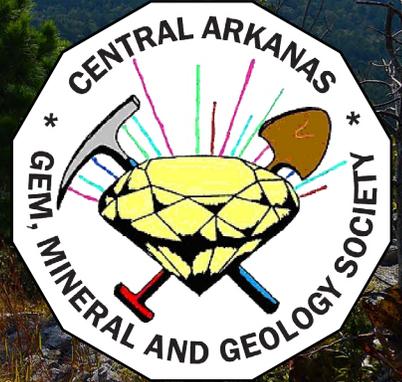


ARKANSAS ROCKHOUND NEWS



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 (2015 Napa Valley Drive Little Rock, AR 72212) 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except December)

SUMMER 2022

Rockhounding Roadtrip -Douglas Stone

As some of you may know, I like to explore the unexplored places, ...and the already explored places, too!

Since a youth, I have collected information (understatement) about places I think I may want to visit. I have MANY back issues of rock related magazines. I also have a couple of other hobbies, growing flowers, and photography. It seemed like Covid was on the wane, so it was time to start getting out and seeing the world again.

The American west, especially the north-west, is definitely appealing on all accounts to me, for an early summer vacation. Like any good(?) rockhound, I did my planning.



Not too hot, not too cold, not too rainy, but also quite interesting. With the plans made, we left on June 4th, Our 1st destination was Yellowstone National Park. Well, with a few stops along the way there... We even had a little snow on the way (Snowy Range Mtns, WY)!

Garnet mine

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

Submissions due by the
28th of each month.

Meeting minutes...

June 28, 2022

-Notes taken by Bill Alcott in the absence of the Club Secretary

John Schoeneman started the meeting by announcing a change in sequence from the normal in that we would have the presentation first, followed by the monthly meeting. We had an absolutely splendid presentation by a Jeweler from Little Rock by the name of Michael Fuqua and his wife Daphne. Some stunning jewelry, a wealth of knowledge, and a very entertaining speaker. Among other pieces he displayed was one that he had made earlier today. He had walked out his door, picked up a piece of leverite, taken it in and turned it into a freeform cab which he then mounted in a sterling setting and a leather cord necklace. He gave that away in a drawing for which Stephanie Blandin had the winning ticket. Thank you, Michael and Daphne!

John called the meeting to order, the treasurer's report was read and accepted. There was no old business. Show report is that it's sold out and ready to roll. Barbara Champagne may be able to get more tables, but has no numbers of how many more we need. Stephanie Blandin gave us information on the club badges she's been hunting down. A field trip to Dan's Whetstones is scheduled for Saturday the 2nd of July.

September 10th, a trip is planned to the Bauxite museum at 9:30 to 10:45, then Bauxite collecting from 11:00 to 1:00 followed by a stop at the Whole Hog Café for lunch. A trip to Mt Ida is in the works, more info TBA. Another trip coming up is the Arkadelphia Hollywood Mine and the Cadoha archeological Village, with plans TBA. Tulsa is having their show on the 16th and 17th of July. A dig trip to the Highway 51 bridge was discussed, but no dates were set. AND, we're having an auction in August! Bring up to 5 items to auction off, and lots of money to take some new treasures home!

The meeting was adjourned and we had a raffle.

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We got really lucky on that 1st destination. All five days in Yellowstone NP, were excellent! The day we left, was when it started to rain a little... then a lot!



I had hoped to visit the opal mine in Spencer, ID. They no longer allow on site digging, due to insurance, so I learned. Timing prevented that stop. My next destination was Philipsburg, MT, for sapphires. I had to plan timing for this stop as they are closed certain days. So, I bought 4 bags of gravel, to go thru at home. I have been there a few times in the past, and had seen sapphires others had missed, while at the mine (they were on the ground under their tables!). It is MUCH better to go thru the gravel at home.

My next destination was for star garnets, at Emerald Creek Garnet Mine, ID. Again, this is a VERY time constrained location, as the U.S. Forrest Service, has severely limited access, to 3 hours, and only on certain days, AND by RESERVATION, in advance, ONLY! The time limits are designed to keep it open, and operating for many years to come! But, and it is still free to dig there, if you don't count the cost to get there.

