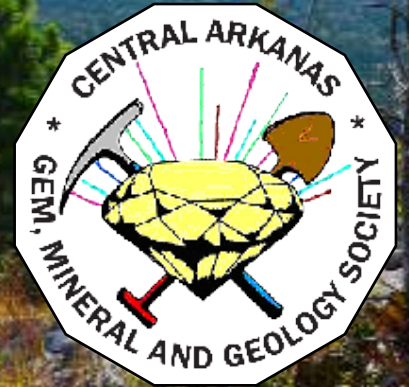


# ARKANSAS ROCKHOUND NEWS



AUGUST 2016

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society is dedicated to promoting interest in mineralogy and the related sciences, interest in lapidary and the related arts; to encourage field trips and the enjoyment of collecting and preserving minerals as they occur in nature, and the study of geological formations, especially those of our Natural State of Arkansas.

We are a small group of people that enjoy getting together to share our common interests.

Regular meetings are at the Terry Library 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except December)

Terry Library is located at:

2015 Napa Valley Dr.  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
72212

## *From the president...*



As we hit the hot – hot long days of Summer there is nothing like a cool creek to enjoy the company of fellow rockhounds. That is what is in store for you on the August 13th field trip, it's a 2fer! The Ouachita River and Magnet Cove Creek. I know it will be a good time. Warning, found out this week the Ouachita River rises around noon, the dry bed is ankle deep in a little over half an hour. Watch your buckets and Enjoy the hunt!

**Auction, Auction, Auction!** Our August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be your opportunity to purchase new treasures and/or allow pieces find a new home for other club members to enjoy. Please limit your sales to 5 items.

I want to extend a Special Thank you to Ann & Mike Austen for the summer picnic that we enjoyed at your home. I believe everyone had a great time and we really appreciate the hospitality.

We will need a few speakers to finish out the 2016 membership year. We will have the opportunity to have the Scholarship winners from UALR to speak this fall, and we hope to have Mr. Jones from McGregor to speak about Bauxite. We will still need 2 additional programs to complete the season. Please consider presenting if you would, please let me know so that I can put you on the schedule.

See you at the Dig!  
Barbara

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## Meeting minutes...

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**July 26, 2016**

**Submitted by Connie Schoeneman**

The July meeting was called to order by President Barbara Champagne. Twenty-one members were present. Mike Austen moved that the minutes be approved as printed, Bill Alcott seconded, and it was approved. The treasurer's report was read by Sarah Dodson.

The Magnet Cove field trip was successful. Barbara was nibbled by fish on this very hot day. The cold water was refreshing.

Tom Sharp reported on the show. He will continue to contact vendors for checks. Barbara requested that the dinner for the vendors should be like last year. She spent \$150 on soda, chips, and breakfast bars. Bill Alcott moved that the food budget should be increased to \$750 for ribs and fish. It passed. Virginia Wilhelm recommended a food truck operator, John Williams. Members are encouraged to donate baked goods for the vendors. Spud, who usually has four tables at our show, will not be able to this year.

The spring rock swap will be in April. We need to avoid the dates of the Memphis Show, the Home and Garden Show, and Easter (April 16th).

David Hodge said that the field trips have not been well attended. It will help if members RSVP when they plan to go. The next trip will be to the Ouachita River in the morning to look for shark's teeth, and then to Magnet Cove in the afternoon. Meet at McDonald's at 8:30 on August 13th in Malvern. Bring a 1/8 inch screen and a hand shovel to find crocodile teeth. Fossil plates can be found when the river is down.

Stephanie Blandin is trying to organize Christmas in the Caverns. It will be in the newsletter.

Mike Austen will send BGMS California Federation Show a box of rocks for a display of state rocks.

Sharron Walter asked if someone could teach a class on polishing rocks. Demonstrations have been done at the October show. Doug Stone has a facet machine. Nancy Williams has taught classes at Central High. The art center offers cabochon workshops. UALR sometimes

offers programs. The equipment can be used, but nobody can show you how to use it. William Holland in Georgia offers classes for \$200 to \$300 including food and dorms. Tennessee has classes at Wild Acres Lodge.

