.

My love o'er flows with fire and passion.  
It is no fad nor passing fashion.

Describe thy teeth? Can barely muster...  
Pearls with opalescent luster.

With what could I my love compare  
Thad't justice do thy beauty fair?

Skin so fine and smooth I could  
Liken to petrified palmwood.

Precious stones of lapidary!  
'Tis fitting. Fly I to secretary

Cheeks so iridescent pink  
Like rose quartz crystal, so I think

And scribe the tome of cab and gem  
To 'dorn thy beauteous diadem.

Lips of red like garnet stone  
Or precious ruby finely hone.

Thy nature's kind, reserved not shy,  
Complex, bold as tiger eye.

And finally to sum all up  
Drink I from brim of full filled cup.

Thy hair is wondrous soft and brown  
Like LA opal from the ground.

Thy beauty sparkles what e'er thy wear  
As cut of diamond solitaire.

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### Wit & Wisdom

The only place **success** comes before **work** is in the dictionary

If at first you do succeed, don't look so surprised!

Junk is something you keep and then throw away two weeks before you need it.

The difference between promising ideas and productive results is a good manager.

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The following note was received by Joe Beasley, with the request that it be passed along to all the members of the  
ARK-LA-TEX GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY

Lois and I would like to tell you how much we enjoyed being a part of your 2006 Show. We enjoyed every minute of the show and were told several times that we were missed last year. This made our show.

We think you had a good show and we do certainly appreciate the help the club members gave to us, getting in and out of the show. This goes a long way in relieving us of some of the kinks that we encounter, at other shows. Things ran very smooth and we do appreciate your help.

The set up supper was, as usual, very good and plentiful. Desserts were, out of this world!! I will say that I was not the only one to goback for seconds, because I saw several do the same thing I did. Could not resist the temptations that were laying out for us to enjoy.

Thanks for supporting the South Central Federation meeting and Rollin' Rock Club meeting. Everything went off without a problem. The facility was very adequate and the food, for the two meals was very good. I heard several comments on the food and they were that the food was GOOD.

Hope to see each one of you at another Show, during the coming years.

Thanks again, we had a ball.

Bill and Lois Pattillo

September, 2006 Minutes

We have several new members: Ann Danowsky; Gayle Harvey; Robert, Elaine, Katie and Emily Smith; and Joyce Bott. Welcome to each and every one of you.

The proposed slate of officers for the 2007 term: President – Edna House, Vice President – Charlie Johns, Treasurer – John Autry, Secretary – Gail George. A vote was held and these candidates were elected for the new term. Joe Beasley has been filling in the remaining term of one of the Board members, and that term is expiring. A motion was made, seconded and carried that Joe fills that spot permanently.

Mary and Sam West were involved in an accident. Sam was mainly shaken and bruised, but Mary has already had multiple surgeries. Their Jeep was totaled. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Christy Holder gave a wonderful report on a family field trip to the Sulphur River area near Paris, TX. She is asking for additional trip information to other locations and would like others to go along. There is a potential field trip spot on the Sabine River approximately 8 miles north of Carthage, TX.

Bill Hart made the Treasurer’s report for our show. Due to the increase of the fee for the Civic Center, we had had to increase the dealer fee this year. Mary Talbot indicated that she heard many positive comments concerning the various demonstrations throughout the show. They were a big draw. Ike House gave an awards report and show statistics information – the lion’s share of contact was made through the post cards we send out.

Dwight House will put together some edited video taken at the show onto the web site (our web site was awarded first place in the region). Dwight said the second place web-master and last year’s winner (Houston) told him the competition was on!!

Duane Newton had Nathan Warren send him the show rules for display cases. Edna has the copy if anyone would like to read them. Competitive cases are only at “Federation” shows.

The hamburger cookout signup sheet was passed around. If you were unable to attend this meeting and will be attending the cookout – contact Christy Holder to find out what food you need to bring. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and bug spray. Jack Adams will be the grill master once again this year.

A new roster will be included in a near future version of the Rock Rattler. The Rock Rattler will be redesigned and expanded. The tentative schedule for the new design is November. Always be on the lookout for articles and poetry (rock related) to submit.

We are going to order vests.

Respectfully submitted – Gail George

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The following letter was received by Bill Hart:

Dear Bill:

We had a great silent auction at your show. Thanks to you and members of your club. We received many items for the auction from Federation members and also from your club.

The total sales were \$1598.00 and the 25% for the Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is \$399.50. A check for this amount is enclosed.

Thanks for the hospitality of your club. We wish that your show was good financially.

Good luck on your back problems.

Sincerely, Ed Ries, Chairman, SCF Endowment Fund

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit 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 flint-knapping (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.

**Door prizes provided by:**

**November Ike House**

**REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER---Gail George**

**UPCOMING SHOWS**

**OCTOBER:**

**Sept 30-Oct 1 Texoma Rockhounds - Denison, Tx.**

**30-Oct 1 Pleasant Oaks Club - Farmers Branch, Tx.**

**3-8 Idabel, Ok.**

**7-8 Central Ark. Gem Society - Jacksonville, Ark.**

**14-15 Tri City Gem and Mineral - Temple, Tx.**

**27-29 Dallas and Austin Paleo. Soc. - Glen Rose, Tx.**

**28-29 Tulsa, Ok.**

**NOVEMBER:**

**10-12 Pascagoula, Miss.**

**11-12 DeRidder, La.**

**18-19 Mesquite (Dallas), Tx.**

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**NOTICE**

There will be a rock and equipment auction November 4, 2006 at 633 N. W, Lorna St., Burleson, TX 76028 This is the home of Terry and Irene Keck. Viewing starts at 9 AM and the auction starts at 10 AM.

**EQUIPMENT**

1- 18" Highland Park Saw/ ;1-14" Highland Park saw +5 blades/ ;  
 1- 4" Highland Park Saw/ ;1-12"Raytech Saw + 2 blades/ :1- 10" Diamond Pacific Saw + 6 blades/ ;1- 4"& 6" Combo Saw/ ;4 different tumblers/ ;2-sphere machines; marble to 10" size/ ;5- 24" blade/ ;  
 1- double arbor with wheels/ ;4 wheel cabmach.+ 2diamond + 2 exp. Drums/ ;1-24" flat lap + 2 drums/ ;1- 12" flat lap + 4 drums/ ;  
 1 Do All machine/ ;1 Cress Electric Kiln/ ;1-Ultra Sonic machine/ ;  
 Grit- from grind to polish

**MATERIAL**

Several tons of various rough rocks, including: granite; palmwood; terretella; baby and whiteskin brizilian ( agate?); bigs jasper;tiger eye; malachite; mexican lace agate; leopard skin jasper; forest fire jasper; and verigated jasper.

**ARK-LA-TEX GEM AND MINERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Individual Membership \$15.00 per year  
 Couple Membership \$20.00 per year  
 Family Membership \$25.00 per year

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 Bossier City, La. 71111

Name(s).....

Address.....

Renewal?.....Phone(s).....Email.....

Membership option (check one) Individual:..... Couple:..... Family:.....