Of course it was raining the morning I went (that was the day of the major flooding in Yellowstone!). I only stayed about 2 of my allotted three hours, and found approx 4 oz of

1/4 to 1/2 inch garnets, along with some not so good samples. I asked if I could take some of the mud home in a bucket, as I wanted some of the 'fines'. They DO NOT ALLOW anyone to take any unscreened material home, except very small amount from the sorting area, that had been somewhat gone thru. I was given one (1) sandwich size plastic bag that I was allowed to fill from the sorting area. There was a fair amount of very fine garnets even in that small bag. RECOMMENDATION: If you ever go, take your own screening sieves! The screens/sifters they provide have 1/4 inch screens, and you lose ALL of the small/fine garnets! There are also many very, very fine garnets in the mud! They will let you take them home if you 'find' them, and they are washed. The 'Pay dirt' is provided, it is several dump truck loads of 'material to be washed/screened'. Oh, and it is a very muddy area, if raining!!! You have to walk approx. 1/4 mile back to the mining/wash area. A young girl next to me, found a very nice 1" garnet! So they are there, to be found. We visited the Oregon coast, hoping to find some beach agates. We did find a few small (1/4 "), citrine colored agate on the beach's. Agate beach was a disappointment for me. Maybe we were in the wrong spot, but it was only very fine sand... and the wind was quite strong, so we got thoroughly sand blasted! Had to look downwind, just to keep the sand from blowing into our eyes!

On the way back thru Oregon, we stopped at a rock shop in Mitchell, OR. Nice lady proprietor, whom I have done business with in the past. A couple of miles east, I saw some green colored rocks long the roadway, so I picked up a few of



Mining museum, CO



Upcoming club events...

Join us for our July 26th meeting. Members of the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society (CAAS) will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation "April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse: The Arkansas Experience."

Arkansas is well situated in the narrow path of totality for this rare eclipse event. The shadow of the moon will cross the United States from Texas to Maine. People from all over the country and the world will come to Arkansas to see the awe-inspiring beauty of the eclipse.

This program explains a bit of Arkansas history and why the eclipse occurs, where to see it, how to watch it safely, and what to expect.

Carl Freyaldenhoven, the CAAS Eclipse Resource Coordinator, is a retired science teacher and has been to six solar eclipses. He is the most experienced and enthusiastic eclipse observer in CAAS.

Central Arkansas Astronomical Society:
Introducing People to the Universe. -Darcy Howard, CAAS Eclipse Education Outreach

Field Trip!

Attention members, mark your calendar!
What: educational/collecting field trip: Bauxite
When: September 10, 2022 (Saturday)
Where: meet @ 9:30 am @ the Bauxite Museum
6707 Benton St, Bauxite, AR
(9:30-10:45) then from 11:00-1:00 we will be @ the bauxite pit for surface collecting & some digging.

Then we will go to eat @ the Whole Hog Café on Hwy 5 in Bryant for some socializing.

The Memphis Club & the Hot Springs Club are also invited.

those. While in that area, we visited the fossil collection area behind Wheeler High School in Fossil Oregon . Did not find much good material there. But... at Kemmer, WY, we went to a local rock shop, and the proprietor/owner did sell me 3 very nice fish fossils, at a very reasonable price! And he had LOTS of really good fossils!

While heading to Colorado Springs, we happened upon Florissant Fossil Quarry, and Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, which were never on my places to visit. While time did not permit visiting the Quarry, it is NOW on my 'LIST OF PLACES TO VISIT'! (Plant fossils).

I did stop at a miner/dealer, who was set up in the nearby community of Florissant. She was setup in a tent beside the road, and told me she didn't get much sleep the night before. She has several 'claims' in the area, and had hit a pocket the day before. She was up till 2 a.m. that morning, cleaning it out! I bought a very nice smoky quartz, a small aquamarine, and amazonite. She was very reasonable!!! Angela has a FACEBOOK web site: <https://www.facebook.com/rocksofgratitude/> If you are ever in that area, it could be very well worth your time to pay her a visit!

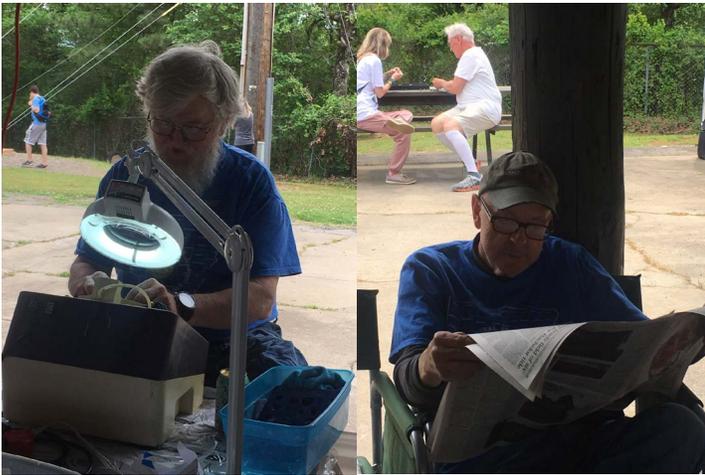
We also visited the National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum, in Leadville, Colorado. It has many interesting specimens, including exhibits that look like working mine tunnels. It is a 5 story building. Even the grand kids really enjoyed it! Did I have a 'Good time'? You bet! And took a 'few' photos along the way... (10,000+)

And 4 weeks just wasn't near enough time...