Bill Alcott moved that the meeting be closed. It was seconded.

The program was a CD, "The New Crystal Hunters", about Arkansas Crater of Diamonds in Murfreesboro, the Ka-do-ha Indian Mounds, and Ron Coleman's quartz quarry. The observation tower in Hot Springs is a nice way to see for 140 miles.

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## *Field trips...*

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August 13th

Ouachita River & Magnet Cove creek

Meet at McDonalds in Malvern at 8:30am- travel to the Ouachita River, then leave around noon and head to Magnet Cove.

Please RSVP to David by Friday the 12th so he will know how many are coming. His number is 501-837-6713.

November 26th

Blanchard Springs Caverns  
Cave tour (Dripstone Trail) 4:30pm  
Caroling in the Caverns 6:00pm

Price: \$20.00 for Caroling in the Caverns  
\$8.00 for tour (discounted price)  
Total: \$28.00 for both (tour tickets are good until Dec 31, 2016)

We have to book our reservations soon because they sell out. The cave tour is not a hard walk & is handicap accessible.

I will have a sign up sheet at the August meeting. Payment must be given to Sarah Dodson (or acting treasurer) in order for your reservations to be made. If you are not able to be at the meeting but want to go please call Stephanie @ 501-590-5760. More info will be at the meeting. It is truly a beautiful place to see and the acoustics are awesome!!

## *Club news...*

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### Display Case Contest

Greetings, Y'all! Just wanted to touch base with you about the display case contest at the October show. Participation in the display cases has been somewhat limited in the past, but I'm sure you all have some rocks, gems and minerals that you'd like to show off. Here's your chance! This year, we're going to have an actual contest for the best display case. Who's going to decide the winner? Every person that attends the show! I'm going to make up ballots to be handed out at the welcome desk as folks register, and they'll decide which case they like best. What will be their voting criteria? They might like the information provided, or the arrangement of the specimens. They might have an interest in a particular variety of rock, or they might just like all those pretty rocks. At the last door prize drawing, the ballots will be counted and the winner declared. I have a winner's plaque in the works, but if there's other prize ideas out there, I'd like to hear them. I'm also planning to do an article for the newsletter highlighting one of the cases each month. If we end up with more cases than months, I'll do two a month! Right now there are four cases spoken for. If you contact me before the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to reserve a case, I will build enough to make sure everyone gets one. I just ask that if you reserve one, please use it! For more information, contact me at: Bill Alcott, [mrbill@fidmail.com](mailto:mrbill@fidmail.com), (501) 231-2030.

**HELP!**  
Send in your:  
stories, articles, tips,  
photos  
suggestions or questions!

Submissions due by the  
28th of each month.



## From the editor...

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Summer is coming to an end...sort of, it's still hotter than blue blazes, but school is about to start back and folks will begin to think about fall and winter. Not everyone at my house is excited about school, but I'm sure Brandon will get back into the swing of things quickly. I hope anyway!

I have had nothing but technology failure over the last few weeks. I am absolutely about to pull my hair out. It started when my work phone died while I was out of state for work. Next day my work tablet malfunctioned, so as I was out of town for work, I was just about completely disconnected from it! I finally have all of that resolved and then last Friday (as I was preparing the newsletter) my flash drive- with all of my CAGMAGS files- QUIT WORKING!! I am still monkeying with it but it looks like I may be out of luck. This means all of my working files for the newsletters are gone. Pough! Dang. At least I was working on the newsletter at the time and had the document open so I was able to save it elsewhere, thus not having to recreate THAT wheel. Sigh. Technology is great, when it works.

Be sure and check out the details for our upcoming field trips, they sound like a lot of fun!

Now, I am going to hopefully not bore you with a little about our recent summer trip out to Colorado...



## Summer 2016 Road Trip - Colorado

Since the longer trip out to California got sidetracked for the year, we made a fairly last minute decision to head out to Colorado. It's kind of our standby place since we have been there many times and are familiar with it, yet still have plenty to explore.



