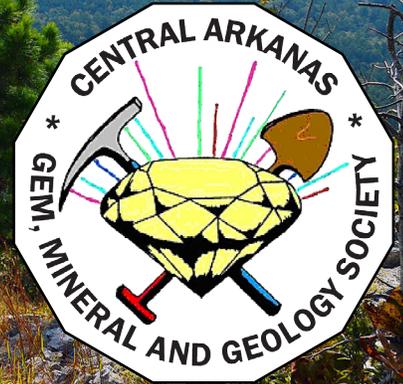


# ARKANSAS ROCKHOUND NEWS



JUNE 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...*



Regardless if it is for adventure, fellowship, the thrill of the hunt, or the marvel of what nature can bring, rockhounding and collecting is a passion. Finding a group of like-minded people is a blessing that we all benefit from. Today there are many outlets for this mindset. There are many internet sources to seek out and learn about minerals and gems, Facebook groups to see what others find and learn about new places to visit.

Having a group that enjoy the same pleasures as you is a blessing. Getting to know and share time with others who love rocks, gems and minerals is a special thing. Everyone makes an impact and brings another point of view. Thank you for your fellowship and keep up the hunt.

Summer is starting, while the temperature climbs please keep safety in mind and keep hydrated. Keep a hat and water handy when you are out in nature, the extra protection that gloves and sun screen offer is important. Your safety will help keep you digging for years to come.

\*We are still in need a Program Coordinator: someone to arrange programs for our meetings: Please consider helping out OR If you would like to present a program: a trip you went on, a technique that you can teach us with your lapidary skills, please let myself or Lenora Murray know and we can make sure that you are put on the schedule.

\*\*We do need a speaker for June! Please consider sharing.

See you at the Dig!

Barbara

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## *Meeting minutes...*

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May 24, 2016

Submitted by Connie Schoeneman

The May 24th meeting was held at the Terry Library. President Barbara Champagne called the meeting to order at 6:30. Mike Howard made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed. It was seconded. Sarah Dodson read the treasurer's report. It was approved.

Barbara reported on the scout university that she attended. Danny and Barbara have done this for two years. Eleven students and two eagle scouts received awards. Barbara said that she could set up boards at the show on Sunday, so children could earn a merit badge.

Tom Sharp reported that the tables for vendors are full. John Schoeneman reported on the show meeting that was held at Whole Hog in North Little Rock on Friday, May 13th. Lenora Murray, John and Connie Schoeneman, Mike and Ann Austen, and David and Sarah Dodson attended. Security vests will be purchased for the 2016 show. Lenora Murray and Connie Schoeneman set up a sign up sheet on signupgenius.com. Mike Austen sent the flier for the show on an email to John Schoeneman. Advertising should begin soon. Cards can be printed four to a page on cardstock that can be mailed as postcards. Ann Austen had the name and address of a print shop in Benton for signs. Rocksaholics sent glossy postcards last year for free. A sticker is needed for the return address and address because the slick finish does not work with a stamp.

Doug Stone brought three boxes full of lapidary magazines that were free to members after the meeting.

David Hodge reported on the field trip to Paragould. The Razor Rock field trip was canceled due to security issues. The next trip will be June 11 near Leslie. Meet at the junction of Highway 66 and Highway 65 at 9:00 in the morning in the gravel road parking lot. Crinoids and brachiopods are usually found.

Barbara Champagne was contacted by American Educational Products asking for 1,000 pounds of bauxite samples to be shipped to them. One and one-half inch to three inch samples are needed for schools. We need to find out if they would send barrels and transport the samples or if they would give us an account for shipping expenses. Mike Howard said that barrels for recycling are located across from the Geology Learning Center. A five gallon bucket holds about 45 pounds. Saran wrap and pallets may be needed for shipping.

George Gray Major brought an article about two ladies who found a diamond that weighed 1.8 carats near the water at Murfreesboro.

Mike Howard shared a show and tell notebook of articles on Magnet Cove. These were compiled into a book that included 200 color pictures in 149 pages. A free electronic PDF on 3 downloads will be available by August. Mike had it copied by FedEx for \$60.00. One chapter is about the history of collecting.

Bill Alcott moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Anita Gray Major took care of the tickets for prizes.