Recent club events...

Hello fellow rockhounds! Just a quick word about our swap at Burns park. Thank you everyone! I thought we had a good turn out and the rain held off! Thank you, Debbie for running the silent auction! Thank you, Jan for the flint knapping demonstration and recruiting a new member! Good job! Thank you, Bill for the cabbing demonstration and for being the chair for the swap! Way to go! Thank you, Barbara for getting the pizzas', yum! It was so good to visit with friends and make new ones! -Stephanie

Here are a couple of pictures of our members.... Can you tell which one is working? Haha!



A big thank you goes to Jan Freeby for setting up and taking lead on the field trip Saturday July 2nd to Dan's Whetstone in Pearcy, AR! Here's a couple of pictures of the group. What a big machine!

Thank you to all that went! -Stephanie Blandin, Educational Field Trip Chair



Upcoming area shows...

August 2022

5-7—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Wholesale and retail show; AKS Gem Shows; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$5 cash admission, \$6 credit card; Bead & Jewelry Show open to the public featuring beads, findings, finished jewelry, pearls, charms, chain, beading classes, precious & semi-precious stone beads. Wholesale buyers may pre-register online at aksshow.com; contact Kay Clift, (504) 265-8830; Email: info@aksshow.com; Website: www.aksshow.com

13-14—GONZALES, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society; Lamar Dixon Expo Center-Trademart Building, 9039 S St. Landry Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children 5-12 \$3; Military Personnel Free with ID, \$1 off Scouts in Uniform; Gemstones, Minerals, Fossils, Two Day Auction, Fine Jewelry, Hourly Door Prizes, and More! Chance to win an Amethyst Cathedral! Drawing tickets are \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5; contact Wanda Gawarecki, (225) 603-3870; Email: mercymom3@gmail.com; Website: www.brgemandmineral.org

20-21—BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Arklatex Gem & Mineral Society; Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; \$4; Custom and unique Jewelry, Beads, Gems and Minerals, Fossils, Educational exhibits and Demonstrations/Speakers, Door prizes; contact Del Glasner, (318) 517-7372; Email: lrockclub@gmail.com; Website: lrockclub.com

September 2022

9-11—KENNER, LOUISIANA: Wholesale and retail show; AKS Gem Shows; Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center, 4545 Williams Blvd, Hall C; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Cash admission \$5, credit card \$6; Bead & Jewelry Show open to the public featuring beads, findings, finished jewelry, pearls, charms, chain, beading classes, precious & semi-precious stone beads. Wholesale buyers may pre-register online at aksshow.com; contact Kay Clift; Email: info@aksshow.com; Website: www.aksshow.com

16-18—LINCOLN, MISSOURI: Annual show; Mozarkite Society of Lincoln, Inc.; Lincoln City Park, 20 miles south of Sedalia, east on Main Street, north side of road, 1211 S Carr Ave; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; Free; Public digs for Mozarkite during show; contact John, (816) 835-2044; Website: Mozarkite.com

win one of many prizes; contact Bill Hedglin; Email: billkarin3@q.com; Website: www.mingusgem.club

24-25—LUBBOCK, TEXAS: Annual show; The Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society; Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Kids (6-12) \$2, under 6 free; Dealers selling minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads, crystals, rocks, specimens, rough, slabs, cabochons and geode cracking. Demonstrations, fluorescent tent, kid's corner, silent auction, hourly door prizes, and grand prizes; contact Walter Beneze, (806) 797-5832; Email: walt@lubbockgemandmineral.org; Website: www.lubbockgemandmineral.org

24-25—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Show and sale; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society of San Antonio; Wonderland of the Americas, 4522 Fredericksburg Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free admission; Free parking; contact John Speck, (210) 596-1611; Email: jspeck2@att.net; Website: www.SWGMS.org

September 2022-October 2022

30-2—JOPLIN, MISSOURI: Annual show; Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society; Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum, 504 S. Schifferdecker Ave, PO Box 555; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; FREE ADMISSION; 23rd Annual Fall Show, Door Prizes; contact Chris Wiseman

Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society



It's Time for the
**FALL
ROCK
SWAP**

September 10, Saturday, 9 til 5
September 11, Sunday, 10 til 4

Outdoors At the Clubhouse,
located on Highway 43 north of Siloam Springs,
at the corner of Lawlis Road.