We began our trip between Del Norte and South Fork, CO. We camped there for two nights, after arriving on a Saturday, at the Cathedral campground in the Rio Grande NF. Beautiful campground, long dirt road to get there. Side note- I decided that CO should not post mileage to a location once you get off the main road, but instead should post how long of a drive it is... It took about 40 minutes once you turned off of the highway. Anyway, it was nice (although it was quite rainy) and we did drive around the connecting roads throughout the national forest and saw beautiful scenery.



On Sunday I had reserved us a raft so that we could float on the Rio Grande River between Creede and South Fork. It was a great little rafting trip- peaceful, not too rough of water- that took up about half the day. The remainder of the day we were open to suggestions, to which Brandon wanted to go into Creede. Creede was having a 4th of July weekend festival and we

really didn't plan on going until the next day. But, we went ahead.



Now, if you've never been to Creede, a little about it... Creede is an old silver mining town in Mineral County. A man named Nicholas Creede discovered a high-grade silver vein along Willow Creek (which flows through Creede) and the rush was on. At one time the town had 10,000 people, in comparison the entire Mineral County has about 850 residents now. Mining continued, slowing over the years, until 1985 when the last mine, the Homestake, closed. Today is a tourist town dedicated to its mining roots. The setting for the town is absolutely beautiful and the "Bachelor Historic Loop" drive travels up through the mountains and around many of the old silver mines.

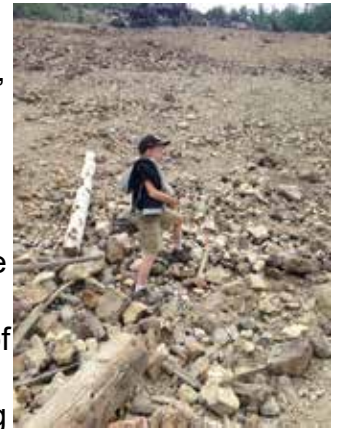
So, back to the trip, this festival boasts that it attracts over 15,000 people every 4th of July. I thought that sounded impossible, but I'm here to tell you now that I believe it! Wow, it was crowded. They had street vendors, the mining championships, a rodeo and fireworks. For that first afternoon we didn't go to the street fair (there was no parking) but did visit their Underground Mining Museum. It was really cool. They had some awesome mineral displays- which I did not take any pics of as Brandon was rushing me to get to the 'tour' part. For that you wear headphones and walk a path with descriptions of early mining. Really cool like I said. Literally. It was cold down there! After



that we fed the chipmunks that live outside the place and then headed back to our campsite.

The next day- the 4th of July- we headed back to Creede for the day. We made the tail end of the parade, then watched some of the mining competition. We walked through the vendors, ate and decided to head up the mountain to the [Last Chance Mine](#). Now, we had been to the mine before so we were familiar with their story and wanted to check out the progress they've made, oh and pick up some material out of their tailings pile.

The story behind the mine, it was discovered in 1891 by Theodore Renninger, as his last ditch effort to find the motherlode, hence the name. The mine was one of Creede's top producers and consisted of 13 levels in this so-called Amethyst Vein. The mining ceased of course and the last exploration of it occurred in the 1970's. Here's where the story gets neat, for us hounds anyway, the current owner Jack Morris, was a trucker who had a interest in mining and history. He called up the current owner to learn about the mine and the owner asked if he would like to buy it. Now, who has the money to buy a min, right? So Jack told her he would but couldn't afford it. She then asked what would he do if he did own it. He described what it is today, open to the public- a place to learn about mining and to collect some of what was left behind by the early miners: the sowbelly agate. Other minerals are found there



as well. The owner liked what she heard and sold him the mine for the assessed value, I believe it was around \$3,000. Wow.

We spent a few hours there collecting and





left with 99 pounds of materials. Yes, a lot, but I may never make it back there! Oh, and to visit the mine and see the museum part is free, if you collect it is \$2.00 per pound. Plus they have a lot of other minerals for sale and even some jewelry that Jack has made.

After leaving there we headed back around the historic loop and then down to town to eat before going over to the rodeo. The rodeo was nice, talk about a beautiful setting with mountains in the background. After that we found a place to park and took in the fireworks. A very long day and one of fell asleep as soon as we hit the road.