Mike DeAngelis introduced the speaker for the program. Dr. Joshua Spinler is a new faculty member at UALR who specializes in geophysics. He presented a very entertaining power point on "The San Andreas Fault, Hollywood's Natural Playground." LOL

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## *Upcoming field trip...*

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### June field trip

When: Saturday, June 11, 2016  
Time: 9:00am  
Where: Leslie, AR-  
meet at the junction of Highway 65 and Highway 66 in the gravel road parking lot

## *Member feature...*

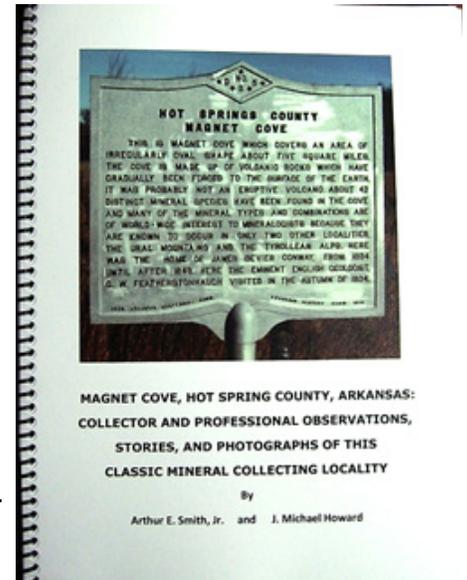
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Magnet Cove, AR publication available soon  
by Mike Howard

Years ago Art Smith of Houston, Texas, had a desire to publish a series of articles about collecting in Magnet Cove in one of the national mineral magazines. So he started working on them. After a couple of years, he sent them around to

get some reviews from fellow collectors, including Henry de Linde of Hot Springs, Bill Prior of the AGS and me. As he received comments back, he began to incorporate those suggestions into the articles and they grew and grew in size. He began to realize that this was a project so comprehensive that he asked me to be his co-author. Some 4 years into the project, Art came down with cancer and 2 years later he passed away. I was in contact with Nancy Smith, his widow, and when Art's ashes were brought to Arkansas to be scattered on a mercury mine that is the type locality for Artsmithite, a mercury phosphate, Nancy gave me several thumb drives with Art's articles on them. I promised her that I would complete the project, but first I needed to retire to have the time to devote to it.

I finally did retire and after reading and rereading those articles, I decided that a major reorganization was necessary which when completed would result in a book. It took months of editing, in my spare time, to rearrange the articles into book chapters, but finally that was done, including a chapter not previously proposed by Art that consists of many color photographs. Over a year was spent gathering



pictures of Magnet Cove minerals and thanks to the efforts of many people, over 200 pictures were finally ready this year to organize and lay out as color plates.

Once everything was done, an editor's working copy was printed and all errors found marked in red. A few hours at the computer later, the work was finished. What you see in the picture below is the front cover of this new publication. I had a high quality printing made by FedEx Office here in Little Rock. In total, the publication has 149 pages, over 30 are color plates.

How can you get a copy of this? It is my expectation to have it available for free as .pdf downloads on my web site at <http://www.rockhoundingAR.com> by late August. It will be available as 3 downloads...the cover, the title page and table of contents, and the body of the text. You may print it at home if you wish or take it to any FedEx Office to have a high quality print made...mine cost me a bit over \$60.00, but I feel it is well worth it because of the high quality of the color images.

I suspect anyone who has every collected or has an interest in the minerals and geology of Magnet Cove will enjoy reading it, and hopefully gain a greater appreciation of the variety of minerals present and the history of early collectors, mineralogists, and local families of the area.

**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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It seems that the summer weather may be here now! Yuk, it has already been humid. School's out and summer adventures begin. Where are you going this summer? Hopefully it involves picking up a few rocks. Brandon and I have "fun Fridays" throughout the summer where I take the day off and we hit the road. We've already made it to Mid-America Museum (they have a really nice dinosaur exhibit right now) and several rock shops. He's mentioned heading back to the diamond mine and we'll probably make a crystal dig and maybe Blanchard Springs before summer is over.