Free Set-up, Free Admission, Free parking

Dealers large or small are welcome. Open your vehicle trunk and sell, or set up a table and put sales items on it. Or pop up a small tent/dining fly and sell from there.

The Club will sponsor a live auction on Saturday, starting at 1 pm. Anyone can put lapidary related items up for auction, and they must be submitted by noon. The club will collect a 15 percent fee from all sales for the Club treasury. Anyone can get a Bid Card and bid on items up for sale.

Come on out and visit, look for cabs and slabs, jewelry, minerals, other lapidary stuff. Visit with old friends, and make new friends.

For anyone wishing to stay overnight there will be a \$10 camping fee per night for use of electricity.

For more information, contact DeLane Cox, 479-254-0894

Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society Presents:

When?

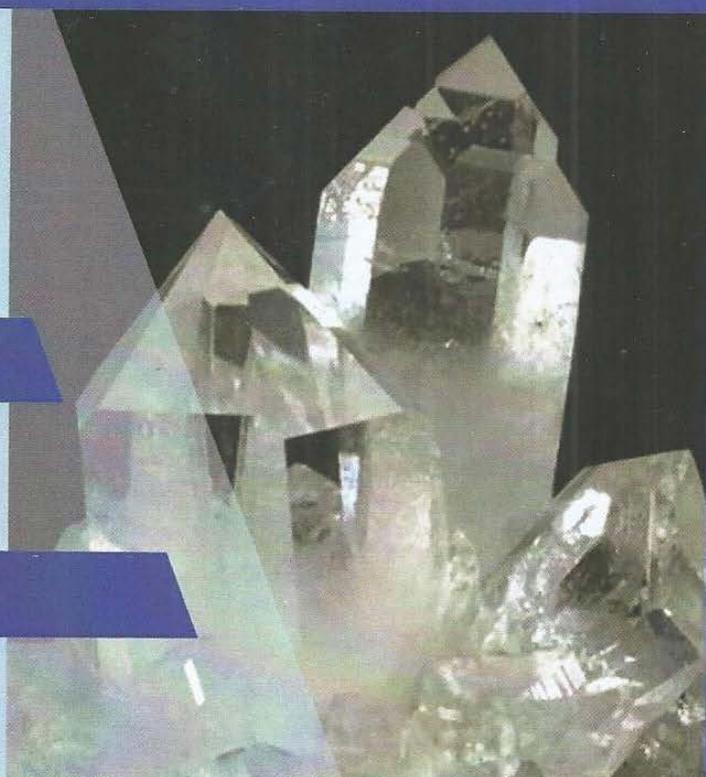
Friday: September 16th
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: September 17th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where?

Cherokee County
Community Building
908 S. College Avenue
Tahlequah OK, 74464

Admission

General Admission: \$4.00
Children 12 and younger: Free



Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Show 2022

Vendors featuring:

*Rocks, Minerals, Gems, Fossils
Handmade Jewelry, Rock Art and Crafts
Lapidary Equipment, Children's Games
Educational Displays, Demonstrations
and Silent Auction
Snack bar serving food and drinks*

For more information:
tahlequahrockclub.org
918-871-1423





Gems and Stones and Petrified Bones

2022 Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society Show

Oct. 29, 2022 9am to 6pm

Oct. 30, 2022 10am to 5pm

**Admission: \$6 Adults
Children Under 12 Free**

**The Modern Living Bldg.
608 Kiamichi Pl.
Oklahoma State Fair Park
Oklahoma City, OK**

**The Show Includes:
Exhibits · Demos · Education
Artisan Jewelry · Gemstones
Fossils · Tools · Rough Rock
Crystals · Fluorescent Room and
Children's Area**

**Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society
omgs-minerals.org
Check us out on Facebook**

**49th Annual Central Arkansas
Gem, Mineral &
Jewelry Show
October 1st & 2nd, 2022**

**Saturday - 9:00am-6:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am-5:00pm**

**Cabot Event Center, 508 North Lincoln Street,
Cabot, Arkansas 72023**

**Gems, Minerals, Fossils,
Jewelry, Beads, Kids
Dig, Demonstrations**

**Admission: \$3.00 (Kids
under 12, Boy Scouts,
First Responders & Military
Personnel in uniform are free!)**

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**2022
Grand
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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 _____ Email _____

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 Treasurer, PO Box 241188, Little Rock, AR
72223**



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2022 Meeting Dates

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

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays...

July

Mike Howard 7-2
Bill Alcott 7-24

August

David Murray 8-12
Stephanie Blandin 8-23
Lenora Murray 8-25
Pat Kissire 8-27