Tuesday we headed out to our next location, Pitkin, CO via the Powderhorn Wilderness. We camped for two more nights at the Pitkin Campground and got up early the next morning to take off on our rented Razr. Man that thing was fun! We made a 50-something mile loop going through Hancock, Tincup, and Cumberland Passes. We stopped along the way to check out old mining ruins and had lunch in the tiny town of Tincup. It was a great day with perfect weather. We picked up a few unknown rocks here and there around some of the old mine dumps.

Instead of staying around there another day we packed up and headed south. I had been wanting some more spices from Santa Fe and that is sort of the direction of home. We made one more rock stop around Saguache but I hadn't researched the area so it was kind of a shot in the dark. We had fun anyway.

Santa Fe was as lovely and crowded as always. We hit up a couple of jewelry and mineral stores and even visited with a gentleman who sells turquoise via the internet to many jewelers. From there we headed home, loaded down with rocks and memories!



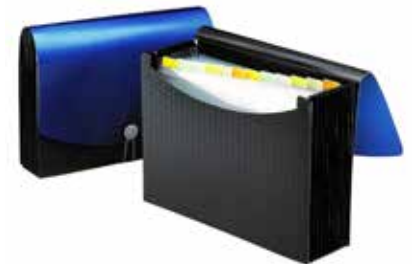
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## *Brad's bench tips...*

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### Sheet & wire storage

The more you work with jewelry, the more problems you have finding the piece of metal you need. My pieces of sheet were generally stored in various plastic bags, and the wire was in separate coils. Few were marked, so it often took me a while to locate that piece of 26 gauge fine sheet I bought last year, especially since I usually take my supplies back and forth to classes.



A tip from a friend helped me organize everything. I bought an expanding file folder from the office supplies store (the kind that has 13 slots and a folding cover) and marked the tabs for each gauge of metal I use. Then I marked all

my pieces of sheet with their gauge, put them in plastic bags, marked the gauge on the bag, and popped them into the folder. I usually store coils of wire loose in the folder, but they can also be bagged if you prefer. I use one tab for bezel wire and one for the odd, miscellaneous items.

The resulting folder is really convenient when I want to take my metal out to a class or workshop, and it's colorful enough for me to easily find in the clutter of the shop!

## Little Balls

I often use little balls of silver and gold as accent pieces on my designs. They can be made as needed from pieces of scrap. Cut the scrap into little pieces, put them on a solder pad and melt them with a torch. Then throw the balls into a small cup of pickle.



If you need to make all the balls the same size, you need the same amount of metal to melt each time. The best way to do that is to clip equal lengths of wire.



But there's an easier way to get a good supply of balls. Some casting grain comes in near perfect ball form. Just grab your tweezers and pick out the ones you need. When you need larger quantities

of balls, pour the casting grain out onto a baking pan, tilt the pan a bit, and let all the round pieces roll to the bottom. Bag the good ones, and pour the rest back into your bag for casting. Balls can be sorted into different sizes using multiple screens.

*"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" by Brad Smith are available on Amazon.*

## Of interest...

Agate Days and Agate Ways in  
Moose Lake, MN  
W.C. McDaniel

*This is a modified version of an article that was first published in the September, 2003 MAGS newsletter.*

With the finesse and precision comparable to Martha Stewart spreading foie gras on a slice of baguette, the driver of a ten-ton dump truck raised the bed, slowly opened the tailgate, and with a wailing siren police escort drove down a two block section of Elm Street in Moose Lake, Minnesota, spreading gravel containing about 400 pounds of Lake Superior Agates and 1,200 (\$300) quarters. It only took a few seconds to complete the run as an eager crowd of hundreds stood by, restrained by a long yellow ribbon on each side of the street. Young and old. Large and small. Some with buckets. Others with bags. A few with kneepads. The Agate Stampede was poised and waiting for the signal.