My (our) new rock shop is officially complete and it is awesome. I could almost live in it. It still needs a coffee pot and tiny fridge, then we'll be good. Brandon and I both have work areas and he actually managed to saw the first rocks in there as well as make the first piece of jewelry. I'm very proud of his jewelry (see photo), he designed it himself, soldered it, polished it and set the stone. I helped hold the ring shank and showed him some ways to try to rid it of firescale. He had fun.



Please continue to send me your news pieces and I would love to add photos of your summer adventures! And Mike Howard gave me a good idea with his piece about the Magnet Cove publication. I've seen some really great downloads out there and am going to look some up and post them in the future. In particular there is a great set of ezines (or something like that) that have agates from all over the country, divided by states. I saw it on a message board once, it was put together by the members. Some of you have probably saw it, beautiful pictures and very helpful in identifying agates. I'll look for the links and add them here next month!

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

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### Little things can bite

Most jewelers treat motorized equipment with caution. We've all heard stories about workpieces coming loose in the drill press or about getting long hair or clothing caught in the polishing machine. It stands to reason that a machine with a motor of a half horsepower or so is going to win out over its operator. We all know that, and I'm not going to harp on it. That's not the point of this story.

I want to talk about the smaller motor powered machines we often use, the ones with little 3 inch diameter motors. For instance, these small motors are used in flexshafts and micro buffers. They're so small that many of us forget caution when using them. I'm guilty of it myself sometimes, and believe me it can get you in trouble. Here's what happened to two people I know.

One friend had a polishing bur bend in the handpiece and then whack the thumb that was holding the workpiece so badly that it seemed the bone might be broken. The swelling was substantial, and it took several weeks to regain normal use. A small underpowered motor? I don't think so.

Another friend was using one of the small buffing machines, the kind you can stop when you apply too much pressure to the wheel. Not to worry about such an underpowered beast you say. Wrong, it literally jumped up and bit the hand that feeds it!

Buffer was set on a low table to do a quick polish, so was not mounted or clamped. A buff was installed on the right spindle, no buff on the left. Friend was wearing a tight-fitting, long-sleeved sweater. While buffing on the right wheel, the left tapered spindle caught a thread on the friend's left sleeve and started grabbing more and more threads and sleeve.

Rather than pulling the arm into the machine, the light buffer quickly lifted off the table and started climbing up the underside of the friend's arm. There was no way to get a hand of the on/off switch because the unit was spinning wildly and battering my friend like a club wielded by a mad man. Only when my friend could grab the gyrating power cord and yank it from the wall did the mayhem stop.

So when you're in the shop, please think safety. Don't take even those little motors for granted.

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

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## *Of interest...*

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### THE COSMIC QUESTION: SHOULD YOU LABEL YOUR ROCK COLLECTION?

By M.J. Huetter

Let's be truthful and air our dirty linen: It's a rare rock hound who catalogs their collection. Designating "Bucket 1", "Bucket 2", etc. with a grease pen does not count. After a hard day digging and hauling home tons of questionable material at best, it's all we can do to dump them in a pile. Thank goodness for big back yards.

We rely on oral tradition, ignoring such recent discoveries as the printing press or word processing programs. "Honey, all the stuff around the drive is petrified wood, except for any obsidian, jasper, and chunks of broken asphalt that may be mixed in by mistake."

Admittedly, word of mouth is not a very orderly procedure, but it works. Fact: It's counterproductive to label material that is stored under the back deck or behind the shed. Also, it's dangerous, considering the infestation of black widow spiders.

So why bother? Any knucklehead knows that a 3000 pound boulder was carted home as a source of future cabs, not a specimen for the Smithsonian. Besides, after 13 years, who can remember where and how it was acquired? It's a "get around to" rock, not something reviewed by Bob Jones for the Tucson Gem and Mineral Grand Case.

Of course the argument swings the other way if you're lucky enough to own a prize piece. For bragging rights, the rock should be labeled, if only to inform the viewer it isn't a synthetic bauble purchased for \$19.99 from "As Seen On TV."

Does affixing a label detract or add to the stone's natural beauty? Many figurative rocks have been exchanged over this question.

Consider: Should Marilyn Monroe have worn a badge: "Norma Jeane Mortenson. Carbon life form. 92% water."? Or that gorgeous LA sunset: "Light refraction: Primary colors filtered through 1,000,000 tons of floating pollutants." Who cares about the origin, density, and chemical symbol of malachite, when "How much do you want for it?" succinctly sums up its worth and beauty?

