

GRITTY GREETINGS



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Upcoming Shows

May 28–29 Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth G&MS, Will Rogers Memorial Center,
<http://www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org>

June 18-19, Arlington Gem and Mineral Show, Grapevine Convention Center, Grapevine, TX
[A G M C \(agmc57.org\)](http://agmc57.org)

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May 7, 2022 Waco Gem and Mineral Club Minutes

Roy called the meeting to order at 10.16 am at the Clubhouse.

Minutes Approval: Dorothy moved to accept April 2022 Minutes as printed in the Gritty Greetings.

Karl Second. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report:

We have a \$3587.46 CD and \$15K in the checking account.

Rent is paid: We finally paid \$500 cash for November because "they" have not cashed the check we sent them for November. And we will call the bank and cancel the November check.

Electric bill was a bit high, but by consensus of the group that was ok.

The payment to GoDaddy for the website was made when the new Club-owned debit card was drafted.

The automatic draft on the new debit card was successful.

Show report: Income: \$3,477 in ticket sales (Attendance - 643 Adults, 156 Children); Grand Prize \$352; Silent Auction \$566; Sales \$200 (includes grab bag sales, which was very popular)

Show expenses were all paid. Total from show was \$4,616.

Show Notes:

- Grab Bag Basket was a good idea. May want to add "Grab Bag..." signage.
- Natural flow of traffic after paying entrance fee is to the right, thus we should plan to have WGM tables to be first tables customers see after they pay admission.
- We spend \$414 in social media advertising.
- We had questions about ad expenses on Facebook
- Need to have someone dedicated to "talk up" the Grand Prize; to push emails; to hand out evaluations
- We had \$1100+ processed through "Square." Need to set up credit/debit for next year.
- Next year's venue: McLennan Room is already booked up for next two years. Maybe we could use WCCC Ballroom. Roy will look into this in the next few weeks.

Field Trip Committee:

- Horn Coral Trip on April 9 went really well.
- Roy/Scott Alpine trip, Kokernot Ranch, Alpine.
- Showed specimens from the ranch
- "vugs" are natural cavities. Original crystals or fossils are later eroded or dissolved away leaving voids. Then new crystals are able to form in the new voids.
- Next field trip will probably be in the Fall when it is cooler.
- Mayborn Museum, on University Parks Drive in Waco has been improved.
- Mammoth Site outside Waco is air conditioned now

Summary from Roy:

- WGM has great group of club people; everyone pitched in.
- WCCC worked great for us. WCCC personnel was very responsive to our needs
- The ATM went broke; Convention Center needs to follow up on this
- Electrical cords covers were ok, but the make-shift covers were trip hazards.
- It was hard to get carts over the electrical cord covers

Old Business:

- Cactus club will still be meeting in the WGM club house
- The Arboretum wants the Cactus Club back, but no contract as of yet
- WGM Club House will still be the Cactus Club venue for now
- We could use the yard signs next year's Show, but add Dates and put them out a bit longer.

Adjourn: 11.24 am

Harry Senn gave the annual Safety Training on Fire Extinguishers.

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Notes

1. May 7th program will be a safety demonstration on fire extinguishers. (Required by the Federation.)
- 2 The editor requests news items from any member to be included in the Gritty Greetings.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th day of the month. Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged.

Name Tags:

It is great that we feed the pig at our meetings because we don't have or have lost or forgotten our nametags to drop a quartering the pig. The money from the pig goes toward our Scholarship program, and we really do appreciate every 2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits or more. However, if you need a nametag you can purchase them at the businesses below!

Waco Gem & Mineral Club nametags are available at **Print Mart**, 202 Deb (behind AutoNation Chevrolet). Cost with a pin back is \$8.00 (with tax \$8.66), and with a magnet back is \$11.00 (\$11.91). or at Award Specialties at 431 Lake Air Dr.

Club Dues:

Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Club dues are \$12.00 for an individual membership or \$20.00 for a family membership. Please check with Jackie if you aren't sure whether you've paid your Dues!

Shop Fees:

Lapidary Workshop fee is \$2.00 per hour. Slab Saw fee is an additional \$2.00 per hour. Class fees are always dependent upon class and instructor.

The Waco Gem and Mineral Club is a member of the South-Central Federation of Mineral Societies; and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month (except July and September) at 10:00 a.m. at the Waco Gem and Mineral Club Clubhouse, 187 South McLennan Drive in Elm Mott, Texas. The lapidary workshop is in the clubhouse.

Our website is www.wacogemandmineral.org

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

Note from the Vendor Chair: From the so-far limited feedback from show vendors, it appears that overall, they were satisfied by our show. John

Note from the editor: Club President Roy and I went to Carolyn Young's rock sale in Gatesville Saturday, May 21. I bought a few rocks and Roy was still there as I left. John

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June birthstones: pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone

Pearls are the only gemstones made by living creatures. Mollusks produce pearls by depositing layers of calcium carbonate around microscopic irritants that get lodged in their shells, usually not a grain of sand, as commonly believed.

A relatively modern gemstone, **alexandrite** was discovered in Russian emerald mines located in the Ural Mountains. Legends claim that it was discovered in 1834 on the same day that future Russian Czar Alexander II came of age, hence the name honoring him.

June's third birthstone, **moonstone**, was named by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's shimmery appearance shifted with the phases of the moon.

Courtesy American Gem Society

Club Purpose

- 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.