**BOOM!** A recorded cannon blast roared. The ribbons dropped and two city blocks of heads, arms and legs stampeded to the middle of the street. Decorum was gentile. No knocking down of tykes by adults. No cannon ball dives or belly flops into the pile of gravel. No smashing of eager fingers by large feet. Although, I heard of one guy wearing rubber cleats, only to be rebuffed by a stern faced and determined mother. With their behinds and fannies extended upward or outward, eyes and noses to the pavement, the crowd pursued the treasures of the earth and of the U.S. monetary system. Agates went into buckets and bags. Quarters secretly squirreled away into pockets. The hunt continued for some time as every last rock was closely examined and moved to see what was underneath. Soon the large throng had departed. A thin dust veil was the only visible evidence of this marvelous and enjoyable stampede of rockhounds. A return that evening to the scene of the stampede found no wayward rocks or rolling coins only a now boring street

Three blocks from the Agate Stampede a quieter but equally active event was taking place on the grounds of the Moose Lake School, the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Agate Days, a Gem and Mineral show celebrating the Lake Superior Agate. In just little

over a billion years, this colorful agate has moved from a great geological happening to become the Minnesota state gemstone and into the hearts, minds and wallets of many folks. The Agate Days features three events: the Agate Stampede, a gem and mineral show and a tailgate show.

The tailgater's section, located in the school parking lot, contains the dedicated and persistent agate hunters and lovers. These are the folks who get up at dawn looking for the farmer plowing the field, checking gravel pits, returning to old and going to new haunts, checking estate sales and some scuba diving into the chilly waters of Lake Superior. They arrive, spread out tailgates and tables full of eye popping agate specimens. Some attendees were observed walking around carrying a briefcase. Was it cash for their day's purchases? A quick flick of the wrist and the case snapped opened, to reveal a choreographed display of their agate collection. The briefcases paled when compared to the collector walking around carrying a long gun case; opening to reveal rows of agates nestled in the friendly confines of a crate of foam. His agates, along with many others, have a curious and intriguing association, they have a provenance that includes a name (for the agate), date of discovery, location, original finder, previous owners and current owner. They should publish their own agate cards (i.e. baseball cards).

Two things were evident. First, pricing is not for those who want to hold on to your money as the big specimens (1/2 pound and up) were priced several hundred dollars, with the highest single price observed was \$1,700. *The prices are 2003 dollars and over the years prices have escalated.* Size, condition, color, location and originality all influence the price. Second, there two are distinct camps of opinions on what to do with these agates. The first camp considers any permanent alteration of the agate through lapidary work a crime against geology and history. This is especially true for the larger specimens. Although many collectors will put baby oil or mineral oil on the agate to enhance their presentation and appearance. This is easily reversed. The second camp are those who change (or as they would prefer enhance) the agate through lapidary work such as polishing, cabbing or sphere making. Both sides have convincing points of view and beautiful examples to back up their position. It boils down to each agate, its possibilities and

personal preferences of the owner and buyer

Leaving this field of agate dreams you enter the high school gym, containing the more traditional gem and mineral show. With a good mix of dealers and materials the indoor show could stand on its own without the tailgaters and agate stampede. Another benefit of the indoor show was the agate prices were a little lower than those in the parking lot were. Mineral and fossil specimens and exhibits were somewhat limited in quality and quantity. These three events, coupled with other town activities, make this weekend celebration unique and worth the drive. Moose Lake is about 1,100 miles from Memphis and is located between St. Paul and Duluth. Agate Days are usually the third weekend of July.

The Lake Superior Agate is reportedly to be the oldest agate in the world. Formed over a billion years ago in an area rich in iron the agate's colors and patterns are among the most beautiful in the world. As geological time progressed, great glaciers dispersed the agate over a wide area. Most of the maps and literature show this journey stopping in what is now Iowa and Kansas. However, southern rockhounds who frequent the gravel bars, rivers and streams along those states that border the Mississippi River know the glacial movement didn't stop distribution of the Lake Superior Agates at the Iowa border. Richardson Landing just north of Memphis continues to produce Lake Superior Agates. While most are in the 1 to 3 ounce sizes a very nice 6-ounce was found in the fall of 2002. It would bring about \$50 at Agate Days. My best Lake Superior Agate find was on a gravel bar near Rena Lara, Mississippi about 100 miles south of Memphis

***The Lake Superior Agate will be displayed during the MAGS Agate expo on July 8***



## Kids Corner...

Brandon Heck is the Assistant Editor of Arkansas Rockhound News. He is 8 years old and has enjoyed rockhounding since he could walk. In each issue he will share information about minerals that he loves and about his adventures in rockhounding.