If you must label a specimen, please, get the name right. Is it Jade, Fake Jade, Nephrite, or Moose Creek Green? Some rocks have more aliases than Carlos the Jackal. To avoid heated arguments, only collect specimens with one name. The Hope Diamond, for example. Who will question the nomenclature when you surround it with 20 armed marshals?

Frankly, only one reason exists to label or (mislabel) your collection: Money. Advertising "All you can carry -- \$5!!", doesn't command much attention. But terms like "Diamond" or "Imperial Jade" added to locales like "Kimberly Mines, South Africa" or "Zhu River, China" will make people wish their credit card limits were higher. Whether or not it really is Imperial Jade moves us into ethics, which this article doesn't have time to address. We're still trying to figure out the concept of labeling.

Another reason (\$\$\$\$) for cataloging, or, at least, sorting material is that the last thing you want to do is sell a bucket of thunder eggs for \$20 and hear the purchaser exclaim "Wow, look at all this Ellensburg blue at the bottom."

Purists say "baloney" to all this discussion. "Look, just let the rock sit out on the lawn in its natural beauty. Wait for someone to start asking questions. Avoid written information that could hold you liable. For example: "I got this piece at a silent auction." (True.) "I was told it may have broken off of the meteor that blasted all the dinosaurs into extinction." (Hearsay.) "But I can't be certain. The previous owner said he bought it from a rock shop in Minnesota from a bin marked 5 cents per pound." (Omit from conversation.) "That's why I placed a question mark after 'Jurassic Meteor'." (Caveat Emptor.)

While not required by U.S. law, certain rocks should be labeled out of courtesy: Uranium for sure. Cinnabar with high concentrations of cyanide. Chipped obsidian with scalpel edges. And mercury, while not a heavy favorite among rock hounds, still fascinates kids. With profit margins razor thin, any lawsuit could easily wipe out 20 years of sales.

As Shakespeare noted centuries ago: "A rock by any other name, still carries weight"-- at which point Macbeth heaved one through Juliet's stained glass window.

*Reprinted from the April-June 2016 S.C.R.I.B.E. bulletin.*

***(editor's note: Interesting. Do you label? I know we are terrible at labeling our display pieces but I do try to label all of our finds! Drop me and email and tell me what you do, if you have a great system, we'd love to hear about it and see it!)***

## *MWF news...*

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### MWF History Archives

by Cindy Root, Historian

I have completed scanning six boxes of material containing the archives of the MWF. The scans have been saved to Google Drive, which is a free service. We are allowed 15GB and we currently are using 3GB. A fee is involved after 15GB but I would say we still have plenty of room.

Ten folders contain 1,221 documents. Not everything scanned well; some of the colored pages scanned darkly. The folders are Bulletin Editor, Conventions, Directories, Honorary Members, Manuals, Minutes, Miscellaneous, Newsletters, Original Documentation, and Years. To gain access to these documents, you will need to e-mail me ([d-root@comcast.net](mailto:d-root@comcast.net)) and let me know which folders (if not all) you wish to access. I will add your e-mail address to that folder and you will receive a notification from Google Drive. From Google search, type in Google Drive. Our information is under "historymwf." You will only be able to view and print these documents; no editing.

If you decide to reproduce any of the items for your newsletter, please give credit to the original author and document. It's only fair. There are some really great items on this drive for you to review.

My next project is to scan in two boxes of binders containing slides. I will add a "Slides" folder once that is completed.

