

# GRITTY GREETINGS

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## President's Message

Not available at press time.

## Minutes from April meeting:

We opened with a prayer.

Bill Gillum is still recovering from the nasty fall he had last month, please keep him and Betty in your thoughts and prayers.

Minutes for March were approved as printed in the Gritty Greetings.

Jackie Dodson presented the Treasurers report. If you have any questions contact her.

She suggested that the club REALLY NEEDS a credit card to do business with so she or anyone else won't have to use their personal card to conduct club business. She will do some research and bring her findings and recommendations to the May meeting.

The shop was broken into again. Nothing was taken this time, but they did mess up the door. The building owners want to get started with renovations and remodels, and want to start with our units.

**We will have a work day Saturday 4/25/15 starting at 8:00am** at the Shop on Robinson Drive to move equipment, pick up/ clean up, to take down a partition wall the club constructed and generally get everything ready so construction can begin. Please come help, and if you know anyone you can bring, we could use some muscle in moving the heavy stuff.

**Show business:**

We had 14 dealers paid as of meeting time with several more on the way.

The Mammoth Site has confirmed and will be there.

(Shirley contacted me a couple of days after the meeting- The Mayborn Center had other obligations on the weekend of our show, but is interested in a table next year.)

There are still fliers available to be placed for the show.

We also have new business cards for the club so we can let more people know about us.

Barbara Bessier is handling the ads in the American classifieds and the Gold Mine papers.

Barbara also got the banner ready for the show.

Our ad in the Wacoan is on page 152.

Linda Lowrance is handling the ad on KCEN TV and affiliates

Jackie Dodson is handling the ads in the Waco Tribune

There are ads all over the internet.

Stephanie Robert will order 100 pcs of chicken, rolls, 5 gallons each of sweet and unsweet tea from Bush's Chicken for the pot luck, and Jackie Dodson will pick it up. We will have an auction of a few of cabochons for the vendors during the pot luck.

Stephanie will go to Sam's on the Friday of set up for the show and get snacks and water.

Security has been arranged.

Jennifer Bennett said that they have a bunch of 2 part tickets we can use for the show.

She will bring them.

We went over duties for volunteers for the show. There are still plenty of open slots. Please call one of the club officers if you have any questions.

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There is a field trip to Midlothian coming up. Call Andy McDonald for more information.

Last month Gerald Hatfield of Woodway, contacted us about remnants of a rock collection and tools. Wendall and Yolanda Gustafson checked it out to see if there was anything the club could use. Wendall said there are river rocks and some bits of tools, but nothing that would really be of club use.

Meeting was adjourned.

Bob Griffiths brought some really nice artifacts to show, among them, authentic Native American stone tools, and some beautiful modern knapped pieces.

Stephanie Robert.

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**Notes:**

For future planning, the AFMS national show is October 23-24, 2015 in Austin.

If anyone would be willing to step into an open position, please let us know. We also need someone to arrange programs for the meetings.

We need information from newer members about your birthdates. We list the birthdays and anniversaries in each issue, but have missed a few members.

**Waco Gem & Mineral Club** nametags are available at Print Mart, 202 Deb (behind Allen Samuels Chevrolet). Cost with a pin back is \$8.00 (with tax \$8.66), and with a magnet back is \$11.00 (\$11.91).

Jackie Dodson (address on page 1) is now accepting dues for 2015 at the meeting or by mail. **Dues are \$12.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a couple.**

**Next meeting, Monday May 4, 7:00 PM**

**Remember: Show dates are Saturday May 2, 9 AM to 6 PM & Sunday May 3, 11 AM to 5 PM.  
Setup is Friday May 1 from 9 AM to 9 PM Adults, \$5.00, Kids under 12, \$1. Scouts in uniform free.**

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**Upcoming Shows and Events**

**May 2-3** Waco, TX  
Waco G&MS  
Extraco Events Center

**May 23-24** Ft. Worth, TX,  
Ft. Worth G&MS  
Will Rogers Memorial Center

**May 2-3** Lubbock, TX  
Lubbock G&MS  
Lubbock Civic Center

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**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**May (Emerald and Lily of the Valley)**

Kay Langston	15
Mary Ann Cotten	17
Stephanie Robert	20
Mary Massirer	22



**Emerald**

As the birthstone for May, the emerald, a symbol of rebirth, is believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth. Emerald, derived from the word smaragdus, meaning green in Greek, was mined in Egypt as early as 330 B.C. Today, most of the world's emeralds are mined in Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia. The availability of high-quality emerald is limited; consequently, treatments to improve clarity are performed regularly.

- See more at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/>

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**Zombie Worms - Possible explanation for incomplete fossil record?**

A type of deep-sea worm that eats whale bones has existed for 100 million years and may have chewed up chunks of the fossil record, a study suggests.

Researchers found bore-holes indicative of *Osedax* worms in the fossilised flipper of a plesiosaur, and the rib and shell of an ancient sea turtle.

This implies that these scavengers, also known as zombie worms, may have influenced which fossils remain today. The research appears in the **Royal Society's journal Biology Letters**. For more, see: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-32302164>

Thanks to Shirley Kyte.



The Waco Gem and Mineral Club is a member of the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies; American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (except July and September) at 7:00 p.m. at the Carleen Bright Arboretum, 9001 Bosque Blvd. in Woodway. The workshop is located at 225 Robinson Highway in Waco. Our website is

[www.wacogemandmineral.org](http://www.wacogemandmineral.org).

FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WacoGemAndMineralClub>

**Purpose of the Club—**

- To bring about a close association of those persons interested in earth science and lapidary arts
- To increase and disseminate knowledge about rocks, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts and other geological materials
- To encourage lapidary art and the collection and exhibition of rocks, minerals, fossils and artifacts
- To conduct field trips, meetings, lectures, displays and an annual show for the edification of the public
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions and other groups in increasing knowledge and popular interest.



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