# MALACHITE



**Luster:** Adamantine, Vitreous, Silky, Dull, Earthy  
**Transparency:** Transparent, Translucent  
**Color:** Bright green, with crystals deeper shades of green, even very dark to nearly black; green to yellowish green in transmitted light  
**Streak:** Light green  
**Hardness:** 3 1/2 - 4  
**Crystal system:** Monoclinic

*\*data collected from mindat.org*

You might be a rockhound if...

- The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage.
- The local university's geology department asks permission to hold a field trip - in your back yard.
- The city sends you a letter informing you a landfill permit is required to put any more rocks in the back yard.
- UPS has a regular pickup and delivery schedule for your house.
- You can debate for hours on the differences between spectrolite and labradorite.
- You shouted "Obsidian!" to a theater full of movie-goers while watching the Shawshank Redemption.
- Your children have names like Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.
- You get excited when you find a hardware store with 16 pound sledge hammers and 5 foot long pry bars.
- You debate for months on Internet about whether vibratory or drum tumblers are best.
- You can't remember the last time your car still fit in the garage.

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## Upcoming area shows...

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### August 2016

**13-14—GONZALES, LOUISIANA:** Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center Trademark Building; 9039 S Saint Landry Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children \$3; Demonstrations: Cabbing, Faceting, Wire wrapping, and more. Door Prizes all day. Silent auctions going on both days. Scouts and educational groups are welcome. Vendors will be selling rock specimens, fossils, minerals, tools & jewelry. \$5 Adults • \$3 Children 12 & under Children 4 and under free \$1 off for Scouts in uniform Military personnel free with military ID; contact Wanda Gawarecki, 5191 Hwy 19, Ethel, LA 70730, (225)-603-3870; e-mail: mercymom3@gmail.com; Web site: [www.brgemandmineral.org](http://www.brgemandmineral.org)

**19-20—TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA:** Annual show; Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society, Tahlequah Community Building; 300 W. First St.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-5; Adults \$3, Seniors \$3, Students under 18 free, Children free; This year's Show features vendors with rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry and lapidary equipment. There are children's activities and special educational exhibits. Snack Bar provided.; contact Sara Brasel, P. O. Box 932, Tahlequah, OK 74465, (918)-284-5770; e-mail: rockhoundsally@aol.com; Web site: [www.tramsok.webs.com](http://www.tramsok.webs.com)

**20-21—BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA:** Annual show; Arklatex Gem & Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center; Old Benton Rd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4; 40th annual show, Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society. Custom and unique jewelry, gems and minerals, fossils, educational exhibits and demonstrations/speakers, and door prizes. ; Contact Del Glasner; e-mail: larockclub@gmail.com; Web site: [www.larockclub.com](http://www.larockclub.com)

**27-28—JASPER, TEXAS:** Annual show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, The Event Center; 6258 Highway 190 West; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10 -5; Adults/Seniors \$3.00, Students/Children free; Lapidary demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, silent auction, grand prize raffle and spinning wheel featured. Vendors from across the country will offer rough rock, lapidary equipment and finished jewelry for sale. Contact Jonetta Nash, 737 FM 254 South, Jasper, TX 75951, (409)-384 3974; e-mail: jonetta.nash@yahoo.com; Web site: [www.pinecountry-gms.org](http://www.pinecountry-gms.org)

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**2-5—HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Whitmire Center; 301 Lily Pond Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-5; Adults/Seniors \$4, Children under 12 free; There will be displays, demonstrations, vendors, exhibits, refreshments, and hourly drawings.; contact Diane Lapp, (828)-776-8098; Web site: [www.HCGMS.com](http://www.HCGMS.com)