*Reprinted from the MWF June newsletter.*

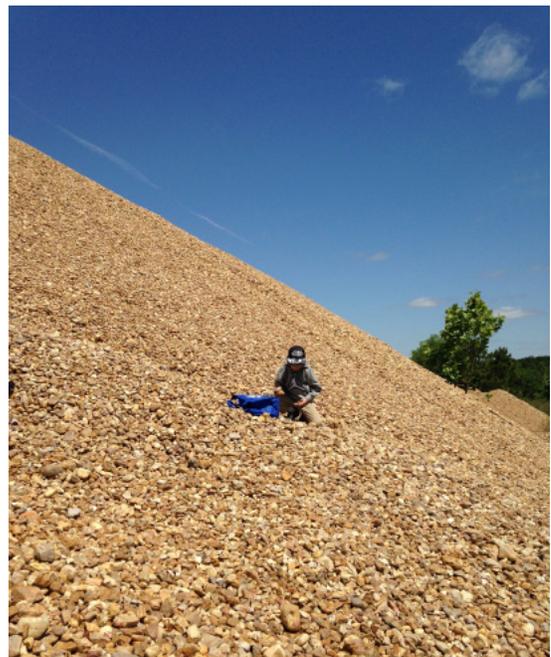
## *May field trip report...*

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We had a great field trip to Razor Rock's Paragould facility (yes, we had a slight change of plans). What a cool place, who doesn't love climbing around on giant piles of gravel. And pretty gravel at that! The weather is good and everyone found plenty of neat things: banded agate, fossilized coral, petrified wood and other little fossils. I know we came home with many beautiful stones. I only found one of the elusive red banded agates, but I'll take it.

We definitely want to head back to east Arkansas in the future and see what else we can find.

*submitted by Nikki Heck*



## 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.

# Pyrite

aka "Fool's Gold"

Luster: Metallic

Transparency: Opaque

Color: Pale brass-yellow

Streak: Greenish-black

Hardness: 6-6 1/2

Crystal system: Isometric

*\*data collected from mindat.org*



Found in many places, including Arkansas! The cool cubes come from Spain though.  
*\*Illustration by Brandon*

### THE TEN ROCKMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals lest he or she placeth them into thy hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by punching, squeezing or biting.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimens into thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently; sometimes thou couldst be wrong.
6. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
7. Thou shalt not climb over thy neighbor when on a field trip lest thou art willing to spend the remainder of the day digging him or her out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hands, and feet so thou canst enjoy many more field trips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging lest his or her hammer be dropped upon thy hand or toe.
10. Thou shalt not complain about nor denounce thy club officers under penalty of being elected as one thyself.

*Author unknown*

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# Upcoming area shows...

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## June 2016

**10-12—PARK HILLS , MISSOURI:** Annual show; Mineral Area Gem & Mineral Society, Missouri Mines Historic Site at St. Joe State Park; 4000 State Highway 32, Park Hills, MO 63601; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; Free Admission; 19th Annual Rock Swap. Fun for entire family, visit Historic site Mining, Mineral Museum, auctions of minerals and rock jewelry to benefit museum. Co-Sponsored Missouri State Parks, Mineral Area Gem Mineral Society & Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs. Contact Boneta Hensley, P.O. Box 758, Park Hills, MO 63601, (573)-760-0488; e-mail: [mojellybean63@yahoo.com](mailto:mojellybean63@yahoo.com); Web site: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1639945622947249/>

**11-11—SKOKIE, ILLINOIS:** 5th Annual Rock Swap; Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society, St. Peter's United Church of Christ gymnasium; 8013 Laramie; Sat. 11-5; Free Admission; Come for a day of fun and great deals for rockhounds of all ages, including special activities for kids. Rocks, minerals, fossils, crystals, geodes, cabochons, handmade jewelry, and more. contact Jeanine N. Mielecki, (312)-623-1554; e-mail: [jaynine9@aol.com](mailto:jaynine9@aol.com); Web site: [www.chicagorocks.org](http://www.chicagorocks.org)

**11-12—DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Intergalactic Bead Show, Durham Convention Center; 301 W. Morgan St; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$4-\$5; Do you love great quality and prices? Then shop The Intergalactic Bead Show! Our shows provide attendees with the world's finest and rarest beads, precious stones, gems, freshwater pearls and an exquisite collection of finished jewelry. Shop quality. Shop Intergalactic Bead Shows. Visit [www.beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com) for more information. Shawwna Whitson; e-mail: [Info@beadshows.com](mailto:Info@beadshows.com); Web site: [www.beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com)

**17-19—ELDON, MISSOURI:** Annual show; Osage Rock and Mineral Club, The Eldon Community Center; 309 E 2nd Street; Fri. 2-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; Plan to attend our 15th Annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral and Fossil Show. Show features: gem stones, jewelry, fossils, minerals, quartz crystals, geodes, cabochons, custom jewelry, gift items, displays, demonstrations, kids games and prizes; as well as Special Fluorescent Mineral Displays and our popular 'pick your own' Geode booth. Contact Cheryl Hudson, 411 Eastland Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101, (573)-644-2722; e-mail: [cherylhudson@mediacombb.net](mailto:cherylhudson@mediacombb.net); Web site: [ormc-2016show@centurylink.net](mailto:ormc-2016show@centurylink.net)

**18-19—NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE:** Annual show; Intergalactic Bead Show, TN State Fairgrounds; 500 Wedgewood Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4-\$5; Do you love great quality and prices? Then shop The Intergalactic Bead Show! Our shows provide attendees with the world's finest and rarest beads, precious stones, gems, freshwater pearls and an exquisite collection of finished jewelry. Shop quality. Shop Intergalactic Bead Shows. Contact Shawwna Whitson; e-mail: [Info@beadshows.com](mailto:Info@beadshows.com); Web site: [www.beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com)

**24-26—BEDFORD, INDIANA:** Annual show; Lawrence County Rock Club, Lawrence County Fairground; US Highway50; Fri. 10-6:30, Sat. 9-6:30, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; 51st Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Sponsored by the Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc. There will be wide variety of gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, rocks, lapidary equipment & supplies, rockhound & prospecting supplies, 4-H project material, science project material. Contact Dave Treffinger, 13101 E 250 N, Loogootee, IN 47553, (812)-295-3463; Web site: [www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org](http://www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org)

**24-26—KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:** Annual show; Shows of Integrity, KCI Expo Center; 11730 NW Ambassador DR; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Fine jewelry, precious & semi-precious gemstones, beads, crystals, gold & silver, minerals & much more. Exhibitors from around the world will be selling everything from costume jewelry to fine jewelry. Don't Miss this show for all your jewelry business needs. Contact Terry James, 18362 S Hwy 78, Leonard, TX 75452, (903)-815-5957; e-mail: [t\\_james78@hotmail.com](mailto:t_james78@hotmail.com); Web site: [www.showsofintegrity.com](http://www.showsofintegrity.com)

## July 2016

**2-3—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:** Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club, Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Seniors \$3, Students/Children \$3; 49th Annual Show, "Jewelry, Stones, Sticks and Bones". Spend your Holiday weekend with us during the day before setting out in the evening to view the fireworks in a gem of a city, Grapevine! Vendors, classes, food, fellowship. Tons of rough stones, rocks, slabs, rare minerals, fossils, beads, metaphysical stones, arrowheads, carvings, sculptures, skulls, antlers, bones, petrified wood, glass fusion, enameled jewelry, CRYSTALS, Himalayan salt lamps, rock/mineral home decor, steampunk designs and butterflies will be available, as well as mining at a mobile mine. Contact Dr. Nadira Charaniya, Arlington, TX, (469)-751-2944; e-mail: [show@agemclub.org](mailto:show@agemclub.org); Web site: [www.agemclub.org](http://www.agemclub.org)

**8-10—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Wholesale and retail show; Event Show Management, San Antonio Event Center; 8111 Meadow Leaf Drive; Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-6; 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. His 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](mailto:info@eventshowmanagement.com); Web site: [www.parkertradeshow.com](http://www.parkertradeshow.com)

**9-10—TULSA, OKLAHOMA:** Annual show; Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Tulsa County Fairgrounds-Exchange Center; 4145 E. 21st Street ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Children 12 and under free; Includes gems, beads, fossils, jewelry, crystals, working exhibits, free kid's zone and demonstrations. Contact Martha Rongey, 612 W 120th St. S., Jenks, OK 74037, (918)230-1094; e-mail: [m\\_rongey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m_rongey@sbcglobal.net)

**23-24—MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club, Baxter County Fairgrounds in the Educational building; 1507 Fairgrounds Drive; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$2, Active military with ID free, Scouts in uniform free, 12 & under free; Great Gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry dealers. Educational displays and programs, kid's games, geode cracking, State of AR. Geologist speaker, free hourly door prizes, grand prize raffle drawing, and demonstrations. Concession will be on site and provided by the Clarkridge Fire Dept. Contact Madelyn Anderson, (870)-421-4340