**9-11—WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA:** Show and sale; Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club, Educational Building, Fairgrounds; Gate 9 from 27th St.; Fri. 10 -7, Sat. 10 -7, Sun. 12-5; Adults/Seniors \$3, Students grade K - 12th free with adult, Children free with adult; 45th annual show & sale featuring dealers specializing in fine jewelry, gems, fossils, minerals, beads, cutting materials, equipment and supplies. Over 30 educational exhibits. Visit the club corner for geode sales & cutting, grab bags, demonstrations and techniques of mineral identification. Hourly door prize drawings, food and refreshment stand on site. ; Contact William Marion, 1163 Bear Creek Church Rd., Mocksville, NC 27028; e-mail: mariona1@yadtel.net; Web site: [www.forsythgemclub.com](http://www.forsythgemclub.com)

**10-11—SILOAM SPRINGS , ARKANSAS:** Tailgate swap; Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society, Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society Clubhouse; Hwy 43 No. and Lawliss Rd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10am-4pm; Free Admission; Gem wash, grab bags, and auction 1pm on Saturday; contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Ln, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479)-721-1579; e-mail: hulagrub@aol.com; Web site: [www.nwarockhounds.org](http://www.nwarockhounds.org)

**16-18—LINCOLN, MISSOURI:** Annual show; Mozarkite Society of Lincoln, Inc., Lincoln City Park; N. West Ave; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; Digs for Mozarkite during show. Silent auctions. Contact Kelly Blum, (816)-835-2044; e-mail: mozarkiterocks@gmail.com; Web site: [www.Mozarkite.com](http://www.Mozarkite.com)

**16-18—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Wholesale and retail show; Event Show Management, San Antonio Event Center; 8111 Meadow Leaf Drive; Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$20; If you are a wholesaler or manufacturer of jewelry, gifts or accessories, then this show is for you! It is your chance to sell in a professional, cash and carry, trade-only marketplace. Space is limited, ensuring greater return on your booth investment with an excellent buyer-to-exhibitor ratio. This event sells out every year and we are anticipating explosive attendance in 2016. So, if you are serious about retail success, then make this golden opportunity an important part of your selling strategy. ; contact Ellen Andrus, 1826 N Loop 1604 W Suite 100, Studio 54, San Antonio, TX 78248; e-mail: info@eventshowmanagement.com; Web site: [www.parkertradeshows.com](http://www.parkertradeshows.com)

**23-25—JOPLIN, MISSOURI:** Annual show; Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society, Joplin Museum; 504 Schifferdecker Ave.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; 18th annual Fall Rock Show. Door Prizes. Held at the Joplin Museum in Historic Schifferdecker Park. Located at the intersection of 7th street and Schifferdecker Ave. For more information please email, I am deaf. contact Chris Wiseman; e-mail: jmc-cwiseman@sbcglobal.net



*Summer picnic at the Austen's...*





**On-Line MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society**  
**Membership Dues: \$15 / year Individual; \$25 / year Family**

Make checks payable to: "Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society".

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list their names, Birthday Mo./Day, if applying for a Family Membership.

Because of limited space, only one name will appear on the newsletter mailing label.

How did you hear about our Club?

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been interested in this hobby? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any equipment? \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Hosting \_\_\_\_\_ work shop in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (day of week)

Please circle your club interests:

Mineralogy    Lapidary    Fossils    Field Trips    Geology    Carving  
Collecting    Jewelry Making    Casting    Silversmithing    Beading    Wire Wrap  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Outside Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

These will be listed in the Membership Directory, so that members can find others with similar interests.

In what areas would you be able to assist the Club:

Social Publicity/Advertising    Educational    Junior Programs    Membership  
Annual Show    Committee Work    Newsletter Articles    Mineral Display

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see the club focus on in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my name to appear in the Club Directory.

\_\_\_\_\_ My name and address can appear, but NOT my Phone Number.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do NOT include specifically the following info about me: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CAGMAGS, c/o Sarah Dodson, P.O. Box 241188, Little Rock, AR 72223**



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Upcoming field  
trips:  
August 13th  
November 26th  
*(details inside)*

## 2016 Meeting Dates

August 23rd  
September 27th  
October 25th  
November 22nd

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