**28-30—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; United States Faceters Guild, The Factory; 1024 Georgia Rd. (US441); Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-8, Sat. 9-4; Free Admission; 9th Annual Franklin Faceters Frolic. Gem cad classes, faceting supplies and rough, speakers & demonstrations. Contact Norman Holbert, 180 Camelot Estates Road, Franklin, NC 28734, (828)-634-0350; e-mail: [normholbert@comcast.net](mailto:normholbert@comcast.net); Web site: [www.franklinfacetersfrolic.com](http://www.franklinfacetersfrolic.com)

**28-31—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin NC, Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults/Seniors \$2, Students \$1, Children under 12 free; There will be demonstrations, door prizes, rough & cut gemstones, finished jewelry (gold & silver), beads, specimens, minerals, jewelry repair and construction on site. Contact Linda Harbuck, 425 Porter Street, Franklin, NC 28734, (800)-336-7829; e-mail: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); Web site: [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

**30-31—FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS:** Annual show; Cowtown Gem, Mineral, Glass, Jewelry & Art Show, Brookhaven College Geotechnology Institute, Building H; 3939 Valley View Lane; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission. Contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Dr. , Saginaw, TX 76131, (817)-777-1997; e-mail: [steve.l.shearin@lmco.com](mailto:steve.l.shearin@lmco.com); Web site: <http://cera-fw.org/gem-mineral-glass/>

## July 2016-August 2016

**31-7—SPRUCE PINE , NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Grassy Creek Mineral and Gem Show , Parkway Fire and Rescue Department; 12966 South Hwy 226 South; Daily 10-6; Free Admission; The 32nd Annual Grassy Creek Mineral and Gem Show is put on by the Parkway Fire and Rescue to raise money for new equipment. There will be dealers from around the world and a few local ones too. Anything in the way of gemstones, jewelry, fossils, mineral specimens or lapidary equipment can be found here. Contact Donna Collis, 12966 South Hwy 226 South, Spruce Pine , NC 28777, (828)-765-5519; e-mail: [collisdonna@yahoo.com](mailto:collisdonna@yahoo.com); Web site: <https://sites.google.com/sites/grassycreekgemshow/>

**YOUTH POSTER CONTEST**  
**MIDWEST FEDERATION YOUTH POSTER CONTEST 2016**  
**“AMAZING AGATES”**

Sponsored by the Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio

THEME: “Amazing Agates” A poster illustrating any type of agate, what it looks like, and where it can be found.

ELIGIBILITY:

1st through 8th grade. Each grade will have a winner .

PRIZES:

Ribbons awarded 1st through 4th place, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will also receive a prize.

CONTEST RULES:

1. All entries must be presented on paper 12”x 18”
2. Include name and address, age, and school grade of participant on back of entry.
3. No three-dimensional posters accepted.
4. The title may be on front or back.
5. List the name of the agate, a brief description of what it looks like, and WHY you chose it.
6. Artwork on posters can be pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint, or any other artist’s medium.
7. All entries become the property of MWF and the Summit Lapidary Club.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Originality and Art Work - 30 points

Design - 25 points

Title - 25 points

Listing of Agate type, what it looks like, and where it is from - 20 points

DEADLINE:

Entries must be postmarked by ~~April 15, 2016~~.

SEND TO:

Poster Contest

617 Wooster Rd. W.

Barberton, Ohio 44203

Deadline extended  
until June 15,  
2016!

Winners will be announced at the MWF Convention in South Bend, Indiana, August 20, 2016.

If you have questions, e-mail [SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com](mailto:SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com).

For more information, visit the MWF website <http://www.amfed.org/mwf>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your Club Newsletter delivered? U.S. Mail \_\_\_\_ Download From Club Web site \_\_\_\_  
 Editor notifies members by email, with a link, when the Club Newsletter is Posted on the Web site.

Family Members are considered as all of those living at the above address .

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail to:

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



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## Field Trip!

June 11th  
Fossil hunting in  
Leslie, AR

check inside this issue  
for details!

## 2016 Meeting Dates

June 28th  
July 26th  
August 23rd  
September 27th  
October 25th  
November 22nd

\*\*Note- any changes of  
meeting location will be  
announced via email and  
phone\*\*

## Join CAGMAGS!

Membership Dues - \$15 Individual,  
\$25 Family (Yearly)

Visit [www.centralarrockhound.org](http://www.centralarrockhound.org)  
to